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School rewards announced

FRANKFORT — Eight Floyd County schools will receive some level of financial reward based on test scores and performance in other nonacademic areas.

Statewide, 736 schools will share nearly \$23 million in cash rewards for their students' academic achievement, under a plan approved by the Kentucky Board of Education.

School districts are being notified this week about the disbursement and the number of shares for which they qualify. A single share is \$300. A school's total award is the number of shares multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent certified staff members.

In Floyd County, Duff, Clark, May Valley, Prestonsburg, Allen and Osborne elementary schools all qualified for full rewards, while Allen Central Middle School and South Floyd High School qualified for half-share rewards.

To qualify, a school had to meet or exceed specified goals for test scores, dropout rate and for reducing the percentage of students in the lowest performance category.

The General Assembly placed money for rewards in a trust fund years ago.

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Couple indicted for abuse

Halls face 30 counts; adopted 12-year-old alleged victim

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A little over nine months after their initial arrest and one day after being indicted by a Floyd County grand jury, a Mud Creek couple was arraigned before Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill on charges of criminally abusing a child temporarily placed in their

custody.

Ansel and Georgia Hall, the Mud Creek couple arrested in February for allegedly abusing a 12-year-old boy in their custody, were indicted on those charges by a Floyd County grand jury Wednesday.

Ansel Hall, 28, and Georgia Hall, 31, both of Galveston, were indicted on a combined 30 felonious charges of crimi-

nal abuse.

Ansel Hall was indicted on 14 counts of first-degree criminal abuse, while Georgia Hall was indicted on 16 counts of the same. All counts included in the two indictments are class C felonies.

The charges stem from incidents allegedly occurring between July 2001

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Ansel Hall



Georgia Hall

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER



Students from the Betsy Layne High School advanced placement English class spread holiday cheer with songs and gifts at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center on Thursday.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Churches targeted by scam

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

BIG SANDY VALLEY — A request for assistance from a Garrett church has resulted in the discovery of an alleged scam spanning at least two counties.

According to Larry Adams, Prestonsburg Fire Marshal and assistant pastor at Garrett First Baptist Church, he was entrusted with a matter on Sunday, Dec. 1, which consisted of a request from Rhonda S. Bellomy, 39, alleging that she was in need of financial assistance to get to a medical appointment on Dec. 2.

Adams said that Bellomy handed him a letter that stated she had an appointment with a "Dr. Newlen" and the letter was allegedly sent to Bellomy from Dr. Laura S. Young, of Ashland.

However, numerous spelling and grammatical errors in the letter aroused Adams' suspicion and he questioned Bellomy about it. He said that she vowed she had received the letter in the mail.

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Over \$350,000 in road improvements approved

Times Staff Report

FRANKFORT — Efforts by Floyd County's elected representatives in the state legislature will mean improvements for more than three dozen roads.

House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner have been informed by Transportation Secretary James Codell that a special funding request for \$357,592 for improvements will be granted.

"Many of these roads are in dire

need of improvements," said Stumbo. "It was essential to the functioning of commerce and public safety that additional state funding be allotted for these road projects."

Turner credited Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and members of the fiscal court for their efforts to gather the necessary information that made the allocation possible.

"This was a cooperative effort between all parties involved on the state and local level," Turner said. "Working together, we're improving

transportation links within Floyd County."

The money will go toward initial treatments, patching and resurfacing on the following roads:

- Left Fork Toler Road, Toler Creek.
- Elmer Rice Road, Prater Creek.
- Right Fork Rice Branch, Prater Creek.
- Shop Branch Road, Mare Creek.
- Hunter Branch Road, Hunter.

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Clevenger accused of trying to run over man, daughter

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man, Albert Clevenger, 19, was arraigned on wanton endangerment charges resulting from an incident when he allegedly attempted to run over a man and his minor daughter

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Dogs tied, abandoned at Hueysville coal tippie

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

HUEYSVILLE — The holiday season may mean warmth and companionship for some people, but not for two dogs that were apparently abandoned at a coal tippie in Hueysville.

According to veterinarian Carol Combs Morris, her office received a call on Wednesday about a dog roaming around the Jet coal tippie in Hueysville. When

Morris' assistants arrived on the scene, they found one dog that had evidently been tied to a gate and had chewed itself free, along with another dog that also seemed to be abandoned.

One of the dogs was in the middle of a meal consisting of a dead rat when it was found.

Both animals were severely malnourished and one of the dogs' necks had a large

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These dogs were found on an abandoned coal tippie in Hueysville on Wednesday. Both were malnourished and one had injuries to its neck from a rope that had it tied to a gate.

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Odds and Ends

■ **BELMONT, Calif.** — Angelo Gallina beat the odds and then some.

In a single day, he won the \$17 million SuperLotto Plus jackpot and the \$126,000 Fantasy 5 top prize.

"I think I'll eat cake," Gallina told lottery officials after his Nov. 20 wins. He said he would also buy a new car and a home for his grown chil-

dren.

State lottery officials put the odds for the SuperLotto contest win at 1-in-41 million. The odds of winning the separate Fantasy 5 contest were 1-in-575,000.

Figuring out the odds of one person winning both draws, on the same day requires a calculator and lots of zeros.

"One in 23 trillion," said Mike Orkin, a professor of statistics at California State University at Hayward, who arrived at the number by multiplying 41 million by 575,000.

■ **DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — At the party celebrating

her 113th birthday, Hazel Luther was asked if she wanted to live forever.

"I think I already have," said Luther, who the Gerontology Research Group lists as the world's ninth-oldest living person. She was born Dec. 11, 1889.

Friends and family joined nursing home residents and workers to celebrate her longevity with a celebration Wednesday at the Olds Hall Good Samaritan Center. Luther, who is also the oldest graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, has trouble walking and problems with her vision, but still speaks clearly.

"It seems to me I live to make other people happy," Luther said.

Luther is the fifth-oldest living American, and the second-oldest current Floridian. John McMorran of Lakeland is older by 175 days.

■ **APPLE VALLEY, Minn.**

— A 9-year-old girl beat out 700 other contestants to name the first dolphin calf born at the Minnesota Zoo in six years.

Katie Turcotte said the dolphin would be named "Spree" because it is "bright and fun and kind of wild."

Zoo trainers agreed Tuesday that the name best fit the fun-loving 4-month-old calf, said head dolphin trainer Diane Fusco.

Since learning Tuesday night that she won, Katie, a fourth-grader, has been ecstatic and a minor celebrity at school, said her mother, Deanna Turcotte.

Katie, her parents and her 11-year-old brother will get to spend a night sleeping near the zoo's dolphins and learning more about marine mammal behavior.

People from ages 2 1/2 to 88 entered the contest, some from as far away as California and Florida.

Names also in the running included Sassy, Mauri and

Makana, which is Hawaiian for gift.

■ **MERRILL, Wis.** — Looking to raise some pocket change?

The city of Merrill is selling more than 400 parking meters for \$50 each. The city council voted in October to remove them from downtown streets because of complaints that they deterred shoppers.

More than 100 meters have been sold, Mayor Doug Williams said.

He said people have put them in basements or dens, and that one man put a meter in his driveway - where his in-laws park.

■ **DES MOINES, Iowa** — A mistake by a meat processing company will mean 3,000 cooked chickens for the needy.

Des Moines-based Iowa Packing Co. cooked too many chickens for a custom order at its St. Joseph, Mo., plant.

The extra ready-to-eat birds will be distributed this weekend at the Christ the King Catholic Church.

"This is a tremendous donation," said Keith Isley, development director at Hope Ministries, which operates Bethel Mission and Door of Faith shelter and serves an estimated 150,000 meals a year. Hope Ministries will get 800 of the two-pound birds.

"This will help us for many weeks to come," Isley said. "There are many ways a company can deal with overruns, but this is a great way for them and for us."

Monsignor Frank Bognanno said his longtime friend, Dan Ochylski, president of the Pinnacle Food Group, Iowa Packing's holding company, asked the priest if he would like some of the extra chickens.

"I told him we'd take all" of them, Bognanno said.

Christ the King parishioners will hand out the bagged poultry at a drive-through pickup site at the church.

"I suspect we will go through them real fast," Bognanno said.

■ **BERRIEN SPRINGS, Mich.** — No wonder people in this southwestern Michigan village relish the Christmas Pickle Parade.

Where else can you sample crosscut sweets, sweet pickles, kosher dill spears, original spears, hamburger dills, genuine dills and piping hot, battered fried pickles? Not to mention the festival's specialty, chocolate-covered gherkins.

The parade on Sunday features organizers tossing free pickles into the crowd, Santa in a llama-drawn cart, a Grand Dillmeister and a Pickle Prince and Princess.

Chuck Voytovick, chairman of the Pickle Festival committee, said Berrien Springs embraced the pickle theme because it's unique. The parade began in 1992, inspired by a German Christmas tradition in which children search for a lone pickle on their Christmas tree.

People from across the country call to ask about the festival, Voytovick said. He said many

ask, "why pickles?"

"If it were anything but pickles," he said, "do you think I'd be talking to you right now?"

Voytovick said callers usually assume there are pickle farms or factories in Berrien Springs. Not so.

"I think years ago they had some pickle farms, but that was way before my time," he said.

■ **OCALA NATIONAL FOREST, Fla.** — More than

half the black bears living in the forest around the north-central Florida community of Lynne are suffering from a type of mange that makes their hair fall out.

It is the only area in the country where biologists say they have seen a relatively large number of bears with the affliction.

"They look like a large, bald rat," said Mark Cunningham, a veterinarian with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "I show pictures to people who don't even recognize they are bears."

Cunningham said the mange is linked to tiny mites that attack the bears' skin. Most bears can have some mites, but the Lynne bears seem to have

far more than normal.

More than 15 bears - about 60 percent of those in the area - have varying degrees of hair loss. About 90 percent of the females have it, and the illness seems to be handed down to their cubs.

Officials are not doing anything to relieve the bears' condition. The bears do not seem to have health problems besides hair loss, Cunningham said.

■ **LAPORTE, Ind.** — A burglary suspect eluded police in northern Indiana by stealing the squad car of one of the officers pursuing him.

Police later found the car in the garage of a LaPorte County home, but there was no one in the house.

"We're just trying to regroup and find out where this guy went," said Police Chief Walter Brath.

Authorities said a North Liberty police officer was pursuing the man's van Monday following a reported burglary in St. Joseph County when the man bailed out near a church.

When the officer left his car to chase the man on foot, the

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■ In 2000, Republican George W. Bush claimed the presidency a day after the U.S. Supreme Court shut down further recounts of disputed ballots in Florida. Democrat Al Gore conceded, delivering a call for national unity.

Ten years ago:

An Israeli border guard was kidnapped near Tel Aviv and later killed by the Hamas fundamentalist organization; the slaying prompted Israel to expel hundreds of Palestinians, sending them into Lebanese territory.

Five years ago:

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in Los Angeles for the \$1 billion Getty Center, one of the largest arts centers in the United States. Michigan Wolverine Charles Woodson was named winner of the Heisman Trophy, the first primarily defensive player so honored.

One year ago:

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

Today's Birthdays:

Former Secretary of State George P. Shultz is 82. Actor-comedian Dick Van Dyke is 77. Actor Christopher Plummer is 73. Actor Robert Prosky is 72. Country singer Buck White is 72. Movie producer Richard Zanuck is 68. Singer John Davidson is 61. Singer Ted Nugent is 54. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 54. Country musician Ron Getman is 54. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 53. Actress Wendie Malick is 52. Country singer John Anderson is 48. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 48. Actor Steve Buscemi is 45. Actor Johnny Whitaker is 43. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 35. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge (Blink 182) is 27. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 21.

Thought for Today:

"To know how to say what others only know how to think is what makes men poets or sages; and to dare to say what others only dare to think makes men martyrs or reformers — or both." — Elizabeth Charles, British writer (1828-1896).

Roads

■ Littles Cemetery Road, Weeksbury.
 ■ Woods Road, Bull Creek.
 ■ Lawson Bottom, Price.
 ■ Elliott Bridge/Pruitt Street, Abbott.
 ■ Eagle Trace, Pen Hook.
 ■ Mike Vanderpool Road, Minnie.

■ Arnold Prater Road, Route 850/David.
 ■ Storm Hollow, Hager Branch.
 ■ Meadow Brook Road, Harold.
 ■ Ligion (Jones), Abner.
 ■ Sword Lane, Weeksbury.
 ■ Elmers Lane, Weeksbury.

■ Tackett Road, Printer.
 ■ Hurt Lane, Weeksbury.
 ■ Youngs Lane, Weeksbury.
 ■ Vanderpool Road, Weeksbury.
 ■ Wade Frasure Lane, Frasures Creek.
 ■ Damron Town Road, Weeksbury.
 ■ Middle Branch (Meade Street), Frasures Creek.
 ■ Wright Lane Circle, Watergap.
 ■ Grover Drive, Minnie.
 ■ Don Tussey Road, David.
 ■ DAV Drive, Ivel.

■ Left Fork Rileys Branch, Bevinsville.
 ■ Stumbo Hollow, West Prestonsburg.
 ■ Official Hollow, David.
 ■ Myrtle Johnson Cemetery Road, Caney.
 ■ Left Fork Buckingham Branch, Buckingham.
 ■ Sugarloaf Road, Sugarloaf.

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Endangerment

with his car.

According to court records, Clevenger was arraigned Tuesday, at which time he pleaded not guilty to the two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

Charles Perry, also of Prestonsburg, alleged on Monday, that Clevenger tried to run over him and his minor daughter on Saturday.

Clevenger also faces pending charges of second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree burglary and theft from a separate incident Sept. 18, as well as pending charges of menacing and terroristic threatening from another inci-

dent Oct. 7.

Clevenger is being held on a \$5,000 cash bond.

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Scam

Adams said that he didn't dispute her statement but informed her that as a police officer, he was accustomed to looking at things like this and the letter appeared to be written by someone on a sixth-grade level. He said that Bellomy left abruptly afterwards.

Out of concern that he may have turned away someone who legitimately needed help, Adams

said he decided to call Dr. Young's office the following Monday to inquire about Bellomy as a patient and whether she had an appointment or not.

Adams said he was informed by Young that Bellomy was a patient but had not been seen since March 12 and she did not have an appointment. Adams then faxed a copy of the fraudulent letter to Young, who he said was upset over the matter.

Adams said that he had ignored the incident until a phone call from Dr. Young's office on Tuesday notified him that a pastor in Martin County had called her office requesting information about Bellomy, who had approached him needing money for an appointment. The pastor had previously given Bellomy \$70 for a trip to Lexington and when she returned for further assistance a couple of days later, he became suspicious.

"It's untelling how many churches have been given that letter," Adams said.

Adams said that Bellomy had given him a Bucks Branch address but her last known address was in Pikeville. He said that it is a possibility that she has hit a lot of churches with the bogus report and it would be interesting for him to know how many there were. He said that she was a good actress and could fake a cry, but couldn't get the tears to come.

"It is comical, but sad too," said Adams. "The person couldn't have no morals about them."

There are no criminal charges yet, but according to Adams, Dr. Young was upset and could seek charges of forgery.

Adams is requesting that if other churches in Floyd and surrounding counties have been approached by Bellomy to please call him at (606) 886-1010.

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Dogs

sore where it had struggled against the rope.

"It was probably tied up so it could not follow the car after it was dropped off," Morris said.

According to Morris and the employees of the Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, the Christmas season always brings an increase in

the number of animals brought to the shelter.

"It's Christmas time and people want to get rid of the old dogs and get a new puppy," said Teresa Warrix, employee of the shelter.

According to Warrix, the center can receive up to 20 calls a day concerning stray dogs.

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Abuse

and January 2002, for which Ansel Hall was arrested on Feb. 1 at his home in Galveston by Kentucky State Police Trooper Joey King. KSP Trooper Chris Collins arrested Georgia Hall a few hours later at McDowell ARH Hospital.

Wednesday, the grand jury, hearing testimony from Trooper Collins, decided to indict the couple in relation to the charges.

Wednesday's indictment claims that the Hall's criminally abused the 12-year-old boy by torturing him with a handful of devices, including a horse whip and a cattle prod.

Charges in both indictments claim that the couple beat the boy with a horse whip — striking his legs, arms, back and stomach with the device — while other counts say the couple "inflicted trauma" on the 12-year-old's chest and stomach with a cattle prod.

In addition to these devices, the indictment claimed that both hit the child in the leg, hip, feet and side with a wooden paddle.

Georgia Hall was also charged with allegedly striking the boy in the side with a broom handle and also supposedly hitting him in the head with her fist.

In the remaining two counts from both indictments, the commonwealth alleges that during the six months both Ansel and Georgia Hall hit the 12-year-old in the head with a shotgun and also pointed the loaded shotgun at him.

The couple was incarcerated Thursday morning and, by that afternoon, were being booked at the Floyd County Detention Center where both seemed visibly upset.

Georgia Hall wobbled, red-eyed and trembling, while photographed by jail officials before being escorted into a holding cell to be fitted for a uniform while her husband was brought out for processing.

Ansel Hall stared around blankly before removing his hat and stood frozen for a photo-

graph of his own.

A \$100,000 or 10 percent property bond was set for each during their arraignment Thursday morning.

Other indictments handed down Wednesday were:

■ Jeremy Carroll, 21, of Grethel; theft by unlawful taking, a class D felony, for allegedly taking Brian Hunter's property, valued at more than \$300.

■ Kenneth Hall, 28, of Galveston; theft by unlawful taking, a class D felony, for allegedly taking Brian Hunter's property, valued at more than \$300.

Eleven other indictments, all of which are currently sealed, were also presented to the commonwealth on Wednesday.

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Court makes payments on water line projects

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting Wednesday with a full agenda.

The court passed a motion to issue a check to Laurel Construction in the amount of \$17,360 for the Spurlock Creek Waterline Project. Checks were also authorized to Laurel Construction in the amount of \$107,280, and to GWS Contractors for \$134,475.43 for water line construction.

The court ordered that a check issued to Kentucky Tech in the amount of \$6,204.39 be voided because it was written in error. The check was reissued and made payable to Wright's Lumber in the same amount.

Checks were also made payable in the amount of \$2,000 to Betsy Layne, Martin, McDowell, Mud Creek, Prestonsburg, Wayland and Wheelwright Senior Citizens.

The checks are used to help with the operating fees of the centers.

The court made a motion to raise the pay rate of county employees Phil Jones, Augustine Conley and Anthony Stephens. Jones was raised to \$10 per hour, Conley to \$6 per hour, and Stephens to \$6.50 per hour.

A motion was also passed to close Jesse Jones Road, Annie Lane, part of Railroad Street in Auxier, Old Left Fork of Bull Creek and Scutch Hollow Road.

The court passed a motion to appoint Delmer Frasure and Ricky Akers to the Mud Creek Fire Protection District Board of Trustees.

The court also passed a motion to give Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson the authority to execute a contract with American Electric Power in the amount of \$8,370.07 for electrical service for an "electrocoagulation processing system" being installed at the Floyd County Landfill.

The final item on the agenda for the court was payment to Paul Hunt Thompson and Gerald DeRossett in the amount of \$2,964.68 for training incentives.

Pike man dies 17 days after accident

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — A Pike County man died on Wednesday from injuries he sustained in an accident Nov. 24.

Roger Lee Smith Jr., 24, of Feds Creek, was involved in an accident in November when he was traveling on Route 1499 in Mouthcard and crossed the cen-

ter lane, striking a vehicle driven by David Dotson. Smith's vehicle then overturned and rolled down a hill into the river.

Smith was taken to the Pikeville Methodist Hospital and was later transferred to St. Mary's in Huntington, where he died dead on Wednesday.

The incident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Trooper Bradley Cure.

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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

Worth Repeating ...

"The advantage of doing one's praising for oneself is that one can lay it on so thick and exactly in the right places."

— Samuel Butler

Guest View

Tough to tell Mideast friends from enemies

The North Koreans say they have a right to make money by selling missiles, and the Yemenis say they have a right to buy them to defend themselves.

While there is considerable hypocrisy to the United States' insistence that neither can do what we do freely, there is grim pragmatism behind the position as well. A world armed to the eyeballs is an extremely dangerous place to try to live.

A Spanish ship patrolling Middle Eastern waters to interdict fleeing terrorists captured a missile-toting North Korean ship Tuesday. Americans had been tracking it since it left port. But as things turned out, the Scuds were headed not for terrorists but for Yemen's army. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the Yemenis have been our allies in the war on terrorism. So the United States let Yemen hang onto the missiles, and its leaders promised to keep them away from terrorists.

That may not prove so easy. Vast areas of Yemen are said to be lawless hideouts for al-Qaeda members and other no-goods. Scud missiles in the hands of a friendly government one day can be, through theft or coup, Scuds in the hands of terrorists the next. Furthermore, Yemen has not explained why, if the missiles were to serve only a defensive purpose, they were traveling on an unflagged ship and hidden behind sacks of cement.

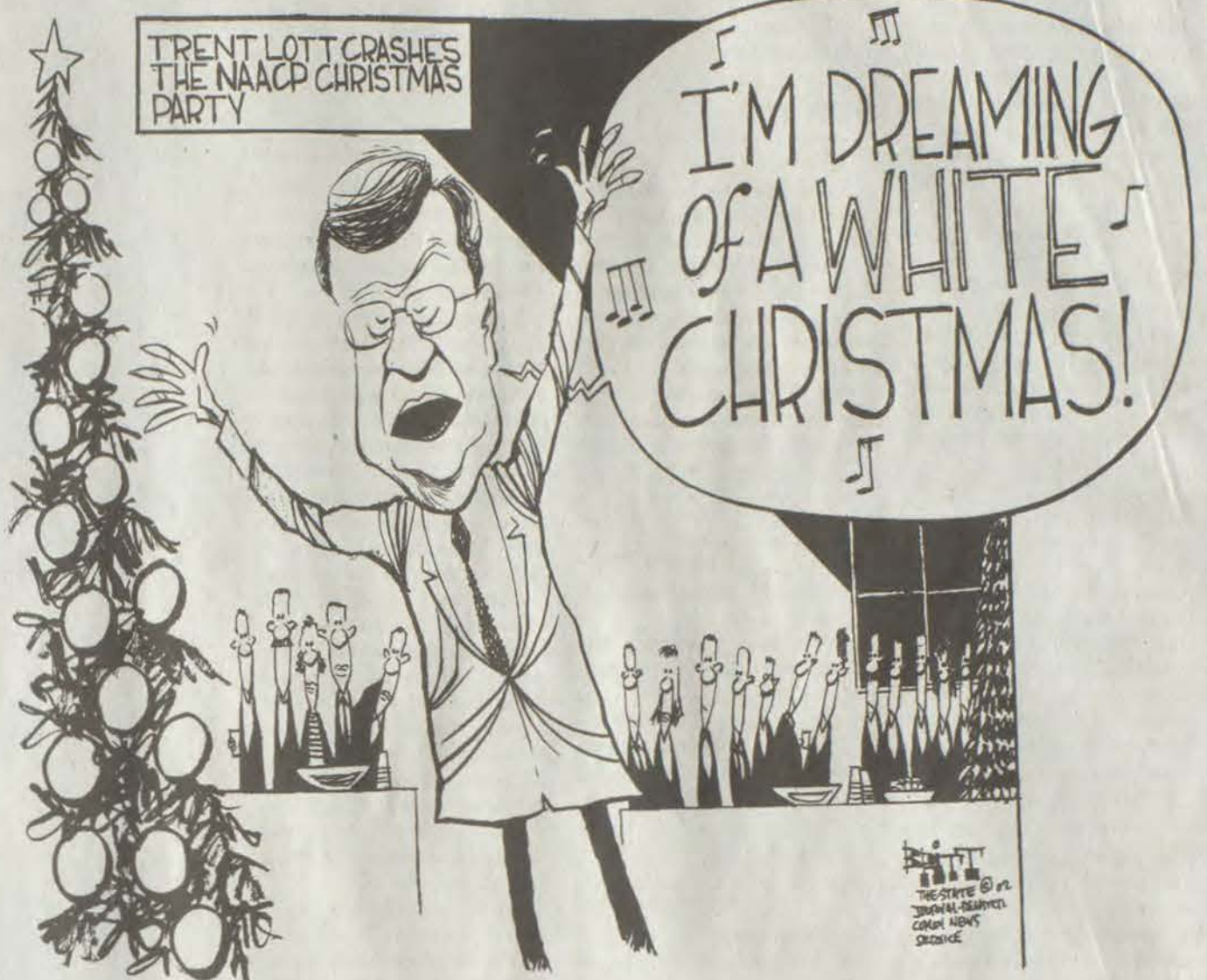
So we have another example of how difficult it is to tell who's with us and who's against us in the Middle East, as the president wants. Yemeni's leaders say they won't buy any more missiles from North Korea. America's leaders say they heard the same promise in August.

In any case, the news of the destination eased what was an extremely tense turn of events. If those weapons had been headed to al-Qaeda, then the United States would have been hard-pressed to continue using diplomacy and sanctions to persuade North Korea to disarm while throwing hellfire at Iraq. The differential treatment of the second evil-doer on Bush's axis would have been difficult to defend, particularly to the Islamic world.

If anything, the shipment indicates the importance of pushing for some sort of rapprochement with North Korea, whose nuclear ambitions and salesmanship are both worrisome. After the North revealed its enriched uranium program in October, the United States cut off oil shipments and Japan shrank food aid. Those defensible decisions may help push North Korean leaders to cash in more arms. North Korea has not signed the Missile Technology Control Regime, an agreement intended to prevent the spread of delivery systems for weapons of mass destruction.

Tuesday former President Jimmy Carter received the Nobel Prize for his efforts to promote world peace. High among them was his work in 1994 that may well have prevented a second Korean war. Maybe it's time for a return visit.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



In the moment

Who is Santa Claus?

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

It is getting closer to the big day, the day when little kids roll out of bed at 5 a.m. and hopefully squeal with delight after discovering the presents that Santa left. Or if they no longer believe in Santa, they are up to see what mom, dad or both got for them this year. Parents get to watch the wonder, excitement, and happiness as they monitor their young one's expressions to see if they have made a good selection.

My daughter shared her thoughts and feelings with me the other day, at which time she expressed her disappointment at not believing in Santa any longer. She told me that Christmas wasn't as much fun anymore and it made her feel sad.

When I questioned her about the statement she proceeded to remind me of how hard it is to grow up. These are her words.

"When you are little you believe in Santa Claus and when it starts to snow, you don't know where it comes from and you think its magic. But when you get older you find out that there is no Santa Claus and you know why it is snowing and Christmas is not as fun anymore."

I had mixed emotions as I listened to my 13-year-old. I was both sad and proud. Sad because my little girl was disappointed and growing up, proud that she had the insight and ability to express such a moving truth.

We all must grow up eventually and it is a difficult task. You must leave behind the world of fantasy and move into reality without a clue as to how to deal with it. If you are lucky, you will have a good parent or parents to help you make this

transition.

A friend, who doesn't celebrate Christmas, stated that if I had not told my children that there was a Santa Claus then they wouldn't be disappointed when they found out there wasn't. This is true, but what about the snow and all the other magical things that little ones believe in? You can't stop the young mind from fantasizing, or even the old for that matter.

And Santa Claus is a good role model. He is a person who has magical powers which leads children to the discovery that he is not real. However, he has characteristics of being a loving, caring and giving person and those are real. So besides providing a few years of excitement, anticipation, and happiness to kids, he also teaches them an ideal way to behave.

Therefore, when we grow up and we realize that Santa is mom, dad or someone else, we learn that anyone who cares enough to give a child something just to see a smile on its face is Santa Claus.



LORETTA BLACKBURN

Letter

No segregation in heaven

I'm writing this letter to inform a certain sect of people that there will be no segregation in heaven! There is only one God and the same blood of Jesus Christ covers all sin.

My husband, a Bible-believing minister of the Freewill Baptist faith who believes Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven, was called to sing at a funeral of a dear, old friend of his. He was honored to be asked by the family to sing.

When we got there, services had begun by Little Salem Regular Baptist Church. Two different preachers preached and did a wonderful job for the Lord and consoling the family.

After service was to end,

the preacher announced that my husband was asked to sing. Well, their service ended and everyone of their congregation left the building in stampede fashion, leaving only a few people who were of the same denomination as my husband and I.

Not only was this embarrassing for us, it was displeasing to God.

I wanted to say something that night, but I realize it's not a woman's place to speak out in church unless it be to glorify the Lord.

We love the family of the deceased member of that certain sect and I'm sure they were embarrassed by their actions also.

I'm not writing this letter to do any harm, but people need to realize that even though services may be conducted differently, we all serve the same Lord and Master. God is no respecter of

persons. He is same to one and all!

Rita Boyd
Stanville

Congratulations to Brock

Editor's note: This letter was originally sent to Floyd County Times advertising representative Rita Brock and is being reprinted here.

Congratulations on your award from the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service. Since I am personally acquainted with your hard work and support for education, I was extremely pleased to see you have received a statewide recognition. You certainly deserve it and have earned every bit of it.

I look forward to being a

school board member and hope that you will call upon me frequently. I am especially interested in the young authors program. My daughter, Audrey, a freshman at UK, won the county award for first grade. She was a special education student and has a learning disability. She has worked hard to overcome her handicap and winning the countywide award in young authors did much for her self-esteem and self-confidence as a young child. It was an important point in her life that gave her extra courage to work hard and succeed though the odds were against her.

You are a great lady and I appreciate all your enthusiasm and hard work promoting education in the Floyd County Schools.

Earl M. McGuire
Prestonsburg

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At the Movies:

'Star Trek: Nemesis'

by BEN NUCKOLS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

If "Star Trek: Nemesis" is "a generation's final journey," as it's billed, Capt. Jean-Luc Picard and crew are going out with a whimper in the dark.

The 10th entry in the "Star Trek" movie franchise, and the third in which Picard has flown solo, is the dullest and drabdest of the lot. Simply plotted and feebly directed, it lacks the vigorous action that elevated Capt. Kirk's adventures into pulp art or the thorny ethical dilemmas that gave the "Next Generation" TV series its resonances.

Screenwriter John Logan's heart is in the right place; he looks back to past "Trek" movies to find the template for his villain. Kirk's most fearsome adversaries — played by Ricardo Montalban in "Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan" and Christopher Plummer in "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country" — were able to outstrip his masculine bravado. Following that logic, what better nemesis for the introspective, solipsistic Picard than — himself?

The bad guy is a young Picard clone, created by the always scheming Romulans in an effort to infiltrate the Federation. But they abandoned the project when the clone was still a boy, ditching him in the mines of enslaved sister planet Remus. The Remans, a nasty, militaristic bunch, raise him to be a leader, and as the movie



"Star Trek: Nemesis," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and peril and a scene of sexual content. Running time: 117 minutes
Two stars
(One and a half stars out of four).

opens he assassinates much of the Romulan Senate.

So Shinzon (Tom Hardy), as the clone is called, becomes Praetor of the Romulan Empire, and he makes overtures of peace to the Federation. Naturally, the Enterprise crew is called to negotiate, interrupting their journey to the second of two wedding ceremonies for Commander Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis).

With his sneering mug and a voice that sounds like sherry poured over sandpaper, Shinzon isn't very convincing when he talks about peace, and the Enterprise crew discovers in short order that the opposite is on his mind: He has a vendetta against humanity.

Addressing the nature-vs.-nurture debate, "Star Trek: Nemesis" comes down solidly on nurture's side. Shinzon, who shares Picard's DNA, torments him with the assertion that if

Picard had been orphaned and brought up among the oppressed Remans, he would harbor the same resentments. Similar themes turn up in the relationship between the android Data

(Brent Spiner) and a prototype of himself that the crew has discovered.

Director Stuart Baird ("U.S. Marshals") pays lip service to these dualities; he's more interested in action sequences. But his work is lumbering. And the film's murky look — the Remans, we're told, prefer darkness — violates a principle that has informed the best space operas: Keep it sharp and crisp. The audience needs to believe it's seeing a future world brimming with technology, and that's not possible if it looks like nobody's invented the 60-watt bulb.

Baird relies on textureless close-ups and frames his shots

(See NEMESIS, page eight)

Patton says as many as 500 inmates could be released

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — As many as 500 state inmates serving their time in local jails will probably get an early release as the state tries to cope with its budget problems, Gov. Paul Patton said Wednesday.

The releases could come "pretty soon" as the fiscal year is nearly half over and the Corrections Department alone is facing a \$6 million deficit.

"We've got to get this thing

under control," Patton said in an impromptu interview.

There are about 4,200 state inmates in county jails, or 500 more than had been budgeted. Most are Class D felons, those with the least dangerous or violent charges, whose sentences are from one to five years incarceration.

Other state inmates are awaiting space in state prisons under a system known as controlled intake.

It is the former group who will be released, a practice which will have the snowballing effect of throwing many local jail budgets into disarray because they depend on state income for inmate housing to operate their own facilities.

The state pays jails a certain sum each day for housing state inmates.

(See RELEASE, page eight)

Out of the Old West — and the closet — the Rawhide Kid

by LARRY McSHANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Rawhide Kid, a longtime Marvel Comics character, is coming out of the closet next year.

A new story line will reveal the Kid's keen fashion sense — including a stylish leather outfit — in what one Marvel editor boasted would be "the first gay Western."

The Kid's orientation, along with his white gloves and a white cowboy hat fashioned from Canadian beaver pelts, will be unveiled this February in a Marvel series called "Rawhide Kid: Slap Leather."

Marvel is the home of more

old-school comics like Spider-Man, the X-Men and the Incredible Hulk. The Kid made his debut in 1955, when comic book sexuality was not an issue and Marvel was looking to cash in on the success of the classic TV show "Rawhide."

The times have certainly changed.

"It's not a book solely for a gay readership," said Joe Quesada, editor-in-chief at Marvel. "Who watches 'Will and Grace'? Everybody I know. This is the same. If you like a good story and a good laugh, this is for you."

In keeping with the light theme, the writer will be Ron Zimmerman, a frequent guest on the Howard Stern radio

show and a television writer. Artist John Severin, who worked on the original Rawhide Kid, will handle the drawing.

The Rawhide character will not walk out of the closet and into a saloon — not that there's anything wrong with that.

"He doesn't come out and say he's gay," explained Quesada. "But it's obvious through his actions and the things he says that his preference is men, not women."

Part of the comedic slant will come in the Rawhide Kid's asides to the reader after the townsfolk can't quite figure out what makes the gunslinger ... different. In his previous incarnation, the Rawhide Kid was very shy around women. Nothing about that will change in the new version.

Among the clues to the Kid's sexuality will include his reaction to other characters from the comic book, including Wild Bill Hickok and The Lone Ranger.

"I think that mask and powder-blue outfit are fantastic," he says of the Ranger. "I can certainly see why that Indian follows him around."

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Teresa Ann Tackett vs. Willis Tackett; divorce.
Jennette Hurd Moore vs. Orville Moore; divorce.
Jerry Randle Bentley vs. Betsy Ann Bentley; divorce.
Crystal Dawn Prater vs. Brian Keith Prater; divorce.
Keith Edward Muncy vs. Christa Lynn Shepherd Muncy; divorce.
Virgil Issacs and Big I Mining vs. Frasure Creek Mining; property damage.
Peoples Bank and Trust Company vs. Jody Roberts; debt collection.
Rita Yates vs. Randall Yates; divorce.
Morgan R. Hall vs. Clabe E. Hall; petition for child support and health care insurance.
NCO Portfolio Management vs. Amy L. Samons; debt collection.
Jack Anthony Patton vs. John Conley; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
Mary Tackett and Michael Tackett vs. Robert Walker and State Farm Insurance; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.
Sharon Kay Hite vs. Larry B. Hite; divorce.

The Trane Company vs. Onsite Mechanical Inc.; debt collection.

David Benjamin Maynard and Heather Green vs. Sara N. Dixon; compensation for injuries in automobile accident.

Lisa Engel vs. William A. Engel; petition for child support and health care insurance.

NCO Portfolio Management vs. Delmond L. Blackburn; debt collection.

Remit Corp. vs. Woodrow Jarrell and Carria Jarrell; debt collection.

Pamela Slone and Denver Slone Jr. vs. Julie McGuire; property dispute.

Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance vs. Arnold Jarrell; debt collection.

Community Trust Bank vs. Otis Johnson and Edna Johnson; debt collection.

Small Claims

Filings

Aplus Rentals vs. Tommy Greathouse; debt collection.
Aplus Rentals vs. Robert Huff; debt collection.
Aplus Rentals vs. Michael Newsome; debt collection.
Jack Darriel Rowe vs.

Jefferson Burke and Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co.; property damage.

Charges Filed

Russ Meade, 32, Prestonsburg, second-degree assault.

James Reed, 30, Hueysville, first-degree wanton endangerment, possession marijuana, alcohol intoxication, menacing, carrying a concealed weapon, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Teddy Hamilton, 42, Teaberry, possession of marijuana.

Dawn W. Chaney, 27, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Enoch Watts, 40, Spartanburg, S.C., alcohol intoxication.

Terry Wayne Anderson, 36, Printer, four counts of theft by deception, four counts of second-degree forgery, four counts of second-degree criminal possession of forged instrument.

Michael J. Taulbee, 26, Salyersville, theft by unlawful taking, theft by unlawful taking.

Victor Newsome, 32, Ligon, theft by unlawful taking.

Peggy S. Marcum, 47, Inez, alcohol intoxication.

Venus Young Jr., 28, Harold, fourth-degree assault.

Gary L. Johnson, 28,

Topmost, second-degree criminal mischief.

Sherri Ritchie, 25, Hindman, theft by deception.

Jessica Wright, 27, East Point, public intoxication.

Tommy Keathley, 46, Betsy Layne, illegal pursuit turkey/deer.

Shawn P. Allen, 29, David, hunting/fishing without license.

Albert Clevenger, 19, Prestonburg, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

James Steven Robinson, 29, Martin, theft by unlawful taking.

Chris Howell, 26, address unknown, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Michele R. Barnett, 27, Melvin, speeding 15 mph over the limit, disorderly conduct.

Score: 96.

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Inspections

Fiesta Place, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items not stored far enough from floor, restroom door not self-closing, proper light shields not provided.

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McKinney Grocery, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Restroom door not self-closing, ceiling in slight disrepair.

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Dona C. Tucker and Phillip Tucker to Columbia Natural Resources Inc., property located on Spurlock Fork.

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Researchers work to design less expensive housing for working poor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Researchers will work to develop new styles of housing that could be used to replace substandard dwellings in Eastern Kentucky and elsewhere.

The Kentucky Housing Corp. has contributed \$300,000 to a University of Kentucky College of Architecture research fund to begin designing homes that are more affordable for the working poor.

"This is the type of investment that can have a profound impact on Kentucky families, now and in the future," said Lynn Luallen, head of the Kentucky Housing Corp., which provides homes loans to low- and moderate-income families. "Quality, affordable housing strengthens families financially and emotionally, thereby strengthening our communities."

The first test of the project will be in Morehead, where a design team is developing hous-

ing prototypes for Frontier Housing Inc., a nonprofit group that helps residents buy homes.

"Obviously, we can't solve all the problems of eastern Kentucky," said Michael Pride-Wells, a UK architecture professor. "We can introduce some innovative models for housing for primarily rural settings."

Pride-Wells said some of the designs may look quite different.

"We need to move beyond providing a warm dry shelter," she said. "I would certainly expect that there will be some ideas that come out of this that will be unconventional in their form. We're not in this to develop something conventional. The private sector takes care of that very well. We want designs that are innovative, but not objectionable."

Kim Lyon, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Housing Corp., said the state has a strong demand for affordable housing for people with low to moderate incomes. That's why her agency is helping to fund research into new designs and possible new technologies that will mean less expensive homes of superior quality.

"We certainly do not want to build housing that will not last," she said.

The Kentucky Housing Corp. said in a report last year that the majority of low-income and elderly renters paid from 30 to 50 percent of their monthly earnings for rent.

Families living on a minimum-wage job can afford to pay no more than \$268 a month in rent, according to the housing corporation.

The fair market rent for a two-bedroom home in Kentucky is \$445, and more than 40 percent of renters can't afford to pay that much, the agency said. As a result, thousands of Kentucky families are on waiting lists for rental assistance and subsidized housing.

"By finding new and economical ways to build homes, we can reduce the financial burden placed on so many of our families," Luallen said.

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Release

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"The cheapest thing we can do for one extra prisoner is keep them in a state institution," Patton said.

The early release program will target nonviolent offenders. "I don't see any other alternative," Patton said.

Other cost-saving measures have been examined, including a renegotiation of the fees paid by the Transportation Cabinet to have inmates manufacture state license plates.

In an executive order released Wednesday, Patton pointed out that the Corrections Department has already cut \$23.1 million in budgeted spending during the last two years because of earlier budget problems.

Patton intends to use his constitutional power to commute sentences to make the inmates eligible for early release.

Patton asked the Corrections Department to give him lists of inmates targeted for release by Friday.

Nemesis

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as if for television. Worse — particularly considering Baird apprenticed as an editor — the cross-cutting limbs and sags.

As every Trekker knows, Federation starships lack the firepower of Romulan or Klingon war birds, so a captain must use his wits if he's drawn into battle with one of them. This installment, though, values brawn over brains, with the measured Picard eventually borrowing a tactic from a monster truck rally.

The Enterprise crew retains its breezy rapport, though Worf (Michael Dorn), Geordi (LeVar Burton) and Crusher (Gates McFadden) are given little to do. Spiner, the loosest and most freewheeling of the cast, creates some nice comic moments between Data and his less sophisticated prototype, while Stewart appears lost in a reverie of contemplation.

Perhaps he's thinking about how his other sci-fi franchise, "X-Men," has a future, while "Star Trek" is going nowhere, slowly.

"Star Trek: Nemesis," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and peril and a scene of sexual content. Running time: 117 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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Obituaries

Lewis Darvin Dotson

Lewis Darvin Dotson, 79, of State Road Fork, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, December 10, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born January 18, 1923, in Floyd County, he was the son of Albert Dotson and Anna Lee Wells Dotson. He was a former coal miner (Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, at David), a grocery store owner and merchant, and a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the V.F.W., a member of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Middle Creek Sportsmen Club, and a lifetime member of the DAV, Big Sandy Chapter No. 18.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Irene Wright Dotson.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Lamb Dotson.

Other survivors include one son, Larry D. Dotson of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Debbie (Deborah) Cline of Mount Sterling; two stepsons, Ricky Horn of Pikeville and Johnny M. Hunt of Lexington; one stepdaughter, Teresa Long of Danville; one brother, Orville Dotson of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Susie Burchett and Mable Honeycutt, both of Prestonsburg; two half-brothers, Sherman Dotson of Warsaw, Indiana, and Billy Joe Dotson of Prestonsburg; three half-sisters, Jean Rice of Banner, Laurie Marie Smith of Arkansas, and Cynthia Sue Hall of Ohio; five grandchildren, one great-grandson, and two step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Hazel and Audrey Arnett; two half-brothers, Jack Dotson and William Thomas Dotson; two half-sisters, Zona Douglas Combs and Mary Stevens.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 13, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Vernon Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville.

Military graveside services will be conducted by the Big Sandy Chapter No. 18 of D.A.V.

Carter Funeral Home is serving the Dotson family.

Pallbearers: Members of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

(Paid obituary)

Treasurer Miller files for re-election

FRANKFORT — State Treasurer Jonathan Miller, considered running mate material by some of the prospective Democratic gubernatorial candidates, has instead filed for re-election.

Miller has already raised \$341,136 for the effort.

Miller, who ran unsuccessfully for Congress from the 6th District, was elected in 1999 and is the one statewide

officeholder who is eligible for re-election. All the others are finishing their second terms and cannot run for a third.

Attorney General Ben Chandler considered Miller as a running mate, among others, before selecting Louisville businessman Charlie Owen last week.

No other candidates have filed for treasurer.

Odds

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suspect circled around the church and stole the squad car, authorities said.

The officer had left the keys in the ignition and the engine was running, said North Liberty police Chief Steve Michael.

The man fled into LaPorte County at speeds over 100 mph and again eluded pursuit.

Investigators believe the

man then broke into a home in LaPorte and called for a cab, but the dispatcher became suspicious and called police.

Police went to the home and surrounded it after finding the squad car in the garage, but the man was no longer there when officers entered the house.

Authorities said they knew the man's name and would seek an arrest warrant.



photo by Rita Brock

Jerica Blair, a fourth grade student at May Valley Elementary, amazed the audience when she performed a beautiful rendition of the song, "Mary, Did You Know?," at the "Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" program held Monday evening at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The special program, sponsored by Floyd County Schools, McDonald's, Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, BellSouth and WMDJ 100.1 FM Radio, is now in its fifth year.

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4. North Hardin	1-0	63	4	
5. Scott Co.	2-0	57	6	
6. Rose Hill	2-0	53	7	
7. Warren Central	1-1	40	8	
8. Lou. Ballard	0-2	24	5	
9. North Laurel	2-0	19		
10. Mason Co.	0-0	16		
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P'burg freshman Michael Stephens went in for a layup against a Magoffin County defender.

Runnin' Rebs suffer first loss

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK — In the end, the host Hawks proved to be four points better than the visiting Allen Central Runnin' Rebels Friday night. Pike Central scored a 93-89 win in four regulation quarters to score the victory.

Pike Central led 19-14 at the end of the first quarter and 42-35 at the half. The Rebels pulled closer after the half, trailing 62-58.

Senior guard Barry Sanders led the way for Pike Central with 29 points. Chase Lyons added 24.

Allen Central got 27 points from senior Neil Allen. Mike Slone, another Allen Central senior, scored 16

and center Brad Pack, yet another senior Rebel, chipped in 14. Rossi Samons also had 14 and Travis Francis netted 10.

Allen Central (1-1) is in the middle of a short break. It will return to the hardwood on Saturday when it hosts Knott County Central.

(See LOSE, page four)



■ Neil Allen, 27 points

P'burg boys notch first win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — The Magoffin County High School boys' basketball team suffered its first loss of the season on Tuesday night, falling 66-61 to visiting Prestonsburg. The win was the first victory of the season for the visiting Blackcats. The Hornets began the season last week

with a quality win over Betsy Layne, another team from Floyd County.

Jason Arnett and Clifton Barker led the way for Magoffin County in the short effort. Each player scored 14 points. Blake Helton finished with 13 points.

The visiting Blackcats scored 22 points in each of

(See BOYS, page three)

SIDELINE SHOTS

Who's your choice for UK football coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

In becoming the first University of Kentucky head football coach to leave under his own power, Guy Morriss has left much room for speculation and uncertainty in his departure.

Who will the next UK head football coach be?

Could UK AD Mitch Barnhart possibly lure Dennis Erickson to of all places

Kentucky to coach college football?

Yeah, I know, Erickson came to Oregon State U. of all places to coach.

Hey, the Kentucky job isn't that bad, is it?

Afterall, playing in what

is arguably the best college football conference in the world couldn't be that bad.

Some have said Morriss took the money from Baylor and run. Guy Morriss took a football team which was on probation and guided it to a 7-5 finish with no glimpse of a post-season game. That is coaching.

With all this said, I'd like to throw out some of the early names mentioned for the job.

DENNIS ERICKSON —

Why not the coach of the Oregon State Beavers? Hey, coaching a national champion and an NFL team are still high credentials, right?

(See SHOTS, page three)



STEVE LeMASTER
Sports Editor

— HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL —

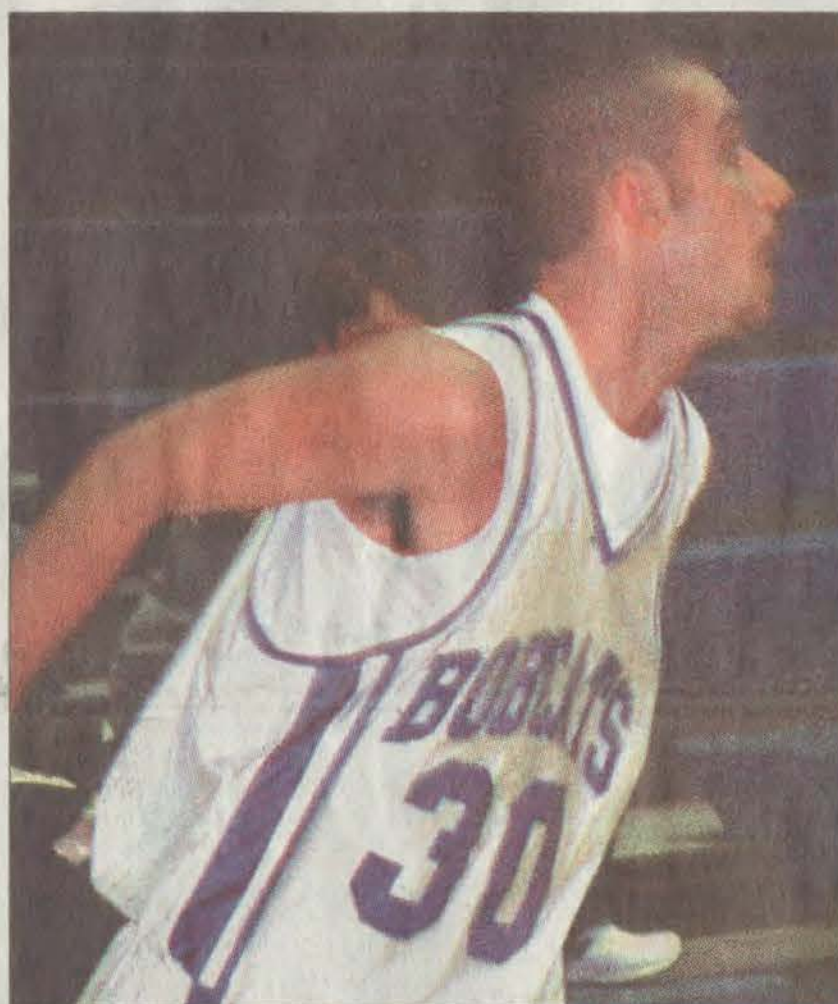


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Howell

Betsy Layne junior Brent Newsome watched for the ball during Tuesday night's loss to visiting Paintsville.

Tigers too much for Bobcats

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

HAROLD — The 2002-2003 edition of the Betsy Layne Bobcats is expected to be a contender for the 15th Region title by seasons end, but on Tuesday evening the Paintsville Tigers proved that the Bobcats still have work to be done.

Paintsville sprinted out of the gate and led 12-2 in the first three minutes of play. Adam Collins sparked the Tiger spurt as the

Paintsville guard connected on three treys in the first quarter. After a sluggish opening three minutes of the game, Betsy Layne settled down and cut the Tiger lead after one quarter to 21-19. Senior guard Bobo Hamilton led the Bobcats in scoring on the evening with a game-high 23 points on the strength of five three-pointers and backcourt partner Jordan Kidd followed with 15 points on the night.

(See TIGERS, page three)

SCORING WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Paintsville — Stuart Rutledge 20, Ryan Jarrell 19, Adam Collins 14, Shane Simpkins 10, Peyton Conley 8, Steven Jones 3, Adam Rice 1, Jason Hammonds 1.

Betsy Layne — Bobo Hamilton 23, Jordan Kidd 15, Nathan Newsome 6, Brandon Hall 6, Jordan Scarberry 5, Brent Newsome 2, Preston Simon 2.

YMCA

Floyd rivals battle in Y tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Tuesday's Results: AB Combs 48, Feds Creek 30; Turkey Creek 59, Pikeville 46; Allen 45, Adams 34

Wednesday: No games

Thursday's Schedule: 6 p.m., Paintsville vs. Betsy Layne; 7 p.m., Elkhorn City vs. Allen; 8 p.m., A.B. Combs vs. Paintsville/Betsy Layne winner; 9 p.m., Virgie vs. South Floyd. (Results unavailable at press time)

Combs 48, Feds Creek 30: Hazard High's feeder school scored the game's first 30 points and advanced to the quarterfinals. The Vikings trailed 35-6 at the half but outscored Bulldogs 24-13 after intermission.

AB Combs put 11 players in the scoring column, with only one reach

(See RIVALS, page three)

ELK HUNT

Cow Elk Quota Hunt Results

McDowell's Mitchell connects early on hunt

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's second cow elk hunt in 150 years conducted from Dec. 7-Dec. 9 was a tremendous success for all six Kentucky resident hunters.

The biggest of the six total elk taken during the cow-only hunt was Waddy resident David Casey's 530-pound animal. Casey harvested his large, adult cow at 8:40 a.m. on opening day with a 315-yard shot from a Remington Model 700 30.06 caliber rifle.

Shepherdsville resident Harold Smith took his 520-pound cow elk at 4:25 p.m. the first day from 75 yards away using a Remington Model 7400 .270 caliber. David Englert of Owensboro took another excellent

(See MITCHELL, page three)

COMMENTARY

What's wrong with having a playoff?

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

The Bowl Championship Series has four more years remaining on its contracts with the TV networks, but it should be killed right now. It's the worst thing that has ever happened to college football. It only proves how far the good ol' boy network — coaches, bowls, niversity presidents, and TV executives — will

(See REED, page three)

P'BURG JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Play continues after Thanksgiving holiday

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

Lakers 27, Sixers 23

Bobby Hughes and John Michael Turner each netted nine points to help lead the Lakers past the Sixers. The Sixers led 11-4 at the half, but the Lakers connected on 16/19 free-throws in the second half to pull off the win. Amber Whitaker led the Sixers with six points followed by Chayse Martin with five points.

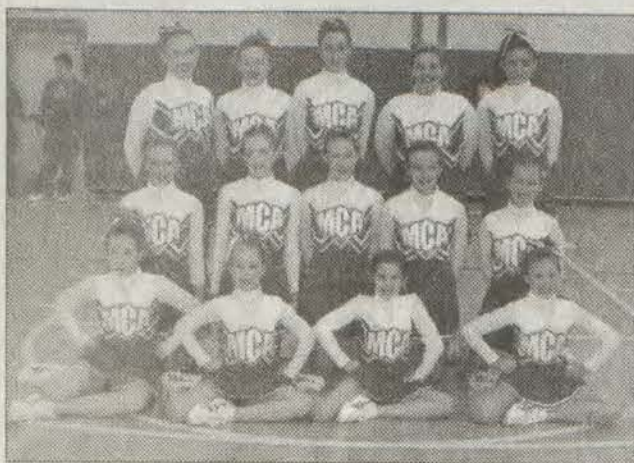
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Howell

GIMME THE BALL... Players from the Hornets and Warriors converged on the basketball Saturday in a pee wee league game in the Prestonsburg Junior Basketball League.

S P O R T S B O A R D



MCA fields first cheer squad since 1999

For the first time since 1999 Mountain Christian Academy has a cheerleading squad. This year's squad has been busy cheering on the school's boys' basketball team

(See MCA, page four)



H.S. BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Pikeville beats Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ — It took Pikeville an extra period Tuesday to stay unbeaten.

The opponent for the Panthers was Sheldon Clark.

Jesse Parish shot in a team-high 17 points to lead the panthers to a thrilling 48-44 overtime victory over Sheldon Clark.

"It wasn't pretty, but we'll take it," Pikeville head coach Dave Thomas said after the game. "I don't think both teams played very well offensively tonight, but our defense really stepped it up and fought hard for the win."

Chad Wells followed Parish with 13 points, including three treys.

Sheldon Clark (1-2) was led by Greg Evans' game-high 17 points. Asher Maynard came off the bench for eight.

In the overtime session, turnovers and missed opportunities plagued the Cardinals.

Senior Reggie Sammons missed a lay-up that would of knotted the score at 46 apiece with 1:35 to go in the extra period.

"We missed a lot of easy shots," Sheldon Clark head coach J.R. Hammonds said.

"Heck, we missed a lot of shots period. We just got to start playing smart. We play hard, but we got to stay focused down-the-stretch."

Two consecutive turnovers spelled the end for the Cardinals during the overtime period.

"We're going to get better, but its going to take some time," Hammonds added.

Sheldon Clark was back in action last night at Belfry. Results were unavailable. Pikeville (2-0) will travel to Jenkins Saturday.

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Golden Eagles pull away from Lawrence County

PAINTSVILLE — Coach Les Trimble and the Johnson Central boys' basketball team continues to roll on as one of the favorites in the 15th Region. The Golden Eagles recorded win No. 2 on the young season Tuesday night with an 80-67 win over Lawrence County.

Junior guard Mike Walters hit four three-pointers in the fourth and final quarter to help Johnson Central pull away for the win.

Walters finished the game seven-of-18 on three-pointers, scoring 23 points for the host Golden Eagles (2-0).

Lawrence County came in with revenge on its mind, hoping to make Johnson Central senior Brandon Wheeler regret ever leaving the Bulldog program. Wheeler answered the call for his new team, scoring 30 points for the second straight game.

Johnson Central sophomore Nick Music chipped in eight in the winning effort.

Lawrence County (1-1) managed just three field goals in the final quarter. Forward Steven Driver led the Bulldogs in scoring with 24 points. Adam Brown, a transfer from Sheldon Clark, was held to

(See ROUNDUP, page four)

NAIA WOMEN

Lady Bears up two spots

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Pikeville College Lady Bears are part of a three-way Mid-South Conference logjam in the bottom fifth of the latest NAIA poll.

Pikeville College (9-2) is tied with Georgetown College at No. 23 in the Div. I poll released today. The teams are one position — and only two voting points — behind No. 22 Cumberland College.

(See BEARS, page four)

BENTLEY'S COMMENTS

YMCA TOURNEY: Class Act

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It happens every year. Once a year, young people gather in a big gymnasium, there's a lot of screaming and yelling and celebrating, a lot of festive colors are all around, and there's usually a fat guy there who sometimes wears red.



And it has nothing to do with Christmas.

It does, however, have to do with the passion of this Commonwealth: Young people playing basketball. And that makes it worthwhile.

It was the brainchild of Terry Fitzer and Rick Scruggs, the former a restaurateur, the latter a basketball coach. The idea was to bring together junior high school basketball teams from around the 15th Region and allow them to bask in the spotlight of a larger stage for a week

(See COMMENTS, page three)

NASCAR

Stewart collects over \$9 million

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It definitely isn't the money that makes Tony Stewart race, although the new Winston Cup champion isn't about to give back the more than \$9 million he received at the NASCAR Awards Ceremony.

"This is all great, but I don't care if I win a lot of money at a Winston Cup race or win nothing running a sprint car at some little track. I just want to race," Stewart said.

The 31-year-old Stewart definitely wasn't in his element Friday night as Stewart was handed checks totaling \$9,163,761.

That includes \$4,305,607 from the season points fund, as well as season earnings and post-season bonus and contingency money. The total raises Stewart's career earnings to just over \$20.9 million in four seasons.

"That's just awesome," said Stewart, who has had a whirlwind week of celebration, starting on Monday with a visit with President Bush at the White House.

Stewart, who admittedly dislikes interviews, public speaking and signing autographs, has been the picture of cooperation since embarking on what NASCAR calls "Champion's Week."

The hot-tempered driver who has

(See STEWART, page four)

HIGH SCHOOL

Jamerson steps away from basketball

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — One of the state's top football players heading into his senior season next fall has stepped away from the sport of basketball. Nick Jamerson, a Prestonsburg High School junior, has stepped away from the roundball sport, opting instead to concentrate on the sport of football. In addition to playing football, the Prestonsburg standout also competes in track and field where his father, Dewey Jamerson, serves as the coach.

ROUNDBALL SPOTLIGHT



Senior Amber Scott (10), pictured in the first game of the season played against Leslie County, has helped lead the Allen Central girls' varsity basketball team out to three wins opposed to one loss on the season.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd County Girls



photo by Tony McGuire
Betsy Layne's Whitney Lykens attempted a long jump shot over an outstretched Prestonsburg defender.

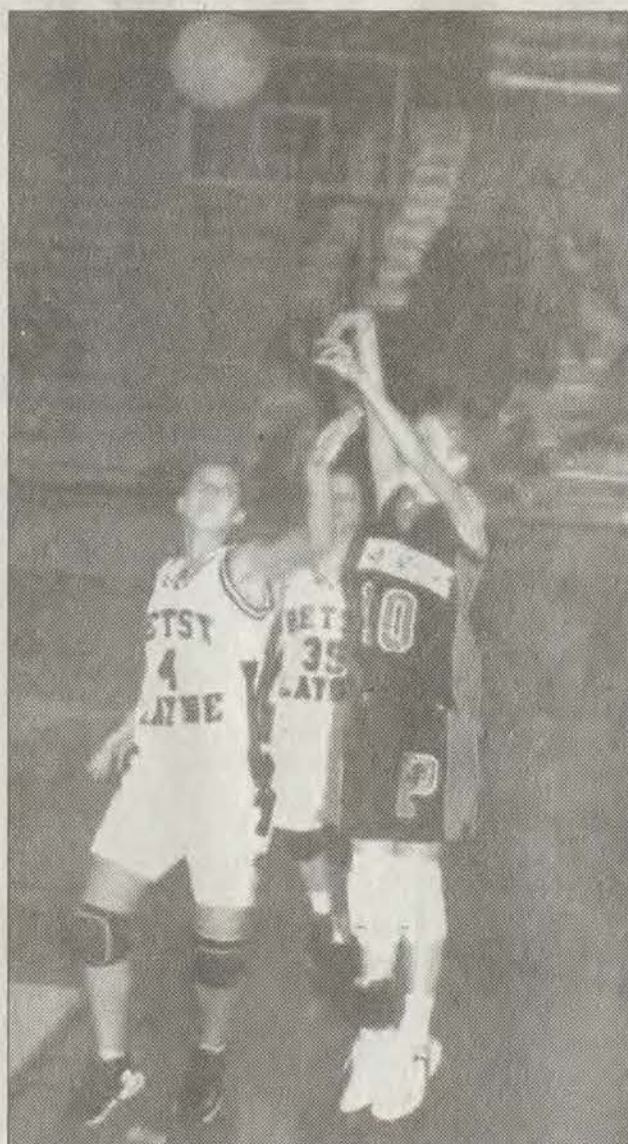
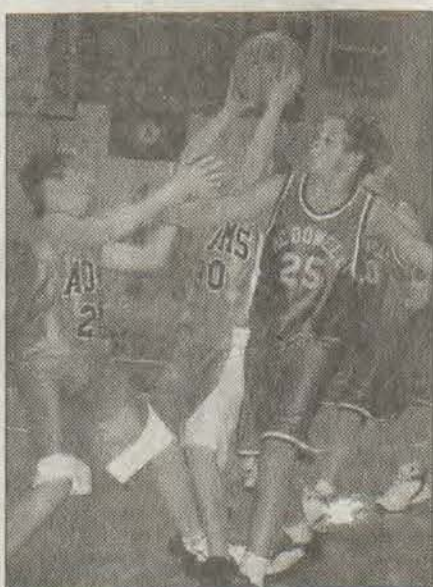


photo by Tony McGuire
Prestonsburg sophomore Molly Burchett put a shot up over Betsy Layne sophomore Kim Clark.

Adams' Allen Craynon and Matt Sword went for the ball against McDowell.



Adams teams beat McDowell units

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Adams C-Team used solid defense and a balanced scoring attack to defeat the McDowell C-Team by a score of 34-13. Adams opened the game in a full court press and scored several first half lay-ups off the press to take a commanding 23-8 lead at halftime. Adams lead 32-8 after three quarters of action and went on to win 34-13.

Adams was lead in scoring by Seth Setser and

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Blackcats Josh Blackburn (right) and Josh Craynon (left) applied pressure on the press.

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go to deprive the public of the post-season playoff it craves.

Please don't ask me how the BCS works. Even if I understood it, I don't have the energy or space to explain it. All you need to know is that it's an exclusionary cartel within

NCAA Division I that gives the six most powerful conferences — Southeastern, Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, and Pacific 10 — unfair and incredible advantages over those conferences that are shut out.

It's simply an affront to the

American Way.

Instead of working itself into such a lather about whether women should be allowed to be members of the Augusta National Golf Club, the public should be far more concerned about the blatant discrimination

practiced by the BCS.

The members of Conference USA, the Mid-American, the Mountain West, the Sun Belt, and the Western Athletic all are essentially shut out of the big-money, high-prestige New Year's Day bowl games.

Of the 28 bowl games (about 12 too many), 15 offer payouts from \$1 million to \$13.5 million. Of those 15, non-BCS members play in only one — the \$1.3 million Liberty Bowl, which pits the champion of Conference USA (TCU) against

the champion of the Mountain West (Colorado State).

That's appalling.

It's also not right that teams from BCS member leagues can go to million-dollar bowl games with 6-6 or 7-5 records (Purdue, Washington, Wake Forest, Oregon, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and Mississippi), while non-BCS universities with equal, or better, records are relegated to the less-than-\$1 million bowls or left out completely (Louisville, Marshall, Hawaii, Toledo, Bowling Green, Fresno State, etc.).

And what in the name of Amos Alonzo Stagg is Florida State, beaten by U of L and three others, doing in the \$13.5 million Sugar Bowl with a 9-4 record?

And why in the name of Howard Schnellenberger are Iowa and Southern Cal playing in the Orange Bowl in Miami?

One answer: Anything to avoid a playoff.

The old free-market way was better. The Big 12 champion always went to the

Orange, the SEC champion to the Sugar, the Southwest Conference winner to the Cotton, and the Big 10 and Pac 10 champs to the Rose. Otherwise, however, the bowls were open to anybody.

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Junior Pro

Wizards 52, Grizzlies 32

Seth Moore poured in a team-high 17 points to propel the Wizards past the Grizzlies. A close game at the half was blown open by a 35-11 run in the second half from the Wizards. Logan Grindstaff added 15 points and Justin Conn had 12 for the Wizards. Cameron Jayne led the Grizzlies with 18 points.

Lakers 31, Jazz 26

Nicholas Conn and Kaleb

Mitchell

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animal, a 515-pounder at 8 a.m. on Saturday, making it the first taken of the 2002 cow hunt.

Ashland resident Joseph Christian had the most difficult task of any of the hunters participating in the 2002 cow elk hunt. He steadfastly refused to forsake his traditional percussion cap muzzleloader in nearly a day and a half of stalk-style hunting. His persistence paid off, however, with a 475-pound cow elk taken at 10 a.m. on December 8.

Former coal miner Kenny Mitchell of McDowell, could

not start hunting until December 9, but he didn't need long to connect with a Kentucky born and bred 440-pound cow elk around 3:30 p.m. that afternoon.

The final participant, Louisville Bill Haycraft used a custom built Mauser 30.06 rifle to take his 300-pound antlerless animal also on December 7.

Permits for next year's elk hunt random drawing are on sale now until May 31, 2003. Hunters for the four bull and six cow elk tags will be drawn at the Elk Festival in Hazard in late July, 2003.

Tigers

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Paintsville gave the Bobcats fits all night in the paint as the Tiger big men worked for easy shots in close. Ryan Jarrell came off the Paintsville bench and tossed in 19 points in the game, eight of those coming in a second quarter that watched Paintsville outscore Betsy Layne 23-12 to take a 44-31 halftime lead.

Paintsville continued to build on its lead in the third quarter as the Tiger defense held the Bobcats to three field goals in the quarter. Stuart Rutledge tossed in 6 of his 20 points in the third quarter which helped the Tigers build the biggest lead of the night and a 60-41 lead after three quarters.

Shots

WALT HARRIS — The current Pittsburgh coach has taken the Panthers miles, not yards. If he's interested, he should definitely be given high consideration.

MIKE RILEY — The New Orleans Saints assistant coach seems to be drawing attention from several colleges, including UCLA, Alabama and Kentucky. It was said Riley was in New Orleans on Tuesday night and met with Barnhart when the Basketball Wildcats played the University of New

Orleans.

Names I've heard, that UK doesn't need, that I really don't think have a shot at the job anyway.

MIKE DUBOSE — The former Alabama coach is not the answer for Kentucky. His track record at Alabama is evident of that.

TONY FRANKLIN — Please let Mr. Franklin stick with indoor football for now. He had his shot on the Hal Mumme staff at the University. We all know how that turned

Boys

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the first two periods opposed to 19 and 15 from the host Hornets. Magoffin battled back valiantly, outscoring Prestonsburg in each of the final two quarters. Chris Kidd led Prestonsburg in scoring with 24 points.

Kris Bentley had 13 points and Trevor Compton chipped in with 11. Joey Willis finished with nine and Justin Allen chipped in seven after scoring 20 against Estill County in a game played late last week.

Magoffin County had its chances to tie the game late, but couldn't manage any points. Kidd was able to knock down some crucial free throws late to preserve the win for Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg improved to 1-1 with the win. The two teams—Prestonsburg and Magoffin County — were to play one another again at Prestonsburg last night. Results from the rematch were unavailable at press time.

The Hornets and head coach Danny Adams will return to action on Saturday against South Floyd at Betsy Layne's Dome Gym in the Floyd County Classic Tip-off is scheduled for

7:30 p.m. It is the nightcap of the tournament. South Floyd is a leading contender for this year's 15th Region title along with Paintsville, defending champion Shelby Valley, Johnson Central and a handful of other teams.

The Floyd County Classic pits three of the four Floyd County high school boys' basketball teams against squads from outside of the county. The one-day basketball event is under the direction of Rick Hughes of Prestonsburg.

A list of games and tip times follows.

Betsy Layne-Belfry, 3:30 p.m.; Prestonsburg-George Rogers Clark, 5:30 p.m.; South Floyd-Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.

SCORING

PRESTONSBURG (66) — Allen 7, Willis 9, Compton 11, Kidd 24, Bentley 13, Stephens 2.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (61) — Barker 14, Jayne 12, Connelley 6, Helton 13, Arnett 14, Allen.

17 points and Austin McKinney added 12. The Bulls got a strong game from Tosha Wallen as the youngster tossed in 13 points on the night. Vincent Hayes added four points for the Bulls.

Knicks 25, Raptors 15

The Knicks led 8-6 at the half over the Raptors, but went on a 13-1 run in the fourth quarter to post the win. Thomas Skeens led the winners with 10 points followed by Frankie Conn with five and Evan Spradlin added four. Alex Griffith scored 13 of the Raptors' 15 points and Austin Sloan added two.

Bulls 32, Hornets 21

Wil Allen scorched the net for a game high 22 points as the Bulls beat the Hornets 32-21. The Hornets led 8-2 after one quarter, but Allen led the Bulls comeback. James Sturgill added four points for the Bulls. Robert Grigsby led the Hornets effort with 16 points and Tyler Sparkman added three.

Sonics 18, Hawks 6

Rebekah Potter and Luke Williams combined to lead the Sonics over the Hawks. The

Rivals

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ing double figures. Jason Kelley scored all 10 of his points in the opening period. He was followed by the trio of Brandon Willis, T.J. Searcy and Justin Willis, all of whom scored six points.

Tyler Freeman led Feds Creek with 10 points. Tommy Smith followed with seven and Shawn Fuller added four.

Turkey Creek 59, Pikeville 46: The Wildcats ran out to a big lead and never looked back in beating the Panthers. Turkey Creek led 19-6 after a quarter and 35-19 at the break to pick up the win.

Turkey Creek had three players in double figures, led by

Jamie Case's 20. Case had 13 in the first half. Aaron Warren and Chad Steele pumped in 12 points each.

Pikeville was headed by Jacob Sword, who finished with 11. Robert Boyd followed with seven, while Joe Castle finished with five.

Allen 45, Adams 34: The Eagles won a hard-fought, close game by hitting several free throws late in the game. Tyler Hamilton made five of his final six tries from the line in the fourth quarter to pull away from the Blackcats.

Hamilton led the Eagles with 12 points, while Brennan Case followed with 10. Justin Robinson, Thomas Samons and Frankie Stanley chipped in six points each.

Adams was led by Logan Grindstaff, who scored eight points. Mike Crum followed with seven and Chayse Martin flipped in five.



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A look at sports: Good and bad of UK Athletics

by **ED TAYLOR**
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Whew!

Just when we thought we finally found a football coach at the University of Kentucky that possibly could build a winning program, he ups and departs the campus for the Southwest.

I don't know. I like what coach Guy Morriss did the two seasons he was at the helm of the UK program and I thought we had us a coach and he had a home. But what happens? He has a successful second year and immediately another school grabs him up with a lucrative offer.

Coach Morriss will leave to take the head coaching job at Baylor University, more of a football school, leaving yet another gap in the troublesome UK football program. Maybe Morris saw something or heard something we fans were not told.

We know the program has not been one of the top teams in the nation. We know that UK football has to take back stage to UK basketball. We know that no blue-chip football player really wants to come to UK and play. We know that. But is there something behind the scenes we do not know?

Like, did Morriss want more than what UK was willing to give? Did the little bit of the success he had this past season build his ego a little? Well, he seemed not to be the kind of a coach in the mold of one Hal Mumme, whose ego did show. I

just like Morriss and hate to see him leave.

After he signed a contract extension, I thought, "We have us one who wants to stay." But I suppose the extension did not mean that much to him or what Baylor put on the table must have been so much more appealing than remaining at UK.

Who will coach the Cats football program now? I don't know, although some familiar names along with unfamiliar names are being rumored. But whoever it will be, it means another new head coach, another new system, another new philosophy and going back to the drawing board. UK football players deserve much more than what the university is giving them. No wonder, no one wants to play at the SEC school.

UK BASKETBALL

The UK basketball Wildcats have been impressive their last two outings, and I am not going to brag on them but just say they have a tough next three Saturdays. The Cats will host Michigan State, a top 25 team, this Saturday before facing the likes of number 6 Indiana in Louisville, and Rick Pitino's Louisville Cardinals at Freedom Hall. This Saturday's game will be only the second home game of the season for Tubby's crew.

WILL THEY OR NOT?

We have learned that two weeks ago major league baseball commissioner Bud Selig met with Pete Rose with the discussions centered on the rein-

stating of Rose back in baseball. Most of the polls taken show that the baseball world is in favor of Rose returning, while some say he should admit his betting on baseball.

Now Pete admitted he did bet on the game but not on the Cincinnati Reds, the team he was managing at the time. So he says. Two commissioners before Selig said they had proof that Rose indeed did bet on the Reds while

he was their manager. Rose, who spent some jail time for tax invasion, was allowed to be honored at the World Series this past fall.

The all-time hits leader is not a member of the Hall of Fame, neither can be until baseball reinstates him. Rose has said that it is the dream of every major league player to be part of the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Rose's accomplishments that

Pillersdorf gets David School boys' basketball program off the ground

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — For the first time in school history, the David School has a boys' basketball team. Heading the newly developed program is one of the state's leading attorneys, Ned Pillersdorf. The Floyd County attorney and his team were scheduled to play their first game last night at Pikeville. This season's games will all be freshman/junior varsity affairs.

"I love basketball and love to work with kids," said Pillersdorf. "There's no much to do here in the winter, this give me something to do, and I'm really enjoying it."

The team, eight players strong, practices at Maytown Elementary. With no gym currently available, the David School team will have no home games. The team name/mascot is the Comets.

Pillersdorf serves as both head coach and team sponsor. He saw a need for a boys' basketball program at the school.

"These are high school kids and they needed the chance to play high school basketball," added DeRossett.

Floyd County's newest head high school basketball coach also went on to say he would take a wait-and-see attitude as far as varsity status for future seasons.

As for the Comets' next game, Pillersdorf was awaiting a phone call back from Sheldon Clark. He expects to travel to Martin County to play either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Another game already scheduled for the David School is a December 23 road date at Hazard.

The David School also offers soccer to its students. Pillersdorf, a longtime Little League baseball coach, expects the program David basketball program to grow in its first season.

Bears

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Pikeville has a better record than either of its MSC companions. Cumberland is 6-5 while Georgetown is 6-4. The Lady Bears played once last week, winning at U.Va.-Wise 73-53 on Saturday.

"We're very happy to stay in the Top 25," said Coach Bill Watson. "We also got more points this week, which shows that other people are paying attention to what we're going here. We think we have a very talented team right now and it's good to see other people agree with us."

One other MSC school is in the Top 25. Campbellsville University moved up one post and is fifth in the country.

Oklahoma City (5-0) is the

new No. 1 team, getting 11 of the dozen first-place votes. Southern Nazarene (Okla.) is second, followed by Union (Tenn.) University, who got the other first-place nod. Central State (Ohio) is fourth, followed by Campbellsville.

Brescia University, who will host Pikeville on Dec. 28, is ranked 11th. One other Kentucky school, Transylvania University, got two votes and is tied for 32nd.

Vanguard (Calif.) University, which lost to Pikeville 69-58 in the finals of the Mr. Gatti's Invitational on Nov. 9, got 18 votes and is 27th this week.

This poll is the final poll of 2002. The next rating will be released on January 7.

Adams

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Chris Schoolcraft who scored eight points each. Jody Tackett finished with 6 points and played a great game at point guard in leading the unselfish Adams offensive attack. Alex Stumbo and Luke Sturgill gave the young Blackcats a huge defensive lift off the bench and finished with three points each. Matt Sword, Allen Craynon and Stephen Patrick each scored two points to round out the scoring for Adams.

Dye and Turner led the Daredevils in scoring with four points each. Mitchell and Tackett scored two each and Marson scored one to round out the scoring for McDowell.

The Blackcats improved their record to 5-1 on the season and

are scheduled to play Wednesday at John M. Stumbo and Friday at home against Pikeville.

In the fifth-grade game before the C-Team game, the Blackcats defeated McDowell by a score of 22-7. The Blackcats opened the game with a full court press and led 9-0 after the first quarter on the strength of four points by Josh Craynon, two points by Austin McKinney and a three-point field goal by Wil Allen. The Blackcats led 14-2 at halftime and went on to win 22-7.

Craynon did a very good job recognizing defenses and running the Blackcat offense as point guard. Craynon led the team in scoring with 10 points. McKinney finished with four points and Allen finished with three points. Andrew Skeens and Nick Conn scored two points each while Josh Blackburn rounded out the scoring for the Blackcats with one point.

Marson led the Daredevils with three points while Turner and Tulett each scored two points.

The Blackcat fifth-grade team improved to 3-1.

Roundup

nine points.

Patriots fall to Valley, lose second straight

ROBINSON CREEK — Guard Paul Terry Fleming fired in 17 points, and was not alone in his efforts.

Shelby Valley topped Knott County Central 63-50, thus improving its record to 2-0 on the season.

Seth Kiser finished with 13 points and fellow sophomore Kelsey Friend added 15.

Reed

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Under the old system, the New Year's Day bowl lineup would see No. 9 Texas playing host to No. 11 Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, No. 4 Georgia playing host to No. 8 Oklahoma in the Sugar, No. 2 Ohio State and No. 4 Southern Cal playing in the Rose, No. 1 Miami playing No. 6 Kansas State in the Orange, and No. 3 Iowa playing No. 7 Washington State in the Fiesta.

Depending on the various scenarios, at least six teams would go into New Year's Day have a theoretical shot at the mythical national title. As it is now, only one game — Miami vs. Ohio State in the Fiesta — will have any significance.

No wonder overall bowl attendance average has declined.

If a 16-team playoff were in effect, the follow 11 league champions each would get a bid: Florida State (ACC), Miami (Big East), Ohio State (Big Ten), Kansas State (Big 12), TCU (Conference USA),

Toledo (Mid-American), Colorado State (Mountain West), Southern Cal (Pac 10), Georgia (SEC), North Texas (Sun Belt), and Idaho State (Western Athletic). The five at-large teams would be Iowa, Washington State, Oklahoma, Notre Dame, and Texas.

What's wrong with that?

The championship game could still be played in the Fiesta Bowl, the semifinals in the Rose and Orange, the quarterfinals in the Sugar, Cotton, Citrus, and Holiday, and the first-round games in the Gator, Outback, Peach, Liberty, Sun, Seattle, Alamo, and Independence Bowls.

The BCS is like a tax code that benefits the rich more than the poor. Anybody who believes in equal opportunity and a level playing field would have to agree that he needs to be gone with the wind or a broom, whichever comes first.

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both of tonight's games is 7:30.

Lady Knights fall to Jackson City, JBS

After beginning the new season with a loss, the Piarist School Lady Knights fell 69-33 to Jackson City Friday night at home and 103-21 against Cordia in the Three Rivers Conference Tournament on Monday night. The Lady Knights took on June Buchanan Tuesday night, and in a more closer contest, fell 55-27 in another Three Rivers Conference Tournament game.

Ten different June Buchanan players dented the scorebooks en route to the win.

Freshman Bethany Tackett from Betsy Layne led Piarist with 14 points. Mary Bentley, McDowell, finished with 11 and Tara Stevens, another freshman from Betsy Layne rounded out the scoring with two points.

The next game up for the Lady Knights is tonight against Buckhorn.

MCA

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at various games.

Pictured in page two's photo: (front row): Courtney Gullett, Leigh Williams, Kathleen Smith, Kaitlyne Hackworth; (middle) Lindsay Maggard, Myranda

Lose

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PIKE CENTRAL (93) — Sanders 29, Prater 8, Mullins 6, Lyons 24, McCurry 6, Pugh 8, Williamson 3, Hall 2, Slone 4, Thacker 3.

ALLEN CENTRAL (87) — Slone 16, Allen 27, Pack 14, Francis 10, Samons 14, Lafferty 2, Hall 4.

Records — Allen Central 1-1, Pike Central 1-2.

earned a right to the Hall of Fame came as a player and not while he was a manager. In fact, I thought he was a horrible manager, but one tough baseball player. If reinstated, he would be considered for the Hall on his merits as a player.

I enjoyed watching him play, and was at the game when he replaced Don Blasingame at second base in the fifth inning at old Crosley Field. He became the Reds' regular second baseman after that.

I don't like and never did like him as an egocentric person who thought he was major league baseball. But he deserves to be

in the Hall of Fame simply because he is the all-time hits leader in the game today.

If Rose had been convicted of being a drug addict, he would never have been banned for life from the game. He would have been reinstated quickly and given a second and third chance without hesitation. Steve Howe is a perfect example of that.

Well, I hope baseball allows him back in the game just so he can get in the Hall of Fame. I don't think they should permit him to manage a team in either league.

Until Sunday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Comments

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to determine who among them is the best.

And for the last 10 years, it's taken place at the Pikeville College Gymnasium.

At first it was called the Rax Invitational. A few years ago, the sponsorship changed to the Pikeville Area YMCA, and the folks at the Y have continued this valuable event with tremendous success.

This year, 18 teams from around the mountain region will play in the tournament, which ends with a championship game tomorrow night evening at 5:30 p.m. Teams from Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Perry counties are represented.

The basic idea is that the teams can come together for a week and do something their postseason tournaments do not — they can crown a regional champion.

In grade school basketball, the postseason begins with the area tournament, which is basically like the high school districts, and the county tournament, which is equivalent to a regional tournament.

But it pretty well stops there. There is no regional tournament, although some teams did gather last year to play for what they were calling a state title, but I'm not really sure how sanctioned it was.

I'm sure it will get to that point; it's really just a matter of time. But as for now, this is the only opportunity for teams from around the mountains to come together and compete.

Only AB Combs, which feeds into Hazard High School, is from outside the 15th Region. The rest of these schools are from within the local region, and the battles are tough.

The scheduling isn't a breeze either. It consists of 17 games and started with four last Saturday morning. The schedule called for three games on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with one on Friday.

Then there was the little matter of school being cancelled in Floyd County on Monday, which resulted in some reshuf-

fling of the brackets and four games being on last night's slate, two tonight and the semifinals and finals tomorrow.

Tonight's games will be played after the Lady Bears played St. Mary-of-the-Woods College at 5:30. Tomorrow's semifinals and championship will be split by another Lady Bears game, this time with Wilberforce.

It's always exciting to be around the tournament, and this year has been no exception. On Saturday, a young man from South Floyd stepped to the free throw line with one second remaining and his team trailing Millard 51-49.

A pressure situation, it would seem, but he calmly sank all three free throws, none hitting so much as a speck of paint on the rim, giving his team the win.

On Tuesday night, the final game pitted Floyd County rivals Allen and Adams in a duel. Several of these players will be classmates in the future, as Adams feeds into Prestonsburg while Allen's children go to three different Floyd high schools, one being in the county seat.

It was rough and rugged and close all the way before Allen made good from the free throw line to seal the win.

It's always exciting, and the deeper we get into the tournament the better the play is. Tonight's games will settle who plays in tomorrow morning's semifinals, which will begin at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

After the Lady Bears play at 2, the finals will be held at 5:30.

Do yourself a favor. Come out and watch a good, smooth, pure level of basketball. There are no dunks and fewer three-pointers, but it's generally a good level of play and there are fewer attitudes to deal with as well.

I've enjoyed this tournament since its inception, and feel sure that if you come out and watch it the next couple of days, you will too.

Who knows, I may even crack out a red shirt or something. Again.

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just 38 points, Stewart said that winning a championship would not make him a spokesman for the sport.

On Friday, even as he prepared to accept all the accolades that go with the title, that opinion had not changed.

"To be honest, I still don't feel like I'm a representative or an ambassador for the sport," he said. "I'm just a simple boy from Indiana. I don't want to be a legend or an icon or anything. I just want to be a race car driver, pure and simple."

"But, going through this last week, it's given me more of an appreciation for what's happened this year. It's easier to put it all in perspective."

Stewart is already looking forward to getting into uniform for preseason testing.

"You know, by January, this will all be done," he said. "I'm going to put on a new pair of gloves, a new pair of racing shoes and my helmet and go out and race for another championship."

"What I did this season won't make any difference anymore."

During the ceremony, Stewart paid tribute to car owner Joe Gibbs, crew chief Greg Zipadelli, engine builder Mark Cronquist and the rest of his team.

"Every person on this team,

from Joe on down, contributed to this championship," Stewart said. "I just drove the car."

Gibbs, the former Washington Redskins coach and now a two-time Winston Cup champion owner — Bobby Labonte won in 2000 — praised his driver.

"We knew he would win a championship and I'm glad this team could help him do it," Gibbs said. "I believe Tony is going to win more of them, too."

There were other winners Friday night, too, with the drivers who finished second through fourth — Martin, Kurt Busch and Jeff Gordon — each collecting more than \$1 million.

Stewart came up short of the record \$10,879,757 that four-time champion Gordon won in 2001. The \$1.086 million he got Friday raised Gordon's career earnings to \$51,903,055.

Zipadelli, also winning his first championship, got a bonus from his driver earlier in the day.

"I promised Zippy if we won the championship, I'd buy him a Corvette," Stewart said.

On Friday morning, Stewart presented the keys to a red Corvette to Zipadelli outside a downtown hotel.

"That's the kind of stuff that makes this fun," Stewart said.

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THROUGH MY EYES

An ornament
by any other
name...

My son informed me over the weekend that our family Christmas tree was a little less than it should be, in his opinion. His opinion, needless to say, does not match mine.

Following my son's disparaging comment, I gazed up at the large tree standing in the middle of our living room's picture window. Tall, green, ornamented, lit - I recalled the slight-

ly less than \$100 that it had cost my son's grandmother the year she purchased it for her grandchildren - "What's wrong with our tree?," I had to ask.

"Well, look at it, Mom," my son replied.
"I am looking," I answered

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THIS TOWN, THAT WORLD

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

HO! HO!

Remember way back when Santa entered the house via the chimney?...Somebody said he was happy, even if he was all covered with ashes and soot, because that was his one escape, all year, from the dog-house.

GREETINGS

Before I go a syllable—yea, a letter—farther, let me wish each of you the very best of all the things that really count, this Christmas and for all the coming year.

THEY TRUST THE GIVER

Grown-ups and some hot so grown-up may not be satisfied with what Christmas brings. But do you recall ever hearing a little tyke whose faith in Santa was pure and unshaken voice one complaint? These tots may see other children with finer, more costly toys, but it doesn't occur to them to berate Santa for failing to make his gift to them something equally fine or costly.

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photo by Rita Brock
Mickeah Johnson, a third grade student from W.D. Osborne Elementary, performed at the "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" special school program this past Monday evening. Mickeah said that her family celebrates Christmas by "saying prayers" and letting Jesus have a happy birthday.



photo by Rita Brock
Kaitlyn Minix, fourth grade student at Prestonsburg Elementary, performed "Mary Sings a Lullaby" for the assembled family members and school system employees that attended the "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" program this past week.

Christmas through the eyes of a child

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

"My family and I think about Papaw around Christmas. My papaw would always have a wide smile watching me and the rest of his grandchildren while our fingers moved quickly opening our Christmas pre-

sents. But now things have changed. My papaw has passed away. But you know, I never worry because he is always with me with his big, sparkling smile. Merry Christmas, Papaw, I love you."

This is Christmas through the eyes of one Floyd County child, Bobbie Spurlock, who attends May Valley

Elementary, and, this is what the Floyd County Schools writing program, "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" is all about.

Each year, since 1998, Floyd County school children have been sharing their thoughts, feelings and

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photo by Rita Brock

Patricia Watson, coordinator of the Christmas program, and Dale McKinney, owner, WMDJ-Radio, prepared gifts to be presented to the children in recognition of their achievements and participation in the program.

POSTSCRIPT

Flagged in
Wal-Mart

I wasn't mortified, but I was embarrassed when the cashier at the Paintsville Wal-Mart could not process my credit card on a recent Sunday.

It wasn't so much because of the problem with my card, but I

felt sorry for those people behind me, because I've been there. I'm usually the one who's behind the person who unintentionally chose an item without a price or bar code, or who can't find any identification, or who forgot a checkbook or who sent the kid back for one more of the two-for-one sets.

You stand there trying to decide whether to give up your place in this line for the back of another line or to have faith that this line will move soon. That sinking feeling in your stomach comes from the suspicion that either choice will be the wrong one.

The cashier graciously told me that a short power outage just a few minutes ago might have created a problem. She called the service desk to have someone come over and check out my card.

The service person took my card and said she would call in the purchase. No problem. It just does this sometimes, she said. A few minutes later, as I stood there in the aisle behind my card with \$33 of rung-up purchases, the service

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Food safety
stressed during
bad weather

FRANKFORT -The Cabinet for Health Services wants to caution Kentuckians about some of the dangers affecting food safety that can arise during bad weather, severe storms and other emergencies.

"During severe storms, power outages may cause problems with frozen or refrigerated foods in residential freezers and refrigerators," said Anita Travis, manager of the Cabinet's Food Safety Branch. "Refrigeration units and freezers containing foods such as meats, poultry, dairy products, butter, cheese, eggs, fish, and cooked vegetables may not maintain refrigerated-frozen temperatures over a long period."

Travis said these foods, which can be hazardous if not kept at proper temperature, must be kept

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Things to ponder: About those holiday myths

Most likely, everyone is continuing to think about what they want to do for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Plus, there's the stress of trying to engineer things so they will come together, in a timely fashion, and working hard to get it all done. Then, there are the commentators who talk about the absence of the "true meaning of Christmas" as we ideally would prefer it to be. It has been interesting to think about how the fables in our society are used to encourage children to learn the spirit of giving and doing for others and

again as we would like the "Christmas spirit" to be shown. The dictionary defines a fable as a "a legendary story of supernatural happenings and/or a narration intended to enforce a useful truth." Present day examples are Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy.

Many different fables have been maintained over the centuries that have gradually created the concept of Santa Claus-St. Nickolas, Kris Kringle, and Sinter Claus-as we know him today. Some say St. Nicholas was a 4th century

Bishop. Others thought he represented the patron Saint of children and sailors who loved children and threw anonymous gifts into the open windows of any home where children lived. Although the Dutch supposedly brought the legend of Sinter Claus to the New World in the late 1600's, the use of the name and the practice of exchanging gifts during part of this time were not allowed in some areas. In the 1800s, there was also the fable of Christkindle (the Christ Child). Eventually called Kriss Kringle, this

person was pictured as going through Europe with Belsnickle, a dwarf who was his helper, giving gifts in secret to children. Perhaps, this was the origin of Santa Claus being so secretive about his arrival and children not being able to see him. In addition, this guideline helped in maintaining Santa Claus in each person's fantasy. I will never forget the disappointment, at about 6 years of age, when I felt that my same-aged cousin Patty was making sure that I

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Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

Birthdays



Celebrates birthday

PFC Brandon E. Hale, the son of Preston and Kathy Hale, of Gunlock, will celebrate his nineteenth birthday on Monday, December 16, 2002. PFC Hale recently enjoyed a visit home following graduation from U.S. Marine Corp training. He is currently stationed in Kansas City, from where he will travel to Missouri for further training. PFC Hale is the nephew of Richard and Bonnie Crisp, of Banner. He has two sisters, Katherine Leigh and Melodie.



Happy Birthday, Boys!

Two terrific brothers will celebrate their birthdays this month. Michael Brandon Williams will celebrate his sixth birthday on December 21, and his little brother, Skylar Chayse Williams, will celebrate his third birthday on December 23. The boys are the sons of Terry and Linda Williams, of Printer, who love them both very much.

Weddings



Thompson-Hunt

Mrs. Debbie Thompson, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Earl Thompson, of Martin, along with Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt, of East Point, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Kelli Jo and James Anthony. Kelli is a 1996 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is currently pursuing a degree in nursing. She is the maternal granddaughter of the late Homer and Beatrice Shepherd, formerly of Gunlock. Her paternal grandparents are the late Ballard and Josephine Thompson, formerly of Martin. Tony is a 1996 graduate of Johnson Central High School. He is currently employed by Toyota Motor Manufacturing, of Georgetown. He is the maternal grandson of the late Hasadore and Clovie Moore, formerly of Price. His paternal grandparents are the late Ernest and Myrtle Hunt, formerly of Lawrence County. The couple will wed in a ceremony that will take place on Saturday, December 28, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, at Fitzpatrick Baptist Church, Prestonsburg. The couple plan to reside in Georgetown.

Martin-Skeens

Mack and Virginia Martin request the honor of your presence at the wedding of their daughter, Carrie Michelle Martin, to PFC William Jeffrey Skeens of the United States Marine Corps. Miss Martin is a sophomore at Prestonsburg Community College. After graduating from PCC she plans to further her education at the University of Kentucky where she will be majoring in Speech Pathology. PFC Skeens is stationed in Pensacola, Florida and will begin Aviation School in January of 2003. Their wedding will take place on December 28, 2002, at 3:00 p.m., at the First Assembly of God Church, in Martin. The officiating minister will be Rev. Lorie Vannucci. The gracious custom of open house will be observed for the ceremony. A reception will follow the wedding.

School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Dec. 17 - Presentation on "Dangers of Body Piercing and Tattooing," for 7th graders. Sponsored by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Any individual or business interested in sponsoring a needy AMS student for Christmas, please contact the center at 886-9812.

■ Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

■ Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley. Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's 6th grade entry physical, Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday; beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families

regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

■ School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell

Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

■ SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

■ FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

■ GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

■ Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

■ 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.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

■ Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

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

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).

■ Center has a one-stop career station satellite station 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

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World

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The gift is from Santa himself—his hands handled this toy. The sacked this candy—it's all good. Santa did his best—that's the little believer's reaction, however poor the gift.

Those of us who blame God for the untoward circumstances of life might take these children for an example. Somebody said, "No wonder that he said of little children, 'of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

EUREKAI

Remember our calls for help on tracing down the origin of "juberous?" Well, Dr. Russell L. Hall heard and answered. He writes:

"Regarding your query in THE TIMES about the origin of our good, old Mountain word, 'juberous'—so far as I can determine, it originated far off yonder, long, long ago, in Persia. Its origin was in the old perisan word, 'gabr,' which meant 'infidel' or 'unbeliever. Later, the French word for it was 'guebre,' defined the same as the English "

Gueber," which means 'unbeliever.'"

"Juberous would have been pronounced 'gooberous' (I'm glad it wasn't!) except for misinterpretation of a letter in the style writing, a century or two ago. The 'g' was written with an open lower loop very similar to 'j.' And the person who coined the word thought 'gueber' was 'jueber'—and so 'guberous' became 'juberous.'"

(Juberous is a good word, and was used correctly by our forefathers to mean 'skeptical of,' suspicious or distrustful of or, in modern prose, 'Sir, I am skeptical of your scheme, I suspect you are not speaking the whole truth.'"

(Of which erudite opinion I am not the least bit juberous. Only, I do wish Doc would tell me where and how the mischief he got on the trail of this word.—Editor.)

CAUSE FOR DELAY

It may be that Kentucky will invoice its so-called "Blue Laws" soon, which would require the closing of most businesses on Sunday. We favor this and I propose to write an editorial to that effect, just as soon as I can get in the habit of buying enough milk on Saturday to last over till Monday.

CIVILIZED

The news item about the raid made by Sheriff Preston of Johnson County on that new rooster-fighting arena near Paintsville reminds us that Floyd County has had one of these so-called sporting events going for several years, during which time it has been one of the county's least-kept secrets.

I also am reminded that, about 50 years after the birth of Christ, a Roman emperor packed the mob into an amphitheatre by advertising that a varied assortment of wild animals and 2,000 gladiators would battle to the death.

But we have come a long way since then. Now we let the roosters do the fighting till they drop. Let the blood fly and the dumb things die—lay your money on the line—we're civilized.

SKEPTICAL AND GULLIBLE

A fellow who confessed to little faith in matters of the spirit—to put it more bluntly, little faith in God or Jesus Christ—marvelled at man's scientific knowledge and the fact that the United States has put a mechanism a cool 35 million miles into space and that that speak of human ingenuity out there some where is radioing back to earth messages as to what it saw and felt as it neared Venus...If one is to be so skeptical of everything he does not see and feel, why be so gullible about this matter? That signal seemed to my delicate ear only a repetition of monotonous, unchanging sound. How do I know the guy at the decoding machine isn't faking all this data that has the world pop-eyed?

Mind you, I'm not questioning anybody's veracity or the wonders of this gadget. But I'm not skeptical about those other truths, either.

Eyes

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back. "I see a beautiful Christmas tree, a fine tree - what's wrong with our tree?" I asked again.

This time my son began listing the various faults of our tree - not filled out enough, not shaped exactly the way it should be, and - now here's the real zinger - "it's got all those old, unmatched ornaments on it."

Old? Unmatched? What was this child saying to me?, I thought. Our ornaments are "old" and "unmatched"? How about substituting those words for "precious" and "filled with memories"?

I believed I knew where this was going. "So, son, what are you saying? Are you saying that we should have one of those 'theme' Christmas trees done up in red bows and gold balls or UK colors?" I asked.

Yes, he replied, then everything would

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Ponder

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knew there was no Santa Claus. It seemed that I had a "pretty good idea" that he really did not exist, but I just wasn't ready to willingly give him up.

The fable of the Easter Bunny has always been in second place to Santa Claus with regard to "childhood's greatest pleasure." Actually, the Easter Bunny has its origin in pre-Christian fertility lore. The Hare and the Rabbit were the most fertile animals known and they served as symbols of the new life during the spring season. The bunny as an Easter symbol first appeared in Germany, in writings in the 1500's and made into edible items of pastry and sugar, during the early 1800's. The children believed that if they were good, the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs. In those days, the kids would build their nest and hide it in the home, the barn, or the garden. The boys would use their caps and the girls would use their bonnets. The use of fancy Easter baskets began as the tradition spread throughout the country.

The Tooth Fairy is another common childhood myth having to do with secrecy and fantasy: when a tooth falls out, leave it under your pillow when you go to sleep; and during the night, the Tooth Fairy will visit your room, take the tooth, and leave a

small amount of "hard" cash. From what I understand, the amount of actual money left in place of the tooth has really grown in some circles over the years, perhaps being as much as \$5! The Tooth Fairy differs significantly from Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny in several ways. She, as the Tooth Fairy has always been assumed to be a female, is not associated with any known religion. She does not need to visit all children in one night, like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, but eventually visits all children at irregular, infrequent intervals. In this case, the Tooth Fairy's visits depends on the number of teeth the child loses. The Tooth Fairy has some similar characteristics to Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. The "middle man," in these scenarios, are the parents, who are needed to transfer messages and actions back and forth, in order to get the job done. The Tooth Fairy has the ability to come in and go from locked houses when she wants, without setting off burglar alarms, security systems, dogs and etc. She can possibly travel nearing the speed of light.

These familiar fables bring up such pleasant memories of our childhood and also that of our children's. It is so the epitome of giving and receiving. It helps to make one day so special, when it is set aside for

giving, especially to children. Although the fables with their secretly giving, loving characters keep in our minds of how each holiday "should be", so we think. However, there is the problem that such "ideal" holidays did not always happen, even though we keep trying to maintain the glow of them. Furthermore, we are likely to be gravely disappointed, when the present holiday event does not match childhood fantasies and memories. Nonetheless, these historical mystical figures, with their unconditional giving, such as Santa Claus, need to be a universal spirit of good will, giving, and peace. Who knows, maybe if we had more days in the year with this kind of spirit, having a willingness to give and share with others, the world would be a better place to live.

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PSA



By Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.



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Non-hormone treatments can help those at risk for Osteoporosis

Q I'm a 56-year old woman who had been taking total hormone replacement therapy — both estrogen and progesterin. After the National Institutes of Health study results were announced, my ob/gyn took me off this therapy but did not switch me to a simple estrogen therapy. Since I'm 5'7" tall, thin and Caucasian, I'm at risk for osteoporosis. Are there other things that I can do to prevent this disease?

A Physicians have prescribed hormone replacement therapy, or HRT, for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis for many

years. HRT can be estrogen alone or in combination with another hormone called progesterin. As you said, the NIH did make a surprising announcement last spring that it was terminating early a 16-thousand woman HRT study on the combined use of estrogen and progesterin. At that point, results were showing a significant increase in breast cancer, strokes and heart attacks among the women who were on estrogen-progesterin therapy compared to those on other regimens. Once this was known, it was unethical to continue the study. A similar estrogen-only NIH study did not show these kinds of risks and is continuing.

Before we talk more about treatments, let's "bone up" on some relevant bone facts. First, bones are not "static" structures. Your body constantly removes and replaces bone. Bone mass peaks around age 30 and begins to decline after 35. This is due to more bone loss than bone rebuilding. After menopause, the rate of bone density loss accelerates in women, but by age 65, men and women have the same rate of bone loss.

Over 28-million American women have osteoporosis. It's five times more common in women than men and, as you point out, tall, slender, white women are at greater risk. This also holds true for women of Asian descent. Other risk factors are family history, smoking, sedentary lifestyle, overuse of caffeine or alcohol, never having children, and long-term use of medications such as steroids, anticoagulants and certain seizure drugs.

Conditions such as overactive thyroid (hyperthyroidism), chronic kidney failure, chronic liver disease, alcoholism, gastric bypass surgery and vitamin D deficiency can have osteoporosis as a symptom. Other diseases with this symptom include some cancers and congenital bone diseases.

Osteoporosis usually starts in the spine and pelvis and is easily diagnosed with a bone densitometry scan. This is similar to an X-ray, but it measures the density of the bones. This test will be recommended if you have such tell-tale signs as height loss or an osteoporotic fracture.

It's possible to slow the progression of osteoporosis with calcium and Vitamin D supplements as well as regular weight-bearing exercises like jogging, stair climbing and walking. If you smoke, stop. Moderate your use of alcohol and caffeine.

Even though your doctor has deter-

mined that switching to estrogen-only therapy is not appropriate in your case, there are other medications that can be of benefit. These include bisphosphonates and selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs). Dietary magnesium and soy protein have also been shown to be helpful. Calcitonin and fluoride supplements are often used. Some additional drugs are being investigated and may be available in the near future. The best treatment starts in childhood with adequate intake of calcium and regular weight-bearing exercise, which is vital to bone building.

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Child

Christmas memories with their communities. The program began, according to Patricia Watson, writing/language arts coordinator, Floyd County Schools and director of the "Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" program, "as a way of giving back to the community through the words, works, and eyes of our children," she said.

Partnering with the school system since the program's inception are WMDJ Radio 100.1 FM and McDonald's Restaurants, who presented each overall school winner with a commemorative t-shirt and "All American Meal" gift certificates. Coming on board this year is Prestonsburg Wal-Mart, who joined the program as a corporate partner. Also, according to Watson, BellSouth joined the program as a new contributor.

"We value our partners and contributors so much," Watson said, "last year, this program cost the school district about \$7800. Each corporate partner helped out by about \$1000 or so. That makes for a tremendous savings for our school district."

Watson continued, "What happens when we begin partnerships is that we multiply things, we share the workload, and it takes all of us doing this to present this special program to the community."

"Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" was presented to the community this past Monday evening at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Park. Along with selected readings from area students, Mona Dingus, of WMDJ, read aloud O. Henry's memorable "The Gift of the Magi," while Floyd County Forensics students pantomimed the scenes of the heart-warming tale of a loving married couple who gave the very best they possessed in order to bring Christmas happiness to one another.

Interspersed throughout the evening were a variety of Christmas themed musical selections, performed by area students. The members of the county's high school forensics teams invited the audience to sing along with them as they performed the carols, "We Three Kings," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night."

Other student performers included Allison Daniels, a sixth grade student from Osborne Elementary who sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," Kaitlyn Minix, a fourth grade student from Prestonsburg Elementary, who sang "Mary Sings a Lullaby," and Jerica Blair, a fourth grade student from May Valley Elementary, who performed a beautiful rendition of "Mary, Did You Know?"

From 370 entries district-wide, Watson said that each school was given the task of narrowing down their top 20 entries which were then narrowed down by a panel of judges to 12 winners from each school.

These school winners were then each invited to visit the WMDJ radio station to record their writings which are presently being aired each day

on the station's airwaves. "WMDJ has been absolutely wonderful," said Watson, "to allow the children to actually come in and record their pieces themselves, it is just amazing and it provides a wonderful experience for our children."

Dale McKinney, owner of WMDJ, said, "We live in a time when people are afraid to express their feelings. Through this program, these children bravely express theirs." McKinney offered praise to Watson and her associates, as well as to those "teachers who genuinely care" and work so hard on the "Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" program, and to the "parents and grandparents who support their children each day."

From "Dear Santa" letters read aloud over the radio by radio employees to essay pieces read aloud by school age authors—pieces that would pull the heart strings of the very staunchest "Scrooge" among us—"Christmas Through the Eyes of A Child" reminds us all, both young and old, what the true meaning of the Christmas season is all about.

High school forensics students who performed Monday evening were: Kelie Bailey, Brittany Crisp, Sabrina Howard, Brooke McCoy, Amber Walker, Zach Wagner, Kimberly Williams, Joseph Michael Burke, Samantha Creech, Anita Allison, Beth Garrett, Shane Barrowman, Sara Bakay, Daniel Thomas, Ashley Pennington, Isaiah Hall, Michael Reed, Keshia Little, Kenneth S. Tackett, Chrissy Blocker, Tiffany Tackett, Brita Meade, Kayla Hall, and Lance Sparkman. Forensics coaches: King Fultz, Audra Slocum, Barbara Williams, Sherry Bailey and Stephanie and Chuck Stamper.

The following students were recognized as winners at their respective schools: John Guess, Megan Hall, Sarah Webb, Natalie Combs, Kim Kilgore, Maura Minix, Caitlin Newsome, Emily Stanley, Justin Cook, Holly Pack, Del Shepherd, and Tiffany Smith, Adams Middle School. Project coordinator, Stephanie Marsillett.

Buddy Conn, Steven "Wes" Tackett, Lora Gibson, Paul David Francis, Amber Griffiths, Danielle Osborn, Kayla Sheppard, Mara Bilitier, Brittany Ritchie, Brett Whitaker, and Shellie Hayes, Allen Central High School. Project coordinators: Deshaia Holliday, Jeanne Blakenship and Sandy Warrens.

Matthew Amburgey, Christina Blevins, Ashton Frasure, Brittany Frasure, Brittany Hancock, Krista Howard, Melissa Noble, Jessica Nunley, Tiffany Owens, Ariel Robinson, Cindi Samons, and Tyler Slone, Allen Central Middle School. Project coordinator, Angela Coleman-Mullins.

Beth Samons, Callie Conn, Kassidy Frasure, Olivia Holbrook, Leslie Olivley, Mikayla May, Dara Bartley, Rossi Clark, Alyshia Collins, Emily Holbrook, Ashley Moore, and Matthew Conn, Allen Elementary. Project coordinator, Susan W. Barnette.

Samantha Thomas, Taylor Watson, Zachary Bailey, Megan Akers, Lecann Hightower, Keleigh Wagner, Nikki Parsons, Andie Meade, Sarah Conn, Jonathan Tuers, Travis Hall, and Ryan McKinney, Betsy Layne Elementary. Project coordinator, Patricia Adkins.

Brittany Mitchell, Lauren Akers, Jesse Sword, Ashley Steele, Christine Case, Denise Hall, Nathan Hamilton, Brandi Bentley, Serita Mullins, Lyndsey Frasure, and Tara Burchett, Betsy Layne High School. Project coordinator, Audra Slocum.

Brianna McIntyre, Selina Lawrence, Catherine Henson, Samantha Howard, Victoria Hammonds, Brittany Compton, Elizabeth Justice, April Spears, Josh Dingus, Amanda Shepherd, Kelly Wright, and Jeremy Cross, Clark Elementary. Project coordinator, Dianna Hunsucker.

Benjamin Tackett, Amber Shepherd, Dylan Shepherd, Austin Patton, Sarah Wilson,

Breanna Huff, Nicole Clatworthy, Samantha Rice, Sydney Bush, Whitney Ousley, Chad Nelson, and Hunter Crowder, Duff Elementary. Project coordinator, Kitty Frazier.

Sara Isaac, Kristi Stanley, Jessica Adams, Missy Hall, Dawn Hamilton, Elizabeth Hamilton, Rachel Hamilton, Lori Johnson, Maggie McCoy, Shanna Roberts, Savannah Spears, and Marie Tackett, Floyd County Area Technology. Project coordinators: Connie M. McKinney, Dianna Hale.

Frankie Duncan, Megan Spradlin, Rebecca Blair, Sara Bowen, Zachary Butler, Christina Clouse, Steven Conley, Hannah Farmer, Stephanie Hall, Quinton McCoy, Stephen Osborne, and Bobbie Spurlock, May Valley Elementary. Project coordinator, Greta Thomsberry.

Clyde Hamilton, Kyle Howell, Laken Hamilton, Zach Brown, Devin Kidd, Bridget R. Slone, Alexis Reid, Matraca Bentley, Holly Goble,

Chantelle Hamilton, Emily Hall, and Sarah Salyers, McDowell Elementary. Project coordinator, Rachel Crider.

Sierra Hall, Cody Chaffins, Ethan Spears, Gary Johnson Jr., Allyson Tufts, Byron Johnson, Mickeah Johnson, Kimberly Little, Nikessha Hurt, Rachel Johnson, Dakota Moore, and Rebecca Jones, W.D. Osborne Elementary. Project coordinators: Carlotta Jones, Tabitha Berger.

Brenda Hall, Kevin Carter, Dena Gibson, Eric Gibson, Dustin Hancock, Stephanie Mullins, Derek Osborne, Hope Rose, Johnnie Sammon, Natasha Slone, Kim Tackett, and Tiffany Webb, Opportunities Unlimited. Project coordinator, Debbie Kidd.

Verlon Rackey, Alyvia Hall, Masann Potter, Clarissa Bryant, Victoria Hampton, Evan Bays, Kaitlyn Minix, Tyler Goble, Cassie Whitt, Elizabeth Baldrige, Micaya Canterbury, and Brad Hicks, Prestonsburg Elementary. Project coordinator, Betty Minix.

Beth Garrett, Lou Anna Calhoun, April Collins, Teela Gayheart, Samantha Goble, Heather Gray, Sara Isaac, Kate Lowe, Mandy May, Sara Payne, Robert Risner, and Sureka Scott, Prestonsburg High School. Project coordinator, Carolyn Stout.

School

campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

***Monday**
-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.
-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

***Tuesday**
-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.
-Auxier Family Learning Center, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

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-McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 377-2628. Instructor: Theresa.
-Betsy Layne Youth Service Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389. Instructor: Chrissy.
-MSU Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405. Instructor: Chrissy.

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-Allen Elementary Family Resource Center, 12:30-3:30

p.m. Call 874-0621. Instructor: Chrissy.

-St. James Episcopal Church, 5-8 p.m. Instructor: Chrissy.

-Auxier Family Learning Center, 1-4:30 p.m. Instructors: CAP.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students" program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.

Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

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TBA- Recycling program, all grades.

Anyone interested in receiving cleaning supplies for the 2002-2003 school year may visit the center and fill out an application to see if they qualify.

"Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

Safety

cold or frozen to protect the products from spoilage.

Here are some general guidelines:

Do not open the freezer or refrigerator to check contents, as cooling loss occurs rapidly and safe storage time will be reduced. Cover these appliances with blankets or other insulating materials to reduce cooling loss. Modern refrigerators will maintain safe food temperatures without electrical power for two to four hours if kept closed. Beyond that time, any foods which are not ready to eat or which cannot be fully cooked before eating that contain meat, fish, poultry, eggs, milk, etc., should be discarded to prevent food-borne illness. Adequate refrigeration temperatures should be 45 degrees Fahrenheit or colder.

Unopened freezers will maintain foods at safe temperatures for two to four days depending on freezer size and whether full or partially full,

although thawing will occur. If power is restored during this time period, transfer thawed foods to the refrigerator and use promptly; if power is not restored, use only fresh ready-to-eat foods or foods that you are able to cook immediately, which have not been contaminated by leakage of other thawed foods. Otherwise foods should be discarded.

Do not eat potentially hazardous food products which have been exposed to temperatures above 45 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two to four hours, or if there is the slightest hint of "off odor."

Follow the rule, "when in doubt, throw it out" for any foods which you are not sure have stayed at safe temperatures or which do not look or smell as they should. Other food items not requiring refrigeration should be thoroughly inspected prior to consumption. For more information, call your local health department or the Food Safety Branch in Frankfort at 502/564-7181.

Postscript

person came back and asked to have my driver's license for the credit card company rep. I gave her the ID and waited several more minutes, not daring to look around at the people still standing in line.

When the service person came back, she asked me to come with her to the service desk, where she told me that I should call the 800 number on the back of my credit card as soon as I got home.

My rational side told me that I could not be over my limit, but the irrational twin who lives inside me said, Well, I don't know for sure.

Anyway, I was humbled, and I was very grateful when the cashier took my check for the dog food, cat treats and assorted non-essentials in my cart. I

should have paid by check in the first place.

When I got home, there was a message on my answering machine instructing me to call the bank as soon as possible, regarding my credit card. Trouble was, the recording told me she was available only Monday through Saturday. That meant I had to wait until the next morning to find out what was the matter.

Early Monday, I called the bank. The woman asked me if I had made a purchase recently in Hong Kong. No way. In London, England? Not even in London, Kentucky.

Turns out, someone with my card number purchased 30-some dollars worth of merchandise in

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Increased suicides during the season fact or myth?

FRANKFORT - Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years all come within a few weeks of each other, promising some very busy days of joy, friendship and good times. Right?

But, what about the ever-present notion that holiday stress is so strong that the suicide rate in the U.S. increases during December?

Wrong, according to statistics gathered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This research, based on data collected during 1989-91, shows

that suicides actually peak during June and July, with December having the lowest rate of 75 suicides per 100,000 people.

However, the debate remains as to whether the stress of the holidays increases the level of depression. There is no data that indicates any increase in the number of people seeking mental health services during the holidays. Nevertheless, it is easy to see how many of us do experience increased stress during this time.

We stretch ourselves by com-

mitting to do more things than possible. Our activities increase, while our sleep time decreases. People are more prone to increasing alcohol and sugar intake. We often find ourselves trying to cope with family disputes and age-old feuds. Sometimes we are unable to join our family and friends, or have too many guests crammed into our space.

Many people are concerned with end-of-the-year business needs or end-of-the-semester deadlines. In addition, we are faced with the potential failure of not meeting the expectations for blessed and peaceful days from our loved ones such as not choosing the perfect present.

Here are some suggestions on how to keep your holiday season less stressful and more enjoyable for you, your family and friends from the Cabinet for Health Services' Mental Health staff.

■ Keep yourself centered in the present with realistic expectations. Don't get stuck worrying about repeating a negative holiday or set yourself up by anticipating the perfect day.

■ Try to avoid overextending commitments that drain you past the point of being helpful.

■ Remember to keep a healthy focus by: Eating well, getting adequate sleep, keeping up with regular medications, exercising, and limiting your

amount of alcohol consumption.

■ Practice relaxation techniques.

■ Try something new this holiday.

■ Do something for someone else.

■ Make sure and remember the things for which you are thankful.

■ Avoid using the holidays as a time to play peacemaker and trying to resolve family problems.

If you do experience the holiday blues you may want to consider the reason. Sometimes the cause can be found in the demands of the season and the increased stresses that may accompany those demands. In that instance the suggestions above are probably a good start in managing your feelings.

If the cause of your depressed mood is a result of past losses that are more keenly felt during

the holidays, consider taking advantage of the situation. Don't avoid the feelings of loss. It is expected that during the the season of peace and goodwill expectations may be unrealistic and wishes for how things used to be may take over. Often this means feeling as though you will be unable to enjoy the present holiday without that missing part.

Think about it. Talk about it. Write about it and then begin to realize that you do not have to forget in order to move past the loss. However, you can begin to experience the holiday in the present tense. As you accept the past loss, the intensity of the negative feelings will lessen. Find someone who will listen to you express some of these thoughts aloud. It is also possible that you may also be helped by some professional guidance in this mourning process.

Whatever the reason for the holiday blues, if you or someone you know cannot seem to cope, do not hesitate to seek help. Reach out and connect with another person, whether friend, family, mental health professional or crisis line. Information is also available at your local community mental health center.

Comprehensive Care Crisis Lines available for your needs:

MOUNTAIN COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER — Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties, 1-800-422-1060.

KENTUCKY RIVER COMMUNITY CARE INC. — Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Owsley, Perry, and Wolfe counties. 1-800-262-7491 or 606-666-8712; TTY 800-375-7273.

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the Far East and other so-and-so's used my card to buy several hundred dollars worth of goodies in London, on the other side of the globe.

I stopped at the Kentucky State Police Post in Pikeville later on Monday and learned that an increasing number of people each week come in to report this kind of identity fraud. Interestingly, the woman at KSP informed me that most of the reports deal with debit cards, rather than credit cards. That's even more frightening for those of us who don't keep a great deal of money in our checking accounts. Someone could be

using your debit card number and racking up bounced check charges for you.

Fortunately, the bank is not holding me responsible for the credit card buys that I did not have the privilege of making. But I'm still annoyed. What kind of low-life, lazy, good for nothing leech would do that?

I've read about this sort of thing and the fact that it's now prevalent in the Big Sandy region, but, as always, I have to ask, Why me? Why you? Why anybody? Let's do everything we can to catch these jerks and put them where they can't steal from anybody again.

Eyes

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"match."

Okay, folks, far be it from me to deny that I have never seen a Christmas tree all done up in coordinating ribbons, colors and ornaments and not gone, "Oh, how pretty." Of course I have. Why? Because they are pretty.

Most of the time, they're beyond pretty - they're gorgeous.

But, not as gorgeous as my Christmas tree.

You see, my Christmas tree is filled with ornaments that maybe aren't so polished and regal as some I have seen. It is

filled, instead, with many ornaments that have been fashioned by tiny hands and big imaginations. The tiny hands and creative imaginations of those most precious to me in the world - my children.

My tree has reindeer heads made of popsicle sticks and tiny picture frames fashioned from lace rick-rack from which tiny, smiling faces peek mischievously at me from one limb and then another.

My tree has ornaments that have been strung together from brightly colored beads handed out by kindergarten teachers and day-care workers. My tree has ornaments that were lovingly created from styrofoam shapes and velvet ribbon, sequins and tiny tassels - hand crafted for my children by both of their parents when they were but tiny tots.

My tree has a few "stained-glass" effect Sesame Street characters painted by Emily, Elliott, and Elizabeth when they were just barely old enough to even hold paintbrushes.

And, my tree also has quite a few "store-bought" ornaments that maybe don't exactly match, but were purchased for and given as gifts to each of my children because something about each one reminded me of something about each child.

There's a shiny red "Blackcat" ornament, a couple of dancing "Nutcracker" Clara's, an Eeyore, a "Pongo" dalmatian (our own "Pongo," a beautiful but headstrong dalmatian was tragically killed on a country road by a speeding truck), a racecar, a fairy, the list goes on.

Then there's the keepsake ornament bearing a picture of the Chattanooga Choo-Choo that reminds me of our Christmas trip aboard the "Polar Express" and the brightly blazing silver star that we purchased in Chattanooga during that same weekend. There's even a tiny cornshuck doll that my mother purchased for my eldest daughter's first Christmas when she made her own trip to Tennessee a few years before she fell ill with the disease that has caused her to now forget that time.

And let's not forget the ornaments that are mine - the ones chosen for me by my children. There's an open book, atop its pages an old quill pen; a heavy crystal-laden ball with painted poinsettias, hung with a red velvet ribbon; a "gingerbread" mom, and, of course, all the ones that my son now finds to be "embarrassing."

Embarrassing? Not to me. No, I don't feel embarrassed by the ornaments on my tree - not even the gaudy Dollar Store angel that was purchased when times were leaner, but not necessarily harder - no, it isn't the flush of embarrassment that burns my cheeks as I gaze at the tree in my living room. It is, instead, the warmth of love that stirs my soul.

Embarrassed, my dear and only son? Well, my love, in that case, I have only three small words for you and they aren't the ones you're probably thinking, though those ring true also, no, these three words, my budding man, are more closely akin to those that your football buddies, and not a loving and proud mother, might utter.

Those words?

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IN THE ANCIENT BIBLE WORLD HOSPITALITY WAS REGARDED AS ONE OF MAN'S BEST VIRTUES. EVEN THEIR MAIN LAWS REFLECT THIS CONCERN FOR THEIR FELLOW MAN. THE LAW RESPECTING THE STRANGERS IN THEIR MIDST (LEV. 19:33-34) MAKES THIS CLEAR, AND THE LAW CONCERNING THE POOR (LEV. 25:14) STATES THE PATTERN OF CONDUCT THEY WERE TO FOLLOW. MANY PASSAGES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT ARE IN LINE WITH THE TRADITION OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THAT WE ARE URGED TO FOLLOW AFTER HOSPITALITY (1 PETER 4:9) AND TO ALWAYS REMEMBER ABRAHAM'S EXAMPLE (HEB. 13:2) AND USE HOSPITALITY ONE TO ANOTHER WITHOUT CEASING (1 PETER 4:9). SOMETIMES THE DEGREE OF HOSPITALITY WAS OVERPOWERING AS IN THE CASE OF ELIEZER WHO WAS COMMISSIONED BY ABRAHAM TO FIND A BRIDE FOR HIS SON ISAAC. ELIEZER FOUND A BRIDE, REBEKAH, AND WAS ANXIOUS TO RETURN HOME--BUT NO WAY! THE EXTENT OF HIS GENEROSITY OR REBEKAH'S FAMILY KEPT HIM VISITING WEEK AFTER WEEK UNTIL THE POOR FELLOW WORRIED THAT HE WOULD NEVER SEE ABRAHAM AGAIN.



SAVE THIS FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin, Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Lorne Veterans Ministry, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
New Bethel Assembly of God, Gunning Fork Rd., Salsberryville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, Intersection of Rt. 10 and U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen, Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Aurifer Freewill Baptist, Aurifer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Bonanza, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Brandy Keg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Randy Turner, Minister.
Endicot Freewill Baptist, Bullas, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.
Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1426, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
First Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, Minister.
Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 2555 West Mt. Parkway, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jennings West, Minister.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3578, (Branch's Creek Rd.), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.
Jacks Creek Baptist, Bensville, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Bennett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Robb, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Phil Price, Minister.
Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John J. Collier, Minister.

Lancaster Baptist Church, 71 Conkey St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter.
Liberty Baptist, Denver, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Marie Little, Minister.

Ugon Community Freewill Baptist, Ugon, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, East, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James Paul Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.
McDowell First Baptist, McDowell, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Harry Hargis, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Vernon Stone, Minister.
Union Stone Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1426, Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.
Pleasant Home Baptist, West Gap Road, Lancer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gary Fife, Minister.
Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union, 1102, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; French B. Harmon, Director; Elsa C. Goble, President; 874-9468/478-0278.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett, Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Stone, Minister; Jerry Means, Assistant Minister.
Slick Rock United Baptist, Slick Rock, Haysville, Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday, Thursday, 6:30 a.m.; Pastor Chester Lucas.
Sunny Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dava, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor Robert Shaw Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch, Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.
The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Maribeth Farris, Minister.

Tonnie Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.
Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trinkle Chapel Freewill Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 10, Water Gap, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Youth Services, 7 p.m.; Evelyn Williams, Minister.
United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Haysville, Sunday Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.
Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Farris, Minister.

St. Martha, Water Gap, Mass., Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Dameron, pastor.
CHRISTIAN
First Christian, 550 North Arnold Avenue, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.
Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett, Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donna Hargrove, Minister.
Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E., Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherrill Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spent, Minister.
Church of Christ, South Lake Drive, Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Bankership, Minister.
Harold Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.
Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Haysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.
Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lorie Meade, Minister.
Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanfield, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD
Betsy Layne Church of God, U.S. 23, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.
Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Drum, Minister.
First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.
Garrett Church of God, Garrett, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Brogg, Minister.
Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition, Sunday School, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.
Little Point First Church of God, 671 Little Point Road, East Point, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Healer Jr., Minister.
The Church of God of Prophecy, 1111 Hat, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Faisy, Jr., Minister.

EPISCOPAL
St. James Episcopal, Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Study Group, 6:00 p.m.; Holy Eucharist and Healing, 7:30 p.m.; Father Johnnie E. Floss, Rector.

LUTHERAN
Our Savior Lutheran, Slop Bayes Room Cottage House, Main, Prestonsburg, Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKUW (600 am); 12:05 p.m.; Pastor Bert Bishop, Minister.

METHODIST
Aurifer United Methodist, Aurifer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Doug Layton, Minister.
Betsy Layne United Methodist, near to S.L., Eymahank, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.
Christ United Methodist, Allen, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lamasier, Minister.
Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Haysville St.), Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Peacock, Minister.

Elliot's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 879, Beaver, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Phil T. Smith, Minister.
Emma United Methodist, Emma, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Paul Allen, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue, 9 a.m.; Community Senior, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.; UMY'S Service, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.
Hom Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Martin Methodist, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.
Maytown United Methodist, Lungey, Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Pinter, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.
Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bad Backert, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.
Drift Pentecostal, Drift, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1426, East Point, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Church of God, Wheelwright, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John Jay Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Caperton, Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Coker, Minister.
Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarant, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David, Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.
Parkway First Baptist Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line, Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Cadwell, Minister; 297-6252.
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sunday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

PRESBYTERIAN
Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; May Alcey Murray, Minister.
First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
Seventh-day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway, Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Shepherd, Minister.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Relief Society/Prestonsburg Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House - Telephone number: 285-5153; E.P. Ogilby, Branch.

OTHER
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Grace Fellowship Presbyterian, met by old fire tower, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Bill Stalderberg, Pastor; 886-6205.
Faith Bible, Martin, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.
Faith Reformation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Higgins, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 400, Parkville, Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.
Full Gospel Community, formerly of Martin moved to Old Allen, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hill St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cesty, Minister.
Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin, Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Palmer, Minister.
Spartan Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spartan Creek Rd., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Town Branch Church, Sunday School 10 a.m.; meeting for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sunday morning 10:30 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month; Tom Nelson, Minister.
The Father House, Bay Branch, Arkibb Creek, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J. Wright, Minister.

Youth Fellowship Church, Wheelwright, Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.
Zion Deliverance, Wayland, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; Prayer Line 269-2001; Olanie Arnett, Pastor.

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun, Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun, Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun, Evening 6:30 p.m.; Kerry Wenderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1074 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.
Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, KY; Sunday 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; Pastor: D.P. Cary.

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Cars - Buy'em, sell'em, fix'em, love'em

Behind the Wheel

Infiniti M45

by ANN M. JOB
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Through all of Infiniti's 13-year history, showrooms had just one V8-powered car, the Infiniti Q45.

But with the recent arrival of the 2003 Infiniti M45 sedan, showrooms now have two V8-powered sedans.

Best of all, the newly introduced M45, which is largely based on the

(See WHEEL, page two)

2003 Infiniti M45

BASE PRICE: \$42,300.

AS TESTED: \$48,695.

TYPE: Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, five-passenger, mid-size, luxury sedan.

ENGINE: 4.5-liter, double overhead cam V8.

MILEAGE: 17 mpg (city), 23 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: 147 mph.

WHEELBASE: 110.2 inches.

CURB WT.: 3,851 pounds.

BUILT AT: Japan.

OPTIONS: Technology package (includes nav system, enlarged LCD screen, intelligent speed control) \$2,700; premium package A (includes power sunroof and climate control front seats) \$2,200; comfort and convenience package (includes tire pressure monitor, full-size spare tire and HomeLink garage and gate opener) \$950.

DESTINATION CHARGE: \$545.



2002 Pontiac Bonneville SE

This week, we test drive one of General Motors' most reliable larger sedans, the 2002 Pontiac Bonneville SE. Bonneville dates all the way back to the '50s, when the name Bonneville equated to the Salt Flats in Utah and high speed. The Bonnevilles of the

'50s and '60s were awe-inspiring, extremely quick muscle cars and led to the introduction of the GTO in 1964.

The new generation Bonneville that arrived in 1987 features a front-drive layout and V-6 power. Not much has changed since then,

as the basic successful design is still prominent on both Bonneville and its platform sibling, Buick LeSabre.

With big-car features inside and sports-sedan styling outside,

(See TEST, page two)

Base Price: **\$25,530** • Price tested: **\$29,725**

The fix is in

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI
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Dear Tom and Ray:

I take my car to the dealer and agree to a \$89 diagnostic fee. The dealer calls me and says, "You have a vacuum line that popped off, and the total fee, including diagnostics, will be \$153." I say, "Wait. I need to think about it." I arrive at the dealership, find my vehicle and start it up. All seems to be fixed. I go to the service counter to pay my \$89 diagnostic fee, and the dealer says fine, but wait here for a while. He proceeds to run out back with a mechanic to disconnect the vacuum line. After all, I am only paying for the diagnostic service. I catch him in the act and make him stop. Who is right? Do I allow him to intentionally break what he already fixed because he was not supposed to fix it? Is it wrong for a mechanic to intentionally break anything, even if it is to reverse something he will not be getting paid for? I suffered a lot of verbal abuse in this situation, and have been sifting through the ethical issues here. What do you think? — Tom



RAY:

I'm afraid we have to side with the dealership here, Tom. While charging an extra \$64 is a little steep for reattaching a 64-cent vacuum hose, the dealership is correct in principle.

TOM:

Here's the scenario. The mechanic does the diagnostic work and concludes that you have a vacuum leak. He tells the service manager, who presumably plans to call you to get your approval.

RAY:

But while the mechanic's got the car in his bay, and he's got the hood open, and he's got the air filter off and wires pulled out of the way, he decides to go ahead and fix it. Not only is it easier to do it when everything is fresh in his mind, but by fixing it, he can confirm that he's correctly diagnosed it. And once he's confirmed that it's fixed, he's not going to "unfix it" until you call back and then have to "fix it" again. So he leaves it "fixed."

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same platform as the Q45, is priced thousands of dollars less than the Q. Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, for the M45 is \$42,845 vs. \$52,545 for a 2003 Q45.

Infiniti officials added the M45 — a rear-driver that shares the Q45's satisfying, 340-horsepower, 4.5-liter V8 and some other Q45 components in a slightly smaller package — to help flesh out the lineup.

And, frankly, given the less-than-impressive sales of the Q45 earlier this year, Infiniti looks to the V8-only M45 to help bridge the gap between its popular, lower-priced sedans like the V6-powered G35 and the pricier

Q45.

But the M45 also attracts because its near-\$43,000 starting price positions it between some competitors' V6 and V8 models. For example, the 2003 Lexus GS starts at \$39,300 for a GS 300 model with a V6 and \$48,400 for a GS 430 model with V8.

The price story is even more compelling when the M45 is compared with BMW's six-cylinder-powered 530i sedan, which has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$41,795. A V8-powered BMW 5-Series, the 540i, starts at \$52,495.

But note the 2003 Lincoln LS can be had with a V8 and a starting price of \$40,695.

Judging by the test car, the M45 certainly can spotlight Infiniti's V8 power and show how easy it is to get going past the speed limit.

Yikes! After just a few miles, I was suddenly on the lookout for cops as I worked to get my speed back down under control. It sure didn't feel like I was going that fast.

No wonder Infiniti officials call the M45 a premium muscle car.

But this doesn't mean the ride is rough. The M45, which is a sizable, five-passenger car, managed road heaves and

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Test

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Bonneville fits Pontiac's "We Build Excitement" dogma, yet falls a bit short when compared to the smaller and more nimble Grand Prix, Grand Am and Firebird experiences. However, good points like drivability, comfort, reliability and roominess keep Bonneville in the family tree and a popular choice for those who don't yet want to admit they've grown old enough to enjoy a Buick LeSabre.

Power for the Bonneville comes from the tried and trusty 3.8-liter V-6, which puts out 205 horsepower and is as bulletproof as any engine of the GM assembly lines. The pushrod engine powers many cars in the GM family and will continue to do so for years to come. With EPA numbers like 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway coupled with acceleration that outperforms many of its overhead-cam powered competitors, Bonneville is still a fine choice for the younger family who needs room, power and a bit of flair. The only available transmission is a four-speed automatic, which shifted flawlessly during our weeklong test.

The exterior is either a "like it" or "don't like it" design. Bonneville forges ahead with a sweptback split grille, built-in aerodynamic rocker and door panels, front air dam, rear spoiler and large, wraparound taillights. The new-for-2002 front and rear fascias blend well with the car's legacy.

The interior features "airplane-like" dashboard instrumentation that emits red hues in the evening, with user-friendly controls and lots of storage room. The seats are very well done, thanks to a standard six-

way power driver seat with manual lumbar controls. Overall, both driver and passengers will travel in comfort and enjoy ample leg, hip and head room. New is a redesigned console with cup holders and a Peak Expression cloth/fabric finish. A trunk-release handle also appears for the first time.

Important numbers include a 112.2-inch wheelbase, curb weight of 3,640 pounds, 18-gallon fuel tank and a spacious 18 cubic feet of cargo space in the trunk. The brakes are four-wheel antilock discs that work very well. A fully independent suspension hooks to standard 16-inch tires mounted on sporty aluminum wheels.

The driving experience is very good for a large car. We pushed Bonneville to the point of a little understeer in the corners, but overall the car performed quite well. Acceleration to 60 mph took about nine seconds.

Base price for the Bonneville SE Sedan is \$25,530, while our tester bottomed out at \$29,725 with a preferred option group (\$2,130), heated and power passenger seats (\$330 after a \$200 discount), power sunroof (\$1,080) and destination (\$655). Remember, too, that end-of-year discounts, rebates and dealer incentives are currently in effect, as well as 0 percent financing.

We always did like the Bonneville, so if you have that "Pontiac Performance" gene built into your persona, check one out at your dealer today.

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TOM:

It's true, he fixed it then for his own convenience and took a risk. He didn't want to pull your car out, and then have to pull it back in and start over later. That was his decision, and you have the right not to pay him for the repair.

RAY:

But if you decide not to pay for the repair, then he has the right not to give you his work.

TOM:

Think about it as if it were a tangible item instead of a service he were selling. Let's say you needed a new headlight. If they plugged one in to make sure it fixed the problem, and then you decided not to pay for the bulb, they'd certainly have the right to remove the bulb and keep it, wouldn't they? Well, ethically speaking, the same is true for a service.

RAY:

So while it was awkward, we agree that what he did was certainly within his rights. Otherwise, you'd be, in effect, stealing his services. So if you can take it from the diagnosis and fix it yourself, pay the \$89 and Godspeed. If not, pay the guy for his work, and if you don't like the prices at this place, take your car elsewhere next time.

Mixing some coolants is not so cool

Dear Tom and Ray:

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bumps from patched concrete pavement capably during the test drive.

I felt bumps mostly mildly. At the same time, I didn't feel isolated from the road. Better still, the M45 didn't get unsettled in the many curves; body sway — for a 3,851-pound car — felt well controlled.

I wouldn't describe the M45's ride as entirely sporty. It's more a mix of luxury, feel with a sport capability. There were no punishing jolts. There was no temperamental steering.

The M45 shares the Q45's platform and has independent MacPherson struts up front and a multilink system with semi-trailing arms in back. Tires are big, 18-inches and do transmit a bit of road noise.

Once on the interstate, the M45's V8 really performed. Acceleration was palpable, with maximum torque of 333 foot-pounds at 4,000 rpm.

The Lexus GS 430 has maximum 300 horsepower and 325 foot-pounds of torque at 3,400 rpm, while the Lincoln LS with V8 has 280 horses and 286 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

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Yes, riders sit lower in the M45 than they do in a sport utility vehicle or a truck.

But who cares? With the M45's ample power, I didn't stay behind other vehicles very long.

Shifts through the five-speed electronically controlled automatic — the only transmission available — were smooth. And using the self-shift mechanism was satisfying as I managed my speeds and planned my passes.

Fuel economy in this 16.4-foot-long sedan isn't the best. It's rated at 17 mpg in city driving and 23 mpg on the highway. Premium unleaded is the recommended fuel for optimum performance.

I admit the M45's styling sort of stumped me. The car has a funky look, reminiscent of big American sedans from a couple decades ago. The similarity seems most apparent when the car is viewed from the rear quarter panel.

The styling may be mainstream in Japan, where the M45 has other names. But it seems like a styling throwback here.

Rear-seat legroom in the M45 is less than expected, at just 32.5 inches. This compares with 34.3 inches in the Lexus GS and 36 in the Lincoln LS.

Infiniti's fun navigation system is optional on the M45, and I kept it on almost all the time, even when I knew exactly where I was going. I just liked seeing the route through the system's bird's-eye view. It inserts landmarks — like an airplane in the sky when you're headed toward an airport — on the map horizon to help you orient yourself.

But this DVD-based nav system is a pricey option on the M45 since it's part of the technology package — a \$2,700 extra.

Thankfully, the 225-watt Bose audio system with AM/FM stereo and cassette and six-CD player is standard and produces strong, clear tunes — just the thing to keep riders happy and entertained.

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In fact, on a 400-mile trip, I found the miles passed pleasantly in the leather-and-wood-swathed M45. A lot of equipment is standard, including dual-zone, automatic climate control, xenon headlights, stability control, carpeted trunk with cargo mat, antilock brakes with brake assist and other braking features and front, side and curtain airbags.

Cruise control is standard, too. But an optional intelligent cruise control adds another feature. It allows the driver to pre-select a distance for the M45 to stay behind other vehicles, warning drivers if they get too close.

Just 12,000 M45s are expected to sell annually, so drivers won't see a lot of these cars around on the roads.

Buyers are expected to be college graduates with a median age of 45 and annual household income of \$145,000. Some 80 percent are likely to be men, with 85 percent married, according to the automaker.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has no reported crash test results on the new M45. And there are no reports of safety recalls on the just-released M45.

Because it is a new model, Consumer Reports does not list reliability history for the M45.

A final note: The M45 won't be the last new V8-powered vehicle in Infiniti showrooms. Early in calendar 2003, a new crossover vehicle, the FX45, debuts. It, too, will have a V8.

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Volkswagen Service Manager, I can tell you that it's not true with Volkswagen bright-pink "life-time coolant." The pink G-12 coolant, in use since 1996, is chemically different from the old blue or green G-11 VW coolants. When these two mix, there's a chemical reaction that causes the coolant to "gel" and turn brown in color. The coolant will get so thick that it can't pass through the cooling passages and will cause an engine meltdown. On behalf of thousands of Volkswagen owners, please amend your advice. Thank you. — Will

RAY:

Thanks, Will. We've been told by coolant experts that long-life (organic) coolant and regular coolant can be mixed, and the only negative result will be shorter life of the coolant. But Volkswagen disagrees.

TOM:

VW put out a service bulletin warning against mixing its own coolant (G-12) with its older, G-11 coolant. We'll have to take its word for it, as we're not willing to sacrifice any of our customers' VW engines to test the theory. Well, there is Mrs. Beaseley ...

RAY:

So if you own a VW, it's the pink/red G12 for you. Thanks for correcting us, Will.

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