

# RAIDERS REPEAT

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## Briefs

### Abuse case not severed

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Circuit Judge John David Caudill overruled a motion to separate the trials of two parents accused of criminally abusing their child.

Public advocate Jane Harlan asked the court in a motion Friday to separate trials for Prestonsburg resident Mark A. Davis, 29, and Gunlock resident Gwendalou Shepherd, 29, who are each charged with four counts of first-degree criminal abuse.

Harlan argued that separating the cases is required for a fair trial because Davis and Shepherd are "likely to pursue antagonistic defenses" in which they each try to implicate the other in the crimes. Harlan also argued that Davis and Shepherd, if tried together, may be called to testify against each other, "thereby waiving their right to remain silent" about crimes they are accused of.

In a response filed Friday, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor argued that Davis and Shepherd should be tried together because they both participated in the same acts or transactions that led to their indictment.

(See ABUSE, page nine)

## 2 DAY FORECAST

Today  
**Partly cloudy**

High: 54 • Low: 35

Tomorrow  
**Evening showers**

High: 57 • Low: 41

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see [floydcountytimes.com](http://floydcountytimes.com)

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# Filings reach 100 on final day

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Clerk's Office closed its doors a half-hour early Tuesday afternoon, after the final day of accepting filings for the May primary election came to an end.

There was a sigh of relief as the hour came and went among clerks,

as the list of Floyd Countians who will seek office this spring weighed in at an even 100 candidates.

Always a standby event, the last day to file was busy as clerks processed all but two of the 18 filings since Friday before leaving office Tuesday.

The race for county judge-executive saw another candidate enter the fray in Endicott resident John

K. Endicott, while the sheriff's race saw John F. Jenkins, of Prestonsburg, sign on to bring the total number of candidates seeking the county's top law enforcement post to five candidates.

The only candidate to file for a seat as magistrate Tuesday was Jackie Kendrick, of McDowell.

(See ELECTION, page nine)

## 10 get a free pass

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

With the official deadline to file for the upcoming election now passed, there are 10 incumbents

who are expected to coast to victory, since no one filed to run against them.

Among those will be County Attorney Keith

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## FISCAL COURT FACELIFT



Workers were busy with remodeling the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom Monday morning. Crew members expect to finish the project by Monday.

photo by Sheldon Compton

## Courtroom gets renovation

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It's business as usual around the Floyd County Courthouse lately, but with a few additions from Slone's Construction crew, the company that is spearheading a long overdue facelift to the fiscal court's meeting place.

Members of the construction crew were hard at work Monday morning cutting wood and fixing banisters along the fiscal court's newly remodeled facility. The courtroom, which once functioned as the county's circuit and district courtroom, had long been in need of attention, and with newly painted walls and fresh oak trim, work-

ers are now awaiting the arrival of more supplies to put the finishing touches on a large front panel that will adorn the bench, which had been floor level, but is now raised and complete with new wood, as well.

Remodeling has been underway since the beginning of

(See COURTROOM, page five)

## Board taking bids on new P'burg school

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education is now accepting sealed bids for the construction of the new \$10.3 million Prestonsburg Area Elementary School.

The school will be located off of Route 114, on the grounds of the former Charles F. Clark Elementary, which was torn down last year.

Gregory Adams, director of facilities, said that Mountain Enterprises is currently building a retaining wall on a hillside behind the school site and installing all of the site drainage, a project

that has been tentatively delayed because of rainy weather. Adams said workers hope to have the site prepared by March, in time to begin construction of the 79,000 square foot facility by April or May.

Officials plan to complete the project in time for the 2007-08 school year.

The total construction cost is \$9.2 million. The total project, including interest and other fees, will cost the school district \$10.3 million.

The school will accommodate approximately 780 students.

Bids for the project will be received until 2 p.m. on Feb. 28.

## Second arrest made in drugstore robbery

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A second suspect in the Jan. 5 robbery of the Family Drug Pharmacy in Wheelwright was arrested on Monday after detectives learned of his alleged involvement and obtained an arrest warrant on Jan. 17.

Adam Chaffins, 19, of Wayland, learned that the Sheriff's Department had been looking of him in connection with the robbery and turned himself into the sheriff around 5 p.m.

"I'd been looking for him and asking around on him

and he got word and turned himself in," said Sheriff John K. Blackburn.

Det. Eddie Crum has been the lead investigator on the case and interviewed Chaffins before his arraignment Tuesday morning.

"The case is still under investigation," Crum said. "We're expecting another arrest soon."

Chaffins is alleged to have stormed into the Family Drug Pharmacy with two other men around 9 a.m. on the day of the robbery. Adam Jones, 24, also of Wayland, was arrested two

(See ARREST, page nine)

## Magistrate voices gas line concern

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — District 2 Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens again brought to the floor during a meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court Monday concerns about gas line construction in the Granny Fitz area, just off the

Mountain Parkway. Owens, who was visually upset with Interstate Gas Company during Monday's meeting, said the county is being "used like a doormat" by the gas company.

The focus of concern was work being done in the Granny Fitz area to place a main gas line extension in an area close to the homes of

several residents.

"They wipe their feet on the people of this county," Owens said in conversation with Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

Thompson received the complaint from Owens, who said he

(See GAS LINE, page nine)

## Assault charge against W'wright mayor dismissed

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Wheelwright Mayor David Sammons saw an assault charge pressed against him by City Commissioner Rodney Hall dismissed Monday in district court.

Sammons agreed to pay Hall \$236 to cover a chain that was snapped when Sammons allegedly grabbed Hall and threw him against a filing cabinet during an altercation which took place in the city clerk's office on July 27.

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The East Kentucky Science Center received a \$20,000 donation this week from the Olin and Muriel Prather Charitable Foundation. The couple, who at one time lived in Prestonsburg, spent 50 years traveling the world. The pair set up the charity to provide support to promote education and the arts in areas where they lived. Jim Combs, of Combs and Isaac, second from left, presented the check to Frank Fitzpatrick, left, vice chair for the center, John Rosenberg, second from right, president of the center's board of directors, and acting center director Eric Thomas.

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# Obituaries

## Thelma Allen Adams

Thelma Allen Adams, 66, of Ivel, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, at the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman.

Born December 4, 1939, in Ivel, she was the daughter of the late Marrs and Ella Lewis Spradlin. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mac Henry Allen.

Survivors include two sons: Henry Allen (wife, Shayla) of Jacksonville, Florida; Charlie Allen (wife, Carrie) of Salyersville; one daughter, Carol Harper (husband, Steve) of Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Gladys Hancock and her twin sister.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 30, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Marsillett officiating.

Burial was in the Allen Family Cemetery, Middle Creek, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Wilma Jane Hall

Wilma Jane Hall, 65, of Teaberry, died Sunday, January 29, 2006, at her residence.

Born November 4, 1940, in Teaberry, she was the daughter of the late Mackie and Cora Hamilton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alex Hall.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law: Frankie Michael and Stephanie Hall, and Keith Shannon and Jennifer Hall, all of Teaberry, and Mickey and Linda Hall of Harold; one daughter and her friend: Hester Ann Hall and Jacky Stoneberger, both of Teaberry; one brother, Charles Hamilton of Teaberry; six grandchildren: Jordan, Danielle, Samuel, Shantana, Joshua, and Kershie.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters: Mildred Hall, Naomi Hubbard, Palestine Hamilton, Norlene Hamilton, and Irene Hamilton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 31, at noon, at Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church, at Grethel, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Thomas Hamilton Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



## Joe Cephus Hayes

Joe Cephus Hayes, age 94, of Hueysville, passed away Monday, January 30, 2006, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born September 8, 1911, in Hueysville, the son of William Hayes and Melcenia Allen Hayes.

He is survived by a brother, Clarence Hayes of Betsy Layne.

Funeral services for Joe Cephus Hayes will be conducted Thursday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hayes Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Harold (Beaver) Johnson

Harold (Beaver) Johnson, 85, of Wheelwright, died Thursday, January 26, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 6, 1920, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Gus and America Newman Johnson. He was a retired Floyd County Deputy Sheriff.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clotine Newman Johnson.

Survivors include his sons and daughters: Jeffery Johnson of Spartan, Tennessee, Harold Johnson Jr., of Wheelwright, Randy Wayne Johnson of McDowell, Gary Rondell Johnson of Bevinsville, Ellen Daniels of Jacksboro, Tennessee, and Ellen Hampton of Letcher County; brother and sister: Earl Johnson of Bevinsville, and Edna Staniford of Van Lear.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 29, at 2 p.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



## Peggy Jane Kendrick

Peggy Jane Kendrick, 69, of Harold, died Friday, January 27, 2006, at King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland.

Born July 24, 1936, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bun and Rebecca Goble Montgomery. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Delmar Kendrick.

Other survivors include three daughters: Brenda Coleman of Prestonsburg, Barbara Billings (husband, David) of Highland, Michigan, and Rebecca Bloom (husband, James) of Lakeland, Michigan; one brother, Doug Montgomery of Tennessee; 15 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Ronald Dale Kendrick and Thomas Eugene Kendrick; and two brothers: Kenneth Leslie and David Montgomery.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 29, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Shane Powers officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Elsie Sue McCown Lawson

Elsie Sue McCown Lawson, 86, of Drift, died Thursday, January 26, 2006, at the Prestonsburg Health Care.

Born March 17, 1919, in Louisa, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Hattie Thompson McCown. She was a retired butcher, and a member of the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie D. (Bill) Lawson.

Survivors include five sons: Thomas D. Lawson (Brenda) of Drift, Teddy D. Lawson (Carol) of Nancy, Eddie D. Lawson (Sandy) of Dana, John D. Lawson (Charlotte) of Dobson, North Carolina, and Alan D. Lawson of Chapin, South Carolina; two daughters: Billie Muriel Newsome (Willis) of Ivel, and Janet Leigh Lawson of Price; one daughter-in-law, Pam Lawson of Tecumseh, Michigan; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Harold Glen Walker, and William Walker; and one sister, Ella Mae Walker. Funeral services for Annette Walker Mills will be conducted Friday, February 3, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Red Morris officiating.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Lonnie D. Lawson; one daughter, Nola Karen Lawson; one sister, Shirley Martin; two grandchildren: Thomasina and Mitchell.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 29, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jimmy Hall and Deaneer Moore officiating.

Burial was in the Lawson Cemetery, in Price, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Gheard Duell Martin

Gheard Duell Martin, age 80, of Prestonsburg, husband of Blanche Ramey McMillen, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born November 19, 1926, in Eastern, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Blanche Ramey McMillen; his daughter, Margaret; and his son, Tom Martin.

Survivors include two daughters: Hagens Martin, Hi Hat, and Susan Lewis of Russellville.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Tom Martin, Edna, and Raleigh of Hudson.

Survivors include three daughters: Denise Adams of Russellville, Michael Curtis, and Melissa Curtis, Thomas DeWayne Martin, Alan Martin, Bethany Faith Adams, Kellan Lane Adams, Kendall Clayton Combs, Jon Dalton Lewis, and Brendan Carter Lewis; and one great-grandchild, Juliette Curtis.

Funeral services for Gheard Duell Martin were conducted Tuesday, January 31, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Red Morris officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Annette Walker Mills

Annette Walker Mills, age 65, of Wayland, wife of Clark Mills, passed away Monday, January 30, 2006, at her residence.

She was born September 23, 1940, in Hunter, the daughter of the late Homer Walker and Gertrude (Gertie) Stephens Walker.

Survivors include her husband, Clark, four sons: Steven Mills, Pete Mills, and Harold Mills, all of Wayland, and Jerry Mills, of Brimfield, Indiana, two brothers, Clifford Walker, of Kendallville, Indiana, and Raymond Walker, of Farmers; three grandchildren, Tiffany Dawn Mills, Karyn Lee Mills, and Melanie Raelynn Mills; and two great grandchildren: Jonathan Akers and Toby Akers.

Preceding her in death were two brothers, Harold Glen Walker, and William Walker; and one sister, Ella Mae Walker.

Funeral services for Annette Walker Mills will be conducted Friday, February 3, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Red Morris officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)



## Orville Mitchell

Elder Orville Mitchell, 65, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, at his residence.

Born July 4, 1940, in Teaberry, he was the son of the late Lee and Martha Hamilton Mitchell. He was a retired coal miner, a member and honorary moderator of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, and previously the moderator for six years. He was a United States Army veteran.

He is survived by two daughters: Lesli and Paula Little.

Funeral services for Hazel Jones Sexton were conducted Friday, January 27, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Harry Hargis officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 30, at 2 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the James Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



## Arville Mitchell

Arville Mitchell, 60, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 28, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 14, 1945, in Drift, he was the son of the late Dowell and Maxie Damron Mitchell. He was disabled, and was a member of First Baptist Church, at Wheelwright.

Survivors include three sisters: Naomi Ruth Mosley of Lexington, Virginia D. Hall and Vella Marie Stump, both of Phyllis; many nieces, nephews, and cousins; special cousin and caregiver, Shirley Fishbaugh.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 30, at 10:30 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Spriggs officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery, at East Point, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



## Ruth Lea Roope

Ruth Lea Roope, age 80, of Marion, Ohio, passed away early Christmas morning, December 25, 2005, at Heartland of Marion Nursing Center.

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Hazel Jones Sexton  
Hazel Jones  
McMillen

Born in Wayland, on February 23, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Kathryn (Weddington) Martin. She married Paul V. Roope on February 23, 1946. He preceded her in death in 1995. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Tamara Lane Roope; four brothers; and two sisters.

Ruth was a member of the Marion Moose Lodge, and American Legion Post 584. A devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a very unique and lovable woman.

Survivors include two daughters: Lesli and Paula Little.

Funeral services for Hazel Jones Sexton were conducted Friday, January 27, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Harry Hargis officiating.

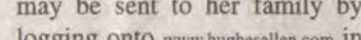
Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 30, at 2 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the James Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



### Card of Thanks

The family of Delmas "Ram" Inmon would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the Freewill Baptist and Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF DELMAS "RAM" INMON

### Card of Thanks

The Family of Arnold "Bert" Sturgill would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped in anyway during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank Clergyman Tracy Patton for his comforting words, The Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF ARNOLD "BERT" STURGILL

### Card of Thanks

The family of Clyde W. Lee would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words. A special thanks to Clergyman Hobert Meek for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. All your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association will hold its Annual Meeting of membership at its Tobacco Farmer Appreciation Day at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 17, 2006 in Room 101 of the South Wing at the KY Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, KY during the National Farm Machinery Show.

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# Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

**Super Bowl Party**  
Hosted by the Big Sandy Dance Team, on Sunday, Feb. 5, at the Student Center, BSCTC-Prestonsburg campus. Watch the game on a big screen projection screen with big sound. Tickets: \$5; may be purchased in advance or at door. Call 886-3863, ext. 67242. Refreshments available for purchase.

**Weight - The Reality Series**  
Learn skills that enable you to control your weight and keep it controlled. This 11-week course will be taught each Monday, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., beginning Feb. 6 and ending April 17, at the Floyd County Health Dept. One time fee of \$10. Call Theresa Scott, at 886-2668 for more information.

**Maytown Center**  
•Monday nights - Volleyball, 7 p.m., co-ed activity, \$1. 7th grade thru adult. Followed by drinks, snacks, pool and ping pong until 9 p.m. Also, basketball from 6-7 p.m. FREE. Must be accompanied by an adult.  
•Tuesday and Thursday - Basketball, 5-6 p.m., FREE if under 15. Must be accompanied by an adult. 8-10 p.m., ages 15 to adult, \$2.

**Auxier Lifetime Learning Center**  
**Basic Computer:** Mon., Mar. 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Tues., Mar. 7, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Thur., Mar. 9, 5-7 p.m. (8 weeks, \$30).  
**Computer Card Making:** Wed., Mar. 8 & 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (\$10).  
**Computer Internet:** Fri., Mar. 3 and 10, 1-3 p.m. (\$6).  
**Computer Keyboarding:** Fri., Mar. 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (8 weeks, \$30).  
**Microsoft Office:** Tues., Mar. 7, 6-8 p.m. (8 weeks, \$30).  
**Sewing:** Thur., Mar. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (8 weeks, \$20).  
**Quilting & More:** Tues., Mar. 7, 6-8 p.m. (8 weeks, \$20).  
For more info., call 886-0709.

**May House Tours**  
The historic Samuel May House will be open to the public each Saturday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The house, built in 1817, is the oldest house in the Big Sandy Valley. Tours are \$3/person; donations appreciated. The house is located on North Lake Drive (Prestonsburg), across from Pizza Hut and Wendy's.

**Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence**  
Meets the third Thursday of each month, in the Floyd County Family Court Conference room, in the Justice Center, at 3 p.m. Learn how to prevent domestic violence. The information you gain may save a life...the life of someone you know! All interested persons encouraged to attend. For more info., call 886-4323.

**Prestonsburg Rotary Club**  
Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus. Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

**Hillbilly Travel Club**  
Trip to Walt Disney World scheduled for July 9-15, 2006. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach, four nights lodging (hotel 2 mi. from Disney entrance; rooms accommodate up to 8 people/room), and four days of passes into the major theme parks. Also included is a roundtrip to Cocoa Beach that will include a beach barbecue of ribs, chicken, drinks and trimmings. Options available: All inclusive hopper passes and water parks. Deposit of \$100/person must be paid no later than March 1 with remaining balance due by June 1.  
Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 (evenings) or 452-4324 (days) for more information.

**UNITE**  
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the second Monday of each month, at 5 p.m., at the Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

**Neighborhood Watch**  
The Mud Creek Neighborhood Watch group will meet the third Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend meetings.

**Free Body Recall classes**  
Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

**'Earn While You Learn'**  
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

**Interested in new job training?**  
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929.

**External Diploma Program**  
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the

Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

**Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings**  
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Cliffside/Prestonsburg:** 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

**David:** 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

**Martin:** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

**Evening Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

**Maytown:** 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

**Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

**Prestonsburg:** 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

**South Prestonsburg:** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

**Looking for a Support Group?**

**Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group**

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group now meets at Riverview Manor.

•**Overeater's Anonymous** - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•**Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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•**PARENTS!** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•**East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•**Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

## Thank You

The family of Gladys Tackett McKinney would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to those who comforted us during our time of sorrow. Whether you sent flowers, brought food or just spoke a kind word, we thank you. We made it through this sad time because of friends and neighbors like you, who were there when we needed you.

We would like to thank Dr. Rivera at the McDowell ARH, and the ICU Nursing Staff, who took special care of Gladys and gave her their best attention. We especially thank those friends who went beyond their duty as a friend to simply call or stop by and visit Gladys, making her last days with all of us a little brighter.

Finally, we would like to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for the traffic control. All of your thoughts and prayers will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF GLADY TACKETT MCKINNEY

## Card of Thanks

The family of Clara Hale would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, and spoke kind words to our family. A special thanks to Chester Ray Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.

THE FAMILY OF CLARA HALE

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Our View

## Election an exercise in responsibility

We're off to the races.

With yesterday's filing deadline having passed, it's now time for the pundits, politicians and just plain folks to look ahead to this year's elections, make their decisions and, if they are so inclined, attempt to impress their preferences on others.

It will be a busy time, to be sure, as the politicians attempt to reach as many voters as possible before the May primary, and the voters sort through their choices on a long, long list of candidates.

We will certainly be busy as well, as we attempt to serve our readers by assembling as much information as possible on the issues that confront us, as well as the men and women who wish to govern us.

But during this calm before the storm, before all of the hustle and bustle of the campaign season commences, it is a good time for us to remind the candidates, the voters and ourselves of a concept that should remain at the forefront of our minds until the last vote is counted:

Responsibility.

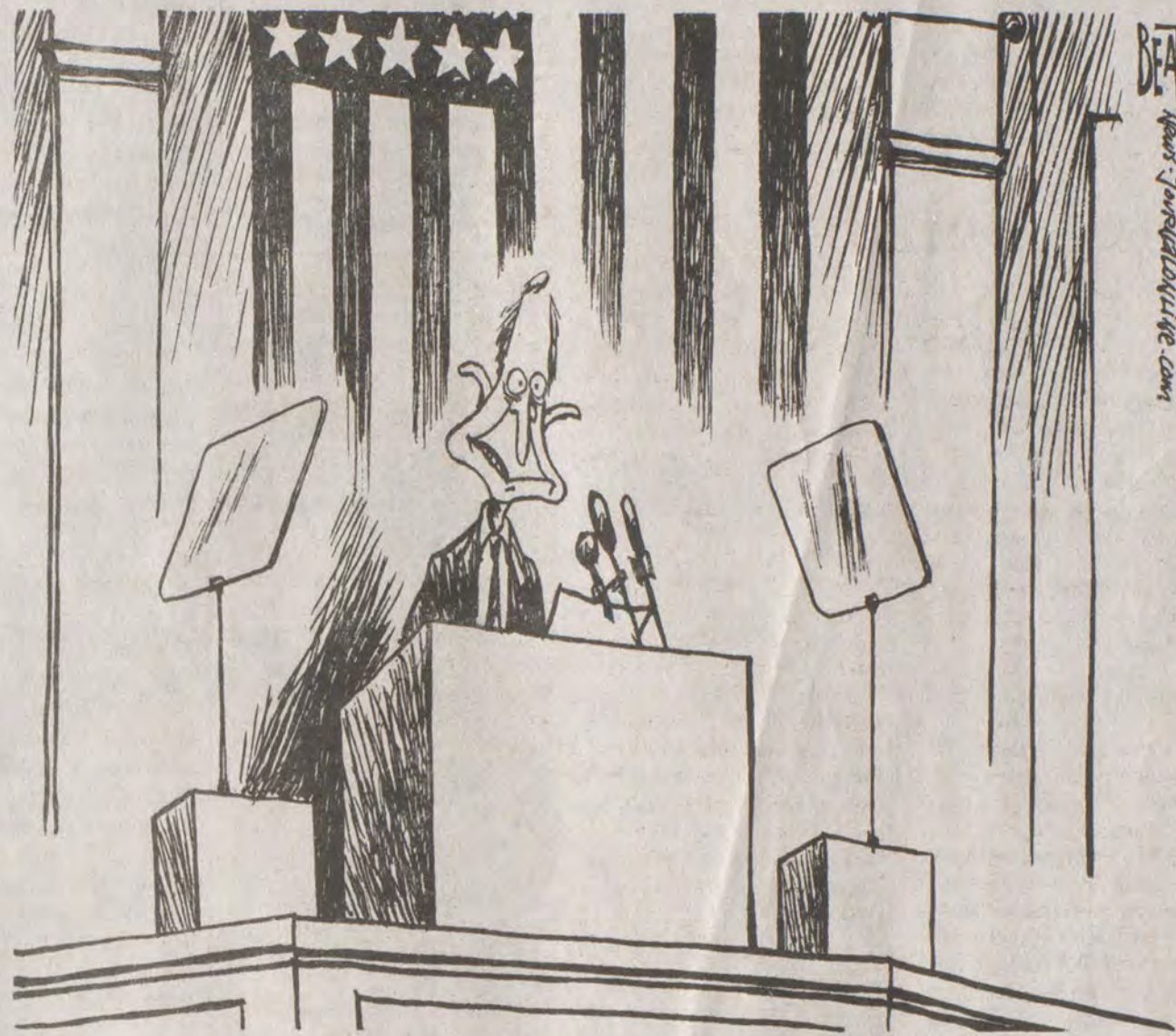
That's a word that isn't tossed around very much these days, but it's one that needs to be taken to heart to ensure good government.

To each of the candidates, you have a responsibility to let the voters know what to expect if you are elected. The public deserves to know more than who your daddy was. They need to know what you plan to do, what issues are important to you, what makes you qualified to lead and what your dreams for your community are.

To the voters, you have a responsibility to learn about the candidates in order to make informed choices. Your vote should be based on who will do the best job of making Floyd County a better place to live, not who will fatten your wallet or is closest kin.

As for ourselves, we have a responsibility to bridge the gap between the two aforementioned groups. It is our responsibility to give our readers the information they need to make good decisions. And in order to live up to that responsibility, we cannot play favorites or allow propaganda to cloud our reporting. That is a job we take very seriously.

— The Floyd County Times



"The State of the Union is great! On my watch, fat cats have each gained an average of 18 pounds!"

Capitol Ideas

## Taxpayers pick up \$10,000 tab on 'right to work' study

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Jesse Whitmer Jr. has often questioned the way his tax dollars are spent in Frankfort. But few things have outraged the blue-collar worker as much as the \$10,000 Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration paid to an economist for a study on the benefits of a proposed "right to work" law.

"I find that a total waste of taxpayer money," said Whitmer, a factory worker in Louisville. "We should not have to pay for that."

At issue is whether the state should pay for the study and a written report, which closely resembles one done in Michigan nearly four years ago for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Portions of the reports are identical. The Fletcher administration hired economist William T. Wilson of Chicago to do the study, which found Kentucky

would add more than 9,000 new jobs by 2010 and increase the Gross State Product by \$2.7 billion by 2015 by passing a law that would give employees the right not to join unions, even in closed shops.

Wilson included the findings, which labor groups contest, in a 10-page report called "The Impact of Right-To-Work Legislation on Kentucky's Economy." Portions of that report and the previous one, "The Effect of Right-to-Work Laws on Economic Development," are verbatim.

Both reports were written by Wilson, chief economist for Keystone India, a Chicago firm that fosters trade between the United States and India. Introductions to both studies are strikingly similar, and 14 of 15 references listed at the end of the studies are the same.

In a telephone interview, Wilson acknowledged the similarities. What's different, he said, is the data that's spe-

cific to Kentucky.

Whitmer, one of about 1,800 union workers who came to the Capitol earlier this month to protest Fletcher's proposal to make Kentucky a "right to work" state, said he believes the administration carefully selected the economist so that his findings would agree with their assertions.

"There was no preconditioning," Wilson said. "The budget director approached me and said 'we want an objective study done.'"

However, skeptics abound in Frankfort.

State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said it appears the Fletcher administration chose Wilson to do the study because his previous findings supported the Republican governor's position on "right to work." Yonts said he doesn't think it should have been paid for with state funds.

(See IDEAS, page seven)

Letters

## Kid Rock fan

I am writing this letter in response to an article that was published in the Appalachian News-Express on Jan. 27. I am writing this letter on behalf of Kid Rock fans, music fans and anyone that still believes in freedom of speech.

I respect the fact that everyone has the right to his or her opinion and it's okay to agree or disagree. I understand that not everyone shares my love and enthusiasm for Kid Rock's music.

I am not only a big fan of Kid Rock, but I also strongly support our First Amendment. We live in a democracy and every United States citizen is protected by the U.S. Constitution, thus, freedom

of speech is afforded to each of us.

I agree that some of Kid Rock's lyrics might be explicit to some, but it's wrong to denounce and attack his character. I believe that neither he nor his band are perverted or troubled, and I highly doubt that any of them are going to jeopardize their careers and livelihood over any underage girls. He is not a pervert! He is an entertainer and he does not make music to be a role model. If you do not like his music, no one is forcing you to buy his concert tickets or CDs. If you don't like what is on the television or radio, turn it off. The last time I checked, this was still a free country.

Kid Rock is a wonderful entertainer and he puts on a great concert. He keeps his ticket prices cheap because he cares about his fans. Kid Rock's music cannot be put in a particular genre. He effortlessly combines rock, country, rap and hip hop into his music.

I would like to commend the East Kentucky Expo Center for their efforts in booking Kid Rock and other acts such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, .38 Special, Gretchen Wilson and Big & Rich. In order for the East Kentucky Expo Center to be a success, they need to continue to book artists like Kid Rock.

I personally guarantee that Kid Rock will rock the East Kentucky Expo Center on Feb. 23.

Melissa Boyd  
Dana

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**Courtroom**

January, including new ceiling tiles, fresh paint and the centerpiece, the bench and surrounding trim, the construction crew said Monday.

It's been more than a year since a key piece of construction was completed on the courtroom with the remodeling of the roof, which helped eliminate a long-standing problem with odor for visitors and county officials alike.

Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson met briefly with workers Monday, already eyeballing the signature double windows that run along the front of the building. Plans about what

changes might come about with the efforts are still being talked about, but the crew said they are eager to finish, having already fully completed other sections of the courthouse such as the second-floor deed room for the county clerk's office.

The structure and setup for the courtroom will remain the same, according to workers, with the bench still situated at the front of the room, with entries for the public in the back of the room at two large double doors on each side.

Work is expected to be completed on the actual courtroom by Monday, workers said.

**Coal company cited for blackwater spill**

**by SHELDON COMPTON**  
STAFF WRITER

**PILGRIM** — For Martin Countians living near Pilgrim, Friday, Jan. 19, felt a little more like Oct. 11, 2001, when a resident noticed black water flowing into Emily Creek and notified officials.

order that required immediate action to stop the discharge this past Friday. A notice of noncompliance was also issued for violating water quality standards and sediment control requirements.

Officials with Peter Cave Mining Company have taken steps to correct the leak in order to install a new principal spillway.

Martin County was the site of one of Kentucky's most massive coal slurry spills on Oct. 11, 2001, when the bottom of a silt pond owned by Martin County Coal Company burst and released approximately 250 million gallons of coal sludge into Coldwater Creek and Wolf Creek. Communities some 75 miles downstream along the Ohio River were affected during that spill.

The Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement is currently in the process of assessing civil penalties for the violations cited Friday against the Martin County company.

According to a press release issued Friday from the Natural Resources Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, the unnamed resident spotted the black water and notified the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement field office in Prestonsburg.

Inspection personnel were sent to the location and determined that a silt pond for the Peter Cave Mining Company had developed a leak in the principal spillway hidden beneath accumulated sediment, said cabinet spokesperson Mark York.

Water samples were taken and DMRE issued the company an imminent-danger closure

**Former principal pleads guilty to lesser charge**

**The Associated Press**

**PIKEVILLE** — A former elementary school principal facing a drug charge has pleaded guilty to a lesser offense.

Kyle David Tackett, 33, pleaded guilty on Jan. 20 in Pike Circuit Court to second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, said his attorney, Stephen Owens of Pikeville.

In return, prosecutors agreed to a probated one-year jail sentence and to dismiss a more serious felony count, Owens said Wednesday.

Tackett, a former principal at G.F. Johnson Elementary School, was arrested in September after allegedly giving hallucinogenic mushrooms to a 17-year-old.

Tackett was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of a controlled substance and unlawful transaction with a minor.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **ST. LOUIS** — A dachshund-cocker mix with a hard-luck past has ended up being the belle of the ball.

Tillie the pooch, rescued from a no-kill shelter in California, was named best in show Monday at Dog Show USA, an online competition that gives equal standing to purebreds and mutts. Some 45,000 people voted for Tillie, organizers said.

"This is a classic Cinderella story," said award presenter Ernie Planck, as he draped a medal and ribbon around Tillie's tiny neck. "She's a mixed-breed rescue dog selected from 15,000 entries. She is America's dog."

She also received a bouquet of carnations and a crystal water bowl.

NBC and pet food maker Purina, co-sponsors of the National Dog Show of purebreds, decided to launch a dog show with two firsts: the competition would include mixed breeds and the public would vote for contestants online.

Tillie, in the mixed-breed category, competed against winners in eight other areas — sporting, toy, herding, working, terrier, "best trick," "owner look-a-like," and "cutest face."

"Every dog deserves to have its day in the spotlight," said Michael Moore, interactive marketing director for Purina.

■ **INDIANAPOLIS** — The potholes here are getting out of control — and it's a man-made problem.

Thieves have made off with dozens of the hefty covers and sewer grates in the last few days, leaving gaping holes scattered in streets across the city.

City officials believe the high price of scrap metal is spurring the thefts and have been warning area scrap yards not to buy any manhole covers.

Crews worked Monday to put up warning barriers for the holes once protected by the covers, which can weigh about 300

pounds.

"This is a severe public safety hazard we have here," said Margie Smith-Simmons, a spokeswoman for the city's Department of Public Works. "These manholes range in depth from 4 feet to 30 feet deep."

She said the profit motive for such thefts has escalated over the past two years as the price for a ton of scrap steel has gone from about \$70 to \$300.

"Very tough, very time-consuming, very expensive," Ronnie Sanders, a city public works project manager, said of replacing the covers. "It's taxpayer dollars going out the window."

■ **CHARLESTON, S.C.** — You may recycle cans and bottles, but Charleston County has a request for its residents: Please don't recycle your old guns and ammunition.

The county is making the plea after dangerous items, including a loaded gun, were found earlier this month at the county recycling plant.

The plant has an assembly line where recycled items are sorted by hand, said Gregg Vainer, director of the county Solid Waste and Recycling Department.

Five women were working on the line on Jan. 17 when one found a torn paper bag containing bullets coming down the line.

Workers stopped to remove the bullets but shortly a second bag with another box of bullets came down the line. Then workers found a box with bullets and three guns — one of which was loaded.

Police were called to pick up the guns and ammunition.

"The worst thing someone can do is put these items in their recycling bins or drop-site containers, because those items will be hand-sorted by people, unlike their garbage," said department spokeswoman Christine DeStefano.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** —

Australia's prime minister wants the country's television networks to clean up their act. Please.

"I think we have seen a marked deterioration in good manners," Prime Minister John Howard told reporters Tuesday.

"I think there are certain vulgar expressions that have no place on television and if there's not some self discipline exercised in that, I think standards will continue to deteriorate," he said.

Howard was speaking in support of a senior judge who used a speech to the Sydney legal fraternity Monday night to lament the prevalence of boorish behavior and the lack of ordinary manners in Australian society.

Howard's communications minister last year ordered the country's television standards watchdog to take a look at the fly-on-the wall series "Big Brother" to see if it breached a voluntary code of conduct after complaints about scenes of full-frontal nudity. The network responded with an apology for any offense caused.

■ **READING, Pa.** — One registered Republican won't be able to vote in the next election unless he appears at a Berks County Elections Board to explain the signature on his registration form.

The man is registered as Paul S. Sewell, but his form is signed "God."

County Solicitor Alan S. Miller said Sewell claims his "God" signature is merely a legal mark like the "X" used by people who are illiterate.

Sewell, 40, said he will be happy to explain. As the owner of a bail enforcement agency, he finds fugitives, he said.

"Whenever I go to arrest somebody, they say, 'Oh, God, give me another chance. Oh, God, let me go. I'll turn myself in tomorrow,'" Sewell said.

He said he thinks his designated mark is legal. "PennDOT accepted it on my driver's license. I have a credit card with

it," he said. "It shouldn't be a problem."

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — High school students aren't waiting for the mail each day to find out if they've been accepted at Creighton University — they're looking at their cell phones.

Since November, 700 students — or 44 percent — of those admitted to Creighton have been notified through a text message. The school added the option on application forms last fall.

The university is trying to respond to the needs of its students, said Mary Chase, director of admissions and scholarships at Creighton.

"Students are so interested in having instant information," she said.

Opting for the text message allows students to know the university's decision up to a week earlier. She said text messages are sent to students within 24 hours of the admission committee's decisions, whereas letters can take several days to draft and then arrive in the mail.

Katie Infantine, 17, of San Diego, says she ran to her family members and showed them her acceptance message.

"Text messaging is really popular with my friends," Infantine said. "So the fact a college would do that is really cool."

■ **MANILA, Philippines** — Nearly 11,000 school children brushed their teeth at a seaside park in an attempt to break a world record for a simultaneous brush-off, organizers said.

About 10,800 students from eight metropolitan Manila grade schools, guided by 187 dentists, used soft-bristle tooth brushes for nearly three minutes Sunday at the Rizal Park, then playfully tossed red caps into the air.

The mass brush-off, sponsored by a toothpaste company and health and education officials, was an attempt to break the Guinness World record set by 10,240 Chinese students in

2003, organizers said.

"We also want to make oral cavity prevention relevant to the general public," said dentist Angel David II.

Tooth decay and poor oral hygiene are prevalent among many young and adult Filipinos, either because of poverty or a lack of awareness of healthy practices, David said.

■ **LANCASTER, Pa.** — The microbrewery calls it "cutting-edge artwork."

But a few distributors are refusing to sell a Pennsylvania microbrew called "Hedonism," or are wrapping the cases they do sell in plain brown paper because of its risqué package design: a cartoon image of bare-torsoed characters kissing and caressing.

"I sent it back because of the graphics," said Bob Dano, who owns Engleside Beverage Mart

in Lancaster. "My wife thought it was obscene and so did I."

Others call the reaction overblown.

"It's just a cartoon," said cashier Connie Rutt of Wheatland Beer Distributors in Lancaster. "It shows hedonism. It depicts the name of the product exactly."

The backlash surprised Reading-based Legacy Brewing Co., which readily reported the controversy on its Web site, <http://www.legacybrewing.com>, including photographs of a store display with a stack of paper-wrapped cases.

The company chose the design to get noticed in the competitive world of beer marketing, an official said.

"We're just trying to establish cutting-edge artwork," said Dave Gemmill, a Legacy managing partner. "We're not trying to offend anyone."

## Bogus bill case sent to grand jury

by TOM DOTY  
STAFF WRITER

■ **PRESTONSBURG** — A Salyersville woman who allegedly tried to pass a bogus \$100 bill at the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart in November saw her case sent to a grand jury after a preliminary hearing in district court on Monday.

Holly Hoover, 25, was arrested by Prestonsburg police officer Sam Goodman on Nov. 30 after he was summoned to Wal-Mart by a store manager who reported that a customer was trying to pass the bad bill. Goodman arrived at the scene and found Hoover at the customer service counter with the store representative, who pre-

sented the bill for his inspection.

"It was obvious right away," Goodman testified, noting that the bill had a soft texture and no security strip but was most convinced by its ink quality, which began to run as held it.

Goodman noted that Hoover said she got the bill from her husband and that Hoover's husband said he got it from the First Commonwealth Bank.

Hoover's attorney, Jane Harlan, asked Goodman if the bill would appear bogus to a layman and Goodman responded, "I felt so."

The grand jury will hear the case next and determine if there is enough evidence to charge Hoover with one felony count of trying to use counterfeit money.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2006. There are 333 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On Feb. 1, 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

On this date:

■ In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

■ In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J.

■ In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

■ In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Central Postal Directory, was authorized.

■ In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of

the United Nations.

■ In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

■ In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph.

■ In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

■ In 1979, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, whose prison sentence for bank robbery had been commuted by President Carter, left a federal prison near San Francisco.

■ In 1991, 35 people were killed when a US Air jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

**Ten years ago:** Both houses of Congress voted overwhelmingly to rewrite the 61-

year-old Communications Act, freeing the exploding television, telephone and home computer industries to jump into each other's fields.

**Five years ago:** John Ashcroft won confirmation as attorney general on a 58-42 Senate vote, completing President Bush's Cabinet over strong Democratic opposition.

**One year ago:** Pope John Paul II was hospitalized for breathing problems and the flu. Character actor John Vernon, who'd played nasty Dean Wormer in "National Lampoon's Animal House," died in Los Angeles at age 72.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Stuart Whitman is 78. Former Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is 75. Singer Don Everly is 69. Actor Garrett Morris is 69. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 69. Actor Sherman Hemsley is 68. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 67. Jazz musician Joe Sample is 67. Comedian Terry Jones is 64. Actor-writer-producer Bill

Mumy is 52. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 52. Rock singer Exene Cervenka is 50. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 41. Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 41. Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 41. Lisa Marie Presley is 38. Comedian and actor Pauly Shore is 38. Jazz musician Joshua Redman is 37. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 37. Rock musician Ron Welty is 35. Rapper Big Boi (Outkast) is 31. Country singer Julie Roberts is 27. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 24.

**Thought for Today:** "Every ten years a man should give himself a good kick in the pants." — Edward Steichen, American photographer (1879-1973).

## Senate committee approves \$10 million in heating assistance

### The Associated Press

■ **FRANKFORT** — More money would be funneled to needy families to pay winter heating bills under a measure that passed a Senate budget committee on Thursday.

The Appropriations and Revenue Committee added an additional \$5 million to the proposal that passed the House earlier this week, bringing the total to \$10 million in emergency funding that would be available immediately.

Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr said the measure, which would be funded by revenues from severance taxes on natural gas, could come up for a vote in the full

Senate as early as Thursday.

"I think it's extremely important that we take care of our most vulnerable families," Kerr said.

The legislation, sponsored by state Rep. Darryl Owens, D-Louisville, would take \$5 million from the state's rainy day fund for community action groups that help the poor pay to heat their homes. The measure passed in the House 96-0.

Kerr said the budget committee didn't want to take money from the rainy day fund to pay for the program, and instead opted for the natural gas severance tax revenue.

An emergency clause on the bill would make the money available once it becomes law.

## Millions of coal company fines go unpaid

### The Associated Press

■ **LOUISVILLE** — Mining companies in Kentucky owe millions in unpaid fines for federal violations, and some mining experts and lawmakers say it's time for a review of the penalty process.

Coal companies can contest the fines, which has slowed the payments in many cases. But other mines that experience financial trouble or file bankruptcy, like a Pike County mine where a miner was killed in 2000, may never pay the fines.

Mark McNeil, 47, was killed in a coal truck accident at the

Gooseneck Branch Mine in Pike County on May 8, 2000, to dump out a load of rock and dirt. The truck went over the berm, flipped, and tumbled about 500 feet. A subsequent federal investigation found two "serious and substantial" safety violations at the mine and levied \$70,000 in penalties.

But those fines have not been paid because the operator of the mine at the time of the accident went bankrupt in 2001, and the company that bought the mine says it has no liability for the debt.

"I think that's terrible," said McNeil's widow, Sharon McNeil, 51, also of Webbville.

"It's like nothing happened."

An analysis by The Courier-Journal of serious federal safety violations found that 28 Kentucky coal mines have been assessed \$2.8 million in fines of \$10,000 or more dating back to 1996. Nearly \$1.7 million of that total that can no longer be contested remains uncollected from Kentucky mine operators, according to records from the Mine Health and Safety Administration.

The remaining \$1.1 million in fines is still being contested.

The fines go unpaid while

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# State ends exemption for heavier coal trucks

## Ideas

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The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — The state has put an end to permits that let coal trucks go over the weight limit if the truck has extra axles. Fewer than 30 permits will be affected, said Doug Hogan, a spokesman for the Transportation Cabinet. Highway officials and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement agency officers met Monday. The decision to end the little-known exemption was announced afterward. "This was just a blanket approval, basically, to be overweight," Hogan said, "and that's an approval we are rescinding immediately and there will not be any additional approvals in April when the existing permits expire."

The provision was included anonymously as a committee substitute in Kentucky's 1986 law that already allowed coal trucks to haul 46,000 pounds, or 23 tons, more than the 80,000-pound federal weight limit on other trucks.

More than 2,900 of those permits have been issued.

"I was very happy we remained focused on highway safety and the importance of what we've done for the people of eastern Kentucky," Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement

Commissioner Greg Howard said. "You know, this is not about me, it's not about anybody — it's about the enforcement of weight laws in a fair way that's important to all."

Kentucky's heaviest coal trucks normally have two or three axles near the tailgate on 38-foot beds. Adding an axle allowed them to haul 20,000 pounds more than the existing weight limit for each new axle.

State attorneys agreed Monday that language in the 1986 bill said the state weight limit for coal trucks "shall" be limited to 126,000 pounds,

Hogan said.

"It says 'shall' in there, and that's the approach we're going to take," Howard said.

Howard said Transportation Secretary Bill Nighbert had decided before the meeting that his agency was not going to issue any more of the axle-based permits.

So much has been accomplished with the crackdown on weight limits that continuing the axle exemption would be a step backward, he said.

"Nobody wanted to do that," he said, "so it wasn't a difficult sale."

"It's a legal use, but it's not a good public policy use," Yonts said. "That seems to me to be more of a Republican Party wedge issue introduced into this session to divide people. And if they're going to do it, they ought to pay for it with party dollars."

Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said he was angered when he compared the written reports and saw their similarities.

"The fact that the taxpayers of the commonwealth have paid for a report that was obviously already performed on a previous date is very inappropriate," Londrigan said.

State Budget Director Brad Cowgill defended Wilson's report.

"I am not surprised that the text in this report is similar to a

report that he's written before, because we had read his earlier report before we hired him," Cowgill said. "In fact, I would be surprised if he didn't use some of the same text. When you're paying someone on an hourly basis, what you don't want them to do is reinvent the wheel."

Cowgill pushed for Wilson to do the study in a letter to Finance Secretary Robbie Rudolph on Dec. 12, 2005, so that the findings could be included in the administration's budget proposals.

"If anyone other than Dr. Wilson were to perform this service, they would need to spend significant time learning the issues and becoming familiar with the pertinent issues and literature," Cowgill said. "The additional time needed by other

parties would not afford the governor the ability to include the analysis in his proposed budget to the 2006 General Assembly, which convenes in early January."

The contract called for Wilson to be paid \$300 an hour, not to exceed 33 hours.

"Whatever happened to dignity? It seemed like to me Fletcher paid \$10,000 for a rewrite," said Cletus Gibson, a Louisville carpenter, who was in the crowd of union workers the night Fletcher called for "right to work" legislation in his budget address. "I think it's ridiculous. That \$10,000 could have been better spent."

Roger Alford is the Frankfort correspondent for The Associated Press.

## Nominations open for 'Teachers Who Made A Difference'

LEXINGTON — Last year, teacher Ray Heinisch of McDowell was recognized by the University of Kentucky College of Education "Teachers Who Made a Difference" program. The UK College of Education and UK Men's Basketball Coach Tubby Smith are teaming up to offer the program again in 2006 and are currently accepting nominations.

The Teachers Who Made a Difference program gives Kentuckians an opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, college professors, or other educators in the state for the way they have inspired and motivated students to succeed.

"Too many times we don't realize the difference teachers make in our lives until long after we're grown," said Smith. "When I look back on my days at Great Mills High School and George Washington Carver Elementary, the teachers sure made a difference in my life. The Teachers Who Made a Difference program gives everyone the opportunity to thank that one special teacher in their life. I'm proud to offer my support to this outstanding recognition program for teachers."

The program does not select winners from a pool of nominees. Rather, the UK College of Education created the program to provide individuals a means to express thanks to educators who have impacted their life. The event will honor the first 100 teachers officially submitted for recognition. Organizers ask that nominators limit recognitions to one teacher per year.

To nominate a teacher, visit the UK College of Education's Web site at [www.uky.edu/Education](http://www.uky.edu/Education) and fill out the on-line form.

In 2004, Kentuckians honored 95 teachers. Since the program's inception, over 800 teachers have been honored. The Teachers Who Made a Difference program includes a special recognition event and reception attended by both the teachers and their nominators.

For more information, contact Lindsey Clem at [j.lindsey.clem@uky.edu](mailto:j.lindsey.clem@uky.edu) or by phone at (859) 257-2666.

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# Critics question record of Bush's mine safety nominee

by **KIMBERLY HEFLING**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush's nominee to head the federal mine safety agency issued an urgent advisory to Pennsylvania's mine operators to update their maps after the Queecreek mine was flooded in 2002 and almost killed nine workers.

The following year, a grand jury determined the state's underground mine safety agency — then led by Bush nominee Richard Stickler — should have identified the mapping problems sooner. At the time, Stickler had been running the mine agency for five years.

Stickler, 61, was appearing Tuesday before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. There will also be a confirmation hearing Tuesday for Edwin G. Foulke Jr., who has been nominated to lead the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

In prepared testimony,

Stickler said he's dedicated to mine safety and the mission of the Mine Safety and Health Administration. He recalled working underground in West Virginia in 1968 when a methane gas explosion in an adjacent mine killed 78 workers.

"The sights and sounds of that experience as well as other tragic mine accidents will be with me as long as I live," said Stickler, of Terra Alta, W.Va.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the committee's ranking Democrat, questioned Stickler's commitment to safety.

"Every human life is precious. We must only confirm nominees to safety and health positions who understand this," Kennedy said. "Mr. Stickler's history is long on coal production experience but short on ensuring worker safety."

Kennedy is among a handful of members of Congress who have called for reform at MSHA after the deaths of 14 West Virginia miners earlier this month. One main criticism of MSHA, which has a 2006 operating budget of \$277 million, is that it's been run by mining insiders lax in enforcing fines and opening up documents. It has been without a leader since November 2004.

Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., who is also on the committee, said Stickler has practical experience as an underground manager, superintendent and shift foreman that would benefit the agency.

"He is a man who, for most of his adult life, has wiped the coal dust off his boots every night," Isakson said.

Stickler received a gubernatorial award for his work on the

scene at the Queecreek mine in 2002 when the nine trapped miners were rescued. He ran Pennsylvania's agency from 1997 to 2003 after working for 30 years for Beth Energy Mines Inc. in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The grand jury investigation of Queecreek did not name individuals and no criminal charges were filed. The problems were blamed on miners breaching an abandoned mine that released millions of gallons of water that trapped them until they were rescued 77 hours later.

In his urgent advisory after the disaster, Stickler wrote to the state's mines, "The consequences of inaccurate maps of abandoned workings can be catastrophic," according to documents under reviewed by the Senate committee and obtained by The Associated Press.

Howard Messer, who represents eight of the nine Queecreek miners, has said he opposes Stickler's nomination because of the secrecy surrounding the investigation that followed the disaster.

The United Mine Workers has opposed his nomination to lead the federal agency — just as it opposed his nomination to the state agency.

In 1997, the United Mine Workers wrote in a letter to then-Gov. Tom Ridge that its evaluation of federal records showed there were incident rates in mines Stickler ran that doubled the national average in six of eight years. It noted that one of the mines he managed for five years had two fatal accidents during that time.

Documents provided to the committee, however, say he was strict in enforcement, which

could explain the numbers.

In 1998, one of Stickler's own inspectors complained in a letter to him about a change in policy involving ventilation in mines, documents show. He said the change would make the industry less safe for two-thirds of workers and "this policy is strictly an economical document which neither promotes or extends safety."

After Stickler apparently met with miners in New Stanton, Pa., in 1999, the United Mine Workers' safety officer wrote to the head of the Pennsylvania Department of Environment Protection complaining that Stickler was failing to address miners' safety concerns.

"The continued tenure of Mr. Stickler will have a grave an immediate impact on state's miners," the letter said.

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companies appeal through a multilayered process that can last years and ultimately reduce the companies' penalties.

Another reason for unpaid fines is that some companies have gone out of business, according to the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

The unpaid total for Kentucky mines includes \$387,500 in penalties levied against Cody Mining Co. Inc. in Floyd County for seven safety violations after the death of miner Paul Blair, 21, in a 2003 explosion.

Government records say the mine is now abandoned. A lawyer for the company did not return calls seeking comment.

MSHA spokesman Dirk Fillpot declined to be interviewed on the subject, but issued a statement.

"The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is committed to fully enforcing our nation's mine safety and health laws, including the collection of fines assessed for violations of those laws," Neal Merrifield, director of the agency's office of assessments, said in the statement.

Tony Oppgaard, a former top federal mining official in the Clinton administration, said the federal mine agency "doesn't have the political will to collect the fines when they're not paid." Oppgaard called for a computer system to alert regulators to delinquent payments when operators apply for new mining licenses.

"If an operator hasn't paid his fines, he's got a problem — and why should he get a license for another mine?" said Oppgaard, former general counsel to Kentucky's Department of Mines and Minerals. It is common industry practice for companies to shut down after too many fines, change names, and start up again, Oppgaard said.

Mine industry spokesman Bill Caylor said companies should pay for their violations.

"If a fine is levied and the appeal process is run, (MSHA) ought to collect it," said Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. "You ought to comply with the law, period." Caylor said his industry would favor speeding up the appeals process, saying "that would benefit everybody."

Congress is considering mine safety reforms in the wake of two mine disasters in West Virginia earlier this month that killed 14 people. One consideration is increasing fines for violations of safety regulations beyond their maximum of \$60,000 per violation.

Kentucky Republican Sens. Mitch McConnell and Jim Bunning have joined several colleagues in asking for additional hearings by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. McConnell did not respond to requests for comment on the unpaid fines in Kentucky, but he addressed increasing fines, as MSHA said it wants to do.

"It is imperative that our miners are safe and that steps are taken to prevent mining accidents from occurring in the future," McConnell said in a statement.

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## Election

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who will now widen the field even more in the District 3 magistrate race.

The only opposed judicial race, the spot for family court judge, went from a two-person race to three when Prestonsburg lawyer and school board member E. Mickey McGuire filed to run for that office against incumbent Julie Paxton and challenger Johnny Ray Harris.

New candidates were welcomed Tuesday in the race for constable across all four county districts with Lester Jarvis, of Prestonsburg, filing for District 1; David Horn, of Hueysville, for District 2; Gary Blankenship, of McDowell, Don "Booty" Hall, of Wheelwright, and Carrlyn Bryant McKay, for District 3; while the District 4 race for constable grew by one with Dana resident Green Wakeland's decision to run Tuesday.

The race that saw the most activity for filings Tuesday was for the office of county surveyor. Incumbent Teresa Hall, who had seen no opposition until Tuesday, will now face six other candidates in that race.

Rounding out the filings was another candidate for Prestonsburg's city council, Billy Salisbury, and a third candidate in the race for 95th District state representative, James "Franky" Francis, of Garrett.

The final list for hopefuls in the May election is now as follows:

■ Judge-executive: R.D. "Doc" Marshall, of Allen; Ben Hale, of Blue River; John K. Endicott, of Endicott.

■ Sheriff: Dalton R. Conley, of Garrett; John K. Blackburn, of Prestonsburg; Damon Newsome, of Prestonsburg; Eunice Shepherd, of Prestonsburg; John F. Jenkins, of Prestonsburg.

■ Jailer: Roger Webb, of Prestonsburg; James Isaac, of Banner.

■ Commonwealth Attorney: Arnold Brent Turner, of Prestonsburg.

■ County clerk: Chris Waugh, of Allen.

■ Circuit clerk: Douglas Ray Hall of prestonsburg.

■ Coroner: Roger Gene Nelson, of Dvale.

■ County attorney: Keith Bartley, of Prestonsburg.

■ Property valuation administrator: Connie Hancock, of Langley.

■ Surveyor: Teresa Hall, of Wayland; Ron "Cowboy" Cooley, of Prestonsburg; Kenneth "Kimble" Howard, of Garrett; Merle M. May, of Martin; John L. Campbell, of Banner; Lamar Tackett, of Melvin; Curt Blackburn, of Prestonsburg.

■ Magistrate, District 1: John A. Goble, of Prestonsburg; Gerald DeRossett, of Prestonsburg; Danny Hamilton, of Prestonsburg; Billy Elmer Frasure, of Prestonsburg; Johnny Lafferty, of Prestonsburg.

■ Magistrate, District 2: Kenneth Roberts, of Garrett; Stuart Robinson, of Langley; Jackie Edford Owens, of Hueysville.

■ Magistrate, District 3: Russell Warren Jarrell, of Printer; Marietta Adams, of Drift; Clinis Hall, of Drift; Jason Moore, of McDowell; Donny Daniels, of Melvin; Jimmy Gabe Turner, of Drift; Samuel Howell, of Martin; Glenn Dale Rackey, of Hi Hat; Tim "Beatsie" Allen,

of Martin; Curt Hall, of McDowell; Jackie Kendrick, of McDowell.

■ Magistrate, District 4: Arnold Bob McKinney, of Harold; B.J. Newsome, of Betsy Layne; Ronnie Akers, of Harold; Charlotte Frasure, of Grethel; Nicholas J. Martin, of Teaberry; Paul David Tackett, of Teaberry; Tim Hamilton, of Stanville; Cola Ray Akers, of Harold; James Alan Williams, of Banner; Herman Conn, of Banner.

■ Constable, District 1: Billy Jarvis, of Prestonsburg; Michael Hall, of East Point; Gary Wolfe, of Prestonsburg; Bucky Collins, of Prestonsburg; Lester Jarvis, of Prestonsburg.

■ Constable, District 2: Mike D. Goodman, of Langley; Sam Duncan, of Garrett; James Hoover, of Eastern; Marty Glenn Tackett, of Martin; David Horn, of Hueysville.

■ Constable, District 3: Paul Younce, of Melvin; Ernie Moore, of McDowell; Willie D. Hall, of Melvin; Barry Hopkins, of Minnie; Gary Blankenship, of McDowell; Don "Booty" Hall, of Wheelwright; Carrlyn Bryant McKay, of Melvin.

■ Constable, District 4: John Kidd, of Harold; Mona Case, of Betsy Layne; Logan Tucker, of Beaver; Alfred "Junebug" Newsome, of Grethel; Vernie Bradley, of Banner; Kevin Garrett, of Harold; Green Wakeland, of Dana.

In addition, several offices on the local ballot require registration with the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort. Candidates in those races include:

■ Fifth District U.S. representative: Republican Harold "Hal" Rogers, of Somerset, and Democrats James W. Tapley, of Pine Knot, and Kenneth Stepp, of Barbourville.

■ 95th District state representative: Democrats Charles "Chuck" Meade, of Hunter, James Brandon Spencer, of Prestonsburg, and James "Franky" Francis, of Garrett.

■ 97th District state representative: Democrats Hubert Collins, of Wittenerville, and David J. Porter, of Paintsville.

■ 7th Appellate District Court of Appeals justice, Division 1: Sara Combs, of Stanton.

■ 7th Appellate District Court of Appeals justice, Division 2: David A. Barber, of Prestonsburg, and Janet L. Stumbo, of Van Lear.

■ 31st Judicial Circuit circuit judge, Division I: Danny P. Caudill, of Prestonsburg.

■ 31st Judicial Circuit circuit judge, Division II: John D. Caudill, of Prestonsburg.

■ 31st Judicial Circuit family court judge: Julie Paxton, Johnny Ray Harris, and E. Mickey McGuire, all of Prestonsburg.

■ 31st Judicial Circuit district judge, Division I: James R. Allen, of Prestonsburg.

■ 31st Judicial Circuit district judge, Division II: Eric D. Hall, of Allen.

In Prestonsburg, several people have already filed for city offices, even though the deadline to file in those races is in August and municipal races do not appear on the ballot until November. They include:

■ Prestonsburg mayor: Jerry S. Fannin and Tom Hereford.

■ Prestonsburg City Council: Don Willis, Diane Blankenship Fish, Donna Blackburn Wells, Phillip Chaffins, William Kelly Moore, Kay Hale Ross, Doug Wells, and Billy Salisbury.

## County reimbursed for blacktop work

by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — County officials initially agreed Monday to receive more than \$600,000 toward resurfacing efforts across county roadways from the state, money that had been anticipated since the county went into pocket for blacktopping some time ago, say officials.

The total amount accepted from the Transportation Cabinet's Department of Intergovernmental Programs was \$612,077, still short of the actual amount the county spent on resurfacing projects from its 2005-06 budget, according to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson.

Thompson, who only recently returned from lobbying for more resurfacing funds in Frankfort, said the county had probably spent close to \$642,000 on blacktop to date during the fiscal year.

The court accepted the first reading of the budget amendment during a special-called meeting Monday afternoon. Also during that meeting, officials discussed the status of reimbursements from the Transportation Cabinet as part of a road aid bond the county entered into contractually on Oct. 17.

Thompson said the county has received approximately 60 percent of the money allotted as part of that contract, while

another 20 percent, or \$200,000, should be making its way to Floyd County by Feb. 1, followed by another 10 percent, or \$100,000, by April. The remaining 10 percent will arrive sometime during the fiscal year, Thompson said.

County officials passed a resolution following discussion of reimbursements that will include blacktopping of Jim Patter Branch Road and replace resurfacing of Bradley Branch Road with Daniels Creek Road, as well as Cold Water Branch Road with Happy Hollow Road.

County officials also saw money come from an approved bid on the property surrounding the Floyd County landfill along Osborne Branch. A bid of

\$212,000 was accepted from Blackburn Natural Resources.

In addition, the fiscal court also took the following action during Monday's meeting:

■ Voted to transfer \$20,000 toward the purchase of highway equipment.

■ Agreed to pay Joe P. Tackett \$12,500 for services rendered, and William Blackburn \$1,260 for services rendered on behalf of the county.

■ Accepted a lease agreement for three tandem trucks to be used for various purposes throughout the county.

All members were in attendance for Monday's meeting. The fiscal court meets again in regular session on Feb. 17.

## Magoffin vet gets diverted sentence

by MARY MUSIC  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Vietnam veteran who carried a gun into the Floyd County Justice Center and led authorities on a chase to the former Red Light Diner in 2004, was given a diverted sentence in circuit court Friday.

Carter Ray Castle, 57, originally charged with six counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, two counts of third-degree assault of a police or probation officer and one count of attempted murder, accepted a plea offer from the prosecution when, in December, he entered an Alford plea (denying guilt, but affirming that enough evidence may be found for a conviction) to six counts of wanton endangerment.

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The hearing was initiated by Wheelwright city attorney Tim Parker, who informed Judge Eric Hall that the public defender would need to stand in with the mayor, who had not retained an attorney. Sammons had wanted Parker to represent him but that notion was quashed after Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum objected stating that it represented a conflict of interest for Parker in his capacity as Wheelwright city attorney.

The men shook hands in court after the deal was made and the charges against Sammons will be dismissed upon his paying restitution to Hall for the chain. Judge Hall also ordered that the men have no contact outside of their work together for the city.

The July incident stemmed from a disagreement over blacktopping a driveway, with each man accusing the other of wanting to use city materials to blacktop a private driveway.

Sammons was granted 30 days to pay the damages. He asked Hall to provide a receipt before the payment was made and Hall directed him to Marcum, who he said he gave the receipt.

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Bartley, Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, County Clerk Chris Waugh, Circuit Clerk Douglas Ray Hall, Circuit Judges John D. Caudill and Danny P. Caudill, as well as District Judges Eric Hall and James R. Allen.

Also facing a clean slate will be Coroner Roger Nelson, PVA Connie Hancock and Court of Appeals Justice Sara Combs, all of whom saw no one file against them.

Republican Fifth District U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers has no opposition in the May primary, but will face an opponent in November, as two Democrats will square off in May for the right to challenge him.

County Surveyor Teresa Hall, who had been unopposed over the past several weeks, saw six opponents file to run for that office under the deadline Tuesday.

Even without opposition, the unopposed candidates are still not entirely out of the woods. Independent, third-party and write-in candidates have until later this year to declare their candidacy.

## Gas line

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was acting on behalf of several concerned residents in the area, but insisted that the county had already signed agreements with Interstate to place a gas line along Granny Fitz. Expanding on his comments, Thompson reminded the court and those in attendance that there is an ongoing effort to establish what he referred to as a "pipeline safety ordinance" that would help prevent incidents such as the 2004 Ivel explosion, which Owens mentioned while airing concerns about the Granny Fitz project.

"It'd be different if this line was a residential line, but it's a main transmission line," Owens told fellow officials. "They're just wiping their feet on the people of this county."

Owens appealed to Thompson and others during Monday's meeting to pass an ordinance that would require gas companies such as Interstate to come before the court to seek a permit when laying gas lines or drilling gas wells, but Thompson urged the court to remember the strides that are already being made in respect to such activities.

"It's been done a lot looser than it is now for the last 100

years," Thompson said. "And I'm tightening it up."

For the first time, the county required Interstate to repair any damage done to property during the course of placing the gas line within the agreed contract with the company, an agreement that Thompson requested in hard copy and read from during the meeting. Thompson said the next step in the process of making gas line activity and placement more safe would be to draft a final copy of the pipeline safety ordinance and formally pass it through the fiscal court.

Floyd County is second only to neighboring Pike County throughout the 120 counties in the commonwealth for producing natural gas, and Thompson said this fact could not be ignored when looking to how important companies such as Interstate are to the county's economy.

The fiscal court has been working with the idea for a pipeline safety ordinance since a gas line leak that ran through Rolling Acres subdivision in Ivel ignited a massive explosion in November of 2004, injuring nine people and leveling five homes.

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## Abuse

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Indicted last April, the couple is charged with intentionally abusing or permitting the abuse of their 2-month-old child. The abuse, which occurred between August 4, 2004, and October 6, 2004, resulted in fractures to the infant's skull, ribs, leg and arm.

The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has filed notices of their intent to introduce evidence of other crimes in both cases. As proof, they intend

to call employees with the Cabinet for Families and Children to the stand to testify about allegations of neglect in the household and prior domestic violence and abuse.

Davis, remains incarcerated on a \$100,000 cash bond, along with Shepherd, whose bond has been amended bond down to a \$10,000 surety bond.

They are scheduled for trial in March.

## Arrest

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weeks ago for allegedly taking part in the robbery and was the subject of a preliminary hearing in district court last week, when Crum testified to accounts of the robbery he obtained from witnesses.

The witnesses reported that the three men wore cut stockings over their faces and waved guns at the staff. Crum said that five

workers were herded into a back room and told that the gunmen would return and kill them if they reported the crime to authorities.

Chaffins appeared before Judge Eric Hall for arraignment on Tuesday and was given a preliminary hearing date for Feb. 6. He was also ordered to be held on a \$100,000 cash bond.

# Public defenders, prosecutors vie for more state funding

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Federal funding pumped into mountainous Eastern Kentucky to fight drugs has cash-strapped public defenders working overtime to try to keep up with the workload, a state legislator said Monday.

State Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, said Operation UNITE, a federal initiative created to combat street-level drug trafficking, has pumped millions of dollars into eastern Kentucky to pay for more drug detectives and prosecutors but has provided no money for public defenders.

"I'm not criticizing the program," Webb said following a budget subcommittee meeting on Monday. "But the state is going to have to budget funds to deal with that."

The General Assembly has begun weighing requests for funding the state's judiciary system. Public defenders and prosecutors are among the groups asking for more money.

Webb said the funding needs have escalated as a result of the crackdown on pushers by Operation UNITE and other federally funded drug taskforces operating in the case.

Karen Engle, head of the UNITE group couldn't be reached for comment on Monday. She said previously that roundups led by the organization's drug detectives have netted some 1,500 arrests.

Ernie Lewis, chief of Kentucky's public defender system, said caseloads have increased dramatically in recent years. In 2005, public defenders handled an average of 483 cases each, and devoted an average of four cases per case.

Lewis said the state will pay \$35.4 million for public defenders this year, compared with \$81.8 million for prosecutors.

"What we favor is a balanced criminal justice system," Lewis said. "I do not want to be on record saying prosecutors are overfunded."

Both groups are pushing for increased funding.

Without additional funding, prosecutors across the state will have to cut staff, said Chris Cohron, commonwealth's attorney in Warren County.

Cohron told The Daily News of Bowling Green that he and five assistants handled 1,024 cases in 2004.

"Everyone in my office already works well over 40 hours in a week," he told the newspaper. "It's not uncommon to see prosecutors here working throughout the weekend."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher made his budget recommendations two weeks ago in a speech to a joint session of the General Assembly.

Among his proposals, Fletcher wants to boost spending by more than \$50 million over the next two years to help combat

the state's drug problems. Fletcher's proposal would provide funding to pay for more law enforcement, increase the number of public defenders, expand drug treatment options to inmates and pay for more jail space.

Fletcher wants to spend \$16.7 million to pay local jails to house state inmates and \$15 million to pay for inmate medical care. He proposed spending \$4 million to pay for regional drug courts, \$3 million for drug enforcement specifically for eastern Kentucky, \$4.3 million to add more probation and parole officers and \$2 million for drug treatment for nonviolent offenders housed in county jails.

Fletcher's budget proposal also would provide \$6.2 million to the Department of Public Advocacy to pay for more public defenders and to develop a pilot project aimed at helping inmates with substance abuse problems.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, speaking to a budget subcommittee, asked Monday for funding for \$10.4 million to expand the state's drug court program, which offers treatment to first-time offenders as an alternative to going to jail.

Lambert, presenting his funding wish list, also asked for appropriations to pay for more judges, to build new courthouses

and to provide raises to staffers in court clerks' offices across the state.

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I attended Auxier Grade School, graduated from Prestonsburg High School, and also from Pikeville College with an associate degree. I was a coal miner for 15 years, 5 years of which I was a mine foreman, and I now own and operate Prestonsburg Auto Mart, a used car dealership located in downtown Prestonsburg. I am currently on the Prestonsburg Tourism Committee and a member of the Jenny Wiley Festival Committee. I am also an active member of the Zebulon Masonic Lodge #273 in Prestonsburg, and East Point Lodge #657, and also a member of the Oleika Shrine in Lexington, Ky.

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### Little claims tourney MVP honors

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - South Floyd High bigman Rvan Little played big throughout the 15th Region All "A" Classic. At the conclusion of the regional small-school tournament, Little was named the tourney's most valuable player, following South Floyd's second straight 15th Region All "A" Classic championship win.

Little led South Floyd in the 15th Region title game, scoring a team-high 23 points. In his first season as a full-time starter, Little has made a strong argument for being touted as one of the 15th Region's top players.

The South Floyd bigman had 14 points in the second half of the title game.

"Ryan has developed into a very good player," said South Floyd Coach Barry Hall. "He's worked hard all season long."

Little was a key reserve on last season's 15th Region All "A" title team.

Paintsville, the regional runner-up, had three players named to the all-tournament team.

Others named to the 15th Region All "A" Classic all-tournament team were Blake Stumbo (David); Jake Moak (Piarist); Robert Gannon (Phelps); Jeremy Jackson (Shelby Valley); Tim Honaker (Pikeville); Brandon May (Sheldon Clark); Derek Case (Betsy Layne); Ryan Collins (Allen Central); Josh Martin (Allen Central); Daniel Pugh (Paintsville); Landon Slone (Paintsville); J.D. VanHoose (Paintsville), Mason Hall (South Floyd) and Ethan Johnson (South Floyd).

Allen Central High School senior Justin Jacobs was awarded the 15th Region All "A" Classic student-athlete award. Jacobs currently ranks first in his class.

The South Floyd boys' varsity cheerleaders captured the tournament's first-place cheerleading award. Shelby Valley finished second in the tournament cheerleading competition.



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South Floyd senior Ryan Little earned the 15th Region All "A" Classic MVP award.

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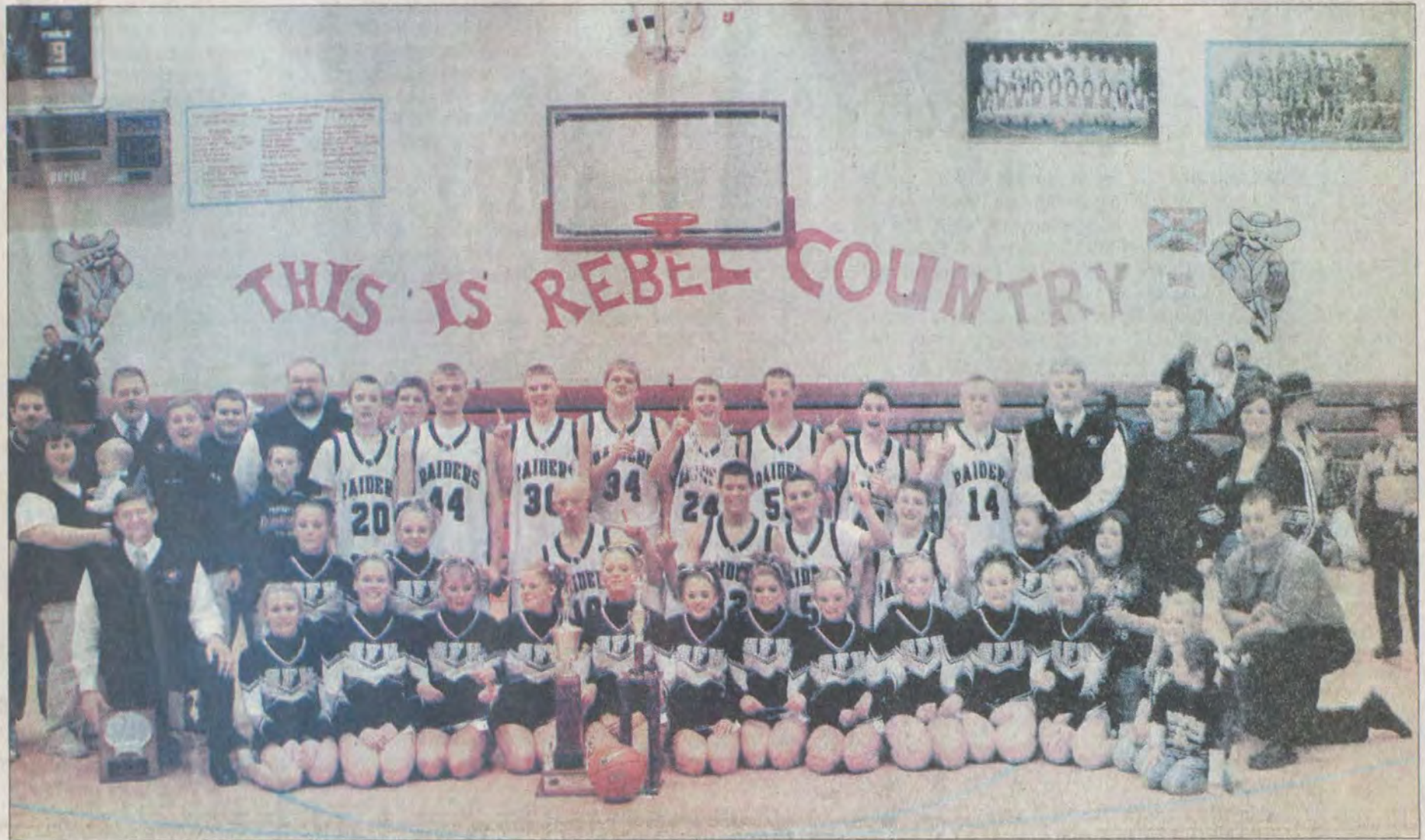


photo by Steve LeMaster

Above: South Floyd took his second straight 15th Region All "A" Classic championship Saturday night with an 82-81 win over Paintsville.

Below: South Floyd junior Ethan Johnson took his turn cutting on one of two nets.

## South Floyd battles back, wins second straight All "A" title

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - It isn't March, but Madness made its way to Floyd County Saturday night at Allen Central High School's J.E. Campbell Arena in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game. The South Floyd Raiders, taking on region rival Paintsville, saved their best for last in the title tilt. After trailing at the end of each of the first three quarters, South Floyd pulled off the win in the fourth period. Ethan Johnson scored all five of his fourth-quarter points late to help give South Floyd an 82-81 win over Paintsville.

The 15th Region All "A" Classic championship is South Floyd's second straight.

The Tigers led 81-80 when Johnson hit a jumper with 6.4 seconds remaining. Following a timeout, Paintsville hit the floor with one last chance to grab victory. The Tigers went to sophomore Landon Slone following the timeout. Slone drove and missed a jumper. South Floyd pulled in the rebound off of the missed shot and secured the win.

Five players reached double figures scoring for the Raiders.

Johnson finished the heated game with 20 points, including a later three-pointer that kept the Raiders alive. Senior center Ryan Little led the Raiders with 23 points. Mason Hall scored 14 points, all of which came in the second quarter. Justin Slone came in off of the bench and added another 14 points for the Raiders as he and Hall each connected on three three-point field

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### IU-Southeast 88, Alice Lloyd 78

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Visiting IU-Southeast took a 40-38 lead into halftime Saturday on the road at Alice Lloyd and gradually took the Eagles completely out in the second half. Alice Lloyd had to play catch-up throughout most of the second half as IU-Southeast pulled off an 88-78 win.

Rick Bodiford led IU-Southeast with a game-high 26 points and 10 rebounds. Robert Daniels added 19 points and Vashon Miller managed 13. Brent Houin had 10 points for the visiting team.

IU-Southeast held a slight rebounding advantage, 33-32.

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Through a winning auction bid, Steve and Alicia Dawson were able to have dinner with legendary NASCAR Nextel Cup driver Bill Elliott (middle) Friday evening at the Landmark in Pikeville.

### 57TH DISTRICT BOYS' BASKETBALL

Bulldogs hand Johnson  
Central district loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISA - It hasn't taken the boys' basketball programs from Johnson Central and Lawrence County high schools long to become reacquainted and 57th District rivals. Any thunder the Golden Eagles had taken from a win on the road over archrival Paintsville earlier in the month was stolen Friday night on

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goals. Ryan Johnson, who fouled out in the fourth period, rounded out the South Floyd scoring with 11 points. Paintsville built a double-digit lead early on in the first quarter and nearly extended it out again in both the second and third quarters. South Floyd, also which faced big deficits early on in each of its first two 15th Region All "A" Classic games, never threw the towel in. South Floyd Coach Barry Hall and his staff are set to guide the Raider boys' basketball team into Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena and the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic for a second straight year. "This is special because we came back and didn't quit," said Hall. "It was a tough game for

us. All of our seniors and Ethan (Johnson) played big. Our bench also played big for us throughout the tournament. This is a great group of kids and we're looking forward to going back to Richmond." Ethan Johnson, the lone junior in the South Floyd starting lineup, also had four three-pointers in the championship win. J.D. VanHoose led Paintsville with a game-high 30 points. Landon Slone followed with 19 points for the Tigers. Daniel Pugh posted 12 points for the Tigers and Blake Bundy added 11. VanHoose and Slone led the outside shooting attack for the Tigers, hitting on three three-pointers apiece. The Tigers entered the regional title game looking to become the second Paintsville squad to lock up a trip to this

year's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. The Paintsville girls defeated Shelby Valley and will also represent the 15th Region in this year's All "A" Classic state event. South Floyd has now won three 15th Region All "A" Classic championships. The Raiders will open play in the All "A" Classic statewide tourney Thursday at noon versus First Region champ Mayfield. **SOUTH FLOYD 82, PAINTSVILLE 81** PAINTSVILLE - Pugh 12, Slone 19, Grimm 4, Williams 2, VanHoose 30, Bundy 11, Pack 3. **SOUTH FLOYD** - R. Johnson 11, Hall 14, R. Little 23, E. Johnson 20, Slone 14. Paintsville.....23 19 24 15-81 South Floyd.....16 24 19 23-82

Bulldogs

the road in Lawrence County. The Bulldogs outscored Johnson Central 19-13 in the fourth quarter on their way to a 62-57 57th District triumph. The explosive Shawn Thompson led Lawrence County with a game-high 25 points. Kyle Bradley followed with 13 points for the Bulldogs. Chandler Thompson also worked his way into double figures for Lawrence County with 13 points.

The two teams went into halftime deadlocked at 28-28. Johnson Central took a one-point lead out of the third period before failing to close the contest victorious in the final quarter. Senior Kyle Rice paced Johnson Central with 13 points. Junior Jamie McCarty was the visiting team's second-leading scorer with 12 points. Eight different Johnson Central players produced points

in the district loss. **LAWRENCE COUNTY 62, JOHNSON CENTRAL 57** JOHNSON CENTRAL (12-8) - Whitaker 7, Murray 2, McCarty 12, Blanton 6, Fanning 7, Meek 8, Music 2, Rice 13. **LAWRENCE COUNTY (7-13)** - C. Thompson 13, Bradley 18, S. Thompson 25, Copley 6. Johnson Cent...13 15 16 13-57 Lawrence Co...15 13 15 19-62

# Judge refuses to dismiss lawsuit against NASCAR

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - A federal judge ordered Friday that Kentucky Speedway can move ahead with its \$400 million antitrust lawsuit against NASCAR. In a 17-page opinion, U.S. District Judge William Bertelsman rejected NASCAR's motions to dismiss the case. He also refused a request by International Speedway, which owns several NASCAR tracks, to be dropped from the lawsuit. The case alleges NASCAR conspired with International Speedway to decide which tracks should be host to coveted Nextel Cup races. Kentucky Speedway, based in Sparta about halfway between Louisville and Cincinnati, was left out, despite superior amenities to many of the sites. Even with Bertelsman's rul-

ing, it could be a year or longer before the case gets to trial. He set a deadline of Feb. 1, 2007, to finish "discovery" - the process of pretrial fact gathering, including interviewing witnesses. "We're very pleased with the decision and we're looking forward to going forward," said Stan Chesley, an attorney representing Kentucky Speedway in the case. In arguments earlier this month, NASCAR's attorneys told the judge the track had no standing to sue because it wasn't trying to assure competition - as antitrust law guarantees - but to become part of a monopoly. Chesley said Kentucky's Speedway's ultimate goal is to compete directly with NASCAR. In a written statement from NASCAR, spokesman Ramsey Poston expressed disappointment with the ruling but said the organization would "vigorously defend itself." "NASCAR maintains that its

sanctioning process is pro-competitive and has been a great benefit to the industry including fans, sponsors, drivers, teams and tracks," Poston said. "On the other hand, the Kentucky Speedway lawsuit, which is seeking a bid system, would likely provide a short-term financial windfall to NASCAR but would be disastrous to the long-term health of the sport." Bertelsman noted courts have long been reluctant to dismiss antitrust complaints before all the facts are gathered. He said the conspiracy claims aren't frivolous on their face and therefore should go forward. International Speedway had argued it at least should be released from the case because it doesn't do business in Kentucky. But Kentucky Speedway pointed out it does conduct business over the Internet, and the judge agreed it falls under the court's jurisdiction.

# Reds' Dunn played last year with broken hand

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - Adam Dunn says he played most of last season for the Cincinnati Reds with a broken right hand - and it still hurts. Dunn, who hit .247 with 40 home runs and 101 RBIs, said Thursday the hairline fracture happened when he dived into third base on a pickoff play during a game last May in Houston. Later in the year Dunn was hit by a pitch on the same spot, he said. Dunn downplayed the injury and said it wasn't a big

deal, even though he still feels some pain. "Yeah, I had it checked this week and the doctor said I should put a splint on it, but the heck with that," said Dunn, who is expected to move from the outfield to first base for the Reds in 2006. Reds manager Jerry Narron said he was aware of the injury and that Dunn wouldn't let the team X-ray the hand because he wanted to play. Dunn, 26, is in salary arbitration with the Reds. He's asking for \$8.95 million for this season. The Reds are offering \$7.1 million.

# Ganassi team gets Rolex win

by MIKE HARRIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - It hasn't taken long for Scott Dixon and Dan Wheldon to build up a rapport. And that could carry the new Chip Ganassi Racing teammates a long way in the Indy Racing League. After combining with NASCAR star Casey Mears over the weekend to win the Rolex 24, America's most prestigious sports car endurance race, Dixon and Wheldon engaged in a session of mutual admiration. "We get on pretty good. But we've sort of been teammates for years," said Dixon, noting he was the CART driver for the PacWest team in 2001, while Wheldon drove for the PacWest's Indy Lights team. "This race is so difficult, so hard to win," Dixon added. "I can hardly believe we won it. But Chip gives us a great team and great equipment. Dan and I were also fast in the Phoenix (IRL) test earlier this week and I think there are going to be a lot more wins this year." Wheldon, the reigning IRL champion and Indianapolis 500 winner, won in his first start since leaving Andretti Green Racing. "Let's hope this is just the start of a lot of good things for this team," he said. All three drivers contributed to the Daytona win, but it appeared Dixon and Wheldon took the lead and were particularly comfortable as teammates. "He's been on a different team the last couple of years, but there is a good rapport in IndyCars," Wheldon said of Dixon. "As close as we drive together, you've got to trust one another."

Negri and Mark Patterson. For Mears, the first driver to be part of a winning Rolex team while still racing full-time in NASCAR, it was the biggest win of his career. "It's always been well known in racing that this is one of the biggest races around," he said. "It's a big honor to come here and represent NASCAR and win it." It appeared for a while Saturday night that the battle would come down to the two Ganassi entries. They were 1-2, with the Lexus Riley driven by Scott Pruett and Max Papis, the 2004 Grand American Racing Daytona Prototype champions, and Luis Diaz close behind the leaders at the halfway point. That team also came back from an early mechanical problem that put it four laps behind, but wound up sidelined early Sunday morning when a broken oil line blew the engine. It was an amazingly close competition for a 24-hour event, with four cars separated by just four laps at the end. The Porsche Fabcar of Darren Law, David Donohue - son of the late Indy 500 winner Mark Donohue - and Sascha Maassen was on its way to third place when a flat tire forced Law to drive nearly a full lap at slow speed. He was able to get the car to the pits for a tire change, but lost third place to the pole-winning Porsche Crawford of Lucas Luhr, Mike Rockenfeller and Patrick Long. Third was a great finish for a team that had to overcome a broken axle and a nine-lap deficit early in the race. The team members charged back to the lead in the early morning darkness and built a three-lap margin over the eventual winners before a second broken axle put them out of the race in the 19th hour. Most of the biggest names in the star-studded field were far behind or out of the race at the finish. The Pontiac Crawford shared by retired NASCAR star Rusty Wallace, IRL sensation Danica Patrick and former Formula One drivers Allan McNish and Jan Lammers got as high as third in the 10th hour before an overheating problem and a blown head gasket retired their Pontiac Crawford. Reigning Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart, whose team was denied victory the last two years by mechanical problems late in the race, fell out of contention early this time. Paired with three-time Rolex race winners Andy

# NARA BoB Open Wheel Modified Banquet set for Feb. 25

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - The NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified will celebrate the 2005 racing season and honor its Champions on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Springs Inn in Lexington. The evening's festivities will begin with Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the Awards Presentation. Hanover, Ind. driver Joey Kramer captured the 2005 NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series Championship, collecting six wins en route to the title. Kramer started the season off on the right foot as the 29-year-old ace dubbed "Rocketman" won the season opener on May 14th Soggy Bottom Speedway and backed it up with a win the following Friday at Ponderosa Speedway. On May 21, Matt Boknecht rolled into victory lane at Richmond Raceway while Ted Nobbe grabbed the win one week later at Bluegrass-Speedway. On June 4, in his first ever visit to 201 Speedway, Kramer was able to get the win besting a stout field of 35 cars. Later that month, the series had their highest car count of the season when 53 drivers signed into the pits at Florence Speedway, where Billy Vaughn captured the win. The next event for the series, held on July 2, saw Joe David Turner get a thrilling victory at Lake Cumberland. The Aug. 6 event at Soggy Bottom featured another wild finish as Randle Sweeney doubled up, winning both the BoB Late Model and the BoB Modified features. The following weekend saw Kramer cruise to winner's circle at Ponderosa in a borrowed ride while Josh Lucas cashed the first place paycheck the next night at Bluegrass. Kramer picked up NARA Battle of the Bluegrass wins number five and number six on the season Aug. 20 at Richmond and Sept. 3 at 201. The final race of the season, held Oct. 1 at Soggy Bottom, saw Jimmy Westerfield notch

the win. The season was memorable one for Kramer who, in 13 series events, finished outside the top six just one time. Aside from his six wins with the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series, Kramer also found victory lane at Volusia County (Fla.), Kentucky Lake, Union County (Ind.), and Twin Cities (Ind.) giving him an overall total of 15 victories for the season. Kramer drives both a Lightning Chassis and a Rocket Chassis, each powered by a home-built Kramer Racing Engine. Kramer's black No. 77 carries sponsorship from Hill's Historic Painting, Super Shine Auto Detail & Window Tinting, Perry's Auto Sales, Bilstein Shocks, and Mom & Dad. Behind Kramer, 16-year-old Justin Rattliff of Campbellsville, finished second

in the final points rundown with defending series champion Kelly Warren of Columbia, third, Richmond driver Joe David Turner fourth, and Campbellsville driver Adam Cole fifth. Dustin Linville, Shon Flanery, Jason Perry, Jimmy Payne, and Hank Bradley rounded out the top 10 in the 2005 points. Over 190 different drivers competed with the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series last season with Kramer being the only repeat winner on the circuit. The Springs Inn will host the banquet in its Kentucky Room. The cost of the banquet is \$25 and tickets can be obtained by contacting the NARA office. The meal will be served at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony to follow. For more information on the awards banquet, contact the series office at 859/271-4501.

# ALC

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Each team managed just seven offensive rebounds. IU-Southeast made good on 15-of-18 free-throw attempts. Brent Prichard paced Alice Lloyd with 15 points. William Dillard added 12 points and Jeremy Daniels flipped in 10 for the Eagles. K.J. Waterman finished with nine points and seven rebounds for host Alice Lloyd. The Eagles had 15 turnovers in the setback. **Lady Eagles fall to Berea** **TIMES STAFF REPORT** PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team hosted Berea College Thursday night in what was eventually a very high-scoring game. Berea led 43-38 at halftime and outscored the Lady Eagles 61-60 in the second half en route to a

104-98 conference win. Kristal Daniels, a freshman from Betsy Layne High School led Alice Lloyd with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Whitney Lykens, a sophomore from BLHS, had 16 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Chastity Fox was another leading player for the Lady Eagles, finishing with 13 points and two assists. Amy Jackson (12 pts., 4 rebs.), Belicia Mullins (10 pts.), and Kaylan Richardson (10 pts.), were also in double figures for the ALC women. Rhonda Adams (1 reb.), Bentley (2 assists, 1 steal), Bonza (5 pts., 3 assists), Cody (7 pts., 5 rebs.), Hall (5 pts., 4 rebs.), Johnson (8 pts.) and Abby Shaffer (1 reb.) also contributed in the ALC setback. The Lady Eagles were on the road Tuesday at Midway. Other road games this week will put the ALC women against Berea (Thursday) and Continent University (Saturday).

# WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 29, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North C.	20-0	1,150	3
2. Duke	20-1	1,097	2
3. LSU	17-1	1,012	4
4. Connecticut	19-2	1,009	5
5. Tennessee	19-2	986	1
6. Maryland	19-2	927	6
7. Ohio St.	17-2	876	7
8. Purdue	17-2	823	8
9. Rutgers	15-3	733	10
10. Baylor	15-3	725	9
11. Oklahoma	17-4	684	13
12. Minnesota	15-4	607	14
13. DePaul	18-3	599	12
14. Georgia	15-5	581	15
15. Stanford	14-5	529	11
16. New Mexico	16-4	402	18
17. Michigan St.	15-7	382	16
18. Arizona St.	16-5	370	19
19. BYU	17-1	361	20
20. Temple	15-5	241	17
21. Kentucky	15-4	130	-
22. Vanderbilt	14-7	109	22
23. Boston C.	14-6	94	-
24. N.C. State	13-6	83	-
25. St. John's	17-3	80	-

**Others receiving votes:** Missouri 49, George Washington 45, Notre Dame 44, Texas A&M 36, Indiana St. 33, Southern Cal 19, Utah 17, UCLA 16, Florida 15, Virginia Tech 14, Tulsa 12, California 11, TCU 8, Texas 7, Washington 7, Bowling Green 5, Virginia 5, Louisiana Tech 4, Louisville 4, Charlotte 3, Hartford 2, Miami 2, Marquette 1, Wis.-Green Bay 1.

# MEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 29, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Connecticut	18-1	1,793	1
2. Duke (7)	19-1	1,727	2
3. Memphis	19-2	1,638	3
4. Villanova	15-2	1,548	6
5. Gonzaga	17-3	1,465	7
6. Illinois	19-2	1,414	8
7. Texas	17-3	1,355	4
8. Florida	18-2	1,287	5
9. Pittsburgh	17-1	1,284	12
10. George W.	16-1	1,050	14
11. West Virg.	15-4	1,013	9
12. Michigan St.	16-5	933	11
13. Tennessee	14-3	827	19
14. UCLA	17-4	797	17
15. Boston C.	16-4	639	20
16. Washington	16-4	630	10
17. Georgetown	14-4	599	21
18. N.C. State	16-4	529	15
19. Oklahoma	13-4	471	24
20. Ohio St.	14-3	464	16
21. Michigan	15-3	440	-
22. Indiana	12-5	289	13
23. Iowa	16-5	288	-
24. LSU	14-5	269	-
25. N. Iowa	19-3	184	-

**Others receiving votes:** Maryland 139, Colorado 83, North Carolina 53, Wisconsin 45, Bucknell 34, UAB 25, S. Illinois 18, Air Force 10, Kentucky 9, Louisville 9, Utah St. 8, Marquette 6, Kansas 5, Xavier 5, Seton Hall 4, Akron 3, California 3, Creighton 3, San Diego St. 2, George Mason 1, Iona 1, Stanford 1.

Wallace and Butch Leitzinger, Stewart's team had a series of mechanical problems and wound up far off the pace in 30th, 141 laps behind the winners. The two-time NASCAR champion took his scheduled driving stints throughout the race even though his ribs, injured in a sprint car crash two weeks ago, were throbbing. "I wish they were teeth so I could have them pulled," Stewart said, wincing as he watched the race from the pits. "The only time they don't hurt is when I'm in the race car."

# South Floyd sinks Phelps, secures spot in All 'A' finals

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - South Floyd shook a slow start and went on to defeat Phelps 78-52 in the first of two semifinals games Friday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic, thus earning a place in the regional tournament title game.

Phelps entered halftime with a 32-29 lead, but did little to make the advantage hold up in the second half.

Senior center Ryan Little led the Raiders with a game-high 27 points. Little had 17 of his game-high 27 points in the second half as South Floyd pulled away in the second period, outscoring Phelps 26-9. South

Floyd held Phelps to only two field goals in the pivotal third quarter.

"Coming out and playing well in the third quarter was the difference for us," said South Floyd Coach Barry Hall. "Our kids responded well after half-time."

Little was one of three players in double figures for the Raiders. Senior point guard Ryan Johnson followed with 20 points. Junior Ethan Johnson continued a solid scoring pace for the Raiders, adding 15 points.

T.J. Hall connected on a pair of three-point field goals and added six points for the Raiders.

Justin Slone and Matt Little provided scoring in off of the bench for South Floyd, netting

five and four points, respectively.

Robert Gannon paced Phelps with a team-high 23 points. Mikey Dotson and Justin McCoy each had 11 points for the Hornets.

Mason Hall rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

## SOUTH FLOYD 78, PHELPS 52

SOUTH FLOYD - R. Johnson 20, M. Hall 2, E. Johnson 15, R. Little 27, T.J. Hall 6, Slone 5, M. Little 4.

PHELPS - M. Dotson 11, J. McCoy 11, Gannon 23, Paige 7, Workman 1, Stiltner 5.

South Floyd.....17 15 9 21-52  
Phelps.....12 17 26 24-78



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin looked to get his team fired up during a first-half timeout. Paintsville jumped out on top early on and rolled to the win over Allen Central.

# Paintsville routs Rebels, 84-59

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Paintsville won a date with South Floyd in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game, beating tournament host Allen Central convincingly Friday night, 84-59.

Paintsville more than doubled up Allen Central in the first quarter. The Tigers led the Rebels 13-6 at the end of the opening quarter and scored 43 points in the second period. Paintsville took a 56-27 lead into halftime.

J.D. VanHoose led Paintsville with a game-high 23 points. Landon Slone scored 18 points for the Tigers as both he

and VanHoose connected on three three-pointers each.

Daniel Pugh pushed in 16 points and Kevin Williams scored 10, giving Paintsville four players in double figures.

Shane Grimm, now playing out of a starting role for the Tigers, scored eight points.

Blake Bundy and Jeremy Pack scored six and three points, respectively for the balanced Paintsville offensive attack.

Ryan Collins led Allen Central with a team-high 19 points. Alex Hammonds and Josh Martin added 11 points apiece for the Rebels.

Allen Central rolled into the semifinals versus Paintsville

following an opening-round win over Sheldon Clark.

Paintsville connected on nine three-pointers in the semifinals triumph.

## PAINTSVILLE 84, ALLEN CENTRAL 59

PAINTSVILLE - Pugh 16, Slone 18, Grimm 8, Williams 10, VanHoose 23, Pack 3, Bundy 6.

ALLEN CENTRAL - Joseph 6, Collins 19, Hammonds 11, Martin 11, Slone 2, Jacobs 2, Turner 2, Prater 3, Music 1, Shepherd 2.

Paintsville.....13 43 20 8-84  
Allen Central.....6 21 12 20-59

# Blackcats beat Pike Central for sixth straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

## PRESTONSBURG

Another one of the 15th Region's top teams took a tumble on the road at Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg, which defeated 15th Region contenders South Floyd and Johnson Central by big margins earlier in the month, turned away another talented team Friday night. The Blackcats led at the end of every quarter in a nip-and-tuck game versus Pike County Central. Prestonsburg maintained a lead at the conclusion of every quarter on its way to a 72-69 win.

Sean Leslie led Prestonsburg in the win, scoring a game-high 24 points. Leslie led a quarter of Prestonsburg players in double

figures scoring. Lewis Barnett had 15 points, Brooks Herrick added 11 and Tyler Mullins netted 10 as the Blackcats held on for the victory.

Pike County Central suffered a costly casualty in the contest early on when senior Brad Lowe went down with an ankle injury. At press time, the extent of Lowe's injury was still unknown.

Brad Ratliff led Pike County Central with a game-high 23 points. Tyler Hamilton added 22 points for the Hawks. David Hess was also in double figures for Pike Central, finishing the game with 10 points.

In other Prestonsburg scoring, Bobby Hughes added five points while fellow sophomores Nathaniel Stephens and Jordan

Hall scored three and two, respectively.

The Blackcats ended the month of January with a 6-2 record. Prestonsburg also recorded wins over David, Sheldon Clark and Wolfe County during the first month of the new year.

## PRESTONSBURG 72, PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 69

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (13-7) - C. Slone 2, Hamilton 22, E. Slone 9, Hess 10, Ratliff 23, Williamson 3.

PRESTONSBURG (9-7) - Stephens 3, Herrick 11, Barnett 15, McGuire 2, Leslie 24, Mullins 10, Hall 2, Hughes 5.

Pike Co. Cent....16 17 19 17-69  
Prestonsburg....17 18 19 18-72

# Lady Hawks halt P'burg girls' win streak

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Pike County Central rolled into Prestonsburg Friday night and handed the Lady Blackcats a convincing defeat. After Prestonsburg outscored Pike County Central 13-11 in the opening quarter, the second quarter went the way of the visiting team. Pike County Central outscored Prestonsburg 25-12 in the second quarter and held an advantage throughout the second half en route to a 67-49 win. Prestonsburg packed an eight-

game win streak into Friday night's 15th Region matchup.

Haley Ratliff led Pike County Central with a game-high 27 points. Kayla Lowe followed closely with 26 points for the Lady Hawks.

Pike Central, under the direction of first-year head coach Stephen Butcher, outscored Prestonsburg 18-12 in the final period.

Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg with 18 points, while Kayla Lowe added 14 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Darcey Hicks flipped in four points for the Lady Hawks.

Liz Chaffins and Linsey Fields rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with three and two points, respectively.

## PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 67, PRESTONSBURG 49

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (9-8) - H. Ratliff 27, Harris 6, Lowe 26, Pennington 6, K. Ratliff 2.

PRESTONSBURG (10-6) - Slone 18, Fields 2, Whitaker 14, Chaffins 3, Hicks 4.

Pike Central....11 25 13 18-67  
Prestonsburg....13 12 12 12-49

# RAIDERBALL



photos by Jamie Howell

RAIDERS ROLLING TO RICHMOND - Above, left: Fans looked on Saturday night as South Floyd senior T.J. Hall cut on the championship net. Below: Raider fans stormed the floor following South Floyd's championship win. Above, right: Guards Daniel Pugh (Paintsville) and Ryan Johnson (South Floyd) battled throughout the title game.



# Lindsey Wilson beats Pikeville for conference win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA - The Lindsey Wilson College men's basketball team outfought Pikeville College 71-59 on Saturday night at Biggers Sports Center.

Despite Pikeville's advantage at the free-throw line (the Bears shot 16 more free throws), LWC outshot the Bears from the field and outrebounced them.

With the win, Lindsey Wilson (15-6) improves to 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference.

The two teams combined for 55 fouls (Lindsey Wilson with 30, Pikeville 25). The Bears (8-15 overall and 0-3 in MSC) shot 24-for-38 (63.2-percent) from the foul line while the Blue Raiders connected on 19-of-22 (86.4-percent) from the charity stripe.

Lindsey Wilson used a late 13-2 run in the first half to break open a close game and take a 32-23 halftime lead.

Pikeville cut the lead to five points on four occasions in the second half, but the Bears couldn't get closer. The Blue Raiders' largest lead of the game was 13 points (67-54) with 2:40 remaining.

Blue Raider sophomore forward Lloyd Lewis finished with a game-high 21 points and eight rebounds.

Senior guard Scott Cook with 11 points and eight assists.

Pikeville was led by center

Chris Carroll's 14 points.

Lady Bears fall on the road: The Lindsey Wilson College women's basketball team improved to 3-0 in the Mid-South Conference with a 58-38 win over visiting Pikeville College on Saturday at Biggers Sports Center.

The 3-0 start is the best in the program's history since the

Lindsey Wilson joined the conference in 2000-01.

Lindsey Wilson sophomore Terran Duncan led the Blue Raiders with 22 points.

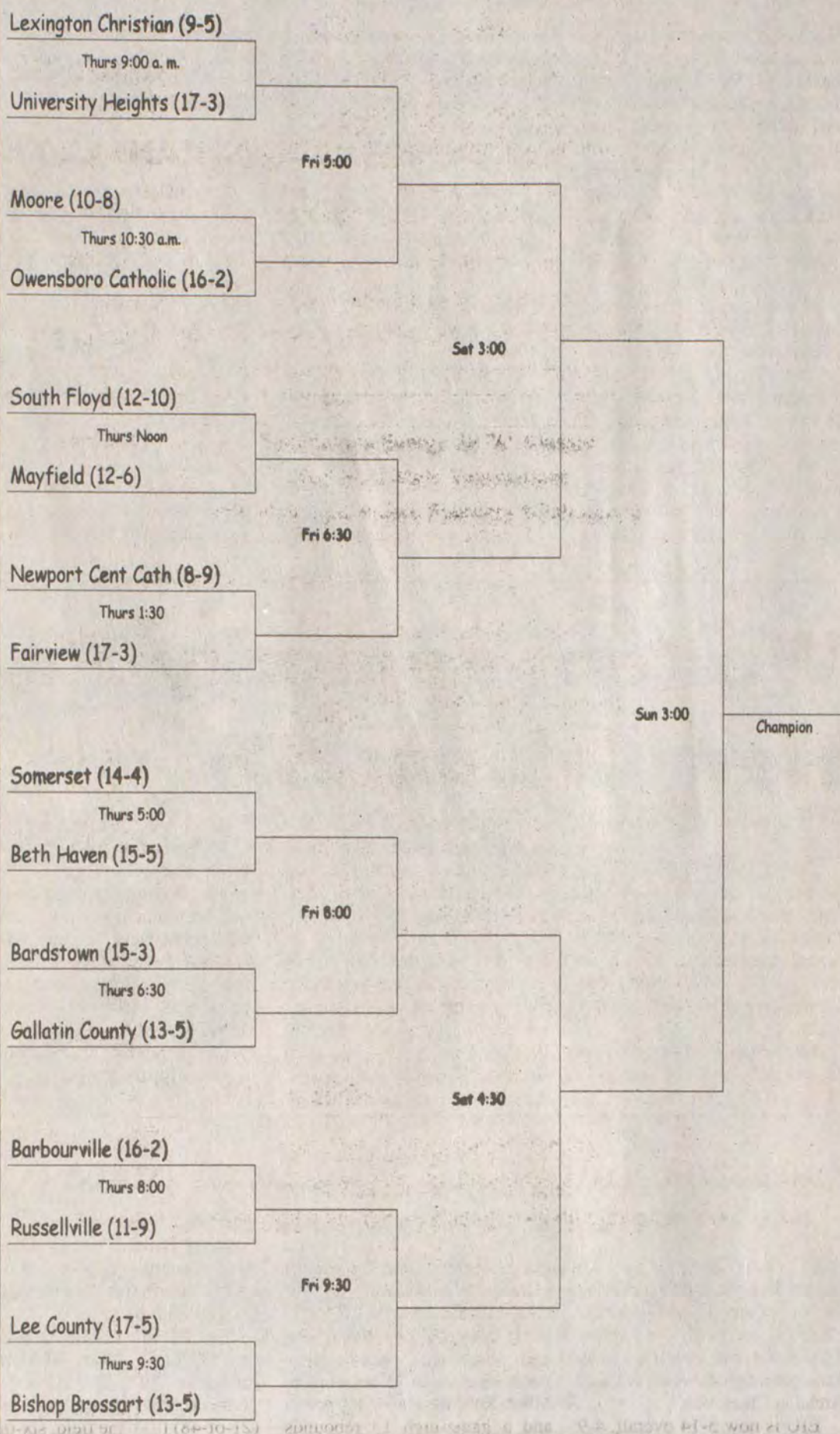
Lindsey Wilson improved to 15-6 overall. Pikeville falls to 11-11 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

Tonya Amburgey had nine points for the Lady Bears.



Senior guard Scott Cook with 11 points and eight assists. Pikeville was led by center

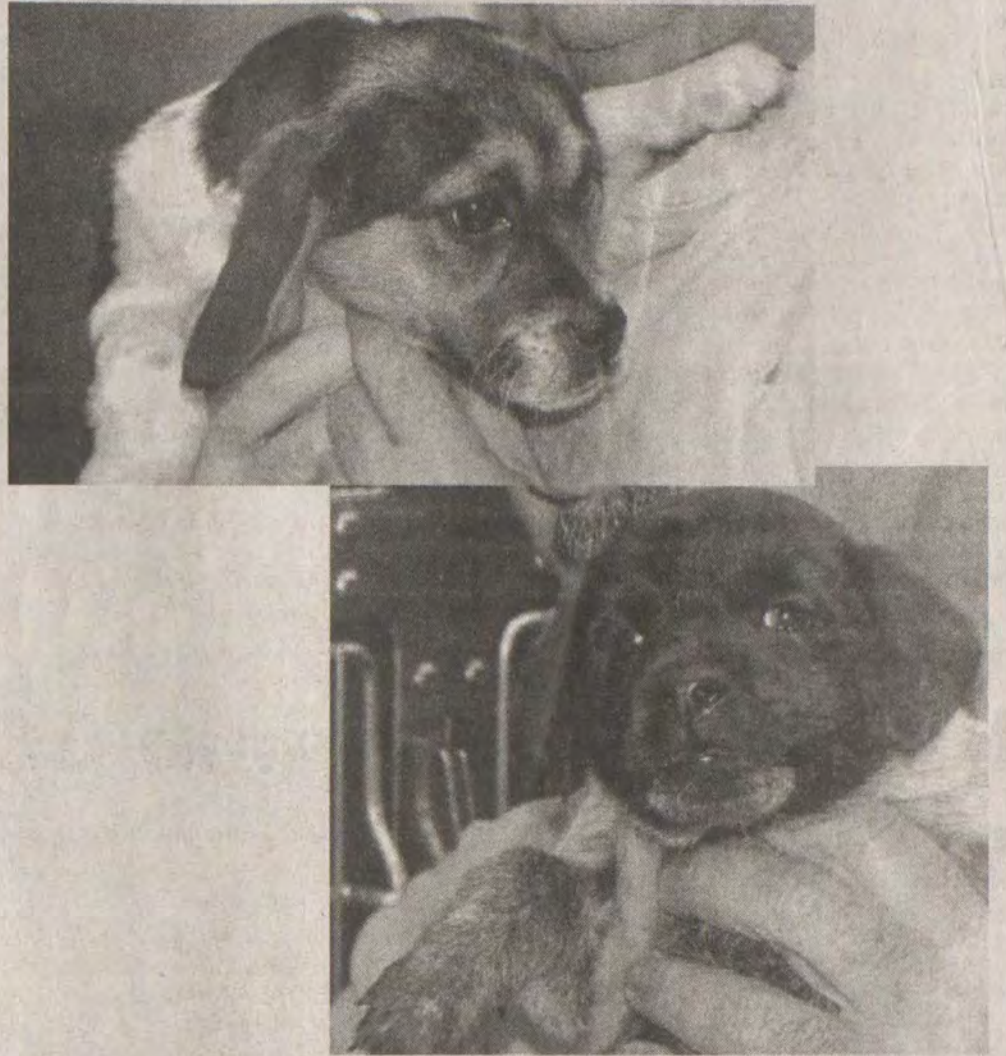
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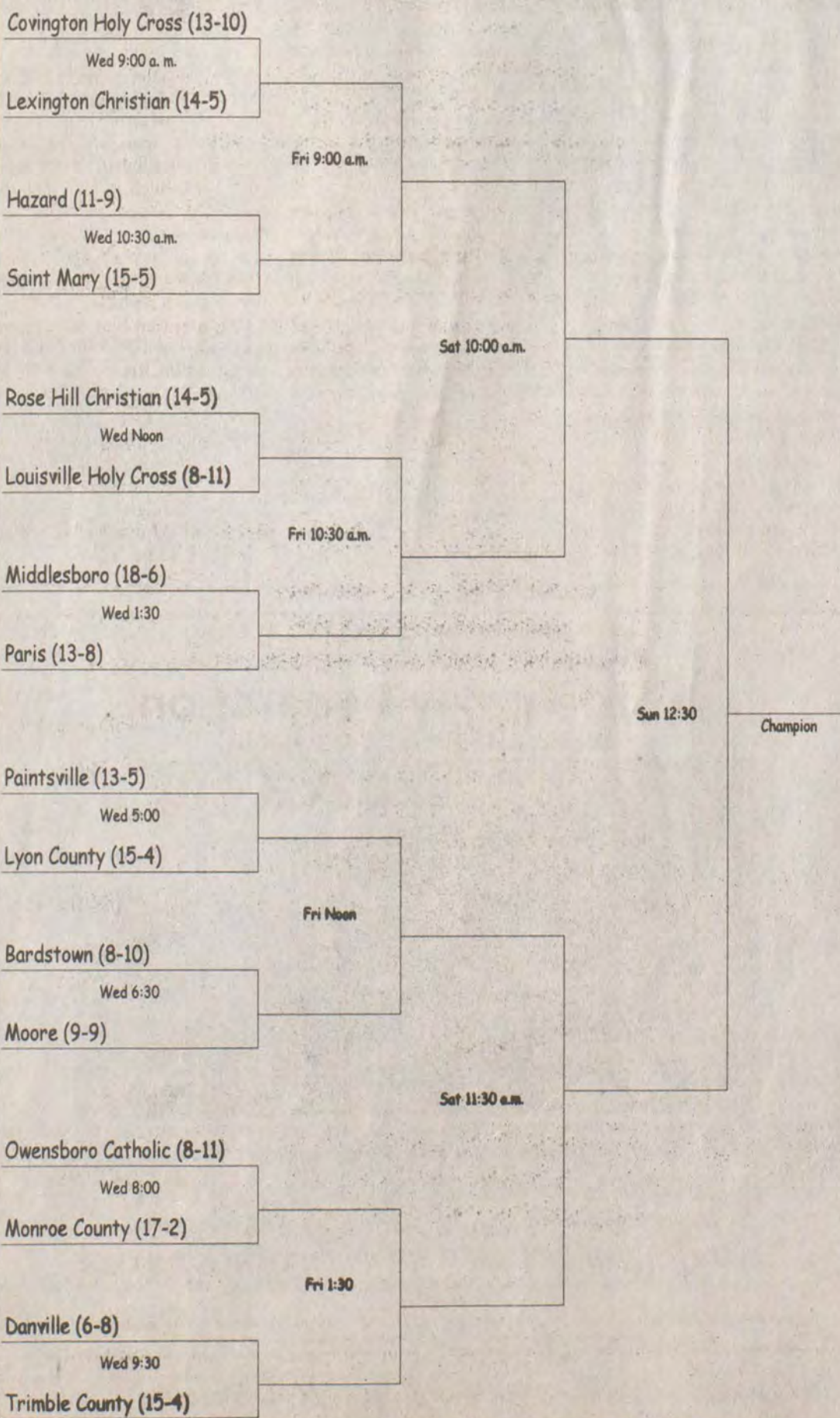
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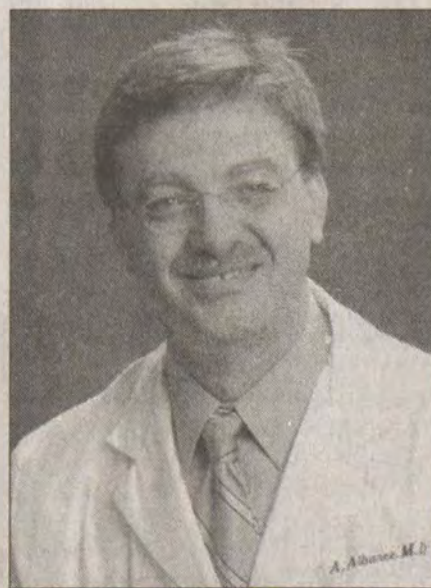
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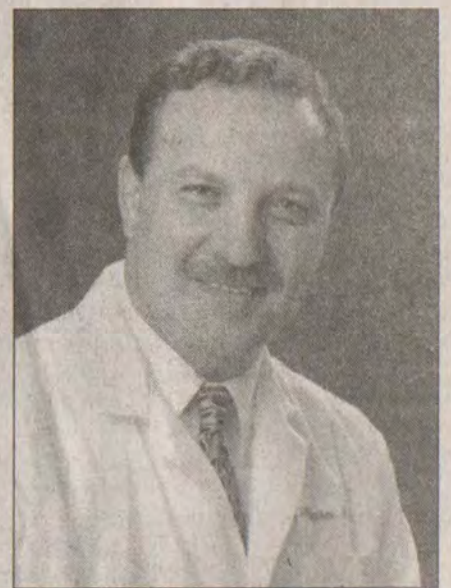
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# Kentucky 78, Arkansas 76

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LEXINGTON — Kentucky is hoping the story of its season will mirror the story of Sunday's game. Miserable start, dominant finish.

The Wildcats overcame an 18-point deficit to defeat Arkansas 78-76, pulling to within a game of the lead in the Southeastern



Randolph Morris

Conference's Eastern Division after it appeared things were headed south for college basketball's winningest program.

Randolph Morris led a second-half resurgence by matching a season-high 19 points in the Wildcats' fourth-straight win. "Everyone believed and had heart," Morris said. "Everyone wanted to pull it out."

Entering the game, Kentucky's focus was keeping the 6-foot-10 center out of foul trouble against the bigger Razorback lineup. Morris did

pick up four, but his first foul didn't come until early in the second half — and that's when he caught fire.

Morris, who also led the team with a season-high eight rebounds, had a one-handed dunk to tie the game at 57 with 6:45 left. He gave the Wildcats the lead for good on a 3-point play in the next possession.

Those scores, along with a thundering dunk on an inbound pass, were part of a 20-5 run that helped the Wildcats (14-5, 4-2 SEC) claw back into a game that closely resembled the way many of their losses have started.

Morris made the first basket of the game three minutes in, but those were Kentucky's only two points in the opening seven minutes. Arkansas (14-6, 3-4) scored 18 of the next 20 to lead 18-4.

The Razorbacks would extend the lead to 18 on a dunk by Darian Townes with 6:15 to go in the half.

"That's been our profile all year long," said Kentucky coach Tubby Smith. "I just don't get it. We just seem to play with not as much intensity and maturity to start the game."

Arkansas coach Stan Heath suggested he wouldn't mind borrowing a page out of Smith's half-time speech. Kentucky rebounded after being behind 35-23 at half-time — the fourth-largest such deficit overcome in school history.

"Kentucky is starting to play at the level everyone thought that they could play," Heath said.

After dropping back-to-back home games to start Southeastern Conference play, the Wildcats are now tied with Florida for second in the Eastern Division, only one game behind Tennessee. Kentucky travels to Mississippi State and Florida before hosting the Volunteers Feb. 7.

"We had to wake up," said guard Ravi Moss. "We're too lackadaisical in the first half. We had to win this game."

Kentucky won the rebounding battle 37-31 and scored 10 more points in the paint.

During one stretch midway through the second half, the

Wildcats started finding their outside shot and scored four of five baskets from 3-point range. Patrick Sparks made one of them and assisted on the other three. He led the team with eight assists.

Ronnie Brewer, who entered the game as the SEC's scoring leader, had 23 Sunday to lead the Razorbacks. Brewer hit a 3-pointer with one second left for the final margin.

"I think our defense slipped a little bit," Brewer said. "We got a little too relaxed with the ball."

Eric Ferguson added 19, including four 3-pointers for Arkansas. Rajon Rondo had 14 points for Kentucky.

Smith battled the referees much of the game and erupted shortly before the first-half buzzer when Joe Crawford was called for

goaltending for swatting away a Jonathon Modica shot that didn't appear to reach the rim.

Perhaps the loudest cheers of

the game came for the Kentucky women's team, which was honored for its victory over No. 1 Tennessee Thursday.

## KENTUCKY 78, ARKANSAS 76

ARKANSAS	(14-6)	3-Point Goals—Arkansas	9-16
Townes	4-9	Ferguson	4-6
Hill	1-2	Brewer	2-3
Jefferson	1-1	Modica	2-4
0-0	2	McCurdy	1-2
Brewer	7-15	Thomas	0-1
12-1	23	Kentucky	7-22
McCurdy	1-2	(Bradley	2-6
0-0	3	Thomas	1-1
Ferguson	7-12	Moss	1-3
1-2	19	Perry II	1-3
Thomas	1-3	Crawford II	1-3
3-6	5	Sparks	1-5
Hunter	0-0	Rondo	0-1
0-0	0	Fouled	
Totals	27-56	Out-Hunter	
	13-19	Rebounds—Arkansas	31
KENTUCKY	(14-6)	(Modica, Thomas	6)
Perry	11-14	Kentucky	37
Morris	8-12	(Morris	8)
Rondo	7-11	Assists—Arkansas	13
0-0	14	(Brewer	3)
Sparks	4-10	Kentucky	15
0-0	3	(Sparks	8)
Crawford II	1-4	Total Fouls—Arkansas	20
0-0	3	Kentucky	15
Moss	3-8	A—23,741.	
4-6	11		
Bradley	2-6		
0-0	0		
Obrzut	0-1		
0-0	0		
Thomas	4-5		
0-0	9		
Totals	31-61		
	9-18		
78			
Halftime—Arkansas	35-23		

# Western Kentucky 72, New Orleans 57

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BOWLING GREEN — Anthony Winchester scored 14 points and hot-shooting Western Kentucky pulled away from New Orleans early in the second half for a 72-57 Sun Belt Conference victory Saturday night.

The East Division-leading Hilltoppers (15-5, 7-1)

outscored the Privateers 20-4 over the first six minutes of the second half to stretch their lead to 53-32 and were never challenged after that.

The Hilltoppers made 15 of 21 shots from the floor in the second half for 71.4 percent to put the game away. Winchester moved past Art Spoelstra into 10th place on Western Kentucky's all-time scoring list.

The senior guard now has 1,517 career points. Besides Winchester, Benson Callier scored 13 points and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds for the Hilltoppers. New Orleans (5-14, 2-6), which made just 7 of 20 shots (35 percent) in the second half, was led by Jamie McNeilly, who had a game-high 19 points. Jeremie Davis added 14 points for the Privateers.

# No. 9 West Virginia 66, St. John's 61

by JIM O'CONNELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Big East has four teams ranked in the top 12, and three others in the Top 25. That's a quick answer as to why it is regarded as the top conference in the country.

It's not even at the halfway point of the conference season and only West Virginia has yet to lose in league play.

"It's pretty unbelievable," senior forward Mike Gansey said Sunday after helping the ninth-ranked Mountaineers remain unbeaten in the Big East with a 66-61 victory over St. John's at Madison Square Garden.

"Now," he said, "we have to keep it going."

And that's going to be tough.

"We know we have a target on our back, but we haven't played some of the tougher teams like Connecticut, Pitt and Notre Dame," senior center Kevin Pittsnogle said. "They are pretty good teams. We will see after we play them."

West Virginia made just one field goal over the final 11 minutes and almost blew a 13-point lead in the last 3 minutes, but the Mountaineers managed to hang on against St. John's.

"We didn't expect to win by 20 and obviously we struggled down the stretch," said Gansey, who had 15 points, including four free throws in the final 14 seconds. "St. John's is a tough team and we knew they would make a run."

Pittsnogle had 19 points for the Mountaineers (15-4, 6-0), who were coming off a 58-52 loss to Marshall this week that snapped its 12-game winning streak.

"That was such a big game for us and Marshall in our state," Gansey said of the non-

conference matchup between West Virginia's only two Division I programs. "We had a couple of good practices and got back to the Big East."

It looked as though the Mountaineers were really glad to be back in the conference, leading 54-36 with 11:18 to play.

West Virginia then went cold as the Red Storm got within 62-60 with 30 seconds to play.

"There have been games where we have given away leads, UCLA for example," Pittsnogle said, referring to last weekend's 60-56 win over the Bruins, a game in which a 20-point second-half lead was cut to three in the final 2 minutes. "We know we will make plays at the end of games," he said. "We are a senior-laden team and we know how to win games."

Mountaineers coach John Beilein wanted to make sure everybody knew how important this game was.

"I am trying to stress how great this win is with how St. John's has been the last few Big East games," Beilein said, referring to the Red Storm's stretch of games against ranked teams that started with wins over Louisville and Pittsburgh and included a tough loss at No. 1 Connecticut last week.

"This was a good win for us," he said. "We have toughed out three road wins now and that is tough to do that in this league."

With the Red Storm (10-8, 3-4) within two points, Gansey missed two free throws with 27 seconds left. Eugene Lawrence missed on a drive, but Lamont Hamilton got the rebound for the Red Storm. Daryll Hill threw the ball away with 14 seconds left and Gansey was fouled again.

This time, the 65 percent free-throw shooter made both and the Mountaineers had a 64-60 lead.

Hill made one free throw with 5.2 seconds left, and Gansey ended any thoughts of an upset when he made two more free throws with 3.1 seconds to go.

"I missed two free throws then shook it off and made four," Gansey said.

Frank Young had 11 points, nine in the first half, for West Virginia, which beat St. John's for the fifth straight time. The last three games have been by a total of 10 points.

Hamilton had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Red Storm, who played without starting center Aaron Spears, who was suspended after being ejected for fighting against Connecticut.

Hill added 17 points for St. John's, which finished 3-for-13 from 3-point range and outrebounded West Virginia 49-25.

"These games show we are capable of playing with anybody if we have the focus and energy we need to have," St. John's coach Norm Roberts said of the four-game run with ranked teams. "Now we have games coming against non-ranked teams that are still good basketball teams and we have to play with the same passion. If we do that, we will win our share of games."

Pittsnogle's 3 was the Mountaineers' only field goal over the last 11 minutes. They shot 41.5 percent for the game (22-for-53) and were 10-of-27 from 3-point range. West Virginia entered second in the country with 10.3 3-pointers per game.

"We had good shots and didn't make them and that other team was charging," Beilein said. "Then, Kevin hit that big shot we really needed, the big dagger."

# Rutgers 65, No. 22 Louisville 56

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PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Quincy Douby had 19 points and seven rebounds and Ollie Bailey scored six of his 12 points down the stretch as Rutgers scored the final nine points in a 65-56 victory over No. 22 Louisville on Saturday.

JR Inman added 13 points for Rutgers (13-7, 3-4 Big East), which snapped a three-game losing streak while handing Louisville (14-6, 2-5) its fourth loss in five games. It was the Scarlet Knights' first win over a ranked team since defeating No. 25 Providence, Jan. 10, 2004, and their first win against Louisville in five tries.

With the game tied 56-56, Anthony Farmer drove the baseline and found Bailey for a slam with 2:32 remaining that started the closing run. Douby

then turned a steal into a layup. Bailey put back a miss by Douby miss, and Douby made three of four free throws over the final 40 seconds.

Louisville did not score over the final 3:02.

Farmer, a freshman point guard, had eight assists and two turnovers against the Cardinals' pressure defense. He added five rebounds for the Knights, which survived 28 percent shooting in the second half.

Taquan Dean, Louisville's leading scorer, started for the first time in six games since spraining his ankle and led the Cards with 13 points. He was 5-for-13 from the field and was limping in the second half.

David Padgett and Terrence Williams each had 12 points for Louisville, which shot 33.9 percent, and Juan Palacios had 10.

The Cardinals trailed by 16

points midway through the first half and pulled within 11 by halftime.

With the Scarlet Knights making just three of their first 20 shots in the second half, Louisville chipped away before Williams' layup gave the Cardinals a 52-51 lead with 4:45 remaining. There were three lead changes and a tie from that point, before Bailey's slam started the Scarlet Knights' winning run.

With Rutgers trailing 9-7, Douby hit a 3-pointer that started a 24-6 run that gave the Scarlet Knights a 31-15 lead.

Rutgers made nine of 10 shots during the run, including the last eight. Louisville was 2-for-13 during the run. The Cardinals went a stretch of 5:27 without a field goal before Williams hit a 3-pointer with 5:25 left in the half.

# Eastern Illinois 80, Morehead State 65

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Josh Gomes and Jake Byrne combined for 46 points to lead Eastern Illinois to an 80-65 Ohio Valley Conference win over Morehead State Saturday afternoon at Lantz Arena in Charleston.

EIU is now 5-14 overall, 4-9 in the OVC. MSU, which opened a two-game road trip with a win at Southeast Missouri on Thursday, fell to 2-

16 overall, 1-11 in the league.

Gomes hit five-of-seven three-pointers and scored a game-high 24 points. Byrne hit eight-of-nine from the field, six-of-six from the free throw line and scored 22 points. The Panthers also got 13 points from Mike Robinson and 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds from George Tandy.

Shaun Williams had a double-double for the Eagles, scoring 18 points and grabbing 12

rebounds. Quinton Smith and Cordaryl Ballard had 12 points each. Quentin Pryor added 11 points. Smith hit four-of-eight from behind the arc.

EIU hot a red-hot 53.8 percent (28-of-52) from the field, including nine-of-18 three-pointers. MSU hit 43.8 percent (21-of-48) from the field, six-of-14 from three-point range. The Panthers won the rebound battle, 33-to-23. Eagle team committed 11 turnovers.

# MSU women fall in overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, Ill. — Eastern Illinois guard Megan Sparks hit a turnaround jumper with two seconds left in overtime to give her team a 69-68 victory over the Morehead State women's basketball team Saturday night at Lantz Arena. The Lady Eagle setback overshadowed a potent offensive performance by sophomore Megan Gearhart and junior LaKrisha Brown. Gearhart poured in a career high 30 points, while Brown posted her 11th career double-double with 23 points and 10 rebounds.

"The girls did great tonight. I feel bad for them because they really fought hard under an extremely difficult situation,"

said head coach Matthew Mitchell.

"The kids are working hard and they are giving great efforts. The temptation is to give up and not be successful, but we are going to keep working. We couldn't have asked for anything more from Megan Gearhart and LaKrisha Brown tonight. They were awesome tonight and really we had a lot of people who stepped up and performed well. I really feel terrible for the players as they gave a great effort and we didn't have anything to show for it."

The Lady Eagles fell to 10-8 and 5-6 in the league, while EIU moved to 9-11 and 8-4 in the league.

In the overtime period, after the teams were tied at 61, Sparks

scored all eight of her team's point. With the Lady Eagles on top 68-67 with seven seconds left in overtime, Gearhart appeared to score her 32nd point on a running jumper in the lane, but it was ruled she got the shot after the 30-second clock had expired, setting up Sparks' heroics on the opposite end. Sparks tied Gearhart for game scoring honors with 30 as well.

Gearhart hit four three-pointers and shot 10-for-23 from the floor, while Brown hit 9-of-17 field goals and pulled down 10 boards. The Lady Eagles, however, hit just 13-of-26 from the free throw line, while EIU hit 20-of-23.

For the game, Morehead State shot 37 percent while EIU managed 42 percent.

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## AMAZING ADVENTURER



Most scientists agree that Admiral Robert E. Peary and his assistant, an African-American named Matthew A. Henson, and four Inuit guides were the first people to reach the North Pole.

### An Amazing Accomplishment

In 1906, President Roosevelt awarded the Hubbard Medal to Peary for reaching the farthest point north, 175 miles (282 km) from the Pole.

*Inuit people had lived in the Arctic region near the North Pole for thousands of years, but some think it unlikely they ventured all the way to the North Pole because of its distance from the open water where the Inuit hunted and fished.*

Having come close to reaching the North Pole three years before, Peary and Henson set out again in 1909.

On April 6, Henson was acting as the trailbreaker, traveling ahead of the other members of the expedition.

When Henson's compass began to act strangely, he

stopped and waited for the rest of the group. He had arrived at a point, which according to his latitude and longitude measurements, was the North Pole. Though he arrived 45 minutes ahead of Peary, for years Peary was generally regarded as the first person to reach the North Pole.

Peary and Henson had come near the North Pole several times before. They finally reached it on April 6, 1909. Henson planted the U.S. flag and said, "We are first."

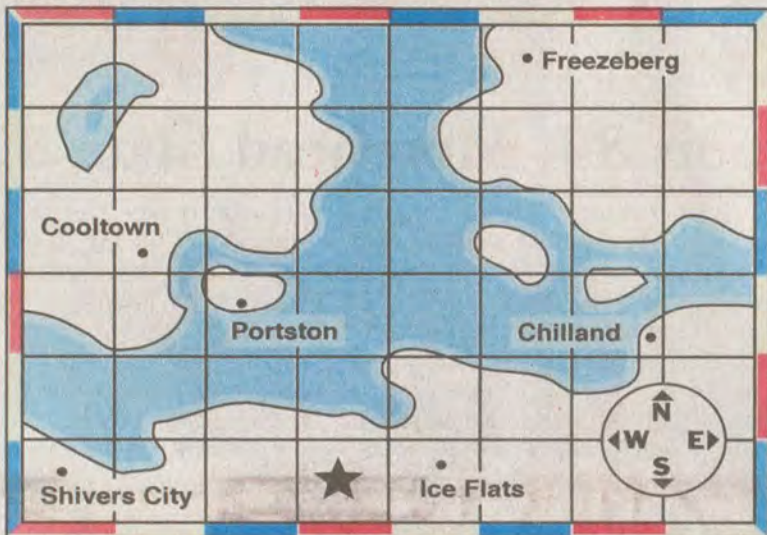
Peary arrived at the North Pole on a sled. Peary rode on a sled because of a problem with his feet. To find out what that problem was, write the letters you pass along the correct path of the maze.

Standards Link: Reading comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Late Recognition

Matthew Henson died in 1955, but in the year 2000 he was given the Hubbard Medal. "The Hubbard Medal is awarded for distinction in exploration, discovery, and research. Henson embodies what this award stands for. The honor is long overdue," said National Geographic Society president John Fahey at the celebration.

Standards Link: Historical Interpretation: Students identify and interpret the causes and effects of historical events.



### You're the Explorer!

Start in the space with the star. Follow the compass clues in the explorer's notebook. To which silly destination do they lead? Check your answer at [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html)

1. Travel 1 space north.
2. Travel 2 spaces east.
3. Travel 2 spaces north.
4. Travel 1 space east.
5. Travel 2 spaces south.
6. Travel 4 spaces west.
7. Travel 2 spaces north.
8. Travel 1 space west.

### Henson and Peary

Henson's parents died when he was a young boy. At age 12, he went to sea working as a cabin boy. Eventually, Henson got a job working as a clerk in Washington, D.C. and met Robert E. Peary. In 1888, Peary hired Henson to be his personal assistant on an expedition to Nicaragua. After that, Peary hired Henson to join him on his next expeditions to the Arctic. Henson brought these valuable skills listed here.

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Use the secret code to discover the hidden words.

Standards Link: Geography: Use map skills to determine location; follow multiple-step written directions.

### Measuring Challenge

Explorers use measurements. Hone your measuring skills! Measure two pictures on the front page of the newspaper. What is the TOTAL area of both the pictures?

Standards Link: Math/ Measurement: Measure area.

### Polar Puzzler

The number on each ice cube is the sum of the numbers on the two ice cubes in the row below it. Can you figure out the missing numbers? Quick! Grab your pencil and get to work before the Ice Cube Pyramid melts!

Standards Link: Algebra: Solve problems using numeric equations.

Check your answers at [www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html](http://www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html)

### Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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W	G	R	C	R	T	I	U	N	I
A	O	S	O	H	B	B	C	E	M
R	I	N	E	M	E	L	T	S	D
D	H	C	R	A	E	S	E	R	A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### Weekly Writing Corner

#### My Hero

Who is your hero? Write a short biography about your hero's life.

Boudicea was a queen of the Celts during the time of the Roman Empire. The Celts, unlike many ancient civilizations, gave females the same rights as men. Boudicea bravely took her army of men and women and faced the Roman Empire. They put up an amazing fight considering the small size of their army but alas, the Roman army was just too big. The Romans captured Boudicea and kept her captive. She poisoned herself because she did not want to have to die at the hands of a Roman. Although not much is known about this legendary queen, her story has inspired me, greatly.

Megan, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My Grandma Mary is my hero. She cared for me a lot. Every time I visited her she had a special present for me — her smile. She taught me to keep a smile on my face and never let it go, just as she did. She also showed me the steps for drawing a flower that will never fall from my mind. My grandmother is a special memory that will linger in my heart forever.

Linnea, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

My dad is my hero. He is 6'9" tall and is the youngest of four brothers and sisters. He likes to eat every type of food. He had cancer but is better now. That's my hero!

Colin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

I have many heroes but one stands out above them all. His name is Ryan Sheckler. He inspires me so much because, for a young kid like me who one day hopes to be a professional skater, I can look up to him for inspiration because he became a professional skater at aged 14.

Nigel, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My hero is my brother. He's a good friend and I always look up to him.

Darrell, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

I would have to say that Tony Hawk is my hero. He shows kids that skating is a sport, not something for punks. He also defied physics by doing the 900 in the X-Games.

Baxter, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My hero is my dog. She is the best dog ever. She helps me with my homework. She's good at playing Frisbee and she's great at picking my outfits out. I love my dog, she is my hero.

Cassidy, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

My hero is the coolest and the funniest, my dad! He is as funny as a clown. He has three kids and he is the best!

Molly, 4<sup>th</sup> grade

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

**Discovery News**  
Find someone in today's newspaper to be the *who* of your story. Then select something from the newspaper to tell the *what*, *when* and *where*, each from different news articles. Use this information to write a newspaper-style article. Add what you think would be the *why* and *how*.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write expository essays.

### What is plowed but never planted?

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### POISON OAK

## Waiting for the color

by Clyde Pack

As we move into February, and despite the fact that we've had one of the mildest Januaries on record, the sunshine has done little to erase the bleakness of the eastern Kentucky hills in winter. As if the occasional lower temperatures and ice on our windshields weren't reminder enough, the monotonous, monochromatic brownish hue has been a stark testimony that yells, "it is indeed wintertime, and don't you forget it."

The seemingly eternal drabness is almost enough to make one wish for fresh snow. The only problem with that, of course, is that snow is no respecter of either people, places, or things, and is not particularly choosy as to where it falls. As we all know, it would just as soon cover Route 23, as it would a naked oak atop some rugged hillside.

This time of year always reminds me of those ole grainy movies on the late, late show, which were often filmed in black and white for the express purpose of establishing a somber atmosphere. It apparently worked in the movies and, at least as far as I'm concerned, it works in real life, too.

But the thing about watching an old movie is that in the instant it takes to twitch a thumb on the remote control, one can be transferred to some tropical island on the South Pacific. Unfortunately, changes in a local landscape take a bit more time than that.

As we wait for the color, I suppose that the operative word here is patience. Eventually these same ugly

(See OAK, page three)

## Topping trees bad practice

by Ray Tackett

FLOYD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

### Sources: Dava Hayden and Winston Dunwell, UK Horticulture

Topping damages hundreds of trees each year in Kentucky. Many people are unaware of the detrimental effects of topping. Trees are subjected to a number of stresses during their lifetime. Topping is also a form of stress, but it is a stress that can be avoided.

Topping involves drastic removal or cutting back of large branches in mature trees leaving stubs. Topping can make a tree hazardous and reduce its life. This practice is frequently the result of trying to manage trees incorrectly planted under power lines or too close to structures. Site selection must always be considered before planting in order to provide the tree with sufficient room to grow.

Some homeowners believe that stimulation of new growth associated with topping is actually beneficial to the tree. Although the tree appears rejuvenated with new foliage and branches, this only serves to mask the real damage.

Trees are mistakenly topped, under the best of intentions, to remove potentially hazardous dead and diseased branches. Unfortunately, topping indiscriminately removes healthy and unhealthy limbs. Problem limbs are best removed by selective pruning instead of topping.

In some situations, removing large

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# Growing up on Cow Creek

by Woodrow Wilson Burchett and William H. McCann, Jr.

In the past week, we shared many of the recollections of Mr. Woodrow Wilson Burchett (March 16, 1911-April 12, 1995) in regard to the profession in which he was so proudly engaged - "lawyering." This week, we share the recollections of Mr. Burchett's "growing-up days," spent on Floyd County's Cow Creek.

Woodrow was the son of Dick and Amma Burchett, of Woods. Dick was a school teacher, farmer, proprietor of a country store, operator of a saw mill, and, from 1920 to 1924, a county magistrate and member of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. His wife assisted him in the running of the country store, as well as serving for many years as the local postmistress.

Their son would grow up become one of Floyd County's most respected attorneys-at-law, serving for 12 years as county attorney, eight years as a member of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, and four years as a member of the Harness Racing Commission.

The following are some of Woodrow's memories of Floyd County as a young boy growing up on his beloved Cow Creek, as told to William H. McCann, Jr., and as written down in later years by "The Sage of Cow Creek" himself.

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### SCHOOL

"We had a one-room school, and we had one teacher. And the teacher was highly regarded in the community, and the schoolhouse was the center of entertainment. It was the social center. We'd have plays there...different kinds of plays. Skits and whatever, or maybe a two or three act play. My daddy loved to do black-face comedy and could sing and dance. I couldn't do either. But anyway, we'd always have a play.

"We had the Three Beech School. It was over on the next fork (from home). After I got up a little bit and before I was a teenager, I was doing a trap line. I was running a trap line every morning on my way to school. Maybe I'd catch a possum or two. Sometimes I'd catch a skunk and I'd go to school and they had the old pot-bellied stove in the middle of a one-room school, and if I'd caught a skunk, why I was delegated to one of the corners. They wouldn't let me get up close to that stove...because heat makes you smell worse.

At noon, what you took in your bucket, you ate. Two fellows up the road here that worked on the railroad...had money and could buy light bread. My mother would have to make a biscuit pone and put me a piece of country ham in between it. And these boys that could buy light bread would maybe have a piece of baloney or some kind of lunch meat. Made me with my homemade biscuit and country ham feel kind of inferior, you know. But anyway, we made it.

"We'd have big pie suppers (at school). And the people in the community would bring in their paint and their brushes and get their ladders and whatever and they'd all gather up at the schoolhouse; they'd paint it inside and out! Never cost the county or anybody else any money. And we'd have a pie supper and maybe pay for the paint, maybe buy some books for the library for the children to read, or maybe buy some school supplies."

### RELIGION

"I have always been a rather religious sort of fellow. I got it from my mother and my grandmother. My grandmother, she didn't overdo it, really, but she'd always get around to it...in a roundabout way and talk about it. And especially she'd talk about it to the strangers that came to her gate. She didn't let any of them get away without giving them a pretty hard dose of it. And I listened pretty carefully...and I knew that it was her relationship with the Lord that



Woodrow Burchett, about 1918.



Woodrow and hog, on his father's farm on Cow Creek.



Dick Burchett, Woodrow's father



Amma Burchett, Woodrow's mother.

made her the kind of person that she was. And there was never a time in my life when I didn't recognize that and feel that. Now I didn't always stay that close and...do like my grandmother did. But I always knew what it did for her and I wanted to be somewhat like her.

"At the time, there was a railroad over here, and a railroad over at Williamson (West Virginia). The C&O (Chesapeake and Ohio) came up Beaver Creek, up the Big Sandy; and the N&W (Norfolk and Western) went up Williamson. Well, a hobo couldn't get from the C&O to the N&W except to walk across some country. And the shortest and most direct route was to come up Cow Creek, go up Sycamore, and into Williamson...about twenty or thirty miles. You could...walk it in a day.

"Well, hoboes had what they called monikers. That was a sign that they'd put on a gate post or a rock by the side of the road that meant 'this is a good place to stop.' They'd put that moniker on grandma's gate...they were always stopping there.

"And granddaddy and I...we'd be cutting wood, just stacking it (out in the woodshed) and we'd hear

grandma talking. And I'd say, 'Who's she talking to?.' I knew what he'd say. I just wanted to hear him say it.

"He'd say, 'It's Leeottie and some of her whoso's.' And 'whosoever has done this for the least of my brethren, has done it also unto me.' is what he was talking about.

"And she'd have a couple of those hoboes over there...she'd pack 'em a lunch to go on their way with and then she'd preach a little and pray with 'em and lecture 'em on their morals and whatever...And if they didn't have any shoes, they'd leave there with a pair. And if they didn't have a coat, they'd leave there wearing one. And then we'd go to the house and granddaddy would say, 'Who's been here?,' as if he didn't know.

"She'd say, 'I had some friends of mine came in here.'

"Yeah, hobos.'

"Yeah, I guess they were.'

"Well, now let me tell you something. You fed 'em.'

(See GROWING UP, page three)

### CRITTER CORNER

## Ear problems

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Clients often give me strange looks when I smell the insides of their pets' ears. Actually, both the odor and appearance of the external ear canal can tell you a lot about what is going on deep inside. Maybe this is a boring subject, but people ask ear questions all the time, so I'll have a go at it.

The most common ear problems in cats and dogs are ear mites and infections caused by bacteria and/or yeast. One of the reasons they are plagued by so many ear disorders is the anatomy of the ear canal itself. Our ear canals are short and straight, and our eardrums lie relatively close to the surface. In contrast, the ear canal of a cat or dog is shaped like the letter "L". Take a look at the inside of your pet's ear. The upper part, or vertical canal, drops away right behind the first little fold of cartilage. If you use your fingers to trace down the outside of the animal's head beneath the opening, you can feel where the ear canal takes a right angle turn inward. This is the bottom of the "L," or the hor-



photo by Kathy J. Prater  
This tiny critter is named "Peppermint." Peppermint is an 8 week old toy chihuahua, and the playful and much loved pet of 6 year old Ruthanna, the daughter of Cindy and Bill Messer, of Flat Gap. What a cutie!

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# School Calendar

## Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

## Allen Central Middle School

\*Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!\*

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

## Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

## Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located

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

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

## Clark Elementary

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

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

## Duff Elementary

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

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

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

## May Valley Elementary

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

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

## McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore,

is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

## Mountain Christian Academy

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

## Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

## Prestonsburg High School

Feb. 7 - April Graham, KHEAA Outreach Coordinator, will be in the PHS Media Center, at 6 p.m., to conduct a workshop on the topic of financial aid (FAFSA completion) and accessing KEES funds.

Other relevant topics will be discussed as well. Refreshments provided. Call Ms. DeRossett, PHS Guidance Counselor, for more info.

## South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

thru Fri.

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

## Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

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

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

## The Piarist School

School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City re-

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# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and  
60 years ago.)

## Ten years Ago

### January 31 and 2, 1996

Floyd County's last surviving World War I veteran, William Johnson, of Weeksbury, died at the age of 101. In 3-2 vote, Monday, Floyd County's Board of Education approved a deficit reduction plan which will shave \$3.1 million from the district's 1996-97 budget and will result in the loss of 102.8 jobs. A Floyd County man who has spent the last few years of his life fighting for people who have little, has taken another step in his own fight. Den Hunter, acting as the guardian of Christopher and Joshua Porter, filed a \$1 million lawsuit against General Motors on their behalf Monday morning. Local law enforcement officials are looking for a Tennessee jail escapee thought to be in Floyd County. Sam Shepherd, also known as Sam Godsey, 29, who was serving time in Jacksboro, Tennessee, for theft, is believed to be in the Allen area of Floyd County. Senator John David Preston has made the decision to run against Senator Benny Ray Bailey in the 29th Senate race in the general election in November. The financial squeeze coming for the Floyd County Board of Education is already being felt in the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, where the cuts are more immediate, and will affect students, also. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson announced Tuesday, that a move by the board last October to cut in half the fees his office receives for tax collections is resulting in a permanent reduction in services. Tiffany Day, 26, of Abbott, wife of state police trooper Bobby Day, escaped serious injury in a wreck, Monday, of the intersection of Ky. 1428 and US 23 at Cliff. Clay M. Spradlin, 67, Evelyn Spradlin, 67, and seven-year-old Benjamin Welch, were in a pickup truck that pulled into the path of Day's vehicle, Prestonsburg Policeman Gerald Clark said. No disciplinary action will be taken against a Martin City Policeman who shot and killed a pet pig running loose in the city, last week. Sam Shepherd, of Floyd County, who escaped from a Tennessee jail, turned himself in to law enforcement

officers in Ocala, Florida, Wednesday. A default judgment has been granted in a federal sexual harassment lawsuit filed against a former Wheelwright City police chief and the city commission, because no response was made in the case. A request from Prestonsburg Community College for a new building could be filled—at least partially—if Governor Paul Patton's budget receives approval. The budget calls for a cash disbursement of \$5.5 million to PCC to build a classroom/health education building that would house the Student Health Clinic and Wellness Center. One unsigned piece of paper could keep the financing for an industrial site in Ivel from being approved, and County Judge-Executive Ben Hale expressed his concern about that at a special meeting of the Floyd County Development Authority Wednesday afternoon. Shoppers flooded local supermarkets, Thursday afternoon, in response to weather reports which suggested the region could be hit by its second major storm of the year. Forecasts predicted that four to 10 inches of snow would fall in parts of eastern Kentucky between Friday night and Saturday. There died: Woodrow Lafferty, 75, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 29, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Noah Hall Jr., 54, of Galveston, Tuesday, January 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Audrey R. Rainey, 73, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Bevinsville, Monday, January 29; Willie D. "Bo" Williams, 62, of McDowell, Thursday, January 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Willie Johnson, 101, of Weeksbury, Sunday, January 28, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; James Auburn Dickerson Jr., 63, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arnold Ray Wallen, 48, of Langley, Wednesday, January 31, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Eunice Lafferty, 72, of Bull Creek, near Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 31, at her residence; Carolyn Marie Newsome, 56, of McDowell, Wednesday, January 31, at the residence of Barbara Moore; Geraldine Bailey, 59, of Indiana, Tuesday, January 9, at Parkview

Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## Twenty Years Ago

### February 5, 1986

Even as their newest tenant, the Winn-Dixie supermarket, opened for business, developers of Prestonsburg Village were hit with yet another creditor's lawsuit, and faced a threat that the partially-completed project would be shut down by city building and fire authorities. Trial began in Pike Circuit Court of former Right Beaver Magistrate Kenneth Roberts, and his sister-in-law, Naomi Green, on a dozen counts of theft, stemming from a lengthy state police investigation of the 1982 Floyd County administration. A volley of gunshots fired into a trailer home and vehicle of a Floyd County family in an isolated area near the Floyd-Magoffin line endangered the lives of three persons. There died: Everett Hershell Patton of Prestonsburg; Carol Lynn Howell of Betsy Layne; Mary Hill Hopson of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee; Ben Fraley of Stratton Branch; Rev. Dockie Marsillett of David; Benton Owsley of Auxier Road; Georgia Mae Layne of Betsy Layne; Dixie Whitaker of Lake Odessa, Michigan; Amanda Jane Allen Sutton of Clearwater, Florida; Anna Williams Thomas of Wayland; Morgan Stanley of Harold; Nelis Gibson of Unionville, Virginia; and Bascom Hall of Banner.

## Thirty Years Ago

### February 4, 1976

U.S. Senator Wendell Ford will bring his office in Prestonsburg next Wednesday as part of his continuing "government to the people" program. Russell Hagewood, well-known Prestonsburg resident and president and cashier of the First National Bank, died Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, after a brief illness. He was 68 years old. Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held here, Monday morning, to officially

mark the initiation of construction on the long-planned Floyd courthouse annex-juvenile detention center. A budget totalling more than \$60,000 over last year's figure of \$415,540 has been adopted by the City of Prestonsburg for 1976. There died: Mae B. Porter, 56, Garrett, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Delilah Fitzpatrick, 61, January 26, at her home on the Middle Creek Road near West Prestonsburg; Lottie May Ryan, widow of the late George D. Ryan, of Martin, at her home in Orange City, Fla., Friday; Tandy Hamilton, 83, of East McDowell, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mary Henson, 75, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; T-Sgt. (ret.) Ivan Eugene (Poodie) Hall, formerly of Wheelwright, last Wednesday, at his home in Westland, Mich.; Sally G. Webb, 90, of Hueysville, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Vincent Parsons, 56, of Pittsburg, Texas, formerly of McDowell, Friday, at the Baylor University Hospital, Dallas.

## Forty Years Ago

### February 3, 1966

Purchase of the Evans Elkhorn Coal Co. of Wayland, and its associated companies, by the Island Creek Coal Company, Cleveland, Ohio, was announced, Wednesday. The Prestonsburg General Hospital is in the process of becoming a community hospital, to operate as a non-profit institution. For the second straight week, Floyd County, and almost all of Kentucky, remain in the grip of winter, with all schools closed, and most activities slowed to a walk. There died: Mrs. Mollie Keathley, 75, of Galveston, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, January 26; two children of Otis and Joann Thacker Cisco, formerly of this county, were burned to death, Sunday night, at their Indiana home; Clark Pelphrey of the Auxier road; May Fitzpatrick of West Prestonsburg; Denny Ray Hall, two-year-old son of Dayton and Christine Bentley Hall, of Galveston, in Lexington; Lon-

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

## Growing up

"Yeah, I fed 'em. I packed 'em a lunch to take with 'em to go...they're going over to Williamson to get on an N&W."  
 "Well now, don't you, in all fairness, think that they ought to come over here and help us split some wood, just to pay for their meal?"  
 "No. Now, Flem, you know that guests in our house don't work...no."  
 "Well, I guess so." And then he'd wink at me, you know. I thought that was funny.  
 "We're Baptists. But when I was growing up, we couldn't get anywhere to church. And there was a little Methodist church right down the road here...we went to it. And we supported it. And it was the community church."

● Sunday School and church were pretty much the only activities on Sunday. The Methodist preacher down here was what they called a 'circuit riding' preacher. He only came here one Sunday out of the month, and he went to other churches on the other Sundays. That's the way the Methodists did it...On the other Sundays, we'd have

Sunday School. Sometimes we'd have somebody that would preach or sometimes we'd have a Bible discussion.

"We'd have revivals. Night revival meetings. We'd like to go to night meetings 'cause we'd get to walk home with the girls. Church, we called it 'Meetin'.' was the big event or gathering for the community. Most all families attended when we had services.

"I can remember it was usual and customary for Uncle Henry to dismiss the congregation. He always prayed for 'those on beds of affliction, for the sinners, soldiers on foreign battlefields fighting for our freedom' and for rain, if we needed it. And he always closed, 'Dear Lord, help me to control my temper better in the future than I have in the past.'"

### COURTING (DATING)

"We didn't have much opportunity to socialize with girls. Apple peelings, bean stringings or that sort of thing was about our only chance. Maybe we'd have a dance, a country dance...but we didn't

have a lot of social life with the girls. You couldn't get far...you could only go as far as you could walk or ride a horse. And you're talking about eight or ten miles. If they didn't live within that distance, then we were out of luck."

### ENTERTAINMENT

"Books were hard to come by in those days. People didn't have books...We got 'Tom Sawyer' and 'Huck Finn' here. My daddy picked 'em up somewhere. And I think every boy on this creek read them books and so we'd act like 'em. And we talked like 'em and everything else for years around here.

"My cousin Jeff Burchett lived on the old homestead, and he and I were about the same age, he's a year older. We grew up together. We were just about inseparable. And I know that one time he got his leg broke. Back in those days, you didn't have a cast and all that stuff to put on the leg; you'd get a piece of egg crate and some bandage and wrap it and fix it. And then you had to lay in the bed thirty days or something, and I went

over and stayed with him.

"He and I were marble experts. We played marbles and got pretty good. At least we thought so. And we'd play here every night. Had a big flat place outside as slick as the floor, and we'd play on that and people would come here to play with us and he and I always were together on the same team.

"We played a game that we called 'Buy-In.' You put a marble in each corner of a big square ring and one in the middle and then you could shoot a fellow. If you hit him, why you killed him and he had to give you one man (marble) to buy in with...till your opponents didn't have any, then you'd won the game. Right complicated thing, but Jeff and I were pretty good.

"And then there was a fellow named Neuman. Bill Neuman was a shoe salesman, Newberry

Shoe Company, and he claimed he knew some boys from Beaver that could beat us...So Bill Neuman...he brought these boys with 'im to beat me and Jeff, which they couldn't do. We played all night. It was pretty close, you know, about like U.K. and Duke. But we finally ended up winning.

"Then Neuman thought that probably his boys'd do better if they were on neutral ground. So, anyway, we used to have big Fourth of July celebrations in Prestonsburg, you know. And somebody'd speak about the Constitution and wave the flag and eat watermelons, climb the greasy pole and all that kind of stuff. And they set up a big marble game for me and Jeff and the Neumans. We played all day down here. We beat 'em that day, too; more convincingly. Had a big crowd, you know.

"Well, I'd never seen a movie, but I remember this very well. We were coming across the old bridge you walked across down there in Prestonsburg, and they had a movie (theater) there at the end of the bridge...We got on the bridge and we could see through the window and I could see the pictures on the wall. That's the first movie I ever saw. I was probably in the eighth grade. But I don't think I ever went to a real picture show and saw movies from start to finish a paid admission until probably went to Pikeville to high school in about 1923."

*William H. McCann, Jr. is an oral historian from Lexington. He teaches writing at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, in Lexington.*

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## School

ister tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

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

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

Call the resource center to sign up.

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

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

If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are:

Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

**Wesley Christian School**

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

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

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## Yesterdays

Clark of Harold.

## Fifty Years Ago

February 2, 1956

The grand jury in its final report to Circuit Judge Edw. P. Hill, last Saturday, called on the courts and officers of the county for strict enforcement of the law...The Floyd County Health Department was busy at work in the most effective series of polio clinics it has conducted since the Sulk vaccine became available last year...High incidence of rabid animals in the county prompted M.V. Clarke, health administrator, and County Agent O. E. Boggs to issue a call for a meeting...The region's top point-producing prodigies, Kelly Coleman and Lowell Hughes, literally tore the net to shreds as Coleman out-pointed Hughes, 63 to 46 in Wayland's 107-80 victory over the Blackcats at Wayland, Tuesday night. These died: Kate Halbert at McDowell, Sunday; Eva DeLong, formerly of Johns Creek, in a Huntington hospital; Pearl D. Holbrook, at Water Gap; Mary Patrick at her home at Hueysville, Sunday; Estill Faley, 65, of Cranston, at home.

## Sixty Years Ago

January 31, 1946

The Army Board of Engineers has approved canalization of the Big Sandy river and its two tributaries, the Levisa and the Tug, at an estimated cost of \$82,300,000...Four eastern Kentucky rural electric co-operatives, last week, lost their battle in Franklin Circuit Court to prevent the Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company from extending its lines into territory involving 1,156 miles of lines in 16 eastern Kentucky coun-

ties...Married: Miss Mosaleete Ferrell and Mr. George A. Patton, both of Langley, January 19, at the home of the bride's parents...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Boyd, of Betsy Layne, a son...There died James A. Ball, 81, of Prestonsburg, Friday; Harry C. Cooley, 72, of Northern, Friday night, while in an automobile en route to Northern; Charles Whitfield, 61, of Hi Hat, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Friday; Edward Patrick Blair, two years old, of Melvin, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

## Seventy Years Ago

January 31, 1936

What is said to have started as a pool-room brawl, ended late Saturday afternoon, at Ligon, in the death by gunfire of two brothers—Robert Newsome, 35, and Estill Newsome, 22...Construction of a new courthouse for Floyd County is expected to be ordered by the Floyd Fiscal Court at its meeting to be held here, Friday, county officials said. As a result of immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus being voted by both houses of Congress over President Roosevelt's veto, Floyd County veterans will receive by June 15, cashable bonds in the sum of \$325,000...Tommy Vinson, 26, of Paintsville, is in serious condition in a Paintsville hospital, suffering from a shotgun wound in his thigh, sustained, Saturday night, at Wayland...For the third time within two weeks, the Modern Drug Shop here was burglarized Wednesday night. Monday, this week, the home of Curtis Clark, manager of the drug store was also entered...Eleven-year-old Anna Jewell Prichard, sixth grade pupil in the Garrett Consolidated School, won the Floyd County spelling championship here, Friday. There died: Martha Crum Derosssett, 36, at home at Dwale, Saturday.

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## Critter

izontal canal. The eardrum lies at the far end of the horizontal canal.

When scientists need to grow bacteria or yeast in a laboratory, they provide their cultures with a warm, moist, dark environment—the same type of environment that exists naturally in the ear of a dog or cat. They have wonderful little incubation chambers attached to their heads!

Other factors play a role in ear problems. The position of the pinnae, or earflaps, can make a big difference in air circulation. Drop eared dogs, on the whole, have more ear problems than those with erect ears. Once again, people are to blame for this with our selective breeding. Pay attention to the wildlife shows—wild canids such as wolves, foxes, dingoes, etc. always have upright ears. So do the more wolf-like domestic breeds—Malamutes, Huskies, Elkhounds, etc. Cats are much more recently domesticated, and have kept their wild ear shape—at least until the development of the Scottish Folds!

Some dog breeds have hair that grows down into the ear canal itself. Poodles and Shih-Tzus often have this problem. Your vet or groomer can help you keep this plucked out so the canals stay cleaner. Then there are some breeds that seem to form abnormal amounts of ceru-

men, or ear wax that just invites infection. Cocker Spaniels are notorious for this; in fact, we refer to their frequent and peculiar gummy, smelly ear infections as "Cocker Ear."

Allergies, Demodectic mange and other skin conditions can also predispose ears to trouble.

So how do we diagnose the specific ear problem affecting a particular animal? My first approach is to "look and smell," followed by taking a small sample of any material present in the ear canal.

Ear mites are small bugs that live inside the ear. They tend to cause a black material to be present in the ear, which is usually either thick or dry and flaky. Although we usually have to identify them under the microscope, sometimes you can see them moving with the unaided eye as tiny, pin-point size white specks against a dark background. We occasionally see such severe cases in kittens that they have formed a solid plug of debris that has to be soaked loose and removed from the ear with forceps. They can, rarely, cause a mange-like condition around the ears and eyes of severely affected animals. Ear mites are spread by direct contact with affected animals, so it is important to treat all the pets in the household if one has mites. To my knowledge, they

do not affect people—I have never met a vet that got them, and at one time or another, most of us have picked up about every external parasite that can be transmitted from an animal!

Ear infections are diagnosed by making a smear of the discharge on a slide, staining it, and examining it under the microscope. The most common infections are bacterial, yeast, or a combination of the two. In general, infections cause a characteristic smell in the ear, while mites have little or no abnormal smell.

In years past, about all we had was some generic medications for mites or for "canker ear" (an old term for a variety of infections). Nowadays the medications are more specific, which allows us to go after the particular offender. It is also possible to have a mixture of mites, yeast, and bacteria, and multiple treatments may be needed.

If your animal has a problem with its ears, get it properly diagnosed, treat it as prescribed, and be sure to continue treatment for a sufficient time. Even after the ears get back to normal, keep a close watch, since ear infections tend to be a chronic, recurrent problem. Be sure to keep in touch with your vet also, if the ears don't respond as they should! Sometimes clearing up one problem reveals another, deeper infection that also needs attention.

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## Notes

limbs may be necessary; however, correct pruning alternatives such as proper early training, selective thinning out of branches and limbs, or whole tree removal should be considered and adopted.

Removing much of the tree canopy upsets the crown-to-root ratio and cause serious interruption of the tree's food supply and exposes bark to the sun. A 20-year-old tree has developed 20 years worth of leaf surface area. This leaf surface is needed to manufacture sufficient food to feed and support 20 years worth of branches, trunks and roots.

Removing the tree's normal canopy suddenly exposes bark to the sun's direct rays, often scalding newly exposed outer bark. Serve sun scald will cause the bark to split and obstruct the flow of nutrients. Topping not only cuts off a major portion of the tree's food-making potential, it also severely depletes the tree's stored reserves. It is an open invitation for the tree's slow starvation.

Large branch stubs left from topping seldom close or callus. Nutrients are no longer transported to large stubs and that part of the tree becomes unable to seal off the injury. This leaves stubs vulnerable to insect invasion and fungal decay. Once decay has

begun in a branch stub, it may spread into the main trunk, ultimately killing the tree.

Topping removes all existing buds that would ordinarily produce normal sturdy branches and instead stimulates regrowth of dense, upright branches just below the pruning cut. The watersprouts or suckers that result from topping are not well integrated into the wood of the tree and because of their weak connections and vulnerability frequently break. Large limbs then fall creating a dangerous situation that must be remedied by tree removal.

Since watersprout regrowth is generally rapid and vigorous, a topped tree often will grow back to its original height faster and denser than a tree that has been properly pruned or thinned. This makes topping, at best, only a temporary solution to oversized trees.

Some tree species such as sugar maple, oak and beech do not readily produce watersprouts. Without the resulting foliage, a bare trunk results and the tree quickly dies. Deteriorating branch stubs, along with weak sucker growth, make topped trees highly vulnerable to wind and ice damage. From an aesthetic aspect, top-

ping disfigures the tree. Unsightly branch stubs, conspicuous pruning cuts and a broom-like branch growth replace its natural beauty and form.

Unfortunately, even some "knowledgeable" tree services indiscriminately top trees. Avoid patronizing companies that advocate topping.

Here is a list of trees for small spaces, under 25 feet tall: Trident Maple, Flame Maple, Box Elder Maple, small Japanese Maple cultivars, Tatarian Maple, Autumn Brilliance® Serviceberry, Fringe Tree, Kousa Dogwood, Winter King Hawthorn, Leprechaun™ Ash, Amur Maackia, various cultivars of flowering crabapple, Leonard Messel Magnolia, Star Magnolia, Snow Fountain® Cherry, Snow Goose Cherry, Weeping Yoshino Cherry, Ivory Silk® Tree Lilac, and various weeping tree varieties.

For more information, contact the Ray Tackett at your Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service - phone 886-2668, e-mail attack@uky.edu.

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## Oak

hills that hideously hover over us, while now completely void of any hint of color, like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, will give way to the dogwood pinks of spring and the green lushness of summer. Only then will that annual renaissance occur, not only within our environment as tiny green shoots dig themselves through layers of dead leaves,

but also within our very souls as all creatures undergo a rebirth—that resurgence of energy that manifests itself in humans through the insatiable urge to buy garden tools, large bags of manure, and brand-new weed eaters—all of which occurs, of course, just before we start complaining about how hot it is. I guess what it all boils down

to (as cliched as it sounds) is that it's an actual fact that the human animal, be it related to weather or whatever, is never really satisfied. And maybe, at least in this case, that's not so bad either because the endlessness of discontentment in this season gives us something we can look forward to as long for the next one.

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Editor's Notice: The Floyd County Times is happy to announce your engagement, new marriage, new baby, birthday or family reunion free of charge. However, space is limited and we can offer no guarantee of the exact day your announcement will run. Readers may opt to purchase ad space if these conditions are not satisfactory. With the purchase of a paid ad, run date, size and placement may be guaranteed.

# Births/Birthdays

# New Arrivals



Look who's 4!



Look who's 7!

Brooklyn Nicole Tackett will celebrate her fourth birthday on January 18, 2006, with family and friends. Brooklyn is the daughter of Aaron and Brandy Tackett, of Tennessee. She is the maternal granddaughter of Ernest and Emma Hall, of Galveston. Her paternal grandparents Mary Bentley, of Tennessee, and Gary and Katie Tackett, of Weeksbury. She is the great-granddaughter of Bamie Taylor, of Tennessee, and Lois Tackett, of Robinson Creek. Her Uncle Brian Hall, of Galveston, along with the rest of her family, sends a very special birthday wish her way.

Kaitlyn Hannah Grace "Gracie" Tackett, turned 7 years old on November 19, 2005. Gracie celebrated her special day with a "Disney Princess" theme party, held at Pizza Hut and attended by friends and family members. Gracie is the daughter of Jennifer Tackett, of Garrett, and Gary Tackett, of Harold. She is the granddaughter of Ruth Johnson and Gary and Janie Tackett. She is the great-granddaughter of Cora Johnson and the late Frank Johnson. Gracie has two brothers, Elijah and Dalton.



Braxton is 2!

Braxton Chase Castle celebrated his second birthday on December 22, 2006, with a "Finding Nemo" theme party attended by many family members and friends. Braxton is the son of Brian and Lisa Castle, of Langley.



New Arrival

Luke Adam Scarberry was born November 11, 2005, at 8:50 a.m., at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Kenny and Maria Scarberry. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and measured 20 inches in length. Luke Adam is Mr. and Mrs. Scarberry's third child and was welcomed into the world by his siblings, Bethany Amber and Kane Andrew. He is the grandson of Kenneth and Audrey Scarberry and Keith and Glema Hicks. He is the great-grandson of Ethel Scarberry and the late Estill Scarberry, Earnest and Lou Jean Gibson, the late Clifford and Rose Hicks, and the late Gorman and Edna Cooley. He is the great-great-grandson of Bessie Gibson and Abe Vanderpool.



Jonna is 5!

Jonna Ryanna Allen celebrated her fifth birthday on January 9,

# WRMC New Arrivals



**Dec. 27, 2005**

- A son, Austin Tyler Mullett, to Stella Nicole Mullett
- A daughter, Jadya McKenzie Zimmerman, to Kayla and Walter Zimmerman

**Dec. 28, 2005**

- A son, Micah Stuart Arrowsmith, to Muriel Ann Arrowsmith
- A son, Brayden William Estep, to Gisha and Kenneth Estep

**Dec. 29, 2005**

- A son, Skyler Alexander Vanderpool, to Sharon Ashley Vanderpool
- A son, Tayton Parker Dobson, to Canzalia Dobson
- A son, Hunter Michael Thomsbury, to Jessica and Larry Thomsbury
- A son, Jagger Seth Joseph, to Crystal Dawn Johnson
- A daughter, Kaddence Nicole Hensley, to Stephanie Nicole and Stanley Ryan Hensley
- A daughter, Shaelyn Rose Chadwell, to Shannon and Allen Chadwell

**Dec. 30, 2005**

- A son, Brady Michael Chaffins, to Krista and Brian Chaffins
- A daughter, Ashley Nicole Moore, to Crystal and Bradley Moore
- A son, Westin Warren Douglas Harris, to Courtney Michelle Harris
- A daughter, Gloria Elizabeth Mannez, to Ashley and Miguel Martinez

**Jan. 2, 2006**

- A son, David Alexander Scott, to Holly Jean and David Keith Scott
- A daughter, Abbagail Faith Rohr, to Sarah and Jason Rohr

**Jan. 3, 2006**

- A son, Logan Ricky Holbrook, to Rebecca and Phillip Holbrook
- A daughter, Shiane Victory Dawn Wolfenbarger, to Brandy Dawn Moore
- A daughter, Teresa Michelle Johnson, to Patricia Kay Bays

**Jan. 4, 2006**

- A daughter, Dakota Vanae Isaac, to Christina and James Isaac

**Jan. 5, 2006**

- A daughter, Vada Jolene Ambrose, to Tracie Lynn and John Ambrose
- A son, Brayden Skyler Wilson Clyde Ward, to Jennifer Thompson
- A son, Srimaan Krishna Dontineni, to Haritha and Manoj Dontineni
- A daughter, Aerial Deandra Noble, to Dee and Jason Noble
- A daughter, Kayleigh Mae Arnett, to Cassandra and Jeremy Arnett

**Jan. 6, 2006**

- A daughter, Natalie MacKenna Damron, to Robin Lynn and Matthew Damron

**Jan. 7, 2006**

- A son, Justin Tyler Johnson, to Jennifer and Jeremiah Johnson
- A daughter, Destiny Grace Sparkman, to Glenda and Dustin Sparkman

**Jan. 8, 2006**

- A son, Mason Duane Stidham, to Kiki Lashawna and Oscar Duane Stidham

**Jan. 9, 2006**

- A son, Bradon Michael Sizemore, to Missy and Michael Sizemore

**Jan. 10, 2006**

- A son, Ryan Landon Coan, to Kimberly Tackett

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- 780 - Timber
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The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

**AUTOMOTIVE**

**110-Agriculture**

**FOR SALE:** 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

**160-Motorcycles**

**For Sale** 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

**175-SUVs**

**FOR SALE** 1994 Jeep Wrangler Good condition. 889-0592

**180-Trucks**

**FOR SALE** 1996 Dodge truck 285-0647 after 5pm.

**FOR SALE** 1999 F250 diesel, manual, with A/C and stereo. P-burg. Call 886-2430.

**190 - Vans**

**FOR SALE:** 1998 Ford Windstar Van. V6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-686-3082.

**EMPLOYMENT**

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**210-Job Listing**

**MEDICAL / CLERICAL**

**Prestonsburg**  
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Great pay, start immediately! \$8 hr and up. Fax resume to 972-739-6067.

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**WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

Plant operators needed. Class 2 extended aeration plant. Benefits available, salary negotiable. Call Wheelwright Utility Comm. A. Yates office manager. 606-452-4266.

**Oil Field Company**

has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3487. Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

**220-Help Wanted**

**DELIVERY DRIVERS**

Growing company is hiring Permanent Full-time Delivery Driver in the Prestonsburg Area. Qualifications include: Class A CDL, 18 months of driving experience, 25 years of age, good MVR, Delivery experience helpful but not required. We offer: Home nightly/ health/ dental/ 401k/ paid holidays/ vacation/ sick days. Enjoy your family again and come join our team at

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**WORKER NEEDED** with CDL license. Work requires labor. Climbers needed with experience. Pole and anchor work with Communications Construction Company. General labor positions available. Must be able to pass drug test. For more information call Mary Holbrook at Star Construction 606-874-1263.

**POSTAL JOBS** \$16.46-\$22.97/hr, now hiring. For application & free government job info call American Assoc. of Labor. 1-913-599-8220, 24 hrs. emp. serv.

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**STAFF PHARMACIST:**

Independent pharmacy in rural Southeast Kentucky seeking to hire a full-time or part time staff pharmacist. Excellent salary and benefits, 401 k, 100% pay medical insurance, disability, NO nights, NO Sundays, every other Saturday but only open until 1 pm. Spend more time with your family! Applicant must have valid KY Pharmacist License and clean record with the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy. To inquire or send resume please email to: mcdowellpharm@bellsouth.net or fax resume to 606-377-2626 or call 800-758-4869.

**ATTENTION Warehouse/ delivery/ inside sales**

**CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SUPPORT**  
R.E. Michel Company, Inc., a leading wholesale distributor of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration equipment & parts with over 180 branch locations in 22 eastern states, has a potential career opportunity in our Allen, KY branch for an individual with

experience in delivery, warehousing, and inside sales who possesses good customer service and communication skills. Knowledge of the HVACR industry helpful. This is a PART-TIME entry level position suited for a self-motivated individual who wants to learn the HVACR wholesale business. Pre-employment screening required. R.E. Michel Company offers a full benefits package and opportunities for advancement, visit our website at REMICHEL.COM If you are looking for more than just a job, please mail confidential resume, or stop by to complete and application. Joyce Taulbee RE Michel Co PO BOX 485 Allen, KY 41601 606-874-8875

**ATTENTION Inside Sales**

**Counter Sales I and Counter Sales II**  
R.E. Michel Company INC, a leading wholesale distributor of heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration equipment & parts with over 180 branch locations in 22 eastern states, has a career opportunity in our Allen, KY branch

for a FULL TIME inside sales person. We are looking for an individual with experience in HVACR wholesale sales or a self motivated individual with HVACR knowledge who possesses good customer service, sales and communication skills and would like to learn the HVACR supply business. Pre-employment screening required. R.E. Michel Company offers a full benefits package and opportunities for advancement, visit our website at REMICHEL.COM If you are looking for more than just a job, please mail confidential resume, or stop by to complete and application. Joyce Taulbee RE Michel Co PO BOX 485 Allen, KY 41601 606-874-8875

**MOUNTAIN MANOR** of Paintsville is taking applications for a LPN (7pm-7am) position. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave, Paintsville, KY from Mon-Fri between 8am-4:30 pm.

**PART-TIME AUDITOR** Needed nights and weekends only. Call Microtel INN @ 889-0331, or come by and put in an application.

**MERCHANDISE**

**410- Animals**

**FREE CATS** to good home. Call after 6:00 pm 874-8167.

**445-Furniture**

**ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY**

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

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New & Used Furniture & Appliances @ unbelievable prices. Come in today for incredible savings. Shop At The Little Furniture Store & Save!! Route. #122, McDowell. Call 606-377-0143.

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**480-Miscellaneous**

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- Some experience working as a groundsman, tree climber, or laborer in the landscaping hardscaping, or construction business would be ideal, but not an absolute requirement.
- We will be visiting Floyd County within the next three weeks to conduct interviews. So call us as soon as you can to schedule an appointment (we welcome collect calls too.)

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Bring resume to: Honda of Prestonsburg 631 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Great benefits package available!  
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Call 606-434-3640

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**  
The Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) is seeking an individual to manage multiple loan funds in southeastern Kentucky. SKED is a regional nonprofit economic development organization formed in 1986, and serves 42 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. This full-time position will be located in SKED's satellite office in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and serve 21 counties in East Kentucky. This is a mid-level position that requires excellent cognitive and communication skills. Qualifications for position are a bachelor's degree from a college or university, with five years related lending experience, credit analysis, deal structuring and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and training. Salary range: \$45,000 to \$50,000 based on qualifications, plus generous benefits package. A complete position description is available at [www.southeastkentucky.com](http://www.southeastkentucky.com). Qualified applicants should submit a résumé and references to: Business Development Specialist Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation 2292 South Highway 27, Suite 340 Somerset, KY 42501 DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2006. SKED is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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3	5.10	9.18	12.24	14.28	15.30	15.30
4	6.80	12.24	16.32	19.04	20.40	20.40
5	8.50	15.30	20.40	23.80	25.50	25.50
6	10.20	18.36	24.48	28.56	30.60	30.60
7	11.90	21.42	28.56	33.32	35.70	35.70
8	13.60	24.48	32.64	38.08	40.80	40.80
9	15.30	27.54	36.72	42.84	45.90	45.90
10	17.00	30.60	40.80	47.60	51.00	51.00
11	18.70	33.66	44.88	52.36	56.10	56.10
12	20.40	36.72	48.96	57.12	61.20	61.20
13	22.10	39.78	53.04	61.88	66.30	66.30
14	23.80	42.84	57.12	66.64	71.40	71.40
15	25.50	45.90	61.20	71.40	76.50	76.50

**WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE:** Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

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**FOR SALE:** Ice maker & bin Hoshizaki model KM900 make 900 lbs. in 24 hrs. \$1500. Schaefer glass door freezer \$1000. Hobart slicer will slice automatic model 1712 \$1000. 1988 Volvo 240 DL \$300 358-4333.

**REAL ESTATE**

**530-Homes**

**FOR SALE** by owner, 3BR 1.5 BA Ranch Style w/inground pool, attached poolhouse with half bath, 25 plus acres. Asking \$147,500. Shown by appointment only. 606-886-0812.

**FOR SALE** Brick Ranch Home. Hueysville KY 4BR 2.5 BA, LR with FP, 3 car garage. 10.68 acres. \$156,000. Call 606-358-5533 after 5:30 pm

**HOUSE FOR SALE** 3 BR brick Goble Roberts Addition. Call 886-2818 for details.

**FOR SALE:** 3 BR 2 BA CH/A newly remodeled behing Porter School in Oaklawn Estates. 889-9747 or 886-8003.

**550-Land/Lots**

**FOR SALE** 2 Lots for sale (joining) sold as one. Stone Crest Golf Course. 889-6543.

**570- Mobile Homes**

**FOR SALE** 2001 Clayton 14x70 MH w/ 2BR & 2BA total electric w/land and septic system. Lot 100ftx119ft located at Langley KY. 2 decks and is landscaped. Asking \$27,500. Call 606-434-0045 after 3pm or call 606-285-9510.

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**580- Misc.**

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**RENTALS**

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**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for 1, 2, 3, & 4 bedroom apartments for low and very low income households at the Housing Authority of Martin. These apartments are located at Grigsby Heights, Town Center Place and Pageant Hills in Martin, KY. Rent is based on the households gross monthly income. The Housing Authority of Martin has a Maximum Rent of \$345.00 for qualified applicants. Air Conditioned units are available. Please apply between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 1 and 4 pm, at the office located at Grigsby Heights on Rt 80 in Martin. You may call 606-285-3681 for more information. The Housing Authority of Martin does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status, or disability.

**FOR RENT** 3 BR 2 BA very nice \$500/mo utilities not included. \$500/dep. req. Call 285-9003.

**FOR RENT** Nice townhouse apt, 2BR 1.5BA, stove, refrigerator, DW, W/D hook-up, city limits at 23 & 80. \$550/mo plus utilities. \$275 dep. No pets. 1 year lease. Call 606-237-4758.

**APT FOR RENT** Small studio apt. furn. some utilities prov. Dep. required. \$275/mo. 886-6208.

**APT FOR RENT** 2 BR 1 BA LR kitchen D/W refrigerator stove. All utilities paid. \$550 month. Newly remodeled Call 606-477-2783 or 606-522-4126.

**1-2 BR FURNISHED** Apts. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8366.

**2 BR 1 1/2 bath Townhouse** also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg, NO PETS call 606-886 8991

**Furnished 1 bed room Apt.** Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

**620-Storage/Office**

**1900 SQ. FT. RENTAL SPACE** 8 rooms 2 full baths full kitchen, closets, all electric-excellent condition. City sewers, city waters, AEP. Parking for 8 or 9 cars. Secure fenced in property. Just across from Auxier bridge adjacent to new OB/GYN Clinic. Suitable for physicians, dentist,

lawyer, insurance, CPA or other office use. Could be split for Home/Office combos. For lease \$800 month. Call 886-1416 or 886-3680.

**OFFICE SPACE** in Town Center on N.Lake Dr. Office space is on Court St across from New Justice Center. Call Joyce Short Allen. 886-2523 or 886-9100.

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

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

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

**630-Houses**

**HOUSE FOR RENT** in Lancer \$550/mo deposit plus utilities-req. Newly remodeled. Call 606-791-1790.

**FOR RENT** 2 BR 1.5 BA CH/A on US 23 1 mile n. of P-burg. Dep required. No pets. 886-9007 or 889-9747.

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

**640- Land/Lots**

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

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

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

**650- Mobile Homes**

**FOR RENT** 2BR MH at RT 80 Garrett. Call 385-9351.

**FOR RENT** 2 BR MH partially furn. w/ stove, refrigerator, gas & water pd. no pets. Call 606-886-3628.

**FOR RENT** 3 BR MH in P-burg. \$400/mo. plus deposit pay own utilities. 886-3998 or 886-0875.

**FOR RENT** LRG 3 BR 2 BA trailer. Good cond. Close to P-burg. \$375/mo. plus utilities. Dep/ renters ins. required. Serious inquiries only. 874-9691.

**FOR RENT** 2BR MH Right Fork Bull Creek \$350/ mo. \$250/ dep. Call 889-0036.

**FOR RENT** electric heat. 3 BR 874-9757.

**FOR RENT** DW MH 3 BR 2 BA Located on David Rd. \$550/mo. plus utilities. \$250 dep. 886-1539 after 6 pm.

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

**SERVICES**

**745- Misc.**

**WILL DO HOUSECLEANING** Call 874-0498.

**770-Repair/Services**

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

**LEGALS**

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 05-CI-00150 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK ONE, PIKEVILLE, NA PLAINTIFF VS. JAMES SLONE, DARLENE SLONE, AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of **\$45,400.62**, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center),** to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 16th day of February, 2006,** at the hour of **9:30 a.m.**, the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

**TRACT ONE**

Beginning at a stake in the center of Cold Water Road, running across the creek to a wire fence; thence running up the hill with the yard fence to the pasture fence; thence running around the hill down the creek with the pasture fence to George Bevins' line; thence with George Bevins' line to Coal Water Creek; thence running with the creek back to the beginning.  
Being the same property conveyed to James Slone and Darlene Slone, his wife, from James R. Spradlin and Charlene Spradlin, his wife, by deed dated October 26, 1990, of record in Deed Book 341, page 687, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's office.

**TRACT TWO**

The Surface estate only of that certain tract of real property

not heretofore conveyed by it, described in Deed of Conveyance dated October 23, 1985, from Morris G. Williams, et. ux., to Betsy Layne Coal Company, Inc., of record in Deed Book 295, page 472 of the Floyd County Court Clerk's office, to which reference is made for a more accurate description, as if fully set out herein.  
Excepting and reserving unto First Party, and its successors and assigns, from the above described real property all surface lands lying at or above the elevation of 825 feet above mean sea level and further excepting and reserving unto First Party, and its successors and assigns, all the coal, oil, gases, and all other minerals, mineral rights, and mineral estates found upon or within the entire above-described tract, with all necessary rights to mine and remove the same.

First Party's source of title to the herein conveyed surface estate being that certain Deed of Conveyance dated effective December 31, 1991, from Shell Coal and Terminal Company, et. al., to East Kentucky Energy Corporation of record in Deed Book 355, Page 377, of the Floyd County Clerk's office; the aforesaid Deed of Conveyance constitutes First Party's immediate source of title.  
Being the same property conveyed to James Slone and Darlene Slone, his wife, from East Kentucky Energy Corporation by deed dated September 8, 1999, of record in Deed Book 440, Page 339, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days.  
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.  
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.  
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Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale, take precedence over printed matter contained herein.  
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. G. Michael Cain

McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie & Kirkland P.O. Box 1100 Frankfort, KY 40602-1100

William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION NO. II CASE NO. 05-CI-00804 JP MORGAN CHASE BANK AS TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES OWENS, ET AL. DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 17th day of October 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of **\$71,583.51**, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the **Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center)** to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 16th day of February, 2006,** at the hour of **9:00 a.m.**, the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky,

and more particularly described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Charles Owens and Elizabeth Florence Owens aka Elizabeth Owens (Elizabeth Florence Owens aka Elizabeth Owens died intestate, May 9, 2005), husband and wife, and/or Angela Owens, by deed dated October 1, 1982, and recorded October 28, 1983, and filed for record in Deed Book 280, Page 50, Floyd County Clerk's Records, and known as 104 Wells Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Being Lot Numbers 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block P, as shown on plat of subdivision known as Goble Roberts Sub-Division, which plat is of record in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, and to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the lands hereby conveyed.

Grantors also convey to the Grantees a right of way to, from, on and over that certain bridge across the Big Sandy River at or near the land hereby conveyed and the right to use said right of way and said bridge for travel by foot, vehicle or otherwise.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

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The proposed operation is approximately 0.65 mile northwest of KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122, and located 0.25 mile west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.  
The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elkhorn Coal Co., LLC, Ruth Huff, Laverne Reedy Stone Estates, Ballard Jr. Little, Ricky & Angela Waddles, Ernest & Mary Lou Croot, Johnnie & Lula Jones Estate, Frank & Laura Johnson Estate, Edward Hall, Kenneth & Gabriella Hall, Rose Osborne Estate, David Lee Jones, Rex L. Wilson, Virginia Lee Johnson Blevins, Enis Mullins Estate, Charlie Rollins, Bobby Hall, Kathy Stanley. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road 122. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.  
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.  
This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for a New Prestonsburg Area Elementary School. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids must be mailed or delivered to Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, so as to arrive prior to the time established for their opening. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any Proposal shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be rejected. Facsimile transmissions ("Faxes") will not be accepted.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Blueprint, 328 East Vine Street, Lexington, Ky 40507, (606) 255-1021, for a deposit of \$250.00. The plan deposit amount shall be issued by check, payable to the Floyd County Board of Education. All mailing charges, if required, are to be arranged in advance by the Contractor. The refundable check will be returned to all bidders, who submit a bonafide bid and return the plans and specifications in good condition within fourteen (14) days after the bids are opened, otherwise no refund will be due. Plan holders who do not submit a bonafide bid will receive fifty percent (50%) of their deposit if the plans and specifications are returned in good condition within fourteen (14) days after the bids are opened, otherwise no refund will be due.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Office of the Architect, Office of the Owner, Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, Inc., Lexington, Builders Exchange, Louisville, Offices of F.W. Dodge Corporation, Louisville, Lexington, and Kingsport. Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, a Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. The Contractor awarded a Contract for this project will be required to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the Project Manual.

Proposal Forms must be properly filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory contract and

bond, he/she shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check, cash or Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failures.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to accept any or to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality therein, all as it deems to be in its best interests.

**FLOYD COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDU-  
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**COMMON-  
WEALTH OF  
KENTUCKY  
FLOYD CIRCUIT  
COURT**

**DIVISION NO. II  
CASE NO. 04-CI-  
1235**

**BETSY LAYNE  
FIRE  
PROTECTION  
DISTRICT  
PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**GLEN DONOVAN  
BURGESS;  
DELORES  
BURGESS;  
AND MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION  
SYSTEMS, INC.  
DEFENDANTS  
RE-NOTICE OF  
COMMISSION-  
ER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 16th of February, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 16th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described sur- face property, located at 384 Pine Ridge, Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin located in the center of the point, being the same corner of Lot No. 1 and a point of the Ross Hale property, thence N76°46'E121.17' to an iron pin center of the point, thence N 57°04'E96.77' to an iron pin centerline of the point and being the R/W line of U.S. 23, thence with the R/W line S 36°04'W 327.07' to a R/W marker and corner of Lot No. 2, thence N 59°12'W 45.33' to an iron pin corner of Hale Cemetery, thence with the Hale Cemetery N 65° 36' W 49.23' to an iron pin, thence continuing with the Hale Cemetery N70°58'W 43.38' to an iron pin the edge of the road, thence with the road access easement N83°03'E 92.26' to an iron pin of road access, thence across the end of the road easement N 58°E 20.00' to an iron pipe, thence running with Lot No. 1 N 12° 58' E 98.27' to the point of beginning. Said Lot No. 2 containing 0.51 acres.

Being the same acquired by Barbara Elliott Yeager as Trustee, by the foregoing Deed from Delores Tackett (now Burgess), dated February 11, 2002, recorded in Deed Book 476, Page 414,

Floyd County Clerk's Office

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
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(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the Master Commissioner. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel:  
Hon. Anthony Craig Davis  
P.O. Box 220  
Betsy Layne, KY 41605  
William S. Kendrick  
Master Commissioner  
P.O. Box 268  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**COMMON-  
WEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
FLOYD CIRCUIT  
COURT**

**DIVISION NO. I  
C.A. NO. 02-CI-  
0040**

**BANK ONE,  
NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION,  
AS TRUSTEE  
PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**GARNIS CLAUDE  
AKERS  
SIRENA AKERS  
COUNTY OF  
FLOYD  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF  
COMMISSION-  
ER'S  
SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Renewed Summary Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of July, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I the principal sum of \$47,924.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the

highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 9th day of February, 2006**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m.**, the following de-scribed real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron stake at a drain located at the corner of Layton Newsome property and the herein described property. Thence going a distance of approximately 75 feet to an iron stake, located at the corner of the herein described property and the corners of Layton Newsome and Gladys Conn's property; thence following a wire fence and boundary line of Gladys Conn to a cedar tree marked; thence following the wire fence to a beech tree marked; thence following a wire fence to the corner of a cemetery located on the Grantor's property; thence following the fence line of said cemetery to an iron stake; thence in a straight line to the point of beginning.

Also included in the above description is a 12 foot right of way for egress and ingress unto the herein described property over the lands of Grantors.

Being the same property conveyed to Garnis Claude Akers dated 2/22/82 of record in Deed Book 263, Page 586, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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Plaintiff's Attorney:

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Weltman, Weinberg  
& Reis Co., LPA  
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**COMMON-  
WEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
FLOYD CIRCUIT  
COURT**

**DIVISION NO. II  
C.A. NO.:  
05-CI-01285**

**DIANA DEWITT,  
DENNIS DEWITT,  
DEBBIE  
GOODMAN,  
MIKE GOODMAN,  
BOBBY SCOTT,  
KATHY SCOTT  
AND CARL MIKE  
SCOTT AND  
ILENE SCOTT  
PLAINTIFFS**

**VS:**

**SHELBA DAVIS  
AND ART DAVIS,  
HER HUSBAND,  
RICK SCOTT  
AND CARLENE  
SCOTT,  
HIS WIFE,  
STEVE HICKS  
AND DARLENE  
HICKS,  
HIS WIFE,  
MARTIN  
FRAZIER AND  
WILLADEAN  
FRAZIER, HIS  
WIFE,  
VALEDIA  
TURNER AND  
UNKNOWN  
HEIRS OF  
PHELIX SCOTT,  
JR.,  
AND MELVINA  
SCOTT  
DEFENDANTS  
NOTICE OF  
PENDING  
ACTION**

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated December 19, 2005, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order Attorney to notify the Unknown Heirs of Phelix Scott, Jr., and Melvina Scott of the pendency of a Petition for Sale and Partition of Real Estate of the following described property:

Beginning on a gate post on the upper edge of the road in line of land of Octavia Combs, then up May Branch with the road to the mouth of the first left hand drain, then with the drain to the land of Dave Bentley, then with the land of Dave Bentley to May Branch, then with a fence up May Branch to the land of Claude E. Rowe, then up a drain with the land of Claude E. Rowe to the top of the peach orchard point, thence down the point with the land of Octavia Combs to the beginning, containing 8 acres.

There is excluded that portion conveyed to David L. Bentley and Julia Bentley, by deed dated April 7, 1953, recorded in Deed Book 153, Page 237, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Notice is hereby given that any Unknown Heirs of Phelix Scott, Jr., and Melvina Scott are directed to come forward and present any interest in the above-described real property they claim or be forever barred.

Signed,  
Mitchell D. Kinner  
Warning Order  
Attorney  
Kinner & Patton  
Law Offices  
328 East Court  
Street  
Prestonsburg, KY  
41653  
(606) 886-1343

**COMMON-  
WEALTH  
OF KENTUCKY  
FLOYD  
CIRCUIT  
COURT  
DIVISION NO. II  
C.A. NO. 99-CI-  
359**

**FLOYD COUNTY,  
KENTUCKY  
PLAINTIFF**

**VS.**

**EDWARD M.  
KUSS  
REBECCA S.  
KUSS**

**NORWEST BANK  
MINNESOTA,  
N.A.**

**AS TRUSTEE,  
ASSIGNEE  
OF OCEANMARK  
FINANCIAL  
CORP.,  
WICKES  
LUMBER  
COMPANY, CITY  
OF  
PRESTONSBURG  
DEFENDANTS  
RE-NOTICE  
OF  
COMMISSIONER'S  
SALE**

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of April, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$361,098.40, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 9th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 526 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 1  
A certain tract of parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on South Lake Drive, described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the right of way of U.S. Highway No. 23, at the cross fence above what is known as the Seibert Place, corner of line of Reba H. Mayo, et al; thence up said highway with line of said state highway a southerly direction to a stake 552 feet from the beginning corner and opposite the present lower cross fence of Anna B. Allen; thence a straight line up the hill parallel with line of said Reba H. Mayo, et al., to center of ridge between Mayo Branch and Big Sandy River to a stake 613 feet from corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence up the ridge with center of same 613 feet to said corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence down the hill with said line of Reba H. Mayo, et al., to the beginning.

Parcel No. 2  
Situating on the waters of the Big Sandy River in the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shown upon that certain plat dated July 17, 1953, and prepared by H. Salisbury, Engineer and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court. These lots are adjacent to and adjoin the property now owned by Duran Moore, in South Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on U.S.

Highway #23. Being the same property, conveyed to Edward M. Kuss and Rebecca S. Kuss from Mason Moore, et al., by deed dated February 17, 1988, of record in Deed Book 318, Page 617, in the office of the Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announce-

ments made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**ADVERTISE-  
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FOR BIDS**

The Southern Water & Sewer District has declared the following property as surplus.

- (1) 2002 Ford F150/4WD (Salvage title)
- (2) 1995 Ford F150
- (3) 1997 Ford Ranger

The District intends to sell this surplus property, and will be accepting sealed bids for same. Prospective buyers may inspect these vehicles at the District's office at 245 KY Route 680, McDowell, KY. For further information, contact Bob Meyer at (606) 377-9296. Interested parties must submit separate written bids for each vehicle in a sealed envelope to: Southern Water & Sewer District, P.O. Box 610, 245 KY Route 680, McDowell, KY 41647. Sealed bids must be received in the District's office at the above address no later than 4:00 p.m., February 10, 2006. "Surplus Property Bid—Southern Water & Sewer District" must be clearly marked on the outside of each envelope. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 17, 2006, at 11 a.m., at First Guaranty Bank, 97 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky. 2002 Suzuki motor cycle, Model No. VL800K2, Vin No. JS1VS54A62210046 1. All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take precedence over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. First Guaranty Bank, 97 Triangle Street, P.O. Box 888, Martin, KY 41648

**NOTICE OF  
INTENTION  
TO MINE  
PURSUANT TO  
APPLICATION  
NO. 836-8060  
(TRANSFER)**

(1) in accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82, Box 1045, Kite, KY 41828, intends to transfer

**NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of grant applications for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, for rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy valley area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submission. The grant applications will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2006.

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**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. 1 CASE NO. 05-CI-00565 BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO., AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK ONE, PIKEVILLE, NA PLAINTIFF VS. CHARLES CONN, TERESA CONN, FLOYD COUNTY, GREENWOOD TRUST COMPANY, AND COMMUNITY TRUST BANK DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Final Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of November, 2005, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$30,721.16, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 16th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land located on Mud Creek, a tributary of the Big Sandy River, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
**LOT NO. 22**  
 Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot #19 and running generally north at the edge of the roadway for a distance of approximately 104.56 feet to the southeast corner of Lot No. 25 for a distance of approximately 100 feet; thence turning left approximately at a 90 degree angle and running generally south for a distance of approximately 104.56 feet to the northwest corner of Lot No. 19; thence turning left again and running with the northern boundary of Lot No. 19 for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of the beginning.

**LOT NO. 25**  
 Beginning at the northeast corner of Lot No. 22 and running generally north at the edge of the roadway for a distance of approximately 104.56 feet to a point where it joins Lot No. 5; thence turning left and running with the boundary of Lots No. 5 and 3A for a distance of approximately 100 feet; thence turning left approximately at a 90 degree angle and running generally south for a distance of approximately 104.56 feet to the northwest corner of Lot No. 22; thence turning left again and running with the northern boundary of Lot No. 22 for a distance of approximately 100 feet to the point of the beginning.  
 (See Map File No. 691 of the so-called

Layne Heirs property, dated 11-26-82, and recorded in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office on 10/22/87).  
 For reference to source of title see a deed to Charles A. Conn and Teresa G. Conn, his wife, dated April 10, 1993, in Deed Book 365, Page 527, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of the purchase price, with the balance on credit for forty-five (45) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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**PROPOSAL REQUESTED**

Proposals are being requested for replacement of roofs at our Grigsby Heights location. The proposal needs to include all costs to replace the main roof on 10 buildings, plus the porch areas. The proposal needs to include the price for material and installation of metal roofing material, references for the past 10 years. Insurance certificates, any sub-contractors, warranty information for material and workmanship, wages must be paid in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and Local wage requirements, plus other documents as required for working in public housing. For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606-285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority offices by 2 p.m., local time, February 17, 2006. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all bids.

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

(1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., Box 958, Hazard, KY 41702, has applied for Phase II and Phase III bond release on increments 2, 3, 4 and 7 and Phase III release on increment 1 on Permit Number 836-0254, which was last issued on 5/16/97. The application covers an area of approximately 176.89 acres, located 1.5 mile southeast of Northern, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from the junction of KY 80 and KY 680, and located 0.4 mile southwest of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 03". The longitude is 82° 47' 54".

(3) The bond now in effect for the Increment 2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$21,900. Approximately 24 percent of the original bond amount of \$92,300 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$46,800 approximately 40 percent of the original bond amount of \$116,800 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for the Increment 4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$6,200.

Approximately 86 percent of the original bond amount of \$8,200 as included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 7, is a surety bond in the amount of \$19,700. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$29,700 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$14,100. Approximately 15% of the original bond amount of \$94,000 is included in the application for release.

(4) Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, topsoiling, and seeding, completed in April 1995, for Increment 1; May 1997, for Increment 2; and April 1996, for Increments 3, 4 and 7.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 24, 2006.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. March 27, 2006, at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing shall be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 24, 2006.

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