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briefs  
Roundup  
suspects  
arrested

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

Agents Operation UNITE took advantage of foul weather this week and was able to round up drug trafficking suspects that were sought in earlier roundups going back to September.

One of the two Floyd County warrants included a senior citizen wanted on possession charges, while another was executed when a suspect happened to be in a car that was subject to a traffic stop.

The arrests included suspects indicted by grand juries in Bath, Rowan and Floyd counties.

Big Sandy Task Force manager Lee Weddington reported that the indictment served in Floyd County came about when the Prestonsburg Police Department executed a traffic stop Tuesday on a vehicle on Route 321. The subject driving the car, Brenda Jane Goble, 26, was booked on a DUI but officers made a surprising discovery when they found that the passenger in the vehicle, Robin Minix, 20, of Boone's Creek, was wanted in the Floyd County roundup for first-degree possession of a controlled substance. Officers also charged Minix with additional charges when a search of the vehicle turned up 343 prescription pills, which included 188 methadone tablets 53 Percocet tablets and 73

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High: 40 • Low: 23

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## Citizens National Bank robbed for third time

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — For the third time this year, Citizens National Bank was the target of a robbery Thursday morning, this time at the bank's Garrett branch.

Mark Wiete, chief operations officer for the bank, said that the robbery happened around the same time of morning,

9:11 a.m., as a robbery two weeks ago at the bank's Allen branch.

As in the previous incident, the robber — described as a white male who wore a hood that obscured his features — handed the teller a Wal-Mart bag and demanded the clerk fill it. No weapon was mentioned in a report issued by Kentucky State Police, but the thief had everyone in the building lie down before he made his

escape. He then left the building running and, according to witnesses, got into a teal green Ford Ranger truck. The waiting truck was driven by a male suspect.

Det. Byron Hansford has been assigned the case and is investigating the Allen robbery as well.

Wiete noted that no one was hurt in the robbery and that the bank has posted a \$5,000 reward for any information which

will help authorities arrest the suspect. The bank also posted a \$5,000 reward for information pertaining to the Allen branch robbery and is treating the two occurrences as separate incidents.

Wiete went on to mention that the bank would close for the rest of the business day and reopen this morning with

(See ROBBERY, page seven)



photo by Tonya Miller

Chris Johnson, left, and Cody Perkins were reunited Wednesday at the MAC when director David Sutherland premiered his documentary, "Country Boys." The six-hour film traces the two during their years at the David School and will run on KET from Jan. 9-11.

## 'Country Boys' debuts at MAC

by TOM DOTY  
and TONYA MILLER  
STAFF WRITERS

PRESTONSBURG — Filmmaker David Sutherland was back in Floyd County this week, where he has lived off and on at the Microtel for the last seven years, as he produced, photographed and edited his latest documentary, "Country Boys," which focuses on the lives of two

David School students as they embark on the journey from adolescence into adulthood.

Sutherland is a lover of trains and when viewers see his finished film, which airs on KET from Jan. 9-11, they will quickly realize this. It's an apt symbol for Sutherland, who barrels through conversations so quickly that he is tough to keep up with.

His first stop was when he was asked about making the film in a

region which has been the subject of countless films and writings which focused on the impact of poverty in the region.

"I wasn't interested in making a film about that," he said. "The most important result is that the audience cares for my subjects."

Though poverty has an impact on the lives of several people in the film, Sutherland was more

(See PREMIERE, page seven)

## Post office closed over concerns about chemicals

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

DRIFT — A post office that serves approximately 200 families in the Drift community was closed last week because of environmental concerns.

George C. Karpin, eastern area environmental specialist for the Kentuckiana District of the U.S. Postal Service, recommended that operations at the Drift Post Office be "suspended indefinitely" or until the Marco Industrial Tire Company institutes appropriate industrial

hygiene controls and installs ventilation appropriate for handling chemicals used at their facility."

The fire company, which repairs and sells tires for mining equipment, is located in the same building as the post office. Business owner Tommy Martin, who has been in Florida this month, said that the environmental concern came after the new postmaster reportedly had trouble breathing.

Martin says the company uses polyurethane, a nontox-

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## One set of charges against Weeksbury man reduced

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Weeksbury man who was arrested last week for three separate incidents of criminal mischief for destroying the property of several other Weeksbury neighbors as well as his grandmother saw his most serious charge reduced to a misdemeanor offense after a preliminary hearing in district court Wednesday.

Matthew Lee Johnson, 19, agreed to make restitution to

the victim, totaling just over \$1,500, and was ordered to have no further contact with his neighbor as well. Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum still has two misdemeanor cases against Johnson which include his attacking his grandmother with a stick and trying to set fire to her home. Marcum noted at the hearing that a fourth set of charges may be forthcoming involving another affiant.

(See CHARGES, page two)

## 'Hope in the Mountains' center holds open house

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — "It's a god-send," said Jimmy McCoy, standing in Hope in the Mountains' new 90-day drug and alcohol recovery center.

McCoy, who founded the nonprofit organization with his wife, Renee, says he overcame his addiction to "anything that made [him] feel better for five seconds or longer," because he found a spiritual awakening, a "peace" in his heart, that helped him kick his bad habits more than five years ago.

That's one of the reasons why Hope in the Mountains, a nonprofit substance addiction recovery center for women, suggests a spiritual approach to alcohol or substance abuse recovery.

The organization's board members

hosted an open house Tuesday at their new facility, located on Trimble Chapel Square near the intersection of U.S. 23 and Route 80. Earlier this year, board members sought funding and donations to open the facility in Johnson County, but they changed their mind when a local businessman, who requested anonymity, offered to lease them the home in Prestonsburg for only \$12 annually (\$1 for each step in the 12-step substance abuse treatment program).

Hope in the Mountains began and continues as a "grassroots effort" by concerned citizens who are all too familiar with the substance abuse problems in Eastern Kentucky, board member Loretta Tackett, editor of The Paintsville Herald, said. The center

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photo by Mary Music

Area residents visited Hope in the Mountains, a new alcohol and substance abuse treatment center, during an open house Tuesday. The center will hold its grand opening in May.

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# Obituaries



**Norma Jean Slone Neeley**

Norma Jean Slone Neeley, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Born February 21, 1938, in McDowell, she was the daughter of Virginia Cassell Slone and the late Helton Slone. She was a former teacher at Prestonsburg High School for the Floyd County Board of Education. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, and of Gideons International Auxiliary, Floyd County Camp.

She is survived by her husband, Carlos E. Neeley of Prestonsburg.

Other survivors include one son, Charles E. Neeley (E. Lorraine) of Prestonsburg; her mother, Virginia Cassell Slone of McDowell; two sisters: Magdalene Slone of McDowell,

and Sandra Slone of Paintsville; three brothers: Ray Slone, Kelly Slone, and Ralph Slone, all of McDowell.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 17, at 11 a.m., at the Community United Methodist Church, with Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Entombment at Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, 4 p.m. until 9 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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**Maudie Collins**

Maudie Collins, 93, of Pikeville, formerly of Little Mud Creek, died Monday, December 12, 2005, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born February 27, 1912, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Minerva Jane Adams Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, (Mouth of Mud), at Harold.

She was twice married, first to Lee Parsons, and later to Alfred Collins. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons: Graham Parsons, Monteville (Barlow) Parsons, and Johnny Ray Collins, all of Honaker; two daughters: Gracie Gladys Dalton of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Mary Ann Hunter of Pikeville; 23 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, and step-great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Leigh, Bob, and Joe; six sisters: Belle, Phoebe, Mollie, Lula, Kelly, and Martha; a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 15, at noon, at the Church of Christ at the mouth of Mud in Harold, with Gary Justice, Ronnie Samons, and Everett (Red) Lawson officiating.

Burial was in the Parsons Cemetery, at Little Mud, in Printer, under direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Tuesday, December 13, at 7 p.m., at the funeral home, and on Thursday, December 15, at 10 a.m. at the church. (Paid obituary)

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**Carol Sue Hall**

Carol Sue Hall, 67, of 1411 E. Elm Street, Streator, Illinois, died at 10:44 p.m., Monday

December 12, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital, in Streator.

Private family services will be held at the Solon, Baker & Telford Funeral Home, in Streator. Rev. Mark Upchurch, of Central Church of Christ, will officiate.

Burial will be in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Weeksbury.

She was born September 18, 1938, in Weeksbury, the daughter of the late Willie & Grace (Wells) Johnson. She married Charles E. "Red" Hall on December 10, 1960, in Clintwood, Virginia. He survives.

She is also survived by daughters: Diana Huff of Streator, and Pamela (Mrs. Kenneth) Wright of Ottawa; a son: John (Tricia) Hall of Manville; six grandchildren: Christopher, Benjamin, and Hannah Huff, Blake and Alyssa Davis and Brandon Hall; her mother-in-law: Mildred Hatfield of Bypro; sisters: Joanne (Mrs. John C.) Osborne of Miami Town Ohio, Estelle Mosley of Weeksbury, Juanita Johnson of Virgie, and Jackie (Mrs. William H.) Dye of Flatwoods; and a brother: Bobby (Jean) Johnson of Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Jean Jenette and Mildred Campbell; and a brother, Billy Virgil Johnson. She graduated from Weeksbury Grade School and Wheelwright High School, in 1957. She had resided in Streator since 1962.

She was a member of the Church of Christ in Weeksbury. (Paid obituary)

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**Pearlie Howard**

Pearlie Howard, 95, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Gunlock, died Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born November 26, 1910, in

Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Nearie Shepherd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Brushy Baptist Church in Gunlock.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruie Mae Shepherd of Auxier; four grandchildren: Daryl E. Shepherd of David, Glenda S. Stone of Stafford, Virginia, Tim R. Shepherd of Louisville, and Carolyn M. Shepherd of Auxier; three great-grandchildren: Kyle Shepherd, Shiann Shepherd, and Savannah Stone; and several special nieces and nephews.

In addition to her mother, she was preceded in death by her grandparents: Brushy Bill and Elizabeth Hale Shepherd; an infant son, and infant daughter; two sisters: Polkie Risner (her twin), and Virgie Hicks; and a brother, Carew Castle.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 16, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ollie Watts officiating.

Burial will be in the Bill Shepherd Cemetery, at Left Fork of Brushy Creek in Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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**Ethel (Owens) Ratliff**

Ethel (Owens) Ratliff, age 80, of Vandalia, Ohio, passed away Monday, October 31, 2005, at Miami Valley Hospital.

She was born April 10, 1925, in Lackey, the daughter of the late Walter and Patsy (Johnson) Owens. She was a member of

the Vandalia Baptist Temple, and retired from Leland Electrosystems.

She is survived by Marion Ratliff, her husband of 57 years.

Other survivors include three sons: James W. Owens of Butler Twp., Billy M. Ratliff of Virginia, and Fred Ratliff of Indianapolis; four grandchildren: Ty Ratliff, Nicole and husband, Greg Jung, Jennifer Owens and fiancée, Eric Brockert, and Ashley Owens; two great-grandchildren: Dustin and Caleb Jung; four sisters: Florence Davis of Tennessee, Avonell Allison, Emojean Middleton, and Winifred Helton, all of Ohio; two brothers: Walter S. Owens and William M. Owens, both of Ohio, and many other relatives and friends.

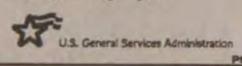
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 5, at the Vandalia Baptist Temple, with Rev. Troy Todd officiating.

Burial was held at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery, under the direction of Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home, Vandalia. (Paid obituary)

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ic substance that can be hauled on state roads without "warning" or "toxic" signs, to fill the tires. He says he doesn't understand why the problem exists now, when they've used the same procedure for more than 20 years.

"We've been in that building for 20-some years and this is the first time we've ever had a complaint," he said. "We're doing the exact same thing that we've done in this building for all those years. We've tried to be good neighbors."

State Sen. Johnny Ray

Turner, a Drift resident, sent U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers a letter on Dec. 14, encouraging him to keep the post office open.

Turner, who received more than 100 phone calls from area citizens, says closing the post office will "burden" some older citizens, "forcing them to drive miles to the nearest post office."

Martin, who believes the problem will "get ironed out" quickly, said the company is "ready, willing and able to do anything they want us to do to rectify the problem, if it is our problem."

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Employees have removed empty tanks that were stored in front of the business, Martin said, and they have pressure washed the front of the building, including the post office's porch. Workers were installing a new vent fan in the shop Thursday, as recommended by Karpin.

Prestonsburg postmaster Edith Risner refused comment yesterday. Attempts to contact Bill Johnson, manager of post office operations, and Tim Reynolds, post office closing coordinator, were unsuccessful.

**Charges**

Johnson has two pretrial conferences scheduled on Feb. 20 for the cases, which include the incident with his grandmother as well as another case involving a neighbor who accuses Johnson of making threatening state-

ments and throwing objects at the alleged victim's car.

Judge James Allen made it a point to let Johnson know that his victim was being very reasonable, as a felony conviction of criminal mischief would have

carried a one- to five-year prison sentence.

"He's doing you a big favor," Allen said. "I hope you know that."

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## Marriage Licenses

Amanda Rose Crisp, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Daniel Lee Rowe, 21, of Martin.  
 Lisa Lynn Collett, 37, of Warsaw, Ind., to Michael Bill Wilson, 44, of Pikeville.  
 Sandra R. Donohoe, 38, of Prestonsburg, to Terry E. Fields, 43, of Walbath, Indiana.  
 Emily Rae Alford, 19, of Middlesboro, to Bobby Gene Baldrige, 19, of Prestonsburg.  
 Evelyn Ann Bolden Hall, 41, of Pikeville, to Mark Anthony Hunt, 44, of Springfield, Ohio.  
 Rakia Nashae Rickman, 16, to John Brandon Little, 20, of Martin.  
 Nichole Reid, 29, of Dana, to Edward Osborne, 30, of Melvin.

## Civil Suits Filed

Rosanna Conn vs. Timothy Conn; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Marietta Reynolds vs. Sara Conn; petition for health care insurance.  
 Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Ginalisa Johnson; petition for health care insurance.  
 Juanita Harvel vs. Rhonda Norman; petition for health care insurance.  
 Georgetta Cook vs. Ruth Messer; petition for health care insurance.  
 Sheilia Wallen vs. Daniel Wallen; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Melissa Blackburn vs. Otis Blackburn; divorce.  
 Patricia Tackett vs. James Tackett; petition for health care insurance.  
 Kathy Stephens vs. Homer Murrell; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Charlie Jude vs. Laura Jude; divorce.  
 Shirley Newsom vs. Delores Bentley, Floyd County; complaint for sale of real estate to satisfy judgement lien.  
 FKT Inc. vs. Denenne, Hollie, Phyllis, and Barbra Casebolt, each individually and doing business as A & H Enterprises and FCC Inc; debt complaint.  
 Susan Doyle vs. Troy Doyle; divorce.  
 Jennifer Hall vs. Keith Hall; petition for health care insurance.  
 Clervert Akers vs. Allie

Boyd; divorce.

Claude Webb II vs. Jessica Tackett; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Jessica Bryant vs. Brandon Williams; petition for health care insurance.  
 Kristy Wright vs. Jamie Poe; petition for child support and health care insurance.  
 Palisades Collection LLC vs. Joseph Conley; debt complaint.

## Charges Filed

Jerry McBayer, 24, Prestonsburg; no or expired registration plates and receipt, fleeing or evading police, failure to wear seat belts, driving under the influence, failure to maintain required insurance, disregarding stop sign, resisting arrest, harassment, terroristic threatening, refusing to take an alcohol/substance test.  
 Constance McQuire, 42, Prestonsburg; two counts of felony theft by deception.  
 Matthew Johnson, 19, Weeksby; first- and third-degree criminal mischief.  
 Monica Collins, 28, Prestonsburg; manufacturing methamphetamine, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.  
 Fredrick Collins, 29, Prestonsburg; use or possession of drug paraphernalia, manufacturing methamphetamine.  
 Walter Moore Jr., 29, Morehead; first-degree wanton endangerment, felony theft by unlawful taking.  
 David Ferrell, 39, Harold; assault, violation of an emergency protective order.  
 Justin Cody, 18, West Van Lear; public intoxication.  
 Melanie Bolden, 30, Tram; public intoxication.  
 George Frazier, 44, Betsy Layne; terroristic threatening.  
 Nicole Rister, 33, Wayland; disorderly conduct.  
 Richard Collins, 23, Hollybush; public intoxication of a controlled substance.  
 Joshua Muncy, 23, Louisa; assault, criminal trespassing, menacing.  
 Catherine Ramey, 40, Staffordsville; misdemeanor theft by deception.  
 Billy Rackey, 30, Prestonsburg; terroristic threat-

ening, criminal mischief.

Lucas Austin, 24, Harrison, Mich.; public intoxication.  
 Beth Tucker, 23, Hi Hat; public intoxication.  
 Benjamin Bristol, 23, Harrison, Mich.; public intoxication.  
 Matthew Johnson, 19, Weeksby; assault, two counts of criminal mischief, terroristic threatening.  
 Sally Goble, 23, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.  
 Tonya Wallens, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief.  
 Ashley Dillion, 24, Inez; driving under the influence, two counts of prescription not in proper container, failure to produce insurance card.  
 Wayne Hunt, 38, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.  
 Joe David Stumbo, 55, Ashland; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, harassment.  
 Thomas Shepherd, 31, Paintsville; public intoxication of a controlled substance.  
 Lloyd Salisbury, 34, Harold; violation of an emergency protective order, public intoxication.  
 Mack Tackett, 23, Topmost; public intoxication.  
 Crystal Newsome, 28, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.  
 John D. Stacey, 21, Dwale; violation of an emergency protective order.  
 Rhonda Caudill, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, controlled substance not in original container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of possession of a controlled substance.  
 Jonathan Foley, 19, Lexington; shoplifting.  
 Michele Martin, 26, Thealka; public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.  
 Jeffrey Fitzpatrick, 24, Prestonsburg; criminal trespassing.  
 Jon Davis, 28, Auxier; assault.  
 Travis McKinney, no age available, Grethel; felony theft by unlawful taking.  
 Denver Evans, 54, Grethel;

assault.

Ricky Caudill, 22, Printer; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.  
 Richard Sword, 22, Printer; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, failure to notify Department of Transportation with address change.  
 Susan Hill, 43, Hi Hat; possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container.  
 Tammy Coleman, 39, Harold; hindering prosecution, apprehension.  
 Nathaniel Bartholome Newsom, 23, Craynor; public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance.  
 Lori Lewis, 29, Banner; misdemeanor theft by deception.  
 Sherry Collins, 40, Van Lear; harassment.  
 Stanley Jervis, 42, Prestonsburg; illegal pursuit or taking of a wild deer, elk, or turkey.  
 Robert Mitchell, 19, Dwale; harassment.  
 Glenna Hatfield, no age available, London; harassment.  
 Martha Beckley, 48, Meally; shoplifting.

## Inspections

McDowell Grade School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Broken water fountain in first grade building, restrooms in Family Resource Building found with some fixtures and stalls in need of repairs, various classrooms found to have dust build up on window sills. Score: 88.  
 Mayo Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not numbered, lot sizes not in compliance. Score: 96.  
 Jan's Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lot sizes not in compliance, lacking in sufficient number of garbage cans, upper end of park has an accumulation of debris. Score: 94.  
 Season's Inn, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bathroom ceiling in one room needs repair, carpet in one room in disrepair. Score: 96.

Pleasant Living Trailer Court, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, parking not in compliance, lot size not in compliance, park lighting not in compliance. Score: 92.

Giovannis, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some coolers and freezers lack conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, food prep area in disrepair, walls and ceilings in need of repair. Score: 96.

Lakeview Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Coolers and freezers lack conspicuous thermometers, single-service items stored on floor, restroom doors not self-closing, floors in disrepair. Score: Food 97, Retail 95.

Hardees, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bottle in food prep area not properly labeled, wiping cloth improperly stored, several garbage containers in food prep area inadequately covered. Score: 97.

Dairy Cheer, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, single-service items observed stored on floor, conspicuous thermometers not present in all freezer and cooler units. Score: 96.

Family Dollar, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some floor tiles in disrepair, snack food item stored in contact with floor. Score: 97.

Jenny Wiley Convention Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all coolers and freezers, inside of microwave needs cleaning, no towels in employee restroom.

freezer gasket in disrepair. Score: 93.

## Property Transfers

Alma Land Company to Bull Creek Coal Corporation, property located at Left Beaver.  
 Syed Badrudduja to Meraj Badrudduja and Zaher Iskandarani, property located at Abbott.  
 Charlene and Levi Blankenship to Yvonne Blankenship, property located at Frasure's Creek.  
 Lona Brewer to Wiley and Olin Elliot, property located at Martin.  
 Candant Mobility Corporation to Leigh and Steven Hamilton, property located at Rolling Acres.  
 Billy Ray Collins to Donald Shepherd, property located at Middle Creek.  
 Richard Conn to Beatrice Conn, property located at Spewing Camp Branch.  
 Herschel and Phyllis Griffith to Larry and Rita Collins, property located at Auxier.  
 Mary and Ned Hall to Webb and Sons Enterprise, property located at Right Beaver.  
 Dwayne and Karen Harris to Grant Combs, property location undisclosed.  
 Jane and John Holbrook to First Baptist Church of McDowell, property located at Left Beaver.  
 Jimmy and Pamela Shortridge to Candant Mobility Financial Corporation, property located at Rolling Acres.  
 Brenda and Nicky Stumbo to Ealitha and Timothy Stumbo, property located at McDowell.  
 Angela and David Tipton to First Baptist Church of McDowell, property located at Left Beaver.



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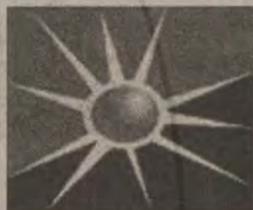
will be a means of "healing" for clients and the community, she said.  
 Recalling his past behaviors, McCoy, agreed. "It's my way of giving back," he said.  
 Clients who participate in the program must assume responsibility for their behaviors and their emotional state of mind.  
 The center will engage the client through a cognitive and behavioral approach to their chemical dependency by providing a drug-free environment for them to live in.  
 The three-story center, which can accommodate 16-to-18 women at full capacity, will be funded, in part, through "Threads of Hope," a consignment shop that opened this year near TLC Daycare in Paintsville, where a methamphetamine lab was discovered and dismantled in 2004.  
 Thelma Crider, owner of TLC and a Hope in the

Mountains board member, said workers there obtained more than 500 signatures on a petition to charge the accused meth manufacturers with wanton endangerment charges for each of the 150 children who were cared for at the facility during that time. The case is still pending in Johnson County.  
 Other funds — approximately \$10,000 — have come through personal or business donations. Future funding resources include state and governmental grants that will not be available until the facility opens, as expected, on May 1. Board members have also asked that

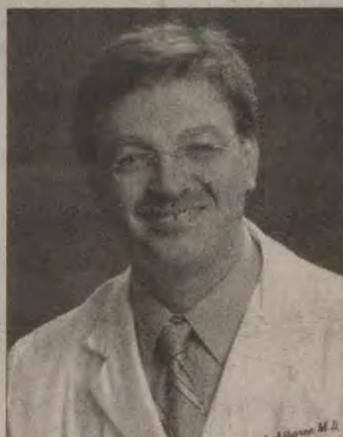
area churches donate \$1 monthly for each of their church members in order to help maintain the facility.  
 The center's property includes an outbuilding that will be used as an office, a barn and another outbuilding. When it opens in May, board members say they will begin treating up to 10 women for substance or alcohol abuse.  
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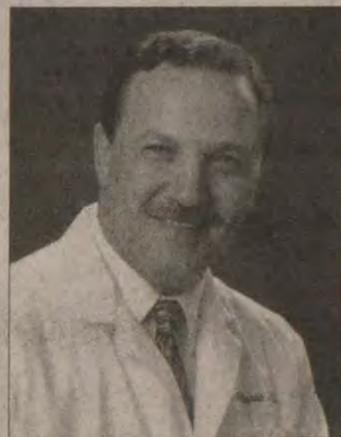
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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

## Editorial roundup

*The Star Tribune, Minneapolis, on eminent domain:*

What seemed a routine Supreme Court decision affirming the land-condemnation powers used by cities for 50 years and rooted deeply in the Fifth Amendment has ignited a national firestorm.

Few object to the justly compensated "taking" of private property for roads, schools and other direct public purposes. What bothers people is the use of eminent domain to benefit private development and the public tax base. But while that sounds alarming at first hearing, it's much ado about not very much. Mostly the case has provided an opening for right-wing property-rights groups to sow fears about big, bad government. "Your home could be next!" is a popular warning. Left-wing activists, too, have joined the chorus, vilifying cities as co-conspirators with wealthy developers to gentrify urban America. ...

But everyone should take a deep breath and consider the consequences. Yes, some abuses have occurred, but there is no epidemic of abuse. Eminent domain is used sparingly in most states ... Its real value lies not in its execution but in its leverage. Just having the authority to condemn blighted land has been enough to help hundreds of cities reclaim abandoned industrial waterfronts, derelict warehouses and substandard residences for the greater good.

*The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on Miami airport shooting:*

There is this to be said first about the tragic shooting, by federal air marshals, of a man who claimed he had a bomb in his backpack and ran from an aircraft at Miami International Airport: In security terms, the system worked.

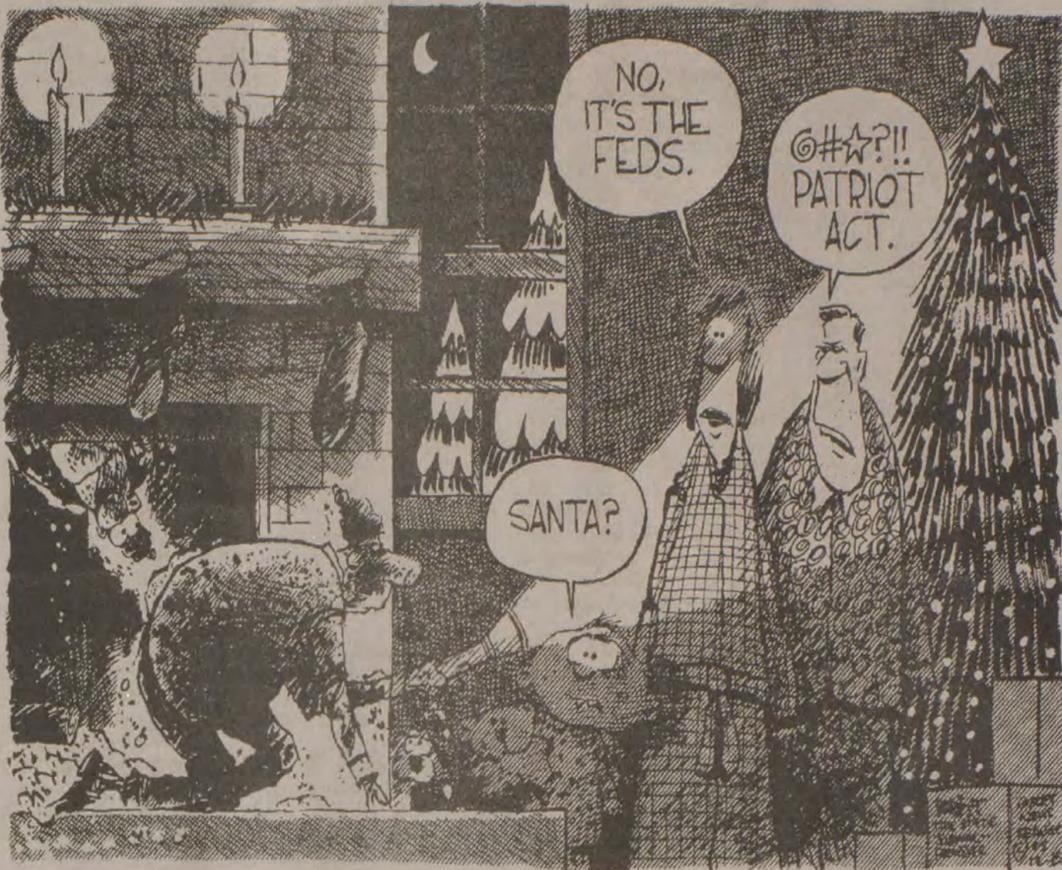
There will be a full investigation, and rightly so. But when the man claimed to have a bomb on board American Airlines Flight 924 Wednesday, he uttered perhaps the worst thing anyone could utter at an airport, let alone on an aircraft or in a jet-way, in this post-9/11 era. Federal air marshals have an obligation to act quickly and decisively in the interests of passengers, personnel and the public.

As it turns out, the man in question, Rigoberto Alpizar, an American citizen from Maitland, Fla., did not possess a bomb. But the air marshals didn't have time to evaluate his claim, because he immediately ignored their orders and moved toward what he had said was a bomb. As trained, they took decisive action that put the safety of other passengers first.

Alpizar's wife, also aboard, reportedly shouted - but perhaps not within the hearing of the marshals - that her husband was bipolar and had been off his medication. While any fatal shooting demands investigating, and any shooting by law and security officers demands procedural reviews as well, consider the potential alternative: A carefully orchestrated plot by a team of suicide bombers - sound familiar? - that leads to deaths on a massive scale.

This incident is the first in which a federal air marshal has opened fire since marshals became common on flights after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. This was a tragic situation, especially in light of the man's reported mental condition. His life has been ended. His wife and family have been devastated. Passengers, many of whom dropped to the floor sobbing in terror following the gunshots, will be forever affected.

But the world in which we now live is one in which the unimaginable has become frighteningly possible, and the marshals seem to have acted not only quickly but appropriately.



Guest Column

## The emperor has spoken

by SHELDON RICHMAN

It's a measure of the imperial nature of the modern American presidency that George W. Bush misstates the truth even as he defends himself against the charge that he misstates the truth.

It takes extraordinary disrespect for the American people to look them in the eyes and say that Congress had seen the same intelligence about Saddam Hussein's nonexistent weapons of mass destruction as he did, and that a Senate committee had cleared his administration of twisting the WMD intelligence to serve its Iraq war agenda.

Neither of these claims is true, as many have pointed out. No congressional committee has examined the charge that the administration suppressed the substantial doubts within intelligence circles about the information furnished by Iraqi defectors of dubious credibility. Moreover, those evidenced-based doubts were not shared with the House and Senate intelligence committees in the run-up to the war. The Los Angeles Time recently reported that German intelligence personnel had told U.S. officials that administration claims about mobile biological-weapons laboratories were not credible, having come from an unreliable defector. Yet then-Secretary

of State Colin Powell made those labs a big part of his major speech to the UN Security Council. And those allegations played no small role in scaring Americans into backing President Bush's drive to war.

The Bush administration has never shown much confidence in the unvarnished truth. The latest example is the revelation that the U.S. military has paid Iraqi newspapers to publish favorable Pentagon-written "news" — better, propaganda — pieces.

Thus President Bush's latest PR campaign has to be judged in its proper context. His poll numbers are in the toilet, and congressional elections are less than a year away. His speeches about staying the course and the light at the end of the tunnel are Nixonesque. When will we hear him speak of "Iraqization"?

The president gives the impression that if he uses the word "victory" enough times, we will believe him.

To revive his poll numbers he has hired a political scientist, Peter Feaver, to craft a message and campaign. As reported in the New York Times, Feaver came to Bush's attention by arguing that Americans would accept high military casualties if they could be persuaded they were for a good cause. Feaver is able to measure what he calls "casualty sensitivity." He and his Duke University coauthors have written, "Mounting casualties did not produce a reflexive collapse in public support. The Iraq case suggests that under the right conditions, the public will continue to support military operations even when they come

with a relatively high human cost."

And what would those "right conditions" be? Apparently, they include filling the air with a lot of talk about victory, alleged Iraqi assumption of security responsibilities, and the usual war-on-terror buncombe. This last was in ample supply in Bush's recent speech at the U.S. Naval Academy. In that speech, he called Iraq the "central front in the war on terror," although he acknowledged that non-Iraqis make up but a small part of resistance to the U.S. presence there.

Facts be damned; the president is not giving up on convincing the American people, contrary to the evidence, that Iraq had something to do with 9/11. He insists on ignoring the self-fulfilling character of his war: it has made Iraq a hotbed of anti-American violence because it has made the U.S. forces an army of occupation. None of this confirms Bush's position that "they" hate "us" because of our way of life. "They" hated "us" because of a long history of U.S. intervention in the Middle East, and Bush has only given "them" more reason to hate "us" now.

But in fact, it's not the American people that anyone hates; it's the American policy. Readers familiar with Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four will have no trouble recognizing what's going on here.

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Guest Column

## Evangelical environmentalism stings senator

by JIM HIGHTOWER  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

It's obvious to even a casual observer that the Lord works His wonders in mysterious ways. You could ask Jim Inhofe about that.

Inhofe, the right-wing Oklahoma Republican who chairs the Senate environment committee, is the favorite pet of corporate polluters whose industrial emissions scientists cite as the leading cause of global warming. Not only has Inhofe stifled every congressional effort to control these emissions, but he also has called the very idea of corporate

involvement in global warming "the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people."

So far, Inhofe has been able to ignore science, but - what, ho! - now he finds himself confronted by a formidable and surprising new force: Evangelical Christians. Within the National Association of Evangelicals - representing 45,000 churches serving 30 million members - is a burgeoning "Evangelical Environmental Network" that is taking seriously the Biblical mandate for humans to be good stewards of the earth. Indeed, these mainstream evangelicals are now considering a draft policy statement calling on Congress to pass mandatory controls on global warming emissions.

Good God Almighty, you can almost hear Inhofe shout! In his political career, he has always touted himself as a devout evangelical, and he certainly did not

expect this curve ball from God. So far, his reaction has been to assail the messengers. Sticking with his corporate sponsors, Inhofe calls the claim that Christians should work to stop activities harmful to God's creation, "something very strange," and he dismisses the evangelicals' Biblical citations for their work, saying: "You can always find in Scriptures a passage to misquote for almost anything."

The evangelicals don't choose to call their work environmentalism, preferring the phrase "creation care." But forget the labels - it's the message that's important. Even if Inhofe doesn't want to hear it, you can get the word at [www.creation-care.org](http://www.creation-care.org).

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# Holly, Golly Holidays

Create and Celebrate With the Red and Green

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

It's not Christmas until you unpack Santa's sack of red and green chocolate candies. So, open the bags, gather all the little elves in your neighborhood and have fun making jolly holiday décor, sweet treats to give as gifts, festive party favors and yummy cookies like these. (And don't forget to fill up that candy dish.)

For even more jolly holiday ideas and recipes, visit [brighthouse.com](http://brighthouse.com).

## Miniature Snowmen

Even the tiniest tykes can help make these miniature snowmen!

**Materials needed:** Standard cupcake pans, mini cupcake pans, standard paper cupcake liners, mini paper cupcake liners, resealable plastic bag

- 1 (10 or 12-ounce) bag Pop'ables
- 3 Musketeers, Pop'ables Milky Way or Pop'ables Snickers Candies
- 1 (10.5-ounce) bag Dove Promises Milk Chocolates
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix
- 1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting
- 1 (14-ounce) bag shredded coconut, optional
- 1 tube black decorating frosting
- 1 tube orange decorating frosting

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 16 standard cupcake cups and 16 mini cupcake cups with paper liners.
2. Prepare cake mix according to package instructions.
3. Reserve 16 Pop'ables and chop remaining. Fold chopped candies into batter.
4. Transfer batter into each cupcake cup. Bake mini cupcakes 12 to 15 minutes and standard cupcakes 18 to 21 minutes.
5. Remove cupcakes from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.
6. Put 1/4 cup vanilla frosting in resealable plastic bag; set aside.
7. Frost all cupcake tops with remaining vanilla frosting, then sprinkle with shredded coconut, if desired.
8. Place 1 frosted mini cupcake on its side on top of each frosted standard cupcake, using vanilla frosting to attach.
9. Decorate snowmen as follows: *Make hats* by using vanilla frosting to secure unwrapped Promises milk chocolate on top of each mini cupcake. Snip corner of resealable plastic bag of vanilla frosting. Pipe a dot of frosting on top of each Promises milk chocolate, and attach a Pop'ables. *Add details* by using vanilla frosting to attach M&M'S as buttons. Pipe eyes with black decorating frosting and noses with orange decorating frosting.

Makes 16 snowmen

## Peppermint Candy Cookies

Bring these pretty, candy-speckled treats to your party!

**Materials needed:** 3-inch round cookie cutter, 24 pieces 12 x 12-inch clear squares cellophane, 1/2-inch holiday ribbon

- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 1 (18-ounce) tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Green food coloring
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 (16-ounce) container vanilla frosting

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Tint cookie dough with food coloring and flavor with peppermint extract. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness, and press out 24 circles using cookie cutter. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.
3. When cookies are cool, spread with frosting. Before frosting dries, arrange red and green M&M'S over frosting.
4. When frosting is firm, gently wrap cookies in cellophane and tie ends with ribbon.

**Tip:** For extra minty flavor, use M&M'S Mint Chocolate Candies for the Holidays.

Makes 24 cookies

## Nuggets of Joy

Add these powdery nuggets of perfection to your holiday dessert table!

**Materials needed:** 2 non-stick cookie sheets

- 1 (12-ounce) bag Milky Way Milk Chocolate Covered Caramels
- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough, softened
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1 cup ground pecans
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Unwrap 18 Caramels; set aside.
3. Combine cookie dough, flour, cocoa powder, pecans and cinnamon; knead until smooth.
4. Divide dough into 36 pieces, each about diameter of a quarter. Cut Caramels in half, and tuck one piece into center of each piece of cookie dough. Roll dough into balls, completely covering candy. Place balls on non-stick cookie sheet.
5. Bake 15 to 17 minutes.
6. Roll warm cookies in confectioners' sugar to coat.

Makes 36 nuggets

## Greet 'n' Eat Gifts

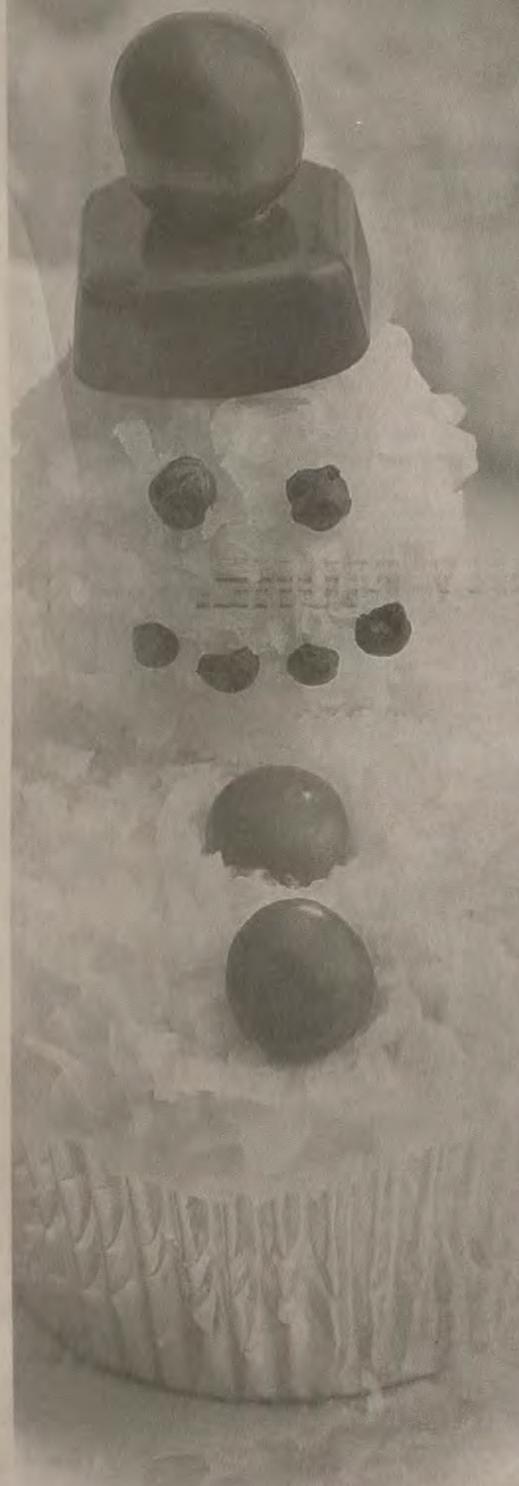
These giveaway gifts are a great way for kids to share the holiday spirit with their friends!

**Materials needed:** Aluminum foil, 9 x 13-inch pan, clear plastic bags, holiday ribbon

- 11 M-azing Milk Chocolate Bars Filled with M&M'S Minis Chocolate Candies
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Peanut Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays
- 8 cups popped corn or puffed rice cereal
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 (16-ounce) bag regular-size marshmallows

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Line pan with foil, and arrange unwrapped M-azing bars at bottom. Place in oven 2 minutes, just to soften, and then set aside.
3. In large bowl, mix cereal, mini marshmallows and peanut M&M'S.
4. In large pot, melt butter and regular-size marshmallows over medium heat.
5. Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal mixture, mixing to coat well. Spread resulting mixture evenly on top of chocolate bars.
6. Then, sprinkle milk chocolate M&M'S on top, pressing in slightly. Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Cut into 1 1/4-inch squares.
7. Fill clear plastic bags with some squares, and tie with ribbon.

Makes 54 squares



# Task force recommends drug testing for coal miners

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — A state task force looking into the problem of drug abuse among miners is recommending a comprehensive drug testing program for people who work in the coal industry. Gov. Ernie Fletcher said his administration supports the proposal from the Mine Substance Abuse Task Force, which issued its report on Wednesday. "We will seek to work with members of the General Assembly to determine the feasibility of enacting legislation to address recommendations in the

report," Fletcher said in a statement on Wednesday. "Mining is a dangerous occupation and miners deserve the right to work in as safe an environment as possible." Members of the task force learned about the scope of the problem in public meetings over the past year, hearing even from recovering addicts who said they worked in the mines to earn money to buy more drugs. Coal operators and their employees told the task force that drunk and drugged co-workers are a danger in mines. The task force recommended drug

testing be done before miners are hired and randomly after they're hired. The recommendations also call for testing after mine accidents that result in injuries or deaths. Not only the victim, but everyone whose actions may have contributed to the accident would be tested. United Mine Workers of America spokesman Phil Smith said he would withhold comment until the union has time to review the recommendations. David Dye, acting director of the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration, has called substance abuse a serious safety issue in coal

mines. He said toxicology reports have shown drugs and alcohol in some miners who have been killed on the job. MSHA joined with state mine regulatory agencies from Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia to hold meetings in an attempt to gauge the extent of the problem and to try to develop ways to deal with it. Drug abuse among miners came to the forefront two years ago, when a miner was killed and another seriously injured in a small Floyd County mine. Marijuana was found at the scene, and an employee told investigators that he saw two miners snorting crushed

painkillers. An autopsy found that the dead miner had taken illegal drugs. The task force also recommended education and awareness training for new miners, employee assistance programs, and incentive programs to encourage coal companies to participate in substance abuse programs. Most large coal companies already require miners to undergo random drug tests. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found in a 2000 sur-

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## Premiere

interested in capturing the ongoing lives of his subjects and inviting viewers to be a fly on the wall. One image from the film hints at a culture impacted by poverty (a camera following the path of a school bus briefly lights on a billboard by an attorney who prides himself on obtaining Social Security benefits for clients) and the living situations of some characters are obviously impacted by poverty, but the film isn't interested in pointing fingers or supplying easy solutions.

Sutherland noted that he has not stopped moving since he began production on his last film, "The Farmer's Wife," which premiered, as will "Country Boys," on PBS's acclaimed series "Front Line."

"I pretty much went straight into production on this after finishing 'The Farmer's Wife,'" Sutherland said.

Sutherland, who began making films at age 35, chose to strike while the iron was hot and followed up the success of his first Frontline film by immediately scouting subjects for "Country Boys."

Sutherland originally scoured Virginia for subjects but didn't find what he was looking for until he visited the David School. Once he knew where to make his film it became a case of narrowing down which two students to follow. He eventually decided to film students Cody Perkins and Chris Johnson, which, he admits, was not a scientific process.

"I just felt instinctively that they would stick it out," Sutherland said.

Sutherland was granted full access into the lives of Perkins and Johnson and ended up with thousands of hours of film charting the boy's lives from 1999 until 2002. Then came the ardu-

ous task of cutting up his film into a six-hour series, which, of course, meant having to cut out over 90 percent of what he shot. The film also went over budget and necessitated more production money which came from a grant from the British Broadcasting Corporation. BBC will air "Country Boys" in Europe, where his portrait of a Nebraska farm family in "The Farmer's Wife" was a ratings smash, drawing together viewers of all persuasions.

Sutherland has high hope for "Country Boys" and expects that viewers will find plenty of their own experiences reflected in the lives of these two young men.

"I hate that we feel we have

to define everything," Sutherland said. "By the end of this I just want you to feel like you have lived in the skin of these people. Nobody is any 'one thing' and people in Detroit who watch this will see that their experiences are not so far removed from these people."

The first installment of the film premiered Wednesday night at the Mountain Arts Center and confirmed all of Sutherland's statements about making "Country Boys." Audience members were treated to the opening segment, which followed Chris and Cody through their first year at the David School and played out as a series of uninterrupted scenes charting the boys' relationships

with family, friends and peers. There was no cumbersome narration from a hired actor to accompany the scenes, nobody provided a voiceover to tell you what you were watching, nor was there any flashy camera-work that would distract viewers. Each moment merely played out on the screen before cutting to another moment from the lives of the subjects.

Sutherland had said he wanted to bring a fly-on-the-wall approach to his subject matter and he appears to have done just that, with the audience mostly remaining quiet as if they were in the same room as the boys on screen and afraid that any sound would give away their presence.

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## AN AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## Arrests

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hydrocodone pills.

Also arrested this week were:

■ Lindard Marsillett, 71, of Prestonsburg; second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

■ Kevin B. Estep, 32, of Morehead; drug trafficking and trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ Jessica Lanham, 19, of Morehead; second-degree drug trafficking.

■ Elijah King, 35, of Mt. Sterling; second- and third-degree drug trafficking.

■ Steve Ballard, 46, of Clay City; second- and third-degree drug trafficking.

■ James Thompson, 19, of Owingsville; two counts of trafficking within 1,000 yards of a school.

■ Joey Stanton, 20, of Owingsville; first-degree drug trafficking.

## Robbery

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security personnel available to speak with customers.

Last week, The Times reported that a senior citizen who banked at the Allen Branch was targeted by a phone scam in which a caller identified himself as a bank representative and said he was calling to inform customers that the Allen branch was closing in an attempt to secure the personal account numbers of the victim. Wiete reported that a similar scam was perpetrated on Johnson County seniors as well, so it didn't appear to be related to the incident. In the event of a bank closing it is standard to mail notices and customers aren't called when it is more efficient to contact them via post.



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# Driving tips to enhance safety on wintry roads

FRANKFORT — Snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice make for treacherous driving conditions. The mission of Kentucky's "Drive Smart" program is to inform the public through education. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Division of Driver Safety has winter driving tips for Kentuckians.

Good drivers know the special hazards of winter driving, but should be reminded about

the dangers. "Drive Smart" encourages you to apply the following tips to prevent accidents on icy roads:

- Slow down at the first hint that the road is slick.
- Slow down gradually, well ahead of intersections.
- Create more distance between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- If you begin to skid, steer in the direction the vehicle is sliding until you feel recovery

of traction, then slowly straighten the wheels.

- Don't slam on your brakes if you start to skid.
- Know what your brakes will do. With anti-lock, stomp and steer. Without Anti-lock, pump the brakes to avoid wheel lockup.
- You have better control in a skid situation if your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock breaks.
- Braking distance depends directly on the kind of contact

the vehicle tires make with the slippery surface of the road.

- Your tires should have good tread.
- Plan ahead of time for lane changes; check your rearview mirrors, check your blind spots and signal your intentions to traffic behind you
- Lane changes should be made in a long, gradual motion.
- When you drive in deep snow conditions, you may find that stepping on the gas only pro-

vides a spinning of the wheels. A light foot on the gas pedal and a high gear is preferable.

■ If you get stuck in the deep snow, you may only spin your wheels in trying to get out. Sometimes it helps to twist the steering wheel back and forth to push away snow in front then try again. A sprinkling of sand or light gravel in front of drive wheels, or a traction mat or a strip of carpet may be necessary. Easy rocking, back and forward, may help regain traction, but first know whether such shifting from forward to reverse and back again might damage your

particular transmission. Even a shoveling out of snow may be necessary when you're stuck.

"Drive Smart" reminds motorists that the well informed driver is constantly on the lookout for areas that might induce skidding, such as unexpected ice patches or piles of wet leaves, to be found especially in shady areas or on overpasses.

Drivers can call 511 or log on to [www.511.ky.gov](http://www.511.ky.gov) to receive current updates on road conditions.

For more information, visit <http://highwaysafety.ky.gov/> or <http://drivesmart.ky.gov/>.

## Civic groups say Kentucky's state budget short at least \$1.8 billion

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Kentucky needs to spend about \$1.8 billion more a year — a fourth more than its current budget — to meet education, health care, criminal justice and other social needs, a collection of civic groups argued Thursday.

"Kentucky is not adequately investing in the programs and services that can propel our state forward, such as public schools, higher education, health care and more," said the report from the Kentucky Economic Justice Alliance. "The chronic under-

funding of these critical areas leaves Kentucky in a dire situation."

The alliance, which includes groups such as Kentucky Youth Advocates and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, has long advocated higher taxes and state spending.

"These are things that people are willing to invest in," said KFTC Chairwoman Janet Tucker. "But politicians with a 'revenue neutral' mentality are starving public services of the funds needed to move this state forward."

Indeed, tax changes

approved in the 2005 General Assembly passed only because Gov. Ernie Fletcher and others promised they balanced increases with cuts to raise no new taxes over a period of years, though that math has come under question.

Tax increases recommended by the groups would target business and the wealthy, both of which won cuts earlier this year, as well as cigarette taxes and the services industry.

The alliance argues the state's needs are massive, but even large amounts of new money would bring only modest

improvements, said the report titled, "Raising the Bar."

The group argues that \$337 million is needed just to bring Kentucky's spending on elementary and secondary education to the average of the surrounding states. Another \$250 million is needed to bring Kentucky's colleges and universities up to spending standards set by comparable schools elsewhere.

The Medicaid program for the poor has chronic deficits and health insurance coverage for teachers and state employees needs more money.

### Miners

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vey on substance abuse that the construction and mining industries have the largest percentage of workers who abuse illicit drugs and alcohol. According to the results, 15.7 percent of construction workers and miners reported heavy alcohol consumption in the month before the survey. Another 12.3 percent

reported illicit drug use over the same period.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics, after analyzing 1998 data from its Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, estimated that 19 percent of the nation's workers who die on the job test positive for alcohol and other drugs.

### Kong

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Empire State Building.

In short, the story line has not changed much from the original. What Jackson succeeds in doing, however, is giving what would be viewed as a somewhat juvenile story by today's standards new depth. Every character is rounded out to the extent that no one is entirely good or bad, wholly guilty or innocent. This is a grown-up "Kong."

The movie also benefits from Jackson's painstaking attention to detail. When the film opens in Depression-era New York, you feel like you are there. The battles on Skull Island are larger than life, with truly monstrous monsters. But most impressive are Kong and the natives. Kong bears the scars of a creature that has battled his way to be lord of his island, while the savages are truly savage, both in appearance and behavior.

The casting is also excellent.

Surely many eyebrows were raised with the signing of Jack Black and Adrien Brody, but their performances negate any question marks. As in "Lord of the Rings," Jackson once again shows in "King Kong" his uncanny ability to find exactly the right person for each part.

If there is one knock on the movie, it would have to be its length, which clocks an astounding 187 minutes. But while it would be nice to have a trimmer "Kong" just for the sake of convenience, one would be hard-pressed to select more than a few minutes of footage to scrap. Just be prepared for the long haul when going to see "King Kong." This is not a movie you want to go see if you're feeling tired.

All in all, "King Kong" lives up to the hype that preceded it to tower as one of the best movies of 2005.

## State to start tracking who has car insurance

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky will be able to track which drivers have insurance and which don't on a month-to-month basis under a new law that takes effect Jan. 1.

The measure, passed by the General Assembly last year, requires all of the roughly 300 companies insure vehicles in Kentucky to provide the state Department of Vehicle Regulation with monthly lists of its policyholders, and cancellations in the previous month.

State officials may then com-

pare those lists with vehicle registrations and notify uninsured motorists that their registration will be canceled if they don't obtain insurance within 30 days.

There is a \$40 cost to have a registration reinstated. If the state cancels a vehicle's registration three times in a year, it will forward the owner's name to the county attorney's office for prosecution in district court, officials said.

"We intend to take uninsured vehicles off Kentucky roads," Ron Mundy, commissioner of the state Transportation Cabinet's Department of

Vehicle Regulation, said at a news conference Monday in Louisville.

People who register vehicles in January or February will still have to bring an insurance card with them. Officials said the new program may not be fully computerized until around March 1.

Mundy estimated that 12 percent of Kentucky's approximately 3 million registered vehicles are uninsured. Some people get insurance long enough to reregister a car, then either cancel it or let it lapse.

The law's chief sponsor, state

Rep. Ron Crimm, R-Middlesboro, said the insurance industry supported the measure, which is similar to laws in 17 other states.

Under the law, county clerks will no longer transfer an uninsured vehicle or issue such vehicles temporary tags or duplicate registration. Kentucky State Police, Transportation Cabinet vehicle-enforcement officers and most local law-enforcement officers will have access to the information on vehicle registration and insurance.



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# Lady Bears ease past Knoxville

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Every now and then, you need an easy one. For Bill Watson's Pikeville College Lady Bears, it came tonight in the form of an 80-26 win over Knoxville College.

Holding winless Knoxville to only 20.8 percent shooting and nine second-half points, Pikeville ran its record to 8-5 on the season. All 12 Lady Bears in uniform scored, had a rebound and an assist and played at least 14 minutes.

Pikeville, meanwhile, shot a respectable

47.2 percent, hitting nearly the exact same percent in each half (47.1 percent in the first, 47.4 in the second). The Lady Bears look for their teammates, handing out 26 assists on 34 baskets, and won the rebounding battle 48-33.

Only two Lady Bears scored in double figures, with sophomore Beth Patterson leading the way with 14. Freshman Camille Cook hit for 13, making all five field goals and all three from the line.

Sophomore Kellie Jo Moore led the way with seven rebounds to go with her eight points in only 14 minutes of playing time.

Moore, a Sheldon Clark High School graduate who began her collegiate career at Marshall University, made an immediate impact in the Lady Bear basketball program upon her arrival on the Pikeville College campus.

Four Lady Bears had at least five boards. Senior Julie Yates had four assists to lead the way, and four teammates followed with three.

Johnson Central High School product Alice Daniel pushed in nine points for the Lady Bears and Whitesburg High School graduate Whitney Hogg added eight.

Knoxville (0-10) was led by Brenique Reed, who tossed in 13 points and grabbed five rebounds. The leader on the glass was Shacre Norris who had nine but failed to score.

The Lady Bulldogs had only four assists on their 11 baskets and turned it over 28 times. Pikeville, meanwhile, had 17 steals and a 2:1 assist-to-turnover ratio, finishing with 26 and 13.

The Lady Bears have one more game before the break, playing host to Rio Grande this evening at 6 p.m.



Kellie Moore



Alice Daniel

## Up for a day of basketball?

by RICK BENTLEY  
 TIMES COLUMNIST

In the early 1990s, the 15th Region was simply dominated by the Belfry Pirates. J.J. Hylton and Shawn Hager formed a guard combo that would rival any in the state, and at 6-foot-8, big Jim Tom Dotson was a force in the post. Throw in forwards that would



Rick Bentley

dominate the current region and you have yourself three straight 15th Region champions.

That team tore the area up to the point that by their senior year, they played very few

games within the region and traveled the land seeking whom they may devour. And they devoured nearly everyone who got in their way.

That was quite a time in the history of Belfry basketball, an era that was headlined by a young coach with even younger assistants who had the world by the tail and swung it around a few times. The head coach was an annual fixture in the statewide papers, garnering much attention for his natty attire.

The coach was Raymond Justice Jr., who was assisted during those years by Randy Casey and Denny Paul May.

Forward to tomorrow. For the first time since those early days on Pond Creek, that formidable trio will be together again at a high school basketball event.

Tomorrow is the Warrior Classic, sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau, an event that will be played for the third straight year at

East Ridge High School, beginning at 1 p.m.

Before the evening ends, Justice will coach his Letcher Central team against South Floyd, Casey will lead Belfry into battle with Madison Central and May will guide East Ridge against 15th Region newcomer Lawrence County in three contests in the five-game event.

Justice spent the last six years coaching basketball at Pikeville Col-

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Allen Central senior guard Nick Music tried to tie up the basketball as Prestonsburg's Sean Leslie had possession during the second quarter Tuesday night. The Rebels battled back from a 25-point first-half deficit before their comeback bid fell short.

photo by Jamie Howell

## Rebel rally falls short

P'burg improves to 2-1 with 67-62 win

by JAMIE HOWELL  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN – Ask Prestonsburg coach Jackie Day Crisp if he feels like his team has played four good quarters of basketball this season and he would most likely answer with a yes. The only problem for Prestonsburg has been that the four quarters have come over a two-game span. Prestonsburg traveled to Magoffin County last week for the opening game of the season and played a sub-par first half before hitting stride in the second half to come away with a 57-51 win. Tuesday evening, the Blackcats traveled to Allen Central to take on the Rebels in an early season 58th District contest. Once

again, the Blackcats played two good quarters of basketball only this time it would be a strong first half that would carry the Blackcats to another win. Allen Central came into the game with an overall record of 1-3, but Johnny Martin's young Rebels have already made huge strides over the past year. Prestonsburg jumped out to an early lead of 19-10 after one quarter of play and extended the lead to 36-12 midway through the second quarter. On its way to victory, Prestonsburg had to fend off a furious Allen Central comeback to post a 67-62 win.

"We played well and shot the ball real well in the first half, but obviously let down some in the second half," said Crisp. "Overall, I was proud of the way our kids played and pleased with the win."

Senior center Lewis Barnette

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## GAMES ON TAP TONIGHT'S GAMES

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Allen Central-South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.  
 Breathitt County-Letcher County Central, 7:30 p.m.  
 Johnson Central-Lawrence County, 8 p.m.  
 Paintsville-Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.  
 Piarist School-Red Bird, 6 p.m.  
 Pikeville-Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.  
 Shelby Valley-Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sheldon Clark-Morgan County, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Allen Central-South Floyd, 6 p.m.  
 Belfry-Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.  
 Jackson City-June Buchanan, 6 p.m.  
 Jackson County-Knot County Central, 7:30 p.m.  
 Johnson Central-Lawrence County, 6:30 p.m.  
 Paintsville-Magoffin County, 6:30 p.m.  
 Perry County Central-Letcher County Central, 7:30 p.m.  
 Piarist School-Red Bird, 6 p.m.  
 Pike County Central-Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.  
 Pikeville-Phelps, 6 p.m.

## Balanced effort lifts Raiders over Cordia

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – For a third straight game Tuesday night, the South Floyd High Raiders stepped out of the 15th Region and took on a 14th Region basketball opponent. South Floyd, which scored an impressive 77-68 win over Hazard Saturday in the inaugural Roy S. Martin Classic, went back to work Tuesday night. Cordia, another very capable team out of the 14th Region, visited Raider Arena, but would not be able to leave the South Floyd area with a win. After leading 35-34 at the half, Cordia failed to post the win. South Floyd, which exited the first quarter with a 22-17 lead, outscored the Lions in each of the final two frames en

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## Perry Central pounds South Floyd, 82-42

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Longtime Perry County Central High School head girls' basketball coach Randy Napier brought his team to South Floyd Tuesday for a game against the host Lady Raiders. And Napier's squad performed quite well. Perry Central rolled to an 82-42 win over the Lady Raiders. The victory was Napier's 600th career win.

Perry Central has made a habit of contending on an annual basis for a 14th Region title. Tuesday night, the Lady Commodores were again playing strong and looking

(See PERRY, page three)

## Lady Blackcats win second straight

by STEVE LeMASTER  
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Take away a few minutes of the first period Tuesday evening and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats were in full control. Prestonsburg, playing on the road at Allen Central, jumped out to a 10-0 lead over the homestanding Lady Rebels. The Lady Blackcats led 6-0 in the opening period before Allen Central even attempted a shot. But the Lady Rebels weren't out of the game following the early run. Allen Central went on an 11-0 run after spotting Prestonsburg the game's first 10 points. The Lady Rebels, under the guidance of first-year head

coach Jennifer Hopkins, closed the first quarter out with a 11-10 lead. After leading at the end of the initial period, Allen Central didn't hold an advantage at the close of another frame the rest of the way. Prestonsburg outscored Allen Central in each of the last three quarters and won by a comfortable margin, 55-34.

Prestonsburg, after starting the season 0-2, has won its last two games

Three Lady Blackcats reached double figures in the convincing victory. Meaghan Slone paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 14 points. Amber Whitaker followed with 12 points for the Blackcats and Darcy Hicks pushed in 11 as three of Pre-

stonsburg's five starters had double-digit scoring efforts.

Julianne Frye, playing her first season in a Lady Blackcat uniform after moving in from Georgia, added eight points in a solid outing. Liz Chaffin chipped in six points for the Prestonsburg girls.

Lady Blackcat head coach Jack Pack was pleased with his team's winning effort.

"They played hard," Pack said, acknowledging his team's effort. "I thought our defense played real well. We had a lot of unforced turnovers and made some mistakes that we won't make later on in the year."

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Prestonsburg's Darcy Hicks (15) worked the basketball up the floor against the Allen Central defense. Hicks had 11 points in the Prestonsburg win.

photo by Jamie Howell

# Lady Pats beat Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HINDMAN** – Still in search of its first win in the 2005-06 season, the Betsy Layne High girls' basketball team traveled to Knott County Central Monday evening for a game against the defending 14th Region champion. In the off-season, Knott Central lost 14th Region Player of the Year candidate Heather Martin to Letcher County Central via transfer. But the Lady Patriots are still a solid group of players. That was evident Monday evening as Knott Central led a rebuilding, yet improving Betsy Layne squad 14-2 through the first period. The Lady Patriots made the most of the early lead and went on to beat Betsy Layne 57-35.

In a matchup of defending regional champions, Knott Central got scoring from 10 different players. Two different Lady Patriots achieved double figures in the scoring department while

six of Knott Central's 10 scorers recorded double figures.

Senior Grace Phillips led Knott Central in scoring with a game-high 14 points. Sophomore guard Megan Mosley, one of the 14th Region's top players, flipped in 10 points for the Lady Patriots (4-2).

Sophomore guard Lindsey Gibson flipped in nine points and freshman forward Kendra Thomas eight for the Lady Patriots.

Knott Central went into halftime leading 26-12. After Betsy Layne took the third period 14-12, Knott Central closed the game out in the fourth period, outscoring the Ladycats 19-10.

Whitney Tackett led Betsy Layne with 10 points. Candice Meade and Kaitlin Lawson each had nine points for the Ladycats.

The Lady Patriots and Ladycats continue on different paths in the first half of the 2005-06 season. The win was Knott Central's third straight while Ladycats dropped their fifth straight.

Betsy Layne is due back in action today on the road against Belfry. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Belfry girls' game is set for 6 p.m. Knott County Central will also take to the road, traveling to Jackson County for a game against the resurgent Lady Generals. Tip-off for the Knott Central-Jackson County matchup is slated for 7:30 p.m.

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**KNOTT CO. CENTRAL 57, BETSY LAYNE 35**  
**BETSY LAYNE (0-5)** – Meade 9, Tackett 10, Lawson 9, Hamilton 6, Martin 1.  
**KNOTT CO. CENTRAL (4-2)** – Mosley 10, North 1, Slone 5, Phillips 14, Thomas 8, Gibson 9, Perry 5, Bates 2, King 2, Pratt 1.  
Betsy Layne.....2 10 14 9-35  
Knott Co. Central.....14 12 12 19-57

## Raiders

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route to a hard-fought 74-72 win. Late free-throw shooting and heady play pushed the Raiders over the top.

On its way to the win, South Floyd got one of its most balanced scoring efforts of the season. Four Raiders reached double figures in the non-district/region win.

Senior Ryan Little led South Floyd with a team-best 23 points. Little, who burst onto the 15th Region boys' basketball scene last season, gives South Floyd another quality performer – both on the offensive and defensive ends.

Ethan Johnson tossed in 17 points for the Raiders while Ryan Johnson flipped in '14. Mason Hall added 12 points for South Floyd. South Floyd featured seven different scorers. T.J. Hall and Brock Slone each had three points for the Raiders. Justin Slone rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

James Taylor paced Cordia with a game-high 29 points. Zach Hunt added 15 points for the Lions, giving Cordia two different players in double figures.

South Floyd will be on the road tonight at Allen Central for a Floyd County Conference/58th District game. Tip-off for the boys' basketball version of the "Battle of the Beavers" series is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Blackcats

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played what may have been his best game in a Prestonsburg uniform, Barnette led all scorers with 19 points on the night. Sean Leslie was expected to be one of the leaders on this years team and the senior came through in a big way on Tuesday, tossing in 17 points in the win. The senior forward also pulled down 10 rebounds. Anytime a team can shoot above 50-percent from the floor, the prospect of getting a "W" in the win column is very bright. The Blackcats shot a blistering 62-percent from the floor in the first half and built as much as a 25 point lead in the second quarter before Allen Central ran off the final eight points of the first half to get within 17 at the break. Prestonsburg led 40-23 at the half.

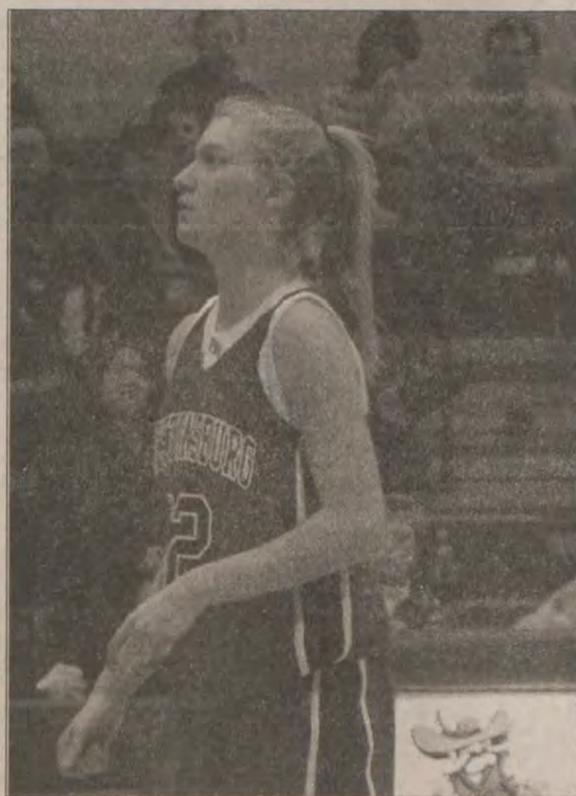
Allen Central has always been known under Johnny Martin as a team that will get up and down the floor and apply full court pressure from start to finish. After falling behind by 25 points in the first half, it would have been easy for a team to "throw in the towel." Not only did the Rebels refuse to quit, but Martin's team would give Prestonsburg quite a scare in the closing minute. Allen Central, led by the play of Ryan Collins and Alex Hammonds, got within 10 after three quarters as P'burg led 54-44.

Hammonds came off of the Allen Central bench to toss in seven points in the second half. Collins led the Rebs in scoring with 14 points. Prestonsburg seemed to be rattled midway through the fourth quarter as Allen Central cut the lead to a five-point cushion on a steal and lay-up by Collins at the 2:45 mark of the final period. Prestonsburg has struggled from the charity stripe over the past couple of seasons, but on Tuesday the free-throw line saved the Blackcats. Prestonsburg shot seven of eight for the line in the fourth quarter to help preserve the win. Senior guard Brooks Herrick hit four straight down the stretch for the winners. Herrick finished the game with nine points. Michael Stephens finished with eight points for Prestonsburg. Nick McGuire had six points for the Blackcats while Nathaniel Stephens and Tyler Mullins each had four.

Allen Central got within three with :38 remaining, but two free throws from Herrick sealed the win for Prestonsburg. Farley Joseph finished with nine points for Allen Central and Josh Prater tossed in eight points in the loss. Tyler Slone added nine points and Justin Jacobs came up with six as Allen Central fell to 1-4 on the season. Nick Music netted five points and Josh Martin rounded out the scoring for Allen Central with four. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 2-0 on the season and will travel to Shelby Valley tonight to take on the defending 15th Region champion. Allen Central will host South Floyd in another 58th District matchup tonight with tip-off slated for 7:30 p.m.



Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin talked with his team during Tuesday's 58th District game against rival Prestonsburg.



Amber Whitaker, a veteran player for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats, flipped in 12 points in the win over Allen Central.

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Overall, I was real pleased with the effort."

Prestonsburg led 26-18 at halftime and after outscoring the Lady Rebels 11-10 in the third period, put the game away in the final quarter. The Lady Blackcats tripled up the Lady Rebels in the final quarter, outscoring Allen Central 18-6.

Allen Central failed to place a player in double figures in the scoring column. Three Lady Rebels did post seven or more points. Amanda Thacker paced Allen Central with nine points. Alanna Cline, after posting game-high honors in the 58th District win over Betsy Layne, scored eight points. Sara Johnson chipped in seven points for the Lady Rebels. In other Allen Central scoring, Amanda Mills had four points and Mara Biliiter chipped in three.

Allen Central will return to

action tonight at home versus visiting South Floyd. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Allen Central game is set for 6 p.m. and will precede a boys' basketball game between the two teams.

Prestonsburg will take to the road this weekend and travel to Central Kentucky for the Berea Invitational Tournament. The Lady Blackcats will take on Boyle County Saturday morning at 11:30.

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**PRESTONSBURG 55, ALLEN CENTRAL 34**  
**PRESTONSBURG (2-2)** – M. Slone 14, Fields 2, Whitaker 12, P. Slone 2, Hicks 11, Frye 8, Chaffin 6.  
**ALLEN CENTRAL (1-4)** – Biliiter 3, Mills 4, Dingus 1, Johnson 7, Cline 8, Thacker 9, Shepherd 2.  
PRESTONSBURG.....10 16 11 18-55  
ALLEN CENTRAL.....11 7 10 6-34

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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## Bentley

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lege. "It's been a very positive experience for me," he said this week. "The kids have been very open and the entire community is excited about having some success."

Justice pointed out that while Whitesburg has had state-tournament experience recently, that hasn't been the case for the kids from Letcher and Fleming-Neon. "But I've had no discipline problems, and I've got a great staff to work with," he said.

Justice said his players were a little behind when he took over, adding that "it was those little things that are lost in the game today," implying that most kids who play basketball today are lacking many of those skills. "It's been the fundamentals," the coach said. "We've broken it down and taught. It's been teaching more than coaching."

"And it's been a lot of fun." Truly there was excitement in the voice of the coach, who has already played one of his former assistants – Casey – last Thursday. "It was a lot of fun playing against Randy," Justice said. Then came that familiar chuckle, and the exclamation point: "It was especially fun

beating him!"

Show up for the 1 p.m. game and you'll see an exciting young man from June Buchanan, the opponent of Prestonsburg, who has an awfully familiar name for Eastern Kentucky sports fans. Clark Stepp is a sophomore guard from JBS who averaged more than 20 points and nearly 10 assists in varsity play as a freshman a year ago.

Stepp's dad, Joe, was a first-team all-state standout at Warfield High who played at Ohio State. Later he was the coach at Phelps, where he became the second-best known Stepp on campus.

His younger brother, Clark's uncle Ervin, was the nation's leading scorer and Kentucky's Mr. Basketball in 1980. The bloodlines are clear, says Pikeville Coach Bart Williams.

"I told our kids if you want to see someone who has totally dedicated himself to the game of basketball, take a look at him." Williams said after Clark blistered the Panthers for 23 points and 14 assists in an 83-43 win last Friday. "His family has provided him with some great genes, but he's worked very hard to take advantage of it."

"He and the Cox kid, who's only an eighth-grader, are tremendous little players," said Justice, who gets to deal with them as members of the 53rd District. "He can shoot it and is tremendous off the dribble. And," he said for emphasis, "he can shoot it."

"Of course, he is a Stepp." "He's done what I told my kids you have to do if you want to be a great basketball player in this commonwealth," said Williams, who knows something about great basketball as the all-time leading scorer at Pikeville College. "He's dedicated himself to working on his game when nobody else is working."

With a dad and three uncles who all played college basketball, Clark has big shoes to fill. Of course, it would also be fair to say he doesn't have to look far for positive role models. One of his uncles, Gary, is his coach at JBS.

The day begins with Stepp and JBS and ends with nationally-ranked Vashon High out of St. Louis. Looks like a great day to spend at Mouthcard.

## HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

(Tuesday's scores)

Bardstown 80, Hart Co. 50  
 Beechwood 69, Dayton 39  
 Bellevue 81, Heritage 42  
 Beth Haven 73, Lou. Western 72  
 Boone Co. 74, Lloyd Memorial 32  
 Bourbon Co. 64, Campbell Co. 60  
 Boyd Co. 93, Elliott Co. 83  
 Breckinridge Co. 91, Hancock Co. 67  
 Bullitt East 44, Newport Central Catholic 41  
 Burgin 70, Ky. School for the Deaf 19  
 Carlisle Co. 65, Fulton City 64  
 Caverna 54, LaRue Co. 44  
 Cawood 66, Bell Co. 60  
 Clay Co. 52, Rockcastle Co. 41  
 Corbin 70, Oneida Baptist 65  
 Cov. Catholic 71, Conner 41  
 Danville 64, Harrodsburg 49  
 East Jessamine 71, Lincoln Co. 52  
 Fairview 78, Lewis Co. 47  
 Fleming Co. 55, Raceland 54  
 Frederick Fraize 59, Whitesville Trinity 51  
 Gallatin Co. 55, Owen Co. 50  
 George Rogers Clark 57, Bath Co. 36  
 Graves Co. 60, Mayfield 49  
 Greenup Co. 60, East Carter 49  
 Harlan 80, Middlesboro 68  
 Heath 54, Calloway Co. 47  
 Highlands 64, St. Henry 51  
 John Hardin 55, Central Hardin 48  
 Letcher County Central 69, Knott Co. Central 59  
 Lex. Bates Creek 61, Lex. Lafayette 55  
 Lou. Ballard 78, Lou. Christian Academy 62  
 Lou. Butler 60, Lou. Holy Cross 55  
 Lou. DeSales 59, Lou. Fairdale 47  
 Lou. Doss 78, Lou. Southern 41  
 Lou. DuPont Manual 51, Lou. Trinity 48  
 Lou. Eastern 52, Lou. St. Xavier 49  
 Lou. Jeffersontown 89, Lou. Atherton 42  
 Lou. Portland Christian 62, Lou. Ky. Country Day 60  
 Ludlow 61, Calvary Christian 42  
 Madison Central 86, Harrison Co. 57  
 Magoffin Co. 68, Shelby Valley 63  
 Marion Co. 56, Green Co. 38  
 Marshall Co. 60, St. Mary 45  
 Mason Co. 64, Ashland Blazer 48  
 McCreary Central 60, Wayne Co. 55  
 Model 70, Madison Southern 59  
 Montgomery Co. 50, Paris 38  
 Morgan Co. 56, Russell 35  
 North Hardin 48, Nelson Co. 39  
 Paducah Tilghman 72, Lone Oak 53  
 Paintsville 54, Pikeville 41  
 Pendleton Co. 79, Nicholas Co. 32  
 Perry Co. Central 62, Hazard 60  
 Phelps 86, David School 27  
 Pike Co. Central 72, East Ridge 57  
 Pineville 72, Red Bird 44  
 Pulaski Co. 90, Mercer Co. 67  
 Pulaski Southwestern 61, Monticello 54  
 Ryle 51, Grant Co. 40  
 Scott 73, Dixie Heights 58  
 Scott Co. 94, Lex. Henry Clay 74  
 South Floyd 74, Cordia 72  
 Taylor Co. 63, Bethlehem 49  
 Trigg Co. 92, Lyon Co. 33  
 University Heights 69, Crittenden Co. 49  
 Villa Madonna 67, Silver Grove 59  
 Washington Co. 50, Fort Knox 48  
 West Carter 61, Rowan Co. 60  
 West Jessamine 59, Boyle Co. 48  
 Wolfe Co. 72, Menifee Co. 66  
 Woodford Co. 57, Western Hills 48

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(Tuesday's scores)

Allen Co.-Scottsville 47, Bowling Green 42  
 Anderson Co. 64, Spencer Co. 31  
 Bardstown 53, Campbellville 29  
 Barren Co. 60, Taylor Co. 47  
 Caldwell Co. 54, Livingston Central 47  
 Carlisle Co. 38, Fulton City 37  
 Casey Co. 42, Somerset 21  
 Caverna 64, LaRue Co. 53  
 Central Hardin 65, John Hardin 59  
 Clay Co. 66, Rockcastle Co. 58  
 Cumberland Co. 70, Clinton Co. 42  
 Franklin Co. 71, Frankfort 59  
 Franklin-Simpson 75, Logan Co. 45  
 Graves Co. 71, Mayfield 37  
 Green Co. 54, Marion Co. 45  
 Hopkinsville 63, Dawson Springs 47  
 Jenkins 60, Pound, Va. 38  
 Lex. Christian 76, Lex. Bates Creek 47  
 Lex. Paul Dunbar 72, Garrard Co. 57  
 Lou. Butler 75, Bullitt East 43  
 Lou. Christian Academy 53, Lou. Ballard 46  
 Lou. Doss 44, Lou. Southern 39  
 Lou. Fern Creek 65, Bullitt Central 46  
 Lou. Iroquois 76, Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park 46  
 Lou. Jeffersontown 57, Lou. Atherton 48  
 Lyon Co. 59, Trigg Co. 32  
 Monroe Co. 62, Metcalfe Co. 26  
 Muhlenberg South 52, McLean Co. 39  
 Nelson Co. 73, North Hardin 54  
 North Oldham 38, South Oldham 35  
 Paducah Tilghman 61, Lone Oak 44  
 Perry Co. Central 82, South Floyd 42  
 Prestonsburg 55, Allen Central 34  
 Reidland 46, Christian Fellowship 29  
 Simon Kenton 68, Walton-Verona 49  
 Washington Co. 60, Fort Knox 53  
 Whitley Co. 69, Williamsburg 30  
 Woodford Co. 76, Western Hills 32



The Parlist School posted one of the biggest wins in school history Monday night, beating the David School 67-37. The two teams also met on Dec. 3 with Parlist coming away with a 68-35 win in the first regular-season meeting.

## Perry

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like a championship unit.

In the opening period, visiting Perry County Central left very little doubt as to who was the superior girls' basketball team. The Lady Commodores rushed out to a 34-6 lead in the first period and proceeded to outscore South Floyd in two of the next three periods. Perry Central took a commanding 50-17 lead into the intermission period.

Heather Sturdivant led the Lady Commodores with 34 points and nine steals. Perry Central upped its record to 6-0. Kristen Madden was also a leading performer for the Lady Commodores, finishing with 25 points.

Seven different Perry Central players provided scoring.

After opening up the rather large lead in the first half, Perry Central, the preseason favorite to take the 14th Region girls' basketball title, aided its advantage in

the third period, doubling up the Lady Raiders 24-12.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd (1-4) with 13 points. Hall was the only Lady Raider to reach double figures scoring in the setback. Heather Dean and Brittney Little each had six points for the Lady Raiders.

The loss was South Floyd's fourth straight. The Lady Raiders will return to the hardwood tonight on the road at Allen Central. Tip-off for the girls' basketball game is set for 6 p.m.

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**PERRY CO. CENTRAL 82, SOUTH FLOYD 42**

**PERRY CO. CENTRAL (6-0)** — Holland 6, King 3, Feltner 5, Sturdivant 34, Madden 25, Kilburn 6, Patrick 3

**SOUTH FLOYD (1-4)** — K. Hall 13, L. Hall 2, Dean 6, Tackett 5, Little 6, Dye 3, Damron 5, Moore 4.

## EKU announces creation of Athletics Hall of Fame

### SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

**RICHMOND** — Eastern Kentucky University President Joanne Glasser and Director of Athletics Mark Sandy announced today the creation of an Athletics Hall of Fame to commemorate distinguished individuals and teams on their accomplishments and contributions to the esteemed tradition of Colonel Athletics.

"Athletics has been a tremendous source of pride at Eastern Kentucky University for many years," Glasser said. "By establishing an Athletics Hall of Fame, we will preserve the foundation of this excellence. Not only do our student-athletes serve as exceptional representatives of this University during their collegiate careers, but how they distinguish themselves in their lives deserves to be recognized."

The mission of ECU's Athletics Hall of Fame is to honor former student-athletes and others whose achievement and character have reflected positively on the University and its Athletics department. Four categories have been established: Student-Athlete, Manager, Athletics Trainer; University and Athletics Personnel; Distinguished Students in Sports Field; and Team of Distinction.

"Eastern Kentucky University has a wonderful athletics heritage," Sandy said. "I am looking forward to the inaugural induction ceremony and the many wonderful stories that our distinguished honorees will tell. This is

an exciting time for ECU Athletics. The Athletics Hall of Fame will become an integral part of our advancement activities."

Late last summer, Glasser and Sandy assembled an Advisory Committee to develop the Athletics Hall of Fame charter and nomination form. This committee, featuring prominent personnel from the Colonel community, narrowed the general concept into a working model.

An extraordinary group of individuals, previously recognized by the University during the 1974 Centennial Athletic Awards Banquet, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame during the inaugural ceremony, scheduled for the Nov. 3-5, 2006 weekend. This group of 25, listed in the addendum to this release, will be called The Founders, as established by the advisory committee.

In addition to The Founders, an inaugural class will be chosen by a selection committee. The confidential, nine-person selection committee will be comprised of representatives from the athletics department administration, coaching staff, University faculty, Colonel Club, National Alumni Association, and Athletics Hall of Fame.

Nominations are currently being accepted and will be received on a continuing basis. However, to be considered for the current year's class, nominations must be submitted by March 1. Nomination forms may be

found on EKUsports.com and in the Director of Athletics' office.

The inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony will highlight an

exciting weekend on campus, featuring a home football game against OVC-rival Murray State and several Hall of Fame related events.

## EKU's Bugg earns First Team All-America honors

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

**PHILADELPHIA** — Eastern Kentucky University junior tight end Patrick Bugg was the Ohio Valley Conference's sole representative on The Sports Network's 2005 I-AA Football All-America first team it was announced recently.

Bugg, a native of Harrodsburg, Ky., earned first-team all-conference honors this year after leading all OVC players with 10 touchdown receptions. His most memorable catch of the season came against Southeast Missouri on Oct. 22 when he hauled in a fourth-down, 23-yard touchdown reception with :01 left on the clock to lift the Colonels to an improbable 33-32 victory.

The tight end caught at least one pass in every game during the 2005 campaign while finishing seventh in the league in receiving yards per game (55.3). Against Murray State on Nov. 5, Bugg notched four receptions for a career-high 115 yards and two scores. He rambled 85 yards on a pitch-and-

catch from sophomore running back Mark Dunn during that game, which turned out to be ECU's longest play from scrimmage this year.

Bugg joins former Colonels Alex Bannister (WR — 2000), Yeremiah Bell (DB — 2001) and Pierre Wright (DB — 2004) as first team All-Americans in the last five years. Bannister currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks while Bell forced a critical fumble in the Miami Dolphins' 23-21 win over San Diego on Dec. 11. In all, Eastern Kentucky has produced 35 first team All-Americans since 1950, most by any school in the Ohio Valley Conference. Bugg was also named second-team All-OVC in 2004.

Bugg is one of five first team All-OVC honorees that return to the Colonel squad in 2006. The tight end will be joined by OVC Offensive Player of the Year Josh Greco, offensive lineman Sean Dumford as well as defensive lineman Mark Cristiani and linebacker Brandon Rosser in search of Eastern Kentucky's 29th consecutive winning season.

## Another Kentucky golf course recognized as great value

### by MARK R. CHELLGREN ASSOCIATED PRESS

**FRANKFORT** — Another Kentucky state park golf course — Eagle Ridge at Yatesville Lake — has been recognized as a "Best New Affordable Public Golf Course" by Golf Digest.

It is the fourth such recognition in as many years for state park courses.

"It really validates how good the golf courses are," said Dan Strohmeier, director of golf for Kentucky's park system.

Last year, Kentucky scored a rare double when the courses at Dale Hollow and Grayson Lake parks received similar recognition from the magazine. In 2002, the magazine honored Wasioto Wind at Pine Mountain park.

Yatesville is a 6,630-yard, par 71-

course, carved out of the eastern Kentucky mountains. It ranks third on the magazine's annual list, selected by a panel of more than 800 golfers on the basis of shot values, design variety, resistance to scoring, memorability and aesthetics. It opened for play in September 2003.

Affordability is also a critical point and even the best of the park courses are, well, relatively dirt cheap. A weekend round during high season from April to October costs \$30 at the four recognized courses. Carts are another \$12.75 and the round is \$5 less on weekdays.

Prices at other park courses step down from that level to a low of \$18 per round at General Burnside Park near Somerset.

The notoriety has been paying off.

at least under some circumstances. Dale Hollow saw its play increase by 11 percent from the 2004 to 2005 fiscal years. And the numbers are up another 9 percent this fiscal year, which started July 1, Strohmeier said.

The number of rounds played at Grayson Lake, which made the list just last year along with Dale Hollow, have been virtually flat. And the total rounds played at all state courses declined slightly from 2004 to 2005.

The difference, Strohmeier believes, is that Dale Hollow has lodging on the grounds while the nearest state park rooms to Grayson Lake are 30 minutes away.

The same problem may strike Yatesville Lake, Strohmeier said. The nearest town is Louisa and the nearest state park rooms are at Jenny Wiley

near Prestonsburg.

"The lodging, having it on site, is a real big plus," Strohmeier said.

In the case of Yatesville, Strohmeier said the state tells prospective golfers they can combine a round with Stonecrest, a public course in Prestonsburg, and maybe Grayson Lake for a three-day trip.

While certainly no threat to the Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama or even the Bear Trace courses in Tennessee, Kentucky is trying to lure golfers for longer stays with a "Tee's and Zzz's" program. There were more than 300,000 rounds played on state park courses during the last fiscal year, though that number included rounds at the eight, nine-hole tracks.

## Five MSU FB players earn All-America recognition

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

**MOREHEAD** — Five members of the 2005 Morehead State University football team have earned All-America honors on The NCAA I-AA Mid-Major Team announced by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Earning First Team honors were return specialist Nick Feldman (Fr., Oconto, Wis.), offensive tackle Grant Jennings (So., Lakeside Park) and defensive back Kwesi Williams (Sr., Louisville). Both Feldman and Williams were recently named to The Sports Network Mid-Major All-America Team. And, Feldman was recently named Third Team All-America on The Sports Network's overall NCAA Division I-AA squad.

The Football Gazette named halfback Eli Parkes (Sr., Portsmouth, Ohio) and quarterback Brian Yost (So., Huntingburg, Ind.) to its Mid-Major All-America Second Team.

The 2005 Eagles finished the sea-

son with an 8-4 record and won their fourth consecutive Pioneer Football League South Division Championship.

Brown earns third OVC Newcomer of the Week honor

Morehead State Lady Eagle junior center LaKrisha Brown (Hazelwood, Mo.) has earned the Ohio Valley Conference's Newcomer of the Week Award for the third time in the 2005-06 season.

Brown averaged 21.0 points and 11.0 rebounds as MSU split an OVC road trip against Austin Peay and Murray State. Brown had 21 points, 10 rebounds, six blocked shots and four steals in the Lady Eagles' 81-75 win at Austin Peay and had 21 points, 12 rebounds, three blocked shots and four steals at Murray State.

For the week, she hit 56.6 percent from the field (17-of-30) and 57.1 percent (8-of-14) from the free throw line.

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# Alltel to provide UK fans with free online audio

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky athletics department and Big Blue Sports Marketing announced a multiyear sponsorship agreement with Alltel Wednesday that provides fans continued free access to all available live and delayed radio broadcasts of UK athletic events via UKathletics.com, the athletic department's official website.

As more schools move towards subscription and fee-based online media

access, Alltel's sponsorship support assures UK fans complimentary internet access to all radio programming on the Big Blue Sports Radio Network through the 2007-08 sports season.

"Following the Wildcats is such a treasured pastime in Kentucky, and this agreement continues to allow UK fans the opportunity to listen to the games online at no charge," Associate Athletics Director Rick Thompson said. "We appreciate Alltel supporting our efforts to provide for the best fans in the nation."

The ten-year multimedia rights agreement signed in fall of 2004 between UK and Big Blue Sports Marketing, a division of Host Communications/Gray Television, provides for an expanded schedule of radio programming. All football, men's and women's basketball and baseball games will be broadcast on a live basis on all or portions of the Big Blue Sports Radio Network. Additionally, Host is committed to providing online audio streaming of all broadcasts on a live and delayed listening basis for all fans with Internet

access.

Alltel's association begins immediately with the 2005-06 men's and women's basketball season. In addition to complimentary online listening access, fans will enjoy the innovative "Alltel Virtual Videoboard," an on-screen promotional graphic present during all live and delayed audio streaming broadcasts.

According to Dan Powell, Area President of Alltel, "We are always looking for creative, meaningful ways to partner with our university clients.

We feel this sponsorship is a perfect compliment to our long-term relationship with UK, offering a win-win arrangement for Alltel, UK athletics and most importantly, Wildcat fans around the world."

The Alltel agreement includes several additional sponsorship elements associated with the university's athletic program, including a soon-to-be launched desktop UK sports news alert program entitled "Big Blue Alert".

ONLINE: [www.ukathletics.com](http://www.ukathletics.com)

## Palacios misses practice but is expected to play against Kentucky

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Louisville forward Juan Palacios did not practice with the fourth-ranked Cardinals on Wednesday to rest a minor ankle sprain in preparation for Saturday's game against No. 23 Kentucky.

Palacios injured the ankle in the first half of Louisville's 78-54 win over Chicago State on Tuesday night. He finished with four points and five rebounds in 15 minutes.

Palacios fell while going for a rebound late in the first half and sat on the Freedom Hall floor for several seconds before hopping to the bench. He played three minutes at the beginning of the second half before going to the bench for good.

Palacios dislocated the same ankle in August and missed three months. He is averaging 11.5 points and seven rebounds for the Cardinals, who are 6-0 for the first time since 1996.

## Hot-shooting vaults Bears past Knoxville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College blistered the nets for 54.8 percent shooting and won a wildly entertaining game over Knoxville College 80-74 Monday night.

The Bears shot 56.7 percent in the second half and 40 percent from the arc after the break to hold on for the win. Rebounding was also a factor, with the Bears holding a 44-29 edge on the glass to hold off the Bulldogs.

Pikeville (5-8) led 39-36 at the half, but Knoxville stormed out of the gates with nine unanswered points. Senior Tony Scruggs had seven in the run, including a three to put the Bulldogs on top 45-39 with 16:35 to play.

But the Bears settled down and righted the ship. After trading baskets, the

Bears ripped off 13 unanswered points to turn a six-point deficit into a seven-point lead. Senior Chris Carroll had six unanswered points, and when junior Napoleon Roberts had consecutive dunks, pushing it to 54-47 with 12:21 left.

Knoxville (5-8) got within two (63-61) when Scruggs nailed a three with 9:05 remaining. But the Bears pulled away and a 10-2 run followed, with a pair of baskets by Roberts and bookend threes by Emanuel Tekie to stretch it to 73-63 with 5:51 to play. The Bulldogs got within four late, but the Bears never allowed them to get closer and held on for the win.

Roberts had 20 points, including 14 after halftime, to lead four players in double figures. He also had seven rebounds. Carroll turned in a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds, tossing in four assists for good measure.

Sophomore Gene Cotton and senior Kurtis Ellison added 10 points each, with both hitting a pair of three-pointers.

Knoxville used only seven players on Monday, with three reaching double figures. Freshman Stephen Edwards led the way with 22 points, hitting 10-of-15 from the floor and posting an impressive stat line – nine assists, five rebounds, five steals and only one turnover in 39 minutes of action.

Senior Tony Scruggs had 18 points, five assists and three steals, while Freshman Stott

# No. 4 Louisville 78, Chicago St. 54

by WILL GRAVES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE – Juan Palacios tumbled to the Freedom Hall court, and the sellout crowd fell silent.

Gingerly, the Louisville forward stood and hopped to the bench, tenderly holding his right ankle, the same one he dislocated in August.

The fourth-ranked Cardinals didn't need Palacios to overcome a sloppy first half and beat Chicago State 78-54 on Tuesday night. But with a matchup against No. 23 Kentucky looming on Saturday, watching Palacios limp off the floor late in the first half shook Louisville coach Rick Pitino.

Palacios played 3 painful minutes in the second half before returning to the bench, finishing with four points and five rebounds. Pitino said Palacios would be evaluated on Wednesday. His status for the Kentucky game is uncertain.

"I don't know (if he'll play)," Pitino said. "I'm not a doctor."

Still, even with their best rebounder on the sidelines, the Cardinals (6-0) were able to pound the road-weary Cougars (1-6).

Taquan Dean led four Louisville players in double

figures with 21 points and eight rebounds. David Padgett added 12 points and eight boards as the Cardinals held Chicago State to 30 percent shooting in the second half to get off to their best start since 1996.

"It's all about improving," Dean said. "I'm not sure what happened tonight. We got a little confidence builder. We've got to go back to practice and get better."

The Cardinals got better in a hurry in the second half against the Cougars. Louisville began the half with a 31-9 run, bullying Chicago State off the boards and finally taking care of the ball after 10 first-half turnovers.

"We just did a better job of passing the ball in the second half," Padgett said. "We let the defense bother us in the first half and it got us out of rhythm. In the second half, we played better defense and shared the ball."

That sharing led to a comfortable lead in the final minutes, when the crowd started to remind the Cardinals of what lay ahead. The "Beat UK" chants started with 4 minutes to go, and after a month of downplaying their annual matchup against their archrival, the Cardinals are eager for their first

real test of the season.

With seven new faces on the roster, Dean said it's easy to get caught up in all the craziness. His job over the next four days will be trying to help his younger teammates focus on what happens on the floor, not off it.

by JOE BIESK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT – The University of Louisville's basketball teams may be getting a new practice facility by 2007, a school official said Tuesday.

U of L officials are planning an approximately \$15 million freestanding practice facility, said Larry Owsley, the school's vice president for business affairs. Both the men's and women's basketball teams would practice in the new building, Owsley said. The school's lacrosse team would also practice in the new building.

Originally, U of L was planning a \$9.6 million expansion to its existing practice area at Cardinal Arena, Owsley said. However, there are high voltage power lines in the way, he

said. "We've got to throw away all the hoopla," Dean said. "At the end of the day, it's about basketball. We'll pull double sessions the next couple days. We'll make it rough."

Now that final exams are over and most of his team is healthy, Pitino is eager to bring

the Cardinals up to speed.

"We have only been together (with all our players) for five days now," Pitino said. "We haven't been able to work. We have not had David (Palacios) and Brian Johnson to work with. ... We have to start from scratch."

## U of L to go ahead with basketball practice facility plans

said.

It would cost about the same – about \$15 million – to either move the power lines or build a whole new facility, Owsley said. However, constructing a new practice facility would be easier to build, Owsley said.

"We thought, at the time, we could expand out there safely at minimal cost," Owsley said. "But as we got into it, the cost of redoing those lines and the safety factors in construction caused us to rethink the project."

The new building would be built on Floyd Street, he said.

A legislative panel on Tuesday authorized U of L to spend \$575,000 on designs. School officials are using private donations to fund the new building and pay for the designs, Owsley said.

Construction could start by

July 2006 if the General Assembly authorizes U of L to continue, Owsley said.

Louisville Athletics Director Tom Jurich said the building has already received a \$5 million donation from Yum Brands Inc. Once construction begins, Jurich said it could take 12 to 15 months to complete.

"It's bigger in scope than when we started," Jurich said. "But we're hoping to get it on the fast track."

The women's volleyball team would remain at the current Cardinal Arena, Owsley said.

Currently, the teams that are sharing the Cardinal Arena must schedule practice times, he said. A bigger practice facility would alleviate scheduling crunches and help the school meet federal Title IX requirements, Owsley said.

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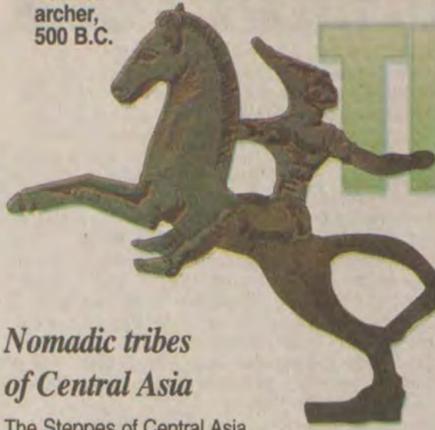


# World of Wonder

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## The Scythians

Bronze archer, 500 B.C.



### Nomadic tribes of Central Asia

The Steppes of Central Asia have been the home of nomadic tribes for centuries. Nomadic peoples have no fixed home. They move according to the season from place to place in search of food, water and pasture. Nomadic peoples of the Steppes roamed through the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia. They were known as The Sacas, Sarmatians, Thracians, Cimmerians and the Scythians.

Historically, nomads wandered the Steppes freely, carrying their belongings with them over vast distances. Tribes were typically very loose organizations. Often, new alliances formed, and new languages and customs replaced the old. Sometimes, tribes attacked urbanized areas on the borders of the Steppes and absorbed those cultures and languages. The earliest historic description of the Central Asian tribes was by a Greek researcher named Herodotus, who lived in the fifth-century B.C. He focused mainly on tribes living in modern Ukraine, whom he called the "Scythians." Nomads from areas further east were called "Saca." The Scythians and Sacae lived the same lifestyle. In their own language, belonging to the Indo-Iranian family, they called themselves "Skudat," meaning archers.

### Where in the world?

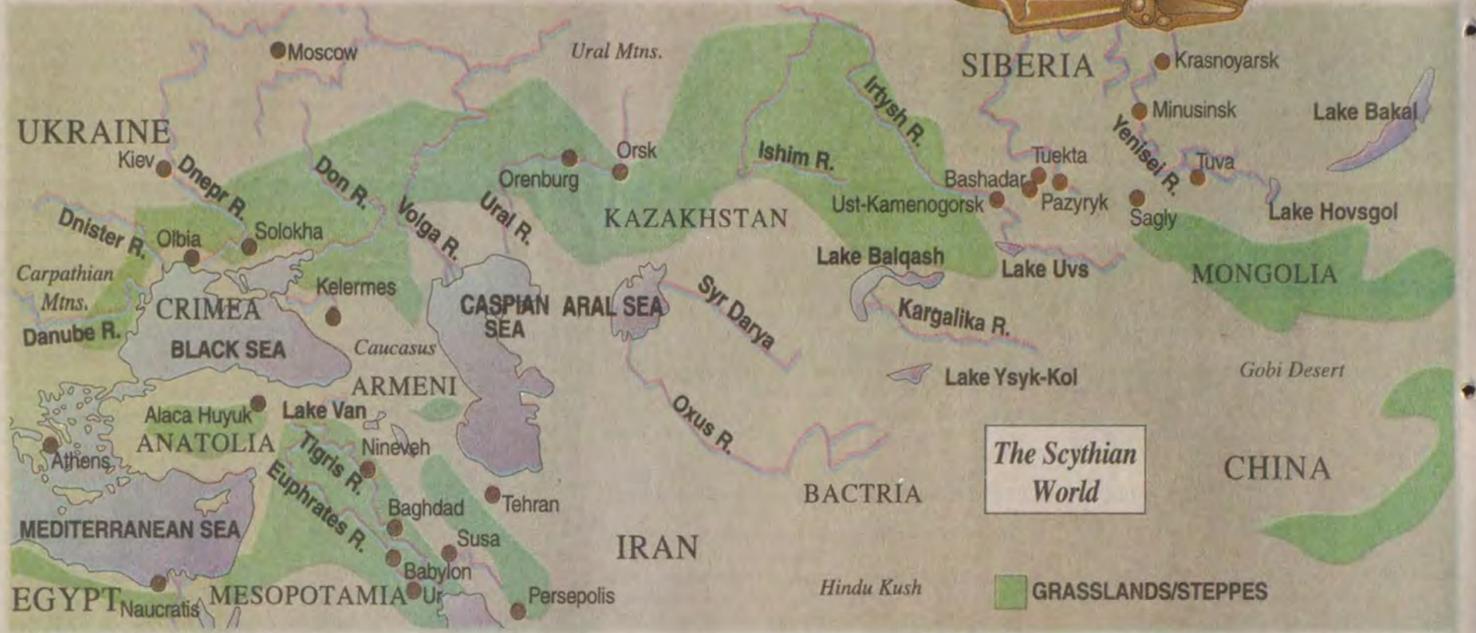
The origin of these mysterious ancient peoples, and which racial stock they belonged to, is debated by scientists. Historians generally agree that they originated in Siberia. Early in the first millennium, they began to migrate westward. Frozen Scythian remains have been found in kurgans, or burial mounds, in the Pazyryk region of Siberia. The frozen corpses from these burials bore strong Mongolian features. Other bodies were blond-haired and had European features. Genetic tissue samples from the bodies have been compared to modern-day gene groups. Research reveals that the Pazyryk Scythians were ethnically diverse.

### Unconquerable horsemen from the East

One of the most important motifs in Scythian art is the stag or reindeer. Many scholars agree that the Iranian name for the Scythians, "Saka," can be interpreted as "antler." Scythian art relies on the power of animal imagery, as does most of the art of the Migration period.



Golden Stag, 7th-6th cent. B.C.



### Animal art

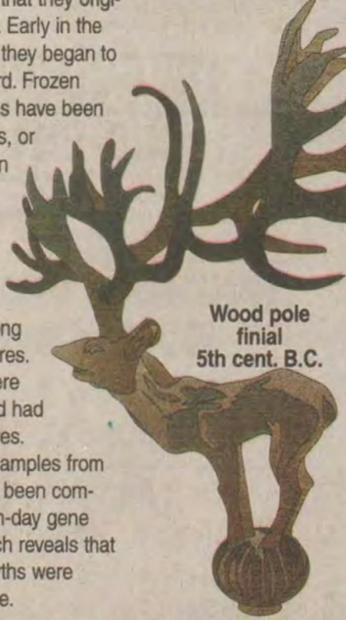
The most typical motif in Scythian art is the animal. It is thought the Scythians hoped to harness the mystic power they believed animals held by wearing images of animal parts or representations of animals themselves.



Silver canopy support, 3rd cent. B.C.



Wood bridle ornament, 5th-4th cent. B.C.

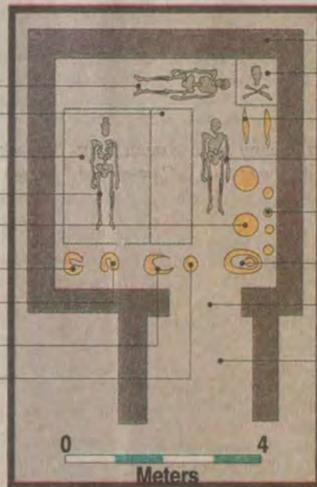


Wood pole finial, 5th cent. B.C.

### Burial chamber at Kul-Oba, Crimea

A precisely excavated Scythian tomb in 1830 shows the arrangement of corpses and grave goods typical to the royal burials.

- Guard's skeleton
- King's armory
- Coffin
- King's skeleton
- 2 Silver-gilt basins
- Bronze hydria (water jar)
- Bronze amphora
- Cauldron
- Bronze dish

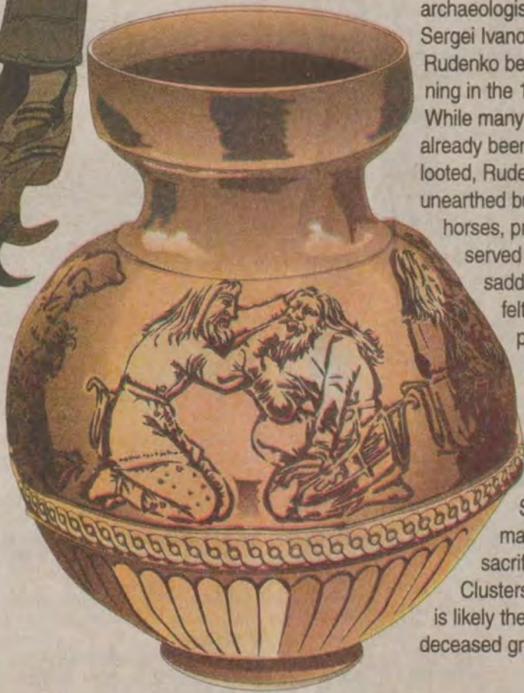


- Wall of tomb
- Horse bones, helmet and greaves
- Iron spearheads
- Queen's skeleton
- Four amphorae
- Scythian cauldron containing sheep bones
- Door
- Vestibule

CROSS-SECTION OF TOMB

### Gold bottle, 4th cent. B.C.

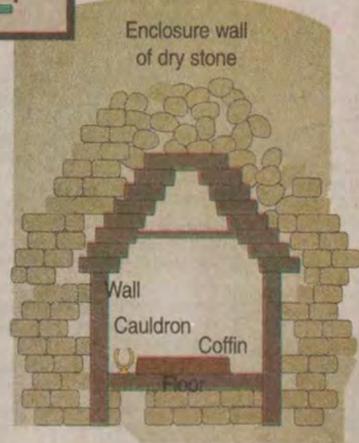
This bottle from the Kul-Oba excavation shows scenes of Scythian daily life.



### Royal graves

More tombs began to be excavated by archaeologist Sergei Ivanovich Rudenko beginning in the 1920s. While many had already been looted, Rudenko unearthed buried horses, preserved cloth saddles, felt and woolen rugs, including the world's oldest pile carpet.

Other grave goods included magnificent metalwork, weapons and clothes. Undisturbed kurgans contained well-preserved remains. Mummification techniques and solid ice from water seeping into the tombs preserved Scythian kings. They were encased in coffins made from hollowed larch tree trunks. Sometimes, sacrificed women and horses accompanied them. Clusters of tombs have ritual significance, and it is likely the tribes transported the deceased great distances for burial.



### Tomb mounds

Pazyryk is the name of a valley in the Altai Mountains of Siberian Russia. Part of the Ukok plateau, the region is home to many Bronze Age tomb mounds. These barrow-like tombs are constructed of larch logs covered over by large cairns of boulders and stones. In Russian, the mounds are called kurgans. Spectacular Scythian burials in the region popularized the use of the word kurgan to describe this type of log-barrow burial.

Kurgans were considered a holy place to the Scythians. Herodotus wrote that they traveled for several weeks to hold funerals there.

### Importance of horses

The Scythians were the first ancient people to domesticate the horse. Their horsemanship was advanced enough to permit the practice of archery on horseback. They used and bred several types of horses. The Turanian horse, a Turkoman-type war horse and another horse similar to the Yabou of today were common. The most rare was the Scythian thoroughbred.

Elaborate Scythian kurgans contained many horses. Usually, graves contained up to a dozen Yabou horses. But, in every site discovered, there was only one thoroughbred horse, usually old or lame. The more common horses were all ages and states of health. The thoroughbreds were valued too much to destroy in great numbers.

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## 'Tis the season (to maybe slow down?)

I think I just stay out (and up) too late most evenings - this week I've had a little trouble with my energy reserves, so I'm going to cheat a little and share a little something I found lying on my desk when I arrived to work Wednesday morning. Don't know who left it, but I send my thanks along to whomever did!



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

### The Night Before Christmas (modern version)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town,  
Not a sign of Baby Jesus was anywhere found.

The people were all busy with Christmastime chores,  
Like decorating, and baking, and shopping in stores.

No one sang, "Away in a  
Manger,"  
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### POSTSCRIPT

## A-gifting we will go

Can you believe that in a week and a few hours, it will be Christmas Eve and then Christmas, and we'll be delivering gifts, receiving gifts, opening gifts and watching others open what we've given them?

In years past, I've had fun in this column with coming up with gift ideas that don't break the bank and that have meaning for me and, I hope, for the people I'm giving them to.



Pam Shingler  
contributing writer

Of course, I still believe time is the most important gift we can give, but I also know that we all want something we can tear the paper off. So, here is my 2005 version of Christmas gift ideas.

To me, children are particularly hard to buy for because I have

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# Santa Claus 'star of the show'

## Extension Homemakers decorate May Lodge Christmas tree

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Those talented folks from the Floyd County Extension Homemakers organization have been at it again this year - working away like busy little elves fashioning yet another batch of hand-crafted ornaments for the May Lodge Christmas tree. This year, the homemakers have paid a special tribute, of sorts, to that "jolly old elf" himself, Santa Claus.

Adorning the tree are Santa's in all varieties - some cone-shaped, others round as a barrel, and all sporting that famous beard in some form or another. The Santa's are fashioned of felt, gingham, and other assorted materials, and to top it all off, as your eye moves from the tree - chocked full of Santa's in their classic red "work" uniforms - it then falls upon the railings and doorways of the lodge visitor's lounge where a worn and weary Santa has shed his costume, mittens, long johns, and hat and hung them up to dry!

It's a sight to behold and one worth your annual trek out to see. The Floyd County Extension Homemakers who worked hard at creating this holiday delight for you include: Bonnie Crisp, Patty Jones, Diane Spears, Renee Seagraves, Carole Rice, Brenda McKenzie, Joyce Allen, Sarah Lewis, Jennifer Shepherd, Genny Neff, Brandi Griffith, Roslyn Burchett, Coney Conn, Beth Jones, Jerry Castle, and Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.



Back row, from left to right, Theresa Scott, Floyd County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, Jerry Castle, Bonnie Crisp, Patty Jones, Diane Spears, Renee Seagraves, Carole Rice, Brenda McKenzie and Joyce Allen. Front row, from left to right, Sary Lewis, Jennifer Shepherd, Genny Neff, Brandi Griffith, Roslyn Burchett, Coney Conn and Beth Jones.



Bright white, red and green felt, along with a pair of bright eyes and a little padding come together to create an adorable ornament.

This all-important ingredient to Christmas magic - a letter to Santa - wasn't forgotten by the Homemakers.

Santas in all shapes and sizes adorn the tree.

### THINGS TO PONDER

## Successful family functioning

by DR. MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PH.D.

In prior discussion, the topic was about the often-dysfunctional roles that individual family members have, such as hero (the "perfect child"), scapegoat (the "problem child"), lost child (the "dreamer"), and mascot (the "cute one"). In thinking about other types of families, the idea of successful family functioning came up. Hopefully, everyone might take some time to think about how they could increase the likeli-

hood of having appropriate family interactions, being better problem solvers, having some good old fashion fun, and making pleasant family memories, rather than being in turmoil.

Although most everyone is well aware of the negative impact family members might have on each other, researchers have also identified five roles as being essential for a healthy family. It goes without saying that the providing of resources is a primary role of the family. This would include adequate money, food, clothing, and shelter for all family members. Folks just tend to not get along when they don't have the basic essentials to support life. There used to be the old saying, "When poverty comes through the door, love goes out the window."

The second role has to do with the fam-

ily needing to provide nurturance and support for its members. This is where emotional needs are involved in the providing of comfort, warmth, and reassurance for family members. Examples would be a parent really listening when a child had a "crisis" at school with a friend or supporting each other after the death of a loved one. A third role of the family is that children and adults develop life skills needed to meet their needs in all areas - physical, emotional, educational, and social. Children need help from the parents during trials and tribulations, but not for parents to do everything for them. Examples would be a child making it through school appropriately or parents being supportive when the child is trying to make a decision about college and/or a career.

A variety of tasks make up the fourth

role of the family that is the maintenance and management of the family system. This includes leadership, decision-making, handling family finances, and making sure that the roles with extended family, friends and neighbors are reasonable. Parents need to care for the children, such as maintaining discipline and enforcing behavioral standards, and not allow extended family members to interfere. Examples would be instances when grandparents do not want the children to follow the parents' rules. The fifth and final essential role needed for the family is a gratifying marital relationship for parents.

It's great that the family has these components, but it is even of greater importance that family members know and

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

**Ponder**

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accept that individuals need to be responsible for what is expected of them. The straightforward issue is that those that need to provide financial support need to work. Those in charge of childcare do what is required for the children. In healthy families, responsibilities are accepted so that family members are not overburdened. This means that one person is not lounging on the couch with the TV clicker, while the other one is cooking supper, washing clothes, and cleaning house. It is important that childcare be shared. Also, in healthy families, established guidelines and methods for taking care of family matters are communicated. For example, parents in healthy families know that they are responsible for disciplining their children. When discipline is needed, they don't hesitate, as agreed, since they know that not to do so will lead to child behavioral problems that are likely to disrupt the family's ability to function reasonably.

There are several suggestions for hopefully developing healthier families. Establish clear roles - families that are having difficulties often find that family members did not know or were not following through with their responsibilities. Allow for flexibility - family roles naturally change over time and especially

during crisis. The difference between healthy and unhealthy families in these situations is the healthy family's ability to adjust and adapt, which other means a temporary or permanent shift in roles or responsibilities. Allocate roles or "family jobs" fairly - in healthy families, the adults balance tasks between themselves, and the children are required to also take on appropriate responsibilities for tasks.

Be responsible in fulfilling family roles - the members of well-functioning families take their roles seriously and do their best to fulfill their duties. An example of failing to do as needed would be a parent not providing adequate physical and emotional support for children, which often results in behavioral problems, depression, and low self-esteem.

Similar to other areas of life, it is of utmost importance that family members focus on their strengths. It is also important for successful healthy families to periodically take inventory of how they are doing. What are the family's strengths and weaknesses? If "something" is not working, how might steps be taken to correct the situation? Don't wait until the family is out of control and drastic measures are needed. Just as individuals are in charge of how they cope and behave, so are families.

**Eyes**

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Manger, no crib for a bed,"  
Instead, they sang of Santa dressed up in bright red.

Mama watched Martha Stewart,  
Papa drank beer from a tap,  
As hour upon hour the presents they'd wrap.

When what from the t.v. did they suddenly hear?

A big, blasting ad - of a big sale up at Sears.

So away to the mall they all flew like a flash,  
Buying on credit, and using all kinds of cash!

As they made their way home from that trip to the mall,  
Did they think about Jesus? Oh, no, not at all.

Their lives were so busy with their Christmastime things,  
There was no time to remember Christ Jesus, the King!

There were presents to wrap and cookies to bake,  
How could they stop and remember He who died for their sake?

To pray to the Savior...why, they had no time to stop,  
Because they all needed more time to "shop 'till they dropped!"

On Wal-Mart! On K-Mart! On Target, and Penney's!  
On Hallmark! On Zales! And a quick lunch at Denny's!

From the big stores downtown, to the stores in the mall,  
They would dash away, dash away, and visit them all!

And up on the roof, there arose such a clatter,  
As grandpa hung icicle lights up with his brand new stepladder.

He hung lights that would flash, and lights that would twirl,  
Yet, he never once prayed to Jesus - the Light of the World.

Christ's eyes...how they twinkle! His Spirit...how merry!  
Christ's love...how enormous! All our burdens....He carries.

So, instead of being busy, overworked and uptight,  
Let's put Christ back in Christmas and enjoy some "good nights"!

**New Arrivals**

**Highlands Regional Medical Center**

Nov. 28, 2005 A son, Timothy Ryan Castle, to Krystal and Timmy Castle  
Nov. 29, 2005 A son, Tyson James Rafferty, to Sally Jane Slone  
Nov. 30, 2005 A son, Dalton Dakota Turner, to Rebecca June and Dennis Joe Turner  
Nov. 30, 2005 A son, Drake Anthony Dean Crider, to Anita Blackburn  
Nov. 30, 2005 A son, Landen Christopher Sazabo, to Arista and Daniel Sazabo  
Nov. 30, 2005 A son, Abe Noah Howell, to Marcella and Abe Howell  
Nov. 30, 2005 A son, Maddox Joel Johnson, to Jamia and David Johnson  
Dec. 1, 2005 A daughter, Kaleigh Dawn Minix, to Sabrina Dawn and Greg

**Denny Minix**

Dec. 1, 2005 A daughter, Lydia Florine Grace Adams, to Marsha and Jason Adams  
Dec. 1, 2005 A daughter, Kacy Nicole Connell, to Christian Nicole Green  
Dec. 2, 2005 A daughter, Allison Blaire Fairchild, to May Fairchild  
Dec. 2, 2005 A daughter, Makayla Brienne Boles, to Wendy Short  
Dec. 2, 2005 A son, Jonathan Connor Mills, to Cheryl DeLong  
Dec. 3, 2005 A daughter, Stephanie Nicole Fugate, to Patty Jent  
Dec. 3, 2005 A daughter, Lakyn Alexis Ward, to Leslie and Charles Ward  
Dec. 5, 2005 A daughter, Venius Breanna Nicole Ross, to Carrie and Frank Ross  
Dec. 5, 2005 A son, Kyle Lee Wor-

rix, to Cassandra Lynn and Ronnie Lee Worrix  
Dec. 6, 2005 A son, Ashton Ryan Joseph, to Maggie Ellen Garland  
Dec. 6, 2005 A daughter, Lauryn Kate Reynolds, to Joanie and Shawn Reynolds  
Dec. 6, 2005 A son, Kolby Alexander Napier, to Meldred and Kelvin Napier  
Dec. 6, 2005 A daughter, Jessica Nicole McNeely, to Patsy Lynn Messer  
Dec. 6, 2005 A daughter, McKenley Belle Allen, to Crystal Gaye Allen  
Dec. 6, 2005 A son, Evin Shaun Eversole, to Jessica and Shaun Eversole  
Dec. 7, 2005 A daughter, Hannah Marie Grace Kimbler, to Kimberly Michelle Castle  
Dec. 7, 2005 A daughter, Jaiden Brook Endicott, to Terri and Joshua Endicott

**JWT and MAC to present workshop, hold auditions**

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming 2006 season. Performers, both professional and amateur, are invited to attend the Theatre's local casting call.

The local auditions will be held at the Mountain Arts Center on

Friday, January 27 from 5pm - 9pm and Saturday, January 28 from 10am - 4pm.

The Theatre offers both paid and volunteer positions and employs professional theatre talent from across the nation. The summer season productions include *The Music Man*, *Footloose*, *Nunsense*, and *The Legend of Jenny Wiley*. Fall and Holiday productions are soon to be announced.

Performers are asked to prepare a song and a short monologue. An accompanist will be provided. A Capella singing is acceptable, but auditioners must sing with piano to demonstrate ability to match pitch. Tapes and pre-recorded accompaniments are discouraged. Therefore, there will be no stereo or tape player provided. Be prepared to move - some performers may be asked to demonstrate movement skills and/or be taught a short dance combination as part of the audition.

Jenny Wiley Theatre offers a unique opportunity to work in a professional theatre environment, and these auditions extend that opportunity to the local community. JWT is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Not sure what to expect at an audition? Read on. Jenny Wiley Theatre & the Mountain Arts Center will present a Professional Audition Workshop. For even the most experienced performers, auditioning can be a nerve-wracking event. What to sing, what to wear, and where to find a monologue?

Gain insight from industry professionals who understand the process, and learn how best to prepare for that all-important two-minute audition. Receive specific feedback on your current audition materials and individualized instruction as to how to strengthen your overall performance. An intense experience, the Professional Audition Workshop offers anyone ages 8 and up all the tools and feedback they need from experienced professionals to prepare a quality audition.

Saturdays, January 7 & January 14, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. Instructors: Misty Daniels, Professional Actor & Singer; Scott Bradley, JWT Artistic Director. Fee: \$50. To register, call the MAC at 606-889-9125 or 888-MAC-ARTS. Don't delay! There is limited space & the class will be filled on a first come first served basis. Please bring a prepared song and a memorized monologue to the workshop.

Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and

receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.



**Wins multiple pageant awards**

Alexis LaShae Julian, the four-year old daughter of Charlie and Christy Julian, recently won the title of "Little Missy Jenny Wiley Princess" in the 2005 Little Miss Jenny Wiley pageant, where she was also awarded the titles of "Best Hair" and "Best Costume." Alexis also participated in the 2005 Red, White and Blue Pageant where she was named "Little Miss Patriotic Red, White and Blue Princess" and where she was also presented with the title of "Best Dressed" and presented with the "Director's Choice Award." Alexis thanks her family for all their love and support and her Mamaw Jeri for making her winning costumes and for helping her get ready!

**School Happenings**

**Adams Middle School Youth Services Center**

Anyone interested in sponsoring a needy student for Christmas, please contact the YSC at 886-1297.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

**Allen Central Middle School**

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

**Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center**

Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

**Betsy Layne Elementary**

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

**Clark Elementary**

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives

immunizations.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

**Duff Elementary**

School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

**May Valley Elementary**

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

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

**McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center**

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations,

T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

**Mountain Christian Academy**

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school. Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

**Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center**

The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

**South Floyd Youth Services Center**

Dec. 22-30 - Christmas break. The center wishes each student a happy and safe holiday!

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

**Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center**

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristin Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

**W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center**

Character Words for the Month - Respect and Togetherness

Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone:

452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

**Wesley Christian School**

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Adult Education & GED Schedule**

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.



# Family OHIO UNIVERSITY Medicine

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## 'Mongolian Spots' harmless, can be confused with bruises

**Q** My husband and I are Asian, and our children both had "Mongolian spots" when they were little. I had to defend myself to many daycare providers that these were not bruises. Now I hear this is happening to a friend of mine with an adopted Asian baby. Could you write something to help people understand these birthmarks?

**A** Mongolian spots are dark blue to black, flat birthmarks usually found on the lower back or buttocks. The medical name for them is

congenital dermal melanocytosis. This term refers to melanocytes — special cells located in the bottom layer of the skin's epidermis that produce a pigment called melanin. The discoloration we call Mongolian spots results when there are an excess number of these pigment-producing cells in the skin.

These marks are usually present at birth, or shortly thereafter, and fade away by puberty. In addition to the lower back region, they can also be found on the legs, sides, shoulder, wrists and ankles. They are flat, pigmented lesions with unclear borders and irregular shapes. There can be several of these marks or just one.

They are very common in non-white

babies. In fact, over 90 percent of Native American and African American infants have them. Around 80 percent of Asians and 70 percent of Hispanics have at least one Mongolian spot at birth. They can also occur in fair-skinned people, but this is uncommon.

While they can be large and resemble bruises, they are not related to bruises or any underlying medical condition. They are just harmless birthmarks that fade away with age. Occasionally, the spots will remain throughout life, but this occurs in only about 5 percent of babies born with the spots.

In and of themselves, these are benign skin discolorations, but they have been known to lead to legal problems. Since Mongolian spots can look like bruises caused by trauma to an untrained person, there have been cases where these spots have resulted in parents being accused of child abuse. It sounds like you are familiar with this

unfortunate scenario.

Because of the possibility of this kind of misunderstanding, and as a precautionary measure, I'd recommend that anyone whose son or daughter has these spots, works with the child's physician to document the birthmarks as soon as they appear. Photographs should be taken and placed in the child's medical record.

Many communities have educational sessions for police and child care workers around the issue of normal and abnormal skin markings to help minimize the likelihood of false accusations. You might inquire if this is being done in your community, and if not, recommend these types of training sessions.

Your European American friend who adopted a dark-skinned infant may also need education about spots. In this case, documentation should probably also be supplied to the adoption case worker.

There are many other types of birthmarks, but these are the primary ones that can be mistaken for bruising. I hope this information is helpful to you and your friend.

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**Happy 1st Birthday, Tia!**

Tia Elizabeth Newsome, the daughter of Chris and Tessa Newsome, celebrated her first birthday on September 24, 2005. Tia is the granddaughter of Tim and Roma Newsome, and Larry and Janie Roach. She is the great-granddaughter of Ray and Georgia Akers, and June and the late Kenneth Newsome. She enjoyed celebrating her special day with a birthday party attended by friends and family.

### Postscript

such strong opinions about avoiding the toys and games that focus on war, violence and idiotic stunts with cars and such. I'd rather opt for books — of course you knew I'd say that. I do believe fiercely that if we all read to our children and emphasize reading from their infancy, their academic achievement levels will soar.

At any rate, do buy age-appropriate books for the children on your list and then give an even more important gift — read the books to them and let the children read the books to you.

Better yet, buy them some plant and tree guide books, and then take them on hikes up the hills and through the woods to find the trees and plants illustrated in the books.

Or buy them books of maps and about geography, and then take them on short trips to surrounding states. In less than two hours, you can be in West Virginia, Ohio or Virginia. Give them the gift of travel and exploration and knowledge of our region, its history and culture.

In a similar vein, you can give them gifts that teach science experiments or puzzle

solving, and then spend time with them in doing related projects. Or give them games — not the type that promote violence and uncivility, but the kinds that allow them to sit down with other people, engage in civil competition and develop their thinking skills, games such as Scrabble, chess, Monopoly and other tried-and-true challenges.

Then there are the adults on our list. Once upon a time, I was opposed to giving gift certificates, perhaps because then the person knows how much you spent. But a friend started giving me gift certificates for a particular sit-down restaurant. I have used them to take my cousin out to lunch when we go shopping, so they do double duty. I get a nice meal and I can treat my cousin to one.

I've changed my mind; gift certificates are a good thing. But they don't have to be just for food or clothing or such. We can think of what our loved one likes or needs and buy accordingly. For instance, \$50 worth of gas right now would be a blessing for many people. Or a gift certificate from the pharmacy a loved one uses could be a big help.

Tickets to a concert or play are a good idea for those on your list who like those things. Is someone on your list crazy about George Jones? Well, then a ticket or two to his show at the MAC would be greatly appreciated, I'm sure. Season tickets to Jenny Wiley Theatre certainly would thrill a number of people.

I'm really partial to gifts that promote our regional culture. A painting or photograph by one of our great regional artists can't be beat. Tom Whitaker and Dean Hill come to mind, but there are dozens of others.

Ditto for books. We have some excellent writers from Appalachia. Silas House, Clyde Pack, Ken Slone, Adriana Triggiani, Billy C. Clark, James Still — just the tip of the iceberg. Look in the regional section of

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any of the local bookstores. Magazine subscriptions are welcomed by many people. I especially recommend Kentucky Explorer for articles about our ancestry and history. But there are magazines to fit every interest, from sports to crafts.

I'll stop here before this becomes a two-part column. I tend to get carried away when I'm thinking about gifts. I hope your shopping is going smoothly and that maybe I've been able to help a little.

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**220-Help Wanted**

**HELP WANTED:** Reno's Roadhouse Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Day shift and night shift. Apply in person only.

**HELP WANTED:**

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**LPN WANTED:**

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**FOR RENT:** small efficiency apt. Clean, nice, suitable for one person. \$275 month. Deposit required. 886-6208.

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**FOR RENT:** 1 BR apt includes utilities. \$450 per month. 2 BR trailer, \$250 per month. 4 miles west of Prestonsburg on Mtn. Pkwy. 886-6061 or 886-0480 after 5:00 pm

**APT FOR RENT:** 1 BR, 1 BA. Utilities included. \$550 per month. Security deposit required. Located at Harold. Call 478-3333 or 478-2423.

**APT FOR RENT:** Unfurnished 2 BR with walk-in closet. 2 BA, large living room and kitchen. Located at Stanville, off US 23. Call 478-8100

**FOR RENT:** Taking applications for 2 BR apartments. Nice, quiet neighborhood. References and deposit required. 358-9123.

**FOR RENT 2 BR** newly remodeled ground floor apt. Located across from Garth Technical School. RT 122 at Martin, KY. Must furnish references. Not HUD approved. Call 285-9112.

**APT FOR RENT:** Brand new 1 BR partially furnished. Most utilities paid. Near HRMC. \$400 month. Call 886-6343.

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**VACANCIES** Branham Heights Apts Wheelwright KY is accepting application for 1 and 2 BR apts. And 1 BR handicapped accessible apartment. Rent based on income, water, sewage, and garbage are included in rent. Please contact Kathy at 606-452-4777. Office hours M-F 8:00-4:00.

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**620-Storage/Office**

**BUILDING FOR LEASE** 30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

**OFFICE SPACE** for lease in Prestonsburg. Approximately 1850 sq feet with parking only two blocks from courthouse. Call 874-1700, 285-0900 or 874-9976.

**FOR RENT:** 3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V.

**FOR LEASE:** 30x80 building on MTN Parkway. Parking for large trucks. Will re-model.

**FOR RENT:** 900 sq. ft. office/commercial space. Located next to Reflection's Beauty Salon 3/4 mile south of Martin on RT 122. Across from Garth Tech. School. Call 285-9112.

**630-Houses**

**FOR RENT 3 BR** house in McDowell, 1 BA, carport, \$400 month with \$200 deposit. If interested, call 859-245-9321.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 BR \$400 month \$300 deposit. Located at David. No pets. Call 886-8467.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 1500 sq ft 2 BR 1 BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, utilities included, furnished. \$695 month plus deposit. Located at lvel. Call 606-478-5173.

**FOR RENT:** 3 BR house with 2 full bath. Located 2 miles south of Martiin on Old Hite Road, Left Beaver Creek. \$600 month plus utilities. All electric must furnish references. Call 285-9112.

**1 BR HOUSE** for rent. W/D hook-up. \$300 per month, \$250 deposit. If interested, call 889-0036.

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 2 BR \$550 per month plus utilities. If interested call 886-0124.

**STOP RENTING:** Buy a 5 BR 2 BA home only \$13000. For listings call 800-429-7008 ext B930

**640-Land/Lots**

**LARGE TRAILER LOT** for rent. Located at Left Fork Abbott. Call 886-9479 or 889-0560.

**Trailer lot for rent** on old U.S. 23 between Prestonsburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

**Trailer Lot For Rent,** Large Yard. Call 886-8366

**For Rent :** newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

**650- Mobile Homes**

**FOR RENT:** MH 14 x 80 3 BR 2 BA 886-8366.

**FOR RENT:** 2 BR trailer. \$350 month. Total electric. Must pay own utilities and have references. Call 285-4742.

**MH FOR RENT 3 BR** 2 BA doublewide located at Wayland. For more information call 358-2320 or 285-1894.

**MH FOR RENT:** All electric 2 BR in Martin area. Call 285-3980.

**MHs FOR RENT:** 2 & 3 BR mobile homes for rent. Total electric. Close to Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-9007 or 889-9747.

**FOR RENT 2 BR** furnished trailer just off Mtn Pkwy on old 114. 886-8724.

**660- Miscellaneous**

**FOR RENT:** Beauty shop equipped with 3 stations and tanning bed. Located on RT 122 1 mile south of Martin, across from Garth Technical School. Must furnish references. 285-9112.

**SERVICES**

**713-Child/Eld. Care**

**WILL SIT WITH** the elderly or needy. Excellent references available. Call 789-4419 and leave message.

**745-Miscellaneous**

**LOCAL COAL** bucket driver needs employment back in the coal fields. Moon base. Call 606-886-6720 or 606-791-5643.

**770-Repair/Services**

**CARPENTRY WORK** all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

**780- Timber**

**AVAILABLE:** House to be torn down, if interested in wood, call 606-358-2290.

**NOTICES**

**NEED MEDICARE PART D?** Need a Medicare Supplement? Want to get it from an insurance agent and instructor with 18 yrs. experience? You want to meet Billy R Maynard. Call today for a free appointment. 606-478-9500 or 478-4105.

**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE** In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase I, II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 7, and Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 8, of Permit Number 898-0042, which was last issued on October 20, 1997. The application covers an area of approximately 260.87 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties. The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY Route 1384's junction with Dog Fork, and located 0.5 mile southeast of Left Fork of Big Creek of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37°28'05". The longitude is 82°35'08". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00), which is the remaining bond in the application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of fifty-four thousand eight hundred twenty-one dollars (\$54,821.00), which is the remaining bond in the application for release. Reclamation work performed on the permit area includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed

in the spring of 1987. Results thus far, include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 6, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 7, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 6, 2006.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 880-0124**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, DeBord, Kentucky, 41214, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on increments 1, 6, and 7 of permit number 880-0124, which was last issued on 08/10/05. The application covers an area of approximately 959.40 acres, located 1.82 mile northwest of Thomas, in Martin and Floyd County. The permit is approximately 1.8 mile north from Kentucky Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road. The bond now in effect for increment #1 is a surety bond for \$203,000.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$138,000.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for increment #6 is a surety bond for \$186,100.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$111,660.00 is included in the application for release. The bond now in effect for increment #7 is a surety bond for \$185,400.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$111,240.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding and mulching, completed Summer 2003. 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, Kentucky 40601, by February 3, 2006. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 6, 2006, at 9 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 3, 2006.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0308 AMENDMENT NO. 1**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 22.7 acres of surface disturbance, and will add an additional 12.1 underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 485.0 acres. The amendment area is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/hauler methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0322**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface and auger coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 41.0 surface acres, and will underlie 15.4 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 56.4 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from KY 2029's junction with KY 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface

area to be disturbed is owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will underlie land owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, Dallas Sparkman.

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, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Southern Water & Sewer District, a public entity created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74, is requesting bids from qualified lending institutions to provide the District with a two year term loan with a principal amount not to exceed \$600,000.00. To obtain specific information related to this request, including copies of audited financial reports, current financial statements, and budgets, please contact Bob Meyer at 606-377-9296, or by mail at Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky, 41647. Responses are due to Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, 245 Ky. Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 23, 2005.

**SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Southern Water & Sewer District, a public entity created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74, is requesting bids for seven (7) vehicles, as follows:

- Two (2) Ford F250 w/extended cabs, short WB, 4WD, 6.0 diesel engines.
- Three (3) Ford F150-extended cab, short WB, 4WD, 5.4 gasoline engines.
- Two (2) Ford Rangers—extended cab, short WB, 4WD, 4.0 gasoline engines.

All vehicles are to be 2005 or 2006 models. Preferred color—white. All vehicles to be automatic w/AC. District is seeking bids based on either outright purchase or lease-purchase. Proposals should identify by vehicle the purchase amount and alternatively lease-purchase terms, as well as delivery date(s). Contact Bob Meyer, at 606-377-9296 or by mail at Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky, 41647, for additional information. Responses are due to Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, 245 Ky. Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 23, 2005.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-8050 RENEWAL**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Mare Creek Sand Company, Incorporated, P.O. Box 598, Allen, Kentucky 41601, intends to file for renewal of permit number 836-8050. The operation disturbs 3.97 acres; no new acreage is affected by this renewal. The operation is located on the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, at Emma, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 4.200 feet southwest of State Route 1428's junction with State Route 194, on the north bank of the Levisa Fork. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37d 37m 58s North, and longitude 82d 42m 28s West.

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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South,

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**DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Southern Water & Sewer District, a public entity created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74, is requesting bids from qualified insurers, to provide the District with a comprehensive package of liability coverage, to include: Commercial General Liability, Public Officials Liability, Commercial Automobile Liability/Physical Damage, Property/Inland Marine. To obtain a bid package, please contact Bob Meyer at 606-377-9296, or by mail at Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, KY, 41647, no later than 4 p.m., December 30, 2005.

**SOUTHERN WATER & SEWER DISTRICT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Southern Water & Sewer District, a public entity created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74, is requesting bids from qualified insurers to provide the District with medical insurance coverage for its employees. To obtain a bid package, please contact Bob Meyer at 606-377-9296, or by mail at Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, McDowell, Kentucky, 41647. Responses are due to Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, 245 Ky. Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 30, 2005.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Increment No. 2, of Permit Number 898-0011, which was last issued on August 6, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 11.21 acres, located 2.0 miles south of Owsley, in Pike and Floyd Counties. The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY Route 1384's junction with Dog Fork, and located 0.5 mile southeast of Left Fork of Big Creek of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37°28'38". The longitude is 82°35'38".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00), which is the remaining bond, in the application for release. Reclamation work performed on the permit area includes backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the spring of 1987. Results thus far include the establishment of the approved post-mining land use. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 24, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 23, 2006.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on December 23rd, 2005, at First Guaranty Bank 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649, at 11:00 a.m. 1998 Chevrolet S-10 Pick Up, VIN #1GCCS1441VK266215.

All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid, and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be sold following the satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty Bank 39 Triangle Street, P.O. Box 888, Martin, KY 41649

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303 AMENDMENT NO. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, of Floyd County. The amendment will add 125.06 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 380.95 acres, of which 250.25 acres underlie surface and/or auger, in another seam, making a total area of 840.22 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Richard and Ryan Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Levi Blankenship, Bobby Page, Eddie Blankenship, Freddie Blankenship, Daniel Newsome, Ruby Hamilton, Pervis Hamilton, Maggie Hamilton, Keathy Enterprises, Inc., Roger Paige, and Hershel Tackett. The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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