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### In brief

## Pike judge advocates road tolls

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PIKEVILLE** — Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford has sent a proposal to Gov. Steve Beshear to reinstate toll charges along two Kentucky highways.

Rutherford says the tolls would help in the recent efforts to bring improvements to widen and expand the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway and the Hal Rogers Parkway.

The toll fees would help in paying for these improvements, according to Rutherford, who said earlier this week that the projects for the two highways could mean hundreds of jobs for people in the region.

"Why don't they try it with jobs from the bottom, in the infrastructure," Rutherford said, referring to the recent talks of bailouts in Washington, D.C.

In his proposal, Rutherford gave no exact amount for toll fees, but has said he would be willing to pay fees to see projects move forward.

In 2003, tolls were lifted on the Hal Rogers Parkway, formerly known as the Daniel Boone Parkway. U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers successfully introduced legislation in Congress to make an appropriation to pay off the bonds on this and another toll booth — along the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Parkway — ahead of schedule.

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## SIZABLE DONATION



photo by Sheldon Compton

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad accepted a donation from Equitable Resources Thursday for \$25,000. The money will be used to purchase various equipment, training and for bills.

# Rescue squad receives \$25K from Equitable

by **JARRID DEATON**  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad Cpt. Tim Cooley told his crew the order they needed to respond in should an emergency call come across their pagers during a meeting on Thursday evening.

It would have appeared like it was business as usual, but representatives from Equitable Resources, some who flew in from Pittsburgh, were also in the room to give the squad a check for \$25,000, and Cooley and his squad prepared a large breakfast for dinner spread in honor of the donation.

The money, which came only one day after CSX donated \$15,000 to the squad, will be used to purchase three

boat motors, training, and to pay bills.

The squad previously used money accrued from the annual radio auction in order to pay bills and purchase equipment.

"We've been real blessed this year," Cooley said. "It has been a long time coming. I don't think Equitable Resources knows what they have done. This is history for us."

David Spigelmyer, with Equitable Resources, said that all of the thanks and recognition should go to the rescue squad.

"We're here to thank you," Spigelmyer said. "Each time that we have had an incident or an issue, you guys were there for us. It is a very humbling thing to be here and be able to present you with this check."

After Dinner, Cooley thanked Equitable Resources for the donation and told them about the unique existence of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, citing the fact that it was able to exist without being funded by taxpayers.

"All of the equipment you see here is paid for," Cooley said. "That's such a rare thing when it comes to rescue squads."

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was founded in 1958 after the school bus accident took the lives of 26 children and the bus driver.

Another important event is also on the horizon for the rescue squad, with the organization's annual banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center on Dec. 18.

## Prosecutors could face budget cuts

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

A budget reduction plan for both commonwealth's and county attorneys was sent to Gov. Steve Beshear's office Friday that will call for a 4 percent overall reduction across the state.

The Prosecutors Advisory Council submitted the plan following a special meeting Wednesday that dealt with options for addressing the proposed budget cut, a meeting that was attended by some 80 prosecutors.

The council voted to give elected prosecutors the option of reducing staff salaries by 14 to 16 percent, furloughing employees in one-week increments or laying off employees to meet the targeted budget reduction amount.

If the Unified Prosecutorial System is not exempted from this budget cut, prosecutors' offices could be required to begin choosing from one of the three options as early as January.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said Friday there would only be one option for his office, which endured a 3.5 percent reduction in salaries for his employees only five months ago.

"For me it's impossible to imagine anything other than an across-the-board reduction," Bartley said. "Furloughs causes problems for us in covering the court system, which have to be covered every day."

Bartley, who just hired an assistant county attorney in late October, said now he has to tell that same employee and his others that cuts could be coming again.

"I just gave reductions on June 16 and now, five months later, they're taking out another 4 percent," said Bartley. "So everybody in my office will be making 7.5 percent less in salary than they were making six months ago."

Confused and not a little concerned about recent reports that

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**Tomorrow**

**Snow showers**

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## Winter roads pose challenge for schools

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — In the last couple of weeks, there have been several school days called off due to inclement weather conditions. The total number for the current year is four days called for weather.

Floyd County Schools Supt. Henry Webb said just before what has been forecast as a wintry weekend on Friday that the sole criterion when making the decision to call off school is simple.

"Obviously our first priority and foremost concern is keeping our kids safe," said Webb. "We take a lot of things into consideration and have a committee that makes decisions on this."

Karen Johnson, the Director of Transportation for Floyd County Schools, chairs that committee and is a close advisor to the school board in making final recommendations, but there are many involved at several levels, says Webb.

"We're out on our roads every morning by 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. checking the roads in this district," Webb continued. "We do this to try to make the best decision for our kids."

But there can often be confusion among parents or others in the community as to why school is canceled one day and not the next.

Geographically, says Webb, the roads in one area of the county might seem fine, while in others there can be extremely dangerous conditions. Most often the more unsafe roads are located in the many hollows throughout the county.

"In our district, some places in the county can be unsafe to travel for buses and other parts of the county can be fine," Webb said, adding that the public is frequently involved in the information process involved with calling snow days. "I was talking with a parent this morning who was concerned about the roads in the county."

Webb said this sharing of information from

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photo by Jarrid Deaton

Children who want to get their wish list to Ol' Saint Nick can drop them off in a special box in Prestonsburg near the city's Christmas tree to ensure quick delivery to the North Pole in time for the holiday.

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

■ Jasper Baker, 73, of Huntington, West Virginia, a Floyd County native, died Wednesday, November 26, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He is survived by wife, Stella. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, in Warsaw, Indiana.

■ Hollie "Dick" Barnett, 72, of Martin, died Saturday, November 29, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Imogene B. Caldwell, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 25, in the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Alicia Claude Keens Mullins Caudill, 29, of Melvin, died Friday, November 28, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Janie Hamilton, 71, of Banner, died Thursday, November 27, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Leo Hamilton. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Kevin Foley Hicks, 28, of Garrett, died Wednesday, November 26, at his residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Ruby Lafaye Bamer Hughes, 72, of Garrett, died Friday, November 28, in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Graveside services were conducted Monday December 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Mildred Johnson, 86, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, November 27, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Jay Meade, 57, of Hi Hat, died Monday, December 1, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Larry Lawrence Mitchell, 65, of Bartlett, Illinois, formerly of Floyd County, died Monday, December 1, at St. Alexius Medical Center, Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ Denver Osborne, 80, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 29, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ Lydia Marie Roberts Robinette Steele, 74, of Harold, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 28, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

■ Ivis Adams, 85, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Elmo Adams. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Jane K. Adams, 69, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Lones Adams. Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 5, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Bradley Ryan Adkins, infant, son of Bradley Shawn and Abby Renee Robinson Adkins, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 2, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ Greg Anderson, 55, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday,

Nov. 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 28, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Truly J. Adkins Arnette, 91, of Frozen Creek, died Sunday, November 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Effie Potter Bartley, 85, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, November 28, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Marie Belcher, 88, of Jenkins, a retired Pike County teacher, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 28, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Harrison Bentley, 62, of Speight, died Sunday, November 30, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Inez Johnson Bentley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Lecman Chapman, 78, of Phyllis, died Friday, November 28, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, December 1, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Freddie Schaus Chapman, 50, of Pinsonfork, died Monday, December 1, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, December 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ John Coleman Jr., 52, of Weeksbury, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, McDowell. Arrangements, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sammy Douglas Compton, 59, of Wyandotte, Michigan, a native of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 27, at Toledo (Ohio) Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of Robert Funeral Home.

■ Lorna Louise Parsons Damron, 57, of Shelby Gap, died Tuesday, December 2, at Jenkins Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Elbert Damron. Funeral services were held Friday, December 5, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sarah Booth Hunt Dandurand, 84, of Belfry, died Friday, November 28, at the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Clyde W. Dotson, 98, of Phelps, died Saturday, November 29, at his home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ Willie Aaron "WoWo" Elkins, 27, of Ashcamp, died Tuesday, December 2, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, December 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Hargis Fleming, 67, of Virgie, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Ann Fleming. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 29, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Brooksey Hackney, 76, of Mouthcard, died Sunday, November 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Henry R. Hackney. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Conard Hall, 83, of Perkins Apartments and Indian Creek, died Monday, Nov. 24, at Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap, Va. Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 28, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ Hoyle Hall, 71, of Pikeville, a Floyd County native, died Saturday, November 29, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Pikeville Funeral

Home.

■ Rylea Micah Hannah, native of South Williamson, the one-month-old daughter of Randy and Easter Whitt Hannah. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

■ Paul Randall Hatfield, 57, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 29, at St. Joseph Hospital, London. He is survived by his wife, Debby Daniels Hatfield. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Winfield Hazelett, 84, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Zelma "Dee" Ramey. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 29, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Kathleen Hensley, 79, of Hardy, a Martin County native, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Belfry, the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 29, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Howard, 71, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, Nov. 26, at her home. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 29, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ Ival E. Hunt, 64, of Kimper, died Sunday, November 23, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Charles M. Jones, 82, of Frazeyburg, Ohio, a native of Virgie, died Monday, November 24, at Licking Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Guthria Jones. A private interment was held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Criss-Schoedinger Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Jean Osborne, 72, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, December 2, at the Pikeville Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Greely Osborne. Funeral services were held Sunday, December 7, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Carolyn Branham Ray, 55, of Left Fork of Joes Creek, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Larry Ray. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6, under the direction of Community Funeral Home.

■ Ricky Reed Jr., 30, of Turkey Creek, died Tuesday, November 25, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Raymond Christian Rice, 16, of Canada, a son of Mike and Mary Ellen Rice May, died Sunday, November 30, at Huddy. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Leonard Scott, 89, of Hardy, died Saturday, November 29, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Phyllis Marie Varney Smith, 72, of Hardy, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the South Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital emergency room. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 6, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ Randy Lee "Pugs" Sparks, 42, of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ Lakie Bertha Stiltner, 82, of Steele, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, Dec. 7, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Justine Stone, 75, of Ivel, died Tuesday, December 2, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, December 5, under the direction of Lucas

and Son Funeral Home.

■ Bobby Swiney, 72, of Pikeville, died Monday, December 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Justice Swiney. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ Sharlene Williamson, 66, of Varney, died Sunday, November 30, at her home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ Larry Michael Wolford, 39, of Phelps, died Thursday, November 27, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Joann Gearles Wolford. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

## MARTIN COUNTY

■ James Everett Hale, 69, of Pilgrim, died Friday, November 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Rosc M. Hale. Funeral services were held Monday, December 1, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ Benjamin Muncy, 76, of Fort Gay, West Virginia, a native of Martin County, died Saturday, November 22, at Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

■ James Lawrence Baldwin, 68, of Leander, died Monday, December 1, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Charles Blankenship, 62, of Van Lear, died Friday, November 28, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Bowling Blankenship. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, under

the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home,

■ Carolyn Faye Bryant, 49, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Saturday, November 22. Arrangements, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Johnie Isabelle Charles, 82, of Nippa, died Thursday, November 27, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ Olga Kerns, 94, of Tutor Key, died Tuesday, November 25, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

■ Sandra Lynn Pennington Osborne, 51, of Flat Gap, died

Tuesday, November 25, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 29, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Elmo Dewey Slone, 84, of Hager Hill, died Monday, November 24, at Mountain View Health Care in Elkhorn City. Graveside services were held Wednesday, November 26, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

■ Vearlissia Cantrell VanHoose, 70, of Nippa, died Monday, December 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Kermit C. VanHoose. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

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### Why is CO the silent cold weather killer?

CO is a colorless, odorless,

toxic gas. It is produced by the incomplete combustion of solid, liquid, or gaseous fuels. Appliances fueled with gas, oil, kerosene, or wood may produce CO. If such appliances are not installed, maintained, and used properly, CO may accu-

mulate to dangerous and even fatal levels in cars, homes, or poorly ventilated areas.

CO poisoning can kill without warning as your family sleeps. Because CO gas has no odor-warning properties even at toxic or life threatening levels, it is considered a silent killer. And, since so many deaths occur as the result of defective or poorly operated home heating devices, CO has been termed the "silent, cold weather killer."

### Where Does CO come from?

CO is produced by products that burn fuels. Therefore, any fuel-burning appliance in your home is a potential CO source. Electrical heaters and electric water heaters, toasters, etc., do not produce CO because they don't involve combustion of fuels. Under normal circumstances, CO levels in the typical home or workplace should not be above levels found outdoors. When appliances are kept in

good working condition and are properly vented, they produce little CO. Improper installation, operation, or poorly vented appliances can produce elevated - or even fatal - CO concentrations in your home. Likewise, using kerosene heaters or charcoal grills indoors or running a car in a garage can cause levels high enough to result in CO poisoning.

Common sources of CO include the following:

- Room heaters (not radiant or electric)
- Furnaces
- Charcoal grills
- Cooking ranges (not electric)
- Water heaters (not electric)
- Automobiles run in closed garages
- Fireplaces
- Portable generators
- Wood-burning stoves

### Who is at risk of CO poisoning?

Any person or animal in a

space shared with a device capable of generating CO should be considered at risk of CO poisoning. CO exposures especially affect unborn babies, infants, and people with anemia or a history of heart disease. Breathing low levels of the chemical can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease.

Although not always experienced, the initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include:

- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Nausea
- Irregular Breathing

It is critical to note that death from CO poisoning can occur quickly or when sleeping, with some or all of these symptoms never being experienced, in which case, the overexposed victim becomes unconscious and never regains consciousness.

## LIHEAP deadline approaches

by **SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out, at least for the time being, for the first round of heating assistance through the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program for locals to get help with heating costs in the area.

The program works through applications for the subsidy phase of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Approvals for the assistance will be cut off Friday, Dec. 12, though applications will still be accepted at the BSACAP office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

However, after Dec. 12 and until Jan. 5, the application period will be down. It will be at this time that the agency will begin taking applications for what is they refer to as the "crisis phase."

The crisis component provides eligible households

assistance with remedying service discontinuation or a lack of fuel. The maximum crisis benefit allowance for electricity and natural gas will be increased from \$250 to \$400, which will bring that benefit level more in line with the benefit available for bulk fuel.

This phase helps consumers who are in danger of having their heating source disconnected or may be running out of heating fuel.

The program got off to a quick start last month when offices in Prestonsburg and Wheelwright opened with hundreds of families seeking assistance.

According to BSACAP Executive Director Mike Howell, in the first three days the offices were open 2,228 applications and more than \$233,000 in benefits were sent out across Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties.

Additional funding from the state to the tune of \$75 million last month helped in meet-

ing those needs, Howell said.

The funds are disbursed by Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services to Community Action Kentucky which then processes applications from families asking for help and contracts with vendors for delivery of fuel.

The phone number for BSACAP for those interested in learning more about this recent information or for further information about assistance is (606) 789-3641.

## Tolls

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During a ceremony on June 9, Rogers took the wheel of a bulldozer at the London toll plaza and knocked down one of the toll booths. The event led to the renaming of the section of Kentucky road to the Hal Rogers Parkway.

Kentucky originally had 10 toll roads, and before the closing of the tolls along the Hal Rogers Parkway, the tolls ended along the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway in 1985 and 1986.

## Winter

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the public is more than welcomed at the school board as far as making sure that as much knowledge as possible is learned about road conditions.

"We welcome all information," said Webb. "If parents have information about the road conditions that could be helpful, we encourage them to

call our office. We all work together, and we have to remember to take it one day at time."

Those who might have information that could be helpful should call the Floyd County Board of Education at (606) 886-2354.

## Cuts

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prosecutors' offices had been immune to rollbacks such as the one proposed Friday, Bartley said the reverse is the real story.

"There has been reports in the Lexington-Herald Leader saying essentially that we've been protected from budget cuts," he said, adding that he's already been told to expect another round of rollbacks in July. "Having already faced one rollback, this doesn't hardly seem fair. In fact, I would call it employment discrimination by the state of Kentucky."

Another issue, says Bartley, is that talented employees facing yet another round of cuts in salary might opt to find jobs elsewhere in the legal field and that he could lose employees, some of whom have been with him for decades.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner was out of town Friday and was not available to offer a response to the news.

Attorney General Jack Conway, who chairs the

Prosecutors Advisory Council, voiced his own concerns over this last round of budget cuts.

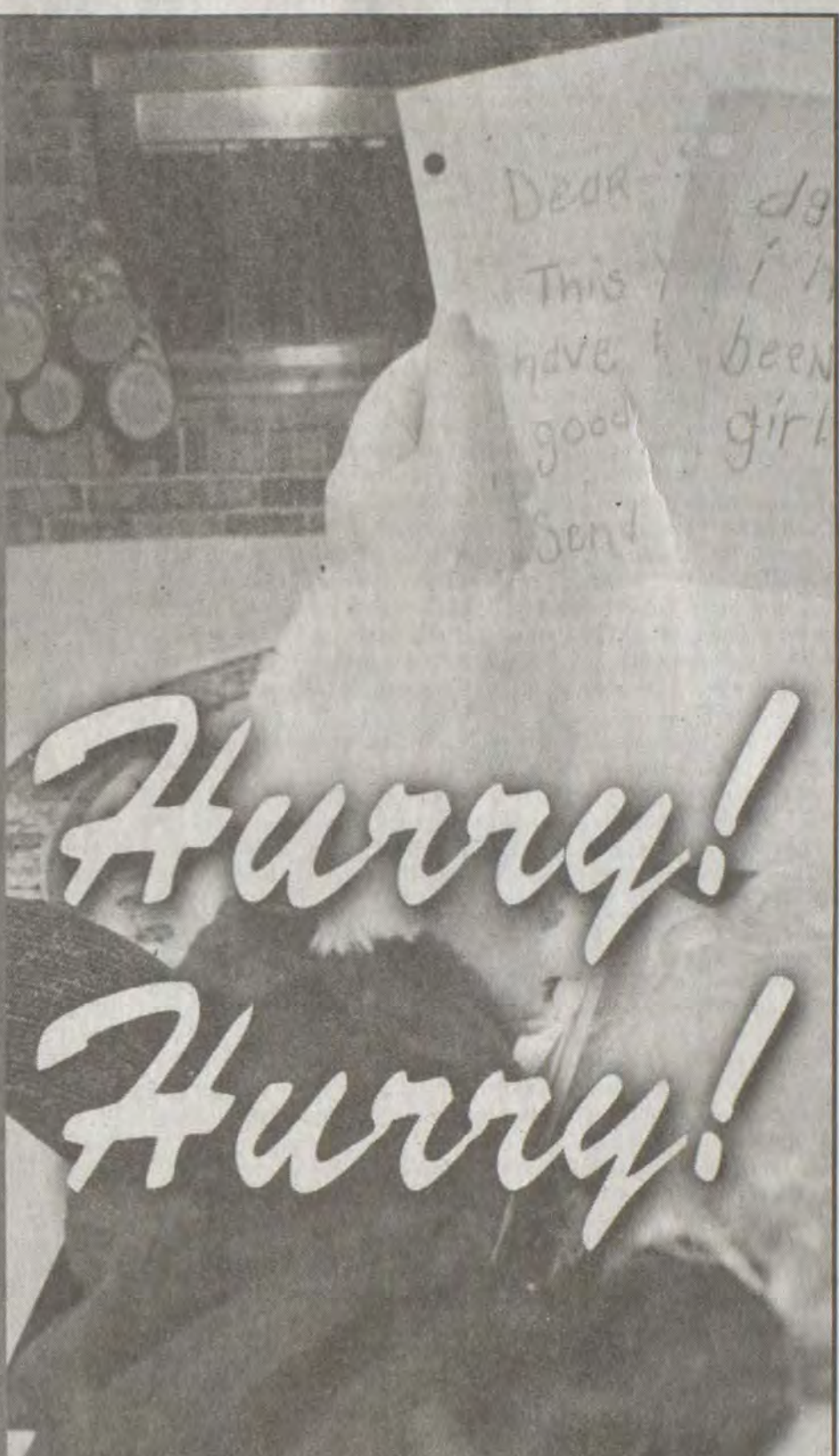
"Prosecutors are unique because their budgets are personnel driven," said Conway. "Therefore, these proposed cuts in reducing the number of prosecutors, increasing case loads, delaying court proceedings and potentially compromising public safety."

Bartley has the same concerns, saying he worries that the public might ultimately get the short end of the stick when the smoke clears.

"What happens when someone comes in to report the drunk driver who ran over one of their family members or any number of other possibilities and we don't have the employees to take care of this person because we lost them to better paying positions?" Bartley said.

Conway has asked Beshear to consider exempting critical components of public safety such as prosecutors from these proposed cuts.

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Brookie

December 7, 2008

Brooklyn Paige Lewis, is celebrating her first birthday at Gattis in Pikeville.

For your birthday, Brookie, we would like to wish you the best of luck, because you're NeNe's pride and joy, Wayne's side kicker, Sissy's favorite dance partner, and Bran's love bug.

Love, Your great Aunt and Uncle, David and Bonita Johnson,  
Your second cousins, Brittany and Brandi Johnson





# expression

Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.  
— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### Big 3 offer painful but realistic path to revival

The Big Three automakers revealed what the future of the domestic auto industry will look like in the business plans they submitted Tuesday to Congress. What they envision are smaller, more nimble and more competitive companies.

Congress should take a careful look at these plans. They map out a path to revival and survival for the domestic industry. But it is a painful path.

It is now clear that General Motors Corp., an icon of American industrial might, is undergoing a near-death experience. It has bluntly told Congress it needs \$4 billion by the end of the year to stay afloat and ultimately will need \$18 billion in federal loans.

Ford Motor Co. appears to be in better shape and is seeking a total of \$9 billion as a line of credit in case the recession is deeper or longer than expected. Chrysler says it needs \$7 billion by the end of the year.

But all three companies have offered up a blueprint for becoming healthy again, and Congress should respond by approving the bridge loans they so desperately need.

The plans call for the companies to cut costs by closing facilities and laying off workers. They also include the largely symbolic gestures of dumping corporate jets, eliminating bonuses and cutting pay for top executives.

The firms announced plans for a dramatic cutback in their product offerings with the sale or elimination of a number of their brands. Thousands of dealerships would also be shuttered.

All of these steps are necessary and have been delayed for too long.

Even after the planned elimination of dealerships outlined in their survival plans, GM and Ford would both have more than Toyota. But state laws have made cutting unprofitable dealerships extremely difficult for the manufacturers. Those laws ought to be addressed.

The auto firms are taking the kinds of steps typically seen in a formal bankruptcy proceeding — restructuring, cutting costs, eliminating jobs and reopening contracts.

The firms vowed to seek more concessions from the United Auto Workers union. Even after the dramatic labor concessions of last year's contract, the domestic firms' labor costs are higher than foreign-owned firms operating here. The U.S. firms have promised to bring them in line by 2012. So in effect, a Democratic Congress, if it approves the loans on the basis of the companies' survival plans, will be helping the UAW face economic reality.

The advantage of this process is that it is being undertaken voluntarily and with an eye to the long-term survival of the firms — albeit in smaller form. But as the auto company CEOs have repeatedly pointed out, an actual bankruptcy would stigmatize their vehicles, sending buyers into the showrooms of their foreign competitors.

Both Ford and GM warned in their presentations that a sudden default or bankruptcy by a major domestic producer would damage the other carmakers and the interdependent network of suppliers that serve all of the automakers.

As it is, the promised elimination of thousands of auto dealers will have a jolting effect on communities across the nation. As East Lansing economist Patrick Anderson noted Tuesday, each dealership is itself a separate corporation with dozens to hundreds of employees and millions of dollars in inventory, and each has a significant local economic footprint.

Ultimately, the web of uncompetitive labor contracts, work rules, dealer franchising laws and all of the other impediments will have to fall by the wayside if the Detroit Three automakers are to survive.

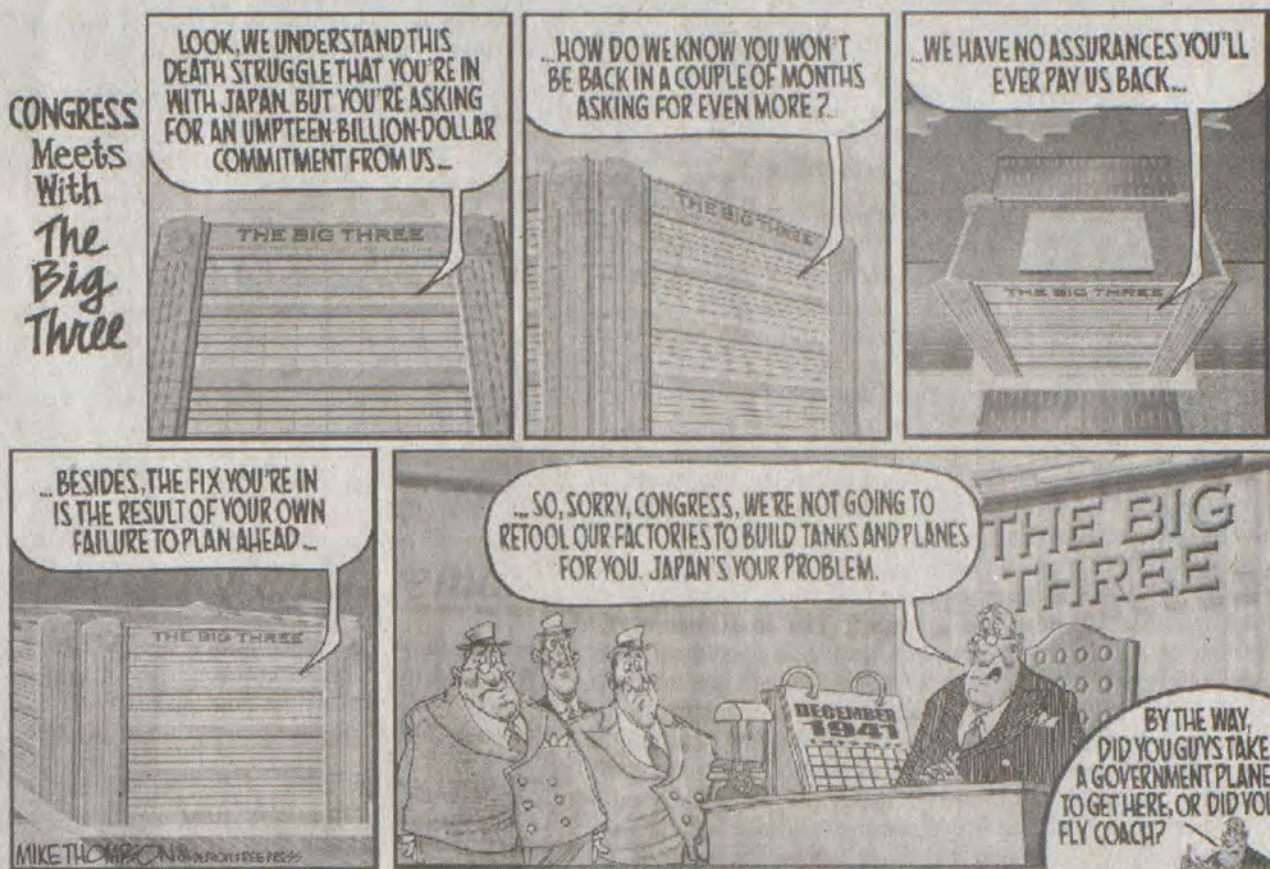
Even if they survive, this city and state will have a dramatically different economy with smaller auto firms and fewer suppliers.

Any company must be profitable to stay in business. It's regrettable that it has taken a major crisis for the manufacturers and the UAW to come to grips with their unsustainable costs.

But the economic impact of the domestic auto industry is huge. It is rectifying its mistakes and coping with the additional regulatory costs that have been placed on it by Congress.

GM, Ford and Chrysler deserve a chance to put their plans in place. Failure of any one of these companies would devastate an already hurting national economy, spreading the pain far beyond Detroit and Michigan.

— The Detroit News



### Chuck Norris The most overlooked news story of 2008

by CHUCK NORRIS  
CREATORS SYNDICATE

Have you noticed lately that mainstream media are giving less attention to the war in Iraq, especially concerning our troops' progress? Who doesn't recognize by now that we live in a time in which there's little, if any, publishing space for positive military stories about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?

CNSNews.com recently reported: "There were only two front-page *New York Times* stories that mentioned 'Iraq' in the headline in October 2008 — there were 11 in October 2006 and 17 in October 2004. — *The Washington Post* ran four front-page stories that had headlines using the word 'Iraq' in October 2008 — in October 2006 there were 17 stories, and 27 stories in October 2004."

In July, *The Times*, a newspaper in the U.K., ran a column that commended American and Iraqi forces in making significant progress in Mosul, Iraq, and reaching the "final purge" of al-Qaida in Iraq. *Investor's Business Daily* echoed the same sentiment but sharply criticized American mainstream media for completely overlooking that military success. The media indictment

became so widespread on the Internet that it left the global audience wondering whether such an oversight was an urban legend.

TruthOrFiction.com, an urban legend-debunking Web site, affirmed this media Mosul omission by saying: "At the time of our investigation, US media reports of this were hard to find but we did manage to find a report of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's announcement on the Fox News site. For the most part, it appears the mainstream media missed this one."

Here's what they missed.

During the surge in 2007 and early 2008, U.S. forces intensified efforts in Mosul by pushing out into small-neighborhood bases — a strategy that proved successful in routing insurgents from other large cities in the country.

In February 2008, Col. Michael A. Bills, commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, predicted that U.S. and Iraqi troops would be in full control of the city by the end of July.

By March 2008, Brig. Gen. Tony Thomas, second in command of coalition forces in northern Iraq, already was reporting: "So again, we can go anywhere we want to in Mosul — and we're now forcing the enemy — boxing them in, if you will — into areas that they otherwise had free play in the city. So we've seized

the initiative, and we're slowly but surely eliminating their toehold in the city."

By June 2008, this city of 2 million people had 14 Iraqi army battalions, 10,000 Iraqi police and 4,000 coalition force soldiers. And they were utilizing the "Sons of Iraq" (paid volunteers by the U.S.) to control neighborhoods better. And it was working.

Despite the fact that July 2008 saw an increase in insurgent activity, Lt. Col. Robert Molinari reported that it was really "nothing out of the norm." A senior Iraqi commander added: "We've limited their movements with checkpoints. They are doing small attacks and trying big ones, but they're mostly not succeeding." American and Iraqi forces clearly were getting the upper hand, demonstrated then through the dip in the number of U.S. casualties to the lowest number since the start of the war — 11 deaths in the entire country.

Overall, attacks in Mosul and in Ninevah province have declined from 50 a day at the start of the year to the present number of 10 a day — almost the same as the number was in 2006. Open street fighting is a rarity. That is why Maj. Ra'ad Jalal, an Iraqi officer, said: "The security situation in Mosul is improving. It's safe here

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Chuck Norris

### — beyond the beltway The Depression is starting to look good

by DONALD KAUL  
Minuteman Media

I don't know what kind of Thanksgiving you had, but things were pretty mellow at our house. We had family and friends over for dinner, then gathered around the fire and sang old songs.

"Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" "Nobody Wants You When You're Down and Out." "Can I Sleep In Your Barn Tonight Mister?" — the golden oldies. They don't write songs like that anymore. I suppose they haven't needed to, until now.

My wife cooked the meal. Turkey, with all the fixings. Technically speaking, I suppose, it wasn't a turkey — more of a Cornish game hen — but it was good, I'll tell you that. And we were grateful for it. (It's amazing how filling cranberry sauce can be if you have enough of it.)

So OK, things were a little thin this year; I admit it. The past few weeks have taken a toll on my 401K. I'm considering giving it to my paperboy as a Christmas tip. But you know, I've always thought that this country had become too materialistic, too interested in "things."

Well, George W. has taken care of that, hasn't he? And to be honest, it wasn't just George W. Bush. He had Dick Cheney to help him. When they said they were going to undo the excesses of the Clinton years, they weren't kidding. I just didn't think they were talking about excess

income.

Not that I'm complaining. There's still a lot to be thankful for.

Only last summer people were gnashing their teeth about \$4-a-gallon gasoline. They couldn't afford the gas to drive to their jobs, they said.

You don't hear much of that anymore. Gas is about \$1.75-a-gallon and they've lost their jobs. Problem solved.

Same thing with the high cost of living. Prices are going down. You walk into a store this Christmas season and the sales people fall upon you like wolves on a stray sheep, touting sale items.

Wanna buy a car? Have we got a deal for you. Same with houses. (Although it helps if you can pay for them in cash, small bills preferred.)

The people I feel the most envious of are the young people who are inheriting the environment we've created. Two wars. Economic crisis. Galloping unemployment. A budget deficit that threatens to block out the sun. A planet drying up with increasing speed. Sarah Palin.

The so-called "Greatest Generation" was the greatest because of the challenges it met — The Great Depression and World War II.

The current generation of youngsters might very well face challenges that make those of the GG look like a victory lap. Our youngsters have a real chance at being "The Even Greater Generation."

I only wish I could live long enough to see it but I doubt I will. I'm

afraid my health insurance will be cancelled when Medicare goes broke and I won't be able to get a replacement because of a pre-existing condition — old age. That's all right, though. Like the old blues song says: "I have had my fun, if I don't get well no more." (I understand that the blues is making a comeback. I wonder why.)

I'd like to clear up one more thing. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote that the Republican Party had become the Party of Dumb. Many people objected to that. (Two-thirds of them Republican, one-third dumb.)

Let me say right now that I never intended to imply that all Republicans are dumb. Some of my best friends are Republicans and I know of many, many others (in the low two figures) who are of average intelligence or better. I merely meant that the Republican Party, over the years, has crafted its message to appeal mainly to the dumb, ignorant and uninformed. If you are a smart Republican, you have a quarrel with your party, not me.

I hope that makes things better. I have to go now, dinnertime. We're having game hen leftovers with A LOT of cranberry sauce. Happy Holidays.

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## This Town, That World

*Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.*

This weather as avy fool can plainly see, is not all that some of the forecasters cracked it up to be. The evening grosbeaks which stormed us last winter, apparently haven't read the forecasts and have decided a trip south isn't worth the trouble. The redbirds are doing so well on their own that they're turning up their bills at feeder fare. And just outside our window, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown's garden is alive with mustard, kale, lettuce and turnips—Still, one week in December does not a winter make.

### GOOD ADVICE

Time was when householders used mottos pretty freely for wall decorations, and I wouldn't be surprised if it wasn't a pretty sound idea, although I've been pretty remiss in the motto department. The ancient Jews used the frontlet and phylactery to good effect, I recall. This motto which hangs in District Judge Stumbo's office, would do for a starter.

Talent is God-given. Be humble.  
Fame is man-given. Be grateful.  
Conceit is self-given. Be careful.

### HOT STOVE LEAGUE NOTE

Pete Rose is in Philadelphia. Sparky Anderson is temporarily in limbo. And it's a caution where a lot of fans are saying that fellow Wagner should be.

### ANSWER PENDING

Was reminded recently by a friend who for some time now has "followed" my ramblings in this space that he has had enough of reading my confessions that as a fisherman, or salesman, or dancer, or singer, or just about anything else, I'm a No. 1 washout. "You've told the failures—now, what about the successes?" he insisted.

I seem to remember—give me a few months to recall one, and I'll admit it.

### ALL MIXED UP

This newspaper does not expect to endorse any candidate for state office next year, and I do not propose to hand out a lot of free publicity to any of them, but we cannot resist this statement by Bill Cox in re the governor's race. Speaking at a fund-raising dinner in his behalf as a candidate for lieutenant governor, Cox said.

"The governor's race is more confused than a family reunion at the dog pound. Nobody knows who belongs to whom."

### ADD TALL TALES

After it had been bruited about that Gladding, a fishing line man-

(See ALLEN, page six)

## CAR TALK:

### Studded tires not necessarily safer in winter

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## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'Johnny Was'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Direct-to-video titles continued their upward trend with the release of this title, which mixes elements of the best British thrillers like "Get Carter" and "The Crying Game."

The best thing about lower budgeted films (this was made for less than \$10 million, so "believe it or not" it qualifies as such in today's sagging economy) is that they take chances and offer meaty roles for those actors who don't command a hefty paycheck but bring plenty of talent to the table.

This effort offers prime roles for an eclectic cast and the lower budget means that anything can happen since the story is not under any pressure to appeal to mass audiences. That works out well for the viewer here, as they are treated to fully developed characters and a realistic story that never rings false.

Vinnie Jones (who often props up mega-budgeted films, like "X-Men 3," as a convenient villain due to his hulking stature) stars as Johnny. He's a wounded soul hiding out in Brixton (think England's version of the south side of Chicago) and licking his wounds after a stint as an Irish terrorist.

Johnny just wants some peace and to stay off the radar of his old cronies, but that's never gonna happen, as his apartment is wedged between a faux Jamaican drug dealer and a pirate reggae station.

His troubles, however, come from another sector when his old comrade, Flynn, arrives on his doorstep after breaking out of prison and killing a guard. Flynn is also traveling with a young protegee, Michael, who had the misfortune to injure his knee in the breakout.

Setting up a meeting between Flynn and the gangsters who have worked with them in the past proves easy enough, but the problem is that said thugs want nothing to do with Flynn and are more than happy to sell him out to the police. This places Johnny in a tough spot as he must get rid of Flynn before he threatens to open up old wounds.

The drug dealer downstairs, Julius, is willing to help after Flynn promises to help him out by cutting his heroin for him. Flynn, however, wouldn't know heroin from hair gel and it falls to Johnny to help him out.

Things are further complicated by Johnny's affections for Julius' girlfriend, Rita, who's an ex-nurse that got busted for raiding the hospital's drug supply. Can Johnny help out Flynn and manage to save Rita before she's as destroyed as he is? It's not going to be easy when Flynn poisons Julius' dope and addicts start dropping like flies. It sure won't help that the gangsters are ready to kill Flynn themselves and the police are closing in on everybody.

This one really works and it is all

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3 Doors Down will be at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Dec. 9.

# 3 DOORS DOWN

## Popular group to appear next week at East Kentucky Exposition Center

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

3 Doors Down will be bringing their popular brand of hard-driving rock to Pikeville next week, and fans in the area are ready to hear their favorite tunes in person.

"A lot of people don't know that 3 Doors Down have been around for over 10 years," said Robbie Hall, of Harold. "I've been a fan of them since I was in high school and I think they just keep getting better."

Brad Arnold, lead singer of 3 Doors Down, will be belting out songs from the band's new album, along with the familiar hits from the past.

"What it took was for us to take some real time off, go home, and

then gather again as the band we know how to be," Arnold said. "It was so appropriate to self-title the album, because after taking what amounted to almost a year-long break, we were hungry for each other's company. A song like 'It's Not My Time,' kind of sets the stage for what we've been through. I've known Matt and Todd and Chris since grade school. With a foundation like that, we were secure enough to take the time necessary, to make us want it."

Chris Henderson, rhythm guitarist, believes that hard work and dedication led to the band's success.

"We're not a band that just goes through the motions," says Chris. "We go at everything hard. What I'm most proud of about the new album is we left ourselves a way

out. Everybody hit the proverbial brick wall. Everybody fell down and everybody got back up, then we all went back in the room and, what was great, was we found all these different paths to go down."

3 Doors Down will be at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Dec. 9. The concert is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

"It's awesome that they are coming to Pikeville," said Alicia Hill, of Paintsville. "For a band as popular as they are, you usually have to drive to Lexington or Cincinnati. It really shows how much they care about their fans to come to rural areas and play shows."

For information on directions and tickets, visit <http://www.eastky-expo.com/>

## The hug of a child

by VICTORIA HARNISH BENSON  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:  
CHRISTIAN KIDS"

As we drove across town, I prepared my two children for what they were about to see. A lady from our new church was dying of cancer, and I had volunteered to help her with the housework. "Annie has a tumor in her head, which has disfigured her face," I cautioned them.

Annie invited me to bring my children with me one day, as I had told her so much about them. "Most chil-

dren are frightened by my appearance," she said. "So I will understand if they don't want to meet me."

I struggled for the words to describe Annie's appearance to my son and daughter. Then I remembered a movie I'd seen two years earlier with my son, when he was 10. I wanted him to understand that disabled people are like anyone else — their feelings can be hurt, too.

"David, remember the movie 'Mask,' about the boy with the facial deformity?"

"Yes, Mom. I think I know what to

expect." His tone told me it was time to stop mothering him so much.

"What does a tumor look like?" Diane asked me.

Answering my 9-year-old daughter would be tricky. In order to prevent Diane's revulsion when she met Annie, I needed to prepare her just enough but not too much. I didn't want to frighten the child.

"Her tumor looks like the skin on the inside of your mouth. It sticks out from under her tongue and makes it hard for her to talk. You'll see it as soon as you meet her, but there's nothing to be afraid of. Remember, don't stare. I know you'll want to look at it ... that's all right ... just don't stare." Diane nodded. I knew she was trying to picture a tumor in

her mind. "Are you kids ready for this?" I asked as we pulled up to the curb.

"Yes, Mom," David said, sighing as only a preteen can.

Diane nodded and tried to reassure me. "Don't worry, Mommy. I'm not scared."

"We entered the living room, where Annie was sitting in her recliner, her lap covered with notecards for her friends. I stood across the room with my children, aware that anything could happen

next.

At the sight of my children, Annie's face brightened. "Oh, I'm so glad you came to visit," she said, dabbing a tissue at the drops of saliva that escaped from her twisted mouth.

Then it happened. I watched David stride across the room to Annie's chair, wrap his arms around her shoulders and press his cheek to her misshapen face. Smiling, he looked into her eyes

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### Norris

now. I'd be happy to come here even without all of this protection."

Of course, assaults continue. But they don't diminish the momentous progress. Capt. Hunter Bowers, who presently is serving on the battlefield in Mosul, summarized his upbeat thoughts about their progress to me by e-mail Monday: "We have had some great success here and a lot of it has to do with the integration of the Iraqi Army and Iraqi Police."

Unfortunately, instead of reporting these substantial advances being made in Mosul, mainstream American media have chosen to ignore them, favoring to continue to report only negative news from the war zones or repeated jabs by Democratic leaders about the unfounded grounds for the war. (I've been sadly amazed and gravely amused

how often progress in war is played out not on the battlefield, but in the backrooms of news broadcasting studios.)

With another Pearl Harbor anniversary approaching and in a Christmas season when the sacrifice of our troops is accentuated by their absence from loved ones, it's fitting to honor, not overlook, those who fight for freedom. Find ways to commemorate their courage and commitment. Admonish others to watch positive and honorable tributes to our service members, such as those on the Military Channel and those created by director Mike Snee of Zaragoza Pictures, a documentary filmmaker whose mission also is to capture the progress of our troops — including those in Mosul. (See his Mosul footage at <http://homepage.mac.com/zaragozapictures/iMovieTheater99.html>.)

The fact is American coalition forces have reduced the number of al-Qaida fighters in Iraq from roughly 12,000 to 1,200, have cornered them in Mosul, and are successfully gaining the upper hand on their remaining strongholds. That is why Gen. James Conway, the head of the Marine Corps and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, summarized, "Iraq is now a rear-guard action on the part of al-Qaida." In fact, he says that security is so good around the country that for the first time, it "smells like victory," adding that next year, as many as 20,000 Marines currently deployed will return home.

And just in time for President-elect Barack Obama to begin his withdrawal of our troops — an act that likely will

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be a signal broadcasting victory in Iraq and likely will earn the new commander in chief credit for military success. Now there's a 2009 news story that America's mainstream media will be guaranteed to run over and over.

(In the spirit of Christmas, Chuck is giving away a free chapter from his current New York Times best-seller, "Black Belt Patriotism." To obtain yours, go to [www.ChuckNorrisNewBook.com](http://www.ChuckNorrisNewBook.com). "Black Belt Patriotism" makes a great Christmas gift for anyone!)

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### Soup

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and said, "I'm happy to meet you."

Just when I didn't think I could be more proud, Diane copied her big brother and gave Annie the precious,

accepting hug of a child.

My throat tightened with emotion as I saw Annie's eyes well up with grateful tears. I had nothing to worry about.

### Lagoon

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due to solid scripting and a host of naturalistic performances by a seasoned cast. Jones makes for a solid lead and his anguish over accidentally killing an innocent woman for his terrorist friends is etched on his face through the course of the film.

Eriq La Salle ("ER") also turns in some fine work as Julius, who is so mean he could kill you with his eyebrows.

The real treat here, though, is Patric Bergin's performance as Flynn. It's the best part he's had since he menaced Julia Roberts in "Sleeping with the Enemy." Bergin does a fantastic reveal here when the audience realizes that the charac-

ter's passion for the Irish cause masks a true sadist who only got into the work because he enjoys inflicting misery on everyone in his orbit. He's that true villain who is most dangerous to those he calls friends. To Bergin's credit he plays the character as if doing harm to others was an instinct akin to scratching one's nose.

This is great stuff and there are enough gunfights, betrayals and tough guy dialogue to make it all marketable as a crime drama, though it reaches much further — and succeeds.

Best line: "This is Rita. She's taking care of Michael. He had a wee humpty dumpty."

2006, rated R.

### Allen

ufacturer was sponsoring a tall tales contest, this showed up from the pen of an anonymous liar.

It was a dirty trick, I admit, but I had heard this Jake Mosher tell lies about the monster bass he was losing out of the Swirl Hole till I was sick. It may have been because I hadn't had a chance, all season, even to lose a big fish; anyway, I was up to here with his tales. So—

When Jake showed up at the Swirl Hole this Saturday morning, as I knew he would, I was already there with my diving outfit—mask, oxygen tank, and all—well under the water of his fishing spot. The second cast he made, I caught his line, gave it a vicious yank and took off.

I can't truthfully tell all that happened ashore, for I was downstream from Jake, couldn't see or hear him. But, knowing him as I do, I can see the wild look that came in his eyes, see him brace himself, then take off through the rocks and willows, along the river, trying to keep up with his fish.

This must have gone on five minutes or longer. Finally, I wound up behind a big rock in the river, and, taking a chance on being seen, I surfaced and peeked out from behind the rock.

Jake was a sorry spectacle. He had lost his cap, his face and hands were torn by briars and rocks—he had frozen, his rod almost bent double, and was yelling for help.

That was when I made my mistake. To see this blow-hard reduced to such a state, imploring an empty riverside to come to his help, was too much. I cracked up, so to speak, and dropped the line.

Feeling the line go slack, Jake let out a whoop and started running backwards, falling at least twice, all the while reeling in wildly to take up the slack. That was when I felt the hook of his Lazy Ike touch me at the rear.

Now, the tables had been turned, for sure. I wasn't hooked too badly, but I knew the situation could get serious if I let old Jake catch up with that slack and really set the

hook. Unable to reach back to free myself, I took off in Jake's direction at something more than my normal speed.

I might have made it, but I ran into some underwater weeds which slowed me up to the point that I could feel that hook digging deeper. Up I shot out of the water and yanked at my mask so that I could ask for mercy.

And that's how the Monster of the Swirl Hole was

born. Jake took off like a shot, leaving his rod behind, and when I got myself cleared of his hardware and got into town, he was there shaking, and white-faced, declaring that he hoped to die, if he didn't fight that Thing two hours, and that it broke water, right there in front of him, and that he had eyes as big as saucers.

And what hurt me worst was, I couldn't tell him he was a liar.

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## Kentucky to honor legacy of 'Mr. Wildcat' Bill Keightley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky will honor the legacy of former equipment manager Bill Keightley, also known as Mr. Wildcat, at the Kentucky-Mississippi Valley State basketball game today.

Keightley's family consisting of his widow Hazel, daughter Karen Marlowe and son-in-law Alden Marlowe, will be honored in a ceremony at half-time at which time his jersey will be retired a final time in Rupp Arena.

A representative of Mr.

Keightley's family will be the first of a season long program that will reflect Mr. Keightley's legacy and his well-known respect for Kentuckians from all walks of life. Beginning Dec. 7, fans can register at UKathletics.com for an opportunity to sit in Mr. Keightley's seat on the Kentucky bench from pre-game through the first media timeout of a game.

The game program as well as the game ticket will honor Mr. Wildcat.

"We all have been lucky enough to have someone like Mr. Keightley to show us what having the spirit of life means

and he celebrated life on a daily basis", said Kentucky head Coach Billy Gillispie. "He influenced each of us, and he was a great example of someone who loved his University more than anything. To honor his legacy through our fans would have made him proud."

The Mississippi Valley State game will serve as the culmination of the University's tributes to Mr. Wildcat which includes: a permanent spot on arena floor in front of Mr. Wildcat's seat on the bench, embellishments on the basketball uniform including black "K" of Kentucky and silk ribbon touting "Mr.

Wildcat", Mr. Wildcat Catspy award presented annually to an individual reflecting Mr. Wildcat's qualities; the Keightley Classic annual golf tournament; the Mr. Wildcat Bill Keightley scholarship fund awarding scholarship funds to UK men's basketball managers. In addition, UK Athletics along with the UK President's Office made financial contributions towards the William B. Keightley Oral History Project. The collection gives the public a unique opportunity to not only hear the legend, but to search his own words for topics and other key basketball figures he

speaks about in the interviews. Tip-off between UK and Mississippi Valley State is scheduled for 4 p.m. The game will be televised on Fox Sports South.

Harris released from hospital: University of Kentucky men's basketball player Ramon Harris has been released from the hospital and is listed as day-to-day.

Harris and teammate Michael Porter collided during Wednesday night's game against Lamar after chasing after a loose ball. Porter received 10 stitches to a laceration over his left eye, while

Harris suffered a blow to the back of his head. He was taken to UK Chandler Hospital where he remained under observation over night until being released this afternoon.

Tickets: A limited number of single game tickets remain for Kentucky's against Mississippi Valley State.

Mississippi Valley State is coached by former UK basketball standout Sean Woods.

Fans can order tickets by calling the UK Ticket Office (1.800.928.2287), the Rupp Arena Box Office (859.233.3535) or by going to UKAthletics.com or

## Samarco leads Bears past rival Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Three players posted double-doubles and one matched his career high as Pikeville College knocked off mountain rival Alice Lloyd College 105-84 Thursday night.

Pikeville (7-3) got 38 points from junior Josh Samarco, who was 5-of-5 from the arc in the first half en route to matching his career-high. He finished 7-of-10 from downtown, part of his 13-of-21 night.

The double-doubles came from senior Haakim Johnson, the reigning Mid-South Conference player of the week, who had 25 points and 11 rebounds to go with six assists; senior Charles Bronson (18 points, 12 rebounds); and senior Ewan Linton (10 points, 13 rebounds).

Alice Lloyd (6-3) — which has suffered two of its three losses to the Bears — scored to cut the lead to 66-52 before the Bears turned the game into a rout. Five different players scored in a 17-4 run that featured consecutive dunks by Bronson, Johnson and Linton, and when freshman Kane Belcher scored, the Bears led 83-56 mid-way through the second half.

Sophomore Justin Hicks had nine assists for the Bears, who had 20 compared to 12 turnovers.

Pikeville shot 50.6 percent from the floor and 47.4 (9-of-19) from the arc. The Bears, who entered the game hitting only 53.7 percent from the line, finished 18-of-24 for 75 percent.

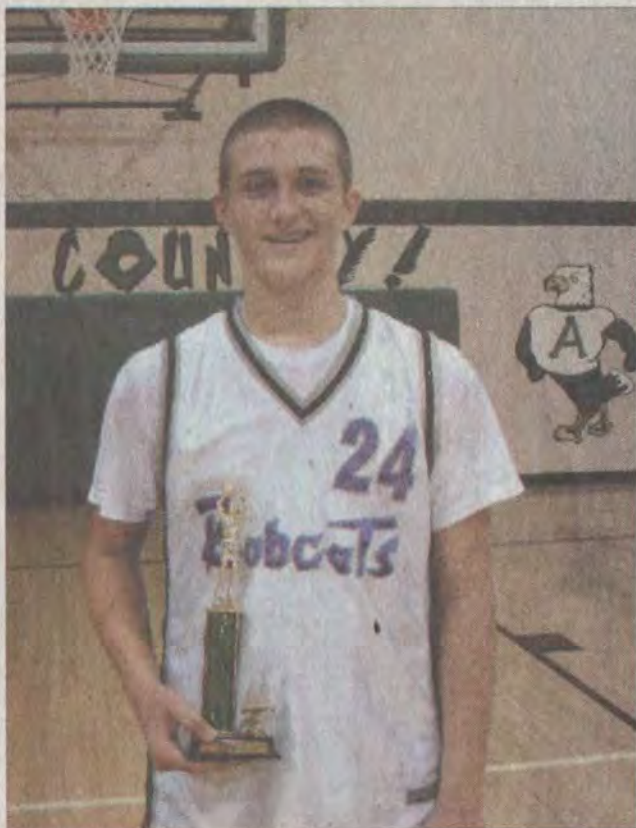
Alice Lloyd had four players of its own in double figures. Senior Will Dillard led the way with 25 on 9-of-13 shooting. Senior Rodney Mitchell followed with 18 points, while senior Eric Mullins and sophomore Corey Dixon followed with 13.

The Eagles lost despite turning the ball over only eight times.



photos by Jamie Howell

**Betsy Layne defeated Wesley Christian 59-36 Thursday in the championship game of the Shag Campbell Tournament at Allen. In the consolation game, Adams beat Paintsville 37-28. Betsy Layne standout Dylan Hamilton (pictured) won the individual free throw award. Adams shot 68-percent from the charity stripe and claimed the team free throw award. Adams won the cheerleading award. Allen Central finished runner-up in the cheerleading competition portion of the Shag Campbell Tournament.**



## Bobcats beat Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

CORDIA — Taylor Hott scored a game-high 30 points Thursday night but it wasn't enough to lead Betsy Layne past defending 14th Region champion Breathitt County in the opening round of the Queen of the Mountains Tip-off Classic at Perry County Central. Betsy Layne played well at times against an experienced Breathitt County team. Breathitt County jumped out in front early on, outscoring the opposing Ladycats 16-5 in the first quarter. In the end, Breathitt County prevailed 58-48.

The two teams played to a near stalemate after the opening quarter.

Brianna Deaton paced Breathitt County with a team-high 19 points. Deaton was the only Breathitt County player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Eight different Breathitt County players dented the scoring column as Kendall Noble netted nine points and Kristen Bowling chipped in eight.

Breathitt County carried a 28-15 lead into halftime.

Lindsey Martin added 14 points for Betsy Layne in the tournament game.

Betsy Layne (0-2) provided a push late, outscoring Breathitt County 17-12 in the final quarter.

## Lady Eagles rout Cordia

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CORDIA — Defending 15th Region champion Johnson Central rolled past Cordia Thursday night in the Cordia Invitational. The Lady Eagles wasted little time in proving the point of as to who was the superior team. Johnson Central outscored Cordia 22-2 in the first quarter on its way to a convincing 61-32 win.

Young led Johnson Central with a game-high 18 points. Chelsey Salyers and Breanna Salyers followed with 10 points apiece for the Lady Eagles.

Johnson Central, which placed eight different players in the scoring column, dominated from the opening tip, cruising into halftime out in front 32-16.

After doubling up Cordia in the first half, Johnson Central outscored the Lady Lions 19-6 in the third quarter. Johnson Central limited Cordia to 10 points or less in three of the four quarters.

For Cordia, Tabitha Slone scored 13 points and Alyssa Pratt added 10. Janice Miller chipped in five points for the Lady Eagles.

### Bluegrasspreps.com Boys' Basketball Poll

1. Scott County
2. Holmes
3. Jeffersontown
4. Elliott County
5. Ballard

6. Dupont Manual
7. Paul Dunbar
8. Corbin
9. George Rogers Clark
10. Hazard

11. Christian County
12. Lexington Catholic
13. Warren Central
14. Shelby Valley
15. Fairdale

16. North Hardin
17. Mason County
18. Owensboro
19. Bryan Station
20. Male

Coming Wednesday: Recaps of boys' high school basketball games, including Friday night's Prestonsburg-Pikeville matchup.

## Lady Crusaders upend KCC

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Sheena Stone scored 13 points and Maris Hovee had 12 as June Buchanan pulled off a 44-39 upset win over Knott County Central Thursday night. The Lady Patriots were held to 10 or fewer points in three of the game's four quarters.

June Buchanan enjoyed balanced scoring. Short narrowly missed double figures for the Lady Crusaders, finishing with nine points. Centers scored six points and Griffie added four in the June Buchanan victory.

June Buchanan maintained a lead

over Knott County Central in each quarter. The Lady Crusaders led 21-17 at the half. Exiting out of the third quarter, June Buchanan was out in front with a 28-25 lead.

The 53rd District game — a season-opener for both teams — featured numerous lead changes. Senior forward Kendra Thomas led Knott County Central, scoring a team-high 12 points. Thomas was the only Knott County Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Sophomore center Shandra Thomas and sophomore guard Keisha Perkins scored six points apiece in the season-opening setback for the Lady Patriots.



photo by Greg Moore/South Floyd High School  
ALLEN CENTRAL met up with Piarist during a panorama game at the J.E. Campbell Arena.



# Morehead State rolls past UT Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Four of the five starters for the Morehead State University women's basketball team reached double figures, and another tallied double digits off the bench as the Eagles opened Ohio Valley Conference play with an emphatic 82-54 win over UT Martin at Johnson Arena Thursday. MSU (5-2/1-0 OVC) won its eighth straight home game and its sixth straight OVC home opener. UTM fell to 1-5 and 0-1 in the league.

The Eagles led by 17 at the half (41-23) and only trailed in the game during the opening four minutes. MSU saw UTM trim the deficit to 14 (62-48) with 8:19 left in the contest, but a 15-0 run saw the MSU advantage balloon to as much as 30 (78-48) with 2:34 remaining. The Eagles used a three-point barrage (11-of-23 for the night) to post their highest margin of victory (28) in a conference game in head coach Mike Bradbury's two seasons.

Junior transfer Tiffany Hamilton hit four treys and led the Eagles with 16 points. Sophomore Chynna Bozeman registered 14 points on a 5-for-10 shooting effort, while freshman Courtney Lumpkin and junior transfer Tiffanie Stephens had 13 apiece. Stephens was 3-for-4 from three-point range, while Lumpkin also dished out a team-high and career-high six assists. Junior Brittany Pitman rounded out the double figure parade with 12 points. She also added a career high six steals and five blocked shots. All 14 MSU players in uniform saw action.

The Skyhawks were led by senior Phyllisha Mitchell, who nearly missed another double-double with a game high 22 points and nine rebounds. Maryam Kirk tossed in 12 points, and Sienna Forney, one of the shortest players on the floor at 5-6, led all athletes with 12 rebounds.

The Eagles' defense limited UTM to only 29 percent (20-of-68) from the field and just 3-of-17 from beyond the three-point arc. UTM also committed 25 turnovers.

MSU, meanwhile, shot a season-high 55 percent (31-of-56) from the field, including 59 percent (17-of-29) in the first half.

A jumper by Kirk gave the Skyhawks a 3-2 lead with 16:45 left in the opening half, but MSU constructed a 12-0 run - capped by a Stephens' three-pointer at 13:48 - to move on top 14-3. The Skyhawks only cut the MSU down to single digits once more (28-19 with 6:43 left in the first half). A 13-3 run to end the half, highlighted by Lumpkin's running jumper at the buzzer, gave the Eagles the 41-23 lead.

In the second, UTM cut the lead as low as 11 (41-30) with 17:25 left, but a 7-0 MSU scoring flurry pushed the margin back out to 18 after two Bozeman free throws at the 15:56 mark. The Skyhawks were never able to inch any closer than 13 in the final 16 minutes.

# Eagles defeat UT Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Demonte Harper scored a career-high 22 points to lead Morehead State to an 80-71 Ohio Valley Conference win over UT Martin Thursday evening in Johnson Arena.

The Eagles (2-6, 1-0 OVC) have now won two in a row after opening the season with six consecutive losses. UT Martin is now 2-4 overall, 0-1 in the league.

Harper also had game-high totals of five assists, two blocked shots and four steals. MSU also got 16 points and eight rebounds from Leon Buchanan, 13 points from Maze Stallworth and 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds from Kenneth Faried.

UT Martin was led by Lester Hudson who scored a game-high 24 points and pulled down 10 rebounds as he turned in a double-double. Marquis Weddle had 13 points while Benzor Simmons scored 12 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

"I thought it was a very physical game for this early in the season," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "You've got to commend UT Martin, they were physical and forced us into some costly turnovers in the first half. And, even though we got the win tonight, that's something we're going to have to correct if we're going to get where we want to as a team."

"Demonte (Harper) played well. He had 22 points, five assists and four steals, but he had too many turnovers and he's going to have cut down on those. We switched defense, and we got some nice baskets in transition. Their guards are so good, we had to find a way to keep them off balance."

MSU led early, but the Skyhawks recovered and led by as many as seven points in the first half. The Eagles battled back and scored the final five points before intermission to send the teams to the locker rooms tied 35-35.

The final tie of the game came at 67-67 with 4:49 left. The Eagles then finished the game on a 13-4 run to win by nine points.

Neither team shot well, MSU 39.7 percent (25-of-63) and UT Martin 37.1 percent (23-of-62). The Eagles won the rebound battle, 47-to-40, and both teams had 17 turnovers.

# Golden Eagles hold off district foe Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE — Sophomore Cody Parker scored a game-high 22 points and senior Mike Conley contributed a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds to lead host Johnson Central past Sheldon Clark Thursday night in an all-important 57th District matchup.

The game served as a season-opener for the Golden Eagles less than one week after the Johnson Central football team had wrapped up its season.

Johnson Central and Sheldon Clark were deadlocked 50-50 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Ian Welch, fresh off of a

stellar four-year football career, added 18 points for the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central slipped out of the first quarter out in front 19-18. The Golden Eagles led 36-30 when halftime arrived.

Sheldon Clark, under the tutelage of head coach Roger Harless, outscored Johnson Central 20-14 in the third quarter to even the game.

Veteran Brady Horn led Sheldon Clark with a team-best 18 points. Horn was one of three Sheldon Clark players to reach double figures in the scoring column. BJ Moore scored 14 points and Porter netted 10 for the Cardinals.

Johnson Central improved to 1-0 while Sheldon Clark dropped to 0-2.

# Colonels fall to Murray State in OVC opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team fell to visiting Murray State, 58-50, on Thursday night in both schools' OVC openers as the Racers held EKU to just five points in the last 10 minutes of the contest. With the loss, the Colonels drop to 4-3 (0-1 OVC) while Murray State improves to 5-1 (1-0 OVC).

EKU labored through its worst shooting night of the season on Thursday, shooting just 19 percent from three-point range, including 0-for-11 in the second half. The Colonels were also out-rebounded by Murray State, 40-25.

Junior Papa Oppong led all scorers with a career-high 19 points on 6-of-9 (66.7 percent) shooting. He also recorded five rebounds. Junior Josh Taylor came off the bench to score 11. EKU's leading scorer, senior Mike Rose, netted only two points on just 1-of-6 (16.7 percent) shooting. It was Rose's lowest points total since his freshman year.

Three Murray State players scored in double figures. Sophomore Jeffery McClain led the way, recording a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Danero Thomas and sophomore Isaac Miles both chipped in with 11.

After Murray State started the game on a 12-3 run, Taylor nailed two consecutive three-pointers to slice the deficit to three with 14 minutes left in the first half. Two consecutive buckets by Murray State then ballooned the Racers' lead to 16-9 before Oppong cut the lead to one with a three-pointer followed by a three-point play.

Following a Murray State run in which the Racers' lead was stretched to nine, junior Dayvon Ellis brought the Colonels back to within four, 31-27, with a layup and a three-point play before half-

time. After hitting their first four three-pointers of the game, the Colonels went just 1-for-11 during the remainder of the first half and entered halftime shooting just 33 percent from behind the arc.

Oppong led all scorers at halftime with 11 points on 4-of-5 (80 percent) shooting. Rose finished the first half with zero points on only two shot attempts.

McClain paced the Racers at halftime with eight points and eight rebounds.

A bucket and a foul shot by Oppong and a layup from Ellis gave the Colonels their first lead of the game, 32-31, just seconds into the second stanza. With 15:37 showing on the clock, freshman Deveyon Hunter converted a three-point play to give EKU its second lead of the game at 39-38.

EKU maintained its slim advantage until, with 6:31 remaining in the game, Murray State junior Tony Easley hit two free throws to give the Racers a 47-45 lead, their first since early in the second half. Another bucket in the paint by Easley extended Murray State's lead to four with just over five minutes left in the game.

A free throw by Oppong with just over a minute left drew the Colonels to within six, 52-46, and snapped a nine-minute scoring drought by EKU. The Colonels had not scored since 10:18 remaining in the game. With 30 seconds showing on the clock, freshman Mike Lewis hit a layup and was fouled, but he missed the ensuing free throw that would have pulled EKU to within three.

**Lady Colonels' comeback bid falls short against Racers:** Eastern Kentucky trailed by 16 points in the first half and 12 points early in the second half, but closed the deficit to two with just over five minutes remaining before

falling to Murray State, 73-61 in a women's college basketball game, Thursday at McBrayer Arena.

Sophomore Nadia Mossong led the Lady Colonels (2-4, 0-1 OVC) with 21 points. Ashley Hayes scored a game-high 25 points for the Racers (4-3, 1-0 OVC).

After exchanging baskets in the first minute of the second half, Murray State led by 12, 37-25. Eastern Kentucky scored seven straight, including a three-pointer by Mossong, to get within five with 16:53 remaining in the game.

After the Racers pushed back in front by double digits, 42-32, on a three-pointer by Mallory Schwab and a jumper by Hayes, Mossong and Kayla Drake knocked down back-to-back three-pointers to cut the deficit to four with 12:38 to go.

After shooting 28.6 percent in the first half and committing 11 turnovers, EKU made 14-of-29 second half baskets for 48.3 percent and turned the ball over only eight times.

MSU pushed its lead back to nine on back-to-back baskets by Hayes and a free throw by Amber Guffey, but the Lady Colonels made another run. Ilona Muszak scored five straight, on a trey and a jumper for a 47-43 game with 9:28 showing on the clock.

Murray State scored three straight to move back in front by seven, but Muszak knocked down another three-pointer from the right wing and Cherie White scored on a driving lay-up to make it a 50-48 game with 5:38 remaining.

The Lady Colonels would get no closer. Mallory Luckett knocked down a trey on the other end and a jumper by Hayes put the Racers back in front by eight, 56-48, with 3:53 to play. Mossong's fourth three-pointer of the

game brought it back to five but that is as close as EKU would get. A three-pointer by Paige Guffey capped a 6-run and gave the visitors an 11-point lead, 62-51, with 2:24 showing on the clock.

MSU shot 50 percent (25-of-50) for the game. Amber Guffey, Paige Guffey and Luckett each scored 11 points. Hayes added eight rebounds and three steals to her point total.

Mossong had eight rebounds and five assists to go along with her 21 points. Drake made a pair of three-pointers in the final two minutes to finish with 11 points. Junior Colette Cole grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds and scored seven points.

The Lady Colonels scored the first basket of the game, but the Racers rolled off 12 straight. With a pair of buckets in the paint and a block, Angela Mullins scored four of MSU's first eight points. Back-to-back baskets by Hayes gave Murray State a 12-2 lead with 15:05 remaining in the first half.

Two more consecutive jumpers by Hayes extended the Racer lead to 20-6 with 10:43 before intermission. Jasmine Lewin answered for the Lady Colonels at the other end with her first career three-pointer to close the gap to 11.

After another jumper by Hayes pushed it to a 22-9 game, both teams went nearly four minutes without scoring. A three-pointer by Luckett ended the drought and gave MSU a 16-point lead with 6:12 left in the first half. A three-pointer by Hayes kept the Racers in front by 16 with 2:56 before the break. Schwab's jumper with four seconds on the clock sent the visitors to the locker room ahead by 12, 35-23.

Hayes scored 15 of Murray State's 35 first half points. MSU shot 51.9 percent from the field while EKU went 8-for-28 (28.6 percent)

# 57th District: Bulldogs pull past Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISA — Lawrence County made the most of a matchup versus a young, inexperienced Paintsville team Thursday night. In a district matchup, visiting Lawrence County gradually pulled away from the Tigers. Randy Anderson-

coached Lawrence County outscored the Tigers 18-10 in the third quarter en route to a 75-58 win.

Josh Wilks and Wage Skaggs led Lawrence County in scoring with 15 points apiece. Four different Lawrence County players reached double figures in the scoring column. Michael Thompson was the second-

leading scorer for Lawrence County. Thompson netted 13 points in the win over Paintsville. Lucas Frasher pushed in 10 points as eight different Bulldogs scored.

Lawrence County outscored Paintsville 15-14 in the first quarter and led 33-28 at the break.

The Bulldogs led 51-38 when play started in the

fourth quarter. Lawrence County, which defeated Sheldon Clark 79-76 in double overtime earlier in the week, improved to 2-0 following the win.

Paintsville dropped to 0-2 as a result of the setback. The Tigers fell to Perry County Central earlier in the week in a season-opener.

## NFL SCOREBOARD

Thursday's Game  
San Diego 34, Oakland 7

Today's Games  
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Miami vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.  
New England at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Denver, 4:05 p.m.  
Dallas at Pittsburgh, 4:15 p.m.  
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.  
Washington at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m.  
Monday's Game  
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11  
New Orleans at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14  
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at St. Louis, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
Denver at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.  
New England at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15  
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 8:30 p.m.

## 58TH DISTRICT BOYS' BASKETBALL



PRESTONSBURG (ABOVE) AND SOUTH FLOYD (BELOW) are due to meet later in the month during a key 58th District boys' basketball matchup.





# Six UK Wildcats named All-SEC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Six Kentucky Wildcats were named to the All-Southeastern Conference team selected by Phil Steele's College Football.

Cornerback Trevard Lindley is a first-team All-SEC pick, with offensive tackle Gary Williams, defensive tackle Myron Pryor, defensive end Jeremy Jarmon, and linebackers Braxton Kelley and Micah Johnson named to the second team.

Lindley, a junior from Hiram, Ga., has four interceptions and 11 pass breakups this year. He ranks second in the SEC and 15th nationally for total passes defended. A semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back), Lindley set the school record for pass breakups in a career with 34.

Williams, a senior from Louisville, has given up only one quarterback sack this season. He was SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week in UK's win over Western Kentucky. As a team, UK ranks fifth in the nation in fewest tackles for loss allowed

and ninth nationally for fewest sacks allowed.

Pryor, a senior from Louisville, has been a dominant presence in the defensive line. He has 29 tackles this season, including 10 for loss and 4.5 quarterback sacks. He was named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for the Louisville game when he returned a fumble for a touchdown and caused another fumble that was returned for a touchdown.

Jarmon, a junior from Collierville, Tenn., totaled 33 tackles, nine for loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and five pass breakups this season. He ranks in the top five players in school history for sacks.

Kelley, a senior from LaGrange, Ga., leads the team in tackles with 90 stops. He also has 6.5 tackles for loss, three sacks, two pass breakups, two fumbles caused and one fumble recovery. Consistency has been his hallmark, with at least three tackles in 24 straight games.

Johnson, a junior from Fort Campbell, has made 87 tackles

despite missing two games because of injury. He ranks third in the SEC in tackles per game. He leads the Wildcats with 11.5 tackles for loss and has led the team in tackles in eight of the 10 games in which he has played.

Practice resume, coaches recruiting: The Kentucky football team will resume practice on Saturday and Sunday.

During the week, the coaches are on the recruiting trail. The players are continuing their academic work as they wrap up the semester (exams Dec. 15-19).

Bowl Game Ticket Applications Due Dec. 7: The deadline for the University of Kentucky Athletics Ticket Office to receive advance bowl-game ticket applications from UK season-ticket holders is Sun. Dec. 7.

UK season-ticket holders have three options for filing their bowl-game applications: Fax to the ticket office at 859-323-1269; Take to the ticket office at the Joe Craft Center (open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.); On the Internet at [www.ukathletics.com](http://www.ukathletics.com)



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ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL won the cheerleading championship of the Shag Campbell Tournament held at Allen.

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## Scott Zipadelli named crew chief for Leffler's No. 38 car

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOORESVILLE, N.C. — Braun Racing announced Friday that Scott Zipadelli has joined the organization to serve as crew chief of the No. 38 team with driver Jason Leffler.

Bringing with him a wealth of experience, Zipadelli has more than 12 years in the industry and has worked with championship winning organizations. A native of East Haddam, Conn., he most recently served as crew chief at JTG Racing with driver Kelly Bires.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to join Braun Racing," Zipadelli said. "This is a team that has proven that they have all of the necessary tools to go out and contend for wins each and every week."

Leffler, who has driven for Braun Racing since 2005, is excited about the fresh perspective Zipadelli brings with him to the organization.

"Scott is going to be a great

addition to our team and I'm really pumped up about what he is going to bring to this team," Leffler said. "I think it is going to be a great fit. I am already impatient to get to Daytona and to start a new season with Scott leading this team."

Zipadelli first came to NASCAR in 1999, starting out as a general mechanic at Innovative Motorsports. He quickly made a name for himself and within two years made the move to Evernham Motorsports.

In 2002, Zipadelli joined his older brother Greg at Joe Gibbs Racing where he watched Greg lead Tony Stewart to his first Cup Series championship. Scott Zipadelli moved into the role of plate setup manager for the No. 18 car, driven by Bobby Labonte. Additionally, he served as the chassis setup specialist and was later promoted to car chief for the team. In five seasons with the No. 18 team, Zipadelli and his crew saw

Victory Lane three times and earned nine pole positions.

Zipadelli returned to the Nationwide Series and joined JTG Racing as crew chief of the No. 47 team, first with driver Jon Wood and then with newcomer Kelly Bires. In two years, Zipadelli proved to have the knack as he helped Wood and Bires, a rookie driver, to numerous impressive finishes. Bires had eight top-10 finishes the last two seasons.

Now, Zipadelli looks for a new challenge with Braun Racing where he will work with a new driver, a new car manufacturer and a new crew.

"I look forward to helping to add to their success and working together with this core group of guys who have been together for a number of years to win more races and contend for a championship," Zipadelli said.

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## AC BASKETBALL

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1. Iroquois
2. Dupont Manual
3. Butler
4. Elizabethtown
5. Franklin-Simpson
6. Paul Dunbar
7. North Hardin
8. Montgomery County
9. Southwestern
10. Henderson County
11. Lexington Christian
12. Ohio County
13. Lexington Catholic
14. Johnson Central
15. Highlands
16. Breathitt County
17. Mercy
18. Rockcastle County
19. Marshall County
20. Nelson County



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THE ALLEN CENTRAL LADY REBELS were dealt their first loss of the season Thursday. Pikeville defeated Allen Central 68-49.

## Last minute gift ideas for the outdoors enthusiast

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — If you are like a lot of us, you haven't bought a single Christmas gift yet. Don't despair. Many last minute gifts exist for the procrastinator who needs a present for an outdoors enthusiast.

A rangefinder is one of those gifts that you hate to spend the money on for yourself, but would consider it one of the best gifts ever. Deer and elk hunters will find a rangefinder a useful tool for sighting in their rifles or determining shot distance. Reloading enthusiasts testing a new bullet and powder grain combination find a rangefinder handy.

Basic rangefinders start around \$150, and rise in price to nearly \$1,000. Some models combine high-end binoculars with a rangefinder and cost a couple of thousand dollars.

Waterfowl hunters walking to a blind, pit or pond bank in the pre-dawn darkness or night

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A GPS unit is invaluable for hunters and anglers. You can mark tree stand sites, waterfowl blinds or pits, deer bedding areas or underwater brush piles with a GPS unit and return to the exact spot later. They also keep a hunter walking out of the woods after dark or an angler returning to the ramp in the middle of the night from getting lost. The price of GPS units has fallen

dramatically in the last couple of years.

A great stocking stuffer is located in the middle fold of Kentucky Afield magazine. It is a subscription envelope. One year costs \$10 and two years is \$18. With a one-year subscription, you get four issues of the nationally award-winning magazine and the popular Kentucky Afield calendar. The calendar alone sells for \$10.

A Sportsman's License, available to Kentucky residents only, is a gift that any angler or hunter will appreciate, but is especially beneficial for the serious outdoors person who hunts and fishes. With the Sportsman's License, the gift receiver gets a combination annual hunting and fishing license, trout permit, spring and fall turkey permits, statewide deer permit and a Kentucky waterfowl permit, which also includes doves and other migratory bird hunting. That is a savings of \$50 over buying them separately.

An annual resident hunting and fishing combination license is also a good gift. They cost \$30, a savings of \$10 over buying each separately. There aren't many hunters or anglers who would object to receiving one as a gift. It is a useful, appreciated gift, unlike a tie or a new robe.

Also, log on to [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) on the Internet and click on the "Kentucky Afield Store" box. Many nice stockings stuffers are available for under \$20 such as "Kentucky Afield" television's deer processing video, which makes the transition from field to freezer for your venison much easier. Also, several Kentucky Afield logo hats are available as well as the award-winning 2009 Kentucky Afield Calendar.

These gifts should warm the heart of any hunter or angler on your Christmas list. The Sportsman's License and other licenses are available by calling 1-877-598-2401 or on the Internet at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

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ADAMS MIDDLE captured third-place in the Shag Campbell Tournament held at Allen. Floyd County middle school and elementary school teams have several games scheduled over the course of the next couple of weeks prior to the holiday break.



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The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the standard underground methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Knott Floyd Land Company Inc. The operation will under-

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Kelly Ritchie, Vimus and Allie Gibson, James and Elaine Sparkman, Larry Randall and Mary Jacqueline Stone. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources,

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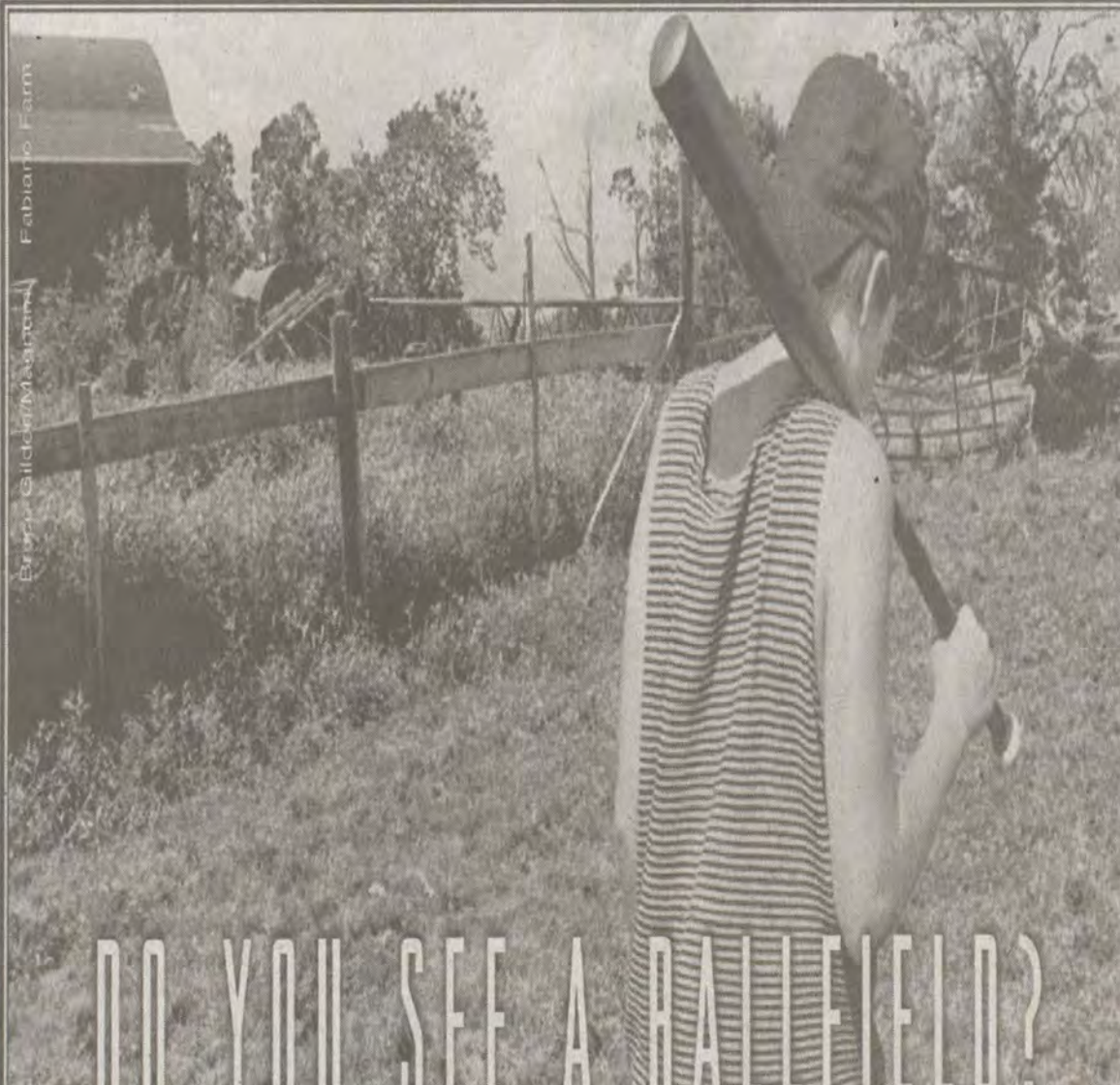
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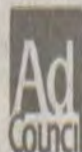
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# Studded tires not necessarily safer in winter

by TOM and RAY  
MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a car question, about which I am sure I'm correct, but I need one of you to point that out to my husband — and if I am by chance wrong, then he never needs to know! We live in Colorado, and as such, take occasional trips to the mountains with our kids to ski or snowshoe — we plan on taking only a few trips this year, so for winter tires, I don't think it's necessary to get studded tires. We get about 300 days of sunshine a year, and if it does snow, it usually melts in a day (two at the most), and we have dry roads again. I say we get the best winter snow tires without studs, and just be extra careful when going up to the mountains to ski — the roads usually are snow-packed but not icy. My husband says it only takes losing control of the car and driving off the mountain once to prove I'm wrong, so he's sticking with the studded-tire option. Just agree with me and get it over with ... Thanks! — Kristen

RAY: It's over with, Kristen. We agree with you.

TOM: The problem with studded tires is that while they're good on ice, they're lousy on everything else. And the vast majority of the time, you're driving on something else.

RAY: If your tires are lousy for 99 percent of the winter driving you do, you're taking a lot of risk to be safer than other 1 percent of the time.

TOM: Fortunately, there are other options for when you actually encounter ice. One is to stay home. I mean, skiing and snowshoeing are great, but so is joining NetFlix and renting "Downhill Racer."

RAY: Or, you can get a set of temporary tire chains. Keep those in the trunk, and if you ever encounter deep snow or ice, pull over, kick your husband out of the car and tell him to put the chains on.

TOM: You can get a set that goes on without having to jack up the car. He can do it by the side of the road. And while he freezes his knees off, breathes in the car's exhaust and gets splattered by passing Ford Expeditions, you and the kids can play animal, mineral or vegetable. And try to guess which one Dad ends up being.

RAY: Seriously, temporary chains or cable chains will give you as much, if not more, traction than studs will on icy roads, and they spend most of the winter off the car, where they belong.

## Timing belt is crucial for car to run

Dear Tom and Ray:

You guys always make me laugh! And now I'm desperate for some car advice I can trust. I have a '98 Volvo V70 with 112,000 miles. A mechanic just told me I'm on borrowed time, as I have not changed the timing belt. He said it should have been done at 105,000 miles, and could break and screw up the engine at any time. Also, he said I should replace the water pump, as it would save the labor cost later on. I am afraid to drive the car at all ... the quote was \$600, which I just can't do right now. I am a widow, so I don't have a "hubby's car" to drive instead. Thank you for your time, and keep up the laughs! — Vicky

TOM: Unfortunately, Vicky, your mechanic is absolutely right.

RAY: Your timing belt should have been changed by now, and if it breaks, your valves are going to be crushed like the ice cubes in one of my brother's pineapple-salami breakfast smoothies.

TOM: He's also right that you should change the water pump. That pump is run by the timing belt. So if the pump seizes, that can also break the belt. And you'd hate for that to happen after you went through

the trouble and expense of installing a new timing belt. So, we always replace them both at the same time.

RAY: The same goes for the timing-belt tensioner. That's a cheap little device that keeps the belt tight enough. If that fails, your engine's a goner, too. So, be sure your mechanic replaces the tensioner as well.

TOM: Unfortunately, this is one of those times when you have to get creative and come up with some cash somehow. This might be the time to pull out the old credit card. Or a

new credit card.

RAY: Or if you've been a longtime customer of this garage, maybe they can put you on some sort of payment plan where you can pay for the parts upfront, and then pay off the labor over a few months.

TOM: Right. With fresh-baked chocolate-chip cookies as interest.

RAY: Or maybe you have a kid who can help you out, in exchange for keeping the lid on some embarrassing naked baby — or high-school — pictures?

TOM: But you're right not to drive the car until you fix it. If you think \$600 is a lot to come up with, imagine having to come up with \$3,000 to rebuild the engine. Good luck, Vicky!

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