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briefs

Man finds burglars in home

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — An Allen man returned to his home on Tuesday night and investigated noises coming from his basement which turned out to be two intruders going through his belongings.

Deputy Will Holbrook of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene and arrested two men he observed leaving the area on foot.

Jeffrey Gonder, 33, of Southgate, Mich., and Jonathon Pente, 25, of Harold, were picked up 15 minutes after the incident was reported to authorities. They were arraigned in district court Wednesday and were each charged with one count of burglary.

A preliminary hearing date was set for Jan. 25 and each was placed under a \$25,000 cash bond.

Pente was also ordered to be held for an additional \$340 he owes for a separate case. Pente appeared distressed about the \$340 saying, "I brought my receipts up here and it was supposed to be took care of."

Both men were granted free representation as they met the criteria for indigence.

Sex abuse, burglary charges dropped

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three men who were arrested last week and charged with first degree rape saw all of the charges against them dismissed at a preliminary hearing held Wednesday in district court.

The charges stemmed from an alleged incident on Dec. 29 that saw the men accused of breaking into a Teaberry

woman's home and subjecting her to rape and sexual abuse.

Josh Henson, Derrick Akers and Brad Newsome were all released from jail on surety bonds last week when the victim in the case filed an affidavit seeking to dismiss all of the charges with the county attorney's office two days after the three were arrested. The preliminary hearing would have normally determined if the men were to see their charges go to a

grand jury, but was used instead to call the alleged victim before the court.

Judge James Allen questioned the woman and determined that the charges were being dropped of her own free will. He then chastised the affiant, saying, "Ma'am you need to know that these were very serious allegations."

The charges had the men looking at over 10 years in jail and Judge Allen reinforced that there all parties involved were

to have no contact with each other.

The case appeared in trouble after the three men were arraigned last week. Assistant County Attorney Jimmy Marcum noted that investigators were unsure whether a burglary charge that was included along with a charge of sexual abuse was warranted after looking into the incident and interviewing people

(See DROPPED, page two)



Both entrances to Marlow's Country Palace on North Mayo Trail in Pikeville were blocked this week by owners of the property who are attempting to evict proprietor Marlow Tackett from the establishment.

photo by Mary Music

Dispute shuts down Marlow's Country Palace

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Both entrances to Marlow's Country Palace on North Mayo Trail are blocked this week with a dilapidated van and a telephone pole.

Property owners, in an attempt to evict proprietor Marlow Tackett, blocked the entrances Tuesday. They are asking a Pike County judge to force Tackett to pay at least seven years of unpaid rent, reimbursement for taxes and bills accrued from "certain" utilities.

According to Kathy

Blackburn, deputy clerk in Pike County's delinquent tax department, there is a \$348,323.99 delinquent tax and solid waste bill on the property. The bill she said, accumulated between 1994 and 2004.

Actions taken by the property owners Tuesday marked the latest development in a case that has been ongoing in Pike County circuit and district courts since 1993, when Tackett asked the court to probate a document purported to be the will of Jennie Staton, the previous landowner, who died about 15 years ago.

Staton's heirs, Daniel Staton,

Jackie Mullins, Lora Staton and Elizabeth Holland, believe that Tackett is forcibly detaining and withholding the possession and occupancy of the property. Tackett's lawyer, Lawrence Webster, claims that Staton's decedents "fraudulently concealed" the document, which was dated after another document had already been probated as Staton's will.

"It's unfortunate that Ms. Staton's strong and well-known desire that Marlow own this place may not come to pass," Webster

(See MARLOW'S, page seven)

Wheelwright robbery suspect turns self in

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Wayland man who is alleged to have participated in the robbery of Family Drug in Wheelwright on Jan. 5 turned himself in Wednesday at Kentucky State Police Post 9.

Adam Jones, 24, of Wayland, contacted Post 9 and surrendered himself to authorities after he learned that he was the subject of inquiries made by Det. Eddie Crum and state troopers as to his whereabouts.

Two other suspects are

still at large in the case, but a press release by the KSP indicated that two other men are being sought by authorities.

Jones was arraigned in district court Thursday. Judge Eric Hall placed Jones under a \$100,000 cash bond and informed him that since the charge constituted a felony he could not solicit a plea from him.

Jones noted that he could afford legal representation and agreed that he could have a lawyer in court to represent his interests at a preliminary hearing, which was scheduled for Jan. 23.

Martin councilman pleads guilty to assault

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Martin City Council member Charles E. Justice pleaded guilty Tuesday to fourth-degree assault.

Justice, who was arrested on the charge last Thanksgiving, received a 30-day suspended sentence from District Judge Eric D. Hall.

Hall ordered that Justice have no similar violations of the law and no contact with the victim in the case.

Justice, 47, of Front Street in Martin, was taken into

custody on Thanksgiving by Kentucky State Police Trooper Chris Hicks. Hicks said in the complaint that Justice punched his girlfriend while she was lying in the bed. He then grabbed her and pulled her onto the floor, the citation said.

The woman, who suffered with a bruise on her forehead, a "mouse" under her left eye, and bruises and cuts on her arms, filed an affidavit earlier last year, dismissing assault charges previously filed against Justice in another

(See GUILTY, page seven)

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 60 • Low: 45

Tomorrow



High: 54 • Low: 33

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Stumbo, Turner decry budget cuts

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposal to cut funding to the Attorney General's office while increasing money for the Department of Public Advocacy brought criticism from the office of Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner this week.

Turner noted that the proposed cuts only benefit criminals, saying, "If you're going to improve

the criminal justice system, you've got to do it equally."

Turner observed that Fletcher talked about public advocate Ernie Lewis in his speech and offered to increase funds to that office by \$6 million. Turner said that was a lopsided argument considering that prosecutors will only see a 1 percent increase in their budgets.

"How can you justify increasing funds for public defenders

(See CUTS, page seven)



Children from the primary classes at Prestonsburg Elementary School braved the cold temperatures to launch a balloon lift-off Wednesday afternoon on the school grounds. The children and their teachers were observing this school year's 100th day of school.

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BSCTC announces President's List

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College has announced the President's List for Fall 2005.

To earn a place on the full-time student's President's List, a student must successfully complete 12 KCTCS semester credits or more for a semester, earn a 4.0 grade-point average and successfully complete 12 hours or more of course work numbered 100 or above for the academic term.

Those named to the BSCTC President's List include:

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KNOTT COUNTY

Bryan Kevin Johnson.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Brandon Charles Fitch, Tonya Elsie Hayes, James Albert Horn, Kimberly S. Wells.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Randolph Shane Arnett, Gloria Louise Caldwell, Bethanie Ann Trimble Darnell, Tausha L. Franklin, Melissa Danielle Howard, Crystal Lynn Montgomery, Janet Sue Parsons, Sherry E. Rife, Ashley N. Salyer.

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Vonedra A. Blackburn, John Curtis Dye, Kimberly Anne Gardner, Sarah Desirae Goble, Adam Lee Harmon, Janice G. Hinkle, Tonya Sue Hopper, Tamara A. Jude, Samantha A. Spence, LeAnn Stumbo.

PERRY COUNTY

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PIKE COUNTY

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Branham, Kayla S. Case, Ashley N. Coleman, Susan G. Coleman, Angela Michele Damron, Jacquelyn L. Hall, Tammy L. Hall, Mark Anthony Hamlin, Debra Lynn Hatfield, Jason Lee Helvey, Rhonda Dawnielle Hickman, Donia Hicks, Nathaniel Lee Higgins, Raymond D. Hylton, Lori Beth Justice, Michael Thomas Keene, Jason Ryan Kidd, Melissa Jo Kinder, Brittany D. King, Jenna Nicole Kutscheid, Jonathan Wesley Lounsberry, Zachary Michael Maggard, Whitney E. Mayo, Ashley Jean McCoy, Heather Raeshelle McGuire, Carolyn Manley Medders, Pamela Rose Medders, Corey Dennison Miller, Phillip Paul Moore, Caner Newman III, Matt Leron Norris, Amanda Rena Ramsey, Joshua A. Sanders, T.J. Sanders, Kelli L. Sayers, Sandra Jane Smith, Brian Scott Spencer, Kelli Robin Stumbo, Deidre Lynn Taylor, Trista L. Thacker, Joanna A. Theiss, Jack Byron Williams, Heather N. Williamson, Harmony Renee Young.

Obituaries

James Hatcher Trimble II

James Hatcher Trimble II, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, January 17, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born July 25, 1936, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late James Hatcher Trimble, and the late Ruby Hobson Trimble Lewis. He was a disabled mechanic, a U.S. Marine and Korean War veteran; a member of the American Legion; and member of the Betsy Layne Chapter 169 D.A.V.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Ferrell Trimble.

Survivors include three sons: James Hatcher Trimble III, (René), of Anaheim, California, Jeffrey W. Trimble of Huntington, West Virginia, and Justin Bobby Trimble, (Sheila) of Ivel; a daughter, Janelle Bernice Trimble Caudill, (Steven) of Banner; a brother, Jerry Trimble of Ivel; three sisters: Barbara June Burchette of Jackson, Michigan; Dinah Stratton of Glasgow, and Bonnie Holson of Ivel; 11 grandchildren: James IV, Tyler, Sarah, Brandon, Wendy, Katie, Jeffery, Justin, Kasey, Evelyn, and Kimberly; two great-grandchildren; and a companion, Barbara Slone of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Don Trimble.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 20, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with William Jarrell officiating. Military services will be conducted by Betsy Layne Chapter 169 D.A.V.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Paul David Slone

Paul David Slone, 65, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 3, 1940, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Tommie Slone and Alice Prater Slone. He was a veteran of the Army. He was disabled.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Lafferty Slone.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons: Kevin Slone of Prestonsburg, and Shawn Slone of Louisville; six brothers: Tommy Slone Jr., Herman Slone, George Slone, and Gary Slone, all of Prestonsburg, Johnny Slone of Van Lear, and Oscar Slone of Betsy Layne; five sisters: Kathryn Johnson, Winnie Mae Keathley, and Marie Lafferty, all of Prestonsburg, Garnett Oldfather of Warsaw, Indiana, and Ella Sammons of Prestonsburg; and one granddaughter, Kayleigh Slone.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six children.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Bro. Gordon Fitch officiating.

Visitation is Friday, from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

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involved. Marcum was looking at dropping the burglary charge when the alleged victim came back to his office and informed him that she intended to drop the charges.

Marcum opted to stick to the scheduled preliminary hearing date but moved at the time to have all of the defendants bonds reduced to surety, from \$5,000 cash, meaning they could sign themselves out of jail.

The men were originally ordered to stay at least 1,000 feet away from the alleged victim, but Judge Allen reduced the restriction to 100 feet due to the proximity of the residence of one of the men to the home of the alleged victim.

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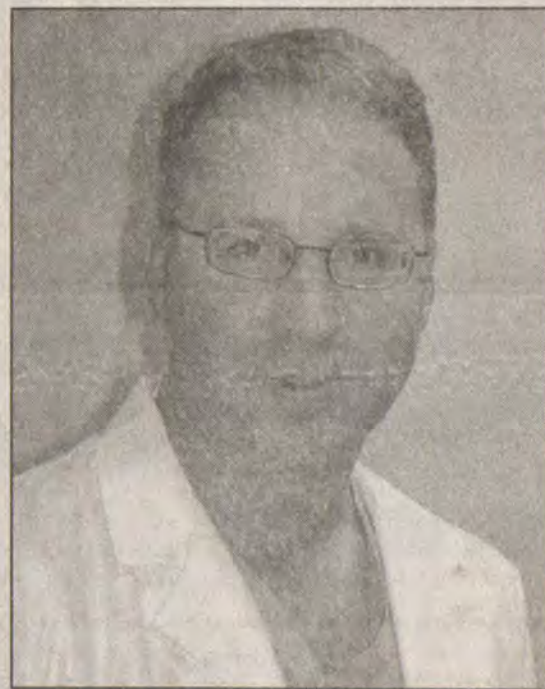
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Please note that Dr. McDonald's office has moved from the 4th Floor of Highlands Medical Office Building to Suite 2129 on the 2nd Floor of the Medical Office Building. He shares the office with Dr. Ric Ascani, Ob/Gyn. Dr. McDonald's office is located directly across from the 2nd Floor elevator entrance. We apologize for any inconvenience to our patients.

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Amber Dawn Walker, 18, of Pikeville, to Luke Jesse Sampson, 22, of Missoula, Mont.

Civil Suits Filed

Village Gate Apartments vs. Joshua Hall, debt complaint (entry for default judgment) transferred from Franklin County, Ohio.

Chris Howell vs. John Jarrell; auto accident complaint.

Tonya Conley vs. Julian Fields; auto accident complaint.

Tracy Braumm vs. Stanton Braumm; divorce.

Lisa Lambert vs. Stevie Lambert; divorce.

Marsha Adkins vs. Victor Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Brenda Hall vs. David Willis; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Stacy Paige vs. Betty Short; petition for health care insurance.

Gary Bays vs. Gayle Smith; petition for health care insurance.

Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Crystal Crace; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Estill Crace; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Charles Wellman vs. Silas Dorton, Wesley J. Turner, Geico General Insurance Company; auto accident complaint.

Bank of America, N.A. vs. Matthew S. Slone, Shalena Slone, Floyd County; complaint and reformation of mortgage.

Penny Bush vs. The Hartford, Mindy D. Tackett; auto accident complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Burnis Newsome vs. Virgil Cross; complaint about a vehicle sold.

Big Sandy Physical Therapy vs. Amanda Bentley; debt complaint.

Timothy Nelson, doing business as Diamond Excavating vs. Ernest Estil Collins; complaint regarding payment for work completed.

Gerald Newsome vs. Gary Tackett, Loretta Tackett; debt complaint.

Teresa Hall vs. Eagle Warranty Corporation; complaint claiming that the company owes repair costs on a truck.

June Collins vs. Levi Ousley; debt complaint.

Ronnie Conn vs. David Stephens, Lisa Stephens; debt complaint.

Jimmy Ousley vs. Fast Change Lube & Oil, Inc.; complaint alleging that business overfilled transmission fluid, causing damages.

Mark Kidd vs. Jimmy Conn; debt complaint regarding the purchase of a dog.

Wright Lumber Company vs. Millie Varnadore; debt complaint.

Charges Filed

Wallace Reckey, 29, Hi Hat; public intoxication, controlled

substance not in original container.

Joann Turner, 44, Martin; fourth-degree assault.

Kevin Hicks, 25, Garrett; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Joey Keene, 44, Betsy Layne; fourth-degree assault.

Daniel Motherwell, 18, Hi Hat; public intoxication.

Leigh Ann Hamilton, 22, Printer; public intoxication.

Mary Short, 55, Langley; second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Rodney Hall, 42, Wheelwright; fourth-degree assault.

Linard Marsillette, 71, Prestonsburg; second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Lois Tackett, 34, Ivel; harassing communications, terroristic threatening.

Ricky Case, 47, Harold; fourth-degree assault.

Joey E. Bartley, 22, Harold; fourth-degree assault.

Charles Hoover, 48, Beaver; fourth-degree assault.

Tammy L. Meek, 34, Martin; second-degree animal cruelty.

Leah Bean, 25, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Shelly Gregory, 30, McDowell; driving under the influence, disorderly conduct, failure to maintain required insurance.

Angelene Boyd, 27, Banner; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Carol Thornsberry, 40, Melvin; criminal trespassing.

Gerney D. Collins, 52, Honaker; harassment.

Roger Meade, 52, Minnie; harassing communications.

Michael Taylor, 27, Wayland; fourth-degree assault.

Ray Hatfield, 30, Hi Hat; driving under the influence, failure to maintain required insurance, no or expired registration plates.

Lisa May, 37, Wheelwright; second-degree escape.

Nellie Johnson, 75, Harold; fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.

Stacia Draughn, 48, Garrett; felony theft by failing to make required disposition of property.

Inspections

Blackburn's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, lot size not in compliance, several lots have accumulations of debris, lighting not in compliance. Score: 92.

Kentucky Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloth improperly stored, employee restroom without towels, no cover on trash receptacle in employee's restroom, clothing items observed stored improperly, cleaning utensils improperly stored. Score: 92.

Long John Silver's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food contact surface in disrepair, wiping cloths improperly stored, ice machine has minimal build up of encrusted material. Score: 96.

Hot Rod's Pizza, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not present in all

cooler and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use, upright cooler in disrepair, garbage container not properly covered, floor in disrepair, ceilings in food prep area in disrepair, lights not properly shielded. Score: 92.

Marta's Pizza and More, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Freezers and coolers lack conspicuous thermometers, proper hair restraints not in use, chest freezer in disrepair, restroom doors not self-closing, floors in moderate disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair, lights in storage area not shielded. Score: 92.

Champ's Country Cookin', McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in cooler units, proper hair restraints not in use, towels not present at hand wash sink, lights improperly shielded. Score: 95.

Pizza Den, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in disrepair, wiping cloths not properly stored, garbage container in restroom inadequately covered, walls and ceilings in disrepair, lights improperly covered. Score: 92.

B & C Parkway Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, pot holes and muddy conditions in driveways, lot size not in compliance, individual garbage containers not present at any home in the park. Score: 92.

Mountain Christian Academy cafeteria, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Coolers and freezers lack conspicuous thermometers, food contact table in disrepair, ceilings in food storage area in disrepair, single service item observed stored on floor. Score: 95.

Rite Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Employee restroom door not self-closing. Score: 98.

Property Transfers

Chester and Ollie Allen to Cathy McFaddin, property located at Steel Creek.

Bill and Kim Blackburn, Ross and Sharon Boyd, Clifford, Columbus, Malcolm, Opal, Shona, and Stanley Brown, James and Melinda Byers to Mary and Ronnie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Bert and Bertha Dye to Brian and Sharla Johnson, property location undisclosed.

Virginia Ford, Darlene Goble, Heather Hershberger, Lawrence and Lou Flannery to Mary and Ronie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Freida Leigh Hunt to Edward Lee Spurlock, property located at Hunter Branch.

Billy Ray and Lona Hyden to Mary and Ronnie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Brent and Yvonne Johnson to Derek Blackburn, property located at Margaret May Subdivision.

Scott Merion to Brenda and Derwin Merion, property located at Maytown.

Julia Miller to Brice Hall, property located at Branham's Creek.

Phillip Moore to Parilee Hall, property located at Wolf Pen Creek.

Loretta Newsome to Gregory Ray Newsome, property location undisclosed.

Birdie Ousley and Diana Slone to Mary and Ronnie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Estate of Abe Slone, David and Dewey Slone to Mary and Ronnie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Georgina Tackett to Earl Tackett and Artie Thornsberry, property located at Simpson Branch.

Ellen and Gary Thornsberry to Mary and Ronnie Cantrell, property located at Abbott Creek.

Billy and Connie Woods to Clarence Watkins, property located at Hatcher Addition in Allen.

YOUTH NIGHT

Sunday, January 29th, at 7:00 p.m.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times, on Iran:

Iran's hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has renewed his anti-Semitic ranting with another absurd accusation of European genocide against the Jews.

President Ahmadinejad, who took office in August, made the ridiculous claim that the state of Israel was created as a "Jewish camp" to rid the continent of Jews.

"Don't you think that continuation of genocide by expelling Jews from Europe was one of their aims in creating a regime of occupiers of Al-Quds (Jerusalem)?" he was quoted as saying in the official Islamic Republic News agency.

This is the same man who distorted history last month when he claimed that the Holocaust was a myth. When that drew international condemnation, he called for Israel to be moved to Europe, the United States or Canada.

And in October, this national leader called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

The Los Angeles Times quoted another Iranian Holocaust denier in support of the president. "I'm happy to see the Western world ache," said Amir-Reza Vaezi-Ashtiani, a city councilman who worked with the president, "because that means the president is putting his finger on the right spot. They know the Holocaust is a scenario spun in their own hands."

The United States and the European Union have been pressuring Iran to abandon its nuclear program, which the Bush administration has long claimed to be moving toward production of nuclear weapons. The Iranian president's remarks were followed last week by an announcement from the country's atomic energy agency that Iran would resume research into nuclear fuel production next month.

President Ahmadinejad's outrageous diatribe might be given less attention if it apparently did not have some support from within his country, and if he were not the head of a country feared to be developing nuclear weapons.

San Francisco Chronicle, on assisted suicide:

Making decisions over life and death is never easy, or comfortable.

But in 1994, the people of Oregon voted for the Death with Dignity Act — the only one of its kind in the nation — empowering terminally ill patients to make that decision for themselves.

Both the Bush administration and then-Attorney General John Ashcroft challenged the state's law and invoked an unrelated federal drug law to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die.

But on Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court rightly decided, with a 6-3 ruling, to uphold Oregon's assisted-suicide law.

"The court's decision today is perhaps driven by a feeling that the subject of assisted suicide is none of the federal government's business," wrote a dissenting Justice Antonin Scalia. "It is easy to sympathize with that position."

The idea of allowing doctors — or anyone — to help end one's life has, understandably, outraged many Americans. But it is a decision that must be made by an individual, not by the government.

Oregon's law includes rigorous safeguards, ensuring a thoughtful and reflective process between patients and their doctor before making the deeply personal decision.

Still, critics argue that the law will encourage an easy way out for patients. There's nothing easy about death, as evidenced by the small number of people who have used the law to end their lives. In Oregon, where the law has been in effect since 1998, about a third of the 325 people who requested lethal drugs never used them.

In this complicated case, where politics and religion have created a passionate debate, the government should remember who's really involved — real people with terminal illnesses who, through this law, can find some sense of peace and comfort in knowing that they have a choice.

The Supreme Court recognized that the government has no place at the bedside of terminally ill Americans who have made firm decisions on the level of care they will or will not receive in their final days.



Text of Gov. Fletcher's budget address

Prepared text of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget address Tuesday night.

First Lady, Lieutenant Governor Pence, President Williams, Speaker Richards, Chief Justice Lambert, Constitutional Officers, Legislators, Justices, distinguished guests and my fellow Kentuckians, it is a privilege to be here this evening for the budget address.

President Williams, I understand your father had surgery today and that you have been by his side. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Representative Bruce. He is in the hospital and we regret that he cannot be with us tonight.

Let me recognize my budget director and friend who has done an outstanding job, Brad Cowgill. Let me also thank the budget staff for their tireless work in preparing the budget I present tonight for the seasoned advice they have given me.

Last year I recognized Bill Hintze, our retiring deputy budget director. His shoes were big. John Hicks, you're filling them well. Thank you.

And this year another outstanding individual will be retiring from the budget office, Beth Jurek. Beth, thanks for your 30 years of exemplary service. And let me thank Representative Jeff Hoover for your courage for sponsoring this bill.

The philosophy which has guided my days and decisions in public life hold that each of us is endowed with a boundless potential ... for achievement and excellence ... for happiness and prosperity ... for spiritual peace and virtue.

My singular mission is to bring us all to a place where opportunities are larger, newer, and brighter. So that this boundless potential can be fulfilled in the land of unbridled spirit.

Opportunities live in a place where government is an instrument sparingly used ... a place where a promise made is a promise kept ... a place where every public dollar is made to work for the public interest.

Taking us to that place of opportunity will: Move Kentucky from 44th to at least 25th in those with high school diplomas by 2025. Move us from 42nd to 20th in attracting high-tech jobs by 2020. Move us from 45th to at least 25th in per capita income by 2025. And bring our health status to at least the national average during the next decade.

Tonight, I lay before you a budget that is efficient, responsible and progressive. It is a path to reach those goals.

The last two years have been distinguished by two landmark achievements. One, comprehensive tax reform, which has been a remarkable stimulant to our economy. And two, an unprecedented commitment to government efficiency producing record savings and surpluses.

But here, as in other states, the increased cost of health care is draining our pension plans, ballooning our Medicaid program, jeopardizing our health insurance program, and even increasing the cost of housing prisoners. Cost control is our biggest challenge, and health care costs are the root of the

problem. But working together, we can overcome any problem.

When so many said we must raise taxes to meet our needs, we stayed the course and now our state is recovering from a winter of economic stagnation. We made new taxes unnecessary by stretching every dollar and creating savings.

Our strategy focuses on better technology with fewer people, working harder and smarter. The expanding economy has been unflagging, meaning our businesses are more profitable and our families' incomes are higher.

But as we look ahead, three areas of government weigh heavily upon us. The big three: Medicaid, the state health insurance program and the pension plans.

With the big three weighing upon us, I directed our cabinets to save another \$100 million for the general fund this year. They exceeded that goal. Two weeks ago, I announced that we were returning \$120 million to the General Fund. And tonight I am announcing that we have increased that figure.

Let us thank the cabinet secretaries, staff and all our state workers for returning a total of \$142 million to the General Fund. And to Secretary Nighbert for saving \$52 million that can now be used for building roads. These hard earned savings enable us to make significant strides in education and economic development ... all within our existing revenue sources and without raising taxes.

Our government can live within its means, should live within its means and will live within its means.

At the end of the last fiscal year, I moved \$90 million into the rainy day fund, the maximum allowed by law. That money is still there. And our credit rating is stabilized, but the bond agencies are still watching us closely.

As much as any time in our recent history, it is imperative that we maintain at least this solid balance in this fund that protects our people from downturns in the economy, natural disasters, and unpredictable epidemics, such as avian flu. Our people deserve the protection, stability and low cost of government that a good credit rating provides.

Raiding the rainy day fund is not necessary and it's not good government.

As we plan and dream of what can be, it is tempting to make promises that we cannot afford and to promise programs that we cannot fund. The wise people who sent us here know that it's not what we promise, it's what we deliver. It's not how much we spend, it's the value of what we get for their hard earned money that's important.

When I was a boy, my father taught that I should have to work for my money. He said it would teach me the value of a dollar. I would spend money more carefully if I had to earn it. Dad was right. As a 10-year-old, it was hard work delivering the Lexington Leader ... but it was rewarding, delivering that balanced, conservative newspaper.

Every tax dollar we spend is the result of the hard work of those we serve. We are entrusted with a portion of their toil.

The budget I present tonight will make substantial investments in public education. The budget I present this evening will increase funding for primary and secondary education by \$160 million in '07 and \$357 million in '08, that's a 10.5 percent increase over 2006.

Our goal: Greater education opportu-

nities for our students. As Stu Silberman, the superintendent of Fayette County schools, rightly states, "It's about the kids."

Stu is with us tonight and let us say thank you for caring about our students. So our goal for spending is ... "about the kids." The objective: To increase student achievement.

From the outset, I have focused on the crucial role of the teacher in the crucible of the classroom. Now, after my remarks regarding intelligent design and education, some may think I also believe that the Earth is flat. Well, in a way it is, as it has never been before.

Thomas Friedman, a New York Times columnist and the author of the best seller, "The World Is Flat," states that in the 1990s a whole set of technologies and political events converged. "It created a global platform that allowed more people to plug and play, collaborate and compete, share knowledge and share work, than anything we have ever seen in the history of the world."

He also said, "... most of our political elite have not realized that the world is flat." Our children will compete with students in a global economy. We know that when students and teachers are together in a classroom ... the magic of learning occurs.

In Kentucky, that happens only 175 days a year. In fact, Kentucky has one of the lowest number of classroom days in the nation. The national average is 180.

And as important, the average number of days global students spend with their teachers is over 193. Recognizing this competitive disparity, there is a national trend toward increasing school days. Since 1980, many states have done so. But, in Kentucky, the school calendar hasn't changed since 1962, the year of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

It is time we gave the students and teachers the tools they need to more effectively compete.

I propose that we add one professional day to the first year, and two instructional days in the second. This investment is a win-win. Teachers' salaries are increased, student achievement is improved and the taxpayer gets a good deal.

As we focus on the crucial role of the teacher, we should continue to expand the number of educators with high energy, high skills and high commitment. A well-targeted teacher compensation system will help us do that.

Therefore, my budget increases teacher compensation in three ways. First, we will lengthen the school calendar, as I have outlined. Second, we will provide an across the board cost of living increase. And third, we will put new money into a program of enhanced professional compensation.

This third element will be a program of differentiated compensation, not merit pay. Merit pay was seen as an unfair, even punitive approach to teacher compensation during the 1980s.

I will add \$20 million to supplement teacher compensation to address critical shortages in certain academic areas, like math and science, to attract teachers to low-performing schools, and to target areas with high growth or high competition across the borders.

As the Pritchard Committee has recommended, we want to compensate teachers for certain functions, like

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teacher coaching and acquisition of skills and knowledge, which are needed to increase student achievement.

The state board of education will receive school district proposals. Guided by a statement of principles they will distribute these funds to enhance teacher compensation statewide. This total compensation package will provide additional \$233 million funding for teachers salaries over the next two years for an increase of 6.5 percent.

In addition to increasing salaries, it is important to continue to provide quality health care for our teachers. Since the first day, I've worked with an outstanding staff toward self insuring state employees and teachers. We've accomplished that and we are saving money as we maintain an effective health insurance plan that will augment our effort to attract and maintain outstanding educators.

Within the classroom the most malleable and absorbing students are those in their tender years. That's why what we do in a child's early years has such lasting impact.

In one of my visits to an inner city school, I reviewed some Brigrance scores and realized how fortunate most of us are. Our parents didn't have the disadvantages that many face. I saw students who could not play the simple games I played with my kids and grandkids. Where's your nose. Where's your ear. Where's your chin?

If special attention isn't given, those children remain at risk of falling further behind and facing a closed door to life's opportunities.

My budget proposes \$23.5 million for preschool. That's a 46 percent increase and will fully fund preschool and finally match the KERA mandate. I propose a matching program for Ready, Set Success that has ushered community resources to prepare each child for school by age 6.

Let me recognize the First Lady, Representatives Wuchner, Draud and Fisher for their strong interest in this program which has proven so effective in northern Kentucky.

Tonight, I am also proposing a \$4.3 million investment in training our secondary students to be placed in high-demand, high-need careers. The result: 2,700 students will be better prepared for a technical career and higher paying jobs.

Higher education does equal higher return for our citizens, for our society, and for our economy.

Our last budget made significant investments in higher education. In fact we ranked 10th nationally for funding increases. We can be proud that Kentucky's college-going rate now exceeds the national rate. More people are going to college, and more people are graduating.

Adult education enrollment has increased 144 percent in just five years.

I would like to introduce Melissa Cheek. By being a full-time student at Morehead State University's West Liberty campus, she is setting an important example for her three children. Melissa, thank you for being with us tonight.

My budget includes a \$140 million or an 8 percent increase in total funding for post-secondary education over the biennium.

There is \$115 million for operating funds in addition to a significant capital investment program. It recognizes the council's benchmark funding process. Sixty-seven million dollars will go directly into the universities' and colleges' budget.

While this amount is less than requested by the Council for Postsecondary Education and the institutions, it is affordable and sustainable, and is distributed in a manner that will maximize our return on investment.

Frankly, this is an area where I would like to do more.

A study released this summer concludes that higher education is reasonably affordable for most state students. However, that is not true for all students.

I have increased student scholarships by \$33 million, or 13 percent over two years and I fully fund the KEES program.

I propose nearly half of my capital budget, \$482 million, go toward post-secondary education, to include completing pro-

budget, such as the UK bed tower.

Also, we've added more research space at U of L and recommend building a new UK pharmacy building for their top-ranked pharmacy school.

I have recommended projects at our regional universities that will help them meet their goals and growing needs.

I recommend that we continue to strengthen KCTCS and have proposed projects in the north, southeast and west designed to build careers.

Probably the fastest return on investment is to help adults improve their skills and earning power as 50,000 Kentuckians did last year. So I increased the commitment to adult education by \$4 million over the biennium.

And working with Secretary Fox, Commissioner Wilhoit and Dr. Layzell are improving the transition from one level of education to the next. As part of that collaborative effort, tonight I want to announce funding for a very important initiative: the Kentucky Education Network.

This investment will put our entire educational system on a common, high-speed network. It will connect every school, every university, every school district, adult education centers and all education related agencies of government through the same electronic pipeline, resulting in more collaborative efforts, better information, and ultimately better education for all students.

For students, this will eventually allow us to test, track and intervene when necessary ... reduce the time teachers spend grading the required tests ... with scores available on the web immediately.

To fund this project, my budget contains \$59 million in new funding ... including \$37 million in bonding and \$22 million in general funds.

My family is from Eastern Kentucky and I was born in those foothills. Job creation there is more difficult. Infrastructure is challenging, but one thing is clear: Many of the poor performing schools unfortunately are there. And to improve economic development in this region, we must improve education.

With the windfall of coal severance tax we can now give the school children better opportunity.

I ask you to look favorably on my proposals. They are targeted and effective at improving student performance and creating opportunity and they leave sufficient funds in your single-county money for other needed projects.

I propose we invest \$5 million from multi-county funds into need-based scholarships. This will meet the scholarship needs in coal counties, both east and west, and this program, will for the first time provide scholarships for part-time students.

Michael Goble is with us this evening. He is a first generation college graduate from Floyd County and earned his Bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University. And with a personal recommendation from President Glasser, he is now in his second year of medical school at UK. This would not have been possible without scholarships and hard work. Congratulations, Michael.

"Read to Achieve" is working and I propose that we expand the program by \$4 million in coal counties. As the First Lady says, "If you get the reading right the rest will fall into place." Tonight, Matt Hardy, a third grader is with us. The First Lady read to his class during one of her many school visits reading to children. He wrote back, "I enjoyed hearing you read in the art room on Tuesday. Man, when I grow up ... I could be the President. Yours truly, Matt Hardy."

Matt, thanks for being here and for appreciating the importance of reading.

Also, I recommend that money be earmarked to replace the 14-year-old computers in coal county classrooms.

For our outstanding national guard, I once again fully fund the National Guard Tuition Assistance Program.

Within the UK business plan, it states that we do not have enough jobs for our graduates. Unfortunately, this is true. And if we increase our graduation rates without encouraging entrepreneurs and businesses, we will be simply subsidizing education for other states.

We cannot attain our educa-

strong growing economy. To grow our knowledge-based economy, we must expand our applied research.

Let me introduce Dr. Daniel Wermeling, a research entrepreneur. His company, Intranasal Technology, at the University of Kentucky's Coldstream Campus is taking off. Congratulations Dr. Wermeling for staying in Kentucky, improving health care and supporting our economy.

We have other research niches. U of L's expertise in transplant medicine, cardiology and cancer research. UK and U of L's work in bio and nanotechnology is promising for the future.

In this budget, I have provided \$20 million in operational funds and \$20 million in bonding for the high tech construction and investment pool to support new economy initiatives. This will also target small business innovations and bioscience research.

The Department of Commercialization and Innovation will manage our efforts to encourage entrepreneurship and new high-growth ventures and create new opportunities from our intellectual capital.

I am continuing our investment in energy research, which will help us keep commercial energy rates the lowest in the nation, promote clean coal technology for growing energy markets, tap the potential of coal-bed methane and vie for the \$1 billion FutureGen project.

As expected, you will find a request for \$75 million for the Louisville arena. This is important for all of Kentucky. This project will generate \$1.1 billion over the next two decades ... more revenue than it takes to build it.

I was raised a Wildcat fan, but I like the Cardinals too and they need this new arena.

This budget also includes \$35 million for a new arena at the Kentucky Horse Park. This new indoor show ring for the World Equestrian Games will make us a premiere equestrian sports destination.

With us tonight is David O'Connor. David, an Olympic gold medalist, is the president of the U.S. Equestrian Federation and has dreamed of this day, bringing the games to our country. David, Kentucky is proud to fulfill your dreams!

Let me now thank Secretary Strong and his staff. There is no better economic development team in the country and he will lead our Ryder Cup commission. He is not here tonight, he's out ginning up more business for Kentucky.

In today's business world, to stay competitive one must play in the international arena. Exports to foreign countries contribute over \$12 billion annually to Kentucky's economy and provide more than 121,000 jobs. To assist our exporters, we need an office in China's financial center, Shanghai. My budget contains the funding for this office.

To stimulate small business, I have included \$13 million to reduce the alternative minimum calculation for businesses with gross receipts less than \$10 million. In fact, I will entirely eliminate the AMC for companies with receipts less than \$2 million. This will reduce taxes for 70,000 Kentucky businesses.

To provide more startup money for small businesses, I propose eliminating the cap on tax credits for qualifying venture capital businesses who invest directly in Kentucky.

I am announcing a minority small business pilot program which will assist minority entrepreneurs and provide micro-loans.

I have also added \$20 million to fund ICARE. This health care plan will support businesses with up to 25 employees that have not been able to offer health insurance. It will provide premium assistance from 40 to 60 dollars to help 4,000 small businesses.

As I said in the State of the Commonwealth, nearly half of those companies looking to build new plants, put Kentucky on their "No-Call List."

I recommend we give our workers the choice that has led to greater economic prosperity in our southern competitive states. I do not make this suggestion lightly. My father was a union steelworker and I support collective bargaining. In fact, I helped it pass for our police and firefighters.

I understand that this may be

but, we cannot live in the past. Employee Choice would confidently create 22,000 additional new jobs and would produce \$20 million over the next biennium in new revenue without raising taxes.

In fact, if Kentucky had passed this legislation a decade ago, we would have an estimated \$565 million more in this biennium from income taxes alone.

Think what we could be doing with that for education, health care and pension programs, in addition to reducing taxes that would even further stimulate our economy.

My budget does not contain the language for Employee Choice, but, it does include the \$20 million awaiting us if you pass this legislation. With this money I fund one of the two additional instructional days for our students.

I hope you decide to give Kentuckians higher incomes and another day of school.

Part of "Get Competitive Kentucky" is an outstanding System of Safe Highways.

In the past two years, we embarked on near-record-funding for the safety and maintenance of our transportation infrastructure.

In this budget I recommend \$75 million in new highway bonds for counties and cities similar to last year's successful program and \$290 million in GARVEE bonds to help improve our interstate highways.

This budget includes an increase of \$98 million in funding for our existing highway system.

Kentucky has been long known for its outdoor sports. And our Department of Fish and Wildlife and other organizations have done an outstanding job restoring, what has become, the largest elk herd in the eastern United States.

To take advantage of this beautiful resource, I recommend taking \$3 million of multi-county coal severance funds to purchase easement rights for several thousand acres and build a viewing area to allow more people to enjoy these amazing animals. This will become a major tourist destination.

My last budgetary initiative for "Get Competitive Kentucky" is repeal of Prevailing Wage. Prevailing Wage law results in higher construction costs and fewer building projects including schools.

School buildings and university projects generally comprise a big share of the state's capital construction. In fact, I propose \$603 million for education projects. That's 64 percent of all budgeted capital construction.

The budget I submit to you has shown restraint in these projects and conforms to the 6 percent rule which has served us so well. But we want to get the most out of every dollar.

I believe the time for prevailing wage laws has come and gone. It makes every school building more expensive.

Just last year, Pike County school superintendent Frank Welch found that the prevailing wage law was a significant factor, among other issues, that drove up the cost of the Belfry High School from \$18 to \$32 million.

Simply passing my budget with this language will result in a savings of nearly \$60 million.

As part of "Get Healthy Kentucky," let me turn to one of the big three: Medicaid.

The current Medicaid program must be transformed into a 21st Century health delivery system. We have laid the framework for fundamental change.

Tonight, I am proud to announce that we have received initial federal approval for our comprehensive Medicaid reform, Kentucky Health Choices. I understand we are one of only three states to have received such approval.

This represents a major milestone as we move to modernize and enhance Medicaid.

With the total cost of Kentucky's Medicaid Program approaching \$5 billion, Kentucky Health Choices will represent the most significant change since Medicaid's inception.

Let me thank Secretary Birdwhistell and a wonderful health care team for their outstanding work. Because of you we have the best Medicaid modernization plan in the nation.

The goal of Kentucky Health Choices is twofold: To stretch

for Medicaid recipients, and to encourage recipients to become healthier by allowing them to play a greater role in their own health care decisions.

Additional General Funds for Medicaid Benefits include \$68 million in the current year, almost \$90 million in '07, and \$130 million in '08 to meet the needs of over 700,000 Kentuckians, largely children, elderly and persons with disabilities.

As we modernize Medicaid we have also added over \$114 million of federal and state funding for: Community living, alternatives for children program, mobile technology for protective services, mental health and mental retardation services, supported living, crisis stabilization support services, public health and services for the elderly.

The last of the big three is our pension requirements.

Like most public and private pensions, our retirement systems for teachers and state employees face funding challenges. The increasing cost of health care, the aging of our work force, the increasing costs of pension benefits, and the variability of investment returns, have all contributed to projected actuarial deficits.

The obligations to those who have served our state is not negotiable and this administration will meet those requirements. But these challenges did not arise overnight, and we cannot, at the expense of all other priorities and obligations, close the gap in one fell swoop.

My budget includes a significant increase in the employer contribution rate for the Kentucky Employee Retirement System.

I propose a 24 percent increase in the first year and a 10.9 percent increase in the second year. With these increases, we will raise the rate to the highest it has been since 1999.

The primary challenge faced by the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System is the increasing cost of health care. My budget proposal maintains the health insurance program for retirees, but necessarily relies on financing mechanisms that have been used in the past, but that are unsustainable in the long run. We must address this issue over time.

This funding ensures benefits through the next biennium.

After a successful 2006 transition to a self-funded plan the Commonwealth is now taking full advantage of a single administrator that is statewide with uniform coverage.

This step enables us to better manage the health coverage, delivery and continuity of care for our employees and their families. Only because we are self-funded are we able to maintain this level of coverage.

Let me commend Lieutenant Governor Pence for his leadership in corrections. Taxpayers are now paying almost 40 percent less for inmate health care without compromising care. That translates to more than \$49 million of expected recurring savings.

I recommend funding for an additional 109 probation and parole officers.

My budget includes an additional \$60 million to fund these and the addition expected inmates.

Full funding for Kentucky state troopers is essential to pub-

lic safety. At this point, KSP is only funded for 950 troopers, but authorized for 1,070. The fastest and most cost efficient way to effectively add troopers is to authorize overtime. The additional \$8.5 million dollars I recommend for KSP overtime will be equivalent to 50 more troopers protecting our communities.

Before I close, let me say I've learned a great deal these two years as Governor ... about life and about justice. Now, I have a greater appreciation for the rights of every individual.

With that new insight, I want to commend Mr. Ernie Lewis for his work as our public advocate and to let all those who defend those who can't defend themselves know that I have added an additional \$6.2 million for their work.

In closing, let me again recommend, with even more confidence, that we should substitute a cigarette assessment on tobacco companies for the declining payments of the Master Settlement Agreement. One, it will not risk our future payments. Two, it is not a tax increase. Three, it will provide an additional \$150 million each year that we have been sending to support the governments of other states.

With that additional money I will propose: \$45 million in small business tax cuts, \$40 million for post-secondary education, \$25 million for public employee and teacher retirement systems, \$19 million for teachers for another instructional day, \$10 million for the agricultural development fund, and additional money for debt service for projects.

In conclusion, I have outlined a budget that is efficient, responsible and progressive. It is efficient because by good management we have saved the tax payers about \$300 million dollars. It is responsible because we haven't made promises that we cannot keep. It preserves the rainy day fund. It keeps our capital expenditures under 6 percent of revenue and it gets the most for every tax dollar.


It is progressive because it brings Medicaid in line with 21st Century medicine. It builds the technological tools for a connected, seamless education. It attracts and retains quality educators. It creates a more business friendly Kentucky. It takes our largest city to a new level. And it will take us to a place where opportunities are larger, newer, brighter and more. It makes us more competitive and healthier.

As you begin your budgetary deliberations, let me again thank you for last year's remarkable legislative session. Because of that session we are here tonight with a Kentucky that is more prosperous.

Although we espouse many of the same goals, we will have our differences. Don't let those differences divide us. Let us work through our differences, let us forge a partnership between both chambers and the administration to pass a budget that will move Kentucky forward.

We cannot leave here without a budget. My door is always open to you for productive discussions. If we keep the door of productive communication open, we will leave this session together with a budget that will take us to a place called "opportunity."

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Cuts

because of their caseload, and not adequately fund prosecutors who handle all of the same cases and more," Turner said.

Turner said he believes the cuts are payback for Attorney General Greg Stumbo's investigation of the governor's office.

"In trying to stick it to Greg Stumbo, he's sticking it to all of us," Turner said.

One part of the proposed cuts targets the Victim's Advocacy Division of the Attorney General's office which prompted a strong response from Stumbo. In a press release

issued on Wednesday, Stumbo called the proposal "indefensible." He said that the Victim's Advocacy office protected the rights of crime victims who deserve "respect, dignity and compassion."

Kathy Lafferty, victim's advocate for Floyd County, pointed out that with the advent of internet-related crimes, the number of potential crime victims is on the rise and that the budget proposal will also cut funds to investigating Medicaid fraud, nursing home abuse and other crimes covered under the

Consumer Rights Division of the Attorney General's office.

"These cuts will most affect women, children and the elderly," Lafferty said.

Vicky Wise, who heads the Division of Victim Advocacy in Frankfort, reported that, "It's too soon to say how this will affect us, but we are already understaffed and there are responsibilities that we are required by law to provide." Wise said those responsibilities include acting as a go-between for victims of violent crime and the courts, as well as parole ser-

VICES.

Wise's office keeps victims of violent crimes informed through every step of the criminal law process, which includes notifying victims of parole hearings and keeping them updated on the status of appeals. Wise noted that her office served 12,433 victims of violent crimes in 2004. In 2005 the office served 16,202 clients, which does not include clients served in December that have yet to be tallied. Wise observed that the need for victim's services is on the rise and it may not be pru-

dent to anticipate any different for 2006.

Stumbo said in his release that Fletcher's proposals were ill-timed and poorly aimed. He attacked Fletcher's statement during the budget address Tuesday, when Fletcher said he

learned a lot about the rights of individuals during his first years in office.

"Apparently those rights do not extend to crime victims, consumers, rate payers, elder abuse victims and taxpayers," Stumbo said.

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said. "You can say what you want about that place, but it is a valuable asset to a community. People go there sometimes to raise hell, but they got to do it somewhere. It's also a place of the most profound charity, the most profound sort of Christianity, and where the humble people and the ragged people of the mountains can go and feel like a million dollars and be made to feel like they're millionaires."

In a ruling affirming a district court's decision last year, Pike County Judge Eddy Coleman relied on the testimony of a handwriting expert who said that the signature on Tackett's document was not Staton's. He also relied on testimony from an ink and paper specialist who testified that the ink on Tackett's document did not exist on the date that the document was allegedly signed.

Last November, special judge Susan Johnson, from Paintsville, granted the Staton heirs, represented by Pikeville attorney Joe Friend, a forcible detainer, allowing them to evict Tackett from the property. Webster appealed the decision. Calling the ruling "contrary" to law, he argued that the case, which has been tried in both district and circuit courts, should have been taken to a higher court. Webster claims that Tackett's long-term lease does not expire until March 20, 2009. He also says that Tackett tried to pay his rent on several occasions, but that the property owners refused to accept it. A forcible detainer, he argues, can only be enforced on tenants who refuse to leave after the lease expires.

"We tried to get around the 10-year period [a time limitation in probate cases] by claiming that Ms. Staton's family, or some of them, not all of them, knew about the will and concealed its existence," Webster said. "We kept being denied a trial on that issue. This case was appealed four times before the judge, who would never give us a trial. She [Johnson] then ruled that there was insufficient evidence that they concealed the evidence."

On Dec. 27, Friend filed a counter-statement of Webster's appeal, asking for the right to evict Tackett if he did not pay the delinquent payments before Dec. 30. Another motion by Friend earlier that month alleged that Webster is using the appeal to avoid the eviction.

In his response, Webster demanded the motion be overruled because a "proper forcible detainer" action has not been completed in the case.

Judge Steven Combs is currently considering both arguments, which were presented in court on Jan. 13.

Tackett claims he met Jennie Staton in the 1970s, when he first opened the Country Palace. At the time, he was living in an apartment above the business. He said he befriended and helped Jennie Staton, who later included him in her will.

"She was an old lady, a sweet old lady," Tackett said of "Grandma" Staton. "She had no TV, no phone, no car. I would go and take her to the store. I mowed her yard. We became really closely acquainted over the years."

In 1975, Tackett rented the

U.S. 23 property from Emmitt Lawson for \$1,400 a month, under the condition that he also pay Jennie Staton a \$400 monthly payment for another building on the property. The payment is now \$600 monthly, he said.

Tackett eventually purchased the lease from Lawson, under the condition that he also continue to pay Staton.

Tackett and Webster both claim that Staton included Tackett in her will, which they claim was stolen from her "footlocker" when she was visiting family members in Florida.

Tackett said he also befriended Staton's niece, Faith Sammons, and her husband, Rowland, and other Staton family members who have since died. He said that he gave one family member a \$17,000 check when her house caught on fire, and that she later informed him of another handwritten will in which Staton gave the property to Tackett upon her death. The handwritten will was the basis of his request to the court in 1993.

Tackett, informed of the the blockages to the club entrances while he was returning Tuesday from Nashville, where he was recording a new gospel album, said he has not been served with an eviction notice. No such notice was included in the file Thursday. Kentucky State Police Trooper Derick Sturgill, who responded to the call, recommended that Tackett get assistance from Pike County Sheriff Fuzzy Keese. Neither Sturgill or Keese were available for comment Thursday. The barricades remain on the premises.

"I don't want the problems," Tackett said. "I just want to find a place and move on."

Regardless of the outcome of the case, Tackett says he'll still be moving from the Pikeville location because his business has outgrown its location.

His "dream," realized last year when he lived at Thunder Ridge Racing Complex while working up to 16 hours a day to get the East Kentucky State Fair underway, is to bring not only his club there, but to include other types of attractions.

Tackett says he can bring a multi-county car auction to Thunder Ridge, utility sales (where school systems and mining, construction or other companies sell their equipment), camping, monthly horse shows, bike shows and "the biggest horse sale this part of the coun-

try has ever seen." He also mentioned his desire to bring a "Gospel in the Valley" event to Thunder Ridge.

Tackett says these activities would not interfere with entertainment currently provided at Thunder Ridge. He inquired about obtaining the property, but said he was told to wait because the owners are hoping to bring in slot machines for gambling.

He says he's still looking for other options.

"Have I done wrong by trying to do good?" he said. "Have I done wrong by never selling alcohol or by not tolerating drugs? I banned them from my place. I never wanted alcohol there. Never wanted any part of it. Then they started brownbagging it in."

When the business first opened in the 1970s, Tackett says it was a favorite spot for Christmas parties or political benefits for mining companies and politicians, like Gov. John Y. Brown, Gov. Louie Nunn and Gov. Paul Patton.

Over the years, artists like George Jones, Eddie Rabbit, Kenny Rogers, George Strait, Bill Monroe, Chubby Checker, Percy Sledge, Ralph Stanley and others have played there. The Country Palace, Tackett says, is where wrestling champion Randy Savage, also known as the Macho Man, began his career. Other artists like Ronnie Stone and Steve Richmond, both with Exile, and Joey Huffman, with Wild Cherry, began playing there.

"I've got the greatest story ever told in country music," he said.

One of 18 children, Tackett began playing music on the back of a 1956 Ford flatbed truck in a field in Myra, where his brothers kept horses. For 50 cents a head, Tackett said he drew in crowds every Friday and Saturday night. When the crowds grew, he said, and gravel was laid in the field as a dance floor, he started charging \$1 per head. Later that year, Tackett also played on a flatbed in front of a Dairy Queen restaurant, managed by his sister, on U.S. 23.

"It was fun. It was good. It was clean," he said. "On that back of that truck, I saw a vision. I saw where progress could be made. I didn't have enough money, but I had enough want to."

A friend, Bernie Smallwood, agreed to give Tackett lumber from his property to build a place to play. Tackett borrowed

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a logging truck, a chainsaw and a mule to harvest trees from the property. He then cut a deal with Greer's Lumber Yard, which sawed the trees into planks and kept half the lumber as payment. Tackett's first club, a barn, had a dirt floor and two outhouses. He sold a 1958 Cadillac and bought enough metal to finish the building. The club opened in 1971 and remained in business until 1973.

After spending about six months at a restaurant in Elkhorn, Tackett moved his club to Marrowbone and began doing charity shows in addition to his regular routine. His work there led him to his current location on U.S. 23.

This year, Tackett helped more than 8,000 families during his annual Christmas program. In addition to giving gifts and food to those who came to the Country Palace, Tackett and his employees handed out toys and food, hauled in tractor-trailers, to residents in Paintsville, Wheelwright and Maytown. Participants received 1,100 bushels of fruit, more than 20,000 cans of food, 400 bicycles (150 of which were donated by Ross Harris) and two tractor-trailer loads of toys. For many years, Tackett has donated furniture and other supplies to families who have lost homes to floods and fires.

Friend, who is not expected to return to his office until Monday, was unavailable for comment.

Guilty

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er case. In that case, the KSP responded to a call at Justice's home from his girlfriend's 8-year-old son, who claimed that Justice held his mother against the wall and choked her. The case was finally dismissed in March. Alcohol was reportedly a fac-

tor in both of the alleged disputes.

Mayor Thomasine Robinson would not comment.

City Attorney Stacy Marshall said he wasn't aware of any problems that Justice's plea could cause regarding his duties to the city council.

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In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner Services; Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eqt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truisty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon; Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

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

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.

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Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

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

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Craze Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wear -sday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

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PROVERBS 25:15



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Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Starville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley; Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bertrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Profit.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Santlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Mike Chamberlin, interim pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph Minister.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

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Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor. 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwilk, Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. a J. 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allan; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator; 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Alken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Darlene W. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwilk Equipment, Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.;

Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

Church of God of Prophecy, Sunday School 10 a.m., worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Night - 6 p.m., Wednesday Night - 6 p.m. Pastor Glenn Hayes. West Prestonsburg.

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Ladycats fall in 15th Region All 'A' first round

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne Ladycats, winners of three of the last four 15th Region All "A" Classic titles, hung around in their opening-round game against Shelby Valley Monday night. Betsy Layne, hosting the Girls' 15th Region All "A" Classic, trailed Shelby Valley by a single point at halftime and hung with the Lady Wildcats in the third period before the game was lost in

the final quarter. Shelby Valley outscored Betsy Layne 15-8 in the fourth quarter en route to a 62-48 win.

Shelby Valley's defensive pressure eventually caught up with the young Betsy Layne team.

Betsy Layne jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the opening quarter. The Lady Wildcats exited the first period with a slim 14-12 lead. Shelby Valley, after leading 28-29 at the end of the second quarter and outscoring Betsy Layne in the third period, put together a very productive fourth period.

er a very productive fourth period.

Sasha Stanley led Shelby Valley with 13 points. Kayla Cantrell added 11 points for the Lady Wildcats. A trio of Shelby Valley players closed in on double figures scoring. Laura Perkins had nine points for the winning team while Esther Fleming and Amber Perkins scored eight apiece.

The win allowed Shelby Valley – guided by second-year head coach Greg Napier – to move into the 15th Region All "A" Semifinals.

(See LADYCATS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell
The Betsy Layne Ladycat bench looked on during Monday's opening round game against Shelby Valley.

Basketball at its best

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It was the most amazing battle I've ever seen on a basketball court on any level.

The most famous one-on-one competitors to ever play basketball against each other are Magic Johnson and Larry Bird. They met in the NCAA championship game, then turned pro and it seems as if they played one another in every NBA Finals of the 1980s. They battled in college, in the pros, even in a relatively lame McDonald's commercial that was anything but "nothing but net."

If not them, who? Well, there's Bill Russell and Wilt Chamberlain. There's the current flop of a rivalry, LeBron James and Carmello Anthony. Then there's Michael and Clyde Drexler, and Charles Barkley, and Karl Malone, and ...

But none of them ever had a single game where all the stars aligned like the night Jeremy Hall of Allen Central and Todd Conley of

Elkhorn City hooked up in a monumental explosion that will always be the top mono a mono night I will ever see.

One scored 52. The other 46. One came in with the tournament record for three's in a game with six, the other passed him in the third period with seven, and then that was surpassed before the night was even through.

And all this was before a capacity crowd – think Gene Okerland screaming, "They're hanging from the rafters!" – at the T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium.

And it happened in the championship game of the 1994 15th Region All "A" Classic.

It was one of the proudest moments I've had to be at a state tournament

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15TH REGION ALL 'A' CLASSIC SEMIFINALS



photo by Jamie Howell
Paintsville senior Chelsea Jarrell went up for a rebound against a host of Allen Central players Wednesday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic Semifinals.

Lady Tigers top Allen Central, move to title game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Two teams punched tickets Wednesday night to the Girls' 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game. Allen Central, the lone Floyd County representative remaining after host Betsy Layne, South Floyd and Piarist were all ousted, took its fall Wednesday night. Paintsville used a 15-4 second quarter to catapult its way to a 52-41 win over the Lady Rebels. In the

other semifinals game, played earlier Wednesday night, Shelby Valley cruised past Sheldon Clark.

Laura Carroll scored 16 points and Kendra Carroll tossed in 11 to lead Paintsville past Allen Central and into the regional title game. Chelsea Jarrell added 10 points in Paintsville's semifinals victory. The Lady Tigers defeated Phelps 57-41 in the opening round.

Allen Central got out in front and

(See TIGERS, page two)

15TH REGION ALL "A" CLASSIC SCOREBOARD

Monday's games

Phelps 53, Pikeville 38
Sheldon Clark 71, South Floyd 51
Shelby Valley 62, Betsy Layne 48

Tuesday's games

Allen Central 60, Piarist School 47
Paintsville 57, Phelps 41
Wednesday's games
Shelby Valley 67, Sheldon Clark 53
Paintsville 52, Allen Central 41

Thursday's game

(Championship game)
Paintsville-Shelby V. (Score unavailable)

SC girls eliminate Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – South Floyd remained within striking distance of Sheldon Clark for one quarter Monday night. It was the second and third periods that hurt the Lady Raiders in their 15th Region All "A" Classic opening-round game against the Lady Cardinals. Sheldon Clark went into halftime with a 37-22 lead and outscored the Lady Cardinals 21-9 in the third period en route to a 71-51 opening-round win.

Renee Jude led Sheldon Clark in scoring with 18 points. Candice Preece and Brittany McCoy both had nine points apiece for the Lady Cardinals. Kristy Cornette and Jessica Kirk each had eight points for Sheldon Clark.

The Lady Cardinals held South Floyd to just three third-quarter field goals.

Sheldon Clark, a relative All "A" Classic newcomer, earned his first-ever All "A" Classic win.

(See CARDS, page two)



photo by Tim Blankenship
East Point angler Tee Watkins is in Clewiston, Fla. at Lake Okechobee fishing in his first Wal-Mart FLW Tour event as a professional angler.

Perry Central closes door on South Floyd in second OT

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd returned to its home hardwood inside Raider Arena Tuesday night following a disappointing 58th District loss to Prestonsburg. The Raiders shook off any doldrums from the 18-point loss to Prestonsburg early on, getting out to a 27-22 lead over the visiting Perry County Central Commodores, perennial contenders for the 14th Region title. South Floyd found things to be nip-and-tuck with the Commodores. The game couldn't be decided in regulation.

Nor could one overtime decide a winner. In two overtimes, Perry Central held on, winning 96-96 in what was one of the longest games of the season for either of the two Eastern Kentucky high school boys' basketball teams.

Tyler Bailey, a transfer from Hazard, led Perry County Central with a game-high 29 points. Robert Amis added 18 point for the Commodores. Perry Central featured four different players in double figures. Every Commodore who scored had six or more points.

The loss was South Floyd's sec-

(See CLOSURES, page two)



Betsy Layne High School senior Amanda Thacker signed Wednesday afternoon with Pikeville College. She plans to play both volleyball and softball at nearby Pikeville College. Pictured with the newest Lady Bear are (standing) BLHS principal Sean Ousley, parents Randy and Vanessa Hunter and Christina Crase (BLHS softball and volleyball coach, PC coach Robert Staggs is seated).

Crusaders turn back Betsy Layne

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The 2005-06 edition of the June Buchanan School boys' basketball has team has turned heads over the last two months. JBS rolled off its 13th win of the season Tuesday night, beating visiting Betsy Layne convincingly, 68-42.

Clark Stepp continued his high-scoring ways, leading June Buchanan with a game-high 24 points. Tate Cox, another talented guard for the Crusaders, followed with 17 points, giving June Buchanan two players in double figures.

June Buchanan led at the end of every quarter, outscoring the Bobcats in each of the

(See TURN, page three)

Bentley

representing our mountain region.

It was the tournament's first year. I was in Memorial Coliseum to cover Pikeville High School, winners of the regional battle, in the second, maybe third game of the day. For whatever reason - it's all Jason Blanton's fault - I got there entirely too early ... I thought.

I was there before 9. I was there when the very first game of the very first All "A" state tournament began. I suppose it could be a milestone event. Maybe that's why I got out of bed so early.

And then, it happened. Then I realized why I got up early, why I was there when the whole event started, why I'll never forget it.

The teams were introduced, the Anthem was sung, the players walked to center court ...

And Ancie Lee Casey stepped into the center circle and tossed the ball in the air.

It happened in the first ever All "A" Classic Sweet 16.

It was one of the most

remarkable nights I've ever spent watching one of my favorite people do what he did.

Look, I make no bones about it. I'm a writer, yes. I'm a columnist, yes. As such, I'm impartial ... sometimes. And when it comes to Jody Thompson, I've never pretended to be neutral. I was a fan when he played at Feds Creek, a fan at UK - heck, I was even a fan at Morehead State, and attended one of his "games" there - a fan at Pikeville College, and I'm a fan now.

That said, you'd think I wouldn't be surprised when it came to him doing the sensational. But even I was mildly shocked the night he made his only appearance in the tournament.

It was the first round of the first year of the event, and two of the favorites - Feds Creek and Pikeville - were matched up early. The crowd was, as the kids say, stoked. The arena packed. The night was magic.

And the star was equal to the task. Yes, Murray Garvin began

what would be a phenomenal tournament by leading the Panthers to the win, but Thompson put his stamp on the event, pouring in 39 points. It was a mark which stood as the single-game record until the aforementioned epic between Mrs. Conley and Hall.

And it happened - indeed, made this a "must-see" event - in the All "A" Classic.

What's the point?

The point is, we're in the midst of the regional All "A" Classic, with the women being played now at Betsy Layne and the guys taking up next week at Allen Central. And this week, moments like those mentioned above and hundreds of others will happen and you need to be there to see it.

During the regular season, it is easily the most exciting event of the basketball campaign and it's going on over the next nine days.

The All "A" Classic is - with apologies to my buddy Jim Frasure - without a doubt, a mountain classic.

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Turn

first three periods. Betsy Layne entered Tuesday night's game following an 0-2 outing in last week's WYMT Mountain Classic.

June Buchanan got off to the better start of the two teams, outscoring Betsy Layne 18-10 in the opening period. The Crusaders cruised into halftime with a 39-16 lead.

Justin Collins paced Betsy

Layne with a team-high 10 points. Collins was the only player to reach double figures for the Bobcats. Brandon Kidd, Brandon Thacker and Colbert Craft each had five points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne is next due back in action on Monday against Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

JUNE BUCHANAN 68,

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BETSY LAYNE 42
BETSY LAYNE (4-10) - Kidd 6, Thacker 5, Case 5, Stapleton 3, Klokocar 4, Craft 5, Roberts 4, Collins 10.

JUNE BUCHANAN (13-2) - Stepp 24, Cox 17, Collins 7, Huff 7, Howard 9, Conley 2, Childers 2.

Betsy Layne.....10 6 11 15-42
June Buchanan.....18 21 14 15-68

Tigers

left the first period with an 8-6 lead. Paintsville, however, did severe damage in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Rebels 15-4. Paintsville wrapped up the game on a solid note in the fourth period, outscoring Allen Central 15-12.

Allen Central, which defeated the Piarist School 60-47 Tuesday night, outscored Paintsville in both the first and third quarters.

Sara Johnson led Allen Central with a team-high 13 points. Senior Alanna Cline, one of the Lady Rebels playing in her final 15th Region All "A" Classic tournament, added 10 points.

Shelby Valley 67, Sheldon Clark 53:

Esther Fleming and Sally Roberts each had 18 points and Laura Perkins pushed in 11 to lead Shelby Valley past Sheldon Clark.

Sheldon Clark led Shelby Valley 36-21 at halftime, but the second half saw the Lady Cardinals falter. Shelby Valley held Sheldon Clark under 10 in both the third and fourth periods.

Kayla Cantrell and Sasha Stanley scored nine points apiece for the Lady Wildcats.

Shelby Valley, as was the case in its opening round game against host Betsy Layne, turned up its defensive pressure in the second half.

Results from last night's

Paintsville-Shelby Valley title game were unavailable at press time.

FROM TUESDAY: Allen Central 60, Piarist 47: Alanna Cline dumped in 12 points to lead Allen Central past Floyd County rival Piarist.

Mara Biliter and Amanda

Thacker had 11 points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Amanda Mills had eight points for Allen Central.

Marie Dennison and Beth Tackett led Piarist with 14 points apiece. Stephanie Williams chipped in 12 points for the Lady Knights.

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15TH REGION ALL "A" CLASSIC AT BETSY LAYNE

(SEMIFINALS)

SHELBY VALLEY 67, SHELDON CLARK 53

SHELBY VALLEY - Cantrell 9, Fleming 18, Stanley 9, Roberts 18, L. Perkins 11, A. Perkins 2

SHELDON CLARK - Sumpter 10, Jude 13, Preece 2, Allen 12, Corbett 2, McCoy 12, Kirk 2

Shelby Valley.....8 13 18 28-67
Sheldon Clark.....9 27 9 8-53

PAINTSVILLE 52, ALLEN CENTRAL 41

PAINTSVILLE (11-4) - K. Carroll 11, Russell 2, Jarrell 10, L. Carroll 16, Adams 4, Blair 3, Vanhoose 6

ALLEN CENTRAL (3-13) - Biliter 9, Mills 3, Dingus 6, Johnson 13, Cline 10

Paintsville.....6 15 16 15-52
Allen Central.....8 4 17 12-41

Tuesday's Game: ALLEN CENTRAL 60, PIARIST 47

ALLEN CENTRAL - M. Biliter 11, Mills 8, Dingus 6, Johnson 2, Cline 12, Thacker 11, Mullins 2, Jones 6, Shepherd 2.

PIARIST - Williams 12, Hackworth 7, Dennison 14, Tackett 14, Carty.

Allen Central.....19 22 15 4-60
Piarist.....8 12 10 17-47

ATHLETES

OF THE WEEK



Julianne Frye,
Prestonsburg
High School
Girls' Basketball



Brooks Herrick,
Prestonsburg
High School
Boys' Basketball

Ladycats

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nals and a game against 57th District member Sheldon Clark.

Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Kaitlin Lawson also worked her way into double figures for Betsy Layne, finishing with 12 points. Krista Flanery just missed double figures for the defending 15th Region champion, scoring nine points.

For Betsy Layne, Candice Meade, the lone returning starter from last season's 15th Region championship team, added six points and Whitney Tackett scored five.

The Ladycats, after winning three straight 15th Region All "A" titles, finished runner-up to Pikeville in last season's championship game.

SHELBY VALLEY 62, BETSY LAYNE 48

SHELBY VALLEY - Stanley 14, Cantrell 11, Perkins 9, Fleming 8, Perkins 8, Varney 2.

BETSY LAYNE - Hamilton 16, Lawson 12, Flanery 9, Meade 6, Whitney Tackett 5.

Shelby Valley.....12 17 16 15-62
Betsy Layne.....14 14 12 8-48

Closes

ond straight. South Floyd, however, has won four of its last six games.

South Floyd played its best basketball in the first and third quarters, outscoring Perry Central in each of the two periods.

The Commodores entered halftime with a 43-39 lead.

Ryan Johnson led South Floyd with a team-high 25 points. South Floyd also had four different players reach dou-

ble figures in the scoring department. Mason Hall and Ryan Little each had 22 points for the Raiders while Ethan Johnson added 15. Justin Slone scored eight points and T.J. Hall tossed in two for the host team.

South Floyd is scheduled to travel to East Ridge tonight for a game against the Warriors. Tip-off for the South Floyd-East Ridge game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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PERRY CO. CENTRAL 96, SOUTH FLOYD 94 (2OT)

PERRY COUNTY CENTRAL (12-3) - Watts 6, J. Amis 8, Bailey 29, Brashear 12, R. Amis 18, Campbell 9, Stacy 14.

SOUTH FLOYD (8-9) - M. Hall 22, E. Johnson 15, T. Hall 2, R. Johnson 25, Slone 8, Little 22.

Perry Central.....22 21 17 24 5 7-96
South Floyd.....27 12 21 24 5 5-94

Cards

South Floyd junior center Heather Dean held her own in the All "A" Classic tournament game, finishing the game with a double-double of 18 points and 17 rebounds. Dean was the only South Floyd player to reach double figures - scoring or rebounding. Danielle Tackett

and Ashley Castle each had six points for the Lady Raiders. Vanessa Skeens and Lindsey Dye added five points apiece for South Floyd.

Sheldon Clark finished nine-of-15 from the free throw line. The Lady Cardinals also knocked down 28 field goals.

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SHELDON CLARK 71, SOUTH FLOYD 51

SHELDON CLARK - Allen 4, Sumpter 7, Jude 18, Preece 9, Cornette 8, McCoy 9, Dalton 1, Kirk 8, Harless 7.

SOUTH FLOYD - D. Tackett 6, Hall 2, Little 1, Dean 18, J. Tackett 2, Skeens 5, Tuttle 4, Damron 2, Dye 5, Castle 6.

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photo courtesy of the Piarist School

The Piarist School boys' basketball team will open the 15th Region All "A" Classic Monday night at Allen Central in a game against the David School.



photo by Jamie Howell

Candice Meade, the lone returning starter for Betsy Layne from last season's 15th Region championship team, looked for the basketball during Monday's 15th Region All "A" Classic game versus Shelby Valley.

Wesley sweeps John M. Stumbo

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - Wesley Christian took three games from John M. Stumbo Tuesday night. Wesley won in A-, B- and C-team games.
C-TEAM: Wesley 21, John M. Stumbo 18; Dylan Meade pumped in a game-high 13 points and Jarrin Hall added six to lead Wesley past John M. Stumbo in the C-team boys' basketball game. Chase Collins

had two points and Dalton Meade connected on a lone free throw.
B-TEAM: Wesley 28, John M. Stumbo 19; Brandon Jarrell was the leader for Wesley in the B-team game, tossing in 10 points and leading all scorers. Kannon Newsome followed with four points for Wesley. In other Wesley scoring, Chase Collins and Dalton Meade scored three points apiece and

Jarrin Hall, Dylan Meade, Aaron Newsome and Presley Jones all had two.
A-TEAM: In what was a shootout, Cameron Tincer connected for 18 points and Dylan Meade scored 11 as Wesley outlasted John M. Stumbo 52-42 in the A-team game.
Bryan Stratton added six points, Brandon Jarrell scored five and Aaron Newsome had four to aid in the Wesley victory.

A-TEAM: Adams 33, Lawrence County 28

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - Austin McKinney tossed in a game-high 18 points as the Adams Middle School boys' basketball team held off Lawrence County Wednesday night.
Michael Burchett added seven points for the Blackcats. Sherman Hackworth had four points, Anthony Hallim three and Tyler Hall two for the Adams A-team.
Adams led its Lawrence County opponent at the end of

every quarter in the A-team game.
The Adams Middle School B- and C-teams each came up short Wednesday evening, losing at home to visiting Lawrence County.
B-TEAM - Lawrence County 36, Adams 32; Wade Skaggs scored a game-high 19 points to lead Lawrence County past Adams.
Jaden Spurlock led the Adams B-team with 10 points. Wil Allen scored seven points and Caleb Pety six for the host

Blackcats.
Warren Blackburn flipped in six points for Adams. Nate Fralley and C.C. Thompson rounded out the Blackcat scoring with three and two points, respectively.
C-TEAM - Lawrence County 25, Adams 11; Tyler Combs scored a game-high 12 points as visiting Lawrence County beat Adams in the C-team game.
Tyler Shelton led Adams with seven points. Wes Robinson and Blake Goble each had two points for the Blackcat C-team.

Hawks push past Valley in OT

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Pike County rivals Pike County Central and Shelby Valley settled things in overtime late Tuesday night. After falling behind early on, Pike Central rallied and got back into the game, eventually forcing the contest into an overtime session. In overtime, Pike Central outscored Shelby Valley 18-11 on its way to a 98-91 win.
Brad Lowe paced host Pike Central with a game-high 34 points. Pike Central had plenty of players to step up in the overtime win. Tyler Hamilton added 21 points for the winning team while David Hess had 14, Eric Slone and Brad Ratliff each had 12 points for the Hawks.
Jacob Bryant led defending 15th Region champion Shelby Valley with 18 points. Cade

Riddle and Jeremy Jackson added 17 points apiece for the Wildcats. Mitch Riddle added nine points and Logan Bryant eight for the Wildcats.
Shelby Valley led 48-33 at the half. Pike Central began its comeback in the third quarter, outscoring the Wildcats 29-16.
PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 98, SHELBY VALLEY 91 (OT)
SHELBY VALLEY (8-7) - M. Riddle 9, C. Riddle 17, Jackson 17, J. Bryant 18, L. Bryant 8, Johnson 4, Thomas 2, Wright 2, J. Justice 8, E. Justice 6.
PIKE CO. CENTRAL (12-4) - Lowe 34, Hess 14, Hamilton 21, C. Slone 3, E. Slone 12, Varney 2, Ratliff 12.
Shelby Valley.....29 19 16 16 11-91
Pike County Central.....17 16 29 18 18-98

Golden Eagles take first meeting versus rival Paintsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE - The slump that started in last week's WYMT Mountain Classic continued Tuesday night for the Paintsville Tigers. Paintsville hosted archrival Johnson Central. Each of the two 57th District teams had their moments in the pivotal district game, but Johnson Central had the final say. Paintsville, which led 33-31 at halftime, got outscored in each of the second-half quarters as Johnson Central eased away with a 62-58 victory in first-year head coach Mark Starnes' first game against Paintsville.
Senior Kyle Rice led Johnson Central with a game-high

22 points. Johnson Central also got 12 points from Jamie McCarty and 10 out of Ryan Fannin. The balanced Johnson Central scoring attack also featured Tyler Whitaker and Sean Music with six points apiece.
Johnson Central took a 17-14 lead out of the first period before the Tigers jumped out ahead in the second quarter and went into halftime out in front. The Golden Eagles regained an advantage in the third period, outscoring Paintsville 19-14.
Shane Grimm led Paintsville with 21 points. Landon Slone followed with 13 points for the Tigers. Daniel Pugh flipped in nine points and Kevin Williams seven as Paintsville dropped its

third straight game.
Jesse Meek and Justin Blanton rounded out the Johnson Central scoring with four and two points, respectively.
The game's outcome left each team with identical 11-6 records.
JOHNSON CENTRAL 62, PAINTSVILLE 58
JOHNSON CENTRAL (11-6) - Whitaker 6, McCarty 12, Blanton 2, Fannin 10, Meek 4, Music 6, Rice 22.
PAINTSVILLE (11-6) - Williams 7, Pugh 9, Grimm 21, VanHoose 4, Slone 13, Bundy 4.
Johnson Central.....17 14 19 12-62
Paintsville.....14 19 14 11-58

Letton takes over Lexington Catholic football program

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - The man who led Prestonsburg High School to a 14-1 record and a Class 2A state runner-up finish in 1993 is back at the helm of a high school football program. Bill Letton, who guided the Blackcats to a near undefeated season in 1993, a campaign that ended in heartbreak with a narrow loss to Mayfield in the state title game, got the nod

Tuesday afternoon when he was tabbed to take over the Lexington Catholic High School football program. Letton, who served as Lexington Catholic defensive coordinator this season, takes over for Bob Spire, who is leaving the Kentucky Class 3A school to take over a Class 5A football program, North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga.
Letton served as Prestonsburg head coach for eight seasons before moving to Paris

Independent. He coached at Paris for one season before becoming the head coach at Montgomery County. The former Blackcat coach has been an assistant coach at Lexington Catholic the last three seasons. Before that, he spent 15 years as a head coach at the three different high schools.
This past season, Lexington Catholic won the Class 3A state championship.
Letton's career record as a head coach is 84-86.

ACHS HOMECOMING

Summer Moore, Freshman

Brandi Robinson, Sophomore

Brittney Waugh, Junior

Mara Bilter, Senior

Alanna Cline, Senior

Jessica Davis, Senior

Kara Greer, Senior

Yumekia Hunter, Senior

Ashley Madden, Senior

Amy Wallen, Senior

Allen Central High School 2006 Basketball Homecoming is scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. inside J.E. Campbell Arena.



photos by Jamie Howell
ALL "A" SEMIS... Left: Allen Central senior Alanna Cline (15) surveyed the Paintsville defense Thursday night in the 15th Region All "A" Semifinals.
Below: The Allen Central coaching staff talked with players during a timeout Wednesday night in the semifinals game against Paintsville



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Kentucky 69, Georgia 55

by PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — Kentucky hopes this will be the turning point, the night where the Wildcats started looking like Big Blue again.



Randolph Morris

Randolph Morris scored 14 points in his return home Tuesday and Kentucky pulled away in the second half for a 69-55 victory over Georgia, keeping the Wildcats from their first four-game losing streak since 1989.

Coach Tubby Smith was so concerned about his team's state of mind after three straight defeats — the last two at Rupp Arena to Southeastern Conference foes — that he brought in a sports psychologist before the game.

"When you're struggling to win games, you're looking for all sorts of answers," Smith said. "We wanted to get things out in the open as a team. Some-

times, you need someone to let you know that you are good."

The Wildcats (11-6, 1-2 SEC) fell behind 18-8 before the game was 7 minutes old, but they quickly rebounded against the Bulldogs (11-6, 1-3).

A 10-0 spurt wiped out the early deficit, and Kentucky was up 35-32 at halftime. Georgia scored the first two baskets of the second half for its final lead.

The Wildcats shot 56 percent from the field — a huge improvement over the 34 percent they managed in the previous three games. A big key was their work on the boards, a 41-23 edge that included 14 rebounds at the offensive end.

"I definitely think this can be the turning point," said Ramel Bradley, who added 13 points. "We know we can build on this. If we play together, play defense the way we did tonight, we're going to win a lot more games."

Georgia coach Dennis Felton shook his head when he looked at the rebounding column on the stat sheet. Kentucky had 18 second-chance points, the Bulldogs managed only five.

"Their shooting percentage has a lot to do with offensive rebounds," Felton said. "When you're getting second shots, the vast majority are going to go in. Those are the hardest ones to defend."

Kentucky also showed some much-needed feistiness. When Ravi Moss got tangled up in the corner with Younes Idrissi, Bradley stepped in to give the Georgia player a shove, drawing a technical.

"I felt like the guy threw an elbow in Ravi's face," Bradley said. "I wanted to show my teammate that I had his back."

The Wildcats went ahead for good on Morris' basket with 16:11 remaining, the first of eight straight points that ended with Rajan Rondo's thunderous dunk off a fast-break pass from Patrick Sparks.

Morris, a native of nearby Atlanta, went 7-of-10 from the field, taking advantage of his

size edge on the inside. He was rooted on by family and friends, including Atlanta Hawks forward Josh Smith.

"It's always fun when you've got people cheering for you," said Morris, who sat out Kentucky's first 14 games as punishment for his aborted attempt to follow Smith into the pros. "Coming here is always a good thing."

Sparks got his season back on track as well. The senior guard had been mired in an awful slump, managing only 14 points in the last six games, but he scored 12 against the Bulldogs — all in the second half.

Rondo also scored 12 points. Georgia's final hurrah was provided by Billy Humphrey. He swished a 3-pointer, then came up with a steal and drove the other way for a dunk of his own to pull the Bulldogs to 50-46. But the freshman guard got a little too exuberant, hanging on the rim while he pumped a fist.

Humphrey was called for a technical, and Sparks made both free throws at the other end. Kentucky kept the ball and scored again on Bradley's drive.

After Georgia's Rashaad Singleton threw up an airball on a hook, Kentucky took off running again. Sparks threw a pass between his legs to Bradley, who returned the ball to Sparks for a short jumper along the baseline that pushed Kentucky to a 56-46 lead.

Georgia never got closer than eight the rest of the way. The Wildcats pushed the lead to as many as 17 points in the closing minutes, looking like the Kentucky of old.

The Bulldogs, who shot only 36 percent, were led by Mike Mercer with 15 points, Humphrey and Sundiata Gaines added 13 apiece.

Georgia couldn't have picked a worse time to face Kentucky, which had not started 0-3 in the SEC since 1975-76.

"We certainly played them when they had the greatest sense of urgency they can have," Felton said. "We expected that. It came as no surprise."

KENTUCKY 69, GEORGIA 55
KENTUCKY (11-6): Rondo 6-9 0-1 12, Sparks 4-6 2-4 12, Thomas 1-3 2-2 4, Crawford 2-

5 0-1 4, Morris 7-10 0-1 14, Stockton 0-0 0-0 0, Moss 2-3 0-0 6, Bradley 5-10 2-3 13, Obrzut 0-0 0-0 0, LeMaster 0-1 0-0 0, Perry 1-3 2-2 4, Alleyne 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Carter 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-50 8-14 69.

GEORGIA (11-6)
Gaines 4-8 4-6 13, Stukes 2-7 2-2 7, Toney 2-9 1-2 5, Woodbury 0-3 0-0 0, Bliss 0-1 0-1 0, Idrissi 0-2 0-0 0, Brophy 0-1 0-0 0, McAuley 0-0 0-0 0, Aguilar 0-1 0-0 0, Newman 0-1 0-0 0, Bullock 1-1 0-0 2, Humphrey 4-7 2-2 13, Mercer 6-12 1-1 15, Greavu 0-0 0-0 0, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-53 10-14 55.

Halftime—Kentucky 35-32. 3-Point Goals—Kentucky 5-17 (Sparks 2-3, Moss 2-3, Bradley 1-4, LeMaster 0-1, Perry 0-2, Rondo 0-2, Crawford 0-2), Georgia 7-24 (Humphrey 3-5, Mercer 2-5, Gaines 1-3, Stukes 1-5, Newman 0-1, Brophy 0-1, Toney 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Kentucky 41 (Thomas 7), Georgia 23 (Mercer, Stukes, Toney 3). Assists—Kentucky 17 (Rondo 7), Georgia 10 (Gaines 4). Total Fouls—Kentucky 17, Georgia 18. A-10,027.

BIG EAST BATTLE: St. John's 68, No. 17 Louisville 56

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Things have been tough around the St. John's basketball program the last two seasons: a total of 15 wins, a coach fired six games into the season, self-probation for NCAA violations, players dismissed after an incident following a curfew-breaking trip to a strip club in Pittsburgh.

It wasn't surprising that Darryl Hill was asked after Tuesday night's 68-56 victory over No. 17 Louisville at Madison Square Garden about how big a win it was for the program.

"St. John's is supposed to be here," he said of enjoying a win over a ranked team. "It feels great right now to finally get a chance to beat a great team."

Eugene Lawrence matched his career high with 18 points and St. John's shook off a horrid first half to beat the Cardinals, who were playing without leading scorer Taquan Dean, who sat out with an ankle injury.

There was nothing that was going to dampen second-year coach Norm Roberts' feeling about this victory.

"It's a huge win for our program," he said. "But we have to take this and learn from it just as we have learned from our losses. If we can have the same focus we did this week in practice and in this game, we have a chance to compete with anybody in the country."

Lawrence scored the Red Storm's first 12 points of the game and he had 14 at halftime as the Cardinals took a 32-28

lead despite St. John's shooting just 25 percent (5-for-20).

The Red Storm (9-6, 2-2 Big East) didn't need much from Lawrence in the second half as the other starters began to hit shots. St. John's made eight of its first 13 shots in the second half, outscoring Louisville (13-4, 1-3) 19-7 to take a 47-39 lead with 11:07 to play.

"We were patient and we got the ball inside and the guys were setting their feet when they shot," Roberts said. "We have to remember we didn't do anything out of the ordinary. We made shots in our rhythm. We rebounded like we're supposed to. We defended like we do in practice every day. If we continue to do those things and improve we are going to have success."

Louisville, which lost for the third time in five games, couldn't get any offense going in the second half, especially without Dean, who missed his second of three games with an ankle injury.

St. John's extended the lead to as much as 64-48 with 3:33 to go on a layup by Lawrence.

"None of these guys have been prime-time players with the exception of Taquan," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said of his team that has two sophomores and five freshmen in the rotation in its first season in the Big East. "It is a whole new team and it is going to take time to nurture this team."

"We may have survived a little bit if we were in Conference USA with this team, but surviving in the Big East is another story. You have to grow up in a hurry. We are just not physically talented with out experi-

ence and youth."

Lamont Hamilton had 15 points for St. John's, including a 3-pointer and a three-point play in the 10-3 run that made it 47-39.

Anthony Mason Jr. had 14 points and 11 rebounds for St. John's, while Hill, playing his second game after missing four with a knee injury, had nine points and 10 rebounds.

St. John's, which leads the Big East in points allowed at 56.7 per game, outrebounded Louisville 41-26 and held the Cardinals 17 points below their average.

"We have to toughen up. That is one of the reasons we are not rebounding that well," Pitino said. "We just don't have a strong frontcourt from a rebounding standpoint."

Juan Palacios, Brandon Jenkins and Andre McGee each had 13 points for Louisville, which went 14-for-24 from the free throw line, 10-for-20 in the second half, including missing its first six attempts.

Mason had 12 of his 14 points in the second half, including a 3-pointer and a put-back. The Red Storm made four of their first six shots to shake off the terrible first half of shooting when Lawrence went 3-for-5 and the rest of the team was 2-for-15.

The starters scored all but two of the Red Storm's points for the game and St. John's finished 6-for-13 from 3-point range after entering the game shooting 25.4 percent from beyond the arc.

Pitino didn't want to take anything away from St. John's for the win, but he did want people to

understand where his team is.

"Any win in the Big East is a big win," he said. "I will say this to you, 'Don't get carried away with beating Louisville.' Any win in the Big East is great, but I wouldn't use it as a barometer. We were never a Top 20 team. I never understood it. In this game, experience wins."

Dean, who averages 15.1 points, missed the UC Davis game with the ankle injury. He played Sunday in the loss to Pittsburgh but had two points in 12 minutes as he was visibly hampered by the injury.

Four WVU men's basketball games sold out

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MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Four upcoming West Virginia University men's basketball games are sold out as the No. 12 Mountaineers are off to their best start ever in the Big East.

No more tickets are available for the Feb. 1 game against Notre Dame, the Feb. 4 contest against Cincinnati, the Feb. 25 matchup with Louisville or the Feb. 27 Pitt game, WVU ticket manager Debby Travinski said Wednesday.

West Virginia won its 11th straight game Tuesday night with a 64-48 victory over Providence. It is the longest streak since West Virginia won 22 in a row during the 1988-1989 season.

West Virginia (13-3, 5-0 Big East) next plays Saturday at No. 18 UCLA.

Western Kentucky signs Elson to contract extension

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky signed head football coach David Elson to an eight-year contract extension on Wednesday, meaning he would stay with the Division I-AA Hilltoppers through the 2012 season.

Elson's annual base salary will be \$130,000, with incremental bonuses if he leads the Hilltoppers to the postseason, the school said in a written statement. The contract also includes a \$500,000 buyout if Elson is terminated or accepts another head coaching position, the school said.

The 34-year-old Elson is 24-12 in three seasons with the Hilltoppers, who went 6-5 in

2005 and finished tied for second in the Gateway Conference.

In 2004 Elson was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, given to the top coach in I-AA. The Hilltoppers have qualified for the I-AA playoffs in two of Elson's three seasons.

"The WKU football program could not be under better care and guidance than what we are currently receiving," said Western Kentucky athletic director Wood Selig. "We want to maintain the all-important program continuity at WKU."

Elson has been a member of Western's staff since 1996. He served as secondary coach from 1996-2000 before being promoted to defensive coordinator in 2001. He replaced Jack Harbaugh as head coach in March 2003.

Bears knock off rival Alice Lloyd 81-74

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Even in what can be described as a down year, even with a mid-season coaching change, even with 10 brutal games in the Mid-South conference staring them in the face, the Pikeville College Bears came out Monday night with something to prove.

A late-November loss to their biggest rival, the Eagles of Alice Lloyd College, was unacceptable.

On Monday night, the Bears placed all five starters in double figures and got a double-double from senior Chris Carroll en route to an 81-74 win over Alice Lloyd.

Carroll, a 6-8 center from Williamson, W.Va., flipped in 10 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and had three assists in the win.

The Bears had ample opportunity to win the game easily but struggled mightily from the free throw line. They hit only 22-of-42 (52.4 percent) from the stripe, and only senior Emanuel Tekie, who hit 6-of-8, was above 30 percent for the game.

Junior forward Ben Valentine had a pair of early baskets on

Pikeville built an 8-1 lead with 17:17 left, but it would probe to be the biggest lead of the first half. Alice Lloyd battled back to tie the game at 13 on a basket by forward Rodney Mitchell.

Pikeville led the rest of the half, with the edge bouncing between one and seven, and took a 38-34 advantage to the locker room.

The Bears led 48-42 after a three-point play by freshman Corey Hairston with 15:14 to play, but scored eight straight to lead 56-42 at the 13-minute mark. The lead built to 17 at 9:54 and 19 (69-50) after consecutive baskets by Valentine with 6:19 to play.

From there, however, the Eagles began their comeback. They posted 11 straight points to close to within eight (69-61), and were as close as six (70-64) after another three-point play by Hairston with 3:05 remaining.

But from there, the Bears made enough free throws to slow the tide, building the lead back to 11 twice before settling for the seven-point win.

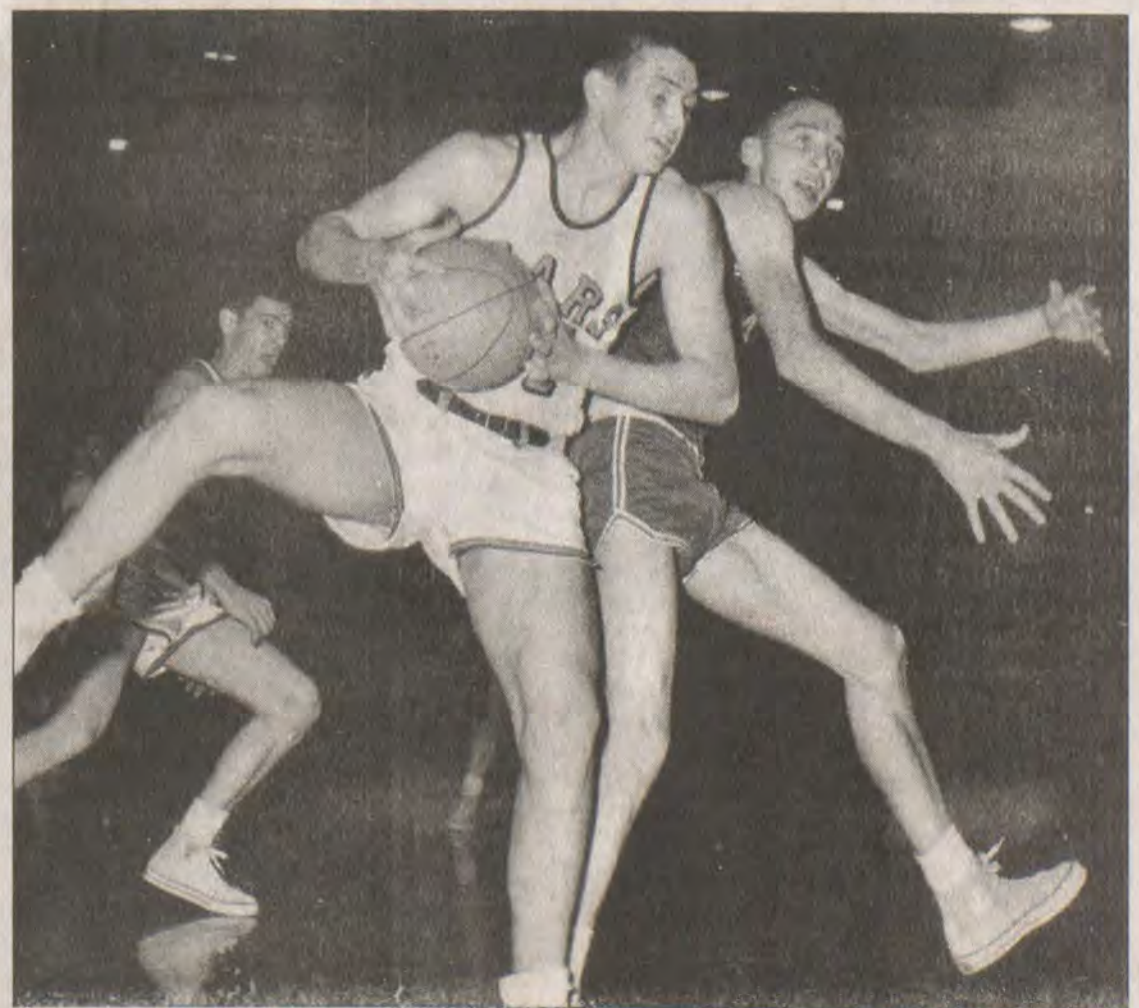
Carroll was named in double

figures by Tekie, who had 16 and four assists. Marcus Jones added 14, while Kurtis Ellison and Valentine had 13 apiece. Junior guard Kyle Morris came off the bench to hand out 10 assists to go with five points and three steals.

Alice Lloyd also had five reach double figures, led by Hairston's 16 and eight rebounds. Williams Dillard and Shawn Newsome tossed in 12 apiece, while K.J. Waterman and Brent Prichard had 10 each. Waterman, who had five rebounds, led the Eagles with five assists.

Pikeville (8-12) is now 3-3 under interim head coach Dale Brown. The entire remaining schedule is the 10-game round-robin of the Mid-South Conference, which begins Saturday when Lambuth University comes to call.

That game is the first of four to be played at the East Kentucky Expo Center in downtown Pikeville in anticipation of the MSC tournament being held there March 2-4. The game is the last half of a doubleheader, which begins at 2 p.m.



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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT NO. 836-0300 INCREMENT NOS. 2, 5, 8, 10, 19 & 20

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-0300, Increment Nos. 2, 5, 8, 10, 19 & 20, which was last issued on 11/22/05. The application covers an area of approximately 849.28 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37°30'45". The longitude is 82°53'57".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$23,200.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$23,200 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$55,100.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$55,100.00 is included in the application for release.

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The bond now in effect for Increment No. 20 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$67,200.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$67,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 27, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 28, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 27, 2006.

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

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, of Floyd County. The amendment will add 138.06 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 335.62

acres, of which 227.38 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 830.76 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Walker Tackett, et al., Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Maggie Hamilton, Carmel and Marie Clark, Anthony and LuAnn Tackett, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard and Stephanie Hamilton and Ryan and Brittany Hamilton, Arnold Turner Jr., et al., and Keithley Enterprises, Inc. The amendment will underlie land owned by Roger and Shirley Paige, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Maggie Hamilton, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., Arnold Turner Jr., et al., and Keithley Enterprises Inc.

The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface and auger coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 898-4138 AMENDMENT NO. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground

coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance area and 163.57 acres of underground acreage, making a total area of 2,208.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. No surface area will be disturbed by the amendment. The operation will underlie land owned by Appalachian Land Company, Vernon K. and Ray Stone, Alma Land Company, Casey and Dakota Newsome Heirs, Eliza Jane Rogers Estate, Louise Spears, Ansel Hall, Elmer Hall, Edward Hall, Verniece H. Akers, Walter and Oma Keathley, and Ray and Kelly Stone.

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

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ments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from KY 2029's junction with KY 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will underlie land owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, Dallas Sparkman.

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

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ments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.5 miles northwest of Hueysville, in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 22.7 acres of surface disturbance, and will add an additional

12.1 underground acres, making the total area within the permit boundary, 485.0 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.8 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Saltlick Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix and Knott Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Land Company, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100

feet of public road KY 7. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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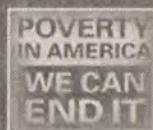
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THROUGH MY EYES

Taking note

The past couple of weeks I've been wondering why I've been feeling so tired. Of course, a lot has been going on at home, deadlines are always looming, and life these days is just plain hectic. But, then I happened upon this little email offering from new Floyd County-Gailanne Upton and a light bulb went on in my head. Aha! Once again, it's just called "being a mom."



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

I'm sharing with you today, in dedication to my mom and yours:

"Why I love my Mom..."

Mom and Dad were watching TV when Mom said, "I'm tired, and it's getting late. I think I'll go to bed."

Instead, she went to the kitchen to make sandwiches for

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POSTSCRIPT

Parenting

Somewhere in my youth I decided I would have six children. I'm not sure where that figure came from. Maybe it had to do with my being an only child and being so close to my aunt and uncle and their six children. I know I had no idea what an awesome responsibility that would be.

It did not come to pass, for a variety of reasons and perhaps for the best.

One thing that has always baffled me, though, is how anyone can take parenthood lightly.

Some people, obviously, have children unintentionally. Passion or pressure or whatever results in unwanted pregnancy, and then they figure they're stuck with the kid. Sadly, some go on to repeat what they consider a mistake over and over.

Others, I think, have children to ensure that someone will love them. If they don't feel loved by



Pam Shingler
contributing writer

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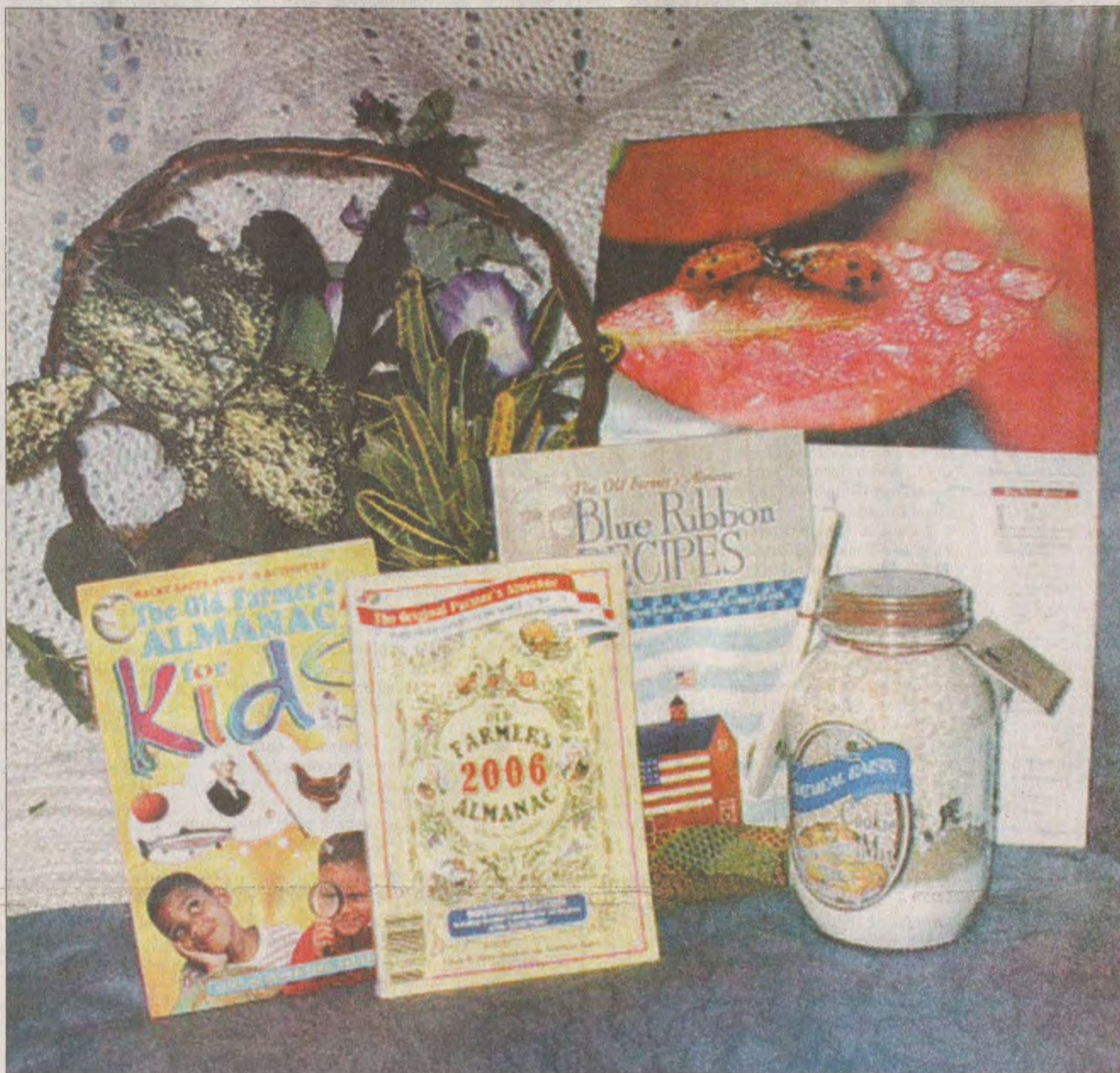


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by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The holidays are past, it's cold outside, spring is a ways off yet, and what's a person to do in the meantime? Well, for one, try picking up a copy of the 2006 Old Farmer's Almanac to ease the boredom for a spell.

Inside its pages you'll find the coming year's weather predictions (derived from a "secret formula" devised in 1792 by founder Robert B. Thomas, who believed that Earth's weather was influenced by sunspots), year 'round gardening tips (including how to grow peaches in patio containers), an article on favored toys that have kept their appeal throughout the years (Mr. Potato Head is one), an outdoors essay on "kitty's new worst enemy," the fisher (reintroduced into the Northeast region and with a penchant for kitty cat "filet-of-feline"), home garden canning tips and guides, recipes for concocting your own homemade beauty products using produce from your

own backyard, a guide to the symbolic meanings of herbs, flowers, and trees, and much, much more.

Say the kids are getting a little bored, as well? Hand them a copy of The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids and watch them become engrossed in learning about "Our Mysterious, Majestic Moon," the aurora borealis, tips on how to find their way in the wilderness without using a compass (daytime and night), odd, but interesting, facts about lightning, hail, humidity and other weather-related facts, why an egg's yolk is yellow, why "Jim the Wonder Dog" was such a wonder, and how it felt to be a "human lightning rod" as related by Roy C. Sullivan, a park ranger from Virginia's Shenandoah National Park, who was struck by lightning eight times over the course of his lifetime.

If that's not enough, pick up The Old Farmer's Almanac Blue Ribbon Recipes to locate a prize-winning recipe for your next family get-together ("Chocolate-Blueberry Muffins," a winner from

the Western Washington Fair, Puyallup, Washington sounds particularly good).

If you prefer to do your reading online, check out the Old Farmer's Almanac website at www.almanac.com where you can find the answers to questions like: "A word of one syllable, easy and short, read backward and forward the same, expresses the sentiments warm from the heart, and to beauty lays principal claim" (answer: Eye); and, "What time of day was Adam created?" (answer: A little before Eve); as well as a variety of other palindromes, conundrums, riddles, famous sayings, math teasers, puzzles, and more. You can also sign up to receive free newsletters and learn how to send free email greeting cards from the Almanac e-card gallery.

So, just because the weather's cold, it doesn't mean we can't keep our brains warmed up, and a copy or two of an Old Farmer's Almanac publication is just the thing to help us do it.

THE DINNER DIVA

Spice Primer

Leanne Ely

Well, the New Year is beckoning and it's time to go back to the kitchen. And when I say get back to the kitchen, I really mean get back to basics. Real cooking, not holiday cooking. Stuff to feed yourself and your family right, especially if you inadvertently put on a few holiday pounds! You really do want to fling that body clutter out on its ear, don't you?

To do that, you're going to want to take inventory first. I can't think of a

better place to get back to basics than your spice cupboard. I am going to bet you that some of those spices in your cabinet have lasted longer than some of your marriages! Those old icky spices are about as useful for flavor as grass clippings.

TOSS 'em!
Fresh dried herbs and spices have become surprisingly inexpensive. Good sources for \$1/jar spices or even 2 for \$1 are dollar-type stores, Wal-Mart and drug stores. Health food stores are also great resources. They sell the spices and herbs in bulk jars.

They are a

quality product, very fresh and quite inexpensive, too. To spice up your cooking (and your life, too-I might add), you need good ingredients. Inferior ingredients will give you a lackluster product every time.

If you've never learned how to use the mountain of spices available, copy this list and stick it to your fridge. This spice primer is guaranteed to get you cooking, in a more flavorful way, in no time!

1. Bay Leaf — Used in stews, soup, and great with pot roast. Go easy. Bay leaves are strong, especially California bay leaves, which are the kind most grocery stores stock. I use 1/2 a leaf in my stews.

2. Basil — Ah, the taste of summer. Who can resist fresh basil and tomatoes

from the garden tossed with olive oil and garlic on a plate full of pasta? Dried, it's wonderful in soups, pasta dishes, and chicken.

3. Dill — It's not just for pickles. Try some dill sprinkled on fish, chicken or even in a light cream soup.

4. Garlic — Nectar of the gods, well, bulb of the gods, anyway. Garlic has a way of making the most ordinary food gourmet. Try sprinkling garlic powder (not garlic salt) into a prepared box of white cheddar macaroni and cheese. Surprise! It's pretty good. Fresh, though, is best. Squeeze it from a press into almost anything. Don't use with chocolate, though.

5. Ginger — Sprinkle it in your stir-fry, try it on baked chicken breasts with a little soy sauce and garlic. For fun, get it fresh

(it's that alien-looking root mass in the produce department) and freeze it. It will keep almost indefinitely when frozen. To use, hack off a piece, peel it and grate into your recipe.

6. Nutmeg — I love nutmeg. If you can find nutmeg nuts and the itty, bitty grater that comes with it, buy it. Once you've had freshly grated nutmeg, the powdered stuff in the jar is beneath you. Obviously an



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DinnerDiva

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ingredient in baking, it's also good grated on saut? squash, green beans, and carrots.

7. Oregano — A staple in Italian cooking, it's also good in stews and salad dressings.

8. Rosemary — This beautiful plant grows wild in my garden and provides a n intoxicating aroma to meats, stews, and root veggies. Try some crumbled in your carrots for a change of pace.

9. Tarragon — An almost licorice flavor, this delicate herb takes front and center in vinaigrettes, or as a delicious sprinkle on the top of baked or poached poultry and fish.

10. Thyme — Make time for thyme! It's strong and adds

a hint of character to an otherwise pretty standard dish. Use it with chicken, soups and beef.

True, this is an abbreviated list of spices, but it's a good start. I've skipped a lot of them because they are used so infrequently or just take up room on the lazy susan. Besides, who cares what turmeric is used for, anyway? I can't even pronounce it. (That's a little joke. No need to email me about the healthful qualities of turmeric - I already know!)

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne'sr website, www.SavingDinner.com or her "Saving Dinner" book series, published by Ballentine.

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Eyes

the next day's lunches. Rinsed out the popcorn bowls, took meat from the freezer to thaw for supper the following evening, checked the cereal box levels, filled the sugar container, put spoons and bowls on the table for next morning and prepared the coffee pot for the next morning's brewing.

Next, she put some wet clothes in the dryer, put a new load into the washer, ironed a shirt and secured a loose button. Seeing just a few more things to be done before hauling her weary body to bed, she then picked up some stray game pieces left on the table, put the phone back on its charger and placed the telephone book into a drawer.

She quickly watered a couple of plants, emptied a wastebasket and hung up a towel to dry.

Finally, she yawned and stretched and headed for the bedroom. She stopped by the desk and wrote a note to a teacher, counted out some cash for the next day's field trip, and pulled a textbook out from hiding underneath the chair.

She signed a birthday card for a friend, addressed and stamped the envelope and wrote

a quick note for the grocery store. She then placed both items near her purse.

Mom then washed her face with 3-in-1 cleanser, put on her night solution and age-fighting moisturizer, brushed and flossed her teeth and filed her nails.

Dad called out, "I thought you were going to bed."

"I'm on my way," she answered.

Stepping over the family pet, she decided to put some fresh water into the dog's dish; scooped up the cat and put it outside, then made sure the doors were locked and the patio light was on.

Before retiring, she looked in on each of her kids, turned out their bedside lamps and televisions, hung up a shirt, threw some dirty socks into the hamper, and had a brief conversation with the one still up doing homework.

Now at long last in her own room, she set the alarm; laid out clothing for the next day, and straightened up the shoe rack. She added three things to her six "most important things to do" list; said her prayers, and visualized the accomplishment of her goals.

At about that time, Dad turned off the TV and announced to no one in particular, "I'm going to bed."

And he did...straight there without another thought.

Dads and kids everywhere, recognize the worth of the women in your lives. Share a kiss on the cheek and let them know how appreciated they are.

And, to all the moms out there: GO TO BED.

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Postscript

their parents, they figure they'll fill the void by creating a creature that must depend on and love them unconditionally.

Still others have children because they don't believe in not having them, and some have them simply because they believe that's just what you do when you grow up.

I don't think any of those are appropriate reasons. I'm old-fashioned enough to think children should be the result of two people's love for one another and the desire to share in the creation of a productive human being. I realize that picture is not always perfect and that too often parents must do the raising alone.

I also realize that the very best of parents sometimes have troubled children. Love, like money, does not always cure everything.

These thoughts have been occupying my mind lately, prompted by a couple of dramatic media events. One was

the PBS Frontline show Country Boys, which focused on two young men from right here in Floyd County.

I came to this show almost sure that I would be offended by the way we mountaineers were portrayed, and I expected to turn it off, disgusted, within the first half hour. I ended up watching all six hours and the live discussion that followed. Whatever stereotypes may have been seen, the stories of these young men were so compelling that I could not leave them. Plus, they could have lived anywhere and have had the same experience.

What was incredibly disheartening was the selfishness of both sets of families. These children were not the center of their parents' lives; rather, they were on the periphery, left to teeter on the edge.

The miracle is that Chris and Cody have come this far. The miracle is that they have not been swallowed up in the pat-

tern. Perhaps, the true miracle is that they have had some positive influences in their lives, certainly in the presence of the dedicated people at The David School. The Riddle family was obviously an important influence in one life, as was Liz McGuire, who was a symbol of unconditional love and generosity.

I hope that both of these young men can stay on a productive path and that they will choose parenthood for the right reasons.

A couple of weeks earlier, I read about the young child in Logan County who was missing and whose aunt and her boyfriend were suspected in his death. The Logan Banner went beyond the surface story and provided some background on the conditions the boy, who was autistic, had been born into.

First of all, his mother had not seen him for about a month-and-a-half before she discovered he was missing from her

sister's home. The Banner reports that her record with the legal system includes charges for public intoxication, obstructing an officer, battery, harassing telephone calls, assault, domestic assault, assault, domestic violence and violation of a domestic violence protective order. Seven people, the paper said, have filed applications for peace bonds against her.

The father is in state prison in West Virginia for unlawful wounding. His rap sheet includes multiple counts of destruction of property, battery, petit larceny, possession of a controlled substance, domestic assault and battery, public intoxication and obstructing an officer.

The aunt's criminal record includes charges of armed robbery, unlawful assault, conspiracy, shoplifting, destruction of property, petit larceny, possession and delivery of controlled substance, providing false infor-

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mation to police and trespassing. The mother's brother is in jail on a murder charge. He is also facing federal drug charges, relating to trafficking in cocaine.

Then, there's the maternal grandmother. According to the Banner article, she was arrested in an October drug roundup in Logan County. She is alleged to have sold crack cocaine to a federal informant. She has also served time for murder and has been charged with many of the same crimes as her children.

It's hard to read all this without crying.

There are, unfortunately, other small children in this family. We can only speculate about their fate. As hard as it is to say, the little boy has likely gone to a better place.

Being a parent is probably the hardest job anyone could ever have. I just wish more of us would think it over long and hard before we decide to create a child.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for January: Integrity and Responsibility

Jan. 24 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

Students interested in taking a "Beginner Sewing Class," please stop by the FRC to sign up.

Jan. 23 - Public forum hosted by Floyd County Board of Education, 5 p.m., at May Valley Elementary. Topic: Health and Wellness. Forum open to all.

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!

Jan. 23 - Basketball Homecoming

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 Assis-

tant 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 Tristin Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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 informa-

tion on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

Wesley Christian School

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

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

Adult Education & GED Schedule

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

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

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

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



Family Medicine



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Question: I have been experiencing strange feelings where my mind seems to "freeze," and it is almost like when you get an electric shock — there's a momentary inability to do anything except stare straight ahead and fight the feeling of immobility or whatever it is. I hate getting these "attacks" as I call them. I feel for about 10 seconds as though I am about to pass or black out. While it is going on I can think and speak, but I find the momentary "shock feeling" seems to affect something in my head. The best I can describe it is "a short-circuit." Then it subsides quickly. I get this in any situation even

when just watching TV or reading. It happens without warning any time of the day. I am 59 and have no history of any problems at all.

Answer: You have certainly been experiencing some interesting symptoms. While you need to see your physician for a thorough history and physical, let me share some thoughts on one medical condition that has symptoms very similar to what you are experiencing.

Petit mal epilepsy causes seizures that involve only a brief, sudden lapse of conscious activity. Each seizure lasts only seconds or minutes, but hun-

Reader's 'spells' could be Petit Mal Epilepsy

dreds may occur each day. These are also called absence seizures.

While it is more common for this disorder to begin in childhood, the onset of this type of seizure can occur at any age. These seizures typically involve a brief sudden absence of consciousness that can be accompanied by other manifestations. These can include staring, lip smacking, fluttering of eyelids, chewing and/or hand movements. Usually these episodes last only a few seconds and a person has full recovery.

Most people have no memory of these petit mal seizures. So, if this is indeed what you have, you would be an exception to the rule. Typically, a person may have seizures for many months before a teacher, family member or friend notices them.

There are many conditions that can cause seizures. One of the most common causes is traumatic brain injury. It is not uncommon for seizures to begin

after head trauma. Some seizures are caused by metabolic problems — when there is something wrong with your "body chemistry." This can include imbalances in your electrolytes - sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium, magnesium, bicarbonate, phosphate and sulfate. Various kidney disorders can produce electrolyte imbalances.

Though brain tumors are a rare cause of seizures, it is true that a seizure is often the first symptom of a brain tumor. Birth injury may be associated with seizures in infants and children, and finally, seizures do run in families.

When you see your physician for your exam, he or she will probably order blood tests to check for metabolic imbalances. He or she may also order an MRI of your head to look for tumors or evidence of injury from trauma or strokes. The gold standard for determining the presence of seizure activity in the brain is an electroen-

cephalogram, or EEG.

If, after all of this testing, it is determined that you have a seizure disorder, there are many medications that can control seizures without many side effects. If all of the testing is negative, then your physician needs to look for other causes of your "spells."

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Sticks and stones can't break these bones.

East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium Exhibit connects the dots to good bone health

Dem Bones, dem bones are not so dry. Find out why at a new exhibit, Bone Up On Bones, at the East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium in Prestonsburg opening Saturday, January 21.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Highlands Regional Medical Center with additional support from Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Dr. Chip Salyers—Commonwealth Chiropractic and Big Sandy Physical Therapy.

Bone Up On Bones is a hands-on health science exhibit that will appeal to kids, parents, and teachers. The exhibit explores the connection between bone health and overall well being through interactive displays. These displays include:

An eight-foot bone sculpture—Discover the living bone.

Trace veins and arteries in a cut-away sculpture of a giant femur.

Sticks and Stones—Examine X-rays of various types of bone fractures, determine how the fractures occurred and how they can be treated to heal properly.

Where Bones Meet—Move those joints by manipulating anatomical and mechanical models of various joints. Discover how the skeletal joint is constructed and that there are different kinds of joints that determine the type and range of motion for particular bones.

Computer Stations—Find out the names of the different bones in the body and some fun trivia; watch how bone breaks down and rebuilds itself at the cellular level; identify what foods are high in calcium and assess your individual calcium intake; learn about common bone diseases, who gets it, what the symptoms are, and how it's

diagnosed and treated; or take a personalized bone health quiz to assess your risk for getting osteoporosis and hear a doctor specializing in osteoporosis "talk" to you about the results. You can even print out an "action plan" for good bone health to take home with you.

Body Puzzle—Observe the proper placement of bones in the body and how they are surrounded by and connected to muscle by putting together a puzzle of the human body.

Spare Parts—View actual video footage of hip replacement surgery, examine an artificial prosthetic and an actual human femur that has undergone hip replacement surgery, and see how bone has grown around the steel of the artificial hip.

Bone Tower—Fill a hollow bone with "calcium." Slowly take away the calcium and watch what happens.

Fiber optic displays, microscopic bone images, real bone specimens, audio and video components, and impressive bone illustrations.

Visitors learn that bone health contributes significantly to their general health and that there are ways to positively affect bone strength throughout life, particularly during childhood and adolescence. Designed for families, school children, and adults of all ages, Bone Up On Bones explores bone physiology, bone function, osteoporosis, and the importance of calcium, vitamins, and exercise to build and maintain bone strength.

In correlation with the Bone Up On Bones exhibit, the East Kentucky Science Center and Planetarium has developed three classroom programs for students. These programs include Bag O'Bones for grades 4-5, Almost Like Me for grades 6-8, and Monster Math for grades 9-12.

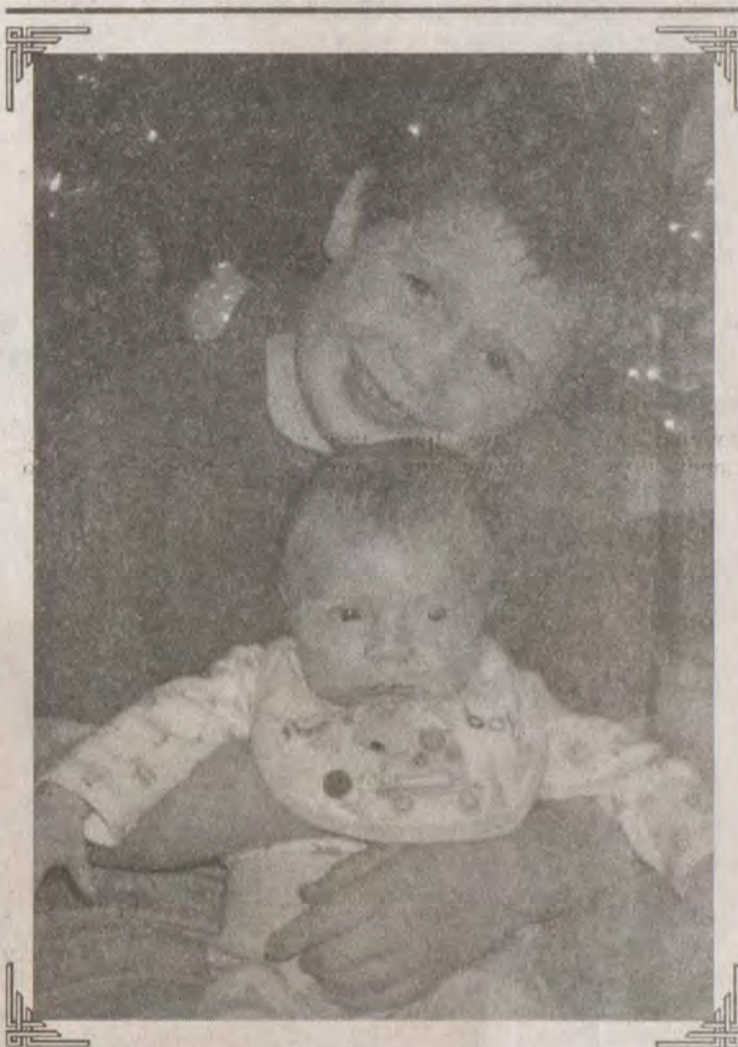
The East Kentucky Science Center is located on the Prestonsburg Campus of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. For

exhibit hours or for additional information, call the Science Center at (606) 889-0303 or visit the Center's website at www.wedoscience.org.

Bone Up On Bones was

developed and toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). The exhibit was funded by a donation from Regence BlueCross/BlueShield of Oregon (Regence BCBSO).

Births/Birthdays



New Arrival

Logan Michael Lafferty was born September 13, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center to proud parents Jerry and Allison Lafferty, of Auxier. He weighed 6 lbs., and measured 19 inches in length. Logan is the maternal grandson of Lois Akers, of Prestonsburg, and the late Chuck Akers. His paternal grandparents are Betsy and Greg Kretzer, of Auxier. He has one "big brother," Austin Dey Lafferty.



Happy Birthday, 'Baby Girl'!

Emily Roberta Johnson celebrated her first birthday on December 17, 2005, with family and friends. Emily is the daughter of Susan Stephens, of Martin.

It's time for America's cookies!

Girl Scout cookies are an American tradition - one that has been continued since the 1920's. With funds generated by the sale of Girl Scout cookies, girls in Central and Eastern Kentucky benefit by participating in a wide range of Girl Scout activities.

Area Girl Scouts will begin taking orders for their famous cookies on January 13 and continue throughout March. Cookie deliveries and booth sales take place February 27 to March 19. Each package of cookies is still \$3.50, and there are eight varieties, including the ever-popular Thin Mints and Caramel DeLites. Girl Scouts are introducing two new cookies this year: Cartwheels - a tasty oatmeal round with a cinnamon burst in every bite, and Thanks-a-Lots - a shortbread cookie dipped in rich fudge and topped with an embossed "Thank You" message in one of five languages. Proceeds from the cookie sale help troops pay for their activities and adventures, as well as help the Girl Scout council support its program delivery, maintain camps and properties, and provide financial assistance.

If you need an excuse to satisfy your Girl Scout cookie craving, just remind yourself

that you are doing a good deed by supporting the Girl Scouts and all of the good things they do for the community. When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you really are helping fund the future. So take your pick of America's favorite cookies: Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Shortbread, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, or the most recent additions to the scrumptious selection, Cartwheels and Thanks-a-Lots. Cookies can be purchased directly from an area Girl Scout or by calling the Wilderness Road Council at 800-475-2621, the council will give your order to a local Girl Scout to deliver.



FCCD announces 2005 Conservation Contest winners

The Floyd County Conservation District is proud to announce the 2005 Conservation Contest, "Kentucky's Water: My Responsibility," winners. Over 1,600 Floyd County students (grades kindergarten through 12th) participated by submitting either artwork or writings in an effort to persuade the general public to take action toward good water conservation practices. School and county winners will be awarded at the District's Annual Awards Banquet, to be held at the end of March. A listing of winners follows:

County Kindergarten Winners: First place - Bryce Morris, James A. Duff Elementary; Second place - Hannah Hamilton - Wesley Christian School; Third place - Brianna Little, W.D. Osborne Elementary.

County Art Winners: First place - Brooklyn Martin, James A. Duff Elementary; Second place - Lauren Nelson, Wesley Christian School; Third place - Jesse Tackett - John M. Stumbo Elementary.

County Writing Winners: First place - Derek Tackett, Betsy Layne Elementary; Second place - Wil Allen, James D. Adams Middle School; Third place - Staci Carriere, Allen Central High School.

School Kindergarten Winners: James A. Duff Elementary - 1st, Bryce Morris; 2nd, Austin Bartrum; 3rd, Matthew Tackett. May Valley Elementary - 1st, Payton Martin; 2nd, Justin Jent; 3rd, Chelsie Compton. Prestonsburg Elementary - 1st, Embry Gullett; 2nd, Brandon Goble; 3rd, Camryn Slone.

W.D. Osborne Elementary - 1st, Brianna Little; 2nd, Johnna Preston; 3rd, Haley Jarvis. Wesley Christian School - 1st, Hannah Hamilton.

School Art Winners: Allen Elementary - 1st, Cory Grigsby; 2nd, Aaron Foley; 3rd, Sara Maynard. Betsy Layne Elementary - 1st, Carter Tackett. Clark Elementary - 1st, Hannah Arnett; 2nd, Mahla Little. James A. Duff Elementary - 1st, Brooklyn Martin; 2nd, Taylor Tolson; 3rd, Caitlyn Kidd. May Valley Elementary - 1st, Brett Mullins; 2nd, Austin Branham; 3rd, Jordan Patton. W.D. Osborne Elementary - 1st, Kendra Evans; 2nd, Kennedy Newsome; 3rd, Daniel Hatfield. Prestonsburg Elementary - 1st, McKenzie Collins; 2nd, Emily Mullins; 3rd, Tanner Hall. John M. Stumbo Elementary - 1st, Jesse Tackett; 2nd, Brady Slone; 3rd, Antonia Vance. Wesley Christian School - 1st, Lauren Nelson; 2nd, Kristen Fitch; 3rd, Chloe Ward.

School Writing Winners: James D. Adams Middle School - 1st, Wil Allen; 2nd, Samantha Trout; 3rd, Kaitlyn Minix. Allen Central High School - 1st, Staci Carriere; 2nd, Elizabeth Hughes. Allen Central Middle School - 1st, Samantha Wilson; 2nd, Jeremy Conley; 3rd, Lauren Mullins. Betsy Layne Elementary - 1st, Derek Tackett; 2nd, Keleigh Wagner; 3rd, Casey Adkins. W.D. Osborne Elementary - 1st, Joshua Akers; 2nd, Kimberly Little; 3rd, Christina Jones. Prestonsburg High School - 1st, Tanner Keathley; 2nd, Chris Martin; 3rd, Justin Trout.

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A brief history

The roots of jazz music date back to the middle and late 1800s. In its earliest form, jazz was a mix of African and American plantation songs and music. Its unique sound was developed by black slaves and freemen, most of whom had little formal music training.

Blues music has played an important part in the world of jazz music. With its pre-Civil War roots, this music from the Deep South is often identified by its poetic harmonies and moody, melancholy scales.

In the 1890s, **ragtime** became popular. This (mostly piano) music is characterized by its high energy and syncopated sound, ragtime reached the peak of its popularity about 1910.

New Orleans can be considered the birthplace of traditional or **Dixieland jazz**. The city has been home to some notable jazz talent: **Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and Jelly Roll Morton**. St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit and New York also became centers for the jazz scene.

The 1920s is sometimes called the "Golden Age of Jazz" or "The Jazz Age." During this time, jazz hit the commercial mainstream and could often be heard on the radio.

In the mid-1930s through the mid-1940s a new style of jazz called **swing** became popular. The big bands accompanied by vocalists could be heard in ballrooms, on records and radio. **Boogie-woogie** was another jazz style which gained popularity in the 1930s.

Bebop was a more complicated jazz style of the 1940s. It was followed by **hard bop** or **funky jazz** of the 1950s. **Cool jazz** of the 1950s was characterized by a lagging beat and softer sound. During the 1950s and 1960s jazz became more experimental, being influenced by music and instruments from around the world. **Fusion** is a mix of jazz and rock 'n' roll rhythms that became popular in the 1970s. The 1980s ushered in **smooth jazz**.

Jazz continues to evolve, but many of the traditional styles are still played and appreciated by jazz enthusiasts.

JAZZ

Some artists who made important contributions to an American art form.



James Reese Europe
1881-1919
This early ragtime and jazz band leader took New York City by storm.



Billie Holiday
1915-1959
Nicknamed "Lady Day," this talented singer was born in Philadelphia, Pa.



Benny Goodman
1909-1986
Also known as the "King of Swing." This jazz great played the clarinet and was a hugely successful swing band leader.



Miles Davis
1926-1991
Davis played an important role in the evolution of jazz.



Sarah Vaughan
1924-1990
One of the greatest jazz singers of all time.



Dizzy Gillespie
1917-1993
A trumpeter, singer, composer and bandleader, Dizzy played with Charlie Parker. He influenced bebop and modern jazz.



Louis Armstrong
1901-1971
Also known as "Satchmo" or "Pops." This trumpeter is probably the most famous jazz musician in the world.



David Sanborn
1945-
This modern-day saxophonist plays smooth jazz.

Duke Ellington
1899-1974
An influential composer, pianist and band leader, "The Duke" made his mark in the 1920s through the 1960s.

Ella Fitzgerald
1917-1996
This "First Lady of Song" won 13 Grammy awards.

Make a paper piano

Use the pattern below to make a piano. You can use this image, or you can photocopy or scan and print the pattern to a larger size and a heavier paper. (Tip: It is much easier to work with a larger pattern.)

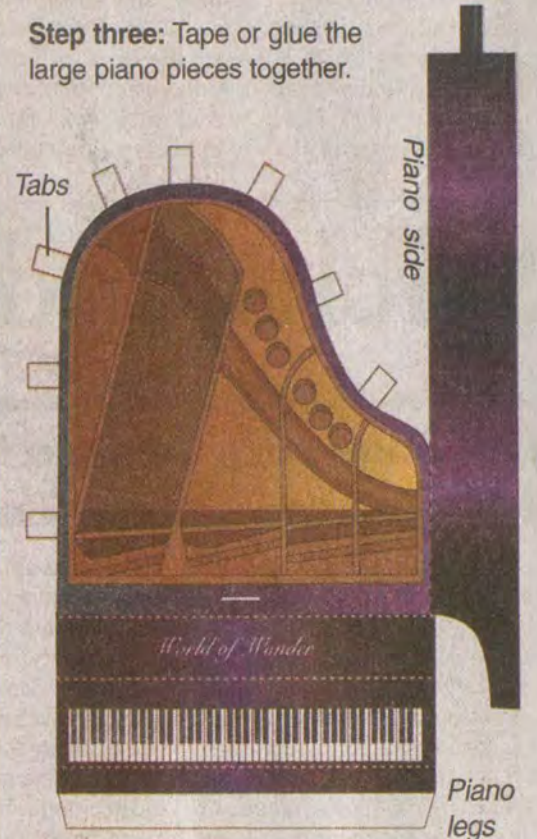
MATERIALS NEEDED:
Scissors, tape or glue.

INSTRUCTIONS

Step one: Carefully cut out the pattern (Note: There are three slots that need to be cut.)

Step two: Fold tabs and along dotted lines.

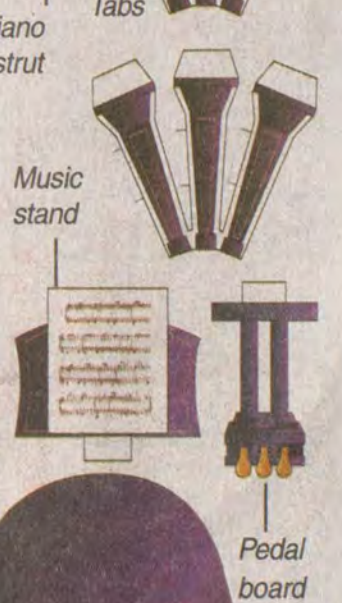
Step three: Tape or glue the large piano pieces together.



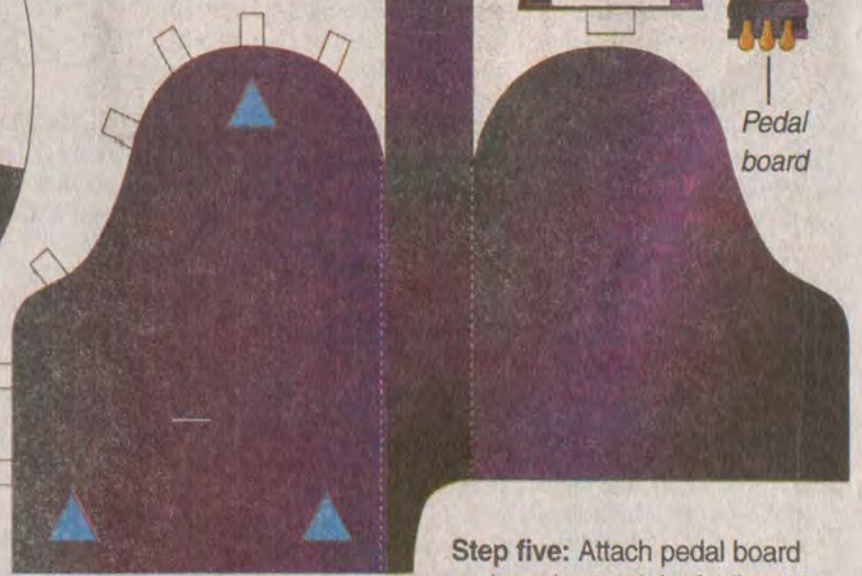
Step four: Fold and tape the three legs and attach to the bottom of the piano at triangular marks.



Step five: Attach pedal board and music stand by folding tabs and inserting through slots.



Step six: Fold the piano strut in half. Tape or glue in between the piano lid and the piano top.



The finished product should look something like this.



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