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briefs

Three more candidates file for election

The list of people running in next year's local elections has grown by three over the past week. One race gained its first candidate. Joe Back of Betsy Layne tossed his hat in the ring Dec. 28 to run for county surveyor as a Democrat.

The race for jailer gained another candidate, as Lowell T. Samms Jr. of Banner made his candidacy official Wednesday. So far, Samms will face Johnny Ray Pack of Drift in the May Democratic primary. Incumbent Jailer Roger Webb has also indicated that he intends to seek re-election.

In Magisterial District 4, an already crowded race became even more so as Vickie Hamilton Bryant of Beaver filed Wednesday to run for magistrate. Bryant becomes the sixth candidate in the race, which includes incumbent District 3 Commissioner Erma Tackett of Harold, Paul D. Tackett of Teaherry, Derek Kane Hale of Betsy Layne, Paul Stilton of Betsy Layne and Marty Keith Hamilton of Betsy Layne.

Candidates have until Jan. 29 to file to run for office.

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by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

As upcoming elections draw nearer, so do rumors, according to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, who spent the final portion of a special-meeting of the city council Thursday, discussing and attempting to dispel what he said were rumors that could

prove to be debilitating to himself and the city council as a whole.

Addressing the agenda item with some degree of hesitancy, Fannin began his comments by saying he did not intend to single anyone out in addressing the increase in rumors about himself and his administration. However, Fannin soon fell into a direct discussion with council member

Thomas Hereford, who has filed to run for mayor against Fannin in November.

Before falling into direct discussion with Hereford, Fannin first mentioned the candidate's brother, David Hereford, and his sister-in-law, Peggy Hereford, who are now residents of Lexington.



Fannin

Hereford

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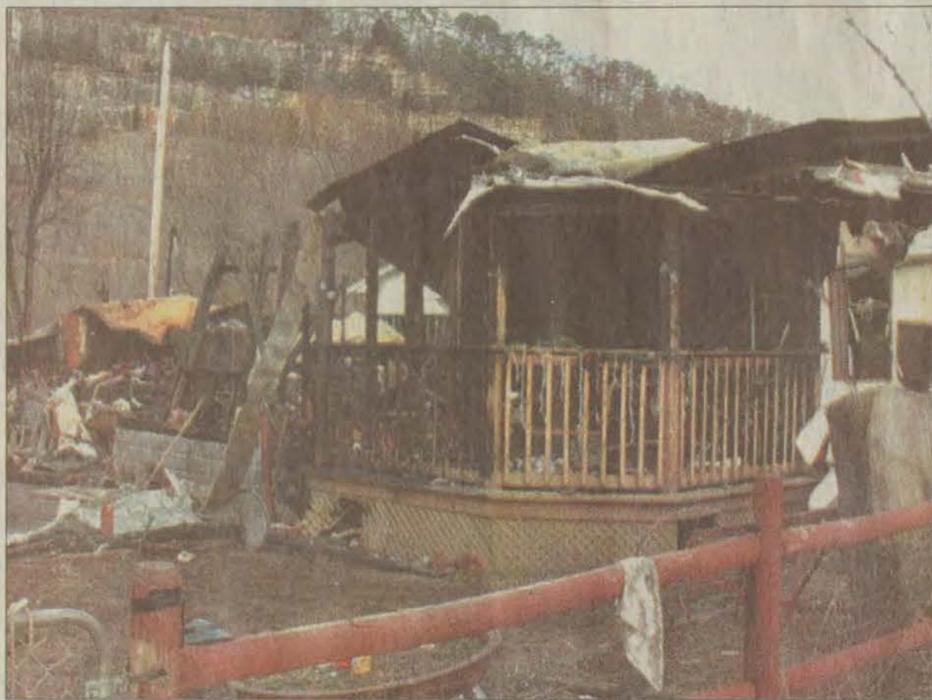


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Smoke, ashes and charred wood were all that remained of this home along Grandview drive at Tram Wednesday afternoon after an early morning fire Sunday. Tram resident Randy Boyd died in the fire as a result of what officials say may have been an accident involving a gas heater, while his son's home caught fire and burned as well when flames ran out of control and spread across the property.

Father killed, son loses home to fire

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A house fire at Tram, which authorities said may have started from a gas heater within the home, left one man dead and destroyed his son's next-door home early Sunday morning.

According to police, Randy Boyd, 60, was found at the front door of his burned home on Grandview Drive by officials Sunday morning after having been notified by his son, Milford Boyd, 35, and his wife, whose home stood adjacent to Boyd's.

The fire began at approximately 5 a.m., according to reports, when Milford Boyd's wife noticed smoke coming from her father-in-law's home as she was

leaving for work.

The family made several attempts to retrieve Boyd from the burning home, but could not due to the overwhelming amount of smoke that had taken over the structure, said Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn, who responded along with several other officials to the fire Sunday.

"They said they tried to get him (Randy Boyd) out, but couldn't get through because of all the smoke," said Blackburn. "They're not real sure right now, but the fire may have started from a gas heater."

Boyd was later pronounced dead at the scene by the Floyd County Coroner's Office and removed to

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Cole killed in three-car wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Betsy Layne woman was killed just before noon Monday morning in a three-vehicle collision along U.S. 23 when the vehicle she was a passenger in was struck by a Pepsi tractor-trailer.

Ellie Cole, 71, was pronounced dead at Pikeville Methodist Hospital following a collision that occurred when she and her daughter and the driver of the vehicle, Cora Cole, attempted to turn onto U.S. 23 from Church Street at Betsy Layne. The vehicle was struck in the driver's side by a Pepsi tractor-trailer, driven by Jerry McKenzie.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police, McKenzie was traveling south along U.S. 23 when he disregarded a traffic light along U.S. 23 and collided with the Coles as they were entering the roadway. The tractor-trailer struck the vehicle on the driver's side and sent the two women crashing

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Pennington dies in Martin wreck

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Melvin man was killed and his wife was injured in a collision along Route 80 near Martin at 10:45 a.m. Monday morning, police said.

Dwight Pennington, 44, and his wife Brenda Pennington, both of Melvin, were traveling north on Route 1428 in their 1993 Chevy S10 truck and attempting to enter onto Route 80 at the Martin traffic lights when Pennington pulled his pickup into the path of an oncoming truck, according to reports.

Dennis Younts, the driver of the oncoming 1993 Ford F150 truck, struck Pennington's vehicle and then overturned, continuing along the roadway until coming to a rest on the shoulder of Route 80.

Dwight Pennington, a former member of the Wheelwright Fire Department, Lion's Club member and member of the Burton Pentecostal Church of God, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson, having died

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Cop, suspect wreck in high-speed chase

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A high-speed chase late New Year's Eve, which ended with both the fleeing suspect and one police officer injured, led to the arrest of a Drift man who is now being held on 12 charges at the Floyd County Detention Center.

According to reports from the Kentucky State Police, that office received on phone call Monday evening complaining of a man operating a black 2001 Ford Mustang in the Ivel area.

The call informed police that the man, who was later identified as Thomas J. Miller, of Drift, had just entered a store and allegedly "could hardly stand up."

Officers in the area were notified of the complaint and approximately an hour-and-a-half after receiving the complaint, at 11:30 p.m., the Prestonsburg City Police Department spotted the vehicle described and attempted to stop Miller. The attempt was thwarted, however, when Miller decided to flee, sending Prestonsburg police officer Ralph Frasure in pursuit.

During pursuit, Frasure was involved in a collision and sustained injuries. He was later taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released from the facility shortly after.

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photo by Ralph B. Davis

It was beginning to look a lot less like Christmas in Prestonsburg Wednesday as city work crews began the task of taking down holiday decorations.

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Manhunt leads to body in East Ky. stream

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — A cross-country manhunt for an escaped convict led to an icy river in Eastern Kentucky where police found the body of a 71-year-old Oklahoma man who had been missing since Christmas.

The suspect is J.B. Cole, who was serving six years for vandalism and theft in a Tennessee prison when he escaped from a work-release detail on June 4.

While tracking Cole, police caught his girlfriend in Ohio. A chance encounter, plus a timely tip, led police to Cole's daughter and stepson in Kentucky. Authorities once had Cole himself in their sights, but he slipped away.

So far, the 37-year-old Cole had avoided capture in a manhunt stretching from Tulsa,

Okla., to Kentucky's Appalachian foothills.

"We're really starving for information on his whereabouts," Kentucky State Police Lt. Mark Merriman said Thursday. "We're working in cooperation with Ohio and Oklahoma authorities in our efforts to try to find Cole as soon as possible. He is considered armed and dangerous."

Oklahoma authorities issued a warrant Wednesday for Cole's arrest on a first-degree murder charge in the slaying of Donald Green Sr. of Tulsa.

Green's body was discovered Wednesday dangling from a fallen sycamore tree in the South Fork of the Kentucky River in Owsley County, Coroner Eddie Isaacs said Thursday. His hands and feet were bound by telephone cord and his head was severely bat-

tered, Isaacs said.

"He had been in there for some time," Isaacs said.

Green's body was identified Thursday after an autopsy by state medical examiners. That ended a mystery that began when police in Tulsa found blood in his kitchen and a blood trail leading to his garage.

Green's car was found days later in Eastern Kentucky.

Kentucky State Police Detective James Devasher said the autopsy indicated that Green died from blunt force trauma. Devasher said authorities were still trying to determine when and where Green was killed, but that he apparently was alive when he was taken from Tulsa.

Meanwhile, Cole's daughter and stepson were caught this week in Bourbon County and charged with receiving stolen property, but they haven't shed

much light on Cole's plans, Sheriff John Ransdell said.

"I don't think they know a whole lot because I don't think he really knows where he's going," Ransdell said. "He's just on the run."

A sheriff's deputy spotted Cole's stepson driving a pickup truck that had been stolen hours before in neighboring Harrison County in central Kentucky, Ransdell said. Unbeknownst to the deputy, Cole was ahead of his stepson, also driving a stolen pickup.

"We would have had him if we had known," the sheriff said.

Cole drove on while his stepson tried to elude authorities, driving down two one-way streets the wrong way and through a couple of yards, the sheriff said. He then jumped out of the vehicle and tried to run but was quickly tackled by offi-

cers, Ransdell said. The sheriff said the youngster is old enough to drive legally but is under 18, so he would not name him.

Cole's 18-year-old daughter was riding with Cole but got out to call a relative, Ransdell said. The daughter, Brandy Jean Roberts, told authorities that her father drove away to avoid detection and was going to return later to pick her up, the sheriff said. However, authorities picked her up after receiving a tip.

Neither the stepson or daughter was armed, Ransdell said. The sheriff said Cole does not have any family in Bourbon County and apparently was just passing through the area.

Authorities received another tip that Cole and his girlfriend had been spotted in Adams County, Ohio, across the Ohio River from Kentucky. His 29-

year-old girlfriend, Kim Gilbert, was arrested after officers chased them, but Cole got away.

The Tulsa World reported that Gilbert told investigators that Cole would not let her "get near the trunk of the car" and that once, in Kentucky, he made her wait alongside the road. Gilbert said she believes Green's body was in the trunk and "disposed of" in Kentucky, court records said.

According to police in Tulsa, Cole came into contact with Green, the victim, sometime before Christmas because Cole's brother was staying with Green.

Cole's brother had stayed at Green's home off and on for two years, Green's family said. Green's wife suffered from Alzheimer's disease and was in a nursing home.

Cities want repeal of law requiring public smoking areas

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky League of Cities plans to ask the General Assembly to repeal a law that required indoor smoking areas in public buildings.

"It's an unfunded mandate a lot of cities didn't know they had," Sylvia Lovely, the league's executive director, said Wednesday.

The General Assembly in

1994 pre-empted local governments on the public smoking issue. A law enacted that year had the effect of precluding absolute bans on smoking in public buildings. Smoking could be restricted, but a ventilated space had to be created for smokers.

The law did not apply to private businesses. It also has been ignored in many towns, and it seemed to be largely symbolic, anyway, Lovely said.

"Tobacco was a very protect-

ed thing because it ... supported a lot of communities," Lovely said. "I think it was more a statement to make in the legislature in support of something, and now the time has come to change that."

Repeal of the law is among the league's priorities for the legislative session that begins Tuesday.

David Fowler, city attorney of Owensboro and a member of the league's executive board, is taking the lead on the issue. He

has drafted a proposed amendment to the law. The league is looking for a sponsor and would like to have the man who sponsored the 1994 law — Democratic Sen. David Boswell of Owensboro.

Boswell, a former commissioner of agriculture, is no tobacco basher, so his support of a repeal would be significant.

Boswell was noncommittal. He said some people feel strongly that they should be allowed to smoke in public.

"I understand where they're coming from but also expressed my concern over the rights issue," Boswell said in a telephone interview. On the other hand, "maybe this thing has come of age and deserves to have us go back and revisit the matter," he said.

Fowler could not be reached for comment. He told the

Messenger-Inquirer of Owensboro that his city, to comply with the law, would have to spend about \$190,000 to renovate 15 facilities. "I'm not saying we would ban smoking in all facilities, but we ought to have the right to determine where the resources ought to be spent," Fowler told the newspaper.

FBI calls on law enforcement to remain on high alert

by SCOTT LINDLAU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The government has called on law enforcement personnel across the nation to remain vigilant against domestic terrorism until March 11, extending a standing alert through the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The FBI informed 18,000 law enforcement agencies it was extending the alert that was issued publicly Dec. 3 by Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge, FBI and White House officials said.

The new advisory came Wednesday, without a public announcement from the Bush administration.

Homeland Security spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Thursday the new alert was "based on the continuing high level of generalized threat information."

The new March 11 end date extends the alert past the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, scheduled for Feb. 8-24.

"History has shown there have been security issues" at previous Olympics, said White House

spokesman Ari Fleischer. A bomb exploded at the Olympic games in Atlanta in July 1996, killing one woman and injuring 111 people.

March 11 will also be the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks, but several officials said they did not believe that influenced the new ending date.

The Dec. 3 warning was based on intelligence that attacks were being planned, possibly to coincide with Islam's holy month of Ramadan or other religious events. Administration officials said on Dec. 17 they would keep it in effect at least through the hol-

iday season.

Ridge plans to survey the Olympic site and discuss security there on Jan. 10, Johndroe said.

A day before that, Ridge will visit the Nevada Test Site, which may become a counterterrorism facility. That day he also plans to view a facility at Los Alamos, N.M. that helps cities and law enforcement agencies prepare for emergencies.

Wreck

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into a third vehicle traveling in the northbound lane of U.S. 23, driven by George Clark.

Both McKenzie and Clark refused medical treatment after the collision, while Cora Cole was flown shortly after the accident to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center, where she was listed in serious condition as of Wednesday, according to hospital spokespeople.

Ellie Cole was transported by Respond Ambulance Service to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, where she was later pronounced dead by Pike County Deputy Coroner Zeb Hampton.

Reports the Kentucky State Police indicate no pending charges against McKenzie, however the accident is still under investigation by KSP detective and accident reconstructionist Eddie Crum.

According to Pepsi Bottling Company spokesperson Evelyn Jenkinson, no action has been taken against McKenzie in connection to the accident at this time, although Jenkinson said the New York-based company had been made aware of the accident. She said the company would await various tests and reports from the accident's investigation before making any definitive decisions in regard to possible action against McKenzie.

"We are aware of the accident," said Jenkinson from Pepsi's corporate offices in New York on Wednesday. "But as for what we're doing in response, that will have to wait until all the information has been provided. We've not heard from any reports yet about whether or not alcohol was involved or any other results or that sort of thing."

Alcohol or drugs were not listed as contributing factors in initial press releases from KSP's Post 9 in Pikeville and Crum said Wednesday that, although toxicology reports are still pending in the case, there was nothing revealed in preliminary efforts of the investigation that would bring either McKenzie or Cora

Fire

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the coroner's office.

As Milford Boyd and his family watched helplessly as his father's body was removed the remains of his home, tragedy and loss was compounded as they noticed flames from Randy Boyd's burning home had begun to stretch across and melt the side of their mobile home.

Unable to stop the spread of the fire, flames overtook the second home, which quickly caught and burned, as well.

According to Blackburn, no one was in the second home as it

burned. The family, he said, had been out of the house and occupied with trying to assist Boyd when the second home caught fire.

Kentucky State Police reports say that Randy Boyd was alone in the house when it caught fire, adding that an investigation continues into the incident, but appears to have been an accident.

A cause of death has not yet been determined, pending autopsy reports.

Kentucky State Police Detectives Don Parker and Greg Roberts will continue the investigation into the two fires. They were assisted Sunday by Trooper David Watkins, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Floyd County Coroner's Office, the Betsy Layne Fire Department and one member of the Allen Fire Department.

Rumors

"There has been talk that I'm badmouthing David and Peggy Hereford, and I just want the world to know that I think the world of them," said Fannin. "You couldn't ask for two better people, and they don't even live in this area anymore."

The first of two points Fannin singled out during the meeting then gave way to the second which came as direct comments to Hereford himself.

Citing two unnamed individuals as sources, Fannin, who had by then turned his attention to Hereford, reiterated claims he had heard saying that the city was guilty of misappropriating funds and, further, that the city is the subject of unspecified investigations.

Hereford quickly denied the claims from Fannin that he had initiated any of the allegations mentioned.

"Jerry, I never said that," Hereford said. "If somebody told you I said that, they're wrong. I never said that."

Fannin continued, saying the issue warraited the council's attention as a smear on the entire city government, adding his policy concerning possible violations has been made clear in the past.

"If you think we're doing something wrong, you come in and tell us and we will show you," said Fannin. "And if we are doing something wrong, then we'll fix it. Because if we're doing something wrong, we don't know we're doing it wrong."

This open policy has been in effect since beginning his run as mayor in 1994, Fannin added.

With little to say, Hereford responded briefly, saying that although Fannin was "entitled to

say he what he wanted," it would not be his intention to use the forum of a public meeting for campaign purposes.

"I would prefer we not campaign at a council meeting," said Hereford. "We've got all of the rest of the world to campaign with, and I won't use this forum to campaign ... I just want to make that statement — I will not campaign from this chair."

In a statement shortly after the meeting came to a close, longtime council member Billy Ray Collins, put the situation into a uniquely personal perspective.

"I've got two good friends running for mayor," said Collins. "And why either would want to be mayor ... they have to be crazy, because I can't remember anybody ever coming through the door and saying, thank you."



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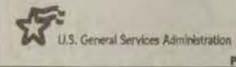
Though at first saying his comments were not directed at anyone in particular, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, right, took issue with what he described as campaign rumors at times addressing council member Tom Hereford, left, directly. Hereford, who is seeking the mayor's seat against Fannin in November, denied spreading rumors about Fannin.

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Chase

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Although Frasure's misfortune allowed Miller to continue his attempt to evade capture, Frasure's fellow Prestonsburg officers and KSP troopers joined in the pursuit of Miller, which led to U.S. 23 and then west onto Route 80.

It was there pursuing officers witnessed Miller allegedly disregard a traffic light at the Route 80 and Route 122 junction at Martin, adding to the urgency of the chase as Miller became more reckless.

The chase continued onto Route 122 into the Drift area where police lost sight of Miller, but was bound to end further ahead where members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, who had also been notified of the fleeing suspect, had set up a roadblock at Minnie in anticipation of Miller bringing the chase into the Left Beaver area.

When Miller appeared from the Drift area, where officers noted he had traveled through at an alarming rate of speed, he ran

his Ford Mustang through the Minnie roadblock. However, the attempt to speed over authorities and flee further into the Left Beaver area ended when Miller lost control of his vehicle roughly a quarter of a mile past the roadblock and crashed.

Miller was removed from his vehicle by members of the Left Beaver Rescue Squad and then taken to the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where he was treated for injuries sustained in the crash and released at 2 a.m.

He was arrested afterwards by KSP Sergeant Les Stapleton and charged with seven counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, felony driving under the influence, first-degree assault, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, first-degree fleeing/evading police and no insurance.

Miller was arraigned Wednesday morning and remains lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$100,000 cash bond.

Railroad crossing study continues

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

University of Kentucky civil engineering professor Dr. Jerry G. Rose, along with two of his graduate students, returned to Eastern Kentucky Thursday for routine follow-up checks on five railroad crossings which were altered last year as part of a study that has served to benefit his studies, CSX Transportation, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and county travelers as whole.

One of the five crossings the group, which also included Frank Castle, district maintenance engineer with the Transportation Cabinet and Mark Anuszewicz, assistant regional engineer for CSX Transportation's central region, had a look at Thursday was the crossing from Lancer to Watergap, dubbed the Bull Creek crossing for research and location purposes.

The crossing, although not equipped with "load cells" such as the crossing altered at Garrett this past summer, stands as a vast improvement and foreseeable money saving development for Eastern Kentucky.

The Bull Creek crossing, which was completed in one eight-hour work shift in early November, may have cost more

at the time, according to Castle, but will almost certainly save money as far as long-term replenishing is concerned.

"It probably cost more to do this crossing in this way at the time, but you have to look at how much it would have been to go back and fix it the way we've been doing in the past," said Castle. "In the long run, it'll save money and expenses for repairs, and keeps down complaints about the crossings."

Castle said the newly placed crossing has cut back on complaints the Transportation Cabinet has often received about crossings in need of repair, while Rose said coal truck companies have thanked the group's efforts more than once.

"Most of these crossings are used pretty heavily by coal trucks," said Rose. "And this helps them because the new crossings are easier on the trucks and equipment. It ultimately cuts down on the repairs needed."

The key difference in the new crossings, according to Rose, and the factor that will serve to keep them in better shape for a longer amount of time is the concentrated effort to establish a better base beneath the actual crossing.

In November, the Bull Creek crossing was taken out and the

first step to providing a smoother transition for drivers was implemented in the form of six inches of hot mix asphalt which was then rolled and smoothed. The next step included an additional eight inches of granite ballast along that surface before moving along to the next part of the project.

It has been this initial establishing of a smooth base that has been instrumental, when tied in with the remaining facets of the project, in lengthening the life of the crossings.

Lindsey Caldwell, one of Rose's students who was on hand Thursday for visual inspections of the various crossing throughout the county, said it was a nice opportunity to be able to come back to the area and have a hand in fixing what has been a long-standing problem for drivers in Eastern Kentucky.

"It's just been nice to be able to come back here and be a part in this project and do something that will help the people in this area," Caldwell said.

According to Caldwell, who is studying for a masters degree in civil engineering at UK, there have been other crossing projects undertaken across the state as well, such as Richmond and various areas in Central Kentucky. The studies aim to pinpoint different types of traffic pressure exertion, with Eastern Kentucky providing much of the information to be obtained in relation to coal truck measurements.

There will be repairs made to some of the projects, said Castle, who will again provide equipment and manpower to assist the efforts, in such areas as Banner, and most notably at Harold, which was completed near the end of the year without the benefit and help of summer weather.

"We're going to be going back

in there this coming summer and trying to expand the approach at Harold in particular," said Castle. "It's hard to work during cold weather, and the heat helps when laying the blacktop. The timing should prove to be important and once we get some work done in those areas, driving should be improved more so than before."

Fatality

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from injuries sustained in the accident. His body was later removed to the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home.

His wife, Brenda Pennington, was transported by Trans Star Ambulance to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, where she was admitted to the emergency room with severe injuries.

Pennington was later transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where she was listed in stable condition Wednesday, according to a spokesperson for the hospital.

Younts, who also sustained injuries in the collision, was taken by family members to Highlands Regional Medical Center with minor injuries, according to police.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police detective and accident reconstructionist Billy Hall. Assisting at the scene were KSP Troopers David Watkins and Craig Stalker, along with members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, Martin Police Department, Martin Volunteer Fire Department, Trans Star Ambulance and the Floyd County Coroner's Office.

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P'burg attempts Big Branch annexation again

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A proposed annexation to bring the Big Branch of Abbot Creek into the city limits of Prestonsburg began anew Thursday as Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and attending members of the city council issued a first reading of another proposal to include that area into the city's corporate limits.

The city had originally attempted to annex the area in September 2000 after publishing its intentions after a final reading, but was stilled by a petition from several residents in the area disputing the decision.

Stating that the city's 2000 ordinance did not accurately define the boundary of the area by failing to include an annexation map clearly defining its intentions, a group of 13 residents from the Abbot Creek area made use of their right to present Fannin with a petition, signed by at least 50 percent of the residents, stating their disapproval of the proposed annexation. Such a petition would require an vote on the matter during the next election, giving affected residents final consideration on the move.

However, when Fannin, as required, presented the petition to Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh on October 19, 2000, it was determined at that time the petition had failed by three signatures after several names were removed because they were not within the area to be annexed.

The residents, refusing to let the possibility of annexation simply end with that decision, claim in a suit brought against the city later that another petition was presented to Fannin the

following day, October 20, with the needed number of signatures, but were told then to give the list to Waugh themselves.

Complying with Fannin's advice, the group took the petition, which did represent a 50-percent margin, to Waugh, but were told three days later it could not be continued because Fannin had not produced the petition himself, as required by state law.

The city council held a meeting for a second and final reading of the proposed annexation on October 20, the same day the second petition has been presented to Fannin by Big Branch residents, an act that the residents claim was, by definition, illegal.

The botched attempt by residents to gather signatures in protest against the annexation, followed by a second attempt excluding the mayor regardless of his required contribution to the petition, set the stage for a motion to dismiss all claims in the matter by the city on December 11.

Circuit Court Judge Danny P. Caudill signed an order to dismiss the city's claims resulting from the proposed annexation 10 days later on December 21.

"We've won the battle, but maybe not the war," said Joyce Conley on Wednesday, one of the Big Branch residents fighting annexation.

Conley's words became prophetic as the following day, the city council was again in session to give a first reading of a revised ordinance for the Big Branch annexation.

The new proposal, recommended to the full council by the ordinance committee, gives more specific details of the areas sought after by the city, the key aspect excluded in their first attempt.

Although it seems the fight may be set to start fresh, some residents are not discouraged by the council's decision, saying they will keep fighting.

"If they try again," said Lawrence Hale, who along with 12 others was named in the original suit in 2000, "we'll keep fighting. We've beat it once and I guess we'll just have to do it again."

Hale said the residents' main concern with annexation into the city would be the prospect of keeping in compliance with ordinances and rules, but, most importantly, new taxes.

"We don't need any of that," continued Hale. "The rules and the taxes would be too much for us. It's about taxation."

All members of the council were in attendance for Thursday's special-called meeting.



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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

What a man thinks of himself, that it is which determines, or rather indicates, his fate.

— Henry David Thoreau

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Guest View Editorial roundup

Chicago Tribune, on explaining America to the world:
In the latest Al Qaeda video ... Osama bin Laden looks thin, sickly and gray; the chattiness of previous appearances has been replaced by a funeral tone. No one knows when the tape was made, but given the relentless American bombing during the past few weeks, bin Laden may be dead by now.

So far, so good. All indications are that the military campaign against Al Qaeda, bin Laden and his protectors, the Taliban, is going well. The Taliban is history. Al Qaeda camps and personnel have been flattened in Afghanistan, and its terrorist cells elsewhere in the world, although not yet eliminated, are under intense pressure.

The war America does not seem to be winning, however, is the propaganda war, particularly where it counts most — among the 1 billion or so Muslims around the world. Even respected Arab newspapers, in supposedly American-friendly countries such as Egypt, continue to publish anti-U.S. bilge while many educated young Arab university students spout perceptions of the U.S. that sound like science fiction. ...

America's marketing failure, ironically began shortly after the West won the Cold War. Flush with confidence — perhaps even arrogance — Congress effectively dismembered the U.S. Information Agency and folded most of the remains into the State Department. ...

Doing a better job of public diplomacy could effectively blunt the message of many would-be lunatics and hate-mongers ranting against America. The message ought to be simple and straight forward: It's called the truth.

Erie (Pa.) Times-News, on Rudy Giuliani being regarded as a hero:

How high does Rudy Giuliani's star soar? So high, a Dallas Morning News editorial on Dec. 26 actually compared the outgoing New York City mayor's chaotic career with Winston Churchill. The newspaper's point is a historic stretch, but remains valid nonetheless ...

The British sovereign whose coronation Prime Minister Churchill witnessed 50 years ago knighted Giuliani last week. His stature now assumes world status. The retiring New York mayor leaves office representing Sept. 11's human face.

The accolades pouring in on Giuliani's exit are richly deserved. From the moment Manhattan's World Trade Center towers imploded to the ground, Giuliani embraced the burdens this calamity bestowed on his shoulders ...

There Giuliani was, daily, at ground zero, attending 200 firefighters' funerals, establishing a national presence at Yankees' playoff games, and continually using television to rally New Yorkers and their fellow Americans.

Giuliani gave his farewell address Thursday. Giuliani promised New York he would push for a "soaring, monumental" memorial built at the World Trade Center site. Giuliani told New

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Think About It

A dose of your own medicine

I passed a couple stranded on the highway a couple of mornings ago. The mother had a child in her arms, wrapped in a blanket, which couldn't have been more than a few years old, and was holding the blanket tight around the child in an attempt to keep the cold morning air away from it.

I saw all this at 60 miles an hour, late for work. Their emergency flashers were on. They were in a white car — looked like a Toyota, maybe — a father, perched over the open hood, a mother, face chalk white from cold and a small child, all asking me for help.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize to you, family of three. I should have stopped. I wasn't alone in this, however. Without trying to take from the negligence of my actions, I would like to point out, for illustrative purposes, that approximately 10 other travelers passed this family along with me. Eleven or so aggressive drivers

speeding and trying not to recognize another needing help. It's pitiful. I was late for work, but that doesn't matter. Some things rise above the need to fulfill daily obligations.

I don't know what I could have done to help this family. There was room in my car for the three of them, though. I could have taken them to a restaurant, maybe, with a pay phone so the mother could keep the child warm and maybe get it a little breakfast while the father phoned in some help.

But that's not what I did. I passed them without so much as a cursory glance and only later felt the sting of my lack of compassion.

How many of us do this very same thing day to day on some level or another? Has it become a world stocked with a surplus amount of theoretical goodwill, and nothing to show for it? I believe so.

Fortunately it doesn't end there, however. Just because I believe true goodwill to be a dinosaur from a time long since gone, and even in light of the fact that I seem to have joined the rest of the world in the rush of so many

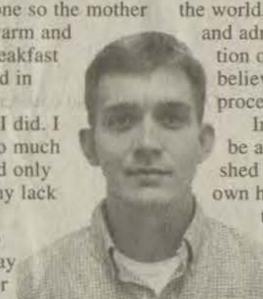
busy, productive lives, I can still change.

That's the beauty of people. We are a work in progress. Too often folks tend to accept their shortcomings as quirks in their personality, saying, "That's just the way she is," or "Oh, Pete's always been that way." But the truth is that we can change who we are and how we see the world, all it takes is stepping back and administering a close examination of who we are and what we believe. You can't be gentle in the process, though.

In order to adjust yourself to be an ambassador of goodwill and shed the selfish aspects of your own holier-than-thou existence, it takes being able to pull back the skin a good ways and look at yourself honestly.

I looked deep under my skin when I got to work and thought about that family standing on the side of the road, freezing and helpless, totally dependent on the kindness of others — cold and losing hope because of my actions, or the lack thereof. It's not a pretty sight, but the best medicine often tastes the worst.

Think about it.



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Letters

Newmans weren't greedy

I am writing in response to a news article that appeared in The Floyd County Times shortly before Christmas about the Floyd County board's out-of-court property settlement for the new South Floyd football field with Harold and Georgia Newman.

I have been unable to comment on the issue because of my role on the board until now. I had hoped that more of the facts surrounding the negotiations and settlement would come out in the news coverage, but, unfortunately, that hasn't happened.

The article that appeared in the December Times refers to numerous offers and counter-offers that passed across the desks of the respective lawyers to reach the recent settlement. Ironically, one of my concerns has been the small number of negotiation sessions and offers that took place for the Left Beaver site. The Prestonsburg site acquisitions were much more complex, involving 10 different sites and property owners, while there were only three property owners that had to be dealt with at South Floyd. Logically, it would seem

that the Prestonsburg sites would take more time, but Prestonsburg has already played its first season on its new field while the South Floyd field is still under construction.

I think a lot of the delay occurred because the previous board decided early on to play "hard ball" with the Newmans, the owners of the property, who were reluctant to sell. The strategy was to buy all the surrounding property needed for the football field, leaving one unsold piece in the middle of the site and then to seek condemnation of the property through the courts. In acquiring the other land, pressure would be put upon the owners to sell. If that failed, condemnation would take place and there would be no need to negotiate.

And that is pretty much what happened. Last year, a local court ordered the Newmans to surrender their home/property to the board of education under the condemnation process given to school districts by state statute. The Newmans hired a lawyer and went to court, arguing that while school districts had the authority to seize land for the common good of the public, building a parking area for the new football field did not fall into that category. The couple lost their case. To my knowledge, they are the only property owners involved in any of the negotiations for the football fields who were removed

from their homes as a result of condemnation.

The couple was ordered to vacate the property by January of last year. They rented a house near their daughter in Central Kentucky and waited for the court date, which was set for the following December — almost a full year away. The only offer made during that time was for \$170,000.

By this time, Mr. Newman had hired several appraisers as well as a lawyer. His property had originally been appraised for \$140,000 when South Floyd High School had been built. The current appraisal was for \$120,000 — a difference of \$20,000.

The three commissioners, who had been appointed after the condemnation hearing to appraise the land, set the value at \$250,000 but the figure was unacceptable to the local board. The results of all the appraisals were figures that extended from \$120,000 to \$250,000.

In spite of the financial demands, Harold Newman did not withdraw any of the \$250,000 that had been deposited into an account by the school board as a result of the appraisal of his property done by court-appointed commissioners.

It didn't surprise me that Harold Newman had no comment when contact

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MARRIAGES

Cynthia Haley Whitaker, 23, of Martin, to Bart Doyle Akers, 31, of Prestonsburg.

Jennifer Renee Steffey, 25, to Jaison Bradley Grayson, 27, both of Prestonsburg.

April Dawn Hardy, 22, to Nicholas Everett Strader, 20, both of Branywine, W.Va.

Wendy Marlana Porter, 20, to Kristopher Bruce Lawson, 23, both of Prestonsburg.

Ashley Nicole Rowe, 16, to Eric Marshal Davis, 18, both of Harold.

Nedra Lynn Thompson, 40, to James E. Williams, 40, both of Kimper.

Mary Lola Isaacs, 22, to Christopher L. Price, 31, both of Galveston.

Tammy Tackett, 33, to Keith E. Tackett, 37, both of Betsy Layne.

Melinda Kay Dahlquist, 30, to Michael Landon Collins, 32, both of Dwale.

Tara Rebecca Newman, 23, to Danny Ray Pennington, 23, both of Bevinsville.

Janet Renea Slone Greer, 28, to Kenny Greer, 32, both of Printer.

LAWSUITS

Rose A. Mills and Kimberly J. Marcum vs. Carrie S. Edsall. Bankers Trust Company vs. Woody E. Burchett, Kathy Burchett, Community Trust Bank and Floyd County.

CHARGES FILED

Ernest Ray Jones, 38, Martin, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree assault.

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Deanna C. Johnson, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Patricia A. Goble, 57, Auxier, alcohol intoxication.

Ryan D. Tackett, 31, Virgie, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication.

Rita Y. Hall, 38, Hi Hat, alco-

hol intoxication.

Gary L. Wright, 31, Allen, alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, failure to wear a seat belt.

Joey Davis, 24, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

Delmar Frank Soloman, 38, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, criminal trespassing.

John Chris Jenkins, 29, McDowell, fourth-degree assault.

Michael S. Frasure, 22, Grethel, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Robert E. Johnson, 27, Allen, harassment.

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Kyle Ray Waddle, 20, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.

Stephanie Ray Tackett, 32, Teaberry, harassment.

INSPECTIONS

Speedway, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walk-in cooler door has loose gasket and also doors are not staying closed, thermometers on the outside wall of the walk-in cooler is not working, ice cream cooler has some spilled ice cream in the bottom of the cooler, soft drink dispenser nozzles have slight amount of residue buildup on them, grooves on the gaskets of the reach-in cooler in the food service area are heavily soiled, women's restroom has no tight fitting lid on the garbage receptacle, light panel and parts of wall are dusty in the women's restroom. Score: 94, restaurant, 93 retail.

Twin Bridge Kountry Kitchen, Martin, complaint. Violations noted: No rodent activity found. No score given.

Long John Silver's, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some reach-in coolers have gaskets in disrepair, some single service articles not stored inverted or covered. Score: 98.

IGA, Stanville, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Outdated over the counter medication has been removed from

display shelf, clothing is no longer being stored on food equipment. Score: 95.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Thomas Gregory Halbert and Marilyn Halbert to Olin A. Elliott II and Myra T. Elliott, property located on Abbott Creek.

Paul Little and Donna Little to Marcus Tackett and Mary Tackett, property location not listed.

Veda Hamilton to Butch Paige and Rhoda Paige, property location not listed.

Cheryl C. Hunter to Delano May, property located near the Big Sandy River.

Danny Patrick Hunter and Para Lee Hunter to Delano May, property located near the Big Sandy River.

Elizabeth Hale to Charles E. Maynard and Bessie H. Maynard, property located at Harold.

Matthew Roberts and Nancy Joan Roberts to Nancy Joan Roberts, property located at Goble-Roberts subdivision.

B. W. McDonald and Sherry McDonald to Action Petroleum Company, LTD, property located on Kentucky Route 1428.

John Wallen and Lorena G. Wallen to Mitchell J. Atkinson and Denese Atkinson, property located on Bull Creek.

The City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky to Prestonsburg Industrial Corporation, property location not listed.

Leonard Roberts to David Allen and Kim Allen, property location not listed.

Donnie L. Williams, Donna R. Williams, and Deana R. Williams to Tracie L. Prater, property located on Beaver Creek.

Norma Jean Ratliff and Bruce A. Ratliff to Knott Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

Kevin Eugene Davis and Susan R. Davis to Knott-Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

Floyd Dean Davis and Pattie Sue Davis to Knott-Floyd Land Company Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

James Edward Prater to Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

Sandra Ann Prater to Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc., property located on Brush Creek.

Alma Land Company to Mountain Enterprises Inc., property located on Jarrell Fork of Bull Creek.

Wilbert Hughes and Lois Hughes to Wilbert Dale Hughes and Michelle Hughes, property location not listed.

Veda Hall (now Blankenship) to Randy Edward Blankenship and Larry Joe Blankenship, property located on Big Sandy River.

Tommy Roop and Barbara Roop to Nancy Hall, property location not listed.

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Roundup

Yorkers he felt personally obligated to make sure that ground zero was sanctified and not controlled by economic development.

Who would dare buck Rudy Giuliani, a national hero among so many heroes.

The Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, on the end of the year:

By any reasonable standard, 2001 was a difficult year.

The top story was the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that killed 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Anthrax-laced letters temporarily shut down Congress, a recession put many

Americans out of work, and renewed violence sidetracked the Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts. U.S.-Chinese relations soured over a spy plane incident, the stock market's value fell significantly, and death claimed race car driver Dale Earnhardt, former Beatle George Harrison and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh — not to mention Mike Mansfield, the longest-serving Senate majority leader in U.S. history ...

There was plenty of good news, too ...

A series of interest rate cuts, enacted to revive the economy, gave people a break on home mortgage payments. The Sept. 11 attacks united a

badly divided country, and the U.S. military quickly overthrew the Afghan regime that had harbored the terrorists.

It was a year of great heroism — particularly on the part of hijacked United Flight 93 passengers Todd Beamer, Jeremy Glick and Thomas E. Burnett Jr. Their story should inspire Americans for decades, perhaps centuries, to come. New York City rescue workers also won public adoration, as did President Bush and New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

As the great English novelist Charles Dickens wrote in his 1859 classic *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times."

Letters

ed by Mary Music with The Times. After the loss of land and demolition of his home, what was there to say? I don't think there will be a photo opportunity either — as there was with one of the Prestonsburg families — of a family happy to be in their new home.

Despite all the attempts to portray the Newmans as a family seeking a higher price for their property, I believe that their sole motivation was the desire to remain in the home that they had built, where they had raised their daughter and where they were close to their family and friends. Both of the Newmans, who had just recently retired from the Floyd County school system after teaching 30 years, are struggling with personal illnesses that require consistent medical treatment — failing health: another compelling reason not to uproot their lives, change doctors and hospitals, move to another part of the state where the cost-of-living is higher. If you are retired and on a fixed income, these are real concerns.

After the loss of their home, I think they were struggling to get what they considered a fair price for what they had lost. In the

end, the Newmans will receive what is left of \$180,000 after they have deducted a year's rent, lawyer and appraisal fees. The settlement was the same amount that the board had agreed to pay his next-door neighbor almost two years earlier, but there was a difference. The neighbor's price was 4 percent above the appraised value of his property. The Newmans were paid the amount of the highest appraisal that they had received — with the exception of the \$250,000 set by the court commissioners.

After the settlement was announced in the paper, I called Harold Newman. He said that he will not be coming back to Floyd County. I can only speak

for myself, but I am truly sorry that he will not be returning. I am also sorry for what he and his family have gone through. He is one of the most honest, decent men that I have ever known.

Boards of education have great power. They have the ability to affect the education/lives of children and adults. That power should not be used as it has been in the past to reward friends, cronies or family members by paying exorbitant prices for land, but at the same time, it should be exercised fairly and with great care not to harm others.

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Obituaries

Walter Raleigh (W.R.) Barnett

Walter Raleigh (W.R.) Barnett, 87, of Martin, Ky., died Monday, December 31, 2001, following an extended illness.

Born on January 28, 1914, in Floyd County, Ky., he was the son of the late A.B. and Polkie Halbert Barnett. He was retired from the C&O Railway and was a member of the Light House Independent Church, Prestonsburg, Ky.

He is survived by his wife, Daisy Wright Barnett.

Other survivors include five sons, Taulbee Barnett of Taylor, Michigan, Robert G. Barnett of Lexington, Ky., Billy Barnett of Martin, Ky., Walter R. Barnett Jr. of Nicholasville, Ky.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one son, Darby Barnett; three brothers, Robert Barnett, John Quincy Barnett, and Willard Barnett; four sisters, Maggie Hall, Nora Turner, Bessie Flannery and Fannie Barnett.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Don Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Barnett Cemetery, Martin, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Lula Martin

Lula Martin, age 87, of Eastern, Ky., passed away Friday, December 28, 2001, at her residence.

She was born November 15, 1914, in Eastern, Ky., the daughter of the late Walter "Hoosh" Martin and Catherine Webb Martin. She was a retired teacher for the Floyd County School System, and was a member of the Maytown Baptist Church for 43 years.

Survivors include one son, Ken L. Gayheart of Lexington, Ky.; one daughter, Rita Stewart of Mt. Eden, Ky.; one brother, Dr. Henry Martin of Richmond, Ky.; two sisters, Golda Salyers and Minnie Conley, both of Eastern, Ky.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Oliver Martin and Charles Martin; and one sister, Belva Martin.

Funeral services for Lula Martin were conducted Monday, December 31, 2001, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the clergyman, Bob Varney, officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, Eastern, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ken R. Gayheart, Charlie Gayheart, Allen Stewart, Tom Holbrook, Bruce Salyers, David Sparrow, and Mark White. Honorary: Ken L. Gayheart.

(Paid obituary)

George Delmer Cox

George Delmer Cox, 69, of Claypool, In., formerly of Auxier, passed away, December 3, 2001, at the VA Hospital in Ft. Wayne, In.

He was the son of the late Donald and Margaret Lamphier Cox of Warsaw, In.

He is survived by his first wife, Geneva Bays Cox of Auxier; their children, Leesa Powers of Auxier and Delmer L. Cox of Lexington; his current wife, Faye Kidd Cox of Claypool, In.; two step-daughters, Sherry Clark of Dunlap and Donna May of Warsaw; four step-sons, Jeffery Bradford and Danny Bradford, both of Silver Lake, Derek Bradford of Elkart, and Ronny Shelton of Warsaw; three granddaughters, 11 step-grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, Vernon R. Cox of Atwood; two sisters, Margery L. Zurakowski of Havan, Fl. and Anna L. Kay of Bradenton, Fl.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Clarence Cox, and one step-son and his second wife, Betty F. Gote.

Services were held December 7, 2001, at the First Freewill Baptist Church in Claypool.

Military graveside services were by the American Legion Post 253, North Webster, at the Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, In. was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Mary Belle Little

Mary Belle Little, age 92, of Wheelwright, widow of Oscar Little, passed away, Thursday, December 27, 2001, at the Mt. Carmel East Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, following a brief illness.

She was born May 15, 1909, in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of the late Sam Collins and Darkie Moore Collins. She was a homemaker, and was a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin, Ky.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Lou Little, (David) of Wheelwright, Ky., Dora Sue Barnett, (Bobby) of Columbus, Oh.; three daughters-in-law, Marie Little, Irene Little, and Shirley Little, 18 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, Edsel Ray Little, Robert Samuel Little and Clyde Little.

Funeral services for Mary Belle Little were conducted Sunday, December 30, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Little-Hall Cemetery, Wheelwright, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Nightly services were held at 7:00 p.m.

Pallbearers: Grandsons, and grandsons-in-law.

(Paid obituary)

Christine Moran Patton

Christine Moran Patton, 80, of Auxier, Ky., died Friday, December 28, 2001, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, following an extended illness.

Born March 17, 1921, in Auxier, (Floyd County), Ky., she was the daughter of the late Thomas E. Moran and Hazel Elizabeth Ford Moran. She was a former teacher with the Floyd County Board of Education, and was one of the first Head Start teachers. She graduated from Eastern Kentucky State College.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Darwin Patton, on February 20, 2001.

Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Anne Fairchild, of Auxier, Ky., and Mary Lee Colston of Spring, Tx.; one son, Darwin (Dan) Moran Patton of Lyndon Station, Wi., seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 31, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Brother Joe Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Moran Family Cemetery, Auxier, Ky.

Contributions are suggested to Hospice of Big Sandy, P.O. Box 277, Hager Hill, Ky., 41222.

Pallbearers: Roger Akers, Christopher Clarke, Christopher Colston, Brian George, Robert P. Hale, Robbie Hall, Ty Martin and Ben Trimble.

(Paid obituary)

June Martin Howard

June Martin Howard, age 85, of Kenton, Ohio, formerly of Garrett, Ky., widow of Carl Howard, passed away Monday, December 31, 2001, at the Sunbridge Care Rehabilitation Center, Marion, Ohio.

She was born March 12, 1916, in Mousie, Ky., the daughter of the late Tom Martin and Hester Amburgey Martin. She was a homemaker, and was a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church since 1946.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Randall Howard and Bill Howard, both of Marion, Ohio; three brothers, Hawley Martin of Flatwoods, Ky., James Martin of Franklin, Ohio, Richard Martin of Stanton, Ky.; two sisters, Geneva Smith of Flatwoods, Ky., Peggy Byrd of Middletown, Ohio, six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Ralph Martin; three sisters, Winnie Wolf, Sue Birch and Geraldine Sweet.

Funeral services for June Martin Howard were conducted Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Howard Cemetery, Rock Fork, Garrett, Ky. Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Billy Howard, Donny Howard, David Howard, Tim Hall, and William Lee Smith. Honorary: James Martin, Richard Martin, Richard Byrd and Jim Vanderpool.

(Paid obituary)

Ethel Sherman

Ethel Sherman, 87, of Ironton, Ohio, formerly of Dwale, Ky., died Tuesday, January 1, 2002, at the Sunset Nursing Home at Coal Grove, Ohio.

She was born February 15, 1914, the daughter of Jim and Rhoda Clifton, of Dwale, Ky.

She was the wife of the late Stewart Sherman.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 5, at the Hayes-Phillips Funeral Home in Ironton, Ohio.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday. Funeral services will immediately follow the visitation time. The funeral home is located at 509 S. 6th St., in Ironton.

(Paid obituary)

Eyes turn to Somalia in war against terrorism

by GEORGE GEDDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The United States is conducting reconnaissance flights over Somalia to help determine whether the al-Qaida terrorist group is rebuilding in the largely lawless East African country.

"We are working to ensure that Somalia is not a haven for terrorists," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Thursday, acknowledging that the country could be a potential hideout.

Al-Qaida members, probably numbering in the dozens, have arrived in Somalia after fleeing the fighting in Afghanistan, officials said Thursday. Al-Qaida previously had a presence in the country, and also has ties to al-

Ithaaad al-Islamiya, a native Islamic fundamentalist movement.

Other officials said there was no convincing evidence of a substantial al-Qaida presence in Somalia.

President Bush has pledged to go after terrorist groups with global reach but, with U.S. operations in Afghanistan still incomplete, he has declined to speculate on future targets.

The only Somalia-related action the administration has taken in its anti-terrorism campaign was a financial crackdown Bush ordered in November against al-Barakaat, a Mogadishu-based telecommunications and money-transfer

company.

One official suggested that, to the extent that military force is used in Somalia, the scale would be far more modest than in Afghanistan.

All of the officials commented on the condition of anonymity.

For al-Qaida, Somalia would seem to be a logical new base of operations. The predominantly Muslim country is essentially lawless due to the absence of a strong central authority.

"These unrecognized, lawless states like Taliban Afghanistan, Chechnya, Sierra Leone and Somalia, are a real opportunity for Islamic terrorism," said Charles Fairbanks, an

analyst at Johns Hopkins University. "That's why we have to continue paying a lot of attention to them."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, without specifying Somalia, said Thursday the administration is trying to learn about potential terrorist threats through increased military intelligence gathering. He said terrorist camps have been set up in Somalia over the years, but he was uncertain whether any are operating now.

There has been increasing use of reconnaissance flights over Somalia to search for camps and other indications of terrorist activities, said the officials, who declined to be more specific.

In addition, warships — either from the United States or its allies — are cruising the Somali coast, ready to board cargo vessels suspected of containing terrorists heading from Asia to Africa, they said.

Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden has funded some activities by al-Ithaaad al-Islamiya, the Islamic fundamentalist movement, officials said. Some of that group's fighters are also believed to have gone to Afghanistan to fight alongside the Taliban.

One handicap for the administration as it seeks information in Somalia is the lack of a U.S. diplomatic presence in Mogadishu since the early 1990's. Another problem is that tribal leaders, eager for U.S. support, allege that rival factions have links to bin Laden. Sorting out these claims has been difficult.

A former Somali diplomat who lives in Washington said these groups are trying to portray themselves as the northern alliance of Somalia, a reference to the Afghan group that helped the United States depose the Taliban.

Last week, an Ethiopian-backed Somali group claimed

the transitional government of President Abdiqasim Salad Hassan has links to terrorists who have set up bases in Somalia. It demanded that an international force be formed to destroy the bases.

The United States had a grim experience in Somalia eight years ago.

U.S. troops were sent there in late 1992 to help feed starving Somalis. But 18 were killed in 1993 in a botched mission to abduct aides to a Somali warlord who was hoarding food to gain power. That led President Clinton to order a phased withdrawal. Officials have said they believe bin Laden trained and equipped the faction responsible for the Americans' deaths.

Associated Press Writer John J. Lumpkin contributed to this report.

Card of Thanks

The family of Grace Allen Damron wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman James Harmon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Grace Allen Damron

Card of Thanks

The family of Bruce Bentley would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. All those who sent food, flowers, or just spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Providence Regular Baptist Church, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Bruce Bentley

Card of Thanks

The family of Homer J. Akers would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and expressed words of comfort. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Minister Ronnie Samons for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The Family of Homer J. Akers

Card of Thanks

The family of Denzil Yates would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The Family of Denzil Yates

Card of Thanks

The family of Mae Samons Hayes would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families, who helped during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or offered prayers and kind words. We greatly appreciate you all. Thanks to Minister Ronnie Samons for his words of comfort, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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Odds and Ends

■ RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Some TV weather forecasters catch grief for making the wrong predictions, but Luiz Carlos Austin could be going to jail.

The mayor of Rio de Janeiro wants Austin prosecuted for predicting heavy rain for New Year's Eve.

The rain never came, but the mayor says the errant forecast could have caused panic in the

flood-weary city. Austin defends his forecast, saying a cold front broke up earlier than expected.

Prosecutors say they'll likely charge the weatherman with sounding a false alarm, punishable by up to six months in prison.

■ LONDON — Britain's red-hot housing market has taken a new turn after an eager buyer paid \$180,000 for an old, wooden beach

hut used for summer weekends.

The previous owners of the 68-year-old vacation hut in the southern county of Dorset paid 90 pounds for it in 1944, equivalent to 2,520 of today's pounds, or \$3,639 at current exchange rates, British newspapers reported Thursday.

The hut, which can sleep four in rather cramped conditions and has a small kitchen, was expected to sell for \$90,000, but 25 bidders at

an auction sent the price up to twice the estimate.

Beach huts were very popular until the 1960s, offering city dwellers a way to spend cheap weekends at the coast. Traditionally, the huts are spartan, wooden structures, suitable only for temporary use in warm weather.

The new owner, Ros Llewellyn, bought the Dorset "chalet" as a vacation home for her children and

grandchildren.

British property prices, traditionally among the highest in the world, have soared in recent years because of high demand, especially in the south, where the economy is strongest.

■ WATERVILLE, Ohio — Herb Mericle, 95, has been jumping into the icy Maumee River on New Year's Day for about 75 years. On Tuesday, he took his last plunge.

"My daughter is kind of worried about me going in so this is my farewell," he said while shivering on the river bank.

About a decade ago his annual swim began attracting other brave souls and onlookers. This year, about 100 others joined him in the water, which was about 35 degrees.

Some just got their feet wet. Mericle went all the way in, doing a few push-ups for good measure.

Mericle then invited everyone to a party in his garage.

"I spent all morning making chili and sloppy Joes," he said.

■ BASIN, Wyo. — Sixteen innocent people spent a night in Big Horn County's new jail, and they even paid for the privilege.

Sheriff Dave Mattis invited residents to ante up \$10 for an overnight stay to see the \$6.2 million jailhouse up close before traditional customers arrive.

The bogus jailbirds checked in Saturday night and were "released" Sunday morning after breakfast of cold cereal, toast, juice, fruit, milk, Mattis said.

The visitors came away with a slightly new perspective.

"Everybody thought it was a worthwhile experience, not that they wanted to do it again," he said.

The old jail was closed in 1991 amid threats of a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union over conditions. Since then, inmates have been sent to Worland, 30 miles away.

When the old jail was shut down, it was housing four to five inmates a day. Now, an average of 15 to 22 prisoners are being housed in Worland, at a cost to Big Horn County of \$45 per inmate per day.

Kentucky saw record logging in 1990s

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Timber harvesting in Kentucky saw an increase in the late 1990s, a possible sign of the state's — and the South's — growing importance to the industry.

A report by the U.S. Forest Service, along with the most recent Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission trends analysis, suggests that the timber industry is shifting its dependence from the Pacific Northwest to southern forests, said Leah MacSwords, director of the state Division of Forestry.

Timber production in the United States

will increase by about one-third between 1995 and 2040, and nearly all the growth will be in the South, according to market models.

At the same time, the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission's 2000-2001 trends report showed record harvest levels for 1999 — the latest year for which statistics are available.

More than 1.1 billion board feet were harvested, according to the commission. That's the highest harvest on record — 12 percent

more than 1997 and more than double levels from the mid-1970s.

A board foot is a measure of lumber equaling 12 inches by 12 inches by one inch.

But the continued harvesting of timber in the state will likely increase tensions between the

industry and conservationists. Kentucky has 12.7 million acres of forest land, 92.5 percent of which is privately owned.

Wood products are necessary, said Joel Dufour, a Frankfort-area environmentalist who follows forest issues. "But we want to see demand reduction and recycling. There's far too much virgin timber cut for pallets that end up in a

landfill after one use," he said. Industry regulations aren't strong enough, he said. The state's Forest Conservation Act, which went into effect 18 months ago, "is full of loopholes," he said.

For example, the law directs the state to inspect commercial timber harvesting and for landowners to follow "best management practices" aimed at minimizing erosion into creeks, rivers and lakes. But there's no requirement to let the state know when and where logging will occur, he said.

MacSwords acknowledged that the Division of Forestry doesn't know how many logging operations miss inspections.

However, she said the agency wants "a couple of years under our belts before making any suggestions (to the General Assembly) for change."

Since July 2000, when the law went into effect, the division has performed 5,623 inspections at 1,900 logging sites, she said. So far, she said, the state has issued

finer to two logging operations. However, inspectors have written 486 warning letters that have led to corrections, she said.

"We do a lot of hand-holding," she said.

The Southern forests report was compiled by more than 25 scientists from the Forest Service, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and several universities.

FYI

The Southern forests report can be found on the internet at www.srs.fs.fed.us/sustain

Old Christmas observed January 6 at Samuel May House

The twelve days of Christmas

by BILL BAKER

"On the Twelfth Day of Christmas, my true love gave to me..."

We have all heard that song, the Twelve Days of Christmas. We all probably sang it in school at one time or another. But, what does that actually mean...the Twelve Days of Christmas? Where does that come from anyway? And, what special significance does the Twelfth Day have?

Nowadays, our primary concern seems to be with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. But our mountain ancestors, who studied with great attention, every detail of the Bible, the almanac, and the calendar, understood the Twelfth Day very well.

Twelve days after Christmas Day, December 25; twelve days after the birth of Christ, is January 6, the Day of Epiphany. Epiphany is a Greek word that means "appearance." The night preceding January 6 is the Eve of Epiphany. Most Western-Christian faiths believe that it was upon this night more than 2000 years ago that the Three Wise Men came to Bethlehem to look upon the infant Jesus. Therefore, the Twelfth Day of Christmas is the commemoration of the day upon which Jesus appeared to the Gentiles, as Christ the Savior.

The observance of Epiphany actually goes back farther than the observance of Christmas. It was known to have been celebrated before 194 AD, while the observance of the Nativity, in the form of Christmas, did not actually catch on until the 4th century AD.

The Scotch-Irish pioneers who settled in the deep hollows and rugged hills of the Appalachian Mountains, carried on with many Old World traditions that harkened back into the Middle Ages. While some of those traditions and beliefs might seem rather like superstitions to others, they were held by a devout

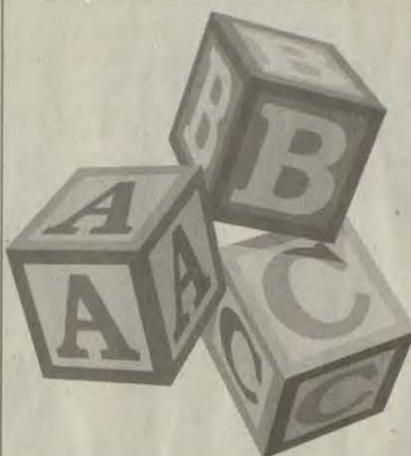
majority whose very survival and well-being could be accredited to their observance of each and every detail of their surroundings...whether it be the height of a hornet nest, the date of a killing frost, the place in the woods where some rare herb grew, or, an arcane bit of Scripture printed upon the yellowed pages of an old family Bible.

Mountain people knew the Day of Epiphany as "Old Christmas." One of their beliefs concerning the Day of Epiphany was that a person should never lend anything to anybody on Old Christmas Day, because the lender would never get it back. Also, they regarded the Eve of Epiphany as a night when the Holy Spirit would manifest itself upon the earth in many subtle ways. Upon that night, mountain folk believed, that no matter how hard the ground was frozen...elder bushes would sprout up out of the ground. But, even stranger than that...

Our mountain ancestors believed that if a person would stay awake until almost midnight on an old Christmas Eve, then sneak quietly out to a barn or a field where any cattle or sheep were kept, they could hear the animals pray. Supposedly, at the exact stroke of midnight on Old Christmas Eve, the animals would start moo-ing and baa-ing and bellowing...not in their normal way, but almost like they were crying. This belief undoubtedly harkened back to the stable in Bethlehem, and to the animals that were present when the Christ Child was revealed to the Magi.

Today, hardly anyone knows of Old Christmas. But, the elder bushes and the animals of the barn and field have surely not forgotten. Should anyone like to find out for themselves...

Old Christmas Day will be celebrated on Sunday evening, January 6, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at the city's historic Samuel May House located on North Lake Drive atop a small knoll directly across from the Prestonsburg Pizza Hut. All are cordially invited to join in the festivities.



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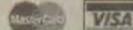
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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in

writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Red Cross moves to new location

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

Earn college credits before graduation

Don't let the lack of a high school diploma keep you from earning your college degree or diploma. Students who do not have a high school diploma or GED may still qualify for financial aid while attending college level courses. Contact Jennifer Leedy at Mayo Technical College for more information. 789-5321 extension 291.

PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info, call 886-2668.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) January, February and March. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who

need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

"Looking for a Support Group?"

■ Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets ever 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pke-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info, call Sharon at 478-5224,

or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

■ Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

■ The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

■ Narconon—Free assessment, evaluation and referral services can help you to overcome your drug addiction problems. Call 1-800-468-6933, or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

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

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

Man pleads guilty to counterfeiting

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — One of the seven men charged with operating a counterfeiting ring out of a University of Kentucky dormitory has pleaded guilty.

Joshua Allen Nelson, 18, of Harrodsburg, will be sentenced in March for passing and possessing bogus bills. He pleaded guilty to the charge last week.

Six other defendants, three of

them UK students, head to court Friday. Some are asking that their trial, set for Tuesday, be delayed.

The UK students are Howard Todd Moore, 19, of Dallas; Aaron Michael Murphy, 20, of Cunningham; and Michael Justin Vandiver, 19, of Madisonville.

Others indicted are Ramarr Demarcus Walker, 18, of Harrodsburg; Gregory Robert

Hutchinson, 25, of Lexington; and Nabil Ahmed Shalash, 18, of Lexington.

U.S. District Court Judge Joseph M. Hood has ordered one of defendants, Gregory Robert Hutchinson, 25, transferred to Lexington from a Wise, Va., jail where he is being held awaiting trial for passing forged checks. The seven men are accused of using computers to manufacture \$50 and \$100 bills.

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Judge refuses to limit access to OxyContin

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A federal judge has refused to issue an order that would curtail the marketing of the prescription drug OxyContin, a painkiller that is blamed for the deaths of scores of people who have abused it.

Judge Jennifer Coffman also refused a motion to limit distribution of larger doses of the drug. She issued the ruling on Dec. 27 in U.S. District Court in London.

The ruling involved a lawsuit filed by six Kentucky residents and the estates of two others against Purdue Pharma, the Stamford, Conn., firm that manufactures and markets OxyContin. They are seeking \$300 million, plus other unspecified damages.

Middlesboro attorney Bill Hayes, representing the plain-

tiffs, said the lawsuit still is alive and well. He said Coffman's ruling is disappointing but not surprising.

A spokesman for Purdue Pharma said the company was pleased with Coffman's ruling.

"OxyContin has helped thousands of Kentuckians in pain to have a better quality of life," said Dr. Paul Goldenheim, executive vice president of Purdue Pharma.

The drug, intended for use by terminal cancer patients and chronic pain sufferers, has been widely abused in Kentucky and elsewhere. If taken properly, OxyContin's active ingredient is released slowly into the body. But abusers circumvent the time-release by crushing the pills and inhaling or injecting the powder to get the same kind of euphoric high that heroin brings.

Legal group seeks dismissal of commandments-related suits

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — A legal group Wednesday asked a federal court to dismiss lawsuits against two Kentucky counties for displaying the Ten Commandments in their courthouses.

The American Center for Law and Justice filed motions in U.S. District Court seeking summary judgments in favor of Garrard and Mercer counties.

Garrard and Mercer were among four Kentucky counties sued in November by the American Civil Liberties Union for posting the commandments in courthouses. The ACLU contends the courthouse postings represent an endorsement of religion in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

"The display of the Ten Commandments in no way violates the U.S. Constitution,"

counsel for the ACLJ. "Kentuckians know the difference between an acknowledgment of religion and an establishment of religion."

The ACLJ said it is representing governmental entities in eight cases involving challenges to Ten Commandments displays in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Nebraska.

So far, the ACLU has sued seven Kentucky counties in two rounds of federal lawsuits. The counties posted the commandments in courthouses, schools and, in one case, a county-owned hospital.

In a preliminary ruling, a U.S. District Court judge ordered Ten Commandments displays taken down in the Pulaski and McCreary county courthouses and in Harlan County schools. The counties complied but are still seeking court consent to repost the displays.

Holiday road deaths nine higher than previous year

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Eleven people died in the same number of traffic crashes during the New Year's holiday driving period and one pedestrian was struck and killed, according to Kentucky State Police.

Preliminary data indicates alcohol was a suspected factor in four of the crashes, including the pedestrian death, said Lt. Lisa Rudzinski, state police spokes-

woman.

Only two of the eleven vehicular victims were wearing a seat belt, she said. The period ran from Friday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. EST through Tuesday at 11:59 p.m.

Single fatalities were recorded in Floyd, Hopkins, Knott, Laurel, Montgomery, Scott, Shelby, Todd, Warren and Webster counties.

Three people were killed during the same holiday driving period last year.

Bridge inspectors file response to contractors' lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A state Transportation Cabinet bridge inspector has brought a libel and slander counterclaim against two companies that said three state

inspectors demanded bribes from contractors hired to paint the Kennedy Bridge in Louisville.

Billy Strader of Elizabethtown said he was "falsely and maliciously" accused by the contractors.

Strader and Scott Kring of Frankfort both filed responses late last month denying allegations that bribes were solicited. The allegations were contained in a lawsuit filed in October.

In that suit, two companies

hired by the state to repaint the bridge — Abhe & Svoboda Inc. of Prior Lake, Minn., and Brighton Painting Co. of South Roxana, Ill. — alleged that three state inspectors demanded bribes, and that 11 days after one of the demands was refused, the state terminated the \$13 million painting contract.

One of the inspectors, Kevin Earles of Louisville, was subsequently charged by the FBI with extortion and has pleaded innocent. No other charges have been brought, although the FBI has said its investigation is ongoing.

In his response, Strader said he has "always enjoyed a good reputation" in the community and in his work "for honesty, uprightness of character and diligence."

Because of the suit and other comments by employees of the contractors, Strader said he sustained a damaged reputation, irreparable emotional damage and lost wages. He asked for unspecified damages against the contractors and Federal Insurance Co., which insured the work of the contractors and joined them in the suit against the inspectors and the state.

Strader is the only one of the three inspectors still employed by the Transportation Cabinet. He was placed on paid leave in November while cabinet officials reviewed the allegations.

Earles retired after the suit was filed. Kring retired last Aug. 1.

Anne Gorham, an attorney

for Abhe & Svoboda, Brighton Painting and Federal Insurance, said the plaintiffs stand by their allegations.

"Truth is an absolute defense," Gorham said of Strader's slander and libel claims.

Kring, in his response to the lawsuit, said that "at no time" during his 22 years as a state bridge inspector did he solicit or receive a bribe "from any person or entity, including the plaintiffs."

Kring did not make a counterclaim but said the suit should be dismissed because it was improperly brought under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Practices (RICO) Act.

The 1970 RICO law was designed to enhance penalties against enterprises that carry out criminal acts affecting interstate commerce.

Kring argued in his response that the plaintiffs failed to meet the requirements of RICO. Such requirements include a pattern of illegal activity that lasts over an extended period of time and is conducted by an identifiable enterprise.

Gorham said the suit has more than sufficient grounds for a RICO claim.

The contractors' complaint against the Transportation Cabinet alleged that defective specifications were established for the bridge project, leading to 2 1/2 years of delays and other

problems.

In court responses, the state and the Transportation Cabinet said any damages incurred by the contractors resulted from the contractors' own failure to review specifications before bidding on the project, or from actions of parties over which the state had no control.

The state said Abhe & Svoboda misrepresented its capability to perform the bridge-painting contract. The state is seeking unspecified damages from the company and Federal Insurance Co. for failing to complete the job on time.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital promotes 'Respect'

Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary, Allen Central Middle School and McDowell Elementary collaborated to provide the Respect program for 46 young ladies this fall.

The Respect program was developed by Our Lady of the Way Hospital for sixth- and seventh-grade females and began as a pilot project at Adams Middle School in 1995. The Respect program is designed as a nine-week course with emphasis on abstinence, building and/or fostering self-confidence, self-esteem,

motivation and setting/achieving goals.

"Baby Think It Over" dolls are used to give the participants a simulated, but realistic parent situation. Over 400 young ladies have completed the program.

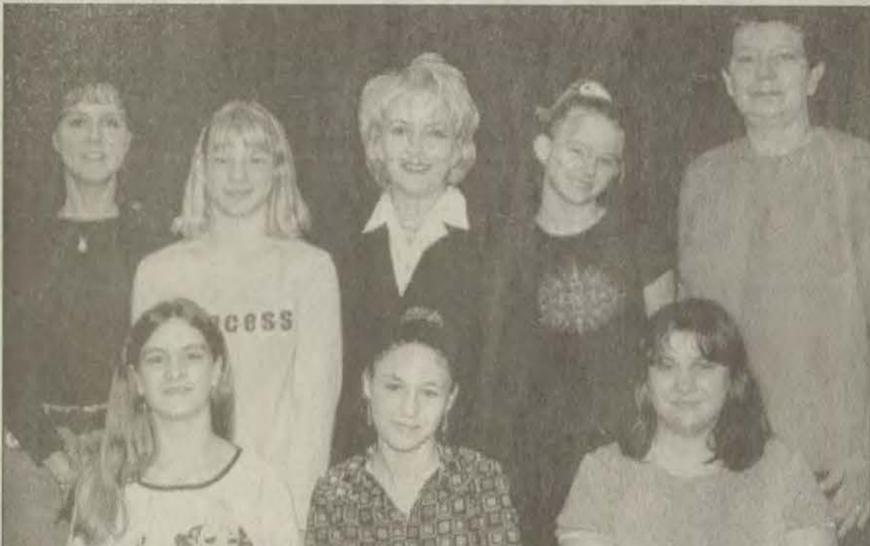
"We are always interested in providing quality programs for our community," said Neva Francis, Respect program facilitator. "This program in particular allows us to fulfill a community request as well as our mission and our Core Values of Reverence, Integrity, Compassion and Excellence."

Our Lady of the Way Hospital was invited to present the Respect program at the Governor's Summit on Teen Pregnancy Prevention in 1997 and was most recently recognized by the Varia Family Foundation. Graduates of the program could be awarded a scholarship through the Varia Family Foundation for the purchase of books their first year of college or technical school.

Our Lady of the Way Hospital is a not-for-profit facility and a member of Catholic Health Initiatives with headquarters in Denver, Colo.



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World Briefs

With U.S. envoy on his way, Israel announces West Bank pullbacks

JERUSALEM — In a double-edged message ahead of the arrival of a U.S. envoy, Israel eased its stranglehold on West Bank towns Thursday but also snatched five suspected militants in two raids into Palestinian territory.

A U.S.-drafted truce deal calls for Israel to stay out of Palestinian-controlled areas and lift travel restrictions on Palestinians. U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who was to arrive in the region later Thursday, will try to implement the truce deal, which was drafted last year and accepted by both sides.

However, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Wednesday that Israel will not begin implementing the deal until there have been seven days of complete calm.

On Thursday, Israeli tanks

withdrew from the West Bank town of Jenin and a neighborhood of the West Bank town of Ramallah. A tank and an armored personnel carrier remained in a northern neighborhood of Ramallah that overlooks the office of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Troops also lifted blockades of the West Bank towns of Qalqiliya, Tulkarem, Jenin and Hebron.

Indian prime minister: Terrorism must end to create atmosphere for talks

KATMANDU, Nepal — India's prime minister headed Thursday to a regional summit in Nepal with no plans to meet separately with Pakistan's president, even though war sentiment seemed to be cooling.

Militant attacks on Indian outposts in Kashmir — the major irritant between the nations — continued.

"We are not against talks, but

cross-border terrorism must end to create an atmosphere for dialogue," Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said in Lucknow, India.

Vajpayee said he would "meet neighbors in Katmandu" but added there was "no proposal" for a session between the leaders of the nuclear-armed rivals, locked in a standoff that has escalated since a Dec. 13 attack on the Indian Parliament that New Delhi blames on Pakistan.

India says that Pakistan backs Islamic militants battling Indian rule in Kashmir — the divided Himalayan territory behind two of three wars fought by the neighbors since their 1947 independence from Britain. Islamabad says its support for the groups is only political.

Marines find documents, guns at abandoned compound

WASHINGTON — U.S.

Marines helping search for leaders of Afghanistan's Taliban militia and the al-Qaida terror network found documents, guns and other items that could be useful, defense officials say.

Starting Monday, about 200 Marines searched a 14-building compound west of Kandahar for 29 hours, the Pentagon said.

The operation was part of U.S. efforts to eradicate the al-Qaida network and locate former Taliban rulers who went underground after the fall of Kandahar, their final stronghold.

Other U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the intelligence value of the materials found appeared to be modest.

American forces also are searching for clues in caves in the Tora Bora area of northeastern Afghanistan. Al-Qaida fighters fled from there last month after weeks of relentless U.S. aerial attacks.

Maneuvering begins over government secrets in first Sept. 11 trial

WASHINGTON —

Zacarias Moussaoui's lawyers do not have the security clearances they will need just to look at much of the evidence the government is gathering against their client, the only person charged so far in the Sept. 11 attacks.

The lawyers began navigating Wednesday through the complicated legal give-and-take with prosecutors about who gets to see the material and how much of it becomes public.

A federal judge set a mid-October trial date for Moussaoui, who faces a possible death penalty if convicted of conspiring with Osama bin Laden to carry out the jetliner attacks at the Pentagon, New York's World Trade Center and in the Pennsylvania countryside.

Before then, defense lawyers and prosecutors must meet a series of deadlines to negotiate the way secrets will be handled at trial. It is the government's turn first, with a June 1 deadline to give the defense classified

information they intend to use at trial.

Senate committee to investigate Enron collapse

WASHINGTON — Enron's business practices had the mark of "a massive shell game with multiple layers of conflict of interest," says a senator who plans to subpoena documents as part of a broad investigation into the energy company's collapse.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee, said his committee will within weeks subpoena documents from Enron's board of directors, senior managers and its auditing firm.

At the same time, the full Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing Jan. 24 into why government regulators failed to see the "red flags" at Enron and protect investors and the company's employees who have lost hundreds of millions of dollars as Enron stock plummeted.

Enron Corp., filed for bankruptcy Dec. 2 as its stock fell from a high of \$90 a share a year ago to less than \$1. Thousands of Enron workers were prevented from selling Enron stock in their 401k retirement plan during the collapse.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the full committee's chairman, promised Wednesday "a search for the truth, not a witch hunt." But he did not rule out an examination of Enron's relationships with the Bush administration.

Thousands flee firestorm, shelter on beach as Australian blazes burn

SYDNEY, Australia — Thousands of evacuees sought shelter on beaches Thursday when a fast-moving firestorm isolated two coastal villages after burning as many as 20 houses in a third hamlet.

About 7,000 people, many of them summer vacationers, ran

for their lives Wednesday night when the inferno raced into Sussex Inlet, about 120 miles south of Sydney, police said.

The blaze swept north Thursday afternoon, cutting off roads to the nearby towns of Bandalong and Berringer Lake and trapping 2,000 people, said local Rural Fire Service spokeswoman June Webster.

The blaze was one of more than 100 "black Christmas fires" that have brought havoc to Australia's most populous state for 11 days, racing across hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness and farmland.

Moderate earthquake shakes Central, South Asia; light damage in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — A moderate earthquake hit swaths of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan at midday Thursday, shaking house foundations and jolting cities across 400 miles of Central and South Asia. Some damage and minor injuries were reported in the Afghan capital.

The magnitude-5.8 quake was centered about 180 miles north of Peshawar, Pakistan, in the Hindu Kush mountain range of Afghanistan, said Abdul Rashid, seismologist at the Pakistani government's meteorological office. The U.S. Geological Survey put the magnitude at 6.0.

The quake struck at 12:05 p.m. and was felt in the Pakistan capital of Islamabad, the northern city of Peshawar and the eastern city of Lahore.

More than 300 miles away, in the old city of Kabul, the Afghan capital, several walls surrounding house compounds cracked and crumbled. At the airport north of the city, the entire tower shook violently and people ran from the building, but there was no visible damage.

Federal officials give coal company more time to secure bonds

LOUISVILLE — Federal officials have granted Kentucky's Addington Enterprises, one of the largest coal operators in the country, three additional months to replace environmental reclamation bonds from a troubled insurer.

Already given a 90-day grace period, the Ashland-based group of coal companies owned by the Addington family had faced a Friday deadline to find reclamation insurance or possibly be ordered to cease all mining in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Addington coal now will be allowed to continue mining without adequate insurance to cover the costs of reclaiming disturbed areas — a violation of federal law, according to environmentalists.

"This will not go unchal-

lenged," said Tom Fitzgerald, environmental lawyer and director of the Kentucky Resources Council.

The bonds are used to make sure that mining companies fix the environmental damage caused by removing coal.

A deal reached with the U.S. Interior Department allows Addington Enterprises to put up a cash bond of \$1 million in Kentucky and other states to cover its liability for now. Fitzgerald described that as just "pennies on the dollar" of the actual obligation.

In granting Addington another extension, acting Deputy Interior Secretary J. Steven Griles cited national insurance troubles created by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In all, more than 40 companies, including several held by Addington, ran into trouble late

last summer when Frontier Insurance Co. of New York, which had backed hundreds of millions of dollars in reclamation bonds, began to experience financial difficulties.

The company was taken over by the New York insurance commissioner last August. Kentucky Insurance Commissioner Janie Miller later suspended the company from doing business in the state.

As a result, coal companies scrambled to find replacement insurance, said William Kovacic, Lexington field director for the federal Office of Surface Mining, part of the Interior Department.

The reclamation bonds are critical because they provide the best assurance that, should a company go bankrupt, the disturbed land will be reclaimed.

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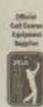
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Old mentor's return less than successful for visiting team

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON — The hysteria over Rick Pitino's return to Rupp Arena reached the point where everything was suggested except that Ashley Judd might throw a grenade on the floor. Bill "Mr. Wildcat" Keightley might have a deadly weapon hidden on his person, and the University of Kentucky band might shoot poison darts out of its tubas.



It was, of course, much ado about nothing, an enterprise that is unique to our state when Kentucky and Louisville play basketball.

As usual, the media contributed mightily to the overkill. All those special newspaper sections. The incessant jabbering on the radio talk shows.

Polls about how the Rupp Arena crowd should/would greet the man who rebuilt

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Sideline Shots

New year brings questions

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

What can we look for in this new year of 2002? As the 15th Region stands today, it appears to be wide-open with the Shelby Valley Wildcats, as was the case during the 2000-01 season, leading the pack with Paintsville close behind, followed by a host of others.

The parody in the 58th District is scary. On the boys side, you can look at it this way: Prestonsburg beat Allen Central, Allen Central beat South Floyd, South Floyd beat Betsy Layne and Betsy Layne beat Prestonsburg. Who's the district front-runner? You decide.

Just a little over two months from now, the state's top 16 teams will

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Baseball

Reds announce 2002 Winter Caravan dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Cincinnati Reds' 2002 Winter Caravan will appear in three states and six cities as part of this year's January tour. All stops are free and open to the public. The Winter Caravan will make two stops in Kentucky as part of its six-city circuit.

The Caravan will make its first stop on Thursday, Jan. 24 at the Miami Valley Baseball Academy in Dayton, Ohio followed the next day by stops at the Lima Civic Center in Lima, Ohio and Flannagan's Dublin on the outskirts of Columbus, Ohio. On Saturday, Jan. 26, the caravan will visit the Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville, Fayette Mall in Lexington and Town Center Mall in Charleston, W.Va.

The Winter Caravan is the road version of the very popular Redsfest, which was held December 7-8 and was attended by 10,200 fans at the Convention Center downtown. The Winter Caravan provides fans with the opportunity to get autographs from, pose for pic

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KABC announces Coaches Court of Honor Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) has announced a new awards program for the state of Kentucky.

Beginning this year, the Coaches Court of Honor Award will recognize and honor past and present Kentucky high school basketball coaches. The individual awards will be presented at the annual Sweet 16 State Tournament.

Voting is open to the public. Award criteria and nominations are available from the KABC Office, P.O. Box 4035,

Winchester, Ky. 40392-4035. Forms can also be downloaded from the official KABC website - <http://KABC.SportsCombine.com>.

Coaches Court of Honor Award Purpose:

■ To recognize and honor Kentucky high school basketball coaches.

Award:

■ The Court of Honor Individual Award shall be presented to each recipient at the annual Sweet 16 Tournament.

■ There shall be an awards reception for honorees' family and friends at the tournament each year.

■ A commemorative brick shall be installed in the KHSAA courtyard in recognition of the accomplishment. The Court of Honor is the circular part of the courtyard near the middle of the state.

■ Publicity for the honorees at the state and local level.

Criteria:

■ A recipient of the award must have coached high school basketball in Kentucky.

■ A recipient of the award must have made a certifiable impact or contribution to the game of basketball at the high school level in Kentucky.

■ A recipient of the award must have displayed good moral and ethical conduct during his or her career.

■ There shall be a proportionately equal amount of men and women coaches honored based on the number of years each sport has been active (2/1 ratio).

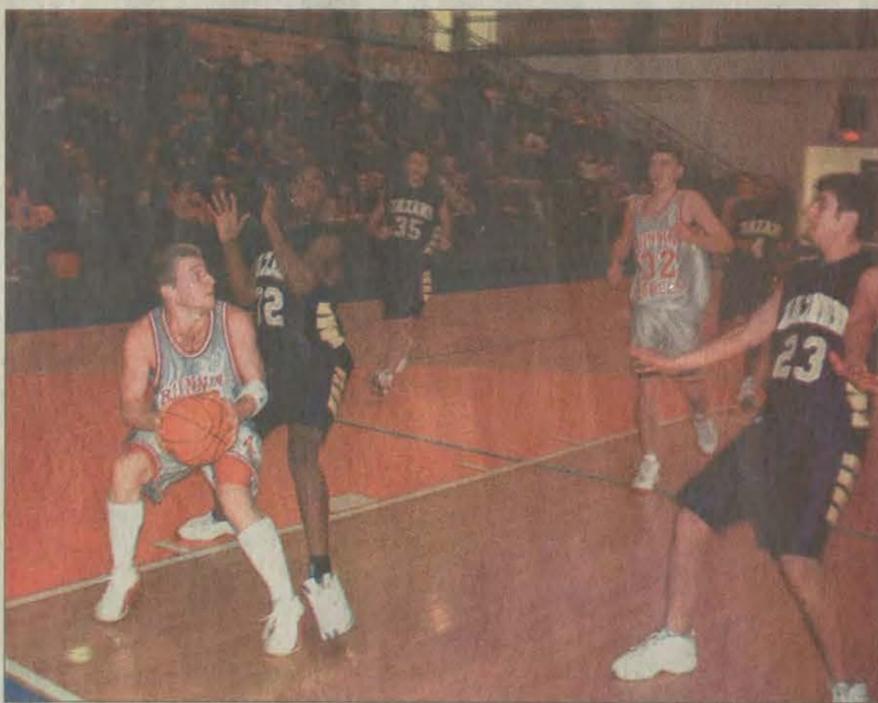
■ Consideration shall be given to African American coaches before inte-

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Hobert Potter Classic

photos by Jamie Howell

Shawn Newsome (23) scored early and often against Hazard in the opening round of the Hobert Potter Classic. Newsome, who scored a game-high 40 points, his best performance of the young season, didn't take long to get into double-figures as the Runnin' Rebels recorded the 10-point win over the Bulldogs.



Newsome leads Rebels past Hazard

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEY'S CREEK — Just when you think the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels have thrown in the towel on this season, the Rebs put together a game like none other this year. The Rebels coming off a disappointing showing in the Hobert Potter Classic had every reason to come in on a down note, especially since they were taking on 14 Region favorite Hazard.

The Bulldogs had an excellent record of 7-2 heading into the game against Johnny Martin's club and were probably considered a big favorite in the game, but don't tell the Runnin' Rebels that, as it was all Allen Central from the opening tip. The Rebels senior guard Shawn Newsome scorched the net for 24 points, and that was only in the first half of play. Newsome finished the game with 40 points as he led the Rebels to a 79-69 victory. The Rebels placed three players in double figures for the game, Brian Paige and Mike Slone finished the game in double figures as well as Newsome. Allen Central seemed to have a game plan that would put the run back in the Rebs as they ran the floor and used the

transition basket to build an early lead in the contest. The Bulldogs were hurt by their inability to put the ball in the basket, missing several shots in the first half within five feet of the goal. Allen



Central's pressure propelled the Rebs to a 20-14 lead after one quarter of play and they never trailed again.

Hazard has a shooting guard of their own who can really hit the perimeter

shot in Jeremy Campbell; his 18 points led the Bulldog effort. Hazard did manage to cut the Allen Central halftime lead of 43-30 down to six near the end of the third period with some solid play off the bench from Parker Carter and Cleve Washington.

The Bulldogs put 11 players in the scoring column compared to only six for Allen Central, but six would be all the Rebels would need on this night.

Allen Central's Daniel Sazabo helped his team on the glass as he pulled down seven rebounds and used his size to combat the bigger Hazard frontcourt; Sazabo contributed six points on the evening.

Allen Central's Rossi Samons came off the bench to hit two long-range bombs and help fend off the Bulldog rally. The Rebs have such great tradition on the hardwood that it would be hard to imagine the month of March without seeing them in the run for the regional championship. Allen Central led 57-46 after three quarters of play and Hazard could not mount a serious threat late as the Rebels advance on to meet Shelby Valley in the semifinals on Friday in the

(See REBELS, page three)

26-0 run gives Bears easy win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College opened its game Sunday with 26 unanswered points to cruise past Miami-Hamilton 94-55.

Pikeville, 10-2 and ranked 21st NAIA Div. I got a triple-double from senior All-American candidate Cedric Taylor. In only 19 minutes, the 6-7 forward from Houston scored 12 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and handed out 10 assists. He also had three steals and a block for good measure.

In the opening blitz, Miami-Hamilton scored a free-throw with 11:22 left to end the run. Pikeville spread it around, as seven players scored during the run. Greg Davis both started it and ended it with

(See BEARS, page four)

ALC men drop road games to Ohio opponents

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team spent a portion of its Christmas break in Ohio competing in the Newt Oliver Classic at Rio Grande College. The Eagles played twice in the tournament, both times against Ohio opponents, coming away winless for the northern trip.

ALC took on the host Rio Grande Redmen in the first contest and Urbana University in the second game.

Alice Lloyd held their own for part of the first half against host Rio Grande before heading into the half trailing, 49-40. Rio Grande outscored the Eagles 48-44 in the second half of the opening round game of the tourney to post the 97-84 win.

Jerry Barlow tossed in a game-high 26 points to lead

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South Floyd teams hit the road for Prestonsburg tonight

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The South Floyd Raiders and Lady Raiders visit Prestonsburg tonight for a boys-girls double-header. Both South Floyd squads are defending 58th District Champions. The last time the Lady Raiders met the Ladycats was in the finals of the 58th District Tournament last March. South Floyd came away with the upset win. Prestonsburg beat the Lady Raiders in both regular sea-

son meetings in the 2001-02 season.

The girls are scheduled to take the court first Friday night. The girls game is scheduled to get underway at 6 p.m. with the boys game scheduled to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Prestonsburg failed to beat the Raiders in boys action last season. The Blackcats haven't scored a win over a South Floyd team since the 1998-99 season, a season in

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file photo by Steve LeMaster
South Floyd Lady Raider Kandice Mitchell (41) went up for a shot against Prestonsburg last season. The South Floyd girls recorded their first-ever win over a Prestonsburg team in the finals of the 58th District Tournament last season.

Wrestling on tap...

Grappling Blackcats:
Today, tomorrow
- Jackson County Invitational

Jan. 10 - Perry Central
Jan. 12 - at Big East (Eastern High School)
Jan. 18-19 - WSAZ Wrestling Tournament
Jan. 25 - Sheldon Clark
Jan. 26 - at Ky.-W.Va. Duels
Feb. 2 - at Woodford County
Feb. 9 - at Regional Tournament
Feb. 14-16 at State Tournament

National briefs

by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOCKEY

EDMONTON, Alberta - Eric Lindros, sidelined by the seventh concussion of his NHL career, was placed on injured reserve by the New York Rangers after being examined by a neurologist. Lindros will be eligible to return to the lineup Saturday in Pittsburgh. -DALLAS (AP) - Mike Modano became the fourth United States-born player to reach 400 NHL goals when he scored during a power play in the Dallas Stars' game against Atlanta.

BASEBALL

BOSTON - Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly said major league baseball "played a major role" in deciding the winning bidder for the Boston Red Sox, calling into question the fairness of the sale process. Reilly is investigating the sale of the team after the Red Sox rejected the highest bid in favor of a \$660 million offer from a group headed by Florida Marlins owner John Henry, who is close to commissioner Bud Selig. Lawyer Miles Prentice headed a group that offered \$750 million for the team.

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK - Tom Brady made it to the Pro Bowl. So did three members of the Carolina Panthers, a team with one win. And so did Garrison Hearst, who came back from an ankle injury that sidelined him for two years and seemed to have ended his career. The Ravens and Tampa Bay Buccaneers led each conference with six players apiece. Atlanta and Cincinnati were the only team without Pro Bowlers. The game is in Honolulu on Feb. 9.

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) - Oakland Raiders defensive tackle Darrell Russell cleaned out his locker and began serving a one-year drug suspension after the NFL turned down his appeal. Russell, who tested positive for the club drug Ecstasy, won't be eligible to play again until Jan. 2, 2003, because of the decision by commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

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HORSE RACING

LOS ANGELES - Jockey Dusty Stimpson, who won the last two runnings of the Los Alamitos Million, one of the richest stakes in quarter horse racing, was killed in a car crash. He was 29.

SOCCER

SUNDERLAND, England - U.S. soccer captain Claudio Reyna will be sidelined for up to six weeks after bruising his left ankle in Sunderland's 1-1 tie with Aston Villa. Reyna, who transferred from Scotland's Glasgow Rangers last month for \$6.3 million, was carried off by stretcher after being tackled from behind by Aston Villa defender Lee Hendrie in the first half of Tuesday's game.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE, Australia - Unseeded Todd Martin upset the second-seeded Pete Sampras 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round of the Australian men's hardcourt championships. Mark Philippoussis, playing his first match in six months, appeared to be fully recovered from knee surgery. He beat Julien Boutter of France 6-3, 6-4. Also, top seed Tim Henman of Britain advanced when Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark retired with a shoulder injury. French qualifier Paul-Henri Mathieu beat Andrew Ilie of Australia 6-3, 6-1. Fourth-seeded Hicham Arazi of Morocco beat Michel Kratochvil of Switzerland 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (3). DOHA, Qatar - Radek Stepanek, a qualifier for the Czech Republic, upset second-seeded Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 in the second round of the Qatar Open.

Top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov survived a scare before beating Nikolay Davydenko 6-7, (4-7), 6-4, 6-4. Rainer Schuettler beat Albert Montanes 6-3, 6-4 and eighth-seeded Felix Mantilla beat qualifier Oleg Ogorodov 7-6 (7-0), 6-4.

GOLD COAST, Australia - Top seed Venus Williams beat Switzerland's Patty Schnyder 6-0, 6-4 on a sweltering day at the Australian women's hardcourt tennis championships.

Officials were forced to delay some matches as temperatures reached 104 degrees.

German qualifier Anca Barna beat Australian Nicole Pratt 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, and fifth-seeded Silvia Farina-Elija beat South Korean qualifier Cho Yoon-jeong 7-6 (5) 4-6, 6-3.

MADRAS, India - Alex Calatrava saved two match points in the second set and rallied to upset sixth-seeded Dominik Hrabaty 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 in the second round of the TATA Open.

Second-seeded Thomas Johansson beat Olivier Rochus 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, and fourth-ranked Andrei Pavel advanced to the third round by beating Stefano Galvani of Italy 6-3, 6-3.

PERTH, Australia - Italians Francesca Schiavone and David Sanguinette beat their highly favored American opponents at the Hopman Cup mixed team tournament.

Schiavone overcame a hamstring injury to upset Monica Seles 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. Sanguinette beat Jan Michael Gambill 7-6 (1), 6-3. The top-seeded Americans and Italy both are 1-1 in Group A.

Lleyton Hewitt, the world's No. 1-ranked player was undergoing tests to determine whether he has chicken pox.

TRACK AND FIELD

INDIANAPOLIS - Connie Price-Smith, a 24-time U.S. champion thrower and four-time Olympian, retired. The 39-year-old Price-Smith won the silver medal in the shot put in the 1995

World Indoor Championships, the first Olympic or world championship medal in the event for a U.S. woman since 1960.

OLYMPICS

MIDWAY, Utah - Solid shooting bolstered both Kara Salmela's confidence and her skiing as she took a much-needed victory in the women's 10-kilometer pursuit race at the U.S. biathlon trials. Jay Hakkinen missed five targets in the men's 12.5K pursuit but used strong skiing to win the race in 34 minutes, 30.6 seconds and narrow his bid for one of the four berths on the Olympic team.

BASKETBALL

MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee Bucks forward Darwin Hamm will not face criminal charges stemming from his New Year's Eve arrest if he participates in counseling, according to the district attorney's office.

Hamm was arrested at midnight Monday on what police said was suspicion of violence against his wife.

State briefs

Mayor offers update on arena discussions LOUISVILLE - Mayor Dave Armstrong reported progress Wednesday in talks to lure the University of Louisville into sharing a proposed downtown arena with an NBA team being courted by the city.

Botts passes LOUISVILLE - Jerry Botts, a Churchill Downs vice president and its racing secretary since 1985, died Tuesday after a brief illness. He was 54.

Scott, Jagers announce transfers LEXINGTON - Kentucky running back Chad Scott and offensive lineman Josh Jagers announced they are transferring from the program. Kentucky coach Guy Morriss said Wednesday.

WKU holds on for win MIAMI - Derek Robinson scored 14 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds as Western Kentucky defeated Florida International 65-54 Wednesday.

College scoreboard

College basketball scores (Wednesday)

Men American U. 94, Liberty 73 Army 83, Brown 92 Boston U. 70, New Hampshire 65 Bucknell 58, St. Mary's, Md. 46 Hartford 68, Binghamton 66 Holy Cross 95, Fordham 75 Maine 59, Albany, N.Y. 52 Manhattan 61, Loyola, Md. 56 Marist 71, St. Peter's 49 Miami 79, Georgetown 71 Michigan 67, Penn St. 63 Navy 90, Coastal Carolina 71 Pittsburg 77, St. John's 54 Rider 86, Lafayette 66 Syracuse 87, Rutgers 66 Towson 64, Delaware St. 57 Vermont 91, Stony Brook 80 Villanova 76, Providence 57

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SPORTSBOARD

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Football

Three Panthers join Pro Bowl squad despite miserable record by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS Wesley Walls is having the worst year of his career on possibly the worst team in the NFL. Voters proved that didn't matter by selecting the Carolina tight end and two of his teammates to the Pro Bowl.

The inclusion of Walls, punter Todd Sauerbrun and rookie kick returner Steve Smith on the All-Star roster announced Wednesday proved that selecting the squads can be as much about popularity as it is about performance.

"Usually guys ride the crest of a winning team into the Pro Bowl and we certainly haven't had that," said Walls, whose numbers are down this year. He could sit out his second straight game Sunday with a knee injury.

The Panthers are 1-14 this year, and a loss to New England in Sunday's finale would make them the first team in NFL history to lose 15 straight in a season.

But Walls, who was picked for a fifth time, proved that reputation can get you into the Feb. 9 game in Hawaii.

"My numbers weren't as great as they have been in the past, but I've garnered enough respect with the coaches and the players to get in," he said.

Other selections were clearly based on performance, like quarterbacks Tom Brady and Kordell Stewart, who have their teams rolling into the playoffs. They join Rich Gannon as the AFC quarterbacks.

"It's huge, it's huge, I can't say how big it is," said Pittsburgh's Stewart, who has rebounded from a string of subpar seasons to emerge as an MVP candidate.

"To get the respect from those guys is more important than anything else."

Brady was a sixth-round draft choice in 2000 and spent last season as the Patriots' fourth-string quarterback. But he became a starter this year when Bledsoe was hurt in the second game and the Patriots have gone 10-3 since and a win over Carolina Sunday would clinch the AFC East title.

"I think at some point you sit back and evaluate and say, 'Wow, this has been a pretty good year,'" Brady said. "I don't think it's as much how far I've come. I think it's how far we've come as an offense."

As usual, the teams had their share of snubs, most notably Cincinnati's Takeo Spikes, who has had an outstanding season, but was bypassed as the second inside linebacker in the AFC for Miami's Zach Thomas, another perennial. The Bengals (5-10) joined Atlanta (7-8) as the only teams without Pro Bowl players.

"I'm sure that some people look at it as we're the Bengals, but mostly it's just the wins and losses," Spikes said. "That will never change. I hate it. Life goes on."

Carolina, despite its three selections, also felt the snub when cornerback Doug Evans didn't make it despite leading the fan voting and having a career-best eight interceptions this season.

"I guess it doesn't have anything to do with stats or individual play. I guess it has more to do with teams or ... I just don't know," he said, pointing out that the Panthers have the worst defense in the league.

The Ravens and Tampa Bay Buccaneers led each conference with six players apiece. Some of the St. Louis Rams, who have the NFL's best record at 13-2, were irked they had "only" five players selected: quarterback Kurt Warner, running back Marshall Faulk, cornerback Aeneas Williams, wide receiver Isaac Bruce and tackle Orlando Pace.

"It's obvious people around the league just don't like the Rams," said linebacker London Fletcher, who didn't make it. "They feel they can snub us with Pro Bowl selections. But hey, we're still going to win the Super Bowl."

High School

BluegrassPreps.com Top 20 Rankings

- 1. Lexington Catholic
2. Male
3. North Hardin
4. East Jessamine
5. Butler
6. Muhlenburg North
7. Paducah Tilghman
8. Scott County
9. Ballard
10. Christian County
11. Highlands
12. Wayne County
13. Covington Catholic
14. Daviess County
15. Hopkins County Central
16. Mayfield
17. Rose Hill
18. Mason County
19. Oldham County
20. Rowan County

Others to watch by region - (1st Region) Calloway County; (2nd Region) Lyon County, Henderson County; (3rd Region) Ohio County, Apollo; (4th Region) Warren Central, Glasgow; (5th Region) LaRue County; (6th Region) Pleasure Ridge Park; (7th Region) Moore, Eastern, Saint Xavier; (8th Region) Bullitt East, Anderson County, Shelby County; (9th Region) Dixie Heights, Scott, Saint Henry, Ryle; (10th Region) Bourbon County, (11th Region), Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek; (12th Region) Somerset; (13th Region) Cawood, Corbin; (14th Region) Perry County Central; (15th Region) None; (16th Region) Ashland.

All A Rankings

- 1. Mayfield
2. Rose Hill
3. Glasgow
4. Saint Henry
5. Saint Mary
6. Somerset
7. Corbin
8. Lyon County
9. Covington Holy Cross
10. University Heights

Others to watch - Frankfort, Jackson County, Danville, Christian Academy.

Wrestling

KHSAA WRESTLING ALIGNMENT

Region 1 District 1 - (WESTERN KENTUCKY) - Caldwell County, Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, Paducah Tilghman, Union County, Webster County.

District 2 - (MID KENTUCKY) - Campbellsville, Central Hardin, Fort Knox, Larue County, McLean County, North Hardin.

Region 2

District 3 - (WEST JEFFERSON) - DeSales, Doss, Fairdale, Pleasure Ridge Park, Shawnee, Southern, Valley, Western.

District 4 - (CENTRAL JEFFERSON) - Atherton, Central, Kentucky School for the Blind, Moore, Seneca, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville).

Region 3

District 5 - (EAST JEFFERSON) - Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersonsonton, Kentucky Country Day, Oldham County, South Oldham, Waggener.

District 6 - (NORTHERN KENTUCKY) - Campbell County, Conner, Dixie Heights, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Millersburg Military Academy, Ryle, Scott, Scott County, Simon Kenton.

Region 4

District 7 - (CENTRAL KENTUCKY) - Anderson County, Bryan Station, Danville, Frankfort, Franklin County, Harrison County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek, Western Hills, Woodford County.

District 8 - (EASTERN KENTUCKY) - East Carter, Johnson Central, McCreary Central, Oneida Baptist, Paul Blazer, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark, Wayne County, Sheldon Clark, Whitley County.

Baseball

Free agent Stynes signs with Cubs

Former Reds prospect could find every day job

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Chicago Cubs, who have already significantly reshaped their infield this offseason, bolstered it some more on Wednesday by agreeing to terms with free agent infielder Chris Stynes on a one-year contract worth \$1.25 million.

Stynes, who can receive an additional \$450,000 in bonuses, became a free agent Dec. 21 when he was not tendered a contract by the Boston Red Sox.

He joins Delino DeShields and Alex Gonzalez as offseason infield additions on the North Side of Chicago.

Stynes, 28, hit .280 with 19 doubles, eight homers and 33 RBIs in 2001, playing 96 games in his only season with the Red Sox. He has played in the Majors since 1995 with the Kansas City Royals (1995-96), the Cincinnati Reds (1997-2000) and the Red Sox (2001). In 518 big-league games, the right-handed batter has hit .292 with 34 home runs, 150 RBIs and 45 stolen bases.

He has played six different positions in his Major League career, playing in 158 games at third base, 142 at second base, 134 in left field, 22 in right field, two at shortstop and two in center field. He also has batted .297 as a pinch-hitter (19-for-64) with two homers and 11 RBIs.

During his career, Stynes has hit .308 against left-handed pitchers, .285 against right-handers and .294 in day contests. While playing for the Reds, he batted .300 over parts of four National League seasons - including a .334 mark in 2000 with 24 doubles, 12 homers and 40 RBIs.

Last season, Stynes:

■ Appeared in 46 games at third base (44 starts), 43 at second base (40 starts) and three in left field (all starts), committing six total errors.

■ Had a trio of four-hit games (June 15 at Atlanta, July 15 at Montreal, Aug. 25 at Texas). In the July 15 game, he went 4-for-5 with three runs scored, two homers and four RBIs.

■ Recorded a season-high 10-game hitting streak July 28-Aug. 8, batting .410 (16-for-39).

■ Was on the disabled list April 6-24 with a strained right hamstring and May 10-June 7 with a fractured left cheekbone. He was hit in the face by Seattle's Aaron Sele on May 9.

Stynes began his professional career in 1991 after being selected by Toronto in the third round of the First-Year Player Draft. He has been traded three times during his career, going from the Blue Jays to Kansas City in April 1995; from the Royals to Cincinnati in July 1997; and from the Reds to Boston in Nov. 2000.

Stynes will be reunited with newly acquired Alex Gonzalez - another 1991 draft pick of the Blue Jays (14th round). Stynes (third base) and Gonzalez (shortstop) comprised the left side of the infield for Toronto's Gulf Coast (Rookie) club in 1991 and at Class-A Myrtle Beach in 1992.

OVC

OVC selects Scholar-Athlete Award winners

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The Ohio Valley Conference has selected six individuals to receive its prestigious Scholar-Athlete Award for 2001-02. The award is the highest individual honor that can be earned by OVC student-athletes, and is given annually

to three men and three women senior athletes for their accomplishments in both the classroom and athletic arena, and because of their leadership qualities.

The six winners were selected from a group of 13 finalists by a vote of the OVC faculty athletics representatives. Honorees must have performed athletically with distinction, have earned at least a 3.25 grade point average, and have conducted themselves in a manner which has brought credit to the student-athlete, his or her institution, intercollegiate athletics and the OVC.

The 2001-02 Ohio Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Award winners are Zoey Arist of Eastern Kentucky University, Bryan Johnson of Southeast Missouri State University, Brad Morris of Eastern Kentucky University, Kelly Pendleton of the University of Tennessee at Martin, Grant Swallows of Tennessee Technological University and Jessica Wood of Murray State University.

McClellan leaves team for personal reasons

Lindsay McClellan, a 6-5 center, has left the Eastern Kentucky University women's basketball team for personal reasons. The sophomore averaged 4.8 points and 3.4 rebounds per game this season for the Lady Colonels. The Lady Colonels were in OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) action last night against conference counterpart Tennessee Tech in McBrayer Arena. The Golden Eaglettes are defending conference champions.

EKU women top Marshall

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Marshall University women's basketball team (4-6) was beaten soundly by the host Eastern Kentucky Lady Colonels (8-3), 88-43, in final round play at the Comfort Suites Classic. The 45-point margin is the Herd's worst loss since a 103-55 drubbing at the hands of the Toledo Rockets during the 1998-99 season.

"We didn't play very well tonight," said coach Royce Chadwick. "We didn't execute first half breakaway opportunities, and it shook our confidence. And while ours went down, there's went up. As the game progressed, the leadership on this team faded."

The Lady Colonels dominated all facets of the game. They forced a season-high 38 Marshall turnovers and held the Herd to a season-low 29.2-percent from the floor (14-48), while they shot an impressive 50-percent (31-62). It was again a full-court, pressure defense that did in Marshall.

Marshall opened the game with a made bucket by Andrea Fitzgerald to give the Herd their last lead of the game at 2-0. EKU went on the attack, outscoring Marshall 26-4 in the next ten minutes of play to knock the visitors out of contention. The Herd never got closer than 20 points after that.

The Lady Colonels' Katie Kelly led all scorers with 17 points. Three other EKU players tallied double-figures.

Marshall was led by senior Au'Yana Ferguson (Louisville) who notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. Catie Knable (Floyd Knobs, Ind.) added ten points.

The Herd return to play Wednesday night in their MAC opener against Northern Illinois. That game tips off at the Henderson Center at 7 p.m.

MAC

Rebels

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic Tournament at Pike Central High School.

Tigers fall to Wildcats, again

Shelby Valley's road to the semifinals ran through the city of Paintsville, as the Wildcats pulled out an overtime thriller in the nightcap over Bill Mike Runyon and his Paintsville Tigers.

Paintsville was hurt by cold shooting early, as the Tigers couldn't find the range from beyond the arc and finished the night six-of-24 from three point land. Shelby Valley had four player in double figures led by Seth Kiser with sev-

enteen. Paintsville was led in scoring by Chas Harmon with 22. Shelby Valley led 12-9 after one, and 24-20 at the half. In the second half the game remained close as the teams exchange baskets and the Wildcats held the lead at 41-40 heading into the fourth quarter.

The Tigers managed to take a three point lead with 35 seconds remaining, but Kelsey Friend nailed a three point shot in the closing seconds to send the game into overtime.

Shelby Valley would regain the lead in the first minute of overtime, and hold on for the 72-69 victory and move on to face the Runnin Rebels in tonight's semi-

nals. The loss was Paintsville's second setback to Coach Rodney Rowe's Shelby Valley team thus far this season.

Shelby Valley and Paintsville have two of the 15th Region's best teams and both will probably see each other again in region tournament play.

Scoring

Allen Central - Shawn Newsome 40, Mike Slone 10, Brian Paige 11, Neil Allen 6, Daniel Sazabo 6, Rossi Samons ..

Hazard - Jeremy Campbell 18, Steven Sizemore 8, Josh Miller 14, Cleve Washington 6, Parker Carter 5, Chris Olinger 4, Hank Gabbard 3,

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Mickey Mouse took time out of his busy schedule for the BLHS players in some down time during the Orlando, Fla. trip.

Ladycats return home runners-up

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

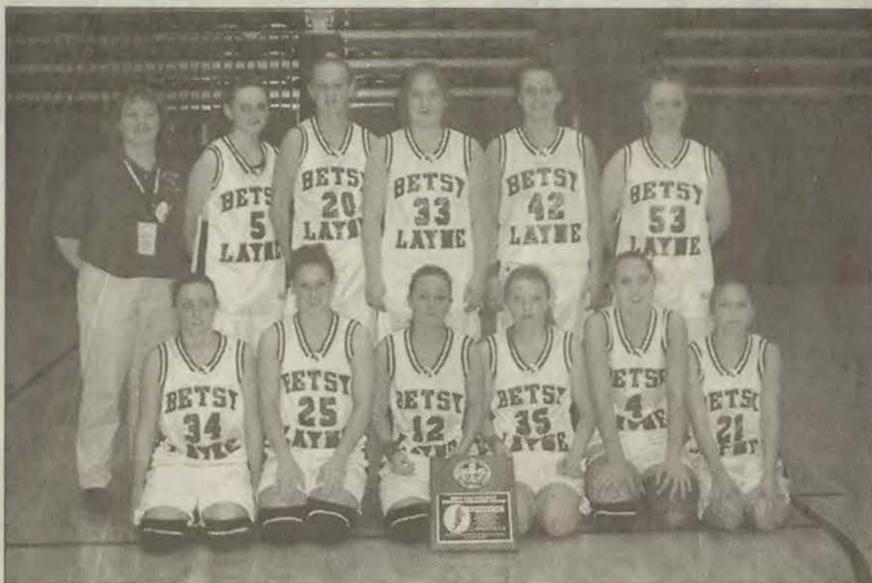
Betsy Layne's girls' basketball team returned home from a holiday trip to Florida for the KSA Holiday Tournament early in the week. The Ladycats opened the KSA Tournament at Disney's Wide World of Sports

Complex in Orlando, Fla., with a pair of wins, advancing to the finals of the tourney, only to fall to Scarsdale (N.Y.) High School 70-49.

The teams Betsy Layne faced up with in the Orlando Tourney were larger in numbers compared to the Ladycats, who are playing this season as a Class A

school and will compete in the 15th Region All 'A' Classic later in the month at Phelps High School in Pike County.

The Ladycats were back in action Wednesday night against Prestonsburg High. Results from the Betsy Layne-Prestonsburg game will appear in Sunday's Times Sports.



The Betsy Layne Ladycats returned from a successful KSA Tournament with a runner-up showing.

Reed

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UK's program from 1989-'97 before returning to college basketball at hated Louisville, of all places, after an unfortunate interlude with the Boston Celtics.

But what happened was utterly predictable, except for the classic backdoor ploy that Pitino pulled on the photographers massed at the entrance where the Cards came on the floor. He came out at the opposite entrance, and was almost at midcourt before much of the crowd saw him.

Naturally, he was lustily booed. Naturally, the crowd had a bunch of signs to wave at him, some of which were actually clever. Otherwise, the crowd behaved itself. The only surprise - and it was a pleasant one, at that - was that it devoted as much energy in cheering for UK Coach Tubby Smith as it did in jeering Pitino.

It took Pitino's presence for the Rupp Arena crowd to embrace Smith as it never has during his splendid career in Lexington. Before and during the game, the crowd broke out in chants of Tub-bee, Tub-bee! After the game,

The Tubster didn't seem sure what to make of it. "It's great to feel appreciated and wanted," Smith said. "This is a class program with class fans. I'm

focused on it (the chants). I'll have to go back and listen to it again."

But Pitino and the Cards also have class. Instead of being offended by the signs, Pitino chose to be amused by them. His son, Michael, saw one that said, "Joanne, we never liked you, either." He told his dad he would like to get it and take it back to his mother, who was in Florida.

"No matter how cruel or hurtful some people try to be, you just have to be able to laugh and enjoy it," said Pitino. "That's the beauty of college athletics. Life will go on in the world of sports and entertainment."

And the boos? "I didn't think anything of it," Pitino said. "I'm the Louisville coach."

They're not supposed to cheer me, they're supposed to cheer Tubby. They cheer me in Freedom Hall. If they boo me there, I know I'm in trouble."

The game was just as predictable as the reception for Pitino. Anybody who knows anything about basketball understood that U of L was 9-1 due to effort, luck, and an extremely friendly schedule (nine games out of 10 in Freedom Hall). They also knew that the Cards may be the worst shooting team in U of L history, both from the field and the foul line. Or look at it like this:

When was the last time a 9-1 U of L team wasn't ranked in the Top 25?

On the other hand, as Pitino rightly pointed out, UK has a legitimate shot at winning the national championship. The Cats are so deep that they can afford to lose J.P. Blevins (injury) and Marvin (Hands Of) Stone (bad attitude) without missing a beat.

If anything, both Blevins and Stone may fall into the blessing-in-disguise category. Blevins' absence will mean more minutes for freshman point guard Adam Chiles, who had four assists in only eight minutes against U of L. And Stone's absence will mean more minutes for Jules Camara and Marquis Estill, who dominated the Cards' big men inside.

In other words, UK figured to win by at least 15 or 20, so the final score - UK 82, U of L 62

- was an accurate reflection of the talent and expectations gaps between the teams. While UK is thinking Final Four, U of L is hoping to cobble together enough wins to get a low seed in the NCAA tournament.

To their credit, the Cards hung tough for the first half, trailing only 36-32 at intermission. But then, after U of L pulled within one at 38-37, the Cats asserted their superiority. While UK was making runs of 12-0 and 15-0, the Cards clunked one shot after another. What made it especially bad is that they had good looks at the basket on many of their misfires.

Pitino said he wasn't as concerned about the bad shooting as he was the bad passing.

"My first team here at Kentucky was slow and couldn't guard this building," Pitino said, "but they were great at delivering the ball picture-perfect. I really appreciate great defense and great passing more than anything. The shooting will come."

While only Joseph N'Sima (eight points, seven rebounds, five blocks) played well for the Cards, UK was led by Tayshaun Prince, who should be a serious candidate for All-American honors, and Keith Bogans, who snapped a string of poor performances with a 17-point, seven-rebound performance.

So after a grossly over-hyped day that was easy to predict, everybody left the arena feeling reasonably happy. The crowd got to tell Pitino what a "traitor" it thinks he is, and it got the dominating win it wanted. Its behavior was about as good as anybody, especially Tubby Smith, could expect.

And Pitino's team didn't disgrace itself. "I like these guys to coach," Pitino said. "Their attitude is great, and they have great compassion. It's nice to be around young people like this. I wouldn't trade one of them for a shooter."

On that, he might get an argument from U of L fans who are driven to distraction by the gang that couldn't shoot straight. Maybe they should be known as Pitino's Bomblessbinos.

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KABC

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Each year there shall be 16 boys' coach honorees (one per region) and eight girls' coach honorees (one per every two regions, i.e. 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, etc.), the KABC Executive Secretary, and Ex-officio Members made up of Asst. Executive Secretaries.

Selection process:

- Nomination forms available at the KABC Office.
- Nomination forms must be received by Feb. 1 each year.
- KABC Awards Committee consists of eight coaches (five men and three women).
- KABC Awards Committee to review nominations the first Sunday in February and select honorees.

Sideline

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gather in Lexington for the State Tournament. The top 16 teams will do the same on the girls side in Bowling Green.

It's quite a while until the fall season of the new year, but it isn't that long until college football teams enter into spring practice.

Prestonsburg High boasts two Division I football players in Marshall defensive tackle Nathan Leslie and Kentucky defensive tackle Jeremy Caudill. Both players, sophomores, will enter the spring looking to move up on the depth chart. Both sustained injuries last season which affected their playing abilities.

Marshall, coming off its spectacular come-from-behind double-overtime 64-61 over Conference-USA win representative East Carolina, is very upbeat heading into spring practice. The Wildcats on the other hand, 2-9 last season, have seen better days, but under new head coach Guy Morriss will look to show improvement in spring ball.

The departure of Chad Scott comes as a shock to me. Scott, a Florida product, thrived under former UK head coach Hal Mumme, then didn't do as well in his second season with Morriss at the Wildcat helm, but was being looked to as the UK coaches searched for offensives look-to's for the 2002 season. Scott has several schools in mind, including ACC schools North Carolina and Clemson.

Also, Danville product Josh Jagers has also announced his departure. Jagers has already enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University and will be eligible to suit up and play for the Colonels in the fall. Jagers was a roommate of Caudill's at UK.

Well, by the time this column goes to print, a Rose Bowl Champion will be crowned. Who's in favor of the BSC? Many of you probably are, but I like the bowls. I'm in favor of some sort of playoff system, but I like the way the various bowls

give teams with the not-so-outstanding regular season records, nonetheless quality teams, the chance to compete in a post-season appearance. However, when you read this, if the Nebraska Cornhuskers are Rose Bowl Champions, we just might have split National Champions.

On a final gridiron note, getting back to the high school game, the Prestonsburg Blackcats began their winter condition program on Wednesday when school resumed in Floyd County. Coach DeRossett reported that 65 athletes were out conditioning in preparation for the 2002 season.

Fans should have no shortage

of basketball this weekend. The Kentucky Wildcats travel to Starkville, Miss. to take on the Bulldogs and the Hobert Potter Classic continues through Saturday at Pike County Central High School. South Floyd travels to Prestonsburg tonight for a double-header along with countless other games through Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky. Coach Jerry Butcher's Prestonsburg High wrestling team is also in competition at the Jackson County Invitational. As you can tell, there's absolutely no shortage of sports in our area.

Keep The Times informed. Let us know about your athletes and your team.

Athletes of the Week



Chris Kidd,
Prestonsburg,
Junior,
22 points vs.
Cordia



THE LADY CATS

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PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The following game summaries from the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League are from the games played Saturday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 22. Scores from Saturday, Dec. 29 will appear in Sunday's edition. Scores from the games to be played on Saturday, Jan. 5, tomorrow, will appear in the Wednesday edition.

Lakers 29, Spurs 11

Jody Tackett scored 15 points including two threes and Chris Schoolcraft added six points to lead the Lakers past the Spurs 29-11. Shane Poynter and Fallon Blackburn added four points apiece for the Lakers.

Jazz 35, Bulls 20

Rikki Hughes scored a game-high 12 points and Brittany Collins added 10 to lead the Jazz past the Bulls 35-20. Allen Craynon had three points and Julie Ford two for the Jazz. Tasha Wallen and Josh Dingus each had eight points apiece for the Bulls. Vincent Hayes rounded out the Bulls scoring with four points.

Lakers 44, Grizzlies 31

The Lakers beat the Grizzlies 44-31 thanks in part to a 24-point effort from Justin Murray. Josiah Reno added 10 points for the Lakers. Carman Maines had four points in the win.

Meaghan Slone scorched the nets for 20 points to lead the Grizzlies. Lakole Ousley flipped in four points and Laura Ford added three.

Wizards 39, 76ers 28

Zach Stanley scored 21 points to pace the Wizards to a 39-28 win over the 76ers. Amber Whitaker led the 76ers in scoring with 12 points.

Lakers 26, Jazz 25

The Lakers edged the Jazz 26-25. Jody Tackett scored 17 points to lead the Lakers to the win.

Lindsey Fields scored 10 points and Allen Craynon added five for the Jazz.

76ers 42, Lakers 32

The Jazz beat the Lakers 42-32 as Michael Lackey scored 19 points. Brittany Ousley added six points for the 76ers. Justin Murray connected on three three-pointers and scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Lakers. Shane Duncan tossed in six points for the Lakers.

Wizards 30, Grizzlies 25

Zach Stanley scored 11 points and Matt Crisp added seven to help the Wizards to a 30-25 win over the Grizzlies. Mike Crum had eight points for the Grizzlies. Wes Hall

and Meaghan Slone added five points each for the Grizzlies.

Knicks 9, Celtics 8

The Knicks edged the Celtics 9-8 as Austin Sloan scored five points, four in the fourth in the final quarter. Steven Perry and Grant Gearheart each had two points. J. D. Adams scored all eight Celtics points.

Bulls 10, Raptors 2

The Bulls scored a 10-2 win over the Raptors. The Bulls had four players score while Shane Hall scored the only basket of the day for the Raptors.

Jazz 15, Pacers 7

Kaleb Rodebaugh scored a game-high six points to lead the Jazz past the Pacers 15-7. Madison Wright had four points for the Jazz. Aaron Griffith scored three points to lead the Pacers in scoring.

Hawks 31, Lakers 13

The Hawks scored a 31-13 win over the Lakers. J.D. Head led the Hawks with 16 points. The Hawks led the Lakers 10-4 at the half.

Bulls 14, Raptors 12

Wil Allen scored a game-high seven points to lead the Bulls past the Raptors

14-12.

Knicks 20, Hornets 10

Bridget Slone scored 10 points as the Knicks doubled up the Hornets 20-10. The Hornets held a 4-0 lead over the Knicks heading into the second quarter.

Sonics 58, Warriors 10

Michael Burchett scored 16 points and Joseph Jamerson added 14 to lead the Sonics past the Warriors.

Spurs 29, Bulls 15

The Spurs beat the Bulls 29-15 after holding a 13-8 lead at the intermission break.

Seth Setser scored 24 points to lead the Spurs.

Bulls 9, Jazz 5

Kain Collins and Bryson Williams each had four points apiece to lead the Bulls past the Jazz 9-5.

Celtics 11, Raptors 10

J.D. Adams scored five points and three other players scored two points apiece to lead the Celtics to a 11-10 win over the Raptors.

Knicks 21, Pacers 15

Grant Gearheart netted seven points and Austin Sloan scored five as the Knicks scored a 21-15 win over the Pacers. Tate Goble had four points for the Knicks. Tyler Keens scored all 15 Pacer points.

Bulls 19, Lakers 13

Wil Allen scored eight points to help the Bulls to a 19-13 win over the Lakers. Terrance Marshall had eight points for the Lakers.

Raptors 12, Warriors 10

The Raptors bested the Warriors 12-10. Jimmy Green scored six points and Alex Griffith four for the Raptors. Julie Compton had four points for the Warriors.

Sonics 37, Hornets 12

Dustin Coleman scored eight points to lead the Hornets in a 37-12 setback to the Sonics. Joseph Jamerson paced the Sonics with 12 points. Joshua Craynon added nine points for the Sonics.

Hawks 38, Knicks 13

J.D. Head blistered the nets for 18 points and Cody McCoy added six points as the Hawks posted a 38-13 win over the Knicks. The Hawks held a 38-13 lead at the half before going on for the win. Franklin Nelson had four points for the Knicks.

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LOUIS MEADOWS-ANCHOR

Interesting tidbits from the Christmas events (those that did not make my previous edition):

Can you imagine shooting 43 foul shots in one game; that is strange enough, but hitting 42 of them. That is what West Carter did in their Prime Time Classic game against Mercy. According to a scout sitting behind me, keeping a running record of the game, WC had only two attempted field goals the second half, making one of them. They just couldn't get the ball into scoring position before being fouled. WC did win the game by seven points, but their players, constantly fighting that swarming defense Mercy plays, were breathing hard by the final buzzer.

The next afternoon, West Carter senior pivot, Meghan Hillman, learned her grandfather had died. Her grandfather was a big supporter of the whole team.

The team played through the emotional pain in a win that night over Lexington Christian, a win the

next morning over Lexington Catholic, and a loss in the championship game to Holmes. I met Meghan's grandfather at an AAU Tournament last summer. He was one of those sweet people that everyone loves to be around.

Jenny Noort: This 6-1 senior pivot from Lexington Christian got plenty of attention at the PTC. In the couple of games I saw, she averaged about 20 points and 20 rebounds per game. She gets up and down the floor well and is pretty athletic around the basket. It is my understanding she was not getting a lot of college looks before, but she turned some Division I heads here. Some other recruiters may want to take a look.

Alexis Brown: This 5-11 senior wing player from North Hardin, according to my understanding, was not getting a lot of college looks. But she used the Lady

Invitational of the South to get plenty of Division I attention. Very athletic. Can play all over the floor. I have been watching Alexis for several years, both in high school

and in summer AAU, and she is Division I all the way.

Jenny Webb: This senior from Assumption may be the best 5-9 pivot in Kentucky. She has sweet moves in the paint and a good eye for the basket.

Any small college having room for a 5-9 wing player may want to give Jenny a look.

Cammie Campbell: In one of the best individual performances I saw this year, this Allen County senior scored 37 points as her team defeated North Hardin in a first round game of the LIS. The University of Evansville signee scored her points on a variety of shots, including several treys.

Tasha Phillips: I watched this 5-9 senior do-it-all player from Campbellsville in both the PTC and LIS. She is as smooth as silk. She has been battling for some recognition since her freshman year. For more reasons than one, she deserves all she can get. Although she has not signed yet, she and a major Division I school have zeroed in on each other. I am not free to divulge which university until it is officially announced.

Carrie Bell: I watched this girl play in the LIS last year with Warren East.

This year, this 6-4 sophomore pivot played in the LIS again, but this time with Bowling Green. Carrie is the strong, steady, not real athletic type.

But she does a nice job running the floor and is effective in the paint.

Holly Bushong: I have been hearing about this 5-11 senior pivot from Madisonville and finally got to see her play a couple of games. She is very strong and persistent in the paint and has some nice moves.

East Carter: In the PTC, this team defeated Greenwood, Wayne County, and Elizabethtown, losing to only Holmes. Then they went home and won their own

Queen of the Bluegrass Tournament, defeating Henry Clay in the championship game. All of this while being led by 5-8 freshman do-it-all player, Kasi Mullins. EC's only other loss this season has been to rival West Carter.

Nikki Owsley: This 5-7 freshman from Harrison County was the hero for a moment in the North-South Shootout at Holmes. Three points behind and just a couple of seconds to go, Nikki had the ball deep in the corner and was swamped by a much bigger player from Presentation. Nikki had to lean backward to get a desperation shot off against her bigger defender. It got nothing but the bottom of the net as the horn sounded. The game went into overtime and Harrison lost, but it had to be a sweet memory for Nikki.

Reversal of fortune: To win the championship game of the Berea Tournament on

Dec. 23, Cawood defeated Lincoln County by 10 points. Four days later, the same two teams met in the opening round of the Rockcastle County Christmas Tournament. This time, Lincoln turned the tables, winning by three in overtime.

LIT: Joyce Seymour, director of the Louisville Invitational Tournament, wanted me to remind everyone that the next Litratings (computerized ratings figured and printed by the Courier-Journal) will determine the 10 Jefferson County

teams that will play in this tournament.

These 10 teams and the six invited teams (Hart Co., Scott Co., Muhlenberg North, Jackson Co., Perry Central, and Holmes) will make up the tourney field.

The Litratings not only determine the 10 Jefferson Co. teams invited, but will determine the pairings for all 16 teams.

This year, all games of the LIT will be held at Bellarmine University. The dates are Jan. 22, 23, 25, 26. No games on Jan. 24.

Pendleton County: This team won the Mason County Christmas Invitational by defeating Mason Co., Bracken Co., and St. Patrick.

Scott County: This team won fourth place in the City of Palms Classic in Ft. Myers, Florida. Senior wing/pivot Erin Brown averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds over four games and was named to the all-tournament team.

Upcoming events: The All Class-A Shootout at Louisville Holy Cross - Saturday, Jan. 5, starting at 2 p.m., five games, all girls' varsity.

The early season events and Christmas tournaments are now history. By this time, some of the pre-season dust has settled and we have a pretty good idea as to the top two or three teams that will challenge for the State Championship. Right. WRONG.

I have seen just about all the contenders several times. Several teams have looked unbeatable at times, but those same teams showed their weaknesses at other times. No one has looked dominating all the time.

Lexington Catholic played the one best game I have seen this year in handing

Hart County its only loss. Everything they tried worked from having several players score from the perimeter to freshman pivot Shannon Noversel having a superb game in the pivot position. Catholic had to have shot around 70-percent for the game. They used the second and third stringers freely. Their defense held Miss Basketball candidate to 8 points, all from the foul line.

In their game with West Carter the next morning, the semi-final game in the Prime Time Classic, Catholic started still hot, scored the first 14 points of the game. But then they went a little flat and West Carter, with their steady game, came back and won.

That set up Holmes to beat West Carter in the championship game of the PTC.

In the PTC, Holmes looked very impressive in beating Sacred Heart in the quarterfinals, Clinton County in the semi-finals, and West Carter in the game mentioned above. Holmes does not have the big girl, but they have the super-star in Miss Basketball Candidate Erica Hallman and some nice role players who can also score. Their forte is their team quickness and their ability to use that quickness on defense. New head coach Casey Sparrow has earned my respect in taking a group of loose-knit players, getting them to believe in themselves, and reforming them into a tight-knit team.

Erica Hallman has become the complete player this year. No more of the moodiness or lapse of working hard that I have seen in the past. She works hard every second on

the floor. This season, I have seen her hit several shots from several feet behind the three-point arc, shots that found nothing but the bottom of the net. And she ran the one most beautiful play I saw this year. On a steal, dribbling full speed at the basket, Erica gives a no-look, behind the back pass to a trailer, also going at full speed, who scored.

But having said all that, I cannot forget that Holmes has lost twice, to Mercy and Lexington Catholic. Clinton County looked nice in taking out Muhlenberg North before losing to Holmes. The Guffey Twins are for real.

Sacred Heart lost to Holmes, then looked ugly in beating Muhlenberg North by 25 in a consolation game. To be fair to North, two of their starters, Jasmine Perry and defensive specialist Lindsey Sparks, were on the bench with ankle injuries. Heart pivot Crystal Kelly had 26 points, 19 rebounds, and shot 67-percent from the field. North pivot Jade Perry shot 75-percent from the field and had 15 points and six rebounds. The third North-Heart matchup in the last year, all of which Heart has won. I personally love those Perry-Kelly duels.

But, skipping to the semi-finals of the Lady Invitational of the South after

Christmas, Muhlenberg North played one of most solid games I have seen this year in beating Jackson County of Kentucky by five points. Everyone on the team contributed offensively and defensively, especially Holly Mills, playing the most solid I have seen her in three years.

In the championship game of the LIS, North still played a nice, under-control game, but lost to Jackson County, Tennessee, by five points. That was no insult, as the Tennessee team is ranked in the Top-10 in the nation and is a well-balanced, everybody can do everything through about eight players, type team. Jackson has won their State Tournament for two straight years and is favored to do it again this year. But they had no answer for Jade Perry. Jade, with that nice spin move she has developed, was double and triple teamed every time she touched the ball and she still scored 17 points. And she has wonderful hands.

Jackson County (the one we know from Kentucky), after their defeat to North in the semi-finals, came back the next night and played a solid game against

Gallatin, Tennessee, defeating them for third place. When Sarah Elliott stops slapping at the ball (getting in foul trouble doing so) and just plays position defense, she is going to be impossible to guard for any one person. And Andi Whitehead is back from her ankle injury she had early in the second.

Henry Clay has looked awesome at times this year, but struggled the North-South Shootout against Highlands before taking over in the fourth quarter. Clay lost to East Carter in the finals of the Queen of the Bluegrass at East Carter (but that was no insult).

Shelby County plays a nice team game, but lost to Butler in the finals of the Male Tournament. Butler is for real, but struggled in a game I saw against Covington Holy Cross.

Bryan Station is missing would-be senior starter, Shanika Penman, who is not playing this year for personal reasons. They are also struggling at the pivot position. Coach Jackie Williams is playing a lot of very young kids (seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders), trying to bring them along as the season progresses. He does have one of the best one-two punches in Kentucky in senior Sharia Young and junior Tracy Harbut.

So, I repeat. I think I have seen the State Champion play this year; in fact, I think they are mentioned somewhere above. Just don't ask me which one. Don't bet the farm on any one team. Like I said, I have seen just about all the teams above play superb games, but I have also seen them play games in which they were very vulnerable. Late-February and March will be interesting.

Undefeated teams: If my research is right, only three teams made it through the 2001 part of the season undefeated. Woodford County and Newport Catholic are both 11-0 and Christian County is 9-0.

Let's throw in Stephanie Pieper and Sarah Todd, both of Assumption. Pieper has come into her own this year and Todd is getting her confidence back after not playing last year. Todd may have the prettiest form of any of them.

We have to throw Lexington Catholic's Chelsea Chowning (also beautiful form) and West Carter's Megan Gearhart into the deal.

I know there are others. Put this would be a pretty good start for a three-point shooting contest. Until next time.

ALC

Rio Grande, Cain Vandall added 18 points while Joe Martin and Randar Luts each flipped in 12. Joe Delaney scored 10 for the Redmen. Sean Plummer led Rio Grande in rebounding with nine boards, Plummer also chipped in nine points and three steals.

Former Allen Central athlete Nick Samons paced Alice Lloyd in the loss to the Redmen. Samons scored a team-best 23 points while dishing out three assists. West Virginia native Jason Collins had 19 points for the Eagles. Shelby Valley alum Shannon Akers added nine points while Jimmy Stumbo, a former Johnson Central Golden Eagle, added seven points and five rebounds. Tommy McKenzie, another Johnson Central alum, had seven rebounds to lead ALC in that category. McKenzie also added six points and five assists, also a team-best.

ALC played the Urbana U. Blue Knights near even in the first half of a second day game, 36-35. However, ALC couldn't gather itself in the second half, dropping the half

Reds

tures with and talk to players, coaches, broadcasters, manager Bob Boone and chief operating officer John Allen.

Scheduled to appear on this year's Winter Caravan are Allen and Boone, Hall of

Bears

three-pointers for the Bears. Pikeville led 34-13 with 6:05 remaining before junior Toni Anderson scored 14 straight points for his club. He outscored MUH 14-4 to push the edge to 48-17 with 3:27 remaining.

Anderson led the Bears with 19 points. Davis flipped in 18, Taylor 12 and Alan Powe 11 for Pikeville. The Bears dominated

35-32 and eventually losing the contest 71-67.

Jason Krach came in off the bench to lead Urbana in scoring with 18 points. Robert Lewis had 17 points for Urbana and Brad Smith added 10. Lewis and Smith each had 13 rebounds.

Collins posted game-highs in both rebounding and points for the Eagles, scoring 29 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Samons and McKenzie each had 11 points apiece. Brandon Layne, a sophomore from Phelps, scored 10 for Alice Lloyd.

Urbana was able to post the win over the Eagles despite shooting a horrendous 29.6-percent from the field. Alice Lloyd shot 42.6-percent from the field and 31-percent from beyond the three-point arc. Urbana was ultimately able to post the win due in huge part to rebounding Alice Lloyd 54-35. The Eagles managed just eight offensive rebounds compared to 28 for Urbana. ALC also turned the ball over 19 times while the Blue Knights turned it over 13

Fame radio broadcaster Marty Brennaman, rookie sensation OF Adam Dunn, Lexington native OF Austin Kearns, Louisville native RHP Trevor Miller and RHP Scott MacRae.

the glass, winning that battle 47-30. Following Taylor's 11, Michael Thomas and Joey Mirus grabbed seven each.

Miami-Hamilton (5-11) was led by Rico Adames and Justin Gwinn with 13 points each. John Carroll added 11 off the bench.

Pikeville forced 26 turnovers and had 15 steals, led by four from Davis.

P'burg

which names of players like John Ortega, Nathan Leslie and Seth Crisp come to mind. The three aforementioned P'burg alums helped lead a somewhat strong charge to the 15th Region Tournament under Coach Jack Pack in his final season at the helm of the P'burg squad. Now, Prestonsburg is under the guidance of Jackie Crisp, now in his third season.

Prestonsburg, after getting off to a quick start to begin the now over a month-old season, has faltered as of late. The Blackcats dropped a 67-56 decision to an improving Betsy Layne on Wednesday night. The loss was Prestonsburg's first regular season district loss of the season. The Blackcats already own a win over Allen Central scored just before the Christmas break.

The South Floyd boys haven't played since returning from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and the West Minster Academy tourney. The lay-off could or could not play to the advantage of the Raiders.

The girls game will feature new faces to two young lineups. Freshman point guard Molly Burchett directs the P'burg offense and is relied on heavily while another freshman, Sharee Hopkins, is one of several younger players contributing to the South Floyd cause.

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A well deserved break

So the weather forecast is calling for snow. Although I'll be thrilled if we get it, I will, nonetheless, believe it when I see it. It's been quite a while since we really had enough accumulation to build a good snowman or make a really good snow angel.

Aside from "the lady at the post office" (who hedged on allowing me to use her name) and, of course, every kid everywhere, I feel as though I stand alone on this "loving snow" thing of mine. I mean, I know it's a pain to shovel and salt and I realize that it makes for treacherous driving conditions, but folks, it's white, it's quiet... it's awe-inspiring. If you happen to be one of those folks who down it in public, I still bet that when you first look out your window and see those pristine drifts of white your heart quickens just a bit and somewhere within your soul your inner child leaps and yells, "Snow! No school! Hurray!"

And maybe that thought pegs exactly just why some of us still love snow. Although we are now grown, and snow, for the most part anyway, gives no good cause to not show up for work, we still remember those lazy mornings watching "I Love Lucy" and "Captain Kangaroo" in our flannel pajamas while Mom busied herself in the kitchen preparing a leisurely "snow morning" breakfast of french toast or pancakes and sausage.

The "big" math test was not to be worried about for at least another day or two and there was no homework to fret with, providing you had done it the night before, and, if you hadn't, it was a sure sign that God did truly exist and that Jesus did truly love you.

It was time now to dig out those old galoshes and pile on layers of clothing and pull on ski masks and insulated gloves and head outside to slip and slide and break off icicles from the front porch awning and aim a big snowball at your brother's head and your arch enemy's face.

It was time to bond with the kids in your neighborhood and trade rides on garbage can lids and innertubes and

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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. The following column was written in 1961.

As soon as I get finished listening to another of these sure-fire, get-rich-quick schemes. I'll write this column, or have a try at it...Lest any of my friends become alarmed, I quickly add: I am not investing, for two reasons: 1. Funds are low; 2. A burnt child dreads the fire.

One of the television stations explained that the network picture had gone haywire, because of telephone company difficulties, so the story goes. Which drew from an oldtimer the comment: "It's that darned party line again!"

GO AND DO

Because we folks are, almost to a man, deeply con-

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Nutrition Notes

Weight goals: not all or nothing

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Some dieters may be working against themselves by setting unrealistic weight loss goals, according to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Although health experts now emphasize that even a modest five to ten percent weight loss brings significant benefits, many overweight dieters would consider such a small loss worse than disappointing.

For example, when obese women entered a weight-loss program for a University of Pennsylvania study (published in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology), they considered a loss of 55 pounds "acceptable," and a 37-pound loss "disappointing." After almost a year in a well-rounded treatment program, the weight loss for these women averaged 35 pounds—less than what they considered disappointing, but enough to bring numerous health benefits, according to experts. If the women were dissatisfied with the amount of their weight loss, one wonders whether they kept the habits that had helped them lose weight, or if they gave up in frustration and returned to old habits—and their former weight.

A new follow-up study of the obese at the University of Pennsylvania, published in the Archives of Internal Medicine, found that those who were most overweight aimed for the greatest weight loss. And in studies reported in Obesity Research and the International Journal of Obesity and Related Metabolic Disorders, researchers found that women tended to set greater weight loss goals than men.

Although they are not in total agreement, many experts discourage dieters from aiming for too great a weight loss. The more weight someone has to lose, the greater the number or degree of changes needed in diet, exercise, or both. Some people may be ready to make big changes. Others who are capable of making and sticking with several moderate changes, might find too much change difficult to maintain. If they followed the

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SNOW DAYS
...FUN DAYS!...



FYI — Scientists believe that there are really four different shapes of snow crystals. The simplest shape is a long needle shaped like a spike. The other shapes all have six sides. One of them is a long, hollow column shaped like a six-sided prism. There are also thin, flat six-sided plates, and lastly, the traditional intricate six-pointed star. Your child can while away some time by "catching" a few snowflakes and analyzing them. All he will need is a sheet of black paper, a magnifying glass, a pencil and notebook paper.

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The holidays are over, the new year has begun and weather forecasts are predicting snow on our horizon. With snowfall comes "snow days" and with snow days come bored and restless children. Having spent some harried days myself with pajama-clad children complaining of having "nothing to do" besides, of course, creating more than their share of contentious moments with their siblings, I have taken the time to compile a few "snow day" activities and distractions that may allow mom to retain her sanity at least until the spring thaw. I've included indoor as well as outdoor activities, as well as some fun recipes that the "little darlings" can enjoy putting together with mom, or dad, as the case may be.

As we all know, no two snowflakes are alike. Snow flakes are made up from

2 to 200 separate snow crystals. Snow crystals are crystals that have formed around minute bits of airborne particles that have been carried up into the atmosphere by wind currents.

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shaped like a spike. The other shapes all have six sides. One of them is a long, hollow column shaped like a six-sided prism. There are also thin, flat six-sided plates, and lastly, the traditional intricate six-pointed star. Your child can while away some time by "catching" a few snowflakes and analyzing them. All he

will need is a sheet of black paper, a magnifying glass, a pencil and notebook paper.

Have your child place the sheet of black paper into your refrigerator's freezer. Leave it there until you are certain it has become cold. Then remove the paper and take it, along with a magnifying glass, outside. (Be sure to remember that muffler, you don't want snow days to become "sneeze" days!) Once outside, allow several snowflakes to land on the sheet of paper. Use the magnifying glass to examine each one close-up. Have your child note the different designs and check to see if he can find duplicates of any design. Do all the snowflakes have six sides? Can he locate any "spike" flakes? After playing detective for a while, have your child write a report on his findings as he thaws out with a mug of hot cocoa.

Snow not falling any longer? Another fun outdoor activity is creating winter "ice castles" out of newly fallen snow. For this activity, you will need plastic containers of varying shapes, food coloring, and natural materials such as pine cones, mini pine boughs, or sticks and twigs.

To begin, fill containers with water. Then add food coloring (about 20 drops per cup of water), and set outside overnight to freeze. In the morning, bring the containers back inside to allow them to thaw just to room temperature. When you see a small amount of water forming on top of the ice, or when the ice will turn in its container, it's time to head outdoors. The ice should now slip easily from its container. Now the kids can begin to build their ice castles using the icy building blocks and "gluing" them together with packed snow. They may decorate them with the pine cones and pine boughs, or maybe even some leftover tinsel from Christmas. Be certain to make sure that everyone wears water-resistant mittens and clothing because tender skin can soon become dangerously cold if allowed to become wet also.

Looking for a little more action? Try building basketball-sized snowballs and using them to set up a course of hurdles that the kids can jump over Olympics style. Or try forming mounds of snow into three bases and a pitcher's mound. The mounds should be about 2 feet high and 20 feet apart. Next, build a tin can pyramid on each base. The challenge is to knock down the stacks in order from first to third base by throwing snowballs

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Things to Ponder: Surviving Winter

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

On the journey of the seasons of the year, we have pretty well gotten beyond the starting gate and into the long stretch of surviving winter. When the kids began school, we knew that there would be fall break in October, followed by all of the Halloween carnivals. In less than a month, Thanksgiving was upon us. This one really gets into the challenge of surviving; i.e., deciding where the family eats and being able to tolerate the first BIG sales of the year. The marketing world would have us believe that life will not go on, if we don't do all of our buying now. Then the greatest highlight of the year—Christmas—with all of its trimmings. The range of crisis seems never ending; one is only saved by the inability to stop time. No matter what is done or not done, time does go on. Christmas passes, other things are happening, and problems are to be solved. How do you want to survive winter? Have you given any thought to what you want for you and your family? Don't forget that you don't have a magic wand, but you can make the most of a powerful combination—common sense, patterns of behaviors that work for you, and a willingness to make any necessary changes.

The idea of surviving winter the best



The idea of surviving winter the best you can come out of my wondering about one of the couples that had been seen this fall. After examining their past patterns that created stress for them, they decided that coping with the aftermath of Christmas was a major problem for them. They also recognized that their over-buying of gifts for their grandchildren created huge financial stress that was usually a big dilemma for them until at least April.

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Needless to say, there was a lot of arguing and "fit-throwing" going on in this couple's home. They were not happy with how their life was going, and both wanted to make changes. In this instance, it was much more difficult

for the wife than the husband to accept that she needed to be a part of the "treatment," such as their learning to communicate better. Another "biggie" was for each of them to learn to take responsibility for his/her own feelings and behaviors.

Since this couple was having verbal arguments frequently and sometimes one or both would throw something across the room, they were prime candidates for learning the "rules for fighting fair." (1) Identify the problem—like some of the teens say, "They both needed to get on the same page." They needed to know what their major and specific concern as a couple was. An example might be the wife saying to the husband, "I'm feeling confused. I recall that we agreed not to buy any expensive toys or gifts for the grandkids, and you say you put a \$300 video game on lay-away today? How come you are not going by the plan we worked out?" (2) Focus on the problem—instead of talking about the "possible" benefits of the grandchildren enjoying the video game, this couple needed to review why the plan was first designed. (3) Attack the problem, not the person—the wife learned not to do her usual routine in similar events with, "Look what you did again. I can't believe you spent the money the way you did last year. You

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Anniversaries



Couple celebrate 66th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Adkins, of Richmond, Ky., celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on December 26, 2001. The couple were married on December 26, 1935, at Tram, Ky. They resided for several years at Ivel, Ky. Mr. and Mrs. Adkins were blessed with eight children, Peggy Branham, of Ragland, West Virginia, Betty Jean Carr, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Vearlie Pearce, of Whit Lake, Michigan, Ellen Adkins, of Columbus, Ohio, and Dewey, David, and Donald Adkins, all of Richmond, Ky. They have 25 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Adkins is the former Stella "Tiney" Layne, the daughter of the late Leonard and Lou Layne, formerly of Ivel, Ky.



Couple celebrate 40th wedding anniversary

Crandell and Wanda (Crisp) Slone, of Shelbyville, Ky., celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on December 2, 2001 with a trip to Walt Disney World to participate in the resort center's 100 year anniversary. Accompanying them was their grandson, C.J., who currently resides with his grandparents. The Slones, who have lived in Shelbyville for the past 32 years, are former residents of Allen. Mr. Slone is a retired Kentucky State Police Trooper who retired with more than 27 years of service to the department. The couple have one son, Crandell Jr. They have two grandsons, Crandell III (C.J.), age 12 and Coty, age 11, both of Shelbyville. Mr. Slone is the son of Nova Slone Conn, of Arkansas Creek, and the late Miles Slone. Mrs. Slone is the daughter of Lottie Pitts Crisp, formerly of Allen, now of Shelbyville, and the late Gomer Crisp. The Slones were united in marriage on December 2, 1961.

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

- Nov. 11, 2001**
A Son, Cameron Stacy Goble to Stacy & Vanessa Goble
- Nov. 11, 2001**
A Daughter, Alyssa Chantae Goble to Mane Robinson
- Nov. 12, 2001**
A Son, Camron Taylor Rose to Barbara Rowe
- Nov. 12, 2001**
A Son, Luke Douglas Shepherd to Paul & Kimberly Shepherd
- Nov. 14, 2001**
A Son, John Douglas Castle to Rebecca Emma Louise Castle
- Nov. 15, 2001**
A Daughter, Alexandria Justine Mills to Jason & Amanda Mills
- Nov. 15, 2001**
A Son, Kennedy Guage Mullins to Stephanie & Kenneth Mullins
- Nov. 15, 2001**
A Daughter, Kaitlyn Nicole Adams to John & Kristi Adams
- Nov. 16, 2001**
A Daughter, Destiny Dawn Wright to Amy Jo Hicks
- Nov. 16, 2001**
A Daughter, Mashayla Paige Miller to Shanean Spencer
- Nov. 16, 2001**
A Daughter, Skylar Madison Lei Coleman to Crystal & Shannon Coleman
- Nov. 16, 2001**
A Son, William Austin May to Judy Carol May
- Nov. 17, 2001**
A Daughter, Sydney Katherine Francis to Steven & Karen Francis

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cerned with the need for education and of a junior college to reach our youngsters here at home. I hesitate to reprint this anecdote. It has to do with the illiterate salesman who wrote his boss:

Dear Boss: I seen this outfit which they ain't never bot a dime's worth of nothing from us and I sole them a couple hundred thousand dollars worth of guds. I am now going to Chawgo."

Two days later, a second letter arrived at the home office:

"Dear Boss: I cum hear and I sold them half a milyon," it said.

Both letters were posted on the bulletin board with a note appended by the company president.

"We been spendin' to much time hear tryin' to spel, instead of tryin' to sel. Let's watch these letters from Gooch, who is on the rod doing a grate job for us, and you go out and do like he done."

SINGIN' THE BLUES

When it comes to singing the blues,

newspaper owners have it all over Al Jolson. I missed out last week on that blues session popularly known as the Kentucky Press Association winter meeting, but along came Albert Moore, owner of the Sayersville Independent. Tuesday afternoon, and we had our own little songfest.

The visitor expressed the considered opinion that a man who would go into the newspaper business should have his head examined, and I rejoined that if the examination were made when he first started, he would be committed and kept there.

Then when I mentioned getting out of the racket but admitted I knew nothing else to do, there was a silence. Finally, I remarked that I would like to be a gentleman farmer. To which Mr. Moore rejoined, "You could partially qualify—you could be a farmer."

That's what you get for complain-

Postscript:

Here we go again

by PAM SHINGLER
Columnist

Exceedingly redundant — sitting here mulling over how another new year has started, so soon after the last one began, asking again, Where does the time go?

Once more, we marvel that 12 months have passed since the last new year began. We thought we'd never get used to writing '01, and now we have to learn '02.

We've had to settle — whether we like it or not — into the new millennium. The aughts are getting to be old hat. Remember how traumatic we thought the change would be, but it turned out to be simply one more passage. Adaptation is often a good thing.

Perhaps the biggest complication is in a reference to the "turn of the century." Everyone who can read this has been programmed to think of the turn of the century as the time when the 19th century became the 20th, when the 1800s evolved into the 1900s. Now we must learn to clarify, since we have experienced another important turn.

While 2001 was not a particularly good year in the United States or worldwide, I count it as a positive one. I had some monumental setbacks — like most everyone — some that might have done me in. But if I put the events of my life into columns, the pluses would far outweigh the minuses. That has not been the case for several previous years running.

I'm not much into resolutions anymore. Time was, I would write them down, sometimes at great length. It was generally the cliché exercise in futility. Within a few months, I would be beating myself up for being such a weak creature. That was not much fun.

Now, what I try to do is take stock of my life — which is not always fun either. But I

think I'm learning, in my dotage, to pat myself on the back a little more and to beat myself up a little less. I may not deserve the pats, but they feel so much better than the beatings.

In the process of taking stock, I'm trying to look at what I would like, not to resolve, but rather to aspire.

One thing I want to do in aught-two is continue my quest to find out more about my region and to proselytize others to join me in this education in heritage.

Every day I become more convinced that we as Appalachians have been cheated out of our history and culture. Most of us grew up thinking everything that is important is out there somewhere, far away from our hills. The only thing of value, we were taught, was our fuels — coal, gas, oil and wood — and these were too valuable for us to share ownership.

We have allowed our native crafts to be diminished because they were thought, by some, to be unpolished. We have ignored our native poets and storytellers, especially when they chose to write about us. We have failed to preserve our heritage, sending our artifacts to the trash heap or to other repositories, because we have so few museums.

What I would love to see this new year is more evidence of our bonding as a region, crossing state boundaries to establish alliances with others who share our heritage, those in southwest Virginia, western West Virginia and other parts of central Appalachia.

I've got a lot to do in '02. Care to join me?

Just a reminder: Robert Perry is resuming his cemetery class on January 19. It's a community class of Prestonsburg Community College. Call PCC or join us at 9 a.m. on that Saturday at the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg.

New Year's Baby



Tara Dotson, of Nippa, holds her new born infant daughter, Lauryn McKenzy Dotson. The infant was the first baby to be born at Highlands Regional Medical Center in 2002.



Clesta Castle, of Wittensville, holding her infant daughter, Hannah Elizabeth Grace Jackson. Hannah was the second baby to be born at Highlands Regional Medical Center on January 1, 2002.

2002 New Year Babies - They're girls!

Highlands Regional Medical Center celebrated the arrival of two new babies on January 1, 2002. Lauryn McKenzy Dotson was first to arrive, being born at 12:16 AM on January 1, 2002. She arrived weighing 6 lbs.,

3oz., and measured 19 inches in length. Little Lauryn is the daughter of Tara and Howard Dotson of Nippa, Kentucky. Tara, the baby's mother, is an LPN employed in the Birth Place at Highlands.

Next to arrive on the scene was Hannah Elizabeth Grace Jackson, born at 11:43 AM on January 1, 2002. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 19 inches in length. Hannah is the daughter of Clesta Castle of Wittensville, Kentucky.

Both of Highland's "New Year Babies" were honored with gifts donated by area merchants, as well as receiving a \$500 United States Savings Bond each, presented by Highlands for being the first Highlands Birth Place babies born in the New Year.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment for more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone: 874-0621

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen "buy one, get one free" cards still on sale through the Family Resource Center.

■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

McDowell Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and

Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Jan. 7 - 6:00 p.m., regularly scheduled SBDM Council meeting.

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Adult education classes available.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Ponder

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didn't even say anything to me until after the fact. I don't want to hear about you being all depressed about our not having money all winter and spring." (4) Listen with an open mind—"I can tell that you want to buy things for our grandchildren that you didn't have as a child, but we just don't have the money to pay as we go, and you don't like being upset about debts." (5) Treat a person's feelings with respect—"I remember you telling me how you feel pulled to buy "just one more thing," when you see something special, and you think the kids will enjoy having it." (6) Take responsibility for your actions—"Now that we have talked about all of the different things we wanted to work on, I want you to know that I will not be angry, but will feel disappointed, if you decide not to take the video game out of lay-away. Remember that it's OK for us not to be perfect, that we can do things differently."

It is well known that "fighting fair" will go perfectly, no more than any other part of life. However, there are some so-called fouls that are best avoided

for a more successful outcome. Examples are name calling, blaming, sneering, not listening, getting even, bringing up the past, threats, pushing, hitting, put downs, bossing, making excuses, and not taking responsibility for your portion of the situation. Remember that it takes "two to play the game." If you don't throw the ball back with sharp critical putdowns, then perhaps the other person will not feel that she/he has the ammunition to continue the fight.

By the way, the couple was doing much better before the holidays, so here's hoping that they were better prepared to stop themselves when not interacting appropriately, and were better able to pay attention to what they needed to do as a couple not what she/he wanted as an individual. If all went reasonably well for them over the holidays, an expectation is that they will survive winter this year with much less financial stress, and be able to use their energy for occasional fun things, instead of working and worrying all the time.

Shoe inserts can heal 'Heel Spurs' – but it can take a year



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Question: I've had pain in my foot for several months that my doctor has diagnosed as a heel spur. I'm barely able to walk first thing in the morning, but it eases up after gently walking for a while. By late afternoon it is killing me again. I asked my doctor about a cortisone shot in the heel, but he said no. Instead he started me on ibuprofen and sent me to physical therapy. It hasn't helped. What causes heel spurs and do you have any recommendation on what I should do to get relief?

Answer: The foot is a complex structure made from 26 bones forming 33 joints. These bone structures are then supported by numerous muscles, ligaments and a tough layer of connective tissue called fascia. Problems with any of these parts or with nerves or blood vessels can cause pain in the heel area. Therefore, the first concern we physicians face in helping a person suffering from foot pain is determining the nature of the malady.

I'm sure that your doctor asked you questions about the pain

you've experienced. Then he probably poked on the bottom of your foot just in front of the heel bone. When you came down from hanging on the ceiling, he was suspicious of a heel spur! But, I'll bet he ordered an X-ray before conferring that diagnosis upon you.

Each step we take exerts a force on the foot about one and one-half times the body weight. Since the average person takes 10,000 steps each day there is considerable opportunity for an over-use or stress injury to one of the parts of the foot. The arch helps cushion the blows of each step, but the arch itself is often a source of trouble.

The bones of the arch are supported in part by a tough layer of connective tissue running from the balls of the foot to the heel. This

tissue is called the plantar (meaning bottom of the foot) fascia. The plantar fascia can be injured from repeated micro traumas. Common causes are frequent, prolonged walking — particularly with poor fitting shoes or ones that have become worn out — and increased foot stress from carrying heavy loads. If you're obese, the fascia-damaging heavy load you carry is not an external object but your own body. Regardless of the cause, the area of the fascia usually injured is the point where it attaches to the heel.

The body will try to heal this type of injury by building up calcium within the attachment point, thereby, forming a heel spur.

Heel spurs can usually be treated successfully by reducing the demand upon the injured plantar fascia. This involves

using a heel cup or cushion that raises the heel within the shoe and simultaneously avoids pressure at the painful point. Shoes with a good arch support are necessary and in some individuals custom molded orthotics may be prescribed. The use of ultrasound, hot packs, exercises and other physical therapy treatments can be helpful. Anti-inflammatory medicines like the ibuprofen you have taken are routinely prescribed, but my experience is that they generally provide only minimal relief.

A cortisone injection into the painful area may give some relief, but this treatment isn't free of risk. Consequently, it isn't the first step in treating this disorder.

Using the shoe inserts and other conservative measures, it can take up to a year for heel spur pain to

clear up. While this approach is successful for most sufferers, surgery may be recommended for those who don't obtain relief from the conservative treatments. And, as you have probably guessed from its last place position on the list of treatments, surgery isn't a wonderfully successful approach to dealing with this problem either.

I'd suggest that you talk again to your doctor or to a podiatrist or an orthopedic surgeon who only does foot surgery about your treatment options.

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from the pitcher's mound. The child who succeeds with the fewest pitches wins. Little Leaguers can keep those pitching arms in shape with yet another activity involving a snowman and a hat. After building a snowman, place a hat atop his head and take turns pitching snowballs to see who can knock his hat off first. The kids can also take turns throwing the displaced hat "frisbee" style to see who can successfully land the hat back atop the frosty man's head.

Not into cold weather? Get up one morning before the kids and set up an indoors "treasure hunt." Hide selected items throughout the house (you can also cut pictures of items from magazines). Place written messages, or "clues," in a container designated as the "treasure chest." Allow each child to retrieve one clue at a time, receiving a new clue each time she returns with a located "treasure." The child locating the greatest number of "treasures" gets to choose what's for lunch.

Opening a doll "spa" can be another good way to make use of a long winter's day. Have your daughter gather up all her favorite doll's for a special afternoon treat. Next, fill the tub with warm water, cover the bathroom floor with towels and let your kids bathe their dolls. Be sure to have lots of "beauty" products such as scented soaps, gently shampoos, talcum powder, combs and hair ribbons on hand. Investing in some "preemie size" diapers could also add some fun to the project. If needed, the dolls clothes can also be scrubbed and washed and hung out to dry. Since all kids seem to love water, your daughter's brothers may also end up with their own sleeves pulled up, or perhaps they may take the opportunity to set up a miniature "car wash" of their own. A handheld shower nozzle, if available, can be an added attraction to this activity.

Decorating t-shirts with dye, paint or glitter can be an indoor activity that even your older children or teenagers may be happy to participate in. One fun way to decorate a t-shirt is by assembling together some "Con-Tact" paper, scissors, a laundry pencil, craft knife, sponges, fabric paints, and paper plates.

Begin by cutting the Con-Tact paper into 6-inch-wide squares or circles. Pencil shapes such as stars, zigzags, or letters on the back sides. Then turn the designs into stencils by cutting along the pencil lines with a craft knife (parent's job) and discarding the cutout portions.

Next, lay the t-shirts flat, and insert a thick layer of newspaper between the front and back of each one (to keep the fabric paint from bleeding through). Peel the backs from the stencils and press the Con-Tact paper

onto the shirts, sticky side down. Pour paint onto paper plates and dip sponges into the paint and blot the color into the fabric showing through each stencil center. Peel off the stencils when the paint has set for awhile but before it has completely dried.

Once the paint is thoroughly dry, heat-set it according to package directions.

Snowball fights and building snowmen and forts can lead to hearty appetites so while the kids are playing outside, the stockpot can be simmering inside. Maurice Sendak, a favored author of children's books, wrote "In January, it's so nice, while slipping on the sliding ice, to sip hot chicken soup with rice."

Here's a recipe employing chicken and rice:

Ingredients
3 large carrots
1 large onion, diced
2 ribs celery, sliced 1/2 inch thick
1 tbsp. vegetable oil
10 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 cup long-grain rice
3 and 1/2 cups cooked chicken meat, shredded or cut in 1-inch chunks
2 tbsp. chopped parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

Method
Peel carrots, slice into thin rounds, and cut into mini-flowers using an aspic cookie cutter (or simply dice). In a large soup pot, sauté the carrots, onion and celery in the vegetable oil over medium-high heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add chicken broth and rice, bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 15 minutes. Add chicken and continue cooking until vegetables are tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Add chopped parsley, salt and pepper.

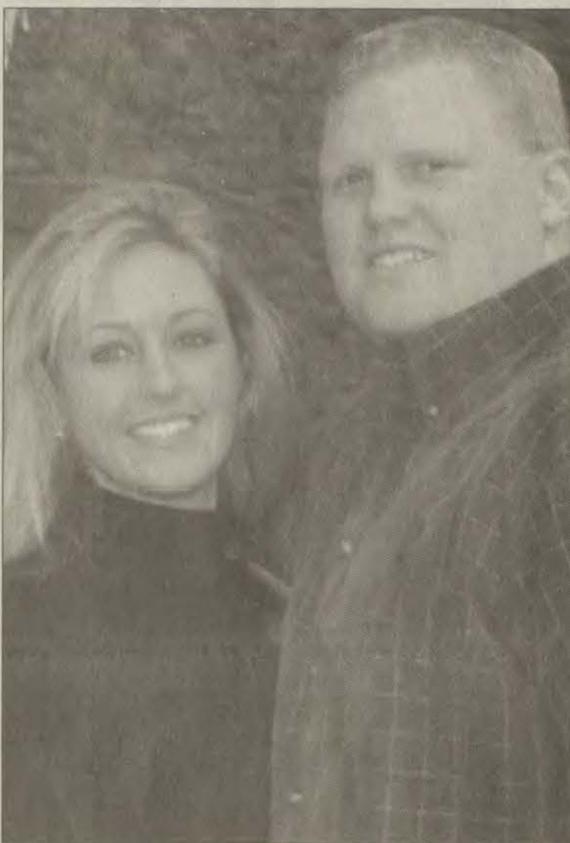
And of course, what snow day is ever complete without a mug of hot cocoa? Make your own by starting with 1 half-gallon of milk, 2/3 cup milk chocolate chips, 6 tbsp. cocoa powder, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 qt. chocolate milk, and miniature marshmallows or whipped cream.

In large saucepan, over low heat, combine 1 cup of milk with the chocolate chips, cocoa, and sugar. Whisk constantly until the mixture is smooth and the sugar dissolved. Add the remaining regular and chocolate milk and heat until steaming, but do not boil. Pour the drink into a preheated thermos and shake to mix. Pour into individual mugs and top with marshmallows or whipped cream. Serves 12.

Here's hoping all your upcoming snow days will be full of fun!

Source: Family.com Disney Online newsletter.

Weddings



Miller-Elliott plan June wedding

David and LaDonna Miller, of East Point, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tara Lynn, to Seth Patrick Elliott, the son of Robert and Patricia Elliott, of Martin. Tara is the granddaughter of Bill and Doris Miller and Lloyd and Loretta Blackburn. She is the great-granddaughter of Myrtle Burchett. She is a 1997 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and is currently a senior at Eastern Kentucky University majoring in Occupational Therapy. Seth is the grandson of Olin Elliott, the late Kathryn Porter Elliott, and the late Bernard and Genevieve Howell. He is the great-grandson of Herman Porter. He is a 1994 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation-Professional Flight. He is a certified flight instructor and is currently employed as a Charter Pilot at Air Lexington. The couple will be united in marriage in a ceremony that will be held on June 1, 2002, at the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church in Paintsville.

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maybe even a real snow sled (like my older brother's) that your parents had bought you for Christmas at the old downtown Arrowood's Hardware store.

I grew up right in the heart of Prestonsburg so sledding down "Post Office Hill" is a vivid childhood memory of mine, as well as playing in "Miss Margaret's" (Collins) vast backyard. Miss Margaret had a hill, too, and I remember getting my share of bumps and bruises there, as well as a couple of faces full of frosty snow upon some not so very graceful landings.

Yeah, snow makes for some pretty "cool" fun, especially if you happen to be a kid, which I still am at heart. And that's okay because kids somehow manage to maintain fresh perspectives and they possess an endless supply of eternal hope for the future. And they notice things like the first dandelion of spring, tadpoles in a puddle, the Milky Way, their teacher's new hairstyle, and that Mom always makes french toast on snow mornings.

They, and we, deserve a good "snow day" now and then.

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latter course, they would most likely regain the weight they had lost, and lose their self-confidence about making less ambitious changes.

To help people calculate the healthiest weight for themselves, both the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines (issued in 2000) and World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations use body mass index (BMI) as a guide. (BMI is a measure of body fat based on weight and height). Both the USDA and the WHO guidelines recommend a BMI of less than 25, which for most adults means a maximum weight of 135 to 185 pounds, depending on height. The American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) supports this recommendation and notes that, given a healthy

weight as a base, any gains during adulthood should be less than 11 pounds.

For those who are overweight, the National Institutes of Health recommends a loss of 10 percent of current weight over a six-month period. Researchers from South Africa report in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association that we need to stop thinking of weight as a measure of willpower, personality, or moral virtue. Few experts would object if people comfortably achieved a weight loss greater than 10 percent and still maintained healthy eating and exercise habits. But those who are overweight shouldn't let "all or nothing" thinking, or unrealistic expectations, keep them from achieving the benefits that even modest weight loss can bring.

Something different:

Casserole days

by DANA JACOBI
FOR THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR
CANCER RESEARCH

The first casserole I ever ate was chicken, mushroom and artichoke hearts simmered with soy sauce and Sherry. I can still see it, bubbling hot, served right from the oven in a covered, round Pyrex dish.

I have long since forgotten the name of the graduate student, my beau of the moment, who served it up. He clearly thought cooking for me, using his mother's treasured recipe, would be sure seduction. It didn't work. His strategy didn't impress me any more than the casserole did.

I was a casserole innocent because of my mother. A follower of the era's health guru, Adele Davis, she also shunned cream sauces, frozen spinach souffle, condensed soup, processed cheese and most other unhealthy culinary icons of the fifties and sixties. In place of casseroles and fatty skillet dinners, she mostly served roasted and broiled meats, which were considered healthier fare back then.

Fortunately, not long after this, my first post-college roommate, Betty Gorecki from Pulaski, Wisconsin, initiated me into the rites of making Tuna Noodle Casserole. Harboring none of my mother's prejudices, Gorecki, a home economics major at the University of Wisconsin, cooked frozen fish sticks regularly, and believed in creamed spinach, making her white sauce from scratch. She also made a Bloody Mary hot enough to blister paint off the wall.

Late starters often surpass their teachers. In my case, I acquired a taste for casseroles, but usually adapted recipes to fit my mother's healthful values, as with this Tuna Casserole. Besides containing less fat, cholesterol and sodium than the original, it calls for double the amount of vegetables traditionally used. (I also prefer green beans in lieu of the traditional peas.)

Sometimes I also include shredded cheese, although it is omitted here.

Tuna Noodle Casserole Canola oil cooking spray

1 can (10 1/2 oz.) low-fat, reduced-sodium condensed cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup skim (non-fat) milk or unflavored soy milk
2 cups cooked noodles
1 package (10 oz.) frozen cut green beans
1 1/2 6-oz. cans water-packed chunk light tuna, drained
2 Tbsp. bottled pimientos, drained and chopped
1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

3 Tbsp. dry bread crumbs
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Coat 2-quart heatproof casserole with cooking spray.

In prepared baking dish, mix soup and milk to combine. Add noodles, beans, tuna, pimientos and pepper, mixing to coat and combine them with soup. Cover pan with foil.

Bake until bubbling hot, about 20 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake until crumbs are lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Serve hot.

Makes 8 servings.
Per serving: 331 calories, 6 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 42 g. carbohydrate, 26 g. protein, 5g. dietary fiber, 704 mg. sodium.

"Something Different" is written for the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) by Dana Jacobi, author of The Joy of Soy, and recipe creator for AICR's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.

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The Increment cover approximately 6.40 acres, located 1.4 mile north of Teaberry in Floyd County.

The permit area is 0.40 mile south from KY 979's junction with the Akers Branch Road, and is located on the McDowell 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect for Increment No. 1 is \$5,300.00, and for Increment No. 2 is \$1,900.00.

Approximately 100% of the original bond amounts (\$7,500.00 for Increment No.1, and \$9,500.00 for Increment No. 2), is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, lim-

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Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601, by Feb.18, 2002.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for Feb. 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3940 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Feb. 18, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Cross Gates Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41105, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on Permit No. 858-5197, which was

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The permit area is approximately 1.4 mile east of the junction of KY 194 and KY 1428, and located just south of Cow Creek.

The current bond (Letter of Credit) is \$5,700.00; 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,200.00 is included in this application for release.

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Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 18, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2002.

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining

Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Elisha Branham, 3549 Ky Route 979, Harold, Kentucky 41635, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill. The property is located approximately 1.5 miles north of the community of Grethel on Route 979 on Mud Creek in Floyd County. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

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IN BIBLE TIMES THE PEOPLE HAD STEADFAST FAITH IN THE PROPHETS. THIS IS NOT HARD TO BELIEVE WHEN ONE REALIZES THAT THE PROPHETS HAD GREAT TRACK RECORDS. THE PEOPLE CAME TO BELIEVE THESE MEN WERE UNERRING, AND THEY WERE NOT WRONG! FROM MOSES TO AMOS, TO JEREMIAH, AND THE MANY OTHERS, THE EVENTS THEY PROPHESIED CAME TRUE. RICH AND POOR, ROYALTY AND PEASANT, ALL BELIEVED IN THEIR AUTHORITY. PROGNOSTICATIONS! SO MUCH SO THAT WHEN KING HEZEKIAH WAS CONFRONTED BY THE ASSYRIAN THREAT TO JERUSALEM.....

.... THE FACT THAT ISAIAH HAD PROCLAIMED THAT JERUSALEM SHALL NOT BE HARMED....

...KEEPS KING HEZEKIAH'S FAITH REMAINING STRONG BECAUSE OF ISAIAH'S PROMISE AND WILL NOT GIVE IN TO THIS THREAT OF THE ASSYRIAN ARMY. EVEN AS HE WATCHES THEIR CAMPFIRES AT NIGHT FROM THE WALL OF HIS VENERABLE CITY!

AND HOW RIGHT HE IS, WHEN MORNING COMES THE ASSYRIAN ARMY HAS BEEN STRUCK BY A PLAGUE! (ISAIAH 37:36)

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TRIMBLE CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 5 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.
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WHEELWRIGHT FREEWILL BAPTIST, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrar, Minister.
CATHOLIC
St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, John Moriarty, Pastor.
CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E. Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Shem Williams, Minister.
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bethany Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.
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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonnie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Mitchell, Minister.
Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.
Weeksville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mike Hill, Minister.
CHURCH OF GOD
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Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Curn, Minister.
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Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.
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Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Heesey St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pesocoldo, Minister.
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Hom Chapel Methodist, Auzier Road, Auzier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 5 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.
Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
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Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.
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Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Mary Alice Murray, Minister.
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OTHER
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Spurlock Bible, Spurlock, Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Hantzelman, Minister.
Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month; Tom Nilson, Minister.
The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.
Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
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