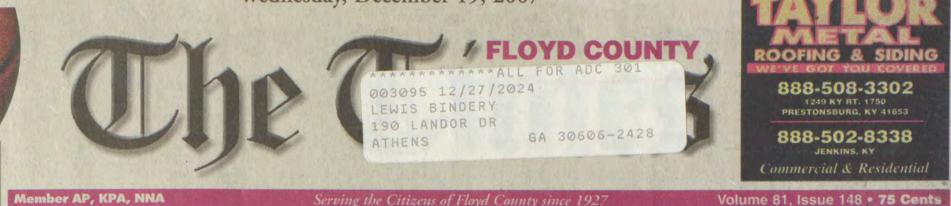
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Wildcats reeling

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briefs

### **Project to** spotlight stream restoration

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - An opportunity for local area residents to participate in a restoration and enhancement project is planned for Thursday Dec. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Middle Creek Battlefield.

The event is being sponsored by Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource (KDFWR) and Big Sandy Resource **Conservation &** Development. Bill Sampson, who is a coordinator for KDFWR, will be on chand to explain the program. Landowners can be eligible to apply for restoration and enhancement if they meet certain criteria that will be explained during the demonstration.

The group will meet at the main entrance for the Battlefield before taking a walking tour of the site.

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For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see

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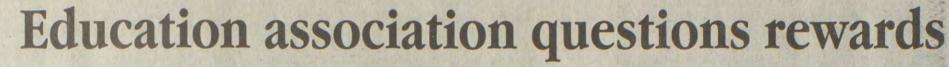
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Today



by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

McDOWELL - Education pays, but the Floyd County Education Association says that educational dollars are being misappropriated by the Floyd County Board of Education.

Shayne Wicker, FCEA president, appeared before the members of the

school board Monday evening to inform them that FCEA members are not supportive of the board's recent decision to present monetary awards to district schools that achieve scores of over 100 on CATS assessments.

In November, the board voted to grant \$5,000 each to May Valley Elementary, Duff Elementary and McDowell Elementary, in recognition

of each school's achievement of scoring over 100 on the district's most recent round of CATS assessments.

Saying that the association has no qualms with the concept of rewards, Wicker said that FCEA members feel most strongly that such rewards should remain at a more economically feasible level.

"Our concerns are that 56 employ-

ees were cut from last year's budget," Wicker said. "Some were hired back; some were hired back at locations that require them to travel, with gas at \$3 a gallon ... The FCEA wants to keep the money in salaries, not in office decorations and potted plants."

Of the \$15,000 awarded, in total, to

(See REWARDS, page eight)

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE



Floyd County emergency workers were dispatched to a single-car accident on Route 114 Friday evening.

One killed, two injured

# Board member says district losing to better schools

### by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

McDOWELL — As the time for the annual overview of the school district's reciprocity agreement rolls around, members of the Floyd County Board of Education expressed concerns at this week's meeting that the district is losing students to schools in other counties because Floyd schools are not performing to the expectations of some parents, or that schools in other districts are offering curricula, such as in the related arts, that some

Floyd school councils have decided to curtail.

Noting that the Floyd students who are studying in other districts seem to be primarily attending schools in "Johnson County, Pikeville Independent, and Paintsville Independent," board vice-chair Carol Stumbo said "it becomes obvious we are losing students to districts that are more successful than we are.'

"I have to think parents are taking their kids to other schools for the purpose of

(See SQUAD, page eight)

### Feds release \$274 million for cleanup at abandoned mines

by SAMIRA JAFARI

mandatory. The increase

## in separate accidents

#### by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

GRETHEL - There were two separate car accidents in Floyd County last Friday evening, with one of them ending in fatality.

According to Kentucky while entering a curve and struck an embankment.

According to the report, Newsome was ejected from his vehicle. The KSP report did not indicate whether or not he had been wearing a seat belt.

Newsome was transported to McDowell ARH, where he was later pronounced dead.

A second accident that took place on Route 114 tied up traffic for hours, as cars had to be rerouted across Fitzpatrick Road.

**Trucking company settles** 

lawsuit over fatal crash

According to emergency

workers, a vehicle being driven by Tim Stiltner apparently lost control and crashed into an embankment. Emergency workers were forced to cut both Stiltner and his passenger from the vehicle. The two were both airlifted to an area hospital.

No report on the condition of Stiltner or his passenger had been made as of press time

Both accidents remain under investigation.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE - The federal government has released more than \$250 million in funding to clean up abandoned coal mine sites that are posing a threat to the public and the envi-

ronment. The \$274 million for fiscal 2008 is twice what was available for the previous year. Officials say there's more money for coal-mining states after a 2006 federal amendment made funding to coal states

also includes money owed to states that was unappropriated over the years.

Kentucky, which ranks third in coal production, is getting \$31 million nearly three times the \$13 million for fiscal year 2007.

State Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Director Steve Hohmann said the money will go toward several proposals, including \$20 million in tentative water line projects in areas that lost water supply due to mine activity.



photo by Joy Baldridge

Twin brothers Christopher and James Allen, 7, of Magoffin County, were among the many visitors who went to Archer Park Friday night to meet Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman. The brothers are the sons of Edward and Edwina Allen.



State Police, Brandon R. Newsome, 24, of Grethel, was traveling west on Route 680 Friday night when he apparently lost control of his vehicle

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#### by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The safety of some Eastern Kentucky roads are being questioned following a civil suit involving yet another coal truck accident that resulted in a fatality.

Steve Francis Trucking agreed to pay the estate of Mitchell Duncan an unpublicized amount in order to settle a wrongful death lawsuit last

defendants Other week. involved, Appalachian Fuels, Inc. and Ira Nichols, had previously reached settlement agreements with the Duncan estate.

John C. Kirk, attorney for the Duncan estate, was unable to discuss the settlement amount but stated in a letter, "I can only say that, under the tragic circumstances, Francis Trucking, Appalachian Fuels and Ira Nichols did the right and just thing."

According to reports, on

Sept. 26, 2006, Mitchell Duncan, 42, was traveling on Route 292 to work at a Massey mine near Sidney in Pike County, when the vehicle he was driving was smashed into head-on by a coal truck owned by Steve Francis Trucking and being operated by Joe Fields. Duncan was killed instantly as a result of the collision.

Francis Trucking, which is an independent contractor haul-

(See LAWSUIT, page eight)

THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

# **KCTCS head criticizes proposed budget**

#### **The Associated Press**

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System needs more funding to reach state-mandated goals, its president said.

The college system will need an infusion of \$32 million in state general fund money every year if it is to reach state-mandated goals by 2020, said Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Council The on Postsecondary Education recommended \$7.5 million for KCTCS in each year of the 2008-2010 biennium.

"The council's recommendation is not enough for us," McCall said Monday during a presentation in Lexington.

Brad Cowgill, the council's interim president, said in statement that the proposed budget for higher education "balances the objectives of our separate institutions,

aggressively seeks adequate 1 funding and promotes essential affordability and accountability. Its total amount is reasonable and it fulfills the council's responsibility under the law to make a unified request for the postsecondary system."

The general fund recommendation goes to Gov. Steve Beshear; his recommendation will go to the 2008 General Assembly for final action.

The council recommended \$39 million for the current biennium, but KCTCS got \$17.8 million, or 45 percent, of the proposed amount. McCall said.

We've been underfunded for 10 years," McCall said. "The recommendation doesn't address our needs. We need to be rewarded for what we've doně.

State Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, one of four legislators on hand for McCall's presentation, said he agreed that KCTCS is underfunded.

"No question about it,"

said Carroll, who was governor from 1975-1979. "What really makes me angry is their per capita funding is more than \$500 less than it was 10

vears ago."

or almost 42 percent, of Kentucky's 206,419 students in postsecondary institutions in fall 2006, for which the most recent official figures are available.

KCTCS enrolled 86,475,

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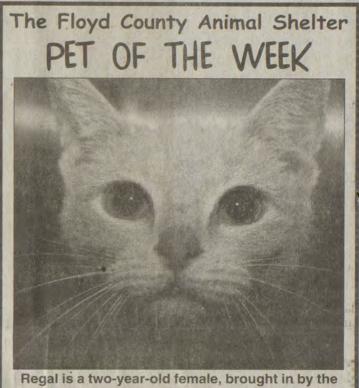
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### Card of Thanks

The family of Ellie Venas Shepherd would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort and were there for our family during this difficult time. Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say, perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part. A special thank-you to Dr. Jeffery Potter with Hometown Family Care, Prisilla Wireman with Magoffin County Home Health, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Bethel Bolen and Jerry Manns; your kindness and care will never be forgotten.

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## **Bill would safeguard parental rights**

#### **The Associated Press**

LEXINGTON Kentucky task force studying how children can be removed from their families has crafted a bill that would reform the

#### process

State Rep. Darryl Owens of A Louisville is introducing the measure. It would further protect parents' rights in cases where social workers sought to remove children from a home. It would

also address termination of parental rights and adoption of children who have been in foster care

States are working through what children's advocates say are problems caused by the federal

Adoption and Safe Families Act. It expedites the removal of children and gives states incentive money to facilitate adoptions.

A similar, though weaker, state proposal failed to become law last legislative session.

### Obituaries

### Julia Akers

Julia Akers, formerly of Melvin, passed away, Monday, December 17: 2007.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Junior Akers. Surviving is a daughter, Flo

Frazier of Pennsylvania, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin. Visitation is after 6 p.m.,

Wednesday, December 19. (Paid obituary)

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founding member of Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh.

She loved gospel singing, gardening, canning, and sewing.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Green and Cynthia Gayheart of Howe; a stepson, Dolpha Gayhart of Howe; stepdaughters, Esta Faye Moore of Howe; Hester Sanch, Fannie Troyer, and Forest Jean Slone, all of Arizona; a stepson, Edsall Ray Gayheart of Willard, Ohio; three grandchildren: Nicole Bond of Howe, Joshua Gayheart of LaGrange, and Justin Gayheart of Howe; three great grandchildren: Aspen Bond, Ryker Bond, and Scotland Gayheart; sisters: Lorene Maple of Ashtabula, Ohio; Avelene Gayhart of Kentucky; McDowell, Palistene Mosley of Orlando, Florida; Eunice Jane Collett of West Liberty, Kentucky; Julie Marie Wilson of Pikeville, Kentucky; and Pearlene Iller of Versailles, Kentucky; brothCollins. Burial will be at Greenwood

Cemetery in LaGrange. Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Send condolences to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com Paid obituary)

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### Harley Daniel Henson

Harley Daniel Henson, age 1 month, of Ashland, the son of Rosalee Newsome and Jim Henson, passed away Friday, December 14, 2007, at home. He was born at Ashland, on November 16, 2007.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his grandmother, Nina Alley of Greenup; a sister, Candice Henson of Idaho Springs, Colorado; brothers: Andrew Jacob Henson of Ashland, Tristen Daniel Henson, Christan Lewis Henson and Travis Dean Henson all of Idaho Springs, Colorado; his aunts, Monica Alley and Amanda Alley both of Mary McDowell, Ann Newsome of Ashland, and Lulia Henson of Hi Hat; his uncles, Danny K. Alley of Pennsylvania, Mathew Alley of Waverly, Ohio, and Justin Alley of Ashland. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 18, at 1:00 p.m., in the Wheelwright Baptist Center, at Wheelwright, with Charles Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Henson Cemetery at Ligon, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. (Paid obituary)

Born March 24, 1983, in Pikeville, he was the son of Walker Robert and Deborah Sue Hall Newsome.

Other survivors include his honorary grandparents: Jimmy and Virgie Yates and Uncle Buck; and too many family members and friends to name.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Cecil and Orga Gillespie Newsome; and his maternal grandparents: Tony and Mary

Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist min-

the direction of Nelson-Frazier

(Paid obituary)



Ellen Stover Hall. Funeral services were held Monday, December 17, at 11 a.m., at Zion Old Regular

isters officiating. Burial was in the Hall Cemetery, in Grethel, under

Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation was at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

### Helen Jean Gayhart

Helen Jean Gayhart, age 75, of rural Howe, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Dony, Kentucky, on January 28, 1932, the daughter of Bailey Mosley and Fannie (Moore) Mosley.

She was first married to Green Gayhart on August 23, 1950, in McDowell, Kentucky, and he preceded her death October 5, 1974. She then married Reford Gayhart on November 27, 1974, in Clintwood, Virginia, and he also preceded her in death, on January 28, 2002.

She was a homemaker and a

of Clabe Mosley ers: Sadieville, Kentucky; Bill Mosley, Linvell Lane Mosley, Carl Butler Mosley, and Ed Junior Mosley, all of McDowell, Kentucky.

Along with her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, Nathaniel Mosley; a sister, Jeweldean Orborne, and stepson, Chester Gayheart.

Visitation was also Monday, December 17, after 4:00 p.m., at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh, with an evening service at 6:00 p.m. Visitation was also on Tuesday, all day and evening, at the church, with a service at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, December 19. at 11:00 a.m., at Mt. Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Willie

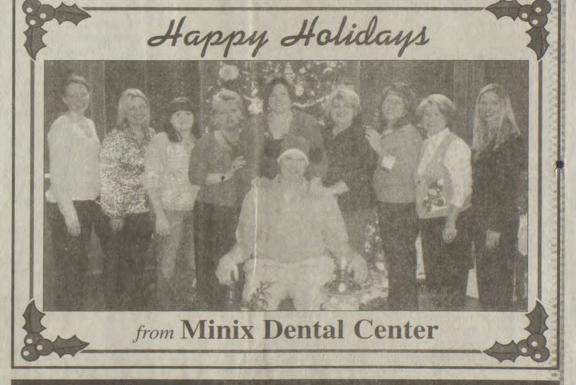
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### **Brandon Robert** (Dodie) Newsome

Brandon Robert (Dodie) Newsome, 24, of Grethel, died Friday, December 14, 2007, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room.

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# Community Calendar

### Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

#### Christ United Methodist Church Drive-thru Nativity December 15 and 16

A live drive through Nativity will be held at Christ United Methodist Church parking lot, December 15-16, from 6-till 9 p.m.

Also, plan to attend December 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at the church.

#### Left Beaver Fire and Rescue Annual Santa Claus Run

- Sunday, December 23, 2007
- 12:00 Drift Ball Park
- 12:15 Minnie Ball Park
- 12:35 Minnie Townhouses
- 12:50 McDowell A.R.H.
- 1:35 Station No. 2,
- McDowell 2:00 Pilgrim Rest Church
- 2:15 Old Price Coal Tipple
- 2:30 Little Nancy Church
- 2:45 Bottom of South Floyd

Hill 3:00 Bud Reynolds Store Merry Christmas. From Santa's Helpers at the Fire Station

#### Highlands Regional Medical Center

Dec. 27 - Kiwanis, meeting Place B; 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information con-

cerning these support groups, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

### Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

### 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 freedom 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 for more information.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

### UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 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.

### '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 appointment.

GED classes are also available.

#### Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room. 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 Center. Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m.,

Community Center. Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday,

10:30 a.m., Extension Office. South Prestonsburg: 3rd 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 meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

•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

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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."

•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

(See CALENDAR, page six)



IAM LEGEND (PG-13). Mon.-Sat. 7:00-9:00; Sun. (1:30) 7:00-9:00.

<u>Cinema 2—Starts Fri., Dec. 21</u> NATIONAL TREASURE (PG13). Mon.-Sat. 7:00-9:15; Sun. (1:30) 7:00-9:15. Sunday Matinee—Open 1:00; start 1:30



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12/21/07 - 12/27/07 <u>Cinema 1—Last Show Dec. 23</u> THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13). Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:30.

Cinema 1—Last Show Dec. 23 THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13). Fri. (4:20); Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20).

Cinema 2—Starts Fri. Dec. 21 CHARLIE WILSON'S WAR (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:00-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25.

Cinema 3—Starts Fri., Dec. 21 WALK HARD (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

Cinema 4—Starts Fri., Dec. 21 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30. Cinema 5—Last Show Dec. 23

AWAKE (PG13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20. Cinema 5—Last Show Dec. 23

FRED CLAUS (PG). Fri. (4:25); Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25). Cinema 6—Starts Fri., Dec. 21

C. 1 LOVE YOU (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 6:50-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:30) 6:50-9:30.

<u>Cinema 7—Held Over</u> ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

Cinema 8—Starts Fri., Dec. 21 NATIONAL TRESURE: BOOK OF SECRETS (PG13). Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 6:45-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:15) 6:45-9:15.

<u>Cinema 9—Held Over</u> I AM LEGEND (PG13). Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 6:45-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:25) 6:45-9:25.

<u>Cinema 10—Held Over</u> ENCHANTED (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.

Opening Dec. 25 THE WATER HORSE (PG) and ALIEN vs PREDITOR (R) CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC. 24 OPEN CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25

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### Amendment I

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Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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# Too hot in this kitchen

The temptation will be to lament that the Bali climate conference produced only an agreement to talk some more for two years about climate change and the dire threat that poses to Earth and humankind.

Though there were genuine breakthroughs, we should succumb to the temptation.

We share much of the world's preference for an agreement that would have set clear targets for emissions reductions now, with the United States not acting as obstructionist.

The conference did, however, bring the U.S. into the fold after years of Luddite-like self-isolation on the issue. The U.S. did agree to be an active partner in developing a new international climate treaty by 2009. And it also agreed last weekend that developing nations should be compensated for pushing their own emission cuts.

This is the right thing to do for the U.S., the nations that make up the European Union and Russia, in particular. That's because they've been the major contributors of the gases warming the globe over the past decades. This is not about blame; it's about responsibility.

Yes, China is on track to overtake the U.S. as the major contributor, and India is coming up quick. The theory behind the help they'd get is that asking them to cut their emissions while playing catch-up economically - without compensation - essentially acts as disincentive for either to ever make those sacrifices. But if the U.S. should step up because it has been a major polluter, China in particular cannot ask the world to suffer while it becomes a bigger one. We're way beyond that. China must get serious about the environment.

The other developing nations got an agreement for technology transfers and help in dealing with climate change's effect. There was notably an agreement to address deforestation as well.

The Bali agreement calls for "measurable, reportable and

### Stream Saver Bill would protect water supply

Letters

Thank you for your coverage of the Kentucky House Appropriations and Revenue Committee's visit to the mountaintop removal site in Perry County.

The representatives wanted to learn firsthand about the burial of streams in strip mine wastes, a destructive but routine practice which would be halted by their passage of the Stream Saver Bill. It took tremendous political courage for those representatives to come see the damage for themselves and they should be applauded.

I was amused by the comments of Kentucky Coal Association President Bill Caylor, who somehow never accounts for the 421 miles of Kentucky streams already buried, or the displaced communities, damaged homes or degraded water caused by his industry. Not to worry, Caylor says, because mountaintop removal creates flat land for development. Of course, he fails to mention that less than 2 percent of the land leveled by strip mining ever gets used for any commercial purpose. Kentucky, like the one at the head of my hollow in Floyd County. You won't find a hospital or airport, not a single fast food restaurant at the head of Wilson Creek, just a blasted dusty wasteland that stretches nearly a mile in every direction.

SORRY, RUDOLPH, BUT THE GLOW FROM THESE TOXIC TOYS WILL GUIDE MY SLEIGH TONIGHT...

> This was the handiwork of Branham and Baker, a company which enjoyed financial solvency while there was coal to be mined, but declared bankruptcy when it was time to clean up their mess, an all too common practice. Twenty years later, there is nothing growing but worthless cottonwoods, scrubby cedar and grass which is somehow brown all year round.

> This sorry site isn't unique. Over 20,600 acres of Floyd County have already been strip mined and new mines are opening with frightening speed. Who could be surprised to learn that the Big Sandy is the most polluted river in the state, or that we are plagued by flooding? Not even Bill Caylor. Economic development requires much more than land. It also takes abundant clean water, stable, safe communities and good schools. Passing the Stream Saver Bill won't get us all those things, but it will go a long way toward protecting our state's water supply, and that would be a darn good start.

### Hospital care was oustanding

I would like to sincerely thank. Central Baptist Hospital for the excelllent care and attention I received last week during my unexpected stay before, during and after my emergencit surgery.

Not only was I treated with the utmost care, but my wife was given very special and considerate attention also. Both meant so much to me.

It gave me great comfort to see such compassionate people in all the different fields of expertise giving it their all. Actually, it is my opinion that these employees were godsends. They were not just doing a "job"; they put their hearts and souls into everything they did for us. And for that, my wife and will forever be grateful. In addition, I would like to person ally thank each employee, individually, that went above and beyond the call of duty for us - Rita Shepherd, Davonna Hobbs, Teresa Roberts, Annette Combs, Mary Beth Clark, RoseMary Hisel, Melissa Adkins, Phyllis Newby, Shirley Kertn, Linda McDonald and Emily Leach. Lastly, I want to thank the administration and staff at Central Baptist for having these outstanding employees on staff. They are such a huge asset and will never be forgotten. Everyone and everything was greatly appreciated.

verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation commitments or actions" for developed nations yet, at U.S. insistence, doesn't set specific international goals or targets.

This occurred as one delegate, capturing the mood of most of the rest of the world - including the European Union - told the U.S. to essentially get out of the way. The problem: As a major contributor to the problem, it cannot and should not.

The Bush administration lately has changed its tune on this, but that's after years of foot-dragging. Congress has stepped up with an energy bill that sets higher mileage standards for cars, but it, too, punted on renewable energy and on ending the giveaways to the energy industry.

The silver lining is that the U.S. is now working with other countries on an international treaty. The Bush administration must participate in all seriousness. It must not simply leave the heavy lifting for the next president.

- The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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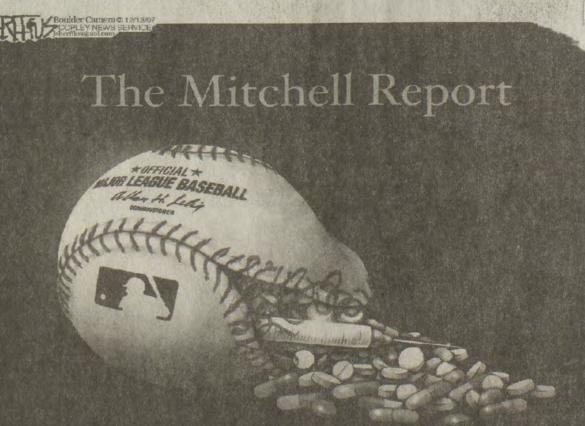
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### Despite late pardons, Fletcher's legacy still patronage scandal

### by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Former Gov. Ernie Fletcher angered prosecutors and crime victims with the scores of pardons he handed out before leaving office last week, but some political observers say the move will have no lasting impact on how he is remembered

A patronage scandal, which overshadowed most of the Republican governor's time in office, will remain in the forefront of people's minds, said Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky University, home to the Center for Kentucky History and

Politics. "Probably, in the long term, that's all people are going to remember," Stewart said.

Fletcher won the 2003 election on the promise that he

would clean up state government. Instead, he ended up indicted on charges that he violated Kentucky law by improperly rewarding Republicans with protected state jobs at the expense of Democrats.

That, Stewart said, sealed his legacy.

The Rev. John Rausch, a Catholic priest from Stanton, said Fletcher was undoubtedly wounded by the scandal.

"Pardoning people at the very end of his term can redeem some of that," he said. "We welcome any kind of compassion in a world that has grown so cold and indifferent. That has got to help thaw icy feelings" toward him.

Fletcher pardoned or commuted the sentences of several convicted killers, including one, Jeffrey Devan Leonard, who was on Death Row. Leonard, a brain-damaged Louisville man had been slated

for execution for killing a store the result of a special grand owner.

The former governor reduced Leonard's death sentence to life without the possibility of parole, citing concerns that the inmate's attorney may have been ineffective.

Fletcher also pardoned nine women, most of whom were convicted of killing abusive husbands.

Anna' Pruitt, founder of Kentuckians' Voice for Crime Victims in Louisville, argued that Fletcher should not have reversed the decisions of judges and jurors who had weighed the evidence in each of the cases, and convicted all of the people.

pardons weren't The Fletcher's first. More than two years ago, he granted pardons to several members of his own administration. More than a dozen administration officials or associates were indicted as

jury's investigation into improper hiring practices.

Witnesses who appeared before the grand jury claimed to have been passed over for promotions, transferred, demoted or fired for blatant political reasons.

A judge ruled Fletcher could not be tried in office, and prosecutors ultimately dropped the misdemeanor charges in a deal. The Governor acknowledged the evidence "strongly indicates wrongdoing" by his administration and that the actions were inappropriate.

In all, Fletcher granted more than 100 pardons. Most who received them had been convicted of a variety of offenses ranging from murder to assault, drug trafficking to burglary.

Stewart said she doesn't think the pardons improved Fletcher's image. "It just adds to the whole perception of politics as usual," she said.

Fletcher told The Associated Press in an interview last month that he hopes people will one day be able to see beyond the hiring scandal.

"No one ever knows what your legacy is going to be because you don't know what is going to evolve in history," he said.

University of Louisville political scientist Laurie Rhodebeck said nearly every governor and president issues pardons, making it unlikely that Fletcher's actions last week will be long remembered. Just this week, for example, President Bush granted pardons to 29 people, including carjackers, drug dealers, a moonshiner and a violator of election laws.

But Fletcher's hiring scan-



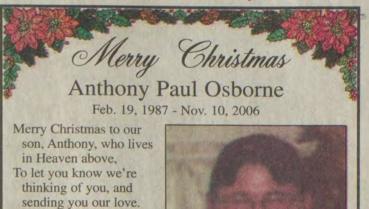
dal, Rhodebeck said, is an altogether different story.

"He got caught up in the merit hiring scandal so early in his administration that I don't think he ever recovered from that," she said.

Republican strategist Brett Hall, a former Fletcher adviser, said he expects history to

be kind to the former governor, especially for reforming Medicaid to head off a looming financial crisis in the program that provides health benefits to the poor.

"He'll be recognized for that, eventually," Hall said. "Unfortunately, it's going to be several years."



We still miss you so much, more than words could ever say, You'll always be a part of us, with memories

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> Some comfort, peace and strength, to help us bear this grief.

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> We love and miss you, always, Mom, Dad, and All the Family

**U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers still** pushing forward on I-66 plan

### **The Associated Press**

LOUISVILLE - Years after the idea for a coast-tocoast interstate that would run through southern Kentucky was introduced, the first mile of Interstate 66 has yet to be paved.

Yet U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers has continued to bring millions of dollars into the state to fund a project that may never come to fruition, the Courier-Journal of Louisville reported on Sunday.

Rogers, a Republican repre-Senting Kentucky's 5th Congressional District, has appropriated nearly \$90 million for the project even though most of the other states that would be impacted by the project have nearly given up on it, deeming it too expensive

"We try not to built roads that don't lead anywhere," said Brent Walker of the West Virginia Department of Transportation, which has never seriously pursued I-66.

Rogers, who has spent more than two decades in Congress representing the southeastern part of the state, says critics are showing bias against the state's poorest and most remote region.

"I didn't hear these arguments when we were talking about building I-75 through the Bluegrass, the charming, beautiful part of our state," he said. "... But when we start building ... a highway through the most impoverished part of the state ... we hear all of this

noise about 'Oh, it's not needed."

The state has only begun planning two short segments of the road, one in Pike County in the eastern part of the state and another in Laurel and Pulaski counties. The estimated cost of these sections is at least \$3.5 billion.

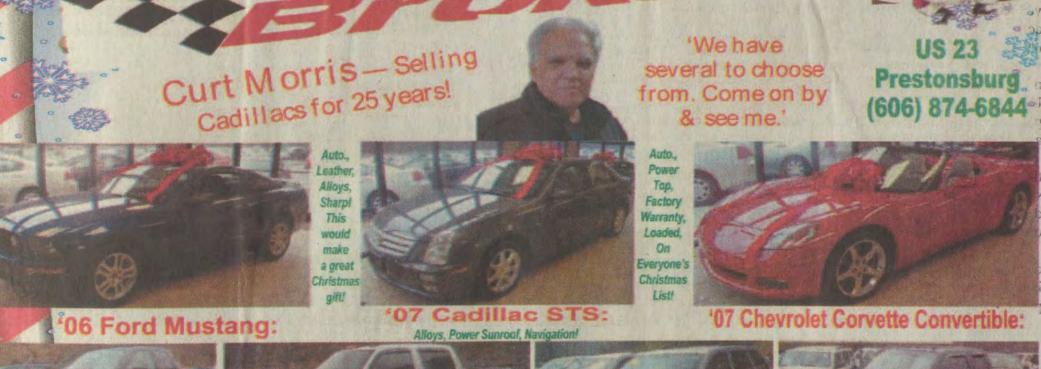
Three years ago the group Friends of the Earth and Taxpayers for Common Sense designated I-66 as the fifth most wasteful and environmentally destructive highway project in the country. The group put out a report titled "Road to Ruin," that called predictions of the interstate being a boon to the local economy were based on "flawed

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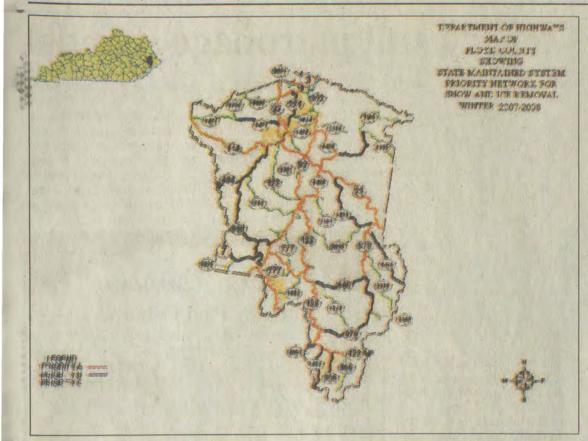
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## State workers have 2,101 years' experience clearing a path through snow and ice

PIKEVILLE — District 12 Snowfighters have a total of 2,101.4 years of experience among them. This is an average of 10.6 years per person based on a minimum of 198 people who typically work all weather events. The 10 maintenance crews of Highway District 12 are spread out over seven counties: Letcher, Pike, Floyd, Martin, Knott, Johnson, and Lawrence.

"Most of these people have worked the same routes for years," said Darold Slone, Operations Branch Manager. "For example, Ronnie Thompson in Lawrence County has taken care of Route 201and Route 32 for 10 years. Before that he worked U.S. 23. He's worked for the state for almost 30 years and is one of the people who trains new heavy equipment operators."

Thompson says that he knows his roads "like the back of my hand." This means he can clear the pavement faster and safer. "Like in the mornings when people are getting ready to go to work. I try to make sure that everything is cleared enough so it's safe for them to get out. Of course, it depends on when the snow starts falling and whether or not there's ice on the roads, but most of the time the folks who live on my routes can get out and back in with no problem." Thompson said people need to remember that the snow plow operators use a priority system. "The roads are divided into A, B, and C routes. That's according to how much traffic is on them every day. Route

201 and Route 32 are my A routes. I also do 1760 and 581, and fill in wherever else they need me. At one time or another, over 30 years, I've probably run every state road in the county.'

Each snowplow operator must have a valid CDL (Commercial Driver's License) and must submit to random drug testing. In addition, there is mandatory annual Snow and Ice Training. "The training includes everything from how to take care of your truck to how much rock salt should be combined with liquid calcium chloride to get the right mix to melt the snow and ice," Slone said. "No operator can drive a snow plow until he or she successfully completes the training. We do not put anyone on the road who doesn't know what to do in all situations. That would not be safe for the public or for the operator."

As a result of their training and years of experience, the Snowfighters at Highway District 12 are specialists --experts — at what they do. Linda Ratliff, a physical therapist for Pikeville Medical Center's Home Health program, travels the northeastern section of Pike County. She enthusiastically attests to the skills of the crews from the Canada and Shelby maintenance facilities. "I drive these roads no matter what the weather," she said. "I have been out in blinding snow, black ice, and zero visibility. But no matter where I was going - Freeburn, McCarr, Stopover — wherever — the roads were clear and safe, sometimes almost dry. I cannot thank Tim Carter, the superintendent, and his men enough. The work I do affects people's

everyday lives. If I couldn't

get there safely, their health would be compromised. When I start out from my home in Pikeville, I am confident that I can get there and back with no problem because I know the state workers have been there before me. They do an amazing job every time."

Drivers communicate with their garage through two-way radios. The garages report to District 12's central office in Pikeville, by radio, telephone, and email. The District Office reports conditions to Frankfort via email and telephone.

Sara George, the district's Information Officer, keeps the media updated through email and phone calls. "Sometimes at five o'clock in the morning, there's no one to answer the phone at a radio station," she said. "But more often than not, I can find someone who can get the word out to their audience so that people know what road conditions they're facing if they absolutely have to get out.

George said that the communications system has two priorities: to make sure the drivers have contact in case they run into problems or need a mechanic dispatched to their location and to keep the public informed through updates to the media. "We all are committed to keeping the roads safe. Everyone works 16-hour alternating shifts and we stay on the job until the weather event is over, whether it's flooding, snow, ice, or some other unusual weather situation."

### State agency questioning former treasurer's personnel decisions

#### **The Associated Press**

FRANKFORT - Two of former Treasurer Jonathan Miller's personnel decisions have been referred to the agency that oversees state employees for review.

Former Personnel Cabinet Secretary Brian Crall, who left the agency when Gov. Ernie Fletcher's term expired, referred the matters to the Personnel Board. Crall has questioned the hiring of employee Michael Bates, a Republican, to a protected state job, as well as raises given to one of Miller's top aides, Rebecca Brooke Parker. "Upon review of Ms.

written justification for this salary increase," Crall wrote in a letter to the Personnel Board dated Dec. 10. "A thorough investigation of Ms. Parker's job duties and her employment through her tenure at the treasurer's office is justified."

Miller recently joined Gov. Steve Beshear's cabinet as the finance and administration secretary. Beshear ran on a platform that stressed state government ethics reform and has said all top-level officials would be taking ethics training

Miller, as a candidate for governor in the May Democratic primary, touted

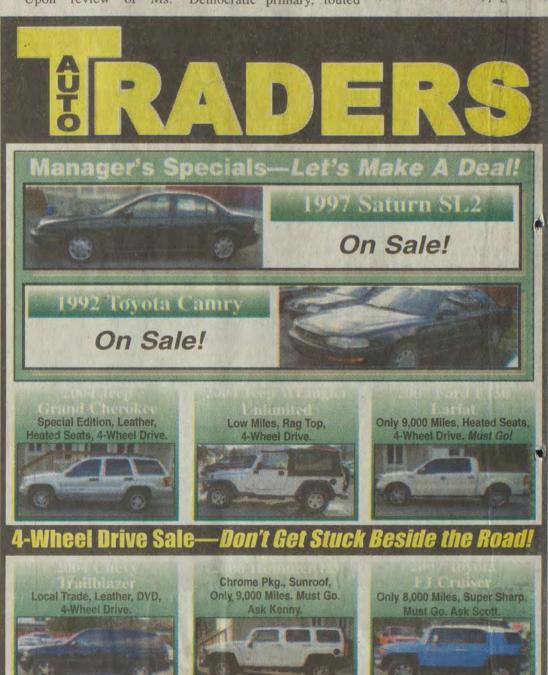
Parker's file, there was no his commitment to government ethics reform as one of his top priorities. Miller dropped out of the race shorty before the primary and supported Beshear's candidacy.

Crall claimed the appointment of Bates, a Republican, was an example of improper "preselection. Crall also questioned two pay raises that Parker received in 2004.

Rob Jones, of the state attorney general's office who has represented the state treasurer, said Bates' hiring was "not a political hire."

Parker was hired in 2000 as a secretary in Miller's office

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### Calendar

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Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 Lake Drive, North Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•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-

meetings at the lv 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, Tower, Pikeville May Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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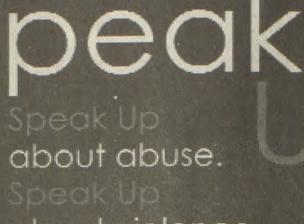
products for their homes. Hervision is to provide the same quality products and services to the consumer with a cost savings they will receive in not lisiving to travel as lar

In a letter to the SBDC office, she said. "I had a vision and Phil Greene, general man

ager of the Paintsville office. had the business expertise to make my dream of being a husiness owner a reality.

Starting a husiness takes a lot of courage and determinotion and can be overwhelming and intimidating at times. That is why it is so important to have the Small Business Development Center as a resource. The assistance I neceived gave use a good foundation to build my sales on."

Additional information on SBDC is available by calling Sabrina Jude at (606) 788 643222



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Contest winner Emily Keene, with her winning slogan and logo.

### Fourth-grader wins slogan, logo contests

The Victims Services Program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center held their Awards Ceremony for the Violence Prevention Partnership for the Protection Slogan and Logo Contests on of Children Grant from the Tuesday, Dec. 11.

find a fitting logo and slogan for the prevention of sexual assault, domestic violence and Director Margaret Banks. Pehild abuse, were very successful and many really good applications were submitted by participants from all over The Big Sandy Region," said Patricia VanHoose, outreach milleradien conditions

"People of all ages were speech in which she cacouencouraged to enter."

The contest was made possible through a Community Cabinet for Health and Family "The contests, designed to Services, awarded locally through Families First.

Victim Services Program awarded Emily Keene, age 10, winner of both the slogan and logo contests, with two checks totaling \$500 Immediately following the award presenta tion, Emily addressed the crowd with a motivational

aged everyone to "Speak Up!"

Emily, from Belfry, is a fourth grader at Bevins Elementary. She is the doughter of Madomon and David Cox. and Christopher Keene.

The slogan and logo will be posted on hillhoards through out the Big Sandy Region.

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Miller said three other employees, who no longer work in state government, received similar pay hikes. He denied giving Parker preferenpelied on her for apput about "personal business" matters.

Still, Miller acknowledged "unintentional" errors took he resolved without an investigation or bearing by the Personnel Board.

"It's a matter of procedural mistakes and is an example of

The Personnel Board decided to let treasury officials she assumed new duties as attempt to address the matter chief of staff and division before taking action.

Michael R. Mazzoli, Parker's attorney, said his mistake on the part of the treatial treatment, and said he has client was haping to "stay in state government" as gost of Beshcar's administration.

"Any suggestion that Brooke was not qualified to place; but claimed they could carry out the duties she was given or that she was overpaid for the work she was thing, or that she was given any favorable treatment, is simply false," Mazzofi said.

tried to reward Parker when director responsibilities.

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### Lawsuit

ing for Appalachian Fuels, maintained during the civil suit that its truck was on the proper side of the road, and that it was only after the vehicle was hit by Ira Nichols that it's steering was disabled, and the truck crossed lanes.

Claims were also made by Joe Fields against Ira Nichols, to which Ira Nichols issued his own counterclaims against Fields and Francis Trucking. All totaled there were six claims filed in the matter. All of the other claims have been settled out of court.

be The loaded coal truck that Fields was driving normally traveled on Route 119 to U.S.

23, and then would travel traveling on roads that were north to Catlettsburg. Kirk maintained as part of the lawsuit that Route 292 is a Single A highway and not part of the Extended Weight Coal Haul Road System, and had Fields truck not been there, no collision would have occurred. The Route 292 roadway is only rated for 40,000 pounds while the coal truck that Fields was driving weighed in excess of 125,000 pounds. \*

"[Route] 292 is too narrow and too curvy for 18-wheelers to safely haul coal," Kirk said. "They take these shortcuts to get in an extra load or two, and it's just dangerous. They are

never designed to handle those vehicles or that weight."

Duncan's accident is the second such accident involving a coal truck in as many years. In 2005 Rev. Lonny Preece, 55, died after his vehicle was crashed into by an overloaded truck on Route 40 near Inez. That vehicle weighed over 150,000 pounds and was traveling on a road rated for 62,000 pounds.

Mark Brown, a public information officer with the state Transportation Cabinet, said, "Obviously these roads are rated for a purpose, and that's to maintain the safety of

the driving public."

A representative of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth said that becoming an extended coal haul road is not based on whether or not a road can handle the weight, but whether or not 50,000 tons of coal was hauled on that road in the previous year.

Handshoe, Rick of Hueysville, a KFTC spokesman said, "We're fighting the coal companies and the state. I hate for my daughter to even drive on these roads."

Handshoe says there simply aren't enough vehicle enforcement officers to monitor all of

the trucks hauling on the roads. "How many people have to die before the state will look into the condition of these roads?"

Handshoe, who is a former coal truck driver, said he understands that coal and coal transportation are necessary aspects of the community, but it needs to be safe. "I want our miners underground protected, and I want our drivers to safely be able to earn a living."

The high price of gas is one thing that Handshoe admits is causing drivers to look for shorter routes, "These guys are just trying to make a living." Handshoe added that it will be

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up to the state government and the coal companies to improve the situation.

According to the Legislative Record, there have been no pre-filed bills for 2008 to either improve roads that coal trucks prefer or increase, penalties on coal companies of coal truck drivers who ignore weighted roads to the detriment of the public safety.



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# **Cheating scandal could keep FSU** players out of Music City Bowl

#### **by BRENT KALLESTAD ASSOCIATED PRESS**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -An academic cheating scandal could leave Florida State without as many as 25 players when the Seminoles go against Kentucky in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 31.

"We have some players not traveling for one reason and some for another, including those who are ineligible for the bowl because of academic issues," coach Bobby Bowden said in a statement released by the university Tuesday."

Bowden put the number of players involved in the 25player range. Many of the players could also be ruled ineligible for some games next season for their connection to the cheating scandal earlier this year.

Federal privacy laws prohibit the school from releasing names.

"We want to make sure that we have complete information, and that we have dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's," said Lee Hinkle, vice president of university relations. "It is premature to say anything at this point."

Bowden had previously not answered questions following the team's practices on the scandal that resulted in one full-time academic adviser, Brenda Monk, and a student tutor losing their jobs this summer.

The university reported its findings in a letter to the NCAA in September after a six-month investigation by the school revealed at least 23 athletes in various sports were implicated for cheating on tests.

At least two Seminole foot-

ball players already have been penalized for their involvement. Defensive end Kevin McNeill missed the season and wide receiver Joslin Shaw missed the first four games.

"Kentucky would be a tough opponent when we are at full strength so clearly this will make things more difficult," Bowden said. "Our staff is in the process of determining what adjustments we must make for the game."

Bowden said he would not use any players redshirted this season in the bowl game.

### **The Associated Press**

Young hunter

killed in Letcher

FRANKFORT — Another Kentucky teenager has died in a hunting accident.

Letcher County Deputy Coroner Wallace Bowling says 14-year-old Ryan Cantrell of Blaine fell on his muzzleloading rifle Saturday afternoon while trying to walk through

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the three schools, Wicker said dent successes and that the "that would pay the salary of a granting of monetary awards classified employee."

mud on a mountain in Eastern Kentucky.

Bowling said Cantrell died from an accidental self-inflicted gunshot to the neck and head while deer hunting with his stepfather and some friends.

At least two other Kentucky teens have been shot in hunting accidents since September.

### Schools

quality," she continued.

The members of the Floyd board are currently awaiting a report on why some parents have chosen to pull their children out of district schools. At the suggestion of interim superintendent Ronald Fentress, letters are being sent to those parents requesting specific reasons for making Transferrence the decision to enroll their. children in neighboring school his replacement, Henry Webb. districts.

> "What are we doing, what can we do," said Stumbo, "to keep our students at home?"

Awaiting the aforementioned report, board members

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sion in January, though," board member Jeff Stumbo said. "But first, we have to look at why people are leaving the district.

In other business, the board recognized Fentress for the service he provided for the school district during the time of transition between the leaving of former superintendent Paul Fanning and the hiring of Board chair Jeff Stumbo

praised Fentress for his "strong leadership during a time when the board really needed to focus."

"I've had a great time Fentress said. "I want to commend this school district and this school board ... You have a lot of really great things going 'We have to make a deci- on and I've been glad to be a

The board also voted to approve to employ Fentress' services as a consultant for 10 additional days past his service contract.

Floyd district teachers student at

for members of the board.

part of it."

Glendine Hale and Angela Duncan, as well as the Prestonsburg High School football team, were also recognized for meritorious achievements," and Jesse Osborne, a McDowell Elementary and member of the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, performed two song selections

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Wicker said that the teacher's association members suggest continuing the practice of offering such rewards as ice cream, class parties, field trips and such for school and stu-

Board chair Jeff Stumbo said that the members of the board would prepare a written response to the FCEA's comments, to be released at a later date.

suggests fiscal irresponsibility.

voted to table any action on the nonresident contract for 2008-09 school year for the time being.

### Rogers

premises and outdated economic models."

Other critics say the money spent on the project would be better used to repair existing roads and bridges in the state.

While nearly all of the states west of Kentucky have abandoned the project, Rogers believes the interstate can still be salvaged. Mike Hancock, the Transportation Cabinet's chief of staff, said officials hope the road can stretch across Kentucky into West Virginia and Virginia.

Just how the project would be paid for remains unclear. U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, a Democrat representing the 3rd District, said he doesn't see any federal funding becoming available for I-66 or the Louisville bridge projects anytime soon. It means the state

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would have to seek alternatives to pay for the road. How

"That's for wiser heads than mine," Rogers said.

The state's six-year highway plan provides money for the bridges project, but not for I-66. Gov. Steve Beshear is against a gas-tax increase and said recently he's "not a fan" of tolls.

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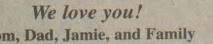
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RANCHO CORDOVA. Calif. — Happy holidays. Now pull over to the side of the road.

Motorists may be in for a surprise if they spot flashing red lights in their rearview mirrors in this Sacramento suburb during the holiday season.

Police are stopping lawabiding motorists and rewarding their good driving with \$5 Starbucks gift cards.

A traffic officer came up with the idea to "promote the holiday spirit and enhance goodwill between the traffic unit and the motoring public," police Sgt. Tim Curran said.

Local businesses donated money to buy the gift cards.

"They raised a substantial amount of money," Curran said. "They'll be pulling over a lot of people."

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — One dry cleaner now knows how to get on Santa's naughty list: lose his suit.

After Christmas last year, Max Weisberg took his red velvet suit to Royal Cleaners, which accidentally gave it to someone else. The familyowned business acknowledged the mixup and offered to pay him half the value of the nearly \$400 suit, said Jean Hwang, who said she's the owner's sister

Weisberg, 54, a civilian employee of the Navy, took the business to small claims court and won a \$396.50 judgment to cover the suit and court costs.

But he had to collect the money himself. So Weisberg decided to do it with flair. His wife's public-relations firm notified the media that he would drop by the shop.

Donning a new red velvet suit with soft white trim and shiny black boots, a jolly Weisberg burst into the dry cleaners Monday, television cameras rolling.

"Merry Christmas! Have you been a good girl?" he

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asked a smiling Hwang. She promised to put the check in the mail to Weisberg the next day.

Weisberg, who has been playing Santa at events for about a dozen years, made a promise, too: If it didn't arrive, he'd be back to protest again.

DANBURY, Conn. — Santa Claus says that a woman who sat on his lap was naughty, not nice.

A Santa at the Danbury Fair mall said the woman groped him.

"The security officer at the mall said Santa Claus has been sexually assaulted," police Detective Lt. Thomas Michael said of the weekend complaint.

Sandrama Lamy, 33, of Danbury, was charged with sexual assault and breach of peace. She was released on a promise to appear in court on Jan. 3.

Police quickly found and identified Lamy because the woman was described as being on crutches, said Capt. Bob Myles.

A call seeking comment from Lamy was answered by a recording Tuesday morning. A woman later called back and said: "It's a false report and I don't have any idea.'

Police did not give the name of the disconcerted Santa, but they said he is 65 and felt badly because children were waiting to see him. "He was apparently shocked and embarrassed by the whole incident," Myles said.

A man who teaches hundreds of prospective Santas a year ,Âî "Santa Tim" Connaghan, president of RealSantas.com , Äî said he's never heard of a similar incident, though it's not unusual for adults to want to pose with Santa.

"I've had some very nice ladies sit on my lap," said Connaghan, who did not train the Danbury Fair Santa. "Once in a while they'll say 'I hope

Mrs. Claus isn't going to be upset.' You have to be discreet and kind and say 'Oh no, she'll be OK. You can sit here, but only for one photo."

A spokeswoman for Cherry Hill Photo, the company that coordinates Santas for Danbury Fair, declined to comment Tuesday.

FARGO, N.D.— A bank is giving its full-time employees \$1,000 each and part-time employees \$500 each. There's one condition — use it for people in need.

State Bank & Trust Chief Operating Officer Michael Solberg said each full-time employee will receive \$1,000 and each part-time employee will receive \$500, as part of a \$502,000 "Pay it Forward" initiative.

"We're going to really see some huge impact on our community," Solberg said.

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their families or families of other bank employees. The bank asked each employee to document the good deed with a video camera. The deadline is June 30.

The employees were told they may choose an individual cause, pool their money for a larger project or collaborate with donors outside the bank. The privately owned bank has more than 500 employees, he said.

The bank made the announcement over the weekend.

In previous years, the Fargo-based bank has taken 5 percent of the company earnings and divided it up at holiday time among employees.

FOND DU LAC, Wis. -A driver did not make a clean getaway early Sunday, despite taking his vehicle through a car wash while fleeing an offi-

A reserve officer tried to stop the driver on suspicion of drunken driving, the Fond du County Lac Sheriff's Department said in a statement. But the motorist fled by driving through a car wash, then sped away and nearly struck a Fond du Lac police officer who had stopped to help.

A tire deflation device was eventually used to stop the car, and officers used a stun gun to take the 18-year-old driver into custody, the Sheriff's Department said. An 18-yearold woman also in the car was arrested and released.

HAZLETON, Pa. -Talk about taking the plunge.

Jeanie Dulski and Jamy Knittle actually took two plunges on Friday: First, they got married at Hazleton Municipal Airport, then they went skydiving

As Dulski explained di "Getting married is scarier, than jumping out of a plane."lo

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Hazleton Mayor Lou; Barletta performed the ceremony on the ground for Dulski and Knittle, both 30. About 45 minutes later, the bride and groom took a plane up to 10,000 feet and leaped out. It was the second marriage but first skydive for Dulski, who made a tandem jump with an instructor. Knittle, who had skydived once before, jumped separately.

Barletta called it perhaps the most unusual wedding ceremony he has performed. "I'm sure my wife would

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Thanks to Ron Wright and his sister, Mary, for the beautiful songs and music. Thanks to Joan Chaffins for singing our loved one's favorite song, "Beulah Land."

To clergymen, Arnold Turner and Steve Pescosolido, we wish for you to know that no kinder words could ever have been spoken. Your blessed words did so very much to comfort us. God bless you both.

Special thanks to Hospice of Big Sandy for their service to Don. Everyone was so kind to him, and a very special thanks to Risa Teeters, RN, of Hospice, who came and stayed with us to the end - you will never be forgotten.

We will also never forget Dr. Jain and the Highlands Cancer Center doctors: Chris Bailey and his office staff; and all those at Highlands Regional Medical Center who took such good care of our loved one. Don's caregiver, Helen Slone, will also remain in our hearts forever. We thank you, Helen, for all you did.

A special thanks, also, to the Kentucky State Police Honor Guard for attending the funeral and for changing guards and standing at attention at his casket at the funeral home. Thanks to Pikeville Post 9 Troopers for serving as pallbearers alongside Don's two beloved sons, Donnie and Ronnie, and for the police escort provided as Don's casket was transported to Davidson Memorial Gardens to be laid to rest.

Thanks to Julie Pescosolido for playing taps at the gravesite, and to our much loved Miss Katherine Emily Goble, Don's beloved granddaughter, for playing "My Old Kentucky Home" on her violin at her grandfather's gravesite. And, we cannot forget Community United Methodist Church for the wonderful dinner prepared for the family following the funeral and burial services.

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#### NOTICE OF **INTENT TO** MINE **Pursuant to** Application 836-5332

Major Rev. No. 1 accordance In with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given V & M Mining Co. of Paintsville, 1509 Napier Inc., Flatwoods, KY 41139, has applied for a revision to a surface and underground mining and reclamation operalocated tion. approximately 1.2 mile north of Honaker, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 4.94 surface acres, and will underlie 121.76 acres, and the total permit boundary will

be 126.70 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile south of the junction of CR 1426 and the Branch Justice and Road, is approximately 0.3 south of mile Justice Branch. This revision is for a land use change, and to leave a road and pond as permanent.The proposed operation is located on the Harold 7 1/2 U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map The surface area to be affected is owned by Michael Coleman and Charlie Akers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, at

3140 South Lake

underlie land owned Conn, James Keith Kimbler, Hale and Debra Halbert, Black Diamond Land Betty Company, the Newsome, Roberts Heirs, Jeff Willie Gayheart, J and R Georgene Company, Appalachian Land et al., Edgar Sherry and Lucinda Kidd, Eddie Kidd, Susan Hunter, Willard and Patsy Stanley et al., Mearilla and David P. Pitts, Johnnie Akers, Akers, Nayoma Hunter. Norman Conn, Sanders, Burley Akers, Bernard and Dixie Lynn Conn, Ivan Boyette, Joe R. Keathley, Mortiville

Delphia Cleadous Sode Scott and Michelle Lawson, Shirley George K. and Lois Douglas Boyd, Ellis Hunter, Gene and Wanda and Brenda Gail Akers, Alice Kidd Hunter. Dewy The proposed Darrell Akers, Clyde

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Floyd County Sheriff's Office is accepting bids for 23 new Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber handguns. Each handgun will come with three hi-capacity magazines. Bids will be accepted until December 31, 2007. The Floyd County Sheriff's Office retains the right to reject any and all bids.

Please send bids to the Floyd County Sheriff's Office. Att.: Bid, P.O. Box 152, Prestonsburg, KY 41649.

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> Conn Wright, Banner L. application Conn, Bobby and been filed for public Coleman, inspection at the Ernest and Geneva Department Boyd, Danny R. and Natural Resources Prestonsburg Anna Conn, Donald and Lois Adkins, Office, Regional Donnie and Monica 3140 South Lake Loretta Drive Suite Prestonsburg, KY Charles Elliott, Phillip Ray 41653. Written comments, objections, and Tonya Boyd, or requests for a and Hall, permit conference must be filed with Director, the Division of Mine

Permits. No. 2 Hollow, Hudson U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for Lots C-22 through C-31, located at StoneCrest Golf Course, along Clubhouse Drive. Minimum bid accepted will be appraised value of \$26,000 per lot. These lots are zoned R-2 (Single, Double and Multiple Family Dwellings). Sealed bids must be submitted by January 4, 2008. For additional information, you may contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.

### SUMMARY OF **ORDINANCE AND NOTICE** OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 06-012

The Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Kentucky at a meeting held on December 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., gave second reading to and enacted the fol-

lowing ordinance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF ADJUSTABLE RATE DEMAND HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS (HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HOSPITAL PROJECT) OF THE COUNTY OF FLOYD, KENTUCKY, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000,000 AND COMPRISED OF ADJUSTABLE RATE DEMAND HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS. SERIES 2007A (HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HOSPITAL PROJECT) IN AN AGGRE-GATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 AND TAXABLE ADJUSTABLE RATE DEMAND HOSPITAL FACILITIES REVENUE REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2007B (HIGHLANDS REGIONAL HOSPI-TAL, PROJECT), IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE LOANED TO CONSOLI-DATED HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC., AND/OR ITS SUBSIDIARY, HIGHLANDS HOS-PITAL CORPORATION, TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPMENT OF FACILITIES SUITABLE FOR USE AS HEALTH CARE AND RELATED FACILITIES, PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH BONDS, AUTHORIZ-

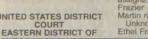
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KENTUCKY SOUTHERN DIVISION PIKEVILE Civil Action No. 07-143-GFVT Tract No. 553M United States of America Plaintiff Vs. NOTICE: CONDEMNAS TION 3.91 Acres of Land, More of Less, Situate in Floyd County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, And Mary June Alien, et al Defendants TO: The following named persons and their spouses, if any if living, whose addresses and placeased, then their unknown heirs, devisees legates, executors, administrators, successors, creditors and places of residence camb

legalees, executors, administrators, successors, creditors and assigns, whose names and places of residence as-unknown Tract No. 555M! Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry Edith L. Frazier aka Edith Lorras Ethel Frazier Greta Graham Robert Flanery aka Robert Rudolph Flanery Totor Warren, as spouse of George W. Frazier Wittor Warren, as spouse of Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry Unknown spouse, if any, of Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry Unknown spouse if any, of Edith L. Frazier aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Martin aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Aka Edith Norris Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Edith L. Frazier Aka Edith Norris



Christmas English Bulldog, AKC registered, Up-to-date shots. Health guaranteed, good with other animals. I am giving her to a lovely, and caring person / family this Christmas because she will be a wonderful Christmas gift and companion for your Family. Ready to Email go. spencermicheal\_1970@yah

oo.com Scarlet McCall \$500. Call 886-

0622.

AKC registered Boxer pups. Asking \$350. Tails docked-dew claws removed - shots & wormer up to date. Call (606) 298-2529. Both male & female. Great **Christmas Gift!!** 

Furniture

Pc Antique Bedroom suite with waterfall design for sale. Also wooden secretary and accent chair. Call 886-8368.

#### ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY

Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots Call 606more! 874-9790.

### Yard Sale

Indoor Yard sale: Friday Dec 21st and Sat Dec 22nd from Established business with 240 ft 9pm to 3pm. During open house at 145 road frontage, Hibiscus Ct, Cliff adjoining lots avail-

9331. Street at Wayland. Third house above APARTMENT Castels store on Front on

Large Unicourt Apt ing room & sunroom for rent located at Stanville on US 23. 2br, 2 bath walk in closet. 1yr Lease. No pets. Please call 606-478-8100.

2br duplex for rent. For Sale: 35 acres Central heat and air. In excellent condiof land, one story house with 1.600 tion. 3 miles north of sq.ft of living space, prestonsburg. Call 886-9007 or 889partial basement located at Hi Hat, 9747

> 3br apt for rent. 2 baths, parking for Will rent to trucks. contractors. Mt Parkway 6 miles from Prestonsburg.

Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath w/d hookup 2 negotiable. Contact car garage \$575 per month plus utilities 785-5475 plus deposit. Call 606-522-4122 or 5:00p.m.weekdays) 606-477-2783

> furnished 1Br apartment located

miles from Prestonsburg. Call 358-9483 after 6:00 Vaulted living room pm or 794-9484.

> Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and dryer hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed!

Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent at \$375 \$300. water deposit included. Located near HRMC. 606-

louses for Rent

3BD,2 bath, Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. covered Large deck, big storage barn, acres of privacy. \$990 OBO Ava. October. per month 850-222-2222 message. Leave See DIX at www.YesFLA.com 10/7 1mo

**Mobile Homes** 

Rent to own1999 3 br 16x80 Mobile home. Married couples preferred. 6 from miles Prestonsburg. Call 886-2842.

Mobile Home for rent. 3 miles from Prestonsburg on Call David road. 8863902.

For Rent : Small 2 br mobile home located near the new Prestonsburg grade school. S 350. mth Plus utilities. Call 886-9931.

3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck.. Located at Adams 315 Cemetery Road. Call 791-8617 or 791-4471. \$450 per month.

LOTS FOR RENT New mobile park Allen Dwale lots, area, Floyd County. Restrictions apply. Paved Streets, lighted area, parking pads.All sizes call 606-377-2357

furnished Small for mobile home

D е Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with Director, the Division of Mine Permits. No. 2 Hollow, Hudson 127 U.S. South. Frankfort. KY 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; comments. all objections, or requests for a perconference mit must be received within 30 days of this date

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5505

Amendment In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Inc., 587 Coal. North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclaoperation, mation miles 9 located southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surdisturbance face and will underlie an 1400 additional acres, making a of total area 1597.17 acres within the amended permit boundary.

proposed The amendment area is 9 approximately southeast miles from KY 2030's junction with KY 122, and located 0.2 mile north of Spurlock Creek

ING A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TRUST INDENTURE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROTECTION AND DISPOSITION OR SUCH REVENUES AND TO FURTHER SECURE SUCH BONDS. AUTHORIZING A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, TAX REGULATORY AGREEMENT AND OFFICIAL STATEMENT. AND AUTHO-RIZING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

The Ordinance authorizes the issuance by the County of Floyd, Kentucky (the 'County") of County of Floyd, Kentucky. Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds. Series 2007A (Highlands Regional Hospital Project) in a principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000 (collectively, the "Bonds"), comprised of Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2007A (Highlands Regional Hospital Project) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 (the "Series 2007 A Bonds") and Taxable Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2007B (Highlands Regional Hospital Project) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the "Series 2007B Bonds") in order to provide funds to be loaned to Consolidated Health Systems, Inc. and/or its subsidiary. Highlands Hospital Corporation, both Kentucky nonprofit corporations (such entities being individually or jointly hereinafter referred to as the "Borrower") to finance and refinance the costs of acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping health care and related facilities to be owned by the Borrower within the jurisdiction of the County. The Bonds are being issued under Chapter 103 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and are to be retired, directly or indirectly, from the loan payments to be made by the Borrower pursuant to a Loan Agreement dated as December 1, 2007 (the "Agreement") between the County and the Borrower. THE BONDS SHALL NOT REPRESENT OR CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COUNTY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE CONSTI-TUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY. THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE SOLELY FROM THE REVENUES AND SECURITY INTERESTS PLEDGED FOR THEIR PAYMENT AS PROVIDED IN THE TRUST INDENTURE. AUTHORIZED BY THE ORDINANCE, AND NEITHER MONEYS RAISED BY TAX-ATION NOR ANY OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL REVENUES OF THE COUN-TY SHALL BE OBLIGATED OR PLEDGED FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM (IF ANY) OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS. Pursuant to a Bond Purchase Agreement among the County, the Borrower and First Kentucky Securities Corporation (the "Underwriter"), the Bonds will be purchased by the Underwriter. The maximum amount of the Bonds to be outstanding at any one time is \$35,000,000.

Interest on the Bonds will be determined as set forth in the Trust Indenture authorized by the Ordinance between the County and the trustee named therein (the 'Trustee"} pursuant to which the County has also assigned its right, title and interest in the Agreement to the Trustee for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds. The Ordinance also authorizes the execution on behalf of the County of various financing documents involved in the transaction, including the Agreement, the Bond Purchase Agreement, a Tax Regulatory Agreement and the Trust Indenture, each in substantially the forms submitted to the County. The Trust Indenture establishes various funds and accounts related to the Bonds and establishes the procedures for payment of the Bonds. The Tax Regulatory Agreement sets forth various agreements to insure that interest on the Bonds is not includable in federal gross income of the recipients. A copy of the Ordinance and the forms of the financing documents described above are on file with the Fiscal Court Clerk of the County.

By Chris Waugh

Fiscal Court Clerk

County of Floyd, Kentucky

PREPARATION CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Attorney at Law, licensed to practice in Kentucky, hereby certifies that the foregoing title summary of an Ordinance of the County of Floyd, Kentucky, was prepared by the undersigned and constitutes a general summary of essential provisions of said Ordinance, reference to the full text of which ordinance is hereby made for a complete statement of its provisions and terms.

> /s/ Dirk Mi. Bedarff Peck, Staffer & Williams LLP 118 W. Fifth Street Covington, Kentucky 41011

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Assigns, it any, of William I. Osborn Authnown spouse, if any, of Warfield Natural Gas Company, pursuant to that oil and gas lease found in Deed Book 102, at page 111 of the Book 102, at page 111 of the records of the Floyd County, Kentucky Court Clerk's Office In addition to those named above, there may be others who have or may claim an interest in the property taken, who are unknown to plaintiff, and such persons are made parties to the action under the designation "Unknown Owners".

OU ARE HEREBY NOTI-D that a Complete FIED The beam field in the Office of the beam field in the Office of the Office office of the Office offi sented. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance, desig-nating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceed-ings affecting the said prop-erty. receive notice of all proceed-ings affecting the said prop-erry. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at the trial of the issue of just compensa-tion whether or not you have answered or served a notice of appearance, you may pre-sent evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for the property in which you have any interest, and you may share in the dis-tion whether or not be paid for the property and you may share in the dis-tion whether or not be paid for the property and you may share in the dis-net designating the proper-sation of the taking, you may serve on the plaintiff's attorney a notice of appear-ance designating the proper-y in which you claim an inter-est. Thereafter, you will receive notice of all proceed-ing affecting said property. At the trial of the issue of just appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensa-tion. AMUL R. THAPAR

3, and recorded March 1913, in Deed Book 36 7, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 368, the coal, oil and gas for this land was reserved by Mary J. Frazier, Aka Mary Frazier, and W. S. Frazier, her husband, in a deed dated January 16, 1924, and recorded February 18, 1924, in Deed Book 65, Deng 413

No. 192, 1924, in Deed Book 65, Page 412. Mary J. Frazier, aka Mary Frazier died testate and according to her Last Will and Testament dated Geoember 1, 1932, and Acorded March 27, 1933, in Will Book B. Page 9, she devised her interest in the subject tract to her children: Minnie Frazier Smith, Calvin Frazier, Dr. W.D. Osborn, Prazier, Myrtle Flanery, Edith L. Frazier, and Alton O. Frazier, and Alton O. 260 W. Vine Street, Suite 300 Lexington, Kentucky 40507-1612 (859) 233-2661 Publication Dates: <u>12-12-07</u>

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land or easements therein for flood control projects; § 202 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1980 (94 Stat. 1331, P.L. 96-367), 2008.

A public hearing on the application which act authorized imple-mentation of flood control measures on the Levisa Fork and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River Basin and their ributaries; § 367 of the Act of Congress approved August 17, 1999 (113 Stat. 320, PL. 106-53), which act autho-rized all necessary measures in Martin, Kentucky to pre-vent future losses that would occur as a result of a flood equal in magnitude to a 100-year frequency event, the Act of Congress approved October 27, 2000 (114 Stat. 1441, PL. 106-377) which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accor-dance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Detailed Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan of the Huntington District Commander; and the Revised Continuing Resolution, 2007 approved February 14, 2007 (PL. 110-5), which act appropriated funds for such purposes. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking of your property, you are required to serve upon the plaintiff's attorney at the address herein designat-ed within twenty (20) days after the date of the personal service of this notice upon you, exclusive of the day of service, an answer identify-ing the nover an interest stat-ing the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stat-ing the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stat-ing all your objections and defenses to the taking of your property. A failure so to serve an answer shall consti-tute a waiver of all defenses and objections not so pre-sented has been scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 28, 2008. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections. or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

#### NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Permit No. 860-5300

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC. P.O. Box 990. Kentucky Allen. 41601, has applied for Phase 2 bond release on permit number 860-5300. which was last issued on 11/28/06. The application covers an area of approxi-20.14 mately acres, located 2.2 miles south of Lackey, in Knott Floyd and Counties. The permit area is approximately 0.6 mile southeast from KY Route 550's junction with Triplett Branch Road, and located on Triplett Branch of Jones Fork. The latitude is 37º26'37". The longitude is 82°50'05" The bond now in effect for this permit is a Surety amount

Bond in the of \$40,300.00. Approximately \$23,475.00 of the bond amount is included in the with the provisions application for release. Written comments. objections, and requests for a public hearing or inforconference mal must be filed with Director. the Division of Field Services, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 28, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department Natural for Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is by received 28. January 2008This is the final advertisement of this application; comments, all objections, or requests for a perconference mit must be received within 30 days of this date. **PUBLIC SALE** Date and Time of December Sale: 28, 2007, at 11:00. Type of Collateral: 2006 20 ft. Ranger Boat Commanche Tourment Edition 200 Mercury Engine Date: Contract 09/13/06 must be filed with First Location: Commonwealth Bank 311 North Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Any questions, call Mike Haney

606/424/6453 or 606/886-2321, ext. 1269 **PUBLIC SALE** Date and Time of Sale: December 28, 2007, at 11:00. Type of Collateral: 2001 Chevy Tahoe S/N 5581 Contract Date: 09/13/06 Location: First Commonwealth Bank 311 North Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Any questions, call Mike Haney 606/424/6453 or 606/886/2321, ext.

1269 PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to 405 8:010, KAR Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits. with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County: Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-0303 11/08/2007 Lightsource Mining Company 836-0316 11/21/2007 McCov Elkhorn Coal Corporation 836-5396 11/26/2007 Frasure Creek

Mining LLC 836-5423 11/20/2007 Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-5437 11/06/2007 FCDC Coal Inc. 836-8064 11/21/2007

NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE **Permit Number** 

836-5396 Amendment Number 4

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120 Section 3, McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1148 Long Fork Road, Kimper, Kentucky 41539-9703, telephone (606) 835-2233, proposes the

following blasting

The blasting area

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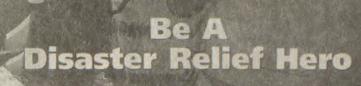
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stock and people. One (1) minute prior to detonation, two (2) additional long soundings from a siren will be given. Immediately prior to detonation. one (1) additional long blast will be sounded. No unauthorized personnel will be allowed in the blast area until it is thoroughly checked. The access control will remain in affect until such a time as no unusual circumstances such as unexploded charges on imminent slides exist, and travel can safely resume. If safe, an all clear signal of a series of short siren blasts will be sounded. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than scheduled include, but are not limited to, rain, lightening, or other atmospheric conditions which involve personnel, operational or public safety. If conditions occur that require blasting at times other than the normally scheduled blasting hours, the audible signals described above will be used to warn the public

of the blasting



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of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. 2864. Box Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for a Phase 1 bond relese on Increment No. 1. on permit No. 836-5416, which was last issued on 9/12/07. The application covers an area of 1,037.41 acres, located 0.9

AMUL R. THAPAR UNITED STATES ATTOR-

NOTICE OF

BOND

Pursuant to

Application

Number 836-

Increment No.

In accordance

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RELEASE

mile west of Woods, in Floyd

County. The permit area is approximately 0.25 mile east from KY 194's sjunction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to

Cow Creek. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Letter of Credit for \$23,200.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$23,200.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding and mulching. The revegetation achieved is in accordance with the approved plan as outlined in the permit application.

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the Director of the

Division of Field

Services, No. 2

Hudson Hollow.

U.S. 127 South,

Kentucky 40601,

by

January 28,

or

objections,

approximately 9.88 surface acres, located approximately 0.95 mile due north of the community of Broad Bottom in Pike County. The proposed operation is located approximately 1.33 mile northeast of Harmonds Branch confluence with Levisa Fork, and located approximately 0.74 mile northwest of Kinnikinick Branch Road's junction with Ky. Route 80, at a Latitude of 37º32'53" and a Longitude of 82°35'33' Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur from sunrise to sunset, Sunday through Saturday. The blasting schedule is for the period from sunrise to sunset. Entry to the blasting area will be controlled by signs, and before each blast is detonated, audible warnings from a siren will be given. Ten (10) minutes prior to detonation, access to the blast area will be controlled by company personnel. Five (5) minutes prior to detonation, three (3) long soundings of a siren will be given. From the time of the five (5) minute signal, warning signal, to the one (1) minute signal, shooting signal, the proposed blast area will be checked for equipment, live-

### Study hints timing of blood pressure pills might help high-risk patients

### by LAURAN NEERGAARD AP MEDICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON - Taking a blood pressure pill at bedtime instead of in the morning might be healthier for some high-risk people.

New research suggests that simple switch may normalize. patterns of blood pressure in patients at extra risk from the twin epidemics of heart and kidney disease.

Why? When it comes to blood pressure, you want to be a dipper. In healthy people, blood pressure dips at night, by 10 to 20 percent. Scientists don't know why, but suspect the drop gives arteries a little rest.

People with high blood pressure that doesn't dip at night — the non-dippers fare worse than other hypertension sufferers, developing more serious heart disease. Moreover, heart and kidney disease fuel each other - and the 26 million Americans with chronic kidney disease seem most prone to non-dipping. In addition to heart problems, they're at extra risk of their kidney damage worsening to the point of dialysis.

Most blood pressure patients need two or three medications. So Italian researchers performed an easy test: They told 32 non-dippers with kidney disease to switch one of those drugs from a morning to a bedtime dose. In two months, nearly 90 percent of these high-risk patients had turned into dippers. Their nighttime blood pressure dropped an average of 7 points, without side effects or increase in daytime blood pressure.

Better, a key sign of kidney function improved significantly, too, Dr. Roberto Minutolo of the Second University of Naples reports this month in the American Journal of Kidney Diseases.

It's the latest research in the field of chronotherapy: How our bodies' internal rhythms make certain diseases worse at certain times of the day, and in turn affect how to time treatments.

While the Italian study is too small for proof, similar studies from Europe also back a bedtime switch for non-dippers. The work is catching the attention of U.S. hypertension specialists, and now doctors at Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University are planning a larger study to see if a bedtime switch really could give certain people healthier hearts and kidneys.

How big a problem is nondipping?

"I think it's huge," says Hopkins' Dr. Lawrence Appel. "This is our best lead" into why black Americans with kidney disease, in particular, tend to worsen despite treatment.

Appel found 80 percent of black kidney patients in a recent study were non-dippers. Most startling, 40 percent had nighttime blood pressure that was even higher than daytime levels.

Two-thirds of chronic kidney disease patients, and at least 10 percent of the general population, are estimated to be non-dippers, says Dr. Joseph Vassalotti of the National Kidney Foundation. One theory is that their bodies have trouble excreting salt.

Yet few patients have ever heard of the problem - and few doctors know who is affected. Most people get their blood pressure checked only during the day. A 24-hour blood pressure monitor can tell but is rarely used, partly because insurance seldom download and diagnose the readings.

And most patients who take several once-a-day pills swallow them all in the morning, meaning they all start wearing off around the same time, says Dr. Gina Lundberg of St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

"It does make good sense to take some in the morning and some in the evening," says Lundberg, a spokeswoman for American the Heart Association.

Everyone has an internal clock, determined by genes, ter time certain cancer

pays for the extra visit to that affects health. Many of these biological rhythms are circadian, meaning they fluctuate on a 24-hour cycle.

> Consider how that can affect the timing of treatments. Some older "statin" pills fight cholesterol best if taken at bedtime; they target a liver enzyme that's most active at night. Asthma attacks are more frequent at night, and the stomach secretes more heartburn-causing acid at night, affecting some patients' dosing requirements. Researchers even are studying how to bet-

treatments. The best-known example:

Blood pressure jumps in the early morning hours, as the awakening body produces ' more stress hormones. That's also why heart attacks and strokes are most common in the morning.

The nighttime dipping problem has gotten far less attention. The new Italian study marks an important advance, says Dr. Mahboob Rahman of the University Hospitals of Cleveland.

chemotherapies and allergy can change medication timing and lower blood pressure at night," he explains.

That doesn't mean everyone should switch willy-nilly to bedtime dosing. Morning may be best for people on just one drug, and no one yet knows if the switch truly give non-dippers better overall health. "That's the milliondollar question," Rahman cautions.

Still, Lundberg says it's worth asking your doctor how to time doses, saying one at night for someone taking mul-"We know now that you tiple medicines couldn't hurt.

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like to see me jump out of an airplane without a parachute," he joked.

PITTSBURGH Richard Desrosiers never made it to Heinz Field to watch his beloved Steelers play football, but his widow helped him ful-

fill his dream in death.

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er should turn the money over to him — or at least share it.

Bob Kitts said his feud with the owner of the house, a former high school classmate, has deteriorated to the point where they speak to each other only through lawyers.

Kitts said his lawyer has drafted a lawsuit that he hopes Thanks to some help from will force Amanda Reece to turn over the money she has kept. Meanwhile, Reece accuses Kitts of shaking her down. Most of the currency, issued in 1927 and 1929, is in good condition, and some of the bills are so rare that one currency appraiser valued the treasure at as much as \$500,000, Kitts said.

sympathetic donors, Kathleen Desrosiers attended Sunday's game, bringing an urn with some of her late husband's ashes, as well as his ring and two pictures of him. He had died in March of a brain tumor.

"I couldn't take the tumor away. I couldn't take the pain away. I couldn't make him better. But I can do this," Kathleen Desrosiers, 60, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Though he lived in Exeter, N.H., Richard Desrosiers adopted the Steelers at an early age and followed them closely. He named his dog Steeler and his wardrobe, by his widow's estimate, was 95 percent Steelers gear.

Braving the biting cold and the Steelers' disappointing 29-22 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars, Desrosiers waved her new Terrible Towel, showed off her painted face and warmed her head with a Steelers hat.

She called it "an overwhelming experience."

"It's sad to think that he got here in death," she added. "But this is where he wanted to be. It was what he asked me to do. I got to be with him one last time while he did something he wanted more than anything else in the whole wide world." Amy Litterini, a western Pennsylvania native who now lives in New Hampshire, was the couple's counselor during Desrosiers' yearlong battle with cancer. She arranged for the purchase of the two tickets to Sunday's game and raised money for Kathleen Desrosiers and one of her sons to spend a night in a Pittsburgh hotel.

Desrosiers was covered with a Steelers blanket when he died, and at his funeral, his two stepsons honored his memory by donning Steelers jerseys.

CLEVELAND — A contractor who helped discover bundles of cash totaling \$182,000 hidden behind bathroom walls says the homeown-

The fight began in May 2006 when Kitts was gutting Reece's bathroom and found a box below the medicine cabinet that contained \$25,200.

"I almost passed out," Kitts recalled. "It was the ultimate contractor fantasy.'

He called Reece, who rushed home. Together they found another steel box tied to the end of a wire nailed to a stud. Inside was more than \$100,000, Kitts said. Two more boxes were filled with a mix of money and religious memorabilia.

"It was insane," Kitts said. "She was in shock - she was a wreck."

The bundles had "P. Dunne" written on them, probably a reference to Peter Dunne, a businessman who owned the home during the Depression.

Kitts said he took some of the currency for an appraisal and learned that many of the \$10 bills were rare 1929-series Cleveland Federal Reserve bank notes, worth about \$85 each. There also were \$500 bills and one \$1,000 bill.

John Chambers, an attorney for Reece, said Kitts rejected his client's offer of a 10 percent finder's fee and demanded 40 percent of the small fortune.

Kitts asserts he found lost money, and court rulings in Ohio establish that a "finders keepers" law applies if there's no reason to believe any owner will reappear to claim it.

Kitts said it would be unfair for him to take everything.

"For such a happy, exciting adventure, I can't believe it just went to heck like this," he said

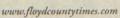


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### 'Brandon Webb Highway named in Ashland in honor of Cy Young winner

#### TIMES STAFF REPORT

ASHLAND - Community leaders in Ashland today unveiled signs marking the Brandon Webb Highway" in honor of Webb - the Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher who is the first Kentuckian to win a Cy Young Award.

"I am honored by this outpouring of support from not only my friends, family and fans, but from my state as well," said Webb, as he gathered with former coaches, legislators and others gathered in his hometown for the ceremony.

Webb, who just finished his

fifth Diamondbacks season with an 18-10 record and 3.01 earned run average in 2007, was the runner up for the National League Cy Young Award after winning the prestigious honor last year.

Governor Steve Beshear praised Webb's contributions and record setting achievements.

"Mr. Webb has brought perrecognition to manent Kentucky through his talent and hard work," said Governor Steve Beshear. "We want to recognize him his contributions by naming this highway in his honor.

The 2007 Assembly declared that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet designate a section of US 60 in Ashland - from the city limits to Beech Street - as the Brandon Webb Highway.

"It's a fitting recognition for a man who has made his hometown proud," said Representative John Vincent of Ashland, who sponsored the naming opportunity.

"Mr. Webb exemplifies what the young men and women, of our Commonwealth can achieve," continued Vincent. "He is an outstanding role model for young Kentuckians.

General He has represented Ashland and the Commonwealth with honor and dignity."

Sen. Walter Blevins of West Liberty and Rep. Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook, House Majority Floor Leader, who also represent Boyd County, said the legislature is always excited to honor such hometown heroes.

"It's a permanent marker of the achievement of a person who has given so much of himself, not only to baseball but also to his community," Senator Blevins said.

Transportation Cabinet Secretary Joe Prather also called the new highway name a fitting

tribute.

"Road signs and highway markers are maintained in perpetuity, which means the spotlight Mr. Webb has brought to his hometown will be remembered for generations to come," Prather said. "It's a pleasure to help do that for such a deserving citizen."

Highway signs denoting the Brandon Webb Highway are now installed on US 60 (13th Street) near Raybourne Road at the city limits and at Beech Street.

Webb was a 1997 graduate of Ashland's Paul G. Blazer High School, where he enjoyed

great success on the baseball diamond. He subsequently played for the University of Kentucky before joining the majors.

Webb has made 163 career starts with 880 strikeouts and has a career record of 65-55. Last season, he set an Arizona club record with 42 consecutive scoreless innings.

Webb attends numerous charity events throughout the year, and hosts a baseball camp for children in Ashland during the holidays.

Webb resides in Arizona with his wife, Alicia, and daughter Reagan.

### Lady Bears go 2-2 TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - One Lady Bear carded a double-double and another was in the triple-double neighborhood as Pikeville College knocked off St. Vincent College 80-77 Saturday afternoon.

Freshman Lakia Bailey had 11 points and 10 rebounds, with six of them coming off the offensive glass. But it was junior Whitney Hogg who really stood out. The Whitesburg native came off the bench to lead Pikeville with 21 points while pulling down nine rebounds and handing out seven assists in the win.

The win sends the Lady Bears to the Christmas Break at 3-11, going 2-2 in a busy week to close out the semester.

Trailing 44-42 early in the second half, the Lady Bears responded with a 17-3 run to regain control. Hogg had four, including a three she banked in from left of the key, and junior Kristal Daniels scored the last seven to put the Lady Bears on top 50-47 with 13:25 left.

But the game wasn't over. St. Vincent scored 10 of the next 11 to get back in the game. Back-to-back threes by Maura Wahl and Janelle Reed ended it, cutting the Lady Bear edge to 60-57 with 10:07 left.

Pikeville pulled back in front 68-61 before a 6-0 run by St. Vincent pulled them back within

### **EAST KENTUCKY BASKETBALL**



photos courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners Mike Crain scored a game-high 31 points for the Miners in Sunday's win over American Conference foe Minot.

Crain anchors Miners in 101-98 win over Minot

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Mike Crain hit 12-of-17 shots from the field and 3-of-5 from beyond the arc Sunday night to lead host East Kentucky to a hard-fought 101-98 win over American Conference rival Minot. The Miners took the quarter points 5-2 in the conference game. Crain scored a game-high 31 points.

"Minot is a very good basketball team and it says a lot about our young team to be able to post the win," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "Mike Crain stepped up and had a tremendous game for our team. Mike is capable of having that type of game on any given night. I couldn't be any happier with



### Eagles defeat Mid-Continent TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College Eagles ended the first half of the season on a high note with an 81-69 win over Mid-Continent University Cougars Saturday afternoon. Clay County High School graduate Rodney Mitchell got the Eagles off to a good start scoring 7 of the team's first 10 points. The Eagles led 40-31 at halftime.

Mitchell led the Eagles with 20 points and 11 rebounds. He was followed by point guard Will Dillard, who scored 17 points, dished out six assists and pulled down rebounds. Eric Mullins was also in double figures for Alice Lloyd with 12 points. Mullins also pulled down rebounds. Daniel Day (9 pts., 6 rebs.), Corey Hairston (9 pts., 4 rebs.), Betsy Layne High School graduate Preston Simon (6 pts., 2 rebs.) and Corey Dixon (6 pts., 1 reb.) also had solid games for the Eagles.

Pikeville College women fall to Warner Southern TIMES STAFF REPORT

LAKE WALES, Fla. - Too

one with 6:29 remaining.

The game was tied two times in the next couple of minutes, and the teams traded baskets down the stretch with a jumper by Gabbie Cassis putting the Lady Bearcats in front 77-76 with 2:39 on the clock.

From there, the Lady Bears scored the final four points, with Hogg sinking a pair of free throws and then nailing a short jumper from the left baseline, putting Pikeville in front 80-77 with 1:38 remaining.

The Lady Bears had an opportuhity to clinch the win with 17.4 seconds left but missed two free throws, leaving the door open for the Lady Bearcats to tie the game. But a three in the waining seconds missed and the horn sounded as St. Vincent scrambled for the rebound to end the game.

Hogg and Bailey were joined in double figures by juniors Kristal Daniels and Alice Daniel. Daniels had 14 on 6-of-7 shooting to go with five rebounds, while Daniel tossed in 14 thanks to hitting 4-of-7 from the arc.

St. Vincent (3-7), an NCAA Div. III school from Pennsylvania, had three players in double figures, led by Reed's 21

his performance. All of our guys came together and played as a team.

Ed Horton, playing out of a reserve role, added 18 points for the Miners.

Josh Pace turned in a double-double effort of 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Miners. Pace also had six assists and two steals for the victorious home team.

James "Boo" Jackson, a player who was celebrating his 26th birthday, finished with 13 points and seven rebounds for the winning unit.

East Kentucky (7-8) outrebounded Minot 42-35.

The Skyrockets (7-4) led early on, exiting the first quarter ahead 30-23. East Kentucky played its best basketball in the sec- East Kentucky-Albany game ond and fourth quarters. The Miners outscored Minot 32-22 in the second quarter en route to a 55-52 halftime advantage.

Six different Minot players reached double figures in the scoring column. Sidney Holmes led the Skyrockets with 21 points. Ronnie Fields followed with 20 points for the Minot team. Kevin Association (CBA) American Conference game pitting Rice scored 18 points and John Strickland added 16 for the host East Kentucky Miners versus the Albany Skyrockets. Marshall Phillips scored 11 points and Kellen Patroons postponed from Monday, Dec. 17 has been Miliner added 10 for Minot in the setback.

rebounds apiece.

Minot, after trailing at halftime, went back out in front in the second half and carried a slim 79-77 lead out of the third quarter. related delays evident in the Northeast.

East Kentucky held Minot to under 20 points in the final quarter, outscoring the Skyrockets 24-19.

With the game knotted at 98-98, Ed Horton hit a shot to put for Wednesday's game is also slated for 7:05 p.m. the Miners at the century mark and ahead 100-98 with 24.9 seconds remaining.

Skyrocket, missed a shot to tie the game with 8.7 seconds left.

East Kentucky guard Bryant Northern hit 1-of-2 free throws standings. to secure the win for the Miners.

## rescheduled for Thursday

PIKEVILLE - The Continental Basketball rescheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20. Tip-off for the Holmes and Strickland led Minot on the boards with eight makeup game is still set for 7:05 p.m. Tickets from Monday night's game will be honored Thursday.

The game was originally canceled due to weather-

The Miners will host the Patroons in the first of two consecutive home games Wednesday, Dec. 19. Tip-off

East Kentucky is 7-8 following Sunday's 101-98 win over Minot. Albany will bring a 6-3 record into East Former Farragut Academy great Ronnie Fields, now a Minot Kentucky. The Patroons and Miners ranked second and third, respectively, in the CBA American Conference

### Wildcats reeling after blowing 14-point lead to UAB

#### by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - For once, the shots fell. For once, having a short bench didn't hurt Kentucky.

Still, in the end, it didn't matter. UAB had too much resiliency and too much Robert Vaden for the reeling Wildcats.

Vaden scored 33 points - 28 in the second half — as the Blazers rallied by Kentucky 79-76 on Saturday. The loss was Kentucky's third straight. Unlike the previous two games, however, the Wildcats were competitive. All that did was make it more baffling for coach Billy Gillispie.

"I thought for the most part we played our best game of the season," Gillispie said.

Maybe, but the Blazers (8-4) had their way with Kentucky (4-4) down the stretch. UAB used a 16-0 run to erase a 14-point deficit and Vaden hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:18 left

as the Blazers ruined Kentucky's annual cameo at Freedom Hall.

"At halftime when we were down 12, I talked to our guys about being relentless," said UAB coach Mike Davis. "We felt like they'd come out and give it their best shot and they did. I was proud of my guys in the second half for sticking with it."

Vaden stuck nearly everything in the second half. He hit 6-of-7 3-pointers, most of them coming with hands in his face.

"I was just out there playing, but it felt pretty good to be hitting shots," Vaden said. "A lot of those points came in the second half when we needed them.'

Ramel Bradley had 23 points, Patrick Patterson had 18 points and seven rebounds and Joe Crawford added 16 points off the bench for Kentucky. The Wildcats made a season-high 12 3-pointers, but let UAB shoot 70 percent from the field in the

second half.

"We can't give up easy baskets," Gillispie said. "We did okay once the game got close again and we were fighting for the baskets. That was encouraging. We just can't be lackadaisical as we were defensively today to have a chance to win.'

The Wildcats need to win at Houston on Tuesday to avoid falling below .500 this late in the season for the first time since 2000-01, when they began the season 3-5.

That team went on to make it to the Sweet 16. Gillispie would simply like this one to learn how to play 40 good minutes. Kentucky played 30 outstanding minutes against the Blazers, taking a 64-50 lead on a 3-pointer by Crawford with just over 10 minutes left.

Vaden then went to work, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers during the 16-0 run as UAB reclaimed the lead. Though Kentucky tied the game sev-

eral times in the final minutes, Vaden had an answer.

"They started making shot after shot and we were not creating any stops," Bradley said. "In the first half our shots were falling and we were really able to push the ball, which allowed us to move at a faster pace. Then they started hitting more shots later on in the game and that slowed up our intensity.

While Gillispie praised guard Michael Porter's defense, at times there was little Porter could do to subdue the bigger Vaden.

"I thought he did a good job making his guy earn all those baskets, but that's what he's capable of doing," Gillispie said.

"We can't allow ourselves to get our heads down or stop believing," Crawford said. "There were times in the game that we came together and played with confidence but we need to do that for the entire game."

many turnovers and not enough shooting to overcome them cost the Lady Bears of Pikeville College in a 76-72 loss to Warner Southern College in the opening round of the Warner Southern Classic Friday afternoon.

Pikeville (2-11) turned the ball over 29 times and shot only 36.6 percent for the night. Those numbers overcame a 55-42 win on the glass.

The Lady Bears led 13-9 after senior Beth Patterson hit a jumper with 15:20 left before Warner Southern went on an 11-2 run to take a 20-15 lead. A three by junior Kaley Dewey made it 27-19 with 9:14 left, but from there, Pikeville exploded for a 16-3 run to end the half.

Junior Alice Daniel, a Johnson Central High School graduate, sank four consecutive three-pointers, the first three from the left wing before moving to the right for the last, capping a 6-of-10 first half from the arc.

Pikeville took a 35-30 lead to recess.

But that edge evaporated in the first four minutes of the second half, as the Lady Eagles scored nine of the first 12, and when junior Nakita Prince hit a three from the top of the key with 16:07 left, WSC led 39-38.

Pikeville answered, however, going on a 12-3 run over the next three minutes. Freshman Whitney Compton sank a three and a short jumper to end the stretch, giving the Lady Bears a 50-42 lead with 13:46 left.

A 7-2 stretch got the Lady Eagles back in it and set the stage for the difference-making point, a 13-0 run that lasted two minutes and including three threepoint bombs. Junior Kendall Heath, freshman Lauren Brewer and junior Tamara Layton sank them with Prince accounting for both two-point buckets, putting the Lady Eagles back on top 68-56 with 6:44 left.

Pikeville had a 12-2 run late, getting seven points from freshman Lakia Bailey, and her free throw with 34.8 seconds left pulled the Lady Bears within two at 74-72.

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)

### Vaden's 33 leads UAB past struggling Kentucky

### by WILL GRAVES **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOUISVILLE - Robert Vaden let it go, turned as the ball made its way , through the net and began pounding his chest.

Another big shot for the UAB guard, another tough loss for reeling Kentucky.

Vaden scored a career-high 33 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:15 to play, to lead the Blazers to a 79-76 victory over the Wildcats on Saturday, ruining Kentucky's annual trip to Freedom Hall.

'That's the Robert Vaden I know," said UAB coach Mike Davis, who coached Vaden at Indiana before Vaden transferred to join Davis with the Blazers.

Vaden scored 28 points in the second half alone, helping the Blazers (8-(4) overcome a 14-point deficit to hand Kentucky (4-4) its third straight loss.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Vaden said. "Some of the shots I was taking, I couldn't really tell if it was going in, but I was going to be aggressive.

Just about everything went in for Vaden and the Blazers in the second half. UAB shot 70 percent from the field after the break, with Vaden leading the way. He hit 6-of-7 3-pointers in the final 20 minutes, many of them with two or three hands in his face.

"I was just throwing some stuff up, and it was going in," Vaden said. "It means a lot to beat a team like Kentucky, even though people say that Kentucky isn't the normal Kentucky. We are looking to make a statement to put UAB on the map.'

Walter Sharpe had 16 points and Reggie Huffman added 10 points and 12 rebounds as the Blazers finally slowed down the Wildcats.

That was amazing, he was unbelievable," said Sharpe of Vaden. "He was fun to watch."

Joe Crawford hit a 3-pointer with just under 11 minutes to go to put the Wildcats up 64-50. But the Blazers surged ahead on a 16-0 run fueled by Vaden as the Wildcats finally cooled off. UAB held Kentucky scoreless for more than five minutes, eventually taking a 66-64 lead with 5:22 remaining.

Though the Wildcats managed to tie the game four times in the final minutes, the hot shooting that carried them to the lead abandoned them in the end. Kentucky made a season-high 12 3pointers, but missed its last six attempts beyond the arc.

"I didn't think they could shoot in the second half the way they did in the first half," Sharpe said.

Ramel Bradley led Kentucky with 23 points and six rebounds and Patrick Patterson added 18 points and seven rebounds, but Kentucky couldn't overcome 18 turnovers and the scintillating play of Vaden.

"I think we need to work on getting tougher, getting that killer instinct,' Bradley said. "We have to focus on getting stops. We didn't get them and they got the momentum and we couldn't stop them."

Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie said the problem wasn't Vaden, but the inability to stop anyone else.

"We gave them too many easy baskets in the second half, we couldn't get any stops," he said. "When you score 78, 76 points at home - and I consider this a home game - and you lose, it's not very good."

Still, Kentucky had its chances. Joe Crawford hit a difficult reverse layup to pull the Wildcats to 77-76 with 37 seconds left. Aaron Johnson hit two free throws for UAB, but Crawford's awkward 3-point attempt clanged off the rim with 5 seconds left and the Blazers were able to run out the clock.

"We didn't push it down like we needed to," Gillispie said. "I was hollering it for Joe to call a timeout but he didn't hear me. That's not exactly the shot you want."

The rally seemed unlikely for the game's first 30 minutes. The Wildcats, who had struggled all season shooting from the perimeter, couldn't miss early.

Bradley hit a pair of 3-pointers during a 9-0 that gave the Wildcats an early 17-9 edge, and they got hot again late in the half. Porter finished the half with a running 3-pointer at the buzzer,

the crowd roaring its approval as Porter leapt in the air before sprinting to the locker room.

After a difficult stretch in losses to North Carolina and Indiana, the Wildcats seemed to finally develop the rhythm they've been lacking. But Vaden simply wouldn't let the Wildcats run away. He hit back-to-back 3-pointers during the 16-0 run that gave the Blazers their first lead since the opening minutes.

"We made the stops down the stretch we needed to make," Davis said. "The last 10 minutes was like the four games we've lost. But today we had guys step up and make plays. When adversity came up, we've got to start believing we can win and I think our guys did that in the second half."

Follow the University of Kentucky Wildcats throughout the 2007-08 season in the pages of The Floyd County Times.

photos courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY PRODUCT JOSH PACE (above, right) lofted a shot during East Kentucky's 101-98 win over Minot Sunday evening. East Kentucky's Jason McLeish (EKU) is pictured at the free throw line.

### Michigan hires Rodriguez away from West Virginia

### by LARRY LAGE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -Michigan's coaching search may have lasted longer than it wanted and the school might not have landed its top choice, yet college football's winningest program is thrilled to tional meeting Sunday in

leads gram, now Wolverines.

Rodriguez said he was excited to be back with Beilein, whom he described as a good friend and a former neighbor.

He said goodbye to the Mountaineers during an emo-

the Saturday, saying they talked about general issues within the program.

Pastilong had said he was unaware Rodriguez went to Toledo and declined to disclose whether he had given Michigan permission to talk to the coach.

Manchin blamed the involvement of what he termed "highpriced agents" in college sports.

### Purdue 67, No. 22 Louisville 59

Purdue denies Pitino win No. 500

> by CLIFF BRUNT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS Purdue's freshmen grew up just in time to deny Rick Pitino his 500th college coaching win.

Robbie Hummel, one of the Boilermakers' four freshman starters, scored 15 points, and the Boilermakers beat No. 22 Louisville 67-59 on Saturday in the Wooden Tradition.

Purdue had lost at Clemson and Missouri, but this time handled a late challenge at Conseco Fieldhouse to get their first victory over a bigname opponent.

"I wouldn't say it's a statement win," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "Making a statement is beating Clemson, Missouri and Louisville. That's a statement. This was a good win versus a very good team, but let's not get carried away."

Purdue, which squandered a 10-point second-half lead in its previous game at Missouri, nearly blew a 13-point secondhalf lead against the Cardinals, but held on.

"If we lost (against Missouri) and didn't learn any-West Virginia Gov. Joe thing, then the game was a waste, but I think today showed that we really did learn something," Hummel said.

minutes. It was Pitino's second shot at win No. 500. The Cardinals lost at home to Dayton a week earlier. He was in no mood to discuss the subject after the game

"Why talk about insignificant things?" he said.

Pitino was more concerned with trying to make the best of his depleted lineup. Center David Padgett and forward Juan Palacios are out with knee injuries and forward Derrick Caracter is serving a suspen-

"It was like the first week of practice, with limited talent," he said. "It was very frustrating to them, very frustrating for the coaches, but there's not much you can do other than go out there and work hard, which they did."

The missing players forced Louisville to focus on its outside game. The Cardinals made just 7 of 30 3-pointers against the Boilermakers.

"When you don't have a low-post game, all you want is open shots," Pitino said. "You had nothing but wide-open shots. Sometimes, when you work that hard on defense, you don't have the legs to take the shot.

Chris Kramer had 14 points, four assists and four steals, and Keaton Grant added 12 points for the Boilermakers (6-2).

Terrence Williams had 17

points and nine rebounds for

Louisville (5-3) before fouling

out with 1:24 left. Earl Clark,

the Cardinals' leading scorer

with 14 points per game, fin-

ished with two, though he also

had 13 rebounds.

Purdue led 36-25 early in the second half before Will Scott got the Cardinals going. He made a 3-pointer, then a baseline jumper to cut Purdue's lead to 36-30.

Purdue answered with 3pointers by Grant and Kramer, and a putback by Marcus Green, to make it a 44-31 lead

help from its pressure defense. A breakaway dunk by Jerry Smith cut Purdue's lead to 48-46, but Kramer dunked on the other end to make it 50-46 before the Cardinals went cold from 3-point range and got no closer.

first half before Louisville rallied. The Cardinals' Terrance Farley made the first of two free throws to cut the Boilermakers' lead to four with 40 seconds left in the

Calasan found Hummel cutting for a layup to make it 31-

Purdue's Grant made a1.3 pointer at the buzzer to make it 34-25 at halftime. He made 3 of 4 3-pointers in the first half.

"I think the shots were very important," Grant said. "I just fed off the crowd, and my teammates were looking win me. Pitino's next shot at No. 500 will come Tuesday at home against Marshall. "We lost," he said. "I'm proud of our guys, we move on. It's not tough when guys give great effort."

with 14:22 left. Louisville rallied again with

Purdue led 26-19 in the

first half. Moments later, Nemanja

have West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez.

And the feeling is mutual. Rodriguez, who flirted with the Alabama job a year ago, said it took a job of Michigan's stature for him to leave his home state and alma mater.

"It was a very difficult decision to leave a place where I grew up," Rodriguez said during his introductory news conference Monday morning. "It was going to take a very special opportunity and a very special place and I think that's what this is."

The 44-year-old Rodriguez represents the first head coach to come outside the "Michigan family" as athletic director Bill Martin put it, since Bo Schembechler in 1969.

"Do you have to be a Michigan man to be a Michigan coach? Gosh, I hope not. They hired me," he said.

Before hiring Rodriguez, the Wolverines apparently went 0-for-2 in their first coaching search since hiring Schembechler away from Miami of Ohio, with LSU's Les Miles and Rutgers' Greg Schiano turning down reported opportunities to replace the Lloyd Carr. retiring Rodriguez, though, seems to be much more than a consolation prize.

He built West Virginia into a Big East power, winning the conference championship this year for the fourth time in five seasons and going 60-26 overall.

Rodriguez said he's aware of the heightened expectations in Ann Arbor.

"I don't want our team to expect to win," he said. "I want our team to deserve to win."

Rodriguez's hiring marks the second time in eight months that Michigan has lured a coach out of Morgantown. John Beilein, who successfully built up the Mountaineers' basketball proMorgantown.

"You've got to do what you've got to do sometimes," West Virginia fullback Owen Schmitt said. "He did all he could for us. As far as I know he did a lot of great things for this university.'

Rodriguez said he doesn't expect to coach West Virginia when it plays Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl. He said it typically is the university's job to make the decision on who would coach in the bowl game

"My focus is going to be on the University of Michigan, and I don't think it best serves West Virginia if I'm thinking about the Big House," he said.

Don Nehlen, a former West Virginia coach and Michigan assistant, on Sunday said he expected Rodriguez to skip the Fiesta Bowl to focus on his new job.

"He's got a lot of work right away at Michigan, where he has to assemble a staff and catch up on recruiting," Nehlen told The Associated Press

Carr has said he will coach Michigan in its Jan. 1 matchup with Florida in the Capital One Bowl.

Rodriguez said he doesn't want to be a distraction to Carr and the current team as it prepares, but he does acknowledge the desire to get started right away.

As Nehlen predicted, some in West Virginia are not happy with the means by which Michigan got Rodriguez or the end result.

"I would hope and pray ... they'll look at what we've done over the last seven years there. ... That we've left it in a pretty good situation," Rodriguez said.

Martin and university president Mary Sue Coleman talked with Rodriguez, his wife and agent Friday in Toledo, Ohio. West Virginia athletic director Ed Pastilong met with Rodriguez on

"I have known Rich for most of his life, from a boy whose only wish was to play football at WVU to a young man whose only wish was to coach at WVU," Manchin said in a statement. "Something is wrong with the profession of college coaching today when a leader's word is no longer his bond."

Alabama's interest in Rodriguez last year wore on the Mountaineers for several days before he agreed to a one-year contract extension through 2013. The deal included a \$4 million buyout clause if he leaves before next September.

Like Beilein, Rodriguez will make enough money at Michigan to cut West Virginia a big check.

"The lawyers are working on it. ... They're a lot smarter than me," Rodriguez said when asked about the buyout.

"The money thing was not an issue in this decision," he said.

Mike Brown, Rodriguez's agent, said his client and Michigan have agreed to the framework of a deal, but it had not been finalized.

Brown declined to comment on the buyout with West Virginia.

Martin said he was prepared to pay as much as \$3 million for a coach, roughly doubling what Carr made annually.

Michigan is paying Beilein \$1.3 million a season, plus bonuses, as part of a six-year contract.

When Michigan lured Beilein away from West Virginia last April, his contract had a \$2.5 million buyout clause. Under an agreement with West Virginia, Beilein agreed to pay \$1.5 the WVU million to Foundation.

The other freshmen contributed, too. Scott Martin scored 11 points, JaJuan Johnson had five rebounds and two assists and guard E'Twaun Moore had one turnover in 24

Lindley, Jarmon named All-America

cover corner. He leads the team

in pass interceptions with three

and pass breakups with eight.

His three interceptions came

against Louisville, LSU, and

Tennessee - setting up the first

score in the upset of Louisville,

and the other two came in the

fourth quarter to help send those

games into overtime. Lindley

scored his first collegiate touch-

down with a fumble return in

the win at Arkansas. He also

does an excellent job in run sup-

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University cornerback of Kentucky Trevard Lindley and defensive end Jeremy Jarmon have been selected for the Sophomore All-America team chosen by CollegeFootballNews.com. Lindley is on the third team while Jarmon is an honorablemention choice.

Lindley (Hiram, Ga.) has developed into an outstanding

#### Vildcats practice return to

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — After spending a week going final exams, through Kentucky coach Rich Brooks decided to give the Wildcats a break as they began practicing for the Music City Bowl.

Kentucky worked out indoors at Nutter Field House on Saturday and Sunday rather than go out-

### Pikeville

Pikeville then came up with a steal, but with 10 seconds left threw the ball away and a pair of late free throws sealed the game.

Daniel had 20 off six three-

point baskets to lead the Lady Bears. Junior Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne High School) added 11 and nine rebounds, while Bailey finished with 11 as well. Freshman Ashly

Continued from p1 Chandler had five points, six rebounds and four assists in

the loss. Warner Southern (4-7) had a balanced attack led by freshman Ivana Soberal's 12 points.

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side, where temperatures dipped into the 20s with gusty winds and snow flurries.

Brooks hinted the Wildcats might head back outside on Monday, much to his players' chagrin.

"Some are not (excited about it), some would rather be outside," Brooks said. "Some still just like the warmth."

Brooks raved about the

play of several underclass men who are using the extra 15 practices provided by qualifying for a bowl game. Guard Stuart Hines, wide receiver Kyrus Lanxter and quarterback Mike Hartline have been pretty impressive, Brooks said.

"A lot of guys are starting to show up," he said.

The Wildcats have about two weeks left to prepare for Florida State.

port and is second on the team in tackles with 62 stops. Jarmon (Collierville, Tent)

leads the Wildcats in quarterback sacks (nine) and tackles for loss (13.5). He is second in the SEC in sacks and ninth in tackles for loss. He totals 58 tackles for the season and also has two caused fumbles, one fumble recovery, and two pass breakups. He was the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week in the win at Vanderbilt,

### New quarterback sparks Niners past Bengals

### by GREG BEACHAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO -From the third-string quarterback to the \$80 million cornerback, the San Francisco 49ers Enally came together as the eam they imagined three months ago.

And from Cincinnati's awful opening drives to Chad Johnson's final drop, the Bengals' season fell apart in ways they couldn't believe.

Shaun Hill passed for 197 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score in his first NFL start, and the 49ers beat the Bengals 20-13 on Saturday night for just their second victory in 12 games.

Frank Gore rushed for a seaon-high 138 yards, and Darrell Jackson had a season-high eight catches for 86 yards in a sureffective San prisingly Francisco (4-10) attack led by Hill, a six-year veteran backup who only threw his first NFL passes last week after Trent Dilfer got a concussion.

With Alex Smith also sidelined, Hill was the only quarterback left in San Francisco and he improbably sparked the 49ers' league-worst offense to the club's first home victory since opening week. Hill went 21-of-28, hitting Vernon Davis with a precise TD pass 9 seconds before halftime and generally running the show with confidence.

"I had confidence in myself, But obviously it's nice to go out and actually do it," said Hill, whose last start was for NFL Europe's Amsterdam Admirals in 2003. "It's one thing to sit there and visualize everything and feel like you can make all the plays. It's another to go out and do it.'

The third quarterback was the charm for the 49ers, but the defense also deserved some Cornerback Nate credit. Clements led a solid effort against Carson Palmer's receivers through several tough including the situations, Bengals' last drive.

"We just wanted to show we can do what we've been capable of doing all season," said Clements, who became the

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NFL's highest-paid defensive player when he joined San Francisco as a free agent. "Shaun did a nice job, but it was good to have a chance to win a game as a defense. They're high-powered, but we mostly kept them in check."

Palmer threw his 100th touchdown pass, a 52-yard strike to Chris Henry in the first half, to become the fifth-fastest passer in NFL history to reach the mark. Palmer passed for 252 yards, but last season's Pro Bowl MVP couldn't rally the Bengals (5-9) to a tying score - not after Johnson dropped a difficult fourth-down catch in the end zone with 2:14 left.

"It's the same thing that's been killing us all year - execution," Palmer said. "If you don't have 11 guys doing each of their own jobs right on every single play, you're going to have bad plays and miscues and negative plays.'

Losing to the NFL's worst offense had to be one of the Bengals' most embarrassing defeats in coach Marvin Lewis' five seasons. Cincinnati, which hasn't won consecutive games all season, is assured of its first losing record since 2002.

"Frustrating, just a little, but it's a lot more disappointing because we've underachieved so much," Cincinnati guard Bobbie Williams said. "It's not like us, but that's what we keep putting on film."

After spending most of the season dead last in many offensive statistical categories, the 49ers looked downright competent from their opening 76-yard drive. Hill finished it with a 3yard bootleg for a touchdown that gave San Francisco its first lead at home since its seasonopening victory over Arizona.

Hill rallied the 49ers again on another long drive capped by an impressive 17-yard throw to Davis in coverage. Davis, the athletic tight end often underutilized by Smith and Dilfer, celebrated by jumping into the crowd as the 49ers earned their first halftime lead of the season.

'Shaun did a great job," said Davis, who had five catches for 46 yards. "He came out and took charge. He showed everybody that he can play. He

stepped it up a notch."

Joe Nedney hit two field goals in the third quarter, but 49ers coach Mike Nolan passed up the chance to kick a 42yarder with 6:15 to play at his players' insistence, instead failing on a fourth-down conversion attempt.

The Bengals' T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the franchise record with his 101st reception on a fourth-down conversion as Cincinnati moved to the 49ers 24. But Johnson couldn't hold on to a fourth-down throw in the end zone with 2:14 to play, failing to gather the precise pass to his body as he fell out of bounds.

"I just hit the ground really hard," Johnson said. "I tried to squeeze it. I had possession, I had my feet in, and I tried to hold onto the ball the best I could. I had control until I hit the ground."

The call was upheld on video review, and Gore sealed it with a gutsy 10-yard run on third-and-9 for the 49ers' final first down.

Notes: San Francisco DT Bryant Young again hinted at retirement, saying he'll announce his decision in the days before next Sunday's home finale against Tampa Bay. "It's near the end, like I said before," said Young, a 14-year veteran. "My days are numbered, so it's time for me to enjoy it." ... Cincinnati LB Rashad Jeanty was deactivated despite being listed as probable. Corey Mays replaced him. ... Only Dan Marino (44 games), Kurt Warner (50), Johnny Unitas (53) and Peyton Manning (56) reached 100 TD passes faster than Palmer.

Jaguars 29, Steelers 22: At Pittsburgh, Fred Taylor scored the winning touchdown on a 12-yard run in the final 2 minutes while gaining 147 yards and the Jaguars (10-4) withstood the bad weather and Pittsburgh's fourth-quarter comeback.

The Steelers (9-5), losing at home for the first time in eight games, fell into a tie with the Browns for the AFC North lead. The Steelers own the tiebreaker. Pittsburgh's last chance of tying it ended when Heath Miller was stopped a half-yard short of a first down on fourth-and-7 pass from the Jacksonville 45 in the final minute.

The Steelers were down 22-7 after David Garrard threw three touchdown passes, only to tie it by scoring twice in 71/2 minutes with the help of two missed extra points by Jacksonville.

Browns 8, Bills 0: At wintry Cleveland, Jamal Lewis plowed for 163 yards and Phil Dawson somehow kicked two field goals through harsh winds. The Browns (9-5) picked up one of their biggest wins since returning as an expansion franchise in 1999 and will clinch their first playoff appearance since 2002

week.

It was Cleveland's first shutout since 2005 and just the Browns' third since 1999. And Lewis moved over 1,000 yards with his fourth 100-yard game this season.

The Bills (7-7) were eliminated from making the postseason.

Panthers 13, Seahawks 10: Rookie Matt Moore, the fourth starting QB for the Panthers this season, engineered three scoring drives in the fourth quarter.

Coming in with six losses in seven games and with coach John Fox sitting on the hot seat, the host Panthers (6-8) turned in their best defensive perfor-

with a win at Cincinnati next mance of the season. Moore surprisingly outplayed Matt Hasselbeck as the NFC West champion Seahawks (9-5) had their five-game winning streak snapped.

In a game that was scoreless until the fourth quarter, Moore led the Panthers on two scoring drives, the last ending with John Kasay's 37-yard field goal with 2:59 left that gave Carolina a 6-3 lead.

On the next possession, Hasselbeck fumbled on a sack Thomas Davis and by Carolina's Richard Marshall recovered. That led to DeAngelo Williams' 35-yard touchdown run with 1:20 left that put it away.

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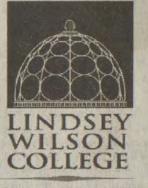
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**POISON OAK** 

# Before plastic nowmen

Well, for about the twentieth time, I find myself penning what I've come to regard as my "official Christmas column." And, as has been the case in previous efforts. I find my thoughts turning to those Christmases before



plastic snowmen, plastic trees, and plastic money, a time, quite frankly, when Christmas seemed to mean a lot more to people than Christmas does now. And even

though

**Clyde Pack** 

might be accused of criticizing progress-if indeed what has appeared to the holiday is the result of progress-I still find myself feeling nostalgic for Christmases, like I experienced as a happy-go-lucky coalcamp kid in the 1940's; Christmases when gifts were minimal, but it didn't seem to matter.

Since the orginal Christmas story has been told over and over for more than 2,000 years. I suppose its perfectly OK to repeat an incident, from my own distant past that continues to replay on the big movie screen in my memory every time I start thinking



past weekend at the Martin Community Center.

# Martin area youth treated to 'Christmas witha Cop' ... and bikes ... and toys ... and more

#### by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Nothing makes Christmas any more special than seeing a child's face light up with joy when presented with a special or much-hoped for gift. This past Friday evening, at the Martin Community Center, the smiles of children lit the nearts of many as the city's police department came together to celebrate their annual "Christmas with a Cop" event.



about my Christmases as a kid.

I don't remember exactly how old I was, but I couldn't have been more than 7 or 8. I do remember, however, Mom had put up a Christmas tree, all decorated with bubble lights and pop-

(See OAK, page six)

### **KIM'S KORNER Coal Basket Bible**

Living in Eastern Kentucky and being born a Coal Miner's daughter, this story, sent to me by Elmo Lawson of Oregon, truly blessed the soul. Enjoy.

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of eastern Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early



grandson, who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him in any way he

sitting at the

kitchen table

reading from

his old wornout Bible. His

**Kim Little Frasure** 

One day the grandson

could.

asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?" The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water." The boy did as he was told, even though all the water

leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

(See KORNER, page seven)

Approximately 31 children, along with their families, were served a hot Christmas dinner of baked ham, chicken, mashed potatoes and assorted vegetables, and an array of desserts before an announcement was made by Martin Mayor



A new bike - a Christmas dream come true.

This little girl couldn't wait to get back to her table to get a peek inside the big bag filled with presents that Santa had given her. Mayor Thomasine Robinson and the police officers who helped organize the event were all smiles throughout the event.

Thomasine Robinson that bells had been heard in the back of the building.

As anticipation mounted, children wiggled and giggled as they awaited the arrival of one very special guest - Santa Claus.

Laden with gifts for all, Santa visited with each child present as they sat atop his knee whispering Christmas secrets. Each child was presented with a stocking filled with toys and goodies along with gift bags filled with new coats, shoes, caps, gloves and scarves, underwear and socks, and new outfits of clothing. Working closely with school family resource centers, children selected to participate in the Christmas with a Cop pro-

gram receive all this and more, as well as each of their siblings.

Additionally, each child, and their siblings, receive a brand new bicycle or riding toy, appropriate for their age group.

"It's all about the smiles on those faces," said Rita Whicker, director of the community center. "It's a lot of hard work putting it all together, but seeing those smiles makes it all worthwhile."

In addition to the Christmas dinner, gifts and bicycles, each family was also presented with a \$50 gift card from Food City to help with the pur-

(See CHRISTMAS, page five)

### Think twice about giving a pet for Christmas

We received a good response the last time we ran the following offering. We think it's worth another run this holiday season.

T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house:

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care; In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, With no thought of Labradors filling their heads. And mama in her kerchief, and I in my cap,

Knew he was cold, but didn't care about that.

When out on the lawn, there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window, I flew like a flash, Figuring the Lab was free of his chain and into the trash.





This adorable little critter is a baby boy chihuahua that goes by the name "Rascal." Rascal, who is owned by Kennedy Conley, of Prestonsburg, attended the "Shop with a Cop" **Christmas party** held this past Saturday at the **Mountain Arts** Center. Rascal was gaily dressed in a bright green holiday sweater that his owner said he borrowed from a another tiny "creature" - a Beanie Baby! Merry Christmas, Rascal and Kennedy!

photo by Kathy J. Prater

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Not only the children selected by their school resource centers to participate were presented with gifts, but each of their siblings as well.

### Christmas

chase of their holiday dinner. "Is everybody happy, kids," Mayor Robinson asked as the children were happily trying out their new rides. "Yeah!," was their resounding reply.

"We have a lot of wonderful volunteers and sponsors that make this whole thing happen," Mayor Robinson said. "Each year, they always say yes to helping. They make it happen for these children."

As the evening came to a close and each family gathered their belongings, Mayor Robinson thanked them each for allowing their children to participate. "Thank you for your children," she said. "Our children are the most important part of our city. We thank you for allowing us to serve them."

Members of the Martin Police Department participating in the Christmas with a Cop program are: Chief of Police Jim Slone, Lt. Matt Varney, Officer Brian Ratliff, Officer Janice Conn, and Sgt. Ronald Peppi, Kentucky State Police.

Special thanks is extended to Linda Bailey, Brenda Francis, and Stephanie Bailey.

Community sponsors of the program are: Hall Funeral Home, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Downtown Drug, Blaine's Gun & Ammo, Eastco Supply, Auto Traders, Seasons Inn, Merion Brothers Monuments, Jacobs Citgo, Kenny's Florist, Jones Pack & Associates, Giovanni's of Martin, Mike's Sealing and Stripping, **McDowell** Professional Pharmacy, MedZone Pharmacy, Ebony & Ivory, Rick Salyer Body Shop, Guest Room Furniture,

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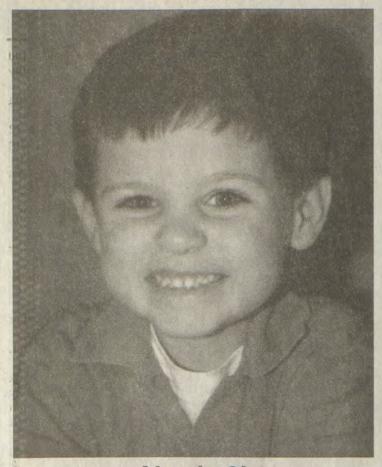
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### BIRTHDAYS



### Alex is 3!

Alex Joseph Begley celebrated his third birthday on November 10, 2007, with a "Lightening McQueen" theme party, held at the Martin 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.

Happy Birthday, Matthew!

Matthew Charles Stacy celebrated his 12th birthday on November 15, 2007. Matthew is the son of Marcus Wayne and Mary Lynn Stacy, of Wayland. He is the grandson of Antha Jean Watkins, of Wayland, and the late Charles Watkins, and Marcillous Stacy, also of Wayland, and the late Carolyn Stacy.



### **Conn-Murphy**

Matthew Layne Conn and Nancy Murphy exchanged wedding vows on November 10, 2007, in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Matthew is the son of Ranal and Marie Conn, of Harold. Nancy is the daughter of Theron and Hester Farmer, of Kimper.

A reception/shower will be given in their honor at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, on December 29, at 2 p.m.

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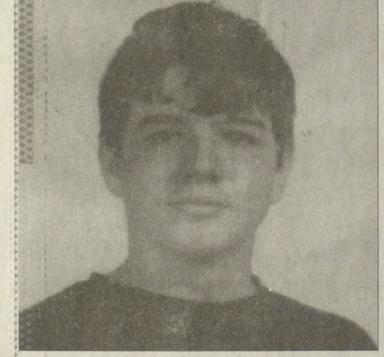
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### Oak

Christmas tree, all decorated with bubble lights and popcorn tinsel we family members had strung ourselves.

For some reason, Northeast Coal hadn't been operating regularly, and when the opportunity presented itself, Dad never turned down a days work, so on this particular Christmas Eve he was working the night shift and there was to one home with my younger brother and me except Mom. We spent the evening just silting around-doing those ordinary things, like listening to the radio. I could sit for hours staring at the little lighted dial on the tall-as-me Phileo, that set near the living room window, and listen to "I Love a Mystery" or Randy Blake's "Suppertime Frolic" on WJJD, Chicago.

Then just before bedtime,

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Mom gave us our presents, two genuine imitation-leather; cowboy-style wallets that she had ordered from Montgomery Ward. Since I was a big fan of wboy movies, I was tickled to death with my new gift, and spent all day Christmas day cutting pictures for its little plastic windows from movie magazines that belonged to my older sister.

I doubt seriously that the wallet ever carried a real piece of money, but the memory of that Christmas—as they say on the TV commercial—is priceless.

While grandkids, Alison and Owen are sure to make things more special at the Pack house, hopefully, the Christmas of 2007 will also provide you with good memories that will still be hanging around some 60 years later.

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•Dec. 19 - YSC regular Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m

•Those students interested in elearning about fun ways to exercise and about good nutrition are invited to sign up for "Get Moving AMS." Call 886-1297 for more info. Program will be conducted by the Floyd County Extension Office.

·Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, wellchild exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services. HPV vaccines and flu shots currently available.

•The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School •Dec. 19 - Semester exams, 2nd, 4th, and 6th.

•Dec. 19 - Last day of school before 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

\*Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

•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

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.

#### **Duff Elementary**

\*The center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and wellchild 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 area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

#### May Valley Elementary

\*Special Announcement: May Valley Elem. has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon School by the Commissioner of Education. Only 5 schools in the state have received nominations!

\*May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on firstfirst-serve come, basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include 9607. 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 Hepatitis B vaccination, immu- FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

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•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

#### **Mountain Christian Academy**

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142. •Call 285-5141, Mon. thru

Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-Christian denominational 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.

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

• Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

#### **South Floyd Youth Services** Center

•Parents needing assistance 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 452and when such theme we

•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 visi-

tors, 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.

•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

•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) 452-4553.

#### Wesley Christian School

•Dec. 19 - Christmas play, "Christmas Around the World," 10 a.m., followed by dismissal at noon for Christmas break. •Dec. 20 - Circuit Riders vs. Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.; away game.

•Dec. 27 - Circuit Riders vs. Adams, 6 p.m.; home game. •Jan. 3 - Classes resume.

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

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

#### **Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED**

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. -McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr. 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright

Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC. 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David

Craft Center. 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie

Apartments.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr. Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12

p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr. Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House: BSCTC; Floyd County Jail. 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC. Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant,

886-7397 Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs Adult Education teachers.

\*Program will be closed from Dec. 20 through Jan. 4. All centers will re-open on Jan. 7.

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### **Baptist Learning Center**

•Now accepting applications for new students, Toddler I class thru Pre-K class. Located in the First Baptist Church, S. Front Ave., downtown Prestonsburg. Call 886-8681.

#### **Betsy Layne Elementary**

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

•The Betsy Layne

#### **McDowell Elementary and** Family Resource Center

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appoint-

thru Fri. •For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

#### Stumbo Elementary/Mud **Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center**

\*Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

### Korner

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want

a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out \* the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he

wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket

was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket." The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different.

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Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean. "Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible

You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.

That is the work of God in our lives, to change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son.

Til Next Week,

God's Blessings to you and yours.

### Critter

The moon on the breast of despite all its pain; the new-fallen snow,

Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.

When, what to my wondering eyes did appear,

But Santa Claus himself with eyes full of tears.

He unchained the dog, once so lively and quick,

Last year's Christmas present, now painfully thin and quite sick ....

More rapid than eagles, he called the Lab's name,

'Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and

Vixen! On, Comet! On Cupid! On Donder and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!

Let's find this Lab a home where he'll be loved by all!"

I knew in an instant there would be no gifts this year, For Santa Claus had made

one thing quite clear. The gift of a dog is not just

And the dog ran to him, for a season,

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We had gotten the pup for all the wrong reasons.

In our haste to think of the children a gift,

There was one important thing we had missed.

A dog should be family, and cared for the same,

You don't give a gift, then put it on a chain.

And I heard the old fella as he rode out of sight,

"You weren't giving a gift! You were giving a life!' -Author Unknown

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