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briefs

Woman pleads to having coke

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman who was arrested last year after authorities found cocaine in her home while they were investigating a Tennessee burglary pleaded guilty to charges against her Friday in circuit court.

Deloris Ann Kidd, 51, of Honaker, will be formally sentenced on March 3, Judge Danny P. Caudill ruled.

Kidd was arrested last year by Floyd County sheriff's deputies who confiscated \$1,500 worth of cocaine at her home while they were executing a search warrant relating to a Tennessee burglary. The state of Tennessee requested assistance from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department after Kidd was accused of burglarizing her boyfriend's home in Hancock County while the man was attending his son's wedding.

The Commonwealth Attorney's Office agreed to dismiss one count of receiving stolen property against Kidd. They recommended a five-year sentence on one count of first-degree drug possession, which will run concurrently

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Councilman questions annexation methods

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An attempt to pass an ordinance to annex properties on Stephens Branch prompted extended discussion during a city council meeting Monday.

Member Gorman Collins voiced concerns about the city giving incentives to some property owners annexed into the city, while providing no incentives to others. Collins said he disagreed with the way the city annexes property.

Collins disagreed with the city's decision to offer tax incen-

tives to property owners on Stonecrest and at the Holiday Inn, while allowing other property owners who want to be annexed no incentive. For some property owners, the city has granted a five-year deferment on city property taxes when they agree to be annexed.

Collins also discussed the city's annexation attempt of the hospital, saying that the council should have offered them an incentive in writing.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said there was nothing wrong with the city's decision to give incentives because it ensures that the city will benefit five years down the

road, when taxes start being paid, whereas the city would not benefit at all, financially, if the properties weren't annexed to begin with.

Member Kelly Moore said other property owners have approached him since the city's meeting two weeks ago and told him that they would consider being annexed by the city.

"I think we need to be more efficient in how we grow the city," Collins said. "There are three or four sections inside the city that are completely surrounded by areas that are already annexed, and they're not, and they're receiving benefits of it."

Collins, referring to a complaint last year he made about the city annexing properties and leaving "donut holes" of unannexed properties, said the city annexes "little fingers" of properties in the city. He spoke about properties along a more than four-mile section of road between Prestonsburg and the hospital that would not be annexed if the hospital is annexed.

Police Chief Mike Omerod said that his officers, for years, have had to drive "outside of the city to get back into the city" to

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photo by Mary Music
Councilman Gorman Collins said he doesn't approve of the way the city annexes property during a meeting Monday.

WELLNESS REPORT UNVEILED



photo by Kathy J. Prater

The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening at May Valley Elementary School. Just prior to the meeting, a public forum on student wellness was held by the Floyd County Board of Education Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee, also at May Valley.

Board receives health report

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education met in regular session Monday evening at May Valley Elementary School, where they received a finalized report on student wellness from their Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity Committee.

According to Assistant Superintendent Pete Grigsby, committee chair, the wellness committee has formulated a plan that is "a step ahead of what is

required" by state mandates.

Senate Bill 172, according to Grigsby, requires that school districts set goals for nutrition education and physical activity, as well as implementing guidelines to control student access to foods of limited nutritional value. These requirements legally went into effect June 20, of last year. The Floyd County school district had begun formulation of their own student wellness policy in 2001.

Specific requirements of the bill include requiring school districts to make annual assessments

of nutrition and physical activity environments in their individual schools and to report these assessments to parents, local board members and school council members; reporting annual assessment findings to local boards of education, soliciting public comments by way of advertised public forums, and using any current recommendations in order to develop improved plans.

Individual schools are required to prohibit the sale of competitive

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City buildings to go smoke-free

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — City council members passed a motion Monday to place a smoking ban in city buildings.

The decision came at the request of Jean Rosenberg, a consultant with the Floyd County Health Department, who helped present the results from a smoking survey conducted by the health department at a Jan. 9 city council meeting.

At that meeting, health department Director Thursa Slone reported that, out of 29 interviews conducted, 88

percent of city council members and 100 percent of county officials "somewhat or strongly" support an ordinance prohibiting smoking in all enclosed buildings, restaurants and bars. Slone said that about 46 percent of city hall employees would support the ordinance, and the majority of council members and county officials believe that governments should be allowed to pass smoke-free laws.

When the discussion came up during the council meeting Monday, member Kay Ross said the city could

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Woman pleads guilty to making meth

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Oil Springs woman accused of manufacturing methamphetamine pleaded guilty in circuit court Tuesday to charges against her, 24 hours before her trial was scheduled to begin.

Patricia Meade, 30, entered the plea in exchange for a sentencing recommendation of six years in jail.

Meade initially had trouble entering the plea, at one

point saying she was not a manufacturer. Judge John D. Caudill said that he would not accept a plea from a party who wasn't guilty and told Meade he would see her in the morning when her trial was scheduled to begin.

Meade conferred with her father and her attorney, Ed Spencer, and apparently changed her mind. She returned before Caudill and noted that she was indeed guilty of manufacturing the

(See METH, page nine)

Defendant loses gamble when jury convicts

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

"We rolled the dice is all I know," Billy Shepherd said Tuesday, after a jury found him guilty of eight criminal charges related to fleeing a police officer.

Shepherd was talking to his brother, who was 20 feet away in the observers section of the courtroom, while the jury was out on a recess along with the judge assigned to the trial, John D. Caudill.

"We crapped out," he said. His brother tried to give him encouragement, saying, "Good behavior, you'll get out in no time."

The exchange followed one day of testimony in a case that centered on a high-speed chase along Route 80 that culminated in a wreck and subsequent foot chase on Christmas Eve, 2004.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Stacy Marshall called two witnesses for the state, which included former Martin police officer Steve Montgomery, who was involved in the 2004 pursuit, and former Prestonsburg police officer Brian Kidd, who arrested Shepherd for a similar set of violations involving a pursuit on March 1, 2003.

Each testified that they initially went after Shepherd due to his truck

having no tail lights. They also reported that Shepherd took off at a high rate of speed when they activated their flashers.

Their tales were also similar in their conclusions, with each catching up to Shepherd after he wrecked and, in both instances, observing that Shepherd took off on foot after exiting his vehicle.

Kidd noted that his chase ended when an assisting officer was able to intercept Shepherd as he crossed a creek behind the Mountain Arts Center. Montgomery's incident, and source of the trial, did not end with

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Billy Shepherd spoke freely in court during a recess in his trial Tuesday, despite advice from a bailiff who reminded him that prosecutors and media were still in attendance.

photo by Tom Doty

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Obituaries

Clara Sturgill Pack

Clara Sturgill Pack, age 91, wife of the late Claude Pack, and the daughter of the late John Sturgill, and Rachel Triplett Sturgill, was born in Knott County on March 21, 1914, and she passed away on January 21, 2006, after an extended illness.

Clara had been a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church since 1956. She was retired from the Floyd County School System, for which she worked 23 years in the Garrett School lunchroom program. She was part owner and manager of the "Garrett Popcorn Stand Restaurant," located by the Garrett Theater in the early '50's.

Clara was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; and all of her brothers and sisters.

Clara was a loving mother and grandmother, and will be sadly missed by her four surviving daughters: Jacqueline Pack Conry, and Annabelle Pack Crager, both of Centerline, Michigan; Barbara Pack (John) Moore of Gallipolis, Ohio, and Joyce Pack (Jack Red) Stevens of Hueysville, nine grandchildren: Clarice Crager (Michael) Guy, Larry (Nancy) Crager, Pamela Conry (Bob) Trenkler, Claudia Moore (Brad) Yoho, Mark (Paula) Crager, Carolyn Conry (Roy) Townsend, Jack (Elizabeth) Crager, John E. Moore, and Rodney (Sandra) Stevens; 15 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She will also be missed by her wonderful caregivers, Janice and Doris Patton.

Funeral services for Clara Sturgill Pack will be conducted Saturday, January 28, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

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

Visitation is after 2 p.m., Friday, January 27, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Okel Perry

Okel Perry, age 75, of Hi Hat, husband of Loretta Mollette Perry, died Friday, January 20, 2006, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born September 25, 1930, in McDowell, the son of the late Charles and Minnie Francis Howell Perry. He was a retired Ky. and West Virginia Gas Company supervisor, and a member of the Ligon Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one son, Gary Lynn Perry of Martin; one daughter, Sheila Gwendolyn Clark of Blaine; two sisters: Melvina Newman of Grethel, and Wilma Alley of Dayton, Ohio; six grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Gregory Dean Perry.

Funeral services for Okel Perry will be conducted Monday, January 23, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Wayne Henson officiating.

Burial will follow in the Little Cemetery, in Price, with Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements. Pallbearers: Archie Newsome, Seth Perry, and Kelvin Knipp. (Paid obituary)

Virginia Conn Ratliff

Virginia Conn Ratliff, age 83, of Banner, widow of Raymond Ratliff, passed away Monday, January 23, 2006, at the Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born June 14, 1922 in Dana, the daughter of the late Isaac Conn and Geneva Boyd Conn. She was a former grocery store clerk, and a member of the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters: Mona Boyd of Dana, and Bessie Sammons of Banner; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Virginia Conn Ratliff will be conducted Thursday, January 26, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Belmont Johnson officiating.

Graveside services will be conducted Friday, at 2 p.m., at the Vinton Memorial Park, Vinton, Ohio.

Visitation is at the funeral home, with nightly services at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Maryland Seals

Maryland Seals, 90, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 21, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born on March 7, 1915, in Carr Creek, (Knott County), he was the son of the late Willie Seals and Vina Amburgey Seals. He was a former

engineer for Universal Atlas Cement Company, and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church, New Carlisle, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy, and was a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Ernestine Hyden Seals.

Other survivors include three daughters: Leva Kaye Vaughan of Prestonsburg, Martha Jane Burrell of Bolivar, Ohio, and Donna Jean Layne of W. Warwick, Rhode Island; one son, Raymond Clark Seals of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Orvil Seals of Corbin; one sister, Beatrice Amburgey of New Carlisle, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, James William Seals.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 24, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Kevin Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Frank Vaughan Jr., Craig Burrell, Craig Burrell Jr., Raymond Seals, Kevin Franklin Vaughan, and Barry Stone. (Paid obituary)

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Marie Ousley Shepherd

Marie Ousley Shepherd, 63, of David, was dead on arrival, Saturday, January 21, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 1, 1942, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Susie Conley Ousley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cold Springs Old Regular Baptist

Church, in Martin.

She is survived by her husband, Arvel Shepherd.

Other survivors include three sons: Harold Dwayne Ousley, Arvel Jason Shepherd, and Jonathan Shepherd, all of David; seven daughters: Charlotte Shepherd, (husband, Von) of Prestonsburg, Regina Shepherd of Hueysville, Naomi Slone, (husband, Mike) of Blue River, Rita (Owsley) Campbell, (husband, Samuel) of Mousie, Jennifer Marie Phillips, (husband, Bruce) of Emma, Stephanie Rena Lawson, and Myrtle Little, (husband, Kenneth), all of Blue River; one sister, Angeline McCollum of Easley, South Carolina; 20 grandchildren: Von Dwayne Shepherd, Alex Shepherd, Colten Shepherd, Frank Dean Reffitt, Jessica Shepherd, Jennifer Eden Shepherd, Jamie Eugene Shepherd, Michael Nathan Slone, Sheena Slone, Crystal Ritchie (Justice), Tiffany Leeann Owens, Johnny Gabriel Owens, Sarah Elizabeth Owens, Maria Faith Phillips, Christina Hope Phillips, Christopher Dale Lawson, Kiesha Ann Little, Samantha Owsley, Kimberly Owsley, and Steven Owsley; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Adis Ousley and Billy Ray Ousley; and one sister, Cora Medlock.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 25, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Ashland Shepherd Cemetery, in Pyramid, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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THE FAMILY OF DARKIE AKERS HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Virgie Adkins Woods would like to express a sincere appreciation to all the relatives, friends, and neighbors who helped to comfort us during our time of loss. We would like to thank all those who sent food, flowers, and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Pete Grigsby Jr., for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF VIRGIE ADKINS WOODS

Card of Thanks

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

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE HOWARD RAMEY

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

Maytown Center

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

Sale at Martha's Portion

Martha's Portion (St. Martha Catholic Church, Watergap Rd.) will hold a "Bag Sale" on Jan. 26 & 27, from 8:30-2:30 p.m. Fill a bag for \$3. Look for the balloons heralding the way in!

May House Tours

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

Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence

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

Free concert event at MAC

Whit Criswell and the Northeast Choir will appear at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Uplifting, inspirational program centered on human addiction and breaking free of addictive bondage. Free to public.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus. Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."
"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075 for more info.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Currently planning a 2-night trip to New York City that will take place on Memorial Day weekend, 2006. Plans are for the club to depart from Floyd County on Friday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Will spend Sat. and Sunday nights in NYC, departing at 7 a.m. on the 29th. Cost ranging in price from \$185-260/per person. \$50 deposit must be made no later than January 31. Call Ed or Linda at 452-4149 for more information.

UNITE

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

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

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

Neighborhood Watch

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Interested in new job training?

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

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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality

maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group

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

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

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

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

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

•**Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children** - Free, confidential

assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•**Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

•**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

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

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

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

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Special appreciation to pastor J.M. and Donna Sloce (Praise Assembly Ministries), and all the church family; and to our friends at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Our sincere thanks,
The Family of Emma M. (Sissy) Derossett

Card of Thanks

The family of Christine "Sis" Lyons wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family, who helped them in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, or spoke kind words of sympathy to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Randy Osborne and Larry Adams for their comforting words, the Garrett First Baptist Church for all the love and kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTINE "SIS" LYONS

Card of Thanks

The family of Gordon Tussey would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped to comfort us during our time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, or spoke words of kindness. A special thanks to Pastor Roland Eugene Cook, the singers, and Middle Creek Baptist Church Pastor, Ollie Watts, for his comforting words, Dr. Jack Kendrick and staff, the Sheriff's Department for traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their caring and professional service. May God bless all.

THE TUSSEY FAMILY

Card of Thanks









The family of Noralene Tackett Hamilton would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the food, flowers, and all the acts of kindness shown to our family. We especially want to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, The Zion Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for providing dignified and courteous service. All your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF NORALENE TACKETT HAMILTON

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James Anderson of Jonancy, Ky., and Gwen and Jimmy Stiltner of Dorton, Ky., announce the marriage of their daughter, Sabrina, to Ryan Scott Rose, the son of Wilce and Maxine Rose of Prestonsburg. They were united in marriage on December 30th, 2005, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, at sunset. The bride attends Pikeville College and is studying Criminal Justice. The groom is a certified blaster in both Kentucky and Virginia, and is employed by Austin Powder Company. The couple resides at their home in Prestonsburg, Ky.

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Guest View Tragedy lingers after TV cameras leave

Disasters, both natural and man-made, tend to capture our attention briefly then fade off the front pages. The recent West Virginia coal-mining tragedy is just now experiencing that treatment.

The danger is that when the television cameras leave, often the potential to learn and rebuild does, too. Safety restrictions don't get passed. Aid pledges don't materialize. Another disaster hits, and history repeats itself.

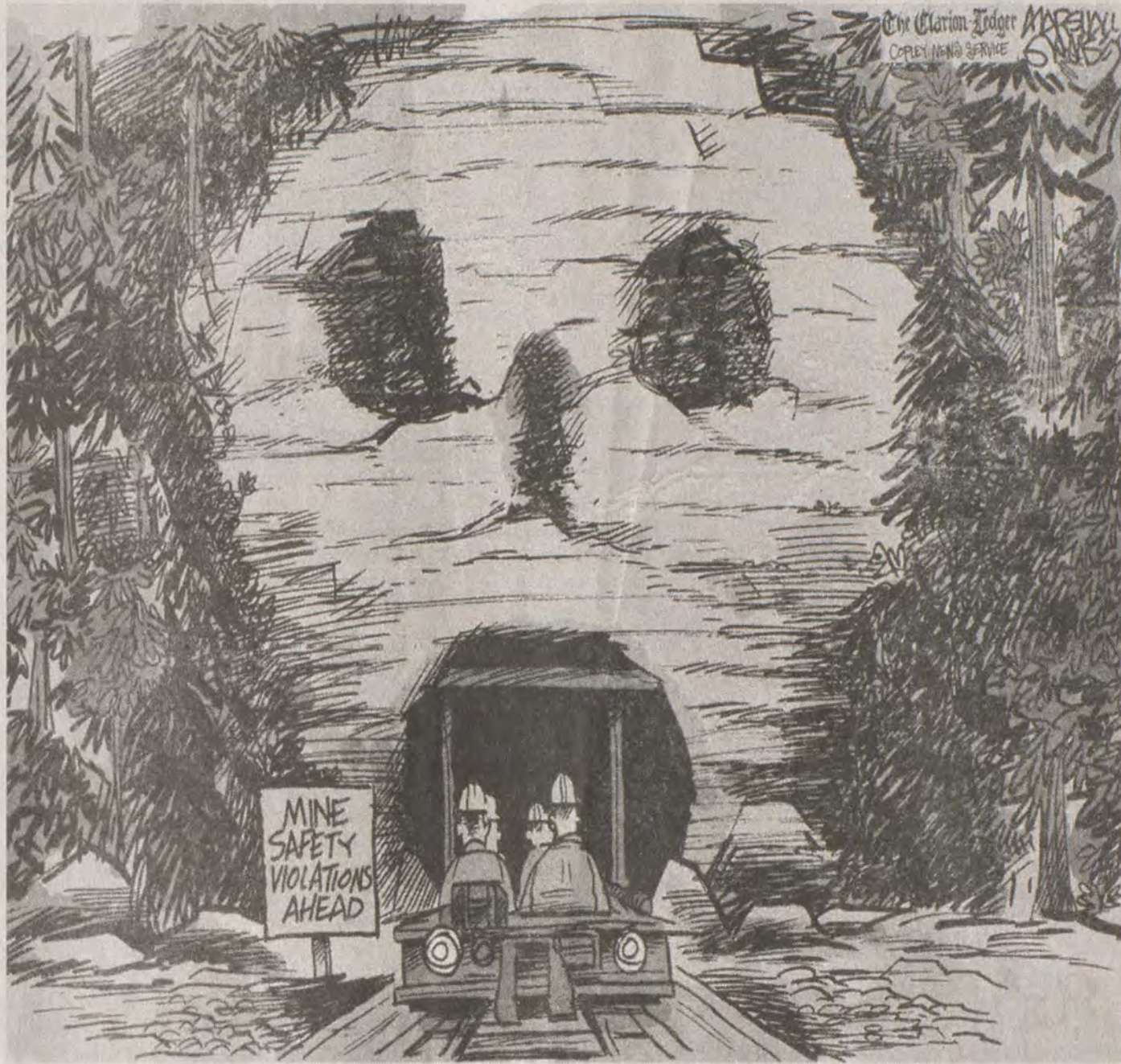
Such is the case now in Pakistan, which suffered a 7.6 magnitude earthquake last Oct. 8. Though 87,000 people died in the initial temblor, the specter of more death haunts the mountainous region. International health workers suggest that a harsh winter could kill vulnerable survivors who've opted to stay near the ruins of their homes, high in the hills. These rumblings have been around for months but haven't received much spotlight. Once the quake's initial aftershocks subsided, perhaps observers optimistically thought everything would turn out OK.

The same mentality may apply to the post-hurricane rebuilding of the Gulf Coast, where allegations of aid fraud and questions about no-bid contracts have largely elicited a ho-hum public response.

Distraction may be human nature, but it can prove both costly and dangerous. Post-earthquake deaths may exceed the initial toll. The United Nations estimates that 400,000 people are living in makeshift shelters at an elevation of 5,000 feet or more, putting them at risk of hypothermia, pneumonia, starvation. To this, a U.N. deputy humanitarian coordinator says, "Whether the Pakistan government is right in being optimistic, and whether we are right in being pessimistic, I'm not sure. But the people I deal with in the field from Pakistan and the humanitarian community are all well aware that we have a real battle ahead of us."

Is anyone else aware?

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Capitol Ideas Legislators considering numerous veterans bills

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — One plan would reinstate a mathematical preference to veterans seeking a state job. Another would set up a "Military Family Assistance Trust Fund" to help soldiers and their families pay bills.

With the war in Iraq still blazing, lawmakers seem poised this year to consider legislation aimed at helping current and former military personnel.

"There's a great deal of sentiment here for our National Guard and Reserve," said state Sen. Elizabeth Tori, chairwoman of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection

Committee.

Right now there are more than 30 proposals before the 2006 General Assembly related to veterans or current military members and their families. That's not counting resolutions to honor various Kentucky residents for their service, including those killed in Iraq. And more could be introduced.

Rep. Mike Weaver, D-Elizabethtown, is co-sponsoring the veterans' mathematical preference plan. It would allow veterans the possibility of scoring above the otherwise high score of 100.

It would also require state job applications to highlight whether a candidate has military experience. State hiring officials would then be required to offer

those candidates an interview.

"If they get the interview, I think they'll sell themselves because of what they bring with them," said Weaver, chairman of the House Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee.

Another bill Weaver has offered would keep people from protesting at funerals or burial ceremonies inside 300 feet. Violators would be subject to a misdemeanor, Weaver said.

Meanwhile, Tori said she's offering a plan that would provide mortgage and rent assistance to National Guard or Reserve members. Among other things, the plan would also guarantee single par-

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Letters

Abuse of the system.

I would like the readers to know of a law that needs to be changed and why it needs to be changed.

Your tax dollars are being wasted due to a law that allows a Social Service worker along with a state police officer to enter your home at any time and inquire about the medication you are taking, the doctors you visit, order you to take a drug test, go to your child's school without your knowledge and interview them in a room alone, all because a person who calls Social Services and reports lies about you, your family and your children without giving their name, address or any information about themselves.

That's right, anyone can call the Social Services Department and report lies about you and they are not required to give their name, address, phone number or anything and the Social Services people will be at your door asking for all

types of private information and can come with a state police officer if it is reported that you are violent by someone who is not required to give their name or any information on themselves.

Someone can call from any state in the USA and report lies about you and they by law are required to come to your house and visit your child's school without your knowledge and interview your children alone in a room, just because someone calls Social Services and says something bad about you, even though it isn't true.

And there is no limit to the amount of times that they can come out on you. Even though what has been reported is found untrue, as long as someone calls Social Services and reports that you are doing something bad, they will come out to your home and if you have children they will go to their school.

It is also my understanding, that anyone can call from another country such as Iraq and report lies about you and Social Services will follow up on that report even though they give no name or other information on themselves.

I know this first hand. Some in my spouse's family are mad over their dad deeding her his homeplace, and they have been calling Social Services on us. This has been going on for well over a year.

We have one 7-year-old child who is autistic, and they have been reporting all kinds of lies about us. Social Services has been to my child's school two times. The first time they took him into a room alone to try to interview him or whatever they do. My child cannot talk.

We have been called on at least 12

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State to save money with virtual doctor visits for prisoners

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Inmates in Kentucky's jails and prisons will receive most non-routine doctor visits electronically in a new program designed to save time and money, Lt. Gov. Steve Pence said Wednesday.

The program, already in limited use, is expected to expand to all 13 prisons and 75 jails across Kentucky by spring.

"The money we spend there in health care — especially taxpayer money — is money we can't put somewhere else for the needs we know we all have," Pence

said at a news conference to discuss the future of the program.

Inspired by a similar program in Oklahoma, the wireless electronic medical record system allows doctors to review a patient's health information virtually through a tablet computer. The doctor then can decide whether a patient needs individual care, and if so, which specialist should provide it. Routine checkups are conducted by a prison physician.

It is the second phase of a cost-saving partnership launched in October 2003 among the state's Department of Corrections, the University of

Kentucky and CorrectCare, a Lexington-based health management firm.

The first phase provided a statewide health network to provide care — at a reduced cost — for the 18,000 prisoners. The network, which is monitored from the university, shaved 40 percent — or \$9 million — off the cost of inmate health care in fiscal year 2005.

"Before this partnership was developed, health care was pretty much an ad hoc basis — different people doing different things in different ways," said Commissioner of Corrections John D. Rees. He said the state

was one of the few places that paid retail costs for health care.

University of Kentucky President Lee Todd Jr. said the program is a good example of the type of strides the school must make to become one of the country's Top 20 research institutions, which is his goal.

"The people that are out there, that pay our taxes to help run our institutions have never looked at our university for anything more than education, entertainment and employment," Todd said. "What they need to be looking at is for economic development and to help solve some of the state's problems."



The Floyd County Democratic Women's Club held a banquet in honor of former Gov. Bert T. Combs.

Banquet honors former governor

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Democratic Women's Club 2005 banquet honoring Gov. Bert T. Combs was held Nov. 5 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center in Prestonsburg. The evening was spent listening to anecdotes, recollections and stories about Gov. Combs by many of his family and friends.

Kentucky Attorney General Gregory Stumbo served as the master of ceremonies. Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer presented the invocation. Allen Central High School's JROTC Rebel Battalion led the processional and posting of the colors. Clayton Case of the Kentucky Opry provided entertainment.

Gov. Combs is quoted as saying, "I'd like to leave some sort of track, showing that I've been here." Many of the speakers at

the banquet related how he did exactly that.

Former Gov. Paul Patton recapped several of the contributions made by Gov. Combs that still have a positive impact on Eastern Kentucky today.

Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sara W. Combs, Gov. Combs' widow, spoke about the love Gov. Combs had for Kentucky, especially Eastern Kentucky, and his desire to improve educational opportunities for all of Kentucky's children.

Lois Combs Weinberg, Gov. Combs' daughter, shared remembrances of living in

Prestonsburg and Floyd County.

Other speakers included Barkley J. Sturgill, a longtime friend and law associate of Gov. Combs while he lived in Floyd County; state Sen. Julian Carroll, who befriended then-Gov. Combs when he was a junior member of the legislature and assisted in introducing some of the many reforms in state government that Combs initiated; Ron Sheets; Fontaine Banks; and Jerry Lundergan.

At the end of the scheduled program, a special announcement was made by Charlotte George, chair of the Floyd County Democratic Women's

Club; Fred James, Floyd County tourism director; and County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson that the Floyd County Fiscal Court has approved funding for a bronze statue of Gov. Combs to be erected in Prestonsburg on property provided by the fiscal court.

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Odds & Ends

■ **SANTA BARBARA, Calif.** — A guest at a party who collapsed from cardiac arrest was in luck: The ballroom was packed with cardiologists attending an American Heart Association fundraiser.

"If you have to go down, that was the place, I guess," said Dr. Richard Westerman, a cardiologist who helped save the man.

The unidentified patient suddenly slumped over during Saturday night's seventh annual "Heart Ball," witnesses said.

"It looked like he was a goner," said Santa Barbara City Councilman Brian Barnwell, who was among the 300 people attending the \$250-a-plate black tie event.

Several doctors sprang into action and revived the man by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Paramedics took him to a hospital and the patient has recovered, Westerman said Monday.

"He was fine," Westerman said. "He was awake. He had a pulse. He was talking."

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — In a case of life imitating fiction, a dog named Lassie apparently helped rescue its injured owner after he fell from a horse.

George Crowther, a 90-year-old farmer from Queensland state, broke his hip and pelvis when he was pitched from a bucking horse and his foot became caught in the reins, his son Austin told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Tuesday.

Crowther's dog, Lassie, came to the rescue, snuggling in next to Crowther to keep him warm.

When darkness fell, Crowther's wife came searching in the fields with a flashlight, but couldn't hear the man's feeble cries. She called for the dog and Lassie approached, whimpering. "She — said, — Where's George?" Austin Crowther said. The dog then led her to the paddock where Crowther lay cold and injured.

Crowther was recovering Tuesday after having 37 screws and two metal plates inserted into his pelvis and hip.

"He named her properly," Austin Crowther said of his father's four-legged friend.

■ **MENOMONIE, Wis.** — A mystery that has lingered for more than 36 years — who stole

the famous "S" from the clock tower at the University of Wisconsin at Stout? — has been solved.

One of the pranksters finally 'fessed up.

Two art students removed the illuminated "S" early one morning in 1969 while two others stood guard. They tossed it into the Red Cedar River, said John Clavin, class of 1970.

"We thought of ourselves as guerrilla artists on a mission to beautify the campus," wrote Clavin in a letter to the school, saying he decided to come clean after reading a story about the new "S" on the Bowman Hall Tower in an alumni publication.

Clavin said he and his fellow pranksters misunderstood the significance of the original "S," which is mentioned in the school's anthem: "On the banks of Lake Menomine stands our alma mater true, with tower high and brilliant 'S,' for her we'll dare and do."

They didn't learn about its reference in the school song until several days after the prank.

"We were too busy singing Bob Dylan songs to be bothered by the alma mater," he said. "The art students didn't go to football games."

■ **OMAHA, Neb.** — Firefighter John McDonnell was among the first responders at a house fire for one very good reason — it was his own house.

Authorities said it appeared the fire started after something fell on a wood burning stove used to heat the home. No one was inside the home at the time of the fire.

"Obviously, when you hear your own address come over, it's something that just twists your gut up right away," said Omaha Fire Department spokesman John Fuxa. "He was in one of the first responding companies."

The fire was extinguished within a few minutes. The basement and main floor sustained heavy smoke damage, and the basement also sustained heavy water damage.

■ **FLINT, Mich.** — Fred Murray was just trying to pick up a cheap video camera at a local Goodwill. He ended up saving some irreplaceable memories.

Inside the \$8 camera was an

40-minute tape that showed the first moments in the life of a baby girl, being weighed and measured and held by a grandfather. It also showed a family reunion.

Murray tracked down the tape's owner, Sherry Ewing of Grand Blanc, and returned it to her Friday.

"The only people who would have seen that tape would be family. So I guess you're family now," Ewing, 46, told Murray. "Thank you so much."

The tape recorded the 1991 birth of Lauren, now 14. It also held footage of Ewing's mother, who died in 1998.

Murray, 59, and his wife, Rose, did a bit of detective work to track down Ewing.

A pillow in the video was embroidered with the name of the hospital. Nurses on the tape spoke of Friday the 13th and called out the baby's hospital identification number and weight. A doctor's name was legible on an identification badge. The hospital helped the couple find Ewing.

"We just knew we needed to get this back to the family," said Rose Murray, 57.

■ **BERLIN** — When a 58-year-old motorist stopped at a highway rest stop to answer the call of nature, he had no idea how cruel nature could be.

The man found himself trapped in a toilet stall Friday morning when the lock froze. The stop was along a highway near the Bavarian town of Lichtenau.

The man finally got help when someone occupied the stall next to him, heard his story and called police on his cell phone.

In all, the man spent about an hour in the chilly stall. Police described him as "thoroughly frozen through, but in good general health."

■ **CHEMULT, Ore.** — State troopers are used to having angry people throw strange things at them. But a pair of prosthetic legs?

Trooper Don Newcomb got hit with the appendages after stopping a vehicle for driving the wrong direction on Highway 97, police said. The trooper asked the driver to leave the SUV after allegedly smelling

alcohol on his breath.

The driver initially refused to get out and a passenger, 53-year-old Joel Kackstetter, got out and told Newcomb that he would rip his head off, police said.

Once Newcomb finally got the driver to the patrol car, he chased Kackstetter, kicking him from behind. It was then that Kackstetter threw both of his legs at Newcomb, according to a police report. One missed him but the other hit the trooper in the chest.

Kackstetter was booked Saturday on suspicion of menacing, assaulting an officer, interference with an officer, criminal conspiracy and resisting arrest. His bail was set at \$45,000. The driver was charged with driving under the influence, reckless driving, resisting arrest and attempted assault of an officer.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — A prison inmate who shed 31 pounds so he could squeeze out of prison is back behind bars after being spotted in a mall wearing a drawn-on mustache and beard.

Robert Cole, 36, embarrassed authorities when he broke out of his hospital cell at Long Bay jail on Wednesday. He had chiseled a 6-inch hole in the brick work beside a window frame.

He reportedly managed to aid his escape by reducing his weight to 123 pounds by taking laxatives.

He was recaptured in a Sydney shopping mall on Saturday disguised with whiskers drawn on his face with a pen, The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported.

"The man was wearing a fake painted beard and mustache," said Noel O'Regan-Davis, 18, who watched the arrest. "It looked hilarious."

Cole had been serving time for stealing and assault.

Council

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patrol Goble Roberts.

"We've always had this problem," he said.

"We made that mistake then," Collins said. "Does that mean that we need to make it now?"

Fannin said that the city has probably tripled in acreage within the last 10 years. "And it's been a little at a time," he said.

"Either we grow or we don't grow," Fannin said to Collins.

"What do you want us to do?" Later, member Donna Wells said she believed that the city was held back 20 years when the boundary lines were "held

back."

"You have to go forward," she said.

Collins pointed out that the city "has no plan for growth except when people ask" to be annexed. He said he'd continue asking the council to formulate a better plan for growth.

Fannin suggested that council members sit down and draw out a map of what the city wants to offer for annexation.

Following the discussion, members unanimously passed the ordinance, annexing Stephens Branch.

Smoking

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set a good example to other businesses if they pass an ordinance to ban smoking in city buildings.

The motion passed without opposition, and members decided to make the new regulation effective in March.

Member Kelly Moore suggested the city construct a smoke break room for city employees, a suggestion Rosenberg said wouldn't work because construction of such a room would be "financially prohibitive" and

because no ventilation system can efficiently remove smoke.

Mayor Jerry Fannin asked a city employee to work with the health department and city employees to devise a plan.

In other news, the council unanimously passed resolutions to add a supplement to the city's code of ordinances, to establish meeting times at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month and to annex properties on Stephens Branch.

Cocaine

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with a 12-month sentence imposed on Kidd for use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Both sentences will be probated during the sentencing hearing in March and she will be placed under supervised probation.

Caudill told Kidd that she

would be held up to 30 days in Floyd County in order to give the state of Tennessee ample time to transport her to face charges there.

Caudill advised public advocate Jane Harlan to contact Tennessee in order to speed up the process.

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Lost: 5- to 6-month-old kitten.

Light blue eyes, brown feet and ears, also his tail is brown. Resembles a Siamese.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2006. There are 340 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 25, 1981, the 52 Americans held hostage by Iran for 444 days arrived in the United States.

On this date:

■ In 1787, Shays's Rebellion suffered a setback when debt-ridden farmers led by Captain Daniel Shays failed to capture an arsenal at Springfield, Mass.

■ In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, six hours and 11 minutes.

■ In 1890, the United Mine Workers of America was founded.

■ In 1915, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, inaugurated U.S. transcontinental telephone service.

■ In 1946, the United Mine Workers rejoined the American Federation of Labor.

■ In 1947, American gangster Al Capone died in Miami Beach, Fla., at age 48.

■ In 1959, American Airlines opened the jet age in the United States with the first scheduled transcontinental flight of a Boeing 707.

■ In 1961, President

Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and television.

■ In 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

■ In 1990, actress Ava Gardner died in London at age 67.

Ten years ago: With Republicans bruised by two government shutdowns, the House overwhelmingly approved legislation to keep federal agencies running through March 15, 1996.

Five years ago: A jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., found 13-year-old Lionel Tate guilty of first-degree murder in the death of a 6-year-old family friend (Tate had said he accidentally killed the girl while imitating moves by pro wrestlers).

One year ago: A videotape showed Roy Hallums, an American kidnapped in Baghdad the previous November, pleading for his life. (Hallums was rescued by coalition troops on Sept. 7, 2005.) A

stampede during a Hindu festival in western India killed at least 258 people. Architect Philip Johnson died in New Canaan, Conn., at age 98.

Today's Birthdays:

Journalist-author Edwin Newman is 87. The former president of Georgia, Eduard Shevardnadze, is 78. Actor Dean Cain is 75. The former president of the Philippines, Corason Aquino, is 73. Blues singer Etta James is 68. Movie director Tobe Hooper is 63. Actress Leigh Taylor-Young is 62. Actress Jenifer Lewis is 49. Actress Dinah Manoff is 48. Country musician Mike Burch (River Road) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kina is 37. Actress China Kantner is 35. Musician Matt Omark (Jars of Clay) is 32. Actress Mia Kirshner is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alicia Keys is 25.

Thought for Today: "Love must be learned, and learned again and again; there is no end to it. Hate needs no instruction, but wants only to be provoked." — Katherine Anne Porter, American author (1894-1980).

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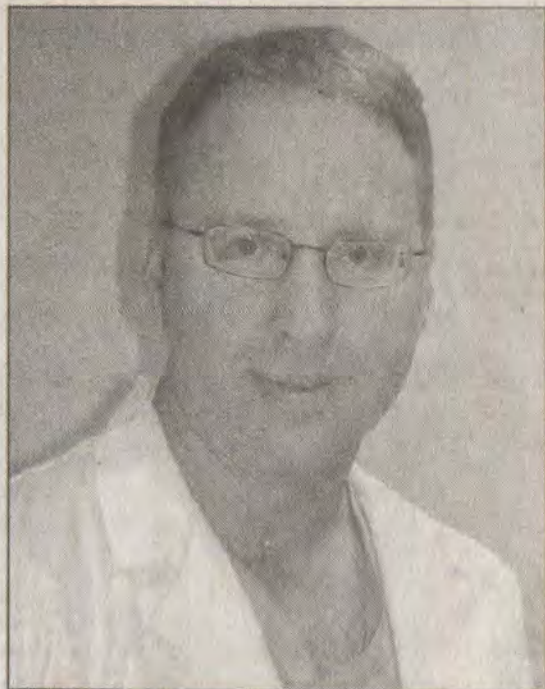
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Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) students and faculty continued a long-standing tradition on Veterans' Day, paying tribute to members of the armed forces for their military service. Both active duty officers and veterans, who are also part of the College family, gathered to commemorate the day. First- and second-year medical students attended a lecture on the history of osteopathic medicine in the military, delivered by retired Navy Captain Michael K. Murphy, D.O., a professor of family medicine at PCOM. Other activities included a traditional Navy bull ensign ceremony and the formation of a charter of The Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS). AMOPS was established in 1977 to serve and represent osteopathic physicians in the uniformed services who comprise approximately 10 percent of the physicians in the Armed Forces. From left are medical students Phyllis Spurr USA/USN, Guy Gibson USAF, Dhanraj Khemlani USAF, John Brandenburg USA, Chad Sander USA, Vernon Brewer USA, Stacy Richardson USA, PCOM faculty Michael Murphy, retired Capt. MC USN, medical student Erica Johnson Bull ENS MC USNR, PCOM faculty Darrell Lovins, retired Capt. MC USN, medical student Brian Allen USA, PCOSM faculty Dan Callan, retired Capt. MC USN, medical students Richard Hilliard USA, and Cade Cinamond, ENS MC USNR.

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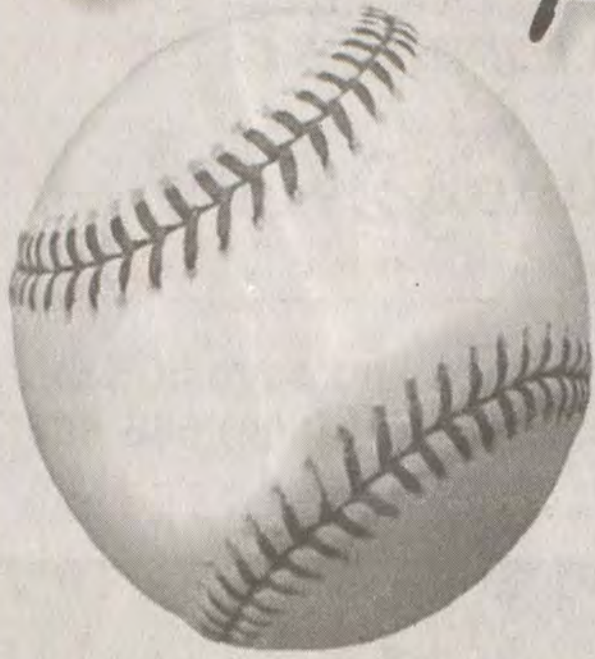
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Convicted

another officer giving assistance. Montgomery related that he pursued Shepherd up a hill off Long Fork Road and was surprised when Shepherd turned and leapt on him, which brought the pair tumbling down the hillside and ended with the officer caught up in some barbed wire which became attached to his equipment belt. Shepherd was able to free himself and escaped on foot before Montgomery could get untangled.

The chase began on Route 80 near Martin when Montgomery noticed the defective tail lights on a white pickup driven by Shepherd. Montgomery signaled for Shepherd to pull over, but the vehicle took off and ran the red light at Route 122, where it almost collided with another vehicle. Montgomery was able to catch up to Shepherd when a hard left off Long Fork Road resulted in Shepherd losing control of the truck and crashing into a fence post.

Shepherd was apprehended later due to the fact that Montgomery recognized him and brought his report to the county attorney's office, which

later charged Shepherd with driving on a revoked license, fleeing police, wanton endangerment, reckless driving, assault, disregarding a traffic signal and resisting arrest.

Shepherd was later involved in another chase and agreed to enter a guilty plea to that incident, which was scheduled for trial in July, after receiving the guilty verdict Tuesday.

Judge Caudill accepted a sentencing recommendation from the commonwealth which will see Shepherd serve five years for the crimes he was convicted of and an additional two years for the other chase which netted Shepherd a seven-year sentence.

Caudill thanked the jury and explained that their work solved two cases for the courts and noted that he will sentence Shepherd formally on Feb. 24 after receiving a pre-sentencing report from probation and parole. Caudill can, after reading the report, opt to reject the sentencing recommendation and allow the jury to come back and finish its commitment to the case by recommending a sentence should the report indicate

that Shepherd merits a stronger sentence.

Shepherd's defense, which was conducted by Pikeville attorney Steve Owens, did not go smoothly, with two witnesses called who offered conflicting stories. Shepherd's mother appeared and said that she was with Billy all afternoon and evening on Christmas Eve. She appeared secure in her recollection but later changed her mind, saying it was the evening of the Dec. 23 that they spent together. Her account included a statement that the white pickup was used by Billy's brother Tom on the 24th but that was impossible due to the fact that it was impounded after the chase which took place around 3:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve.

The story took another hit when a young lady who dated Tom Shepherd testified that she and Billy Shepherd's mother were together with him on the evening of the 24th. She also noted that she knew it couldn't have been on the Dec. 23 that they were together because she recalled visiting her aunt and uncle on that date.

During closing arguments, Owens only referred to the mother's testimony and said that "memory is a funny thing" and illustrated the point by saying that he often forgets where he parked his car. Owens asked for

less forgiveness for officer Montgomery and reminded the jury that Montgomery made an error before the grand jury which indicted Shepherd when he gave them the date he arrested Shepherd as the date of the incident, though it in fact occurred two months earlier.

Marshall closed by seizing on Owens' statements about memory, reminding the jury that Shepherd's mother was very certain at the start of her testimony that she was with Billy on the afternoon and evening of Dec. 24. He offered that she got confused only later in her testimony and expressed his concern that the jury not be confused when they deliberate.

While the jury was out on its final recess, Shepherd talked openly in the courtroom to his brother and appeared indifferent to the presence of bailiffs and Marshall, as well as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor. He said he would get himself a hot rod upon his release. He smirked at a bailiff's advice that he just stop the next time he saw blue lights in his rearview mirror and went on to note that his security level at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center was such that he could only move about the grounds while under the watch of a guard.

Board

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foods until one half-hour past the last student meal service, as well as prohibiting the sale of carbonated beverages during the school day. Elementary school councils are required to develop and implement a wellness policy that includes moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. Healthy food choices are also to be encouraged. Additionally, each school is to develop assessment tools to be used to determine each child's level of physical activity on an annual basis.

The nutrition, snacks and beverage requirements of Senate Bill 172 will apply to all schools, K-12, district central offices, and maintenance and transportation departments, in Floyd County.

Prior to the meeting of the educational board, a public forum was also held on the May Valley Elementary School campus. The purpose of the forum was to introduce the committee wellness report findings, generate discussion, and receive public comment and input in regard to improvement.

During the forum, Jennifer Martin, district employee, reported that Floyd County schools are now offering serv-

ings of fruit on a daily basis, a wider variety of vegetables, and healthier choice items such as whole wheat crust pizza.

Rebial Reynolds, Prestonsburg Elementary, also informed that her school "has already incorporated physical activity minutes into the instructional day," as well as offering an after-school fitness program two days a week on the school campus. "We also have Jane Bond and Cheryl Yonts, from the health department, visit often to speak about nutrition," Reynolds said.

Grigsby shared that wellness programs have been developed and implemented in most county schools. "The site-based councils at each individual school are responsible for developing their own programs, so you will see differences among the schools," he said.

A listing of all food and beverage items available to students, grades K-8, in Floyd County schools, during the day may be obtained from either the child nutrition office located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, or by logging

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Meth

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drug and entered the plea. Judge Caudill accepted it and told Meade that he understood she had two children and wished to pick them up before going into custody. He noted that he rarely makes exceptions but did allow Meade to report to the jail at 7 p.m. Tuesday evening so that she could pick up her children from school and explain that she will be going away.

Meade's attorney also balked at part of the agreement when he heard that there would be fines for three misdemeanor counts included in her charges. Judge Caudill noted for the record that those recommendations were on the form which Spencer had signed as part of entering the plea.

Meade was arrested on April 25 of 2005 after purchasing 12 packs of Sudafed from the Rite-Aid pharmacy on University Drive. The pharmacy had contacted Prestonsburg Police regarding the purchase, as the drug is used to manufacture meth.

Sgt. Ralph Frasure responded to the call and obtained cause to stop the vehicle that Meade was traveling in with Steven Salyers, 36, of Stambaugh, when the car failed to use a turn signal as it left the plaza.

Frasure later testified at a suppression hearing that he observed Meade pushing something under the car's passenger seat after he stopped the vehicle. He was able to retrieve the Sudafed which had been pushed under the seat. He also found a small quantity of the drug on Meade as well as three Mason jars in the back seat of the vehicle. Lab tests later confirmed that the jars contained liquid meth, which had been cooked for six hours and was only 10 minutes away from being converted into doses of the drug for sale.

Frasure also was able to recover several ingredients for manufacturing more of the drug in the car's trunk, where he found Red Devil lye, antifreeze and iodine.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor was set to try the case and indicated that the plea was a victory for the commonwealth.

"It's a significant conviction for manufacturers of the drug," Taylor said. "It's a real scourge, especially in western Kentucky, where commonwealth's attorneys are besieged with such cases." Taylor noted that the Commonwealth Attorney's Office will continue to seek significant jail time for subjects who traffic in the drug, which also represents a danger to neighbors of people who make the substance due to its chemical instability. Taylor observed that a special recovery team had to be brought in from the Kentucky State Police to make sure that the evidence recovered from the Meade and Salyers arrests was safe to transport before taking it from the vehicle.

Taylor, who secured a conviction and maximum sentence against the first meth trafficker arrested in Floyd County two years ago, said, "We will continue to send the message that we will come down hard on manufacturers of this drug. It's a dubious situation to get involved with this substance for the manufacturers who could easily be blown up by it during the cooking phase and it's also deadly for those who use it and is known to cause brain damage, not to mention that innocent people are in peril if they unknowingly live near a residence where it is made."

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Letters

times, and to date they have never found anything wrong that we are doing. All that we are doing is trying to raise our autistic child the best way we can, and these people continue to call Social Services on us. We know who it is, because they have admitted doing it to us over the phone. I even have one family member on tape saying that she was going to do it. Instead of facing us like adults, they are attacking our child like cowards, trying to get him taken away from us.

I have told Social Services time and time again that these people are just trying to harass us, I have let them listen to a tape of the calls made by my wife's sister to our answering machine that has over 30 calls of threats made to us. But still they continue to come into our home when any of them calls Social Services.

We just had a visit from Social Services On Friday, Jan. 20, a Social Services person went to my autistic child's school and tried to interview my child. She later returned to my home with a state police officer. She told us what was said about us and showed us a copy of a

handwritten letter that stated all kinds of lies about us. My wife looked at the letter and knew who wrote it by the handwriting. The letter was not signed. The state police officer wanted to search my home after I let him come into my home without protest. I have nothing to hide but I am not going to let someone search through my home because of lies that someone has reported on me and my family. I told the officer that he could not search without a proper warrant.

And the lady from social services wanted us both to take drug tests, and also wanted personal and private information about the doctors we are going to and any medication that we are taking.

This is outrageous and is borderline communism. They know that these calls are bogus lies from the past when they have been here, yet they treat us as if we are criminals.

Months ago, I requested thru the open records law for all the records from Social Services regarding the reports that were made on us. I completed all the forms and to date I have never received any information.

The law needs to be changed

so that anyone that reports someone to Social Services must give their name, address and phone number. This would stop the abuse of the system and save a lot of time and taxpayers' dollars that are wasted on bogus calls.

It is important that children are protected from abuse. But it is not right that anyone can call Social Services and report lies about someone and cause that family harm from continued harassment, embarrassment and slander.

Instead of these Social Services people driving around on your tax dollars to answer bogus calls, they should be spending their time and your money on real problems and emergencies:

My wife and I have taken about all we can. We need help to stop this slander and harassment of our handicapped son and on us.

I welcome anyone that can give us any help on this matter. This kind of treatment cannot and should not be allowed to take place.

Barry Shortridge
MOUTH CARD

Board

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The board voted to approve the committee's health and nutrition report and will send a finalized version of the report to the state board of education by March 1.

In other business, several agenda items, among them, the election of a board member to the Local Planning Committee and a decision on whether or not to rescind the district's current tobacco use policy, were tabled to next month's meeting due primarily to the absence of board members Chandra Varia and Carol Stumbo.



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Ideas

ents maintain custody of their children after a deployment.

The proposed trust fund would help qualified Kentucky soldiers and their families get grants to help pay for child care, housing, groceries, utilities and health insurance during deployments outside the United States.

"This is one way we can honor those that have been so burdened by a spouse being transferred out of country to serve in this Iraqi Freedom war," said Tori, R-Radcliff.

Other bills under consideration would:

- Extend the amount of time a person who enters the military could be covered by their parents' health insurance.

- Require the state to pay a \$75,000 death benefit for soldiers killed on federal active duty.

- Exempt people with disabled veteran's or prisoner of war license plates from paying public parking fees.

- Require schools to hold Veterans Day programs.

- Guarantee that students called into military duty get credit for their coursework and given time to make up missed work.

- Give Kentucky veterans or current military personnel discounts at state parks.

Maj. Gen. Donald Storm, Kentucky's adjutant general, said the extensive use of guard and reserve troops has put "an exceptional strain" on Kentucky families with loved ones deployed for war.

"The legislature, the executive branch and all the people of Kentucky are definitely wanting to put together a package that brings support to not only the soldiers and those participating in the global war on terror but also their families," Storm said.

Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

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Floyd NWTF banquet scheduled for Feb. 4

The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will hold its annual Hunting Heritage Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. For more information, contact any of the following individuals: Paul Hagans, 285-0176; Paul Robinson, 874-2701; Shawn or Joanie Davis, 358-0053; Mark Wallace, 358-4908; Gerald Jones, 886-8656.

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BoB releases 2006 schedule, increases points fund

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The nation's most competitive regional racing series, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sports Shirts, has announced its schedule for the 2006 racing season. In addition, the points fund will increase for the upcoming season with the series champion taking home \$12,000.

Coming off the heels of a season that produced 18 different winners in

20 races, the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series is ready to roll into the upcoming racing season with an aggressive schedule that currently boasts 24 events. The 2006 campaign for the BoB Late Models will kickoff with back-to-back events at Larry Yantz's Ponderosa Speedway April 7-8 with those events paying \$3,000 and \$5,000-to-win, respectively. The following weekend, the series hits the King Family's Florence Speedway for the Spring 50 tune-up on

April 14 and the Spring 50 on April 15. The 23rd Annual Hoosier Dirt Classic at Brownstown Speedway will fly under the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series banner on April 22. The series rounds out the month of April with a double-heading weekend at Richmond Raceway on the 28th and Bluegrass Speedway's 9th Annual Spring Sizzler on April 29.

May 6 will mark the first of three visits to Sitka and the 3/8-mile facility known as 201 Speedway for a \$3,000-

to-win show.

The inaugural Kentucky Late Model Speedweek will find the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series hitting four races in five days beginning with the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series making its inaugural visit on Memorial Day to Sherri Heckenast's Kentucky Lake Motor Speedway on May 29. The series then moves east for night two for a Tuesday night special at Bluegrass Speedway on May 30. Following a

night off, the thunder rolls Thursday night, June 1, to the Richmond Raceway. The speedweek finishes with a Friday night show at Ponderosa Speedway on June 2. The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Kentucky Late Model Speedweek will feature a separate points fund for those four events. Each event will be a standard O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series \$3,000-to-

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Bears drop first Expo Center game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The Eagles of Lambuth University found the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center to their liking ... for the first 20 minutes, anyway. They shot 57.1 percent from the floor and hit five three-pointers to build a 14-point halftime lead and then held on down the stretch to outlast Pikeville College 74-69.

The game was the first of four the Bears will play in the new showcase arena in preparation of the Mid-South Conference tournament being played there, scheduled for March 2-4.

Sixth-ranked Lambuth (18-1, 1-0 in the MSC) lit it up early, particularly Fairdale native Michael Beasley, who sank four first-half three-pointers to build his team a 45-31 by the half.

The Bears stayed within striking distance throughout, and when senior Emanuel Tekie grabbed a rebound and scored with 41 seconds remaining, the deficit was only three, 72-69. But that was as close as they could get, turning the ball over on their next possession with 17 seconds

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Lady Bears can't stop Gunter, Lambuth

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Junior Jodi Gunter scored 26 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead Lambuth University to a 53-50 win over Pikeville College on Saturday.

The first college basketball game played in the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center featured poor shooting all around – Lambuth won a road conference game while hitting

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photo by Jamie Howell

DISTRICT PLAY HALTED: This week's 15th Region All "A" Classic boys' basketball tournament has been put the clamps on 58th District play. Next week, district play will again heat up. Allen Central High School is hosting this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic. Prestonsburg and South Floyd are pictured in their district meeting from earlier this month.

KHSAA NOTEBOOK

State tourney draws scheduled

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The draws for the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 3. WKYT-TV in Lexington will again air the draws live beginning at 1 p.m. Insight of Northern Kentucky will air the program live while Insight in Louisville will air the program on a delayed basis.

Following is satellite uplink information:
AMC 02 (KU Analog) Transponder 03
D/L Freq.-11760 (V)

Test -12:45 – 1 p.m.; Show 1-1:30 p.m.

Brackets will be posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard at the conclusion of the program.

■ For the third consecutive year, as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament,

National City will be touring the Boys' Championship trophy. Seven stops remain on the 2006 tour with Boyd County next up to serve host to the tour when it takes on Ashland Blazer on Friday.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop or access the form through the KHSAA website. Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 24. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following are the remaining sites of the 2006 Tour:

- Jan. 27 – Ashland Blazer at Boyd County
- Feb. 3 – North Laurel at S. Laurel and Male at DuPont Manual
- Feb. 6 – Warren Central at Bowling Green
- Feb. 7 – North Hardin at Oldham County
- Feb. 14 – Danville at Casey County
- Feb. 17 – Madison Central at Franklin County

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Raiders rattle East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK – After losing back-to-back games, South Floyd returned to the win column Friday night, beating East Ridge on the road, 91-71.

Senior center Ryan Little led South Floyd with a game-high 21 points. Little was one of four players to reach double figures in the winning effort. Ryan Johnson followed with 19 points. Ethan Johnson had 15 points and T.J. Hall added 14 for the Raiders.

East Ridge, two seasons removed from a 15th Region championship, fell behind early on in the first half and never recovered. The Warriors trailed at the end of every period, only outscoring South Floyd in the third quarter.

Mark Bartley led East Ridge with 14 points.

South Floyd played solid in both halves, finishing on a strong note by outscoring the Warriors 25-17 in the final period.

For South Floyd, the win over East Ridge snapped a two-game losing streak.

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ATVs not permitted on WMAs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A WMA is not the place for an ATV. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is reminding the public that use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) is not allowed. The only exception is for mobility-impaired hunters who have the proper permit. Even then, ATVs are limited to designated areas.

People who illegally operate ATVs on wildlife management areas are subject to hundreds of dollars in fines and court costs, and the potential seizure of their vehicle. All-terrain vehicles are not allowed on or off any roads within a wildlife management area.

ATVs are not permitted on wildlife areas because they interfere with hunting and fishing pursuits, can cause signifi-

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Phelps pulls away from Piarist

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – Visiting Phelps had its hands full in the first half Friday night against the Piarist School. The second half, however, went the way of the Phelps Hornets. Piarist, which found itself down only six points at halftime, couldn't keep pace in the second half. Behind Charlie Hunt's game-high 28 points, Phelps pulled away, winning convincingly, 87-56.

Mike Dotson added 18 points and Robert Gannon had 16 points for the

Hornets. Phelps maintained a lead at the end of every quarter.

In all, nine different Phelps players provided scoring.

The Hornets set the tone early on in the second half, outscoring Piarist 29-12 in the third quarter.

Josh Ousley led Piarist with 22 points. Ousley was one of three Piarist players to reach double figures in the scoring department. Jake Moak was the team's second-leading scoring, finishing with 18 points. Chris Baker added

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Piarist School guard Jake Moak brought the ball up the floor during Friday's game against Phelps.

Eagles drop two games in one week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team lost to Pikeville College and Spalding University in two road games last week. In the game against Pikeville, played Monday night Jan. 16, the Eagles started slow and trailed 38-34 at halftime en route to an 81-74 loss. Corey Hairston led five players in double figures with 16 points and eight

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KHSAA

BASKETBALL TICKETS
Tickets to the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office or online at

khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$108 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$58 each. Tickets will

be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 24. Beginning March 3, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

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UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

- Jan. 30-Feb. 4 - Swimming & Diving Regionals
Feb. 3 - Draw Show for 2006 State Basketball Tournaments - WKYT-TV, Lex. and other cable outlets
Feb. 16-18 - State Wrestling Tournament, Frankfort
Feb. 17-18 - State Swimming & Diving Championships, Lexington
Feb. 20 - KHSAA Special Appeals Meeting, Lexington
Feb. 24 - Deadline for National City/KHSAA Sweet 16@ scholarship applications
Feb. 27 - March 4 - District Basketball Tournaments
March 6-14 - Regional Basketball Tournaments
March 14 - Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom
March 15-18 - National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16@
March 22-25 - Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16@
NEXT BoC MEETING: The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is special meeting to review appeals. The meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 20

Reds new owner makes some changes

by JOE KAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI - The new owner of the Cincinnati Reds already is moving in and moving things around.

In his first day running baseball's oldest professional franchise, produce magnate Bob Castellini reorganized the front office and promised fans a championship.

He also announced Friday that he was moving into an office at Great American Ball Park, where he plans to see how things are done with an eye on more sweeping changes down the line.

"As we build our organization, we'll likely do some other things differently once we get our sleeves rolled up," Castellini said at a news conference attended by about 300 civic leaders and dignitaries. "I intend to work out of the Reds' offices on a daily basis until I have an insider's understanding of how we work."

Castellini's first move was to change the front office's structure. Chief operating officer John Allen will stay but will focus on the business side of the ballclub. General manager Dan O'Brien will run the baseball side, reporting directly to Castellini.

Under previous owner Carl Lindner, Allen ran the entire operation and reported directly to the owner. Castellini and two other Cincinnati businessmen bought control of the team from Lindner in November, a transac-

tion approved Thursday by major league baseball owners.

In many ways, Castellini demonstrated he will be much different from previous owners. He was more comfortable in front of a microphone - Lindner generally kept to himself - and showed a broad knowledge of his team, his players and what they've done.

Castellini, who will run the team as its chief executive, said the payroll this season would be \$60 million to \$65 million. The Reds lost 89 games last year, when they opened with a \$60 million payroll that ranked 19th in the majors. The 2006 payroll was set before Castellini got control of the team.

The new owner also showed a fondness for former Reds manager Lou Piniella, who is out of baseball at the moment. Tampa Bay bought out the final year of his contract at the end of last season, and Piniella is doing television work this year.

Castellini met with Piniella and asked him to become a special adviser with the Reds. Castellini said Piniella turned down the offer because he wants to take a year off.

"I wanted Lou to come up here in the worst way as a special adviser," Castellini said. "He promised me if I asked him to, he'd come down to spring training. He's just a terrific guy. He'll not be with us this year."

The Reds have put together five consecutive losing seasons, their longest such streak in 50 years. Castellini said that will change.

"I want to make a promise today to Reds fans wherever you are, a promise from one fan to another: We will bring championship baseball to Cincinnati," he said emphatically.

The five-year losing streak reflects an organization that lost its direction in the late 1990s, unsure whether it was rebuilding or contending. General manager Jim Bowden was fired midway through 2003 - the first season at Great American Ball Park - when the lack of pitching and prospects caught up with the team.

The Reds have put more emphasis and money into the farm system since Bowden left, but haven't been able to develop pitching prospects. Last season, the Reds had the NL's top offense - most runs, doubles and homers in the league - but their pitching staff finished last.

"We spent a lot more money on scouting in the last two or three years and a lot more on minor league development, but the results are not showing yet," Castellini said. "And I understand that it's supposed to take longer than that, but I'm impatient."

He's also more willing than Lindner to get involved. Like former owner Marge Schott, Castellini plans to have an office in the ballpark, studying how things run. Lindner and other Reds owners preferred to work out of their business offices.

"I'll be here every day," Castellini said. "I will be hands-on. That's a promise."

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP: Steelers 34, Broncos 17

by EDDIE PELLIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER - Big Ben, The Bus and all those Terrible Towels sure are traveling well this postseason. Next stop, the Super Bowl, the final destination of a Pittsburgh road trip the Denver Broncos were powerless to derail.

Ben Roethlisberger had a brilliant afternoon, throwing for 275 yards and two scores, and Jerome Bettis extended his career one more game, lifting the Steelers to a dominating 34-17 victory in the AFC title game Sunday.

Bettis said, "We're going home!" as the game wore down and he celebrated on the sideline. He is, indeed, back to his hometown of Detroit for Pittsburgh's first appearance in the Super Bowl since 1995.

"I thought we could get there. It's come true," he said. "Detroit, watch out. Here we come!"

Outschemed, outplayed and pushed around all day, the Broncos (14-4) shuffled off to their locker room, heads down, after their first home loss in 10 tries this season.

"They had a great game plan," said Broncos coach Mike Shanahan, now 2-1 in AFC title games. "They played big on the road, very well-coached game, very well-played game."

for Bettis, the Steelers (14-5) have looked extremely comfortable on the road.

They became the first team to win three away games to make it to the Super Bowl since the 1985 New England Patriots. Some might look at that as a surprise. Anyone who has watched the Steelers over the past decade - and especially the last two months - certainly wouldn't.

They came out passing, not running, much the same way they did when they upset Indianapolis last week. Roethlisberger called pass plays on seven of Pittsburgh's first 11 snaps and threw completions on five of those.

The first drive resulted in a field goal. On Denver's next possession, Pittsburgh's Joey Porter blitzed to force a Jake Plummer fumble. Five plays later, Roethlisberger hit Cedrick Wilson for a touchdown and a 10-0 lead, quieting the Invesco Field crowd much as the Steelers did in Indy last week and Cincinnati the week before.

After a Denver field goal, the Steelers essentially salted this game with a 14-play, 80-yard drive that ate up nearly 7 1/2 minutes and had the Broncos defense totally off balance and gasping for air. The Steelers converted six of seven third downs in the first half.

Bettis capped it by bullying in from the 3 for a 17-3 lead to put him well on his way to the Super Bowl. Jut-jawed coach Bill Cowher smiled widely for that

one, remembering Bettis' near disaster on the goal line last week in Indy.

"This is a great group of guys, how we got here, we're a different team," Cowher said. "We're a focused team, no matter what's happened, we've stayed together. We've got a resilient group."

The Broncos trailed by two touchdowns, but they had escaped worse predicaments in the past.

But there was no Drive, no Fumble, no comeback and no you-know-who on the field this day.

John Elway was on hand, but sitting in a luxury suite, watching the Broncos fall short of the ultimate destination for the seventh straight year since he led them to their second championship.

Plummer, who had played so well in the lead all season, finally faced some comeback pressure and failed miserably. He went 18-for-30 for 223 yards with two lost fumbles and two interceptions.

He threw one pass underhanded, scrambled for his life and, though valiant as always, proved what had been proved many times before - that he can't do it by himself.

Trailing by two touchdowns, Jake the Snake lobbed a terrible pass into the flat that was easily intercepted by Ike Taylor. Moments later, Bettis ran it in

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Schedule

win purse.

Following the Kentucky Late Model Speedweek, the series will take a much needed rest before making their third appearance of the season at David and Anita Ferrell's Bluegrass Speedway for the 5th Annual June Jam. On June 24, the BoB tour will revisit the Hoosier State for Brownstown Speedway's 8th Annual Lee Fleetwood Memorial.

July finds the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts at 201 Speedway on the first day of the month, Bluegrass Speedway on the 8th for the \$5,000 -o-win Kentuckiana Klash, and Richmond Raceway on the 15th for the Butterball Wooldridge Memorial. July closes out with Border Wars 2006 as the series hits Oneida,

Tenn., and Scenic Raceway for back-to-back shows July 21-22, paying \$3,000- and \$5,000-to-win, respectively. Three consecutive Saturday night events with the winner taking home \$5,000 will make July in 2006 ultra-competitive.

The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series closes out its 2006 campaign in the month of September. Sept. 2 will find the series again at 201 Speedway while the Sept. 15-16 will see a double-header weekend at Ponderosa and Bluegrass. A \$5,000-to-win show will take the BoB boys to Kentucky Lake on the 23rd with the season-closing on Saturday, Sept. 30 at Florence Speedway.

The series has also announced an increase to its points fund for the upcoming season. The 2006 O'Reilly

NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series Champion will receive a \$12,000 paycheck for his effort with additional money being spread throughout the points fund. In addition, Springfield, Mo.-based O'Reilly Auto Parts has once again agreed to return as the title sponsor of the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series. Also, citing the competitiveness of the series in 2005, it was recently announced that the O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series will keep the same tire rule as it had in 2005.

The O'Reilly NARA Battle of the Bluegrass DirtCar Series presented by Arizona Sport Shirts and the NARA Battle of the Bluegrass Open Wheel Modified Series has announced a new website address - www.battleofthebluegrass.com.

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Bears

left before getting off a shot. Senior Curtis Lincoln led the Eagles with 21 points. He also had five rebounds and four assists. Beasley and Lamont Campbell tossed in 4 points each, while Lamar Farr chipped in with 10.

Pikeville (8-13, 0-1 in the

MSC) had four players in double figures, led by Tekie's 13. Chris Carroll was one of two Bears to turn in a double-double, scoring 11 and grabbing 10 rebounds. Kurtis Ellison had 11 also, while Ben Valentine had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Thanks to the two double-doubles, the Bears dominated the glass, outrebounding the Eagles 49-32. Their shooting was off in the spacious Expo Center, hitting only 37.7 percent from the field and 59.1 percent from the line.

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only 29.6 percent from the floor because Pikeville found the rims even less to its liking, hitting 27.7 percent.

The team combined for 1-of-29 shooting from the arc. In fact, remove Gunter's 8-of-13 shooting and the teams combined to shoot only 24.5 percent from the field.

Lambuth, 13-6 and on the cusp of the NAA's Top 25, got

the win in its first Mid-South Conference game of the season. The game was played in the Expo Center because the MSC tournament will be held there March 2-4.

Gunter was the only Lady Eagle in double figures. Meghan Fuqua followed with eight points and 10 rebounds.

Pikeville (11-9, 0-1) got 11 points from freshman Camille

Cook, thanks largely to going 7-of-10 from the free throw line. The next highest scorer was junior guard Jessica Lovell with nine. Senior Julie Yates had a solid all-around performance, finishing with five points, seven rebounds and five assists.

Pikeville will return the Expo Center for three more games, playing next against Campbellsville on Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.

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Raiders

On Saturday, South Floyd traveled to Morgan County and took part in the Commercial Bank Hoops Showcase in a game against Owsley County. In one of three games played Saturday as part of the Hoops Showcase, Owsley County defeated the Raiders 85-77. In

other games, Fleming County beat Lee County 56-52 and host Morgan County edged Boyd County 66-64.

SOUTH FLOYD 91, EAST RIDGE 71
SOUTH FLOYD - M. Hall 4, E. Johnson 15, T.J. Hall 14,

R. Johnson 19, M. Little 5, J. Slone 9, R. Little 21, A. Slone 4. EAST RIDGE - McCoy 5, Williams 7, Mullins 13, Bartley 14, Roe 8, Coleman 11, Webb 10, Belcher 3.

South Floyd.....22 25 19 25-91
East Ridge.....14 17 23 17-71

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Eagles

rebounds. Allen Central High School product Shawn Newsome and William Dillard each had 12 points and four assists and they had four and three rebounds, respectively. K.J. Waterman had 10 points, five rebounds and five assists followed by Brent Prichard with 10 points and five rebounds. The Eagles had beaten Pikeville in overtime earlier in the season.

The Eagles traveled to Louisville last Saturday to play Spalding University. The game

was close throughout. The Eagles trailed 38-32 at halftime. They fought back to take a brief lead midway through the second half, but the Pelicans held on for a 78-69 KIAAC Conference win.

Prichard had 16 points and six rebounds for the Eagles. Betsy Layne High School graduate Jeremy Daniels was also in double figures with 12 points, four rebounds and two assists. Waterman and Jeremy Jackson each scored nine points. Hairston had six points and led

the team in rebounding with seven boards. Rodney Mitchell also scored six points. Newsome had five points, five rebounds and two assists.

At press time, the Eagles were hosting Asbury College. Results from the Alice Lloyd-Asbury game were unavailable. On Saturday afternoon, Alice Lloyd will host on IU-Southeast (17-2), the nation's No. 12-ranked team. Tip-off for the Alice Lloyd-IU-Southeast game is set for 4 p.m.

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Piarist

13 points for the Knights. Caleb Hoskins and Zach Parsons rounded out the Piarist scoring with two points apiece.

The win was the third straight victory for Phelps. The Hornets reeled off three wins in

a one-week span, also defeating both Riverside Christian and Matewan, W.Va.

PHELPS 87, PIARIST 56
PHELPS - M. Dotson 18, Gannon 16, Hunt 28, McCoy 6,

R. Dotson 9, Stiltner 1, Smith 3, C. Dotson 2, Norman 4. PIARIST - Ousley 21, Moak 18, Baker 13, Haskins 2, Parsons 2.

Phelps.....17 19 29 22-87
Piarist.....16 14 12 14-56

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ATVs

cant environmental damage with off-road use and disturb wildlife. "One trip through a mountain bog with an ATV can be devastating to certain habitats and wildlife associated with it," said Don Walker, assistant director of wildlife for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Allowing ATV use on these areas also could jeopardize future federal funding for land acquisition and other projects, said Kentucky Wildlife Director Jim Lane. "We are bound to manage our lands for compatible use hunting and fishing," he said.

Nearly all of the illegal ATV users on wildlife management areas are pleasure riders rather than hunters or anglers. Some

elk hunters in eastern Kentucky have complained about ATVs scaring away the animals. Off-season hikers have complained about conflicts with ATVs users in areas where the four-wheelers are prohibited.

ATVs are suitable for private

property (with the permission of the landowner) and within designated public areas. ATVs are otherwise not allowed on wildlife management areas - only street-legal vehicles are permitted, and those vehicles must stay on maintained roads.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Johnson Central 53, Sheldon Clark 38

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central defended its homecourt in 57th District girls' basketball action Friday night, defeating rival Sheldon Clark soundly, 53-38.

Celena Conley led Johnson Central with a game-high 14 points. Conley was one of three Johnson Central players in double figures in the scoring column. Chelsey Salyers had 11 points and Brianna Ritz added 10 points for the Lady Eagles.

Emily Wireman had six points and Breanna Salyer and Chessie Griffith five each for Johnson Central.

Sheldon Clark started the game on a strong note, outscoring Johnson Central 17-16. But the Lady Eagles answered, holding Sheldon Clark under double figures in each of the last three quarters.

Candace Preece was the only Sheldon Clark player to reach double figures.

JOHNSON CENTRAL 53, SHELDON CLARK 38

SHELDON CLARK — Cornett 4, Preece 11, Sumpter 6, Booth 2, McCoy 5, Allen 2, Jude 5, Kirk 3.

JOHNSON CENTRAL — Griffith 5, Ritz 10, Salyers 11, Conley 14, Wireman 6, Meek 2, Salyer 5.

Sheldon Clark.....17 9 6 6-38
Johnson Central.....16 15 10 12-53

Letcher Central downs Knott Central

HINDMAN — The defending 14th Region champion took first-year team Letcher County Central down to the wire Friday night, but couldn't close the

deal. Letcher Central, playing on the road at Knott County Central, held on, winning 49-43.

Freshman guard Tierra Baker paced Letcher Central with 14 points.

Stephanie Whitaker and Heather Martin, a transfer from Knott County Central, added 13 points apiece for the Lady Cougars.

Two players reached double figures scoring for the host Lady Patriots.

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL 49, KNOTT CO. CENTRAL 43

LETCHER CO. CENTRAL — Morris 6, Martin 13, Whitaker 13, Sexton 3, Baker 14.

KNOTT CO. CENTRAL — Mosley 10, North 15, Phillips 7, Slone 2, Thomas 4, Gibson 5.

Letcher Co. Cent.....20 6 7 16-49
Knott Co. Central.....13 7 12 11-43

Johnson Central 71 Sheldon Clark 58

SHELDON CLARK (7-10) — Crum 12, Lomeli-Torres 3, May 22, Porter 6, Hensley 6, Robinson 2, Hinkle 3, Johnson 4.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (12-6) — Whitaker 4, McCarty 31, Fannin 8, Meek 13, Music 3, Rice 10, Johnson 2.

Sheldon Clark.....15 8 19 16-58
Johnson Central.....13 16 24 18-71

Golden Eagles hold off Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Junior Jamie McCarty pumped in a game-high 31 points as Johnson Central turned back Sheldon Clark in a key 57th District matchup Friday night, winning 71-58 at Golden Eagle Fieldhouse.

Johnson Central, which trailed 15-12 at the end of the first period, took a 29-23 lead into halftime and pulled away in the second half.

McCarty was one of three players in double figures for the

Golden Eagles. Jesse Meek added 13 points and Kyle Rice chipped in with 10.

Senior Brandon May led Sheldon Clark with 22 points. Sophomore point guard Jaryd Crum added 12 points for the visiting Cardinals.

Senior point guard Tyler Whitaker added four points for the Golden Eagles. Sean Music and Blake Johnson rounded out the Johnson Central scoring with three and two points, respectively.

The Golden Eagles claimed a pair of 57th District wins last

week, also defeating rival Paintsville.

Big fourth quarter vaults Valley

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK — In what was a low-scoring first quarter, both Shelby Valley and Pikeville looked lethargic Friday night when the two teams met. Host Shelby Valley led the visiting Panthers 19-10 at halftime of the 59th District game and after the Pikeville showed some life in the third period, put the game away in the final period. Valley outscored Pikeville 17-9 in the fourth period and won 51-36.

Cade Riddle paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 15 points. Mitch Riddle was the game's second-leading scorer, finishing with 12 points.

Pikeville, playing under the direction of first-year head coach Bart Williams, outscored Shelby Valley 17-15 in the third quarter.

Tim Honaker and Matt Clevenger led Pikeville with 11 points apiece. Tim Champlin added eight points for the Panthers.

Shelby Valley, the defending

15th Region champion, was able to get back in the win column following back-to-back losses.

SHELBY VALLEY 51, PIKEVILLE 36

PIKEVILLE — Honaker 11, Robinson 2, Sword 3, Clevenger 11, Boyd 1, Champlin 8.

SHELBY VALLEY — M. Riddle 12, C. Riddle 15, Jackson 2, J. Bryant 8, L. Bryant 2, Thomas 2, J. Justice 1, E. Justice 9.

Pikeville 3 7 17 9-36
Shelby Valley 10 9 15 17-51

Crusaders bounce Breathitt County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — The June Buchanan School boys' basketball team continued its winning ways on the road at Breathitt County Saturday. The Crusaders carried a lead out of each of the final three quarters en route to a 62-50 win.

Breathitt County eased out of the first period with a 6-5 lead.

Clark Stepp led June Buchanan with a game-high 27 points. Tate Cox was also a leading contributor for the Crusaders, chipping in 13 points.

June Buchanan got going in the second quarter, outscoring the host Bobcats 24-15.

Justin Hollan led Breathitt County with 18 points.

Each team featured six different scorers.

The victory was June Buchanan's seventh straight win.

JUNE BUCHANAN 62, BREATHITT COUNTY 50

JUNE BUCHANAN (14-2) — Cla. Stepp 27, Cox 13, Collins 6, Howard 3, Conley 4, Cli. Stepp 9.

BREATHITT COUNTY (2-16) — Moore 9, Hollan 18, Smith 10, Combs 2, Fugate 5, Carver 6.

June Buchanan.....5 24 16 17-62
Breathitt County.....6 15 10 19-50

CRUSADERS ON A ROLL...

- Dec 30 at Berea 81-76 (W) (Berea Tournament)
- Jan. 4 Piarist School, 98-49 (W) (Crusader Classic)
- Jan. 5 Allen Central, 58-45 (W) (Crusader Classic)
- Jan. 10 at Perry Co. Central, 58-54 (W)
- Jan. 13 David School, 113-34 (W)
- Jan. 17 Betsy Layne, 68-42 (W)
- Jan. 21 at Breathitt County, 62-50 (W)

Clark, UofL men's tennis blank Southern Illinois 7-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville men's tennis team defeated visiting Southern Illinois 7-0 Saturday evening at the Bass-Rudd Tennis Center. The Cardinals (3-0) improve their regular season home winning streak to 42 matches. The Cards swept the doubles



Jeremy Clark

as the No. 47 ranked team of Jakob Gustafsson and Stanville native Jeremy Clark defeated Felipe Villasenor and Sergio Sanchez 8-4 at the top seed. Damar Johnson and Jhonny Berrido topped Rodrigo Lama and Andrei Bubnov 8-2 at No. 2 and the Cards' Stefan Naughton and Tony Teufel combined for an 8-3 win over Tomas Gonzalez and Bojan Ilievski at the three-spot.

U of L went on to sweep the singles points as well. Johnson picked up a 6-2, 6-1 win over Lama at the top seed. Slavko Radman defeated Villasenor 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 and Clark topped Bubnov 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3. Berrido beat Sanchez 6-2, 6-0 at the four spot. Nicolas Houard defeated Tomas Gonzalez 6-1, 6-2 at the five seed. Robert Rotaru closed the match by outlasting Ilievski 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 at No. 6.

Louisville will go on the road to face Mississippi Friday, and Georgia Sunday.

Rebels rout David on Homecoming

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Allen Central jumped out early on and never trailed Saturday night, leveling visiting David School 87-32 on Homecoming Night.

Every Allen Central player played and scored. Chris Martin and J.R. Robinson led the Rebels with 12 points apiece. Farley Joseph added an

additional 11 points for Allen Central.

Allen Central outscored David 25-2 in the opening period. The Runnin' Rebels raced into halftime with a 47-7 lead.

Alex Hammonds and Jonathan Shepherd both had seven points for Allen Central. Josh Martin, Robbie Cole and Corey Webb added six points apiece for the Runnin' Rebels.

Blake Stumbo led David with a game-high 13 points. Joe Tiller and James Stevens each had six points for the Cougars. Nate Robinson netted three points for David while Stoffon Wright and Alex Hall added two apiece.

In other Allen Central scoring, Ryan Collins, Justin Stoops and Clinton Turner each topped in four points.

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from 12 yards for an apparent touchdown on third down.

A penalty nullified that, but it only set up Roethlisberger for his best throw of the day — a 17-yard touchdown that barely cleared the fingertips of Al Wilson and Nick Ferguson, before finding Hines Ward tucked neatly in the back of the end zone.

That made it 24-3.

Roethlisberger ran to the sideline and celebrated by pretending to fire six-shooters from his hip. Yep, he was on target all day in this one — 24 yards to Heath Miller, 17 more to Wilson, 21 to Ward and 18 to Wilson again, all after being given ample time against Denver's ill-timed blitz.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Denver pulled within 27-17 and got the ball back at its 20.

But Plummer lost a fumble on fourth-and-10 and that pretty much made it official: The Steelers would be back in the big game, searching for that long elusive fifth world championship — that "One For The Thumb" — to add to the 1970s legacy of Bradshaw, Swann, Stallworth and Harris.

It has been a long road between then and now for the

Steelers. Five AFC title games since 1994, all at home, resulted in only one victory, leading many to wonder if the pressure of being a favorite, or doing it in front of the home crowd, was something the Steelers could handle.

Cowher, now in his 14th year, kept his job through it all — the Rooney family cherishes stability over all else.

"It feels great today, I'll tell you that," Steelers owner Dan Rooney said. "The coach already told me we're going to the Super Bowl to win it, not just to be there."

As the clock wound down, Cowher was still going full tilt on the sideline, jabbing his finger at Bettis, preaching ball control and no repeat of last

week's fumble in Indy.

Roethlisberger put the one away, diving in on third-and-goal and sending the crowd home.

Except, that is, for the loyal Pittsburgh partisans.

They stayed 'til the end, watching Cowher shove plugs with Roethlisberger, Joey Porter and especially The Bus.

They blanketed the corners of Invesco with black and gold, waving those Terrible Towels and holding up their Steelers banners.

"Next Bus Stop: Detroit," one said.

In all, it looked like a home away from home for the Steelers — pretty much like every stop they've made on their magical ride this postseason.

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Huskies upend host Louisville

by WILL GRAVES
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LOUISVILLE — Marcus Williams scored 15 points and Rudy Gay added 12 as No. 3 Connecticut pulled away late in a 71-58 win over No. 17 Louisville on Saturday night that could put the Huskies at the top of the rankings.

Louisville, playing without injured leading scorer Taquan Dean, got a career-high 27 points from center David Padgett and Terrence Williams had 10 points and eight rebounds.

With the nation's top ranking up for grabs after losses by No. 1 Duke and No. 2 Florida earlier in the day, the Huskies (16-1 overall, 4-1 Big East) didn't play like a team deserving of the honor until it mattered most.

After allowing the Cardinals (13-5, 1-4) to hang around for most of the night, Connecticut

put the game away with stifling defense over the game's final four minutes.

The Huskies held Louisville to just one basket during a game-ending 12-3 run, finally asserting their authority behind Marcus Williams. After Louisville closed to 59-55 on a hook by Juan Palacios with 4:12 to go, Williams hit a runner in the lane to put the Huskies up six then finished the Cardinals a couple of minutes later with a steal and layup to make it 67-55.

After settling for jumpers in the first half, the Huskies asserted themselves in the second half, shooting 68 percent from the floor by attacking the lane.

Louisville kept it close even with Dean nursing a sprained ankle and relegated to the role of cheerleader at the end of the bench in a polo shirt.

But 2-of-20 shooting from 3-point range prevented the

Cardinals from pulling off the upset.

The Huskies appeared to be in control after building a 12-point lead, holding Louisville scoreless for more than five minutes and dominating the undermanned and overmatched Cardinals on both ends of the floor.

Yet Louisville rallied behind the play of Terrence Williams. His seven rebounds kept the Cardinals competitive on the glass and his energy seemed to rub off on his teammates.

Despite shooting just 31 percent from the floor — including 0-of-9 from 3-point range — Louisville trailed just 30-27 at the half by taking care of the ball while forcing Connecticut into sloppy mistakes.

Connecticut turned the ball over nine times, with the normally sure-handed Marcus Williams giving it away twice.

Lady Eagles stay close, but eventually fall

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Rebecca Haynes scored 20 points and led five players in double figure as the Jacksonville State women's basketball team upended the Morehead State Lady Eagles, 71-62, Saturday night. The Lady Eagles fell to 10-6 and 5-4 in the league, dropping their second straight OVC home game, while JSU improved to 4-13 and 2-8 in the league.

Haynes scored 20, Ann-Marie Healy had 12, Kat Fuess and Courtney Slaughter tossed

in 11 each and LaTonya McKinney scored 10 as the Gamecocks hit 19-of-23 free throws and forced the Lady Eagles into just 21 percent (20-of-64) from the field. Morehead State did hit eight three-pointers and out-rebounded the visitors 50-37, but could not get any closer than three in the final minute.

The Lady Eagles trailed 64-62 with 37 seconds left after a Megan Gearhart three-pointer, but MSU would not hit anymore field goals while JSU connected on seven straight free throws to

seal just its second road win of the year.

In the first half, JSU led 7-0 after the first five minutes but MSU went on a 8-0 run to take its first lead, 8-7, with 11:41 left. The teams jockeyed for the lead until JSU went on a 10-2 run to end the half leading 30-22. JSU led by as many as 15 in the second half.

For the Lady Eagles, junior center LaKrisha Brown picked up her 10th career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Gearhart led MSU with 13 points.

Samford shoots past Eastern, 85-66

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Visiting Samford shot 73.1 percent in the first half and 64 percent for the game on its way to an 85-66 win over the Eastern Kentucky men's basketball team Saturday night in McBrayer Arena. The Bulldogs (12-5, 8-2 OVC) have now won nine of their last 10 games while the Colonels (9-9, 6-4) lost for just the first time in four tilts.

One of the few bright spots for EKV was senior Matt Witt moving into fourth place on the all-time Colonel scoring list passing both Carl Brown (1972-76) and Eddie Bodkin (1963-

66). He tallied 19 points on the evening to bring his career total to 1,603, just ahead of Brown's 1,592 points and Bodkin at 1,587. Fellow senior Jason McLeish netted a game-high 23 points, the sixth time this season he has reached the 20-point plateau.

For the Bulldogs, four players finished in double figures led by Travis Peterson's double-double (21 points, 11 rebounds). Randall Gulina posted 20 points as well on 9-of-11 (81.8 percent) shooting.

The first eight minutes of the game were back-and-forth with an Alonzo Hird lay-up cutting the Eastern deficit to two points,

19-17, with 11:39 left in the half. However, Samford recorded 16 unanswered as well as 26 of the ensuing 28 points to pull away. The Bulldogs took a commanding 49-25 advantage into the intermission while shooting 19-of-26 (73.1 percent) from the floor and 7-of-10 (70 percent) from three-point range.

A three-point play by McLeish midway through the second stanza helped the Colonels get to within 18 points, 65-47, but an 11-2 spurt by Samford ended any thoughts of an EKV comeback.

In the women's game, Samford also prevailed, winning 71-68.

W. Kentucky 74, S. Alabama 73

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOBILE, Ala. — Anthony Winchester scored 19 points, including two clutch free throws with 26 seconds left, to lead Western Kentucky to a 74-73 win over South Alabama Saturday night.

The score was tied at 70 with 1:55 to play when the Hilltoppers (13-5, 5-1 Sun Belt

Conference) took the lead on a basket by Courtney Lee. Winchester's free throws gave Western Kentucky a four-point lead. The Jaguars cut the lead to one when Mario Jinter hit three free throws at 13 seconds after being fouled while attempting a 3-pointer.

South Alabama (13-4, 4-1), coached by Paintsville native John Pelphrey, got one final

chance to win the game after Winchester missed a free throw attempt with 6 seconds to play, but the Jaguars were unable to get a shot off.

Elgrace Wilborn had 10 points for Western Kentucky.

The Jaguars were led by Carlos Smith with 19 points, while Jinter and Demetric Bennett each had 11 and Jason McGriff 10.

Jacksonville State jolts Morehead men

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Jacksonville State scorched the net for 14 three-pointers in an 88-65 Ohio Valley Conference win at Morehead State Saturday evening.

JSU, now 7-9 overall and 5-5 in the OVC, hit nine of its three-pointers in the first half when it built a 47-28 lead. Morehead State, now 1-15 overall and 0-10

in the league, got no closer than 16 points after intermission.

The Gamecocks were led by Courtney Bradley who scored a game-high 23 points and pulled down a game-high eight rebounds. B.J. Spencer hit four three-pointers and scored 17 points. Brad Peters came off the bench to hit three three-pointers and score 11 points. Walker D. Russell handed out a game-high 10 assists.

Quentin Pryor led Morehead State with 16 points. Shaun Williams had 11 points and a team-high six rebounds. The Eagles lost their 15th straight game.

JSU hit 50 percent from the field overall (29-of-58) and from three-point range (14-of-24). MSU managed only 44 percent (22-of-50) overall and connected on only four-of-13 three-point attempts.

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Kentucky 80, S. Carolina 78

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — On a day commemorating one of Kentucky's greatest teams, it took a last-second shot to avoid a woeful first.

Never had the Wildcats lost three consecutive home games in the Southeastern Conference. Thanks to Rajon Rondo's second buzzer-beater in three weeks, they still haven't.

The sophomore guard, who came into the game a 29 percent shooter from beyond the arc, hit one when it mattered, lifting Kentucky to an 80-78 victory Saturday over South Carolina.

"I want the ball in my hands at the end of the game," Rondo said. "I want to make something happen."

Although the distance the shot traveled may have been a surprise, the person who took it was not. In an eerily similar game-winner Jan. 3, Rondo's last-second, fade-away jumper beat Central Florida.

After that game, he claimed he'd never made such a shot before — even in high school. He can't claim that anymore.

With the victory, Kentucky (12-6, 2-2 SEC) avoided a brush with unwanted history in the presence of some of "Rupp's Runts," the national runners-up in 1965-66. Not since the 1966-67 season, the year after the Runts, had Kentucky lost three straight home games.

Four of five starters from that team were present for halftime

honors, except Pat Riley, now the Miami Heat coach, who had planned to attend but canceled.

Riley was there in spirit, though — even for South Carolina coach Dave Odom as he pondered Rondo's shot.

"It was no secret who was going to get the ball, unless Pat Riley showed up," Odom said.

The team, coached by the late Hall of Famer Adolph Rupp, plays the role of villain in the new film "Glory Road," which is about that season's champions, Texas Western, which was the first to start an all-black lineup in the title game.

Antoine Tisby's two free-throws gave South Carolina (10-8, 1-4) a 78-77 lead with 10 seconds left. Tisby went to the line amid vocal protests from Kentucky coach Tubby Smith and the Rupp Arena crowd, who argued that Tisby traveled.

Instead, the foul was called on center Randolph Morris — his fifth, which ousted him from the game.

Before the free throws, Kentucky had pulled ahead on a 3-pointer that Odom joked Patrick Sparks hit from the Rupp museum. Sparks' heel was on the Kentucky "K" at half court when he launched it, a 29-footer officially.

"Maybe it was a little deep, but I knocked it down," Sparks said.

It was one of four 3-pointers for the senior guard, who had 14 points — his highest total since scoring 25 on Nov. 22 against West Virginia.

Joe Crawford led the

Wildcats with 15 points, Bobby Perry had 13 and Morris added 12. Tarence Kinsey's 21 points led the Gamecocks.

South Carolina went on a 15-0 run early in the second half to lead 58-46, but the Wildcats rediscovered their touch and scored 20 of the next 24 points.

"Basketball is a game of runs," Kinsey said. "Everybody can easily run off 10 or 12 points real quick. It is just how we respond when they start going on a run."

The Kentucky run came largely without Morris, who picked up his fourth foul with 11:30 left and was held out of most of the rest of the game.

For the first time in several games, Kentucky shot well out of the gate, but so did South Carolina. The teams combined for eight 3-pointers in the first eight minutes and 12 in the half, including three each by Kentucky's Sparks and Carolina's Dwayne Day, who had 18 points and tied a career-high with four total 3-pointers.

Kentucky made 56 percent of its shots from the field in the game, and South Carolina hit 52 percent. The Gamecocks won the rebounding battle, 31-25.

"We pulled one out today," Smith said. "It was a really tough game. We dug ourselves a hole, but I have to give our kids a lot of credit when we were down 10 or 12 points."

It was a seesaw battle most of the first half, and the longest run was South Carolina's six consecu-



Sophomore guard Rajon Rondo (left), pictured getting instructions from head coach Tubby Smith in a game earlier this season, hit the game-winning shot in Saturday's SEC victory over South Carolina.

utive points in the final two minutes. Sparks immediately answered that with a 3-pointer to give Kentucky a 40-38 lead at halftime.

Although the Wildcats shot well, the mental lapses that plagued them in recent losses to Kansas, Vanderbilt and Alabama dogged them again on

occasion. In consecutive possessions in the first half, the team was called for over and back, then Rondo threw the ball out of bounds when Sparks was looking the other way.

Ahead of Tuesday's victory at Georgia, Smith enlisted an assistant professor in sports

leadership to try to help pull the team out of its slump.

But guard Ravi Moss said there is no cure like victory — even a close one.

"A win like this helps a lot, especially since we came from behind," Moss said. "It really helps us maintain our confidence."

1966 champs to watch 'Glory Road' at White House with Bush

by ALICIA A. CALDWELL
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EL PASO, Texas — Forty years after etching their place in history, members of the 1966 NCAA men's basketball national championship team from Texas Western have been invited to the White House.

The Miners will meet with President Bush on Feb. 22 for dinner and a screening of "Glory Road," a new movie depicting their unlikely rise to fame.

Texas Western, now the University of Texas-El Paso, made history when coach Don Haskins started five black players against an all-white Kentucky squad in the champi-

onship game.

"This is pretty exciting after 40 years," Haskins told the El Paso Times in Friday's edition.

Glory Road opened in theaters earlier this month. The team also was featured on a Wheaties cereal box released last month.

It wasn't immediately clear how many players would attend. Bobby Joe Hill, a starter and the leading scorer in the championship game, died of a heart attack in 2002.

Eddie Mullens, the university's sports information director in 1966 and a longtime friend of Haskins, said Friday he doesn't remember if it was routine in those days for NCAA champi-

ons to get invitations to the White House. But he does remember the team looking forward to an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.

"I think that was kind of the tradition," Mullens said. "They were excited about that."

None of that matters now, the 76-year-old retiree said. He said everyone he has spoken with is in shock about the invitation. He learned about it Thursday, when he got a message from a White House aide at his San Angelo home.

"I played it twice to make sure I was hearing it right," Mullens said with a deep laugh. "It's still incredible. It's just such an honor, a flattering honor. I just think it's great for Don."

"Rupp's Runts" — minus Riley — reunite at Kentucky game

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — They're 40 years older, but they'll always be runts.

Members of the storied 1965-66 Kentucky basketball team, affectionately nicknamed "Rupp's Runts" because no starter was taller than 6-foot-5, were honored Saturday during halftime of Kentucky's 80-78 victory over South Carolina.

Although it was supposed to be a full reunion for the team, which lost the national title game to Texas Western, its most famous player — current Miami Heat coach Pat Riley — had to cancel Saturday morning.

Those who did attend the reunion were greeted to thunderous applause by the crowd at Rupp Arena, named after their Hall of Fame coach, Adolph Rupp.

"It's unbelievable," said Thad Juracz, who was a sophomore center on the team. "That's the only word I can think of. It's not like we were one of the best teams that ever played here. You ask yourself, 'What's going on?'"

Rupp's Runts are the antagonists in the new movie "Glory Road," which chronicles Texas Western's improbable championship run that in the title game included college basketball's first all-black starting lineup. The all-white Kentucky team provided dramatic contrast, but film-

makers cut from the script several lines that cast Rupp as a racist.

During a video tribute, Larry Conley, who broadcast Saturday's game, recalled the conditioning drills that assistant coach Joe B. Hall put the team through. Hall succeeded Rupp as head coach.

"I left some green beans and mashed potatoes on that track the first week, I want to tell you," Conley said. "It was hard. Really hard."

Before Saturday's game, which Kentucky's Rajon Rondo won with a last-second 3-pointer, the Runts met with the current crop of players. They told Tubby Smith's Wildcats not to be discouraged by their shaky start because nobody expected much out of the Runts either.

Juracz said one thing that has certainly changed in the last 40 years is the size of today's college basketball players.

"You walk in the locker room today and the guards are taller than you," he said. "I guess I feel more like a runt today than I did then."

Bourbon bottles to honor "Rupp's Runts" for charity

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — "Rupp's Runts," the Kentucky basketball team that lost the 1966 champi-

onship game to Texas Western, will be featured on a new commemorative bottle of Maker's Mark to raise money for cancer research.

The bottle will go on sale across Kentucky on April 7, opening day at Keeneland. Organizers of the charity event — from Keeneland, Maker's Mark and the University of Kentucky — are hoping the special edition will raise \$3 million for cancer research over the next three years.

The 1966 team, coached by the late Hall of Famer Adolph Rupp, will be honored at halftime of Kentucky's game Saturday against South Carolina. Three of the players were on hand Friday for the bottle unveiling, including Larry Conley, a cancer survivor. The team is featured in the new Hollywood film, "Glory Road."

"Too many Kentuckians confront a losing battle with cancer," Conley said in a news release. "We want to do our part to turn the tide on a battle that affects Kentucky more than any other state."

About 18,000 bottles will up for sale, with monetary matches by Maker's Mark and the Markey Cancer Foundation's private fundraising efforts expected to top \$3 million.

"This is our way to honor one of Kentucky's most beloved basketball teams," said Bill Samuels Jr., president and CEO of Maker's Mark Distillery.

UK women outlast Ole Miss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OXFORD, Miss. —

Kentucky Coach Mickie DeMoss used a different starting lineup for the first time all season and it proved to be a heads-up call by the third-year coach. Junior guard Nastassia Alcius (Lexington), in her first starting nod of the season, scored a season-high 16 points Sunday in helping lead the Wildcats to an 81-75 win over Ole Miss in the C.M. "Tad" Smith Coliseum.

Alcius connected on 5-of-9 shots from the field with two three-pointers and made 4-of-4 free-throws for the Wildcats, who improve to 14-4 overall and 3-2 in Southeastern Conference play. The Cats begin league action 3-2 for the first time since the 1999-2000 season. Sophomore center Sarah Elliott (McKee), who came off the bench for the first time this season, notched her third career double-double with 15 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

Alcius and sophomore forward/center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) started in place of sophomore guard Samantha Mahoney (Detroit) and Elliott, marking the first change in the lineup this season.

Junior guard Jenny Pfeiffer (North Vernon, Ind.), playing with a sprained ankle, led the Wildcats in scoring with a team-high 19 points, including 9-of-9 shooting from the free-throw line. Pfeiffer made 8-of-8 clutch free-throws in the last 52 seconds of the game to account for UK's last eight points. Pfeiffer has now made 19 consecutive free-throws. The

Wildcats shot a season-high 89.7 percent (26-of-29) of their free-throws in the game.

Mahoney finished with 15 points and dished out a season-high five assists off the bench for UK, connecting on 4-of-4 free-throws. Kentucky rebounded Ole Miss 48-34.

Kentucky, which trailed 56-55 with 9:03 left in the game, went on a 9-0 run over the next 3:02 to move ahead 64-56 with 6:01 remaining, capped off by a the first of two key three-pointers by freshman point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville). Lay-ups by Ashley Awkward twice cut UK's advantage to four points with seconds remaining in the game, but that was as close as the Lady Rebels would come.

Ole Miss began the game slow offensively and Kentucky was able to capitalize, breaking to an early 11-3 advantage. Alcius had four points during the opening stretch that was capped off at the 14:35 mark by a pair of free-throws from Ormerod. The Lady Rebels kept battling to come as close as three points, 17-14, on a three-pointer by Carla Bartee with 10:01 remaining until halftime. From there, the Wildcats went on an 8-0 run backed by three-pointers by Alcius and Pfeiffer to extend their lead to 25-14 with 8:25 left in the opening period.

With the Cats ahead 25-14 at the 8:25 mark of the first half, Ole Miss went on an 11-0 run over the next 3:59 to tie the score at 25. After the Lady Rebels took a brief lead, back-to-back three-pointers by Mahoney moved UK ahead 37-32 with 1:33 left. Pfeiffer then

knocked down a three to put the Cats in front, 40-34, with a minute left until intermission. Elliott connected on a three-point play to close the half on an 8-0 run and send Kentucky into the locker room with a nine-point, 43-34, advantage.

In a foul-plagued first half, which saw the two teams combine for 31 free-throw attempts, the Wildcats connected on 86 percent (12-of-14) of its charity shots in the opening period. Kentucky, which was led by Alcius' 14 points in the first half, out-rebounded the Lady Rebels 24-14 before halftime.

Kentucky carried its momentum into the second half, as Alcius and Roddy made back-to-back baskets to put the Wildcats ahead 47-37 with 18:33 left in the game. With UK ahead 48-42, Ole Miss went on an 8-0 run to take a 50-48 lead on a three-pointer by Bartee with 13:42 remaining. A three-point play by Pfeiffer allowed the Cats to regain the lead at 51-50, but the Lady Rebels went back in front 54-53 on a three-pointer by Tasi Worsham.

The Wildcats shot 43.6 percent (24-of-55) from the field in the game, while holding Ole Miss to 39.4 percent (26-of-66) from the floor. The Lady Rebels were only able to connect on 51.4 percent of their 35 free-throw attempts (18-of-35). Ole Miss was led by Arminie Price's game-high 22 points.

Kentucky returns to action Thursday when it hosts No. 1 Tennessee in Rupp Arena. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. and the game will be carried live on the Big Blue Sports Network (radio and television).

Tennessee 80, No. 2 Florida 76

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — No. 2 Florida is unbeaten no more, the last of three undefeated teams to fall on Saturday.

Tennessee put an end to the surprising Gators' best start in school history with an 80-76 victory.

Florida (17-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) had been the only undefeated Division I team left when it took the court after No. 1 Duke and No. 9 Pittsburgh lost earlier in the day.

The Volunteers (12-3, 3-1) were not intimidated even after losing two in a row at LSU and at No. 4 Memphis this week. After all, they had won at given No. 6 Texas last month, giving Tennessee fans hope that coach

Bruce Pearl was bringing new life into the program that had been mediocre the past four years under Buzz Peterson. He and the Vols proved they had changed on Saturday.

The final 9 1/2 minutes were tight and got tighter as the clock wound down.

Corey Brewer had tied it at 76 for Florida with 45 seconds remaining on two foul shots.

Chris Lofton missed a 3 at the other end for Tennessee, and Brewer got the outlet pass and was racing for the basket when Lofton stole it.

Dane Bradshaw caught the long pass and scored a layup that put the Vols ahead 78-76 with 20 seconds left.

Florida's Lee Humphrey then missed a 3 with 6 seconds left, and Lofton was fouled. He sank both foul shots to seal it.

Taurean Green fired a long 3 in desperation at the end, but Tennessee got the rebound. As the buzzer sounded, Tennessee students stormed the court, hugging the players.

Lofton scored 29 points on 10-of-19 shooting from the floor, and Andre Patterson added 12 points and 10 rebounds. JaJuan Smith added 10 points.

Brewer scored 20 points despite hurting his right ankle in the first half. Green had 17 points and Joakim Noah and Al Horford each scored 11 points.

The excitement swirling around Pearl and the matchup drew over 24,000 fans to the normally cavernous Thompson-Boling Arena. It included Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt and football coach Phillip Fulmer.

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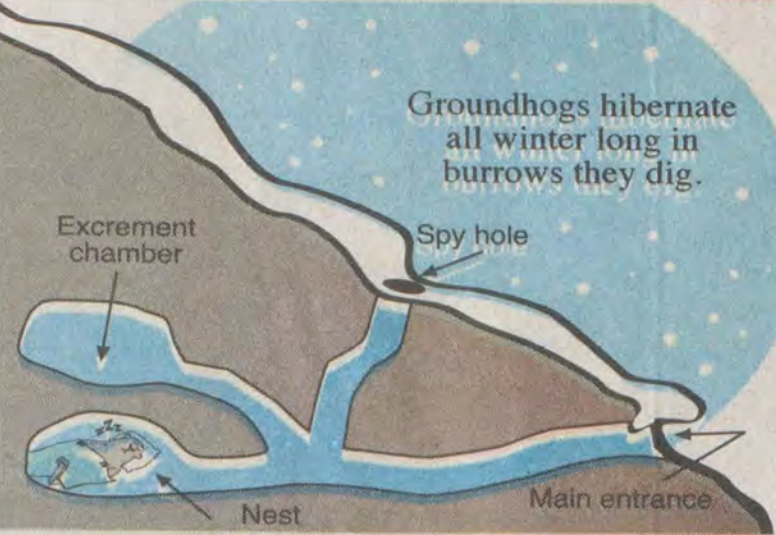
This Week: Groundhog Day

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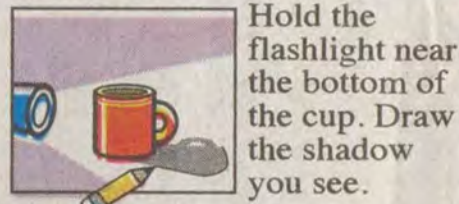
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Early Morning Noon

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions.

Extra! Extra!

Guess What!

Here is a guessing game to play with one or more friends. Each player cuts out shapes and pictures of objects from the newspaper and holds them up, one at a time, in front of a light source. Take turns guessing what kind of shape or object is casting the shadow.

Standards Link: Physical Science: Objects can be described in terms of their physical properties (shape).

Number Cruncher

Spell a message to Punxsutawney Phil by solving these math problems. Use the number code to see what letter belongs under each answer. Check your answers at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,190 \\ + 530 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 169 \\ + 362 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2,222 \\ + 1,211 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 521 \\ + 213 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{r} 1,697 \\ + 234 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2,763 \\ + 1,226 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Number Code
 531 = A 3,989 = P
 734 = E 1,931 = U
 3,433 = K 1,720 = W

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Find the sum of whole numbers to 10,000.

Double Double Word Search

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

- GROUNDHOG
- WEATHER
- SHADOWS
- BURROW
- BROWN
- LOUIS
- CHAMBER
- SPRING
- SOURCE
- FOOD
- WEEKS
- PHIL
- FEBRUARY
- SIX
- WAKE

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S R E H T A E W B E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

When is it spring?

How do you know when winter is over and spring has begun.

When winter is over, my family puts all the Christmas stuff away back in the boxes in the dusty garage. When spring has begun, we put a sign on the door that says, "Winter's over, spring's here!" Also when winter is over, in school we don't sing Christmas songs and we do sing happy spring songs.

Sunny, 6th grade

You know when winter is over when the birds that sat all fluffed up in the cold suddenly start twittering lovely songs and flitting around on the softest breeze. Also when young new creatures begin to frolic around with their mothers under the bright blue sky.

Mackenzie, 6th grade

I know it's spring when the birds are chirping, flowers are growing, animals are emerging from hibernation and when everyone begins to spring clean.

Carl, 6th grade

I know winter is over and spring has come because there are birds' songs in the morning and a wonderful fragrance from the blooming flowers when I step out of the house.

Allie, 6th grade

I know it's spring here when birds start singing and I see the sun smile back at me really bright!

Jose, 6th grade

I know it's spring when the snowmen melt. And people start wearing cotton instead of felt. When bears come out of hibernation, And business people go on vacation. So they don't have to hear all the complaining. When kids start to go swimming. When kids stop being serious and start kidding, That's when I know it's spring.

Becky Sue, 5th grade

I know it's spring when all the flowers pop up and the weather gets brighter and you see everything around you change.

Shade, 5th grade

Spring starts when the flowers bloom and when raindrops keep on pouring on my head. Spring is a good time to play at the beach and visit friends and family.

Evan, 3rd grade

When winter is over, everything starts to melt off the trees and ground. The grass starts to get greener and greener. Flowers start to bloom and fresh leaves grow on the trees too. And maybe some baby birds hatch out of their eggs. That's when spring has sprung.

Holly, 3rd grade

You know it's spring when you wake up early and the frost is already sliding down the window. The birds are singing. Driving to school you see ducklings in the pond. Green buds are sprouting in your garden. That's when you know it's spring!

Eileen, 6th grade

The weather outside is delightful, but the snow last month was frightful. We put away all the shovels, 'cause it's spring, 'cause it's spring, 'cause it's spring.

Rose, 6th grade

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Weather Adjectives

Look through the newspaper and choose five adjectives that describe weather. Then look through the newspaper for a picture or cartoon to illustrate each of these adjectives.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives in writing.

ANSWER: A B (bee) comes after it!

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POISON OAK

Papaw's well and Slaughter Pen spring

by Clyde Pack

I don't know why, but it seems that just about every time I buy gas, I also end up buying a bottle of water. It's not that I'm thirsty, or anything, and it's certainly not that bottled water tastes that much better than tap water, but I'll sip on it pretty much the rest of the day, or as long as I'm in the car, and not think about buying any more until I buy gas again.

I think the best water I ever tasted, though, if indeed water does have a taste, came from the well in the back yard of my grandfather, Liss Baldrige, down on Hammond Creek in far eastern Johnson County. He told me once that many years before I was born, he and one of his brothers had dug the well themselves. As a small boy leaning over the gray, weather-beaten well-box and staring down into the rock-lined darkness, I can remember that it seemed like a long way before the bucket hit the water. Perhaps it was because the day was hot, or maybe it was just the anticipation as I'd struggle to bring the bucket—which of course, was attached to a squeaky pulley—to the surface. I couldn't wait to drink the icy cold water.

If water from Papaw Baldrige's well was the best I'd ever tasted, the second best had to be the water from the little spring that trickled into the edge of Dad's garden in the head of Slaughter Pen Hollow.

He had dug a little hole about three feet wide and about a foot deep, and the water would pool there. When I was eight or ten I'd get awfully thirsty

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KIM'S KORNER

Why?

by: Kim Little Frasure

After receiving the following email I couldn't resist sharing it with our readers. Enjoy the ponderings of "Why?"!

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee on "insufficient funds" when they know there is not enough?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle?

Why do they use sterilized needles

for death by lethal injection?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?

Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?

Why do kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Whose idea was it to put an "S" in the word "slip"?

If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?

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Kim Little Frasure



In this photo from his own law school days, Woodrow Burchett is pictured in the third row, fourth person from the right. Among Mr. Burchett's private papers is a receipt dated January 30, 1933, at which time he paid in full, to the University of Kentucky, his fees for the second semester - a whopping \$50.

Legal advice: For lawyer's only (?)

by Woodrow Burchett with Sarah B. Allen and William H. McCann, Jr.

Introduction

Woodrow Burchett (1911-1995) was born on Cow Creek, in Floyd County. By profession he was first a teacher, later a lawyer. Eventually he served three terms as county attorney of Floyd County, served on the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission. But perhaps he is best known for his stories and the homespun wisdom that caused him to become, as many knew him later in his life, "The Sage of Cow Creek."

This next series of article consists of three speeches given by Mr. Burchett. The first is an address he gave to a law class. The second speech was presented to lawyers attending a continuing education seminar on legal ethics. And the third is a speech that was most likely given at a Prestonsburg Kiwanis meeting where, as "The Sage of Cow Creek" for more than 40 years, Mr. Burchett made annual, tongue-in-cheek, prognostications about the coming year. There are no dates attached to any of the three speeches.

The interesting thing about these speeches is that they contain a few of the stories that previously appeared in other articles that we have published. They are included here once again because they have been used by Mr. Burchett as ways to make serious points with humor. Also, you might notice that the written version of these stories is not quite the same as the oral historical versions previously published, which is a nice illustration of why oral historians like to transcribe interviews verbatim. The personality of the story teller comes through more clearly in the

historical interview than the more formal environment of the formal speech.

We will begin this week with sharing the first two of the three speeches.

Address to Law Class

Class, it is signal honor to be called upon to represent the legal profession before this group. I am confident that there are many lawyers who could have more ably presented

their subject, but you can rest assured that there is no one that will feel more highly honored.

Every talk of this nature must have a beginning. We might as well begin by describing what I think is an appropriate definition of a lawyer. A lawyer is a combination of Abraham Lincoln, Daniel Webster, Tom Sawyer and the Cracker barrel Philosopher. He is in fact, or in effect, father, brother, banker, psychologist, confessor, business executive, referee, farmer, engineer, merchant, teacher, mathematician, salesman, citizen, neighbor and friend.

Lawyers may be short, tall, fat, thin, blue-eyed or brown-eyed, or come in almost any other combination. They come in a variety of temperaments and personalities and are usually talented enough to be in almost any other profession, but there are many reasons why they choose to be lawyer

A lawyer then is a person: who will congregate with other lawyers at smokers and talk about life in politic terms, is expert in ferreting information, has insatiable interest in everyone, and yet, will ferociously defend a person's inalienable right of protection from self-incrimination;

Who finds it almost impossible both to accept the

obvious, but instead, probes facts with pin pricks and sledge hammers to see if they will stand the test of truth, then look said facts straight in the eye and question whether they do not look a trifle blue instead of jet black;

Who will impractically spend hundreds of dollars to enforce collection of a claim which offends his sense of justice, and will devote his energy to free a man he believes is innocent;

Who will always start to write a brief, the greatest misnomer of legalese, believing he has a crystal clear case he can prove in short order and will emerge from behind a mound of books, days later, to produce a book fifty pages long, during the course of which he has cleared the confusion of facts and convinced himself of his case by his own argument;

Who is objective and is able to see both sides but is convinced of the rightness of his client's position, or is persuasive enough to disapprove appearances to the satisfaction of said client and is able to analyze and predict developments in a case, and has calculated ready defenses long before he has to use them;

Who will start a title search he expects to be routine and find clouds that it will take months to clear by records of death, birth, marriage, divorce, and probate records, tombstone inscriptions, family Bible entries, old recollections and writings and, through endless correspondence and conferences;

Who takes two angry people and shows them that they are both wrong, or referees them into compromise and adjustment of their differences.

Finally, a lawyer is one who has learned to live with miracles, tragedies, comedies, heartbreak,

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CRITTER CORNER

Everything you ever wanted to know...about fleas Part II

by Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

Last week we were discussing fleas and what happens to them during the winter months.

If it seems that fleas are more of a year round problem now than in the past, there are several factors that may contribute to this perception.

House pets are more common now than they used to be, particularly cats. And if there is one thing a cat is good at it's finding the warmest, most comfortable spot in the house. (Where the flea eggs can fall off as she sleeps.)

Also, there is a "microclimate" inside our houses that is increasingly constant with wider use of central heat and air conditioning. The fleas indoors are less likely to be exposed to extremes of temperature and humidity. Wall-to-wall carpeting provides an environment where the immature fleas can grow undetected. Where do fleas go in winter? Often to their own little heated spa right inside our homes!



This lovely feline is "Pepper." Pepper, who is owned by Times receptionist Leighann Williams and husband, Brian, looks like one spoiled kitty to us! Leighann and Brian share that they are "proud parents."

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School Calendar

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for January: Integrity and Responsibility

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

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

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

ments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

Clark Elementary

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

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

Duff Elementary

**School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In any-one 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 KES 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 Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

The Piarist School

■ School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

January 24 and 26, 1995

Floyd County could be one step closer to having an operating E-911 system if the city and county sign a proposed agreement that helps fund the system. Prestonsburg City Council members got their first look at the agreement, Monday, during their regular meeting...Bill "Crush" Dingus, 61, of Prestonsburg, a state transportation employee from Floyd County, was fired from his job this week. He stated, Tuesday, that his termination resulted from being on the wrong side of the political fence in the governors race, and that he planned to retire anyway...New Floyd school superintendent John Balentine received a pleasant surprise, Monday morning. The overall attendance rate at county schools was 94 percent. "This was tremendous after a long layoff because of snow and the one-hour delay this morning," Balentine said...Larry D. Blackburn, 35, and Charles F. Scott, 32, Pike County man, were arrested and lodged in the Floyd County jail early Monday morning after a high-speed chase. They were charged with numerous traffic and felony charges following the high-speed pursuit from the Betsy Layne area to the Coal Run area in Pike County...Blizzard or no blizzard, county road employees are prohibited from doing work on private property, Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale told fiscal court members Friday. Most of Friday's discussions at the fiscal court meeting centered on the blizzard earlier this month that dumped nearly two feet of snow in the county...The city limits of Prestonsburg could expand by about 3,600 acres in the near future. That's if a proposed ordinance to annex property, near Adams Middle School gets the council's nod-of approval. "We're talking about the mountain top from this end to Rt. 3," Mayor Jerry Fannin said...An investigation is underway into a possible explosion, Monday night, at the home of Allen City Commissioner Billy Salisbury. The family was in the home at the time of the incident, but were not injured...Price Hall, 52, of McDowell, indicted on a charge of marijuana cultivation, was held in contempt of court, Friday, for failing to agree to an interview with the pre-trial release officer in order for a bond to be set...A pet pig, owned by Brad Martin of Wilson Creek, was the center of attention, Tuesday, at Martin's City Council meeting, and it was also in the center of the

meeting room, dead. Martin and John Wayne Potter, brought the bullet-riddled body of Shade, a 75-pound, year-and-a-half old pet, into the meeting, and demanded to know why Martin Policeman James Burke had killed it...John Cory Patton, 19, of Allen, is charged with four counts of first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly trying to blow up the home of Billy Salisbury, an Allen City Commissioner...An increase in water rates will most likely be approved by the Martin City Council, because the city is fighting to keep from drowning in a sea of unforeseen debts. At Tuesday's City Council meeting, first reading was held in an ordinance that would raise the minimum monthly household water bill to \$21.96 which would include charges for sewage...Shawn Boyd, 21, of Dana, Travis Conn, 22, of Martin, Jimmy Perry, 18, of Hellier, and James Fairchild, 21, of Paintsville, were arrested, January 22, during a Kentucky State Police investigation into thefts at the Pikeville Wal-Mart...Curtis Gardner, 48, of Tram, arrested a drug charges, last week, was described by an attorney, Wednesday, as a drug dealer who used his connections with law enforcement officials as a license to sell drugs...Finally after several years of effort, Beaver Elkhorn Water District is expanding its lines to serve people who live in Buckingham, Wilson Creek, Salyers Branch, Arkansas, Weeksbury, Abner, and other areas along the way...Members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad searched Dewey Lake, Wednesday, for any sign of Michael Chester Goble, 49, who has been missing since January 3, and was last seen at the lake...There died: Dixie Mae Hall Hunter, 72, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, January 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ray Patton, 77, of Estill, Friday, January 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Denzil Slone, 46, of Hindman, Sunday, January 21, at his residence; Gracie Ousley, 78, of Peru, Indiana, formerly of Hueysville, Thursday, January 18, at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru, Indiana; Eunice Hamilton, 95, of Craynor, Friday, January 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Verna Denise Wallen, 26, of Martin, Thursday, January 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Zella Conn, 72, of Allen, Thursday, January 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Odis Holbrook, 52, of Russell Springs, formerly of Kite, Wednesday, January 17, in the Russell County Hospital; Richard G.

Carter, 70, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, January 7, at Veterans Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Steven DeBord, 31, of Martin, Sunday, January 2, at his residence; Jimmy Joe Gray Jr., 36, of Wayland, Saturday, January 21, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Eunice Slone Adney, 61, of Wheelwright, Monday, January 22, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Makinly Chase Allen, infant daughter of Stephen and Kelli Ford Allen of Morehead, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, January 24, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Ethel Morrison, 75, of Dayton, Ohio, a former New London, Ohio, resident, Tuesday, at Spring Creek Integrated Health Services in Dayton, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

January 29, 1986

Otto W. "Boots" Honaker of Tram, has agreed to plead guilty in the shooting death of Teresa Lynn Smith, and assault of Eddie Prater...Board members of the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center were made an offer they could hardly refuse: step down or face the prospect of bankruptcy...There died: Harry Delbert Samons, 71, of Martin, Friday; Elizabeth B. DeRossett, 67, of Allen, January 22; Parley B. Flanery Sr., Sunday; Wyona Mullins, 72, of Bevensville, January 23; Susie Hicks, 92, of Dema, January 22; Eukie Prater Merritt, 63, of Bonanza, January 18.

Thirty Years Ago

January 28, 1976

A fire, Monday morning, at Maytown elementary school, forced evacuation of the school, and postponement of the day's classes...Streaking apparently never caught on in Floyd County, according to statistics released this week by Sheriff Joe Wheelr Lewis for the year 1974. In the aforementioned category, only one arrest is recorded...Five persons were arrested over the past week in Floyd County in connection with three separate burglary incidents...There died: Mrs. Mary Beverly Vance, 82, Thursday, at the home of her daughter at Martin; Ezra Shepherd, 68, Sunday, at his home at Garrett; Rush Smallwood, 72, of Melvin, last Tuesday, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington; George Hurstle Wilson, 53, of

Auxier, last Monday.

Forty Years Ago

January 27, 1966

Reconstruction of U.S. 23 from Prestonsburg to Pikeville was omitted from lists of routes of those approved by the Appalachian Redevelopment Commission...Snow which fell last weekend was the first to result in an accumulation this winter, but it fell to a depth of six to eight inches, closing all schools and slowing most activities to a walk...The Betsy Layne Manufacturing Co., which founded the first small factory in the county, now has 40 employees, and could use more, Bee Hayes manager of the plant, said...A part of next Thursday, when the teachers of Kentucky stage a walkout from their classrooms, for a day, to emphasize their demand for higher salaries, will probably be spent by most Floyd County teachers in a meeting...There died: Roger D. DeRossett, 17, of Wayland, January 18, at U. K. Medical Center, Lexington; Cledith Ray Barnett, 19-year-old Martin serviceman, in a two-car collision at Hedley, Texas; George Everett Campbell, 60, Xenia, O., formerly of Weeksbury, Tuesday in Xenia.

Fifty Years Ago

January 28, 1956

Of 48 indictments filed by the grand jury, 45 were for possession of alcoholic beverages, and in all these, except three, the defendants were accused of having the liquor for the purpose of sale...There was no official indication, this week, of the Floyd County Board of Education's reaction to the proposal made, last week, by the Prestonsburg Board of Education, to merge the independent school district here with the county system...Lowell Hughes, star quarterback of the Prestonsburg High School team, and for the last two years, a member of the all-Kentucky eleven, this week was named to the 1955 all-America high school football squad by the scholastic magazines of the country...Joe Weddington, Prestonsburg insurance man, signed, this week, his fifth annual contract with the Cleveland Baseball Company as Kentucky scout for the Indians...There died: Estill Hughes, 44, of Louisa, in a slatefall, Tuesday, in a mine at Weeksbury; James H. Blackburn, 72, of Endicott, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Owen Lykins,

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Legal

courage, pettiness, and the daily-ness of life so dramatized by human nature that he often trusts the invisible more than the visible.

Legal Ethics

Fellow Lawyers, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen: I am flattered at this "turn out" to hear my discussion of rules of professional conduct. I am confident the one hour of CLE credit was in no way a contributing factor. Down deep all lawyers are good. That is why they are buried 18 feet deep.

It is an awesome responsibility to stand before this group of distinguished attorneys and discuss any facet of the law, and particularly the subject of ethics. It is an easy matter to demand qualities in others that we do not ourselves possess. For 58 years and in 7 decades I have been exposed to the pressure of the courtrooms in Eastern Kentucky and held public office for more than 20 years. I know a lot of history and tradition and have seen a lot of things I wish I had not seen. But I feel tempered to withstand any situation.

My preacher told me I had about as much tact as a Sherman tank. All the mean things that could have been thought or said about me have already been thought or said — so relax.

When I started my practice in 1933 the typewriter was just coming in to use - now it is just going out. There have been many changes in the practice of law in the past 58 years. In 1933, I came to Prestonsburg fresh out of law school with no money, no books, no office, no clients, but I wanted to be a lawyer. So, I thought I would go to the courthouse and see what it was all about. Dr. Walk Stumbo was the gravel and gavel county judge. He was a horseback rid-

ing, home visiting county doctor - about as big as a salt barrel - wore khaki riding suit and leather leggings. He came into court, propped his feet up on the bench, and said "call the first case Joe P." (Joe P. Tackett was county attorney). Joe P. called Commonwealth v. Sill Hamilton for "Ferretin."

"What is ferretin, Joe P.?"
"It's a violation of the game law. A ferret is a little animal that you put in a rabbit hole and it chases the rabbit out and you catch it in a sack."

"What's wrong with that Joe P.?"
"It's against the law. It doesn't give the rabbit a chance."

"You can't afford to give the rabbit a chance, Joe P. It'll get away. Case dismissed."

That was my first lesson in mountain jurisprudence.

In the early days lawyers badgered judges all the way through the trial. They also badgered each other and often times came to blows right in the midst of a trial. In 1933 C.B. Wheeler was judge of the Floyd County Circuit Court. Mr. B.E. Combs was the leading corporate lawyer and the C & O was his favorite client Mr. Combs was a hot-tempered and briggity lawyer, but a darned good one. As was usual and customary he was addressing the court on behalf of the C & O and getting nowhere. He said to the court, "You remind me of a damned owl. The more light I shed on you the blinder you get."

"I fine you \$25," said the judge.

"French Combs threw down a \$50 bill and said, "You didn't fine me half enough."

But with all their bickering and fighting lawyers were considered to be very special. They were held in high esteem and highly respected. Parents pointed to them as role models for their children, and they were

viewed as part of the strong moral fiber that made our country great.

At the time of the formation of the republic, lawyers were the pride of our government. The making and enforcement of our laws was entrusted to them. Have the lawyers changed or have the people changed?

It is not my desire or intention to teach a course in legal ethics. This is covered in rule 3.130, Rules of Professional Conduct Adopted by the Supreme Court of Kentucky in 1990. It consists of about 62 pages and should be required reading for all lawyers, judges, and prosecutors. Anyone with one eye and half sense can read and understand these rules in less than 2 hours.

Two or three years ago Robert Fulghum wrote a best seller - mentioned by Barbara Rhea in an article in Louisville Lawyer, "All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."

Play Fair
Don't hit people
Clean up your own mess
Don't take things that aren't yours.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Flush.
These rules can be easily classified in to 3 categories:

- Duty to client
- Duty to the court, and
- Duty to the Public

A little old lady came into a lawyer's office to have a will prepared. The lawyer discussed with her the way and manner she wanted to dispose of her property. They agreed about the will and that the fee would be \$100. The will was written. It suited her and it was properly executed. When she went to pay the lawyer she pulled out a roll of \$100 bills. Two stuck together and she inadvertently gave

the lawyer 2 bills instead of one. The lawyer inquired of the ethics committee whether he should keep the extra \$100 or share it with his partner.

It should be remembered that these rules require competent and diligent representation of a client without regard for the client's ability to pay or his standing in the community. The tough one is "reasonable fee." It should not necessarily be true that a lawyer and a wagon wheel do better when they are well greased.

Lawyers may be in the process of pricing themselves out of the market. Legal services may not be indispensable. A couple of centuries ago whale oil was used in lamps to light homes and businesses it was thought to be indispensable and the price rose higher and higher. Then some enterprising young man came up with kerosene.

We have seen the same thing with motion pictures with TV and video. Until recently we thought parcel post was the only way to send a letter or package. It may go. Look what the fax did to Western Union.

The legal process is being bogged down with the production of documents, requests for admissions, interrogatories and countless other procedures and motions, most of which are not used, or useful, to the attorneys or the court. They are used as a device to [increase the attorney's] billable hours...

A 35 year old lawyer died and turned up at the pearly gate. As was usual for a man of his profession he began to argue his case with St. Peter. "Look, I am only 35 years old - too young to die."

St. Peter said, "What did you do down on earth?"

"I was a defense lawyer for an insurance company."

"We'll look you up on the computer. According to your billing hours you are 105 years old."

In the future you may see more arbitration, compromises, negotiations and agreements. You won't see many lawyers in the courtroom it may be cheaper and more expedient to use an arbitrator. There may be those who feel more comfortable with their controversy in the hands of trained experts than with 12 people that didn't know enough to get out of jury duty.

I am a firm believer in the contingent fee. It allows many a deserving litigant to have his day in court to seek redress for a wrong that would not otherwise be able to get in the courthouse door, but even a contingent fee should be reasonable.

Remember - don't hit people.

Obviously there can't be a contingent fee arrangement in a criminal case. A man came into a lawyer's office to engage his services to defend him for shooting a man.

"Did you kill him?"
"No."

"I can tell you this. He will make a hard witness against you."

Neither can a lawyer have a contingent fee arrangement for securing a divorce.

Man said he was married by a judge, but should have asked for a jury. I wasn't exactly divorced - I was traded.

Judge: "You don't want any property, you don't want any support or alimony."

"No!"

"What do you want?"

"I want him to leave me just like he found me, a widow."

This is a worker's compensation seminar. The law as it is presently constituted contains some fairly complicated provisions of the computation of contingent legal fees. Sure, it is a contract between attorney and client. But, it is a mismatch when a shrewd compensation lawyer sits down with a disabled workman to explain a contingent fee and negotiate a contract.

It has been said that a lawyer once explained a contingent fee by saying, "It means that if I lose your case, I don't get any money. If I win, you don't."

It has never been the rule that a contingent fee should be the maximum, unreasonable or excessive. Everyone in this room is aware of the possibilities in this area, and I for one think something should be done about it.

[L]awyers may learn too late that the old sheep farmer was right when he said, "You can shear a sheep every spring, but you can only skin him once."

A lawyer is an officer of the court and has a duty to see that judicial processes work and that justice prevails. The creator endowed him with the sufficient mental talents to pass the entrance test and finish the course. Someone helped him to finance the cost of a law

school education. He had to prove himself to be knowledgeable and competent to represent a client and to establish himself to have honesty, integrity, and good moral character and to maintain that standard throughout.

The oath every lawyer in here took upon admission to the bar [says] "I will perform faithfully my responsibilities as an officer of the court and protector of individual rights" is meaningless

until you decide how you are going to practice your profession. It isn't a question of what areas of practice you will engage in or how much money you will make. It comes down to what you will do with your ethics every day - not determined by what the other fellow does.

The practice of law is difficult and is fast losing its image as a vehicle of justice. Jokes once reserved for mother-in-laws are now foisted upon lawyers and the legal profession. Scrutiny of the legal profession has never been so intense or extensive. These are not the best times for the caretakers of society - doctors, lawyers, teachers and government officials.

To the public, the image of the profession is determined by the conduct of every lawyer. When one of us fails, the profession in a small way fails as well. That is the reason why the whole system requires our commitment to the oath we took and to a high standard of ethics, character, honesty, and integrity every moment of our lives.

[A lawyer] is a special person and has been endowed with talents and given privileges and opportunities that most people don't have. Is it asking too much to expect in return some measure of public service and some contribution to our system of justice?

[Indeed,] [m]aintaining the integrity and respectability of our system if justice is more important than the outcome of any single case.

I [once] represented the wife in a divorce case. It was hotly contested. We "lawed" about who was to pay the rent, who got the sugar bowl - about a wheelbarrow of coal.

One morning bright and early the husband came into my office all shook up. His eyes were in the top of his head and looked like two fried eggs. "We are in a lot of trouble. My lawyer and your client were up at the Eagles Club drunk as hell, danced all night."

"Don't worry about it. They probably didn't talk about the case."

"If we are to keep our democracy, there must be one commandment, thou shalt not ration justice." Justice for all must be a fact, not an aspiration. The rules of professional conduct promulgated by the Supreme Court are concise, clear, and easily read and understood. They follow in the pattern of the rules adopted by the American Bar Association.

School

FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City register tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adult Education & GED Schedule

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

8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

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

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

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

Yesterdays

51; native of Cliff, in Oklahoma, January 23; Joe Stephens, 46, on May's Branch, last Wednesday night; Levi Johnson, 51, of Bevinsville, last Sunday; Oscar C. Hamilton, 41, formerly of Banner, at Veterans Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.

Sixty Years Ago

January 24, 1946

A gun battle near Garrett, early Saturday night, resulted in the death of Arnold Howard, 20, of the Jones Fork of Triplett Branch in Knott County, and the wounding of Deputy Sheriff Oak Mullins, of Wayland...Organizational meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was held last Thursday evening, at the Valley Inn here, and established a Prestonsburg and Floyd County VFW post...Kelse Moore, 37 years old of Wayland, was fatally injured in a slate-fall, Tuesday, inside the mine of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland...Glenn E. Gibson, 16, of Mousie, died at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Tuesday afternoon, after having been struck by a car on the highway, between Garrett and Lackey...There died: Clint Powell, 68, at his home at Bonanza, Tuesday; Ann Copps Jr., 24, of Wayland, at the Paintsville General Hospital, Sunday; Mrs. Izola Hall, 16, of Hippo, Saturday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Mrs.

Mary Thompson, 96, at home at Wayland, Wednesday; Mrs. Julia Ann Jarrell Burchett, 83, at home at Banner, Thursday.

Seventy Years Ago

January 24, 1936

Fire in the second story of the courthouse here, Wednesday, caused damage estimated at \$10,000...Mitchell Woods, 26, and Willie Pack, 33, both of Paintsville, were struck and killed by a car, Thursday night, near Cannel Coal Gap, between Paintsville and Prestonsburg...Harve Childers, fomer Pikeville policeman and deputy sheriff, has been appointed Chief of Police at Weeksbury to fill the vacancy caused by the slaying, at the Weeksbury jail, of Chief of Police S. J. Murphy, January 11...There died: Sol Tackett, 73, former McDowell police judge, January 11, at the home of his son, Jerry Tackett at McDowell; Mrs. Robert Teague, 84, of Martin, Thursday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A.P. Parker; Dr. Frank Ramey, 20, at his home at East Point, Tuesday; Mrs. Mary Emma Auxier, of Prestonsburg, 24, at the Auxier Hotel here, Monday; Gloria Collins Turner, 10 years old, of Lackey, at the Paintsville General Hospital, January 16; Ephraim Sawyer, 65, at his home at Garrett, Monday morning; the 11-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bailey of Garrett, Wednesday.

Critter

Thorough knowledge of the enemy is key to any good battle plan. Now we know that we have to attack not just the adult fleas on the animal, but also the larger population maturing in the environment. We also understand that the war on fleas must be fought on a year-round basis. We are never going to get rid of them all. They have been at this survival game a lot longer than humans.

A good topical flea treatment on the animal is the first step. There are several prescription products out there, with various modes of action. I do think they work better and are usually much safer than their grocery store counterparts—which are packaged to look similar but contain totally different chemicals. (Whatever you choose, Please, Please, PLEASE, read the label. If it does not specifically say it is for cats, DON'T USE IT ON A CAT!) There are also a couple of pet oral medica-

tions - available for either adult fleas or to prevent the hatching of flea eggs.

Just because I am frequently asked, I think flea collars are totally useless. Fleas are so resistant to most of the chemicals used in them that they are ineffective, yet they are right under the animal's nose where it has to breathe the fumes. They can also cause a contact allergy in some pets.

A good environmental treatment is essential if you have a flea problem. Compounds are available with different combinations of quick-kill, extended action and insect growth regulators.

Talk to your vet for specific recommendations for flea control in your particular situation.

If this chemical warfare makes you uneasy, there are steps you can and should take to reduce the need for it. Mechanical control measures make the environment less hos-

pitable to our unwelcome guests.

Getting rid of places where fleas are likely to take refuge may include clearing out dense vegetation near your house or kennel that keep the immediate area dark and moist. The same goes for removing leaf litter and other debris that will let the soil underneath dry out. Indoors, vacuuming and frequent washing of pet bedding will remove eggs and flea dirt.

An added benefit to your flea control efforts should be a reduced incidence of tapeworm problems. Fleas serve as an intermediate host for tapeworms; cats and dogs may pick up these parasites if they swallow a flea while grooming.

I hope this answers some of your questions about fleas. They never really leave us; next spring's flea season is gearing up quietly in the dead of winter. Forewarned is forearmed.

Play movie trivia at www.floydcountytimes.com. New contest and prizes awarded monthly

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Willis named champion rider

Ashleigh Willis (P.T. Stroker), formerly of Prestonsburg, is pictured being awarded the KMHA II and Under Trail Pleasure International Championship, on October 14, 2005, at the Kentucky State Horse Park. Ashleigh is the daughter of Ron and Lisa Willis, of Owingsville. She is the granddaughter of Don and Shelby Willis, of Prestonsburg, and the late Hillard Anderson and Irene Anderson.



Betsy Layne Christmas Royalty

Pictured are the 2005 Christmas King and Queen of the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center. "Queen" Peggy Burchett and "King" Ransom Meade represented the Betsy Layne center at the 2005 Christmas Party, held at Jenny Wiley State Park, this past December. Mr. Meade was also chosen as Floyd County's Christmas King in the senior pageant. The Betsy Layne seniors and center staff would like to thank Judge-Exec. Paul Hunt Thompson and the Big Sandy Area Development District for their continued support, allowing Floyd County seniors to enjoy a wonderful Christmas party and banquet each year.

Conservation Scholarships available

The Floyd County Conservation District is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating Floyd County high school seniors for the 2006-2007 school year. Priority will be given to those students majoring in Agriculture and/or Conservation of Natural Resources.

This is a scholarship awarding a one time payment of \$500 with proof of college enrollment. Eligible students must have at least a 3.0 GPA verified by a high school counselor.

The completed applications must be returned to the Floyd County Conservation District Office by May 1st to be eligible. Applications are available at the Floyd County Conservation District Office, located at Mayo Branch of Brandykeg (approximately 1/2 mile from the Lancer-Watergap intersection traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Resort Park).

For more information, contact the Floyd County Conservation District at

889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.



A Christmas revisited

Saundra Bevins Bellamy, foreground, and her mother, Marie Thompson Bevins (standing) recently visited in the home of Mrs. Bevins' aunt and uncle, Richard and Maxine Thompson (seated), of Hager Hill. Saundra brought with her a doll that the couple had given her as a gift 51 years ago, during the Christmas of 1954.

Oak

watching him hoeing his corn, or maybe picking a bushel of green beans, as I'd sit in the shade of the big walnut tree that grew just outside the garden fence. I'd lie flat on my stomach in the grass and barely let my lips touch the surface of the little pool, and drink to my heart's content.

Anyway, there must be a hundred different brands of bottled water on the market today, and to be perfectly honest, I can't tell a bit of difference in the dozen or so brands

close to Papaw's well water and water from the Slaughter Pen spring.

If I really had an entrepreneurial spirit, you just might find a couple of new brands in the large coolers that line the walls of your favorite convenience store. "Papaw's Well" and "Slaughter Pen Spring" both sound like good brand names to me.

The new year began at the Pack house on a wonderfully

William Pack. He was born at the Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn. on Jan. 9, weighing in at 6 pounds, 8 ounces and standing 19 1/2 inches tall. Even though he was little more than six hours old the first time I held him, the love I felt made me feel I'd known him forever.

Daughter-in-law Marcy, son Todd, and big sister Alison, are all doing fine, and of course, both Wilma Jean and I are already acting goofier than ever.

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Local publishes book of mysterious mountain tales

Times Staff Report

Patricia West, of Prestonsburg, is the new, and very excited, author of the recently published book, "Unexplained Mountain Tales." The new book relates 62 short, mysterious tales originating from the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. "Most of the stories were told to me by my dad when I was growing up," West said. "Some he said were true, others, well, who knows."

Based on stories, legends, and tales she heard growing up Van Lear, from the mouths of both relatives and friends, the stories contained in "Unexplained Mountain Tales" will, at times, cause the reader to wonder whether or not the incidents recounted could actually have ever happened. According to West, each of the incidents portrayed in the stories did actually happen, to either herself, or to the friends and loved ones who told her of the incidents years ago. "If any of the stories are in fact, true," the author said, "then the mountains really do hold mysteries that will cause anyone to pause for just a second before taking a walk on that lonely mountain trail alone."

West recently appeared at the Van Lear Historical Society



Patricia West, author of "Unexplained Mountain Tales," stopped by the Times office recently to show off her newly published book.

Museum to hold a panel discussion of her new book, as well as appearing on the early morning segment of WYMT's community news telecast.

"Unexplained Mountain Tales" may be purchased by contacting West at mail@patriciawest.net or by logging on to: www.patriciawest.net.

Korner

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Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white?

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

Why do people constantly return to the refrigerator with hopes that something new to eat will have materialized?

Why do people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick it up, examine it, then put it down to give the vacuum one more chance?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right?" Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That hurt, you stupid idiot?"

Why is it that whenever you attempt to catch something that's falling off the table you always manage to knock something else over?

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends — if they're okay, then it's you.

God's Blessings,

Til Next Week...

Anniversaries



60th Wedding Anniversary Invitation

Please accept an invitation from the family of George and Mosaete Patton to join this happy couple in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at Grace Way United Methodist Church, in Langley. The church is located 0.1 mile east of the Langley (Maytown) exit on Route 80. No gifts please, allow your presence alone to be your only gift.

Births



It's a Girl! Welcome, Madeline!

Madeline Grace Walton was born January 13, 2006, at 3:41 a.m., at Mercy Fairfield Hospital, in Fairfield, Ohio, to proud parents Sheena and Gary Walton, of Sharonville, Ohio. Madeline weighed 8 lbs., and measured 21 inches in length. She is the maternal granddaughter of Rita and Lowell Brock, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Brenda and Don Knuckles, of Hamilton, Ohio. She is the great-granddaughter of Phyllis Johnson, of Middleshoro, and the late Howard Johnson;

It's Time For America's Cookies!

Girl Scouts
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WINNING DISHES

FROM WORLD-CLASS CHEESES



FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

This winter the world's elite athletes won't be the only ones showing off their medals. European-style cheeses from America's Dairy Farm, which have won international acclaim, will continue to take the country by storm for their great taste in households across the country.

Plan to host a viewing of the ski jumping or ice skating competitions, and consider tying in your menu offerings with the culinary history of the European countries competing in the Alpine sports. A Gruyère and onion tart makes a terrific hearthside snack worthy of a perfect "10." The nutty depth of this full-bodied, Swiss-style cheese stands up to the blend of sautéed onions and spices in the tart.

For casual dining, take a basic grilled cheese sandwich from good to "gold" when you make it a polenta and fontina panini topped with mushroom sauce. The earthy, buttery flavor of Italian-style Wisconsin fontina mixed with the zing of sun-dried tomatoes adds a dramatic "wow" factor to the polenta.

Add style points to light and airy popovers by using a dill-flavored Wisconsin Havarti accompanied by a fresh-tasting smoked salmon salad. Steeped in Danish heritage, Havarti is a rich and buttery cheese with a surprising intensity that makes it a favorite melted in dishes or topped on salads and breads.

Learning from their European ancestors, Wisconsin cheese makers are passionate about incorporating Old World methods

into their award-winning varieties. Today, many third- and fourth-generation cheese makers carry on the tradition of passing their artistic skills and knowledge to the next generation—taking no shortcuts and accepting nothing less than excellence.

While you are watching the world's finest athletes compete this winter, be sure to try becoming a winner yourself by logging onto www.WisDairy.com and playing the Spin to Win game. The game runs from January 10, 2006, through April 2, 2006.

Wisconsin Polenta Fontina "Paninis" With Mushroom Sauce

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1/3 cup minced shallots or onion
- 2 (4-ounce) packages sliced mushrooms or 1 (8-ounce) package sliced crimini or button mushrooms (4 cups)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme (or 1 teaspoon dried)
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Wisconsin fontina cheese, divided
- 1/4 cup chopped well-drained sun-dried tomatoes in oil
- 1 (16-ounce) tube polenta or flavored polenta, cut into 16 slices

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in small skillet over medium heat. Add shallots; cook and stir 3 minutes. Add mushrooms, thyme, salt and pepper; cook and stir 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender.

Meanwhile, combine 1/2 cup cheese and tomatoes. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon butter on large nonstick griddle or in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat until melted and bubbly. Arrange 8 slices polenta on griddle; top with cheese mixture and remaining 8 slices polenta. Cook 3 minutes. Carefully turn over; continue cooking 3 minutes or until hot and cheese is melted.

Transfer paninis to 4 serving plates; top with mushroom sauce and remaining 1/2 cup cheese. *Makes 4 servings*

Smoked Salmon Salad With Wisconsin Dill Havarti Popovers

- Popovers:**
- 2 large eggs
 - 1 cup 2% or whole milk
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
 - 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Wisconsin Dill Havarti cheese (or regular Wisconsin Havarti tossed with 1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill or 1/4 teaspoon dried)
- Salad:**
- 1 (5-ounce) package spring greens or mixed salad greens (8 cups packed greens)
 - 1 cup thinly sliced peeled cucumber
 - 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Wisconsin Dill Havarti cheese
 - 1/4 cup bottled vinaigrette or Italian salad dressing
 - 4 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon, cut crosswise into strips
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill (or 1 teaspoon dried)

Heat oven to 450°F. Whisk eggs in medium bowl; whisk in milk. Add flour and salt; whisk well. (Some small lumps of flour will remain.) Whisk in butter.

Coat eight 6-ounce custard cups or ramekins with cooking spray; dust lightly with flour. (Note: Popovers may be made in muffin tins with 4-ounce cups. Coat 10 of the cups of a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray. Fill and bake as directed with custard cups.) Pour batter into cups filling 1/3 full. Divide cheese evenly over batter. Pour remaining batter over cheese filling cups 2/3 full. Place cups on baking sheet; bake 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350°F; continue baking 20 to 25 minutes longer until puffed and deep golden brown (do not open oven during baking time). Immediately remove popovers from baking cups to serving plates.

While popovers are baking, combine greens, cucumber, cheese and dressing in large bowl. Toss well and transfer to 4-serving plates. Top salads with salmon and dill. Serve with warm popovers.

Wisconsin Gruyère and Onion Tart

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 large onions, thinly sliced (about 6 cups)
- 1 refrigerated unbaked pie crust
- 2 cups (8 ounces) grated Wisconsin Gruyère cheese
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 2 eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup half-and-half

Heat oven to 425°F. In large skillet, heat butter over medium heat. Cook onions, stirring occasionally, 20 minutes or until very soft and golden.

Meanwhile, prepare pie crust according to package directions. Gently press crust into bottom and up sides of 11-inch tart pan with removable bottom. Combine cheese, flour, thyme, salt, nutmeg and pepper in separate bowl, then sprinkle mixture over crust.

Transfer cooked onions to tart pan; arrange to make an even layer on top of cheese mixture. In small bowl, whisk together eggs and half-and-half; pour evenly over mixture.

Place tart on cookie sheet, and bake at 425°F 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 375°F; bake 30 minutes longer, or until filling puffs and is just set. Cool slightly. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION

NO. 864-0165,

RENEWAL NO. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Argus Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation of approximately 92.32 surface acres, and underlies 52.59 auger acres, located 3.0 miles southwest of Clifford, in Lawrence County.

The operation will use the contour and auger method of surface mining. The proposed operation is approximately 2.00 miles southwest from Route 3's junction with Big Laurel Creek Road, and located 2.00 miles west of Rockcastle Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Milo U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael & Meral T. Williams. The operation will underlie lands owned by Judith A. Young, Lafe Hinkle, Harvey Mollet, and I. Michael & Meral T. Williams.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Magdeline Johnson, Rt. 122, Melvin, Ky., mailing address, Box 100, Melvin, Ky. 41650, hereby declares intention(s) to apply for a Retail Beer and Retail Liquor by the package license(s) no later than January 23, 2006. The business to be licensed will be located at Box 100, Rt. 122, Melvin, Kentucky 41650, doing business as J&J Whiskey and Beer. The owner(s); principal officers and directors, limited partners, of members are as follows: Owner, Magdeline Johnson of 1515 Caleb Fork, Weeksbury, KY 41667. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by

writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 99-CI-359

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY PLAINTIFF VS. EDWARD M. KUSS REBECCA S. KUSS NORWEST BANK MINNESOTA, N.A. AS TRUSTEE, ASSIGNEE OF OCEANMARK FINANCIAL CORP., WICKES LUMBER COMPANY, CITY OF PRESTONSBURG DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th day of April, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$361,098.40, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 9th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 526 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No. 1
A certain tract of parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on South Lake Drive, described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the right of way of U.S. Highway No. 23, at the cross fence above what is known as the Seibert Place, corner of line of Reba H. Mayo, et al; thence up said highway with line of said state highway a southerly direction to a stake 552 feet from

the beginning corner and opposite the present lower cross fence of Anna B. Allen; thence a straight line up the hill parallel with line of said Reba H. Mayo, et al., to center of ridge between Mayo Branch and Big Sandy River to a stake 613 feet from corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence up the ridge with center of same 613 feet to said corner of Reba H. Mayo, et al., and J.D. Mayo; thence down the hill with said line of Reba H. Mayo, et al, to the beginning.

Parcel No. 2
Situated on the waters of the Big Sandy River in the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Being Lots Nos. 1, 2, and 3 shown upon that certain plat dated July 17, 1953, and prepared by H. Salisbury, Engineer and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court. These lots are adjacent to and adjoin the property now owned by Duran Moore, in South Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on U.S. Highway #23.

Being the same property, conveyed to Edward M. Kuss and Rebecca S. Kuss from Mason Moore, et al., by deed dated February 17, 1988, of record in Deed Book 318, Page 617, in the office of the Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due

and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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Master Commissioner
P.O. Box 268
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5463

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation, located 0.25 mile northwest of Burton in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.20 surface acres, and will underlie 480.00 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 489.20 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.65 mile northwest of KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122, and located 0.25 mile west of the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation

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The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Big Sandy Area Development District is receiving bid proposals for providing Title III B, C1, and C2 Services to the elderly in the Big Sandy Area Development District for fiscal year 2007 through 2008, covering the period July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008. Title III B is Supportive Services, Title III C1 is Congregate Meals Services, and Title III C2 is Home Delivered Meals Services.

Proposals are being solicited and accepted for FY07 contracts. Contracts will be awarded for one-year duration. The awarding of contracts for FY07 will be based upon the merit of the proposals submitted, previous program performance and/or experience, and the availability of funds.

Bid proposal packets may be picked up at Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bid proposals (Original and a digital copy) must be received at the Big Sandy Area Development District office by 4:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, February 8, 2006.

Please direct all questions and correspondence as well as the original and digital copy of the proposal to: Liz Hamilton, Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone: 606-886-2374 or 1-800-737-2723.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-0040 BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE PLAINTIFF VS. GARNIS CLAUDE AKERS SIRENA AKERS COUNTY OF FLOYD DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Renewed Summary Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 2nd day of July, 2004, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,924.67, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 9th day of February, 2006, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following de-scribed real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

the point of beginning.

Also included in the above description is a 12 foot right of way for egress and ingress unto the herein described property over the lands of Grantors.

Being the same property conveyed to Garnis Claude Akers dated 2/22/82 of record in Deed Book 263, Page 586, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2005, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd

County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Anne M. Smith Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA 525 Vine Street, Suite 800 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II C.A. No.: 05-CI-01285 Diana Dewitt, Dennis Dewitt, Debbie Goodman, Mike Goodman, Bobby Scott, Kathy Scott and Carl Mike Scott and Ilene Scott Plaintiffs Vs: Shelba Davis and Art Davis,

her husband, Rick Scott and Carlene Scott, his wife, Steve Hicks and Darlene Hicks, his wife, Martin Frazier and Willadean Frazier, his wife, Vaedia Turner and unknown heirs of Phelix Scott, Jr., and Melvina Scott Defendants **NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION**

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated December 19, 2005, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order Attorney to notify the Unknown Heirs of Phelix Scott, Jr., and Melvina Scott of the pendency of a Petition for Sale and Partition of Real Estate of the following described property:

Beginning on a gate post on the upper edge of the road in line of land of Octavia Combs, then up May Branch with the road to the mouth of the first left hand drain, then with the drain to the land of Dave Bentley, then with the land of Dave Bentley to May Branch, then with a fence up May Branch to the land of Claude E. Rowe, then up a drain with the land of Claude E. Rowe to the top of the peach orchard point, thence down the point with the land of Octavia Combs to the beginning, containing 8 acres.

There is excluded that portion conveyed to David L. Bentley and Julia Bentley, by deed dated April 7, 1953,

recorded in Deed Book 153, Page 237, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Notice is hereby given that any Unknown Heirs of Phelix Scott, Jr., and Melvina Scott are directed to come forward and present any interest in the above-described real property they claim or be forever barred.

Signed, Mitchell D. Kinner Warning Order Attorney Kinner & Patton Law Offices 328 East Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-1343

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jerry Kinzer has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, proposing to build an addition to an existing residential structure and a detached garage, in the 100-

year flood plain, located along Kentucky Route 1428, approximately 1.0 mile west of the intersection of Kentucky Route 1428 and Kentucky Route 3. The proposed site is located on the north side of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River at latitude 37°40'14.33"N, and longitude 82°44'48.88"W. Any comments or objec-

tions, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

INVITATION TO BID
The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center is accepting bids on the construc-

tion of a 20'x40' metal pole building. The building will be 1 1/2 stories, built on a concrete slab. Bids are due by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, February 3, 2006. For more information, call Dennis Conley at (606) 886-1037, ext. 174. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held on February 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses in the General Adjustments in Electric Rates of Kentucky Power Company. Errol K. Wagner Director of Regulatory Services Kentucky Power Company

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)


COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before February, 28, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	05-P-00147	Ruby Laferty	Donald E. Laferty	12-29-05
Final	03-P-00449	Alex Howard	Joe Howard	12-29-05
Final	04-P-5	Joyce Whitaker	Joyce Whitaker	01-09-06
Final	04-P-1	Morris Ray Miller	Amanda Ellen Miller	01-11-06
Final	03-P-436	John W. Howard II	Harris S. Howard Jr.	01-11-06
Final	04-P-22	Delmas S. Johnson	Joyce Johnson	01-13-06
Final	04-P-16	Wilma Jean Adkins	Mary M. Adkins	01-13-06

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
12-27-05	05-P-428	William Gibson Jr.	Irene Moore	
12-27-05	05-P-429	Thurman J. Akers	Teddy Ray Akers	
12-27-05	05-P-431	Dotty Sizemore Gearheart Duncan	Stephen R. Gearheart	
12-28-05	05-P-432	Marjorie Vance Sammons	John Phillip Sammons	
12-28-05	05-P-433	Norma Jean Neeley	Carlos E. Neeley	Lorraine Neeley
12-28-05	05-P-435	Gobel P. Martin	Wilma Faye Martin	
12-29-05	05-P-437	Abraham L. Sexton	Emma Sexton	
12-29-05	05-P-438	T.J. Compton	Juanita Compton	
01-03-05	05-P-1	Anna M. Boyer	Kathy Boyd	
01-04-06	06-P-2	Brenda Boyd	Tina Rogers	Jimmy Webb
01-06-06	06-P-7	Joseph Patterson Tackett III	Thomas James Tackett	
01-06-06	06-P-8	Vernon Chad Slone	Melissa Slone	Jim Webb
01-06-06	06-P-9	Irvin Slone	Charles Slone	
01-09-06	06-P-10	Jackie Dean Hamilton	Ermit Eugene Hamilton	
01-09-06	06-P-12	Zella Mae Caldwell Salisbury	Connie L. Cole	Anthony C. Davis
01-09-06	06-P-13	Noralene Hamilton	Deborah A. Johnson	
01-10-06	06-P-15	Chester Lee Fields	Linda Fields	
01-10-16	06-P-16	William P. Wells	Liza Jane Wells	
01-10-06	06-P-18	Sherry Gwen Gayheart Little	Roger Gayheart	
01-11-06	06-P-20	James Edward Little	Anna Mae Little	
01-12-06	06-P-22	Cecil L. Kendrick	Gene Kendrick	
01-13-06	06-P-23	Jeanette Hall	Jill Mitchell	
01-13-06	06-P-24	Delmer Tackett	Mike Vance	Ira E. Branham
01-13-06	06-P-25	James Beta Goble	Rhondetta Goble Walton	
01-17-06	06-P-26	Dordena P. McNally	Charles Joseph McNally	Kipley J. McNally
01-17-06	06-P-27	Peggy Jo Bates	Tammy Mullins & Janet Clara Tufts	
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