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Lawmakers return with election looming

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — One initiative would eliminate the state income tax for active duty soldiers. Another would require middle school girls to be vaccinated against a sexually transmitted disease that can cause cancer. Another

would outlaw eating horses. It's an election year in Kentucky, with candidates for governor and other constitutional offices jockeying for an advantage in the May primary and beyond. One expert says that could turn the legislative session that begins Tuesday into quite a show for voters. "It's a fact of legislative life that

bills are crafted with an eye toward potential voting blocs," said Michael Baranowski, a political scientist at Northern Kentucky University. "That's even more true during an election season, without a doubt." The heads of both the House and Senate have vowed, however, not to allow the legislative session to degen-

erate into a political sideshow. "I think everybody will be careful not to allow that to happen," said House Speaker Jody Richards, who is one of seven Democrats running for governor. Gov. Ernie Fletcher, a Republican

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briefs

2 killed in Johnson accident

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

WITTEVILLE — An accident involving a tractor-trailer and a car has resulted in the death of two people in Johnson county.

According to Kentucky State Police, the accident took place at approximately 4:30 Monday evening. Joseph Rigsby, 35, of Martha, was driving a silver Hyundai passenger car south on U.S. 23 at Wittesville when he apparently drove into the path of the 18-wheeler while pulling from the shoulder of the road. The driver of the large truck, George Hamilton, struck Rigsby's vehicle, at which time his truck then overturned.

Both Rigsby and his passenger, Stacy Quesenberry, 28, of Louisa, died as a result of their injuries.

This accident is still under investigation by KSP Det. Eddie Crum and Trooper Brad Austin.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 29 • Low: 17

Tomorrow



High: 30 • Low: 11

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

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GETTING READY



photo by Alex Smith

With weather reports predicting up to six inches of snow Tuesday night in Floyd County, many people hit local stores to make sure they would be able to get out of their driveways Wednesday morning. Karen Cornett, of Prestonsburg, made her way to Layne's Hardware to prepare for the snow, which included purchasing a new shovel, salt and a small sled.

Martin cop suspended after allegations

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — For three Floyd County women, a night of playing a popular video game with a group of friends allegedly turned into a nightmare after they accused a Martin police officer of sexually assaulting them.

The incident, which occurred around 3 a.m. on Feb. 1, allegedly began after four or five couples had gathered at the three women's apartment in Martin to play video games. Attorney David Barber, who is representing all three women, said the group was playing the popular video game Guitar

Hero when apparently they became a little too loud, which precipitated a noise complaint by some neighbors.

A Martin city police officer and a Floyd County Sheriff's deputy arrived and broke up the party, sending those who did not live in the residence home. But according to the three women, the Martin police officer returned to the home between 15 and 30 minutes later by himself and used his position as a police officer to gain entry to the residence. Barber said his clients were then physically and sexually abused by the officer in a bedroom.

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Pike funeral director charged with 19 counts

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A former Pikeville funeral home owner was arrested and charged with 19 felonies last Friday, including acting as a funeral home director without a license.

Richard A. Justice, 53, was arraigned Monday afternoon and had a preliminary hearing set for Feb. 15. A \$100,000 full cash bond was set.

Justice owned and operated the Justice Funeral Home in Pikeville for many years, closing the funeral home in November 2006 after a complaint was filed against him in October.

The Insurance Fraud Investigation Division of the Kentucky Office of Insurance began investigating a complaint against Justice after an elderly woman claimed she had given Justice money for a pre-paid burial arrangement, which she said he failed to forward to an insurance company or deposit into a trust, a violation of the Kentucky Funeral Trust Act.

During the course of the investigation, the KOI uncovered 11 additional instances of alleged insurance fraud where they believe Justice pocketed at least \$94,000 from the victims, many of whom are senior citizens.

Justice has been charged with 12 felony counts of violating the Funeral Trust Act, six counts of felony fraudulent insurance acts, one count of felony theft and one count of acting as a funeral director without a license between 2004 and 2006. The alleged insurance fraud occurred between 2002 and 2006.

Justice has denied the allegations, claiming that employees at the funeral home embezzled the money. The arrest warrants against him state that Justice kept more than \$94,000 from several families

who gave him the money to

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Kidnapping case sent to grand jury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Johnson County man who is accused of abducting his estranged wife while she was working at a gas station at Auxier Jan. 28 had his case referred to a Floyd County grand jury on Monday.

Charles Lemaster, 49, of Leander, was arrested two days after he allegedly escaped from state police

on an icy dirt road at the head of Hannah Branch near Leander in Johnson County. Following up on an anonymous tip, state police tracked Lemaster to a home in Leander, where they found him hiding in a closet sitting on top of the .38 semiautomatic handgun which allegedly had been used two days earlier in the kidnapping of his ex-wife, Nancy

(See CASE, page eleven)

OLW earns statewide employer award

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Our Lady of the Way Hospital was recently named one of the top 25 best places to work in Kentucky.

The program from which the hospital received its recognition is an initiative designed to motivate companies to achieve excellence in the workplace. Headed by the Kentucky

Society for Human Resource Management State Council and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the program was derived from the well known Fortune Magazine's "100 Best Places to Work for in America"

"It is an honor to receive recognition as one of the top 25 best places to work in Kentucky," said Kathy Stumbo,

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photo by Jessica Hale

Employees at Our Lady of the Way Hospital held a celebration in honor of the hospital receiving statewide recognition as one of the top 25 Best Places to Work in Kentucky.

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Obituaries

James E. Allen January 17, 1919 February 1, 2007

James E. Allen, beloved husband of Violet Coburn Allen, passed from this life, peacefully in his sleep, on February 1, 2007. He was 88.

James was born January 17, 1919, in Northern. He was one of 11 children born to Melvin J. and Lula Gayheart Allen, now deceased.

He was a Maytown High School graduate. He was also a veteran, and served as a combat engineer in World War II. James was a devout member of the Graceway United Methodist Church, at Langley.

James worked at Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company for a time, but left to establish his own company, J.E. Allen Drilling and Construction Company Inc., in 1947. He thoroughly enjoyed his work, and his contact with people.

His hobbies included watching the U.K. Wildcats, gardening, and golf; but his greatest joy was his family. He derived the most pleasure from vacationing, traveling with his wife, and other members of the family. In his long life, he developed many close friendships which he deeply valued, and is remembered most for his love of life, and his wonderful sense of humor.

He is survived by Violet Coburn Allen, his wife of 65 years; two sons: Nick D. Turner, and his wife, Corene Gibson Turner of Vienna, Virginia; and James Lynn Allen, and his wife, Ann Mayo Allen of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: James David Turner of Raleigh, North Carolina, Barron and Jonathan Allen of Langley; and a step-granddaughter, Robyn Francis Tackett of Richmond; seven great-grandchildren: Erin Taylor, James Barron, Noelle, Jonna, and Paula Allen, James Justin, and William Joseph Turner; a daughter-in-law, Gloria Turner Allen of Garrett; and one sister, Anna Mae Curtis of Greenfield, Indiana.

Funeral services for James E. Allen were conducted Sunday, February 4, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow officiating.

Entombment was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Barron Allen, Jonathan Allen, James David Turner, Melvin May, Charles Bradley, Tony Harris, and Jamie Harris.

Honorary: The men of the Graceway United Methodist Church, in Langley. (Paid obituary)

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Ranny Gene Blankenship

Ranny Gene Blankenship, age 57, of Beaver, died Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare emergency room.

Born August 2, 1949, in Martin, he was the son of the late Harrison and Tamery Slone Blankenship. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Pennington Blankenship.

Other survivors include his children: Ranny Robert Blankenship of Winchester; James Lee Blankenship, wife Jamie Lynn, of Prestonsburg; Eric Gene Blankenship, wife Jessica, of Weeksbury; Justin Lee Blankenship of Ligon; and Tammy Angeline Gibson of Lexington; a brother, Danny Blankenship of Broadway, Ohio; and four sisters: Ilene Gilliam and Patsy Blankenship, both of Portsmouth, Ohio; Linda Sue Akers of Teaberry; and Judy Sizemore of McDowell; and seven grandchildren: Brett, Keisha, Micheal, Brittan, Brianna, Ashley, and Issabella.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William (Billy) Blankenship; and two brothers: Kenneth Blankenship and Larry Blankenship.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 7, at noon, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Blankenship Family Cemetery in Ligon, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

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Juanita Hatfield Boatwright

Juanita Hatfield Boatwright, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, February 5, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 13, 1926, in Water Gap, she was the daughter of the late Jordan and Martha Campbell Hatfield. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Bill) Boatwright.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Mark (Hazel) Boatwright of Prestonsburg; a brother, Curtis (JoAnn) Hatfield of Ulysses; four grandchildren: Paul (Kelley) Fleming, William (Nancy) Fleming, Amy (Joe) Burchett Jr., and Steven Boatwright; eight great-grandchildren: Megan, Brittany, Cody Fleming, Meredith, Hunter Fleming, Andrew, Benjamin, and Leah Kate Burchett.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Ruth Ann Boatwright Fleming; and a brother, Joe Hatfield.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Campbell officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

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Annie Handshoe

Annie Handshoe, age 83 of Hueysville, passed away on Friday, February 2, 2007, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was born February 24, 1923, at Magoffin County, being the daughter of the late Reps and Cynthia Fitzpatrick Howard.

She was a Grocery Store operator the owner of Handshoe Grocery at Hueysville.

In addition to her parents and husband, Grover Handshoe, she was preceded in death by two sons: James Lloyd Handshoe and Thee Handshoe.

Surviving are: One son,

Glenn (Lora) Handshoe of Hueysville; three daughters: Gladys (Herman) Hale and Oma (Ronnie) Bolen, both of Kendallville, Indiana and Mary (Ivan) Stanfield of Topmost; 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Chapel at Martin, with Bethel Bolen and Carlos Beverly officiating.

Burial was in the Wilson Handshoe Cemetery on Quicksand Rd. at Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Pallbearers: Brian Handshoe, Barry Bolen, Ricky Handshoe, Gary Handshoe, Jeff Stanfield, Kedrick Stanfield, Randy Handshoe and Brody Dixon. (Paid obituary)

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Emogene Hicks

Emogene Hicks, age 79, of Nelsonville, Ohio, died Saturday, February 3, 2007, at the James Cancer Center. She

was a retired nurses aid.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville J. Hicks; her parents, Elmo and May Wallen; and her sisters: Dorothy Hicks, Maude Lucas and Ruth Collins.

Survivors include her daughters: Alice Wellman of Johnstown, Ohio, and Dorothy R. (James T.) Bower of Westerville; grandchildren: Robert J. Marlowe, Scott H. (Kate) Marlowe, Lucian G. (Hilary) Wellman III, April L. (Rick Sherburn) Phillips, and Mandie (Chris) Davis; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Bill Wallen of Arizona; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Moreland Funeral Home, 55 East Schrock Road, Westerville, Ohio, with Pastor Bob Tussing officiating.

Interment was in the Blendon Central Cemetery, under the direction of Moreland Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Friends, if they wish, may contribute to the Arthur G.

James Cancer Hospital, 300 West Tenth Avenue, Suite 519, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

(Paid obituary)

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Joey Edwin Howell

Joey Edwin Howell, age 30, husband of Misty Dawn Howell, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2007, at his residence in McDowell.

He was born July 2, 1976, in Martin, the son of Deborah Kaye Howell of McDowell, and Tim Yates of Martin.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and parents, include three daughters: Cheyenne "Mekyla" Howell, Hannah "Jo" Howell, and Taylor Brooke Howell, all of McDowell; a half-brother, Timmy Yates; a sister,

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THE FAMILY OF BARBARA ANN AKERS

Card of Thanks

The family of Edgel "Delano" Davis Jr., would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Jerry Manns for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

ACT assessment Cancellation

The February 10, administration of the ACT Assessment, scheduled to be given at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, has been cancelled due to low registration numbers for this site. Registered examinees will receive official notification from ACT. This announcement is only for those examinees registered at or planning to come in on a stand-by/walk-in status, at Alice Lloyd College.

HRMC February Calendar

Kiwanis: Feb. 1, 8; Meeting Place B; 12-1:30 p.m.
 Childbirth: Feb. 10; Board Room; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Senior Advantage: Feb. 13; East Kentucky Science Center; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Kiwanis: Feb. 15, 20; Meeting Room C; 12-1:30 p.m.
 Ky. Mountain Dental Society: Feb. 24; Meeting Place A & B; 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course: Feb. 26, 27;

Meeting Place A & B; 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes Support Group: Feb. 28; Meeting Place A & B; 5-6:00 p.m.

For more information concerning these support groups, contact the Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

Big Sandy Regional Citizen Corps meeting planned

The quarterly meeting of the Big Sandy Regional Citizen Corps Council will be held on February 8, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at the Big Sandy Area Development District, located at 110 Resource Court at Cliffside. A representative from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will be attending the meeting and answering any questions that the public might have. The public is encouraged to attend.

Please contact Jeff Sizemore at 606-886-2374 or jeff.sizemore@bigsandy.org to RSVP by February 5, 2007.

SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, to assist people in filing claims for Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung (BL), and a Social Security Number (SSN).

The representative will also assist in filing appeals and answering questions.

The representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic on the following dates for the next quarter:

Tuesday, February 13; and Tuesday, February 17.

Tuesday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 27.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Now scheduling trips for the upcoming year to: Washington, DC, Memorial Day weekend; Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. All trips include roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. Others include guided tours, entry to area attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Call Ed at 452-4149 for more information.

A \$100 deposit must be paid no later than Feb. 10 for those wishing to take the Washington, DC trip.

ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

PHS Class of '97

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14, 2007 at the Best Western, Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please send in all of their personal information including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to phs97@bell-south.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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 BSCC 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; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New 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.

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Cinema Two • PG-13 HELD OVER  THE MESSENGER Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25	Cinema Seven • R STARTS FRI., 2/9  HANNIBAL RISING Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:55-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55-9:15
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Cinema Four • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 2/9  CATCH AND RELEASE Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:55-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55-9:15	Cinema Nine • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 2/9  BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20), 7:00-9:20
Cinema Five • R HELD OVER  THE HITCHER Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30	Cinema Ten • PG HELD OVER  NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:55-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55-9:15

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Guest View

No hiding from constant campaign

John Kerry did Americans a favor recently by deciding not to run for president. Apparently voters saw enough of the dour, know-it-all Massachusetts senator four years ago that even he got the message of his polling in the single digits.

Sadly, too many others did not. Indeed, you could field a baseball team with the number of Republicans and Democrats who think they're Oval Office material. What could they be thinking? Haven't they looked at past occupants? Prematurely old, gray and unloved. If political opponents aren't hounding the president, the press is. There's no peace. Literally.

Sure, America should consider herself fortunate that there are so many citizens who want to serve. The public debate is good for the body politic, at least until the attack ads. Still, the campaign is that time once every four years that voters are asked if the nation is headed in the right direction. It's special, having the power to so shake the world.

But there are a couple of problems this time. First, there are so many candidates you can't tell them apart. How many really have a chance? How many are putting their name in for other reasons?

Our second concern is that it's 21 months before the 2008 general election, almost a year before the first primary vote is cast. Why, Bobby Kennedy didn't get into the 1968 race until after the early primaries. Oh, for the good ol' days.

We suppose there's no avoiding it. We just wish there was some respite between campaigns, some relief from 24/7/365 politics. Forget the candidates and their ability to get away, outside the glare of the television lights, for study and reflection on the issues that plague a dangerous world. The real question is, where can we constituents hide?

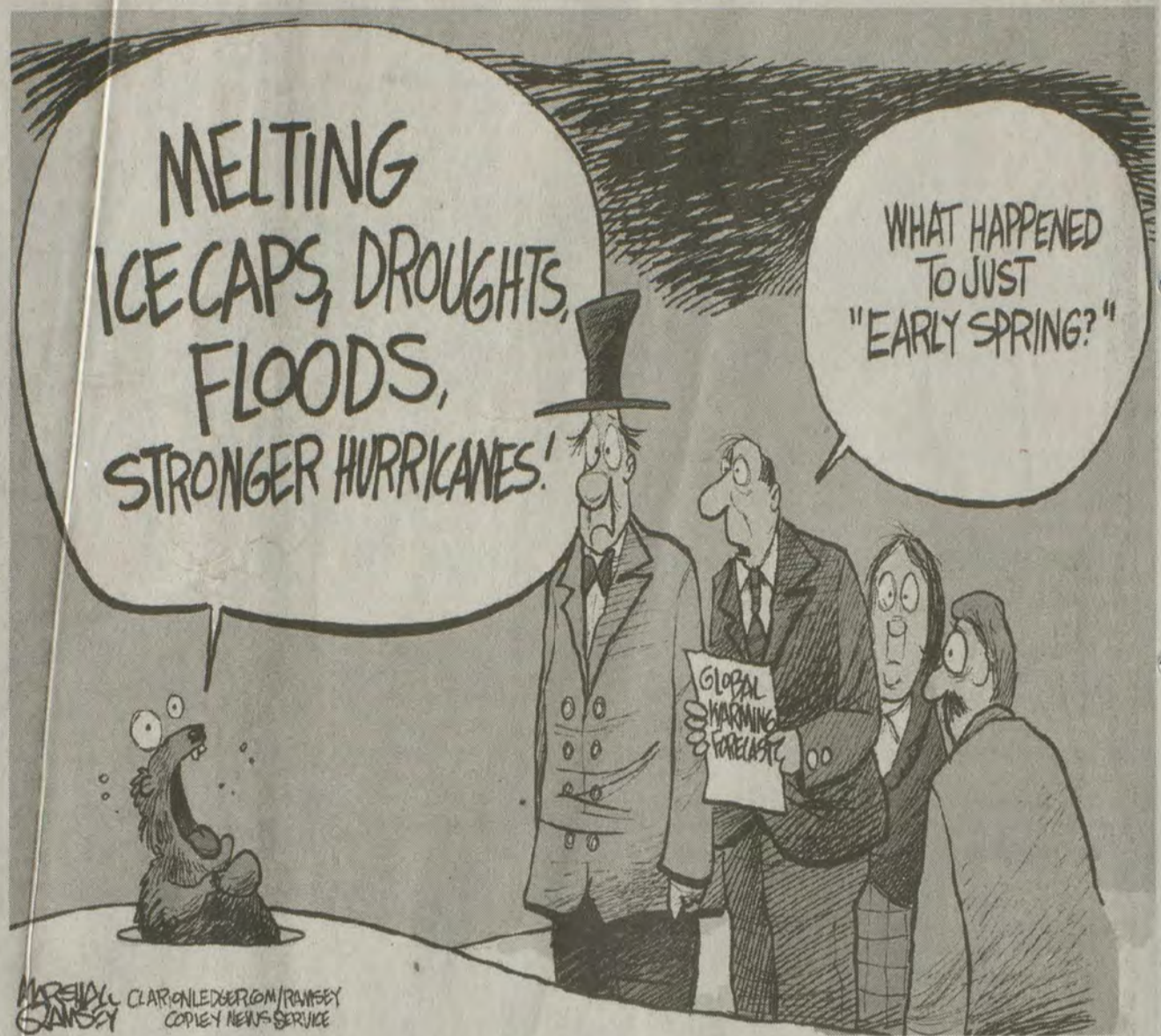
There's still time, by the way, for those of you interested in putting together your own "exploratory committee" and making a trip to Iowa, perhaps even New Hampshire - hear the skiing there isn't too bad - to "consult" with "leading power brokers" in those early primary states regarding the "viability" of your potential "candidacy" before making your "formal announcement." What's to lose by taking the plunge? You can always pull the plug later; why, you can even hold a press conference announcing your "withdrawal" and throwing your "support" to some other "frontrunner."

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier



Letters

What are they up to?

In the odd and strange world of those who despise Confederate heritage and symbols many things occur, often defying common sense. I guess this situation could be listed in that category until a few more answers are forthcoming.

Back in December of 2006 (it seems so long ago now) there was, some alleged, a problem with the Confederate flag at Allen Central High School in Floyd County in Eastern Kentucky. The way the story went, at least from the media perspective, was that a black basketball player from the private David School in Floyd County was "taunted" by Confederate flag wavers at a game against Allen Central when he came to the line to make a foul shot.

The coach for the David School, Ned Pillersdorf, proceeded to make a big fuss about this alleged "incident" and he sought to get other schools to boycott Allen Central. He also sought cancellation of a game between his team and the Allen Central team that was to be played on the 200th anniversary of Robert E. Lee's birthday, on Jan. 19. The "news" media naturally presented this situation as though the students at Allen Central were little more than a bunch of red-necked racists, waving their "rebel" flags at students of color to taunt them whenever opportunity arose. Supposedly, Pillersdorf took a vote of his team and they agreed to boycott the Jan. 19 game.

About this time (coincidentally of course) a Rev. Louis Coleman, all the way from Louisville, appeared in Floyd County, complaining loudly about how the Confederate flag was a symbol of slavery and that students that used it as a symbol would not be prepared to deal with a real world in which that horrible symbol had been eliminated. How do you address such hogwash and still keep it printable? Either Rev. Coleman learned this twisted version of "history" at some politically correct government school somewhere, or he hoped that was the situation with his audience. Rev. Coleman would be hard put to document that the Confederate flag was a symbol of slavery, but, then, I supposed he felt if he just made enough noise he might be able to silence his critics without the thorny problem of

having to come up with any facts. Those on the political Left usually operate that way.

And speaking of the political Left, Rev. Coleman has had some interesting associates over the years, among them the late Anne Braden, who, with her late husband, Carl Braden, was a member of the Communist Party. There are sources that can be checked out for any interested enough to take the trouble. Coleman once had his picture taken standing next to Anne Braden at a birthday party given for the founder of the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., a school that has been listed as a "Communist training school" in the Louisiana Report. So it seems that Rev. Coleman's good buddies are all over on the political far Left. That being the case, what business has he got telling patriotic Americans anything? I don't know exactly how he showed up in this situation, or what connection, if any, he has with Ned Pillersdorf, but let's wait and see.

Now, though, the plot thickens! Mr. Pillersdorf sent a letter to the athletic director of Allen Central High School stating that his players had voted unanimously not to play the scheduled game with Allen Central on Jan. 19. However, there was a small fly in that buttermilk. The administrator of David School, Emma Kriz, issued a press release dealing with all of this in which she said: "I want to set the record straight ... The David School's ball team players never voted to boycott the game at Allen Central." He says they did and she says they didn't. It would appear, according to Emma Kriz' press release, that the players on the David School team had no real problem playing the scheduled game at Allen Central. Her release stated: "The team said they had no problem playing Allen Central." And the allegation about the black player being "taunted" by the Confederate flag seems to be rather largely undocumented. Kriz's press release stated that there was no evidence that the taunting situation occurred. Does something smell rotten in Floyd County?

In regard to Allen Central High School, the players on the David School team have stated that they realize the Confederate flag used by Allen Central is "just a symbol" and that there has never been any racist

intent in it. One player even stated that he had never seen Allen Central fans wave flags at any particular person in a racist way. (Wonder how long he'll remain on the team after his coach read that!) The David School team did end up playing another team instead of Allen Central on the date in question, but they insisted that the Confederate flag had nothing whatever to do with that decision. One David School player made quite a revelatory comment when he said that he had no bad feelings toward Allen Central but that "... now everything's been turned into something it's not." Good observation on his part. That is exactly what has happened. Allen Central has been branded as a nest of racists (and even that word is becoming a bit suspicious) when they have done absolutely nothing to deserve that reputation. One has to wonder why and whose agenda is at play here.

Why did Pillersdorf create a mountain out of something that wasn't even a molehill, and why did this Rev. Coleman from the Left-wing environs of Louisville show up to put his two cents worth in? Since Allen Central seems to be an all-white school, is there some sort of behind-the-scenes ploy going forward to create some sort of busing situation whereby they bus in black kids to Allen Central from somewhere else and bus some of Allen Central's white kids out to a black area somewhere? I realize that sounds a bit far out, but you do have to wonder just what is going on here. Are supposed "racism" and the Confederate flag being used as scapegoats to promote some other agenda?

It is worthy of note that, years ago, when the Marxists promoted some project it was often two-pronged, in that it was engineered so that it would accomplish two different goals with the one action — more bang for your buck!

So it seems that, in the final analysis, Allen Central seems to be guilty of exactly nothing. The "news" media should now take some pains to report that fact. And then, if they are really interested in investigative journalism (which I doubt) they should start digging into just why this phony situation came up in the first place. However, on that last part, folks, I ain't holding my breath!

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Governor hopefuls seeking campaign cash amid crowded field

by **JOE BIESK**
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FRANKFORT — Candidates for governor have a window of less than four months remaining to court voters before the primary, and during that time they'll also be making a different sales pitch — they want money.

That could be a tough sell this year. Seven Democrats and three Republicans — some with the same political friends and potential donors — are competing in the May 22 primary and going after the same pot of money to finance their campaigns. Not to mention, there are two candidates — Democrat Bruce Lunsford and Republican Billy Harper — who gave their campaigns a head start by dropping about \$2 million each from their own wealth into their war chests.

So the question remains how much money will the candidates snag the cash above their competitors?

"The fact of the matter is in modern elections raising money is an integral part of that, to get your message out to make sure people understand what you're talking about," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo, lieutenant governor candidate on Lunsford's ticket. "And I think it's going to be a problem because of the field."

Last week marked the deadline for candidates to enter the governor's race, and with it candidates scrambled in nearly every direction to get out on the campaign trail, to greet voters, deliver stump speeches and raise some quick cash. Kentucky is one of three states in the country electing a governor this year.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, one of seven Democratic candidates for governor, said that at this point he considers the race a sprint.

"That has a certain limiting effect on those folks in terms of fundraising," Beshear said.

Some candidates traveled across Kentucky last week, either by bus or car, making different campaign stops wherever they could draw a crowd. Others worked behind the scenes.

State Treasurer Jonathan Miller tried a creative approach by flipping a criticism of his sideburns — a remark that they were a throwback to the 1870s — into a way to make money. Nay, they were inspired by the 1970s look of Elvis Presley, Miller said, and asked people to weigh in with either \$18.70 or \$19.70 contributions.

The other Democrats in the race are: Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, former lieutenant governor Steve Henry, demolition contractor Otis Hensley and House Speaker Jody Richards.

On the Republican side, Harper started a bus tour last week, while Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who's seeking reelection, held a series of news

conferences proposing tax credits and other legislation for the upcoming General Assembly. Former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup, the third candidate in the GOP primary, also spent time campaigning and building her campaign organization, a spokesman said.

But to campaign, as Stumbo said, costs money.

Secretary of State Trey Grayson predicted the gubernatorial campaign will cost "millions and millions of dollars" to wage. Grayson said the record amount of spending in a gubernatorial primary was believed to have occurred in 1991, when candidates spent about \$20 million combined.

In the 2003 primary, Democratic candidates spent a combined \$12.1 million,

although about \$8.2 million of that total came from Lunsford's pockets. Republicans in that race spent about \$3.1 million, according to Kentucky Registry of Election Finance records.

Exactly how well candidates have done during this cycle won't be known for some time. Candidates aren't required to file their financial reports with the state until 32 days before the primary, although Miller has pledged to make his finances public 90 days out.

Stumbo said he suspected some traditional donors — whether Democratic or Republican — may withhold contributions until after the primary because of affiliations they may have with one or

more of the candidates. "What I think some people are going to say — and what I've heard people say — is, 'Well, we're not going to give to anybody,'" Stumbo said. "So I think that's going to further constrict the pool of money that's available."

Kendra Stewart, a political

scientist at Eastern Kentucky University, said there is a limited pool of regular political donors. It's possible they will give less money to more candidates, or hold off on donations until the general election, Stewart said.

"As the pool gets larger, there are certainly more people

trying to tap into that same group of folks," Stewart said. "Individuals, of course, always bring some of their own contributors like family and friends."

At the same time, interest groups may give to more can-

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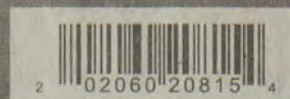
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Peebles

Bill would require girls to receive cancer vaccine

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
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LOUISVILLE — As a public health official in eastern Kentucky, Sherry Collins knows the risks of cervical cancer and the ravages it inflicts.

So she wants her teenage daughter to be immunized against a virus that causes the disease.

"If my daughter could receive a vaccine that could possibly save her life later, I'm

all for it," said Collins, nurse administrator for the Pike County Health Department.

A bill introduced in the 2007 Kentucky General Assembly, which reconvenes Tuesday, would require that middle-school girls receive the immunizations.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, says her proposal would help spare girls from the threat of cervical cancer, which claims the lives of nearly 4,000 women nationally every year.

"If we don't make it manda-

tory, then very often you miss the most vulnerable population of young women who need it" — those who likely won't undergo health screenings later in life, Stein said.

Critics say the bill would erode parental choice in making health decisions for their children.

"Different people have different levels of comfort with vaccinations like this that are new," said Martin Cothran, a spokesman for the Lexington-based Family Foundation of

Kentucky. "We think we need to take those people into account as well."

Cothran said the Family Foundation supports the availability of the vaccine, but that the immunizations are "better promoted through education than coercion."

"It gives us another choice," he said. "But we'd like it to remain a choice for parents."

The Gardasil vaccine, approved by the federal government last year for girls and women ages 9 to 26, is made

by Merck & Co. The three-shot regimen, at a cost of \$360, protects girls and women against strains of the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus, or HPV, that are responsible for most cases of cervical cancer. A government advisory panel recommended that all girls get the shots at 11 or 12, before they are likely to be sexually active.

Kentucky is part of a larger debate that will play out in many state capitols this year as lawmakers decide whether to require that schoolgirls receive the new vaccine. On Friday, Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed an order making it the first state to require that all girls receive the vaccine.

Kenneth Adkins, principal of Johns Creek Elementary, a kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school in Pike County, said the decision whether to receive the vaccination should rest ultimately with parents.

"Any decision that's made for the child should go through the parent," he said.

Stein noted that under Kentucky law, parents can refuse to have their children receive an immunization by objecting through a written, sworn statement based on religious reasons. Cothran coun-

tered that parents "shouldn't have to jump through hoops to preserve their right as a parent."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher's spokeswoman, Jodi Whitaker, said in a statement that the vaccine has potential in a state with one of the nation's highest death rates from cervical cancer, but added that "mandating vaccination of young girls at this stage is not the best policy." She said the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services is "developing a policy which will better address the need."

Dr. Stanley Gall, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, said he considered cervical cancer a mostly preventable disease thanks to the vaccine.

"Every day you dither around, some more people get infected," he said.

The American Cancer Society estimates there were about 9,710 new cases of inva-

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Obituaries

Caitlynn Jo Howell of McDowell; and a half sister, Glema Yates of Martin.

Funeral services for Joey Edwin Howell were conducted Tuesday, February 5, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Homer Howell, Abe Howell, and Mike Justice officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Glen Compton, Monroe Newsome, Scotty Mosley, Jackie Hall, Mikie Newsome, B.J. Moore, Stevie Hamilton, Tim Yates, Johnathan Hall, Darrell Ratliff and Shawn Henderson.

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Erma Johnson

Erma Johnson, age 80, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, at her residence.

Born July 5, 1926, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Mat and Ada Stumbo Moore. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse James Johnson.

Survivors include a son, Dwayne Moore of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Willie Moore of McDowell, and Rufus Moore of Minnie; three sisters: Elva (Teddy) Moore of Price, and Alma (Mickie) Hall, and Betty Whitlock, both of Ashtabula, Ohio; and three grandchildren: Justin Moore, Brianna Wills, and Jessica Moore.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Roy Gene King; a brother, Beverage Moore; two sisters: Judy Barnes and Clova Howell; and a great-grandchild, Jesse Aldan Harris.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 4, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, in Price, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was Friday, at the funeral home, and at the church, on Saturday.

Active pallbearers: Mike Stumbo, Phillip Moore, Jerry McBrayer, Carl Whitlock, Tim Patrick, Justin Moore, Warren Combs, and Josh Stephens.

(Paid obituary)

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Glen H. Martin

Glen H. Martin, age 60, of Wayland, husband of Joyce Cook Martin, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2007, at his residence.

He was born March 6, 1946, in Wayland, the son of the late Marion Martin and Thelma Terry Martin. He was a former employee of Job Corp.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Joyce, include two sons: Marion Wade Martin and Wesley Glen Martin, both of Wayland; two brothers: Bobby Slone of Willard, Ohio, and Charles Martin of Wayland; and two grandchildren: Leslie Lynn Martin and Logan Martin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert Martin and Carl Ray Martin.

Funeral services for Glen H. Martin will be conducted, Thursday, February 8, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Danny O'Quinn officiating.

Burial will follow in the Martin Cemetery, in Wayland, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Margie Lee Ward Morrison

Margie Lee Ward Morrison, 83, of Auxier, died Thursday, February 1, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 29, 1923, in Edgar, she was the daughter of the late Jefferson Ward and Rosa Lilly Ward. She was a homemaker and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Morrison, who died April 16, 1987.

Survivors include six daughters: Jeanie Perry of Auxier, Geraldine Wells of Allen, Kathleen Butcher and Carol Fannin, both of Van Lear, Lucy Woods of Columbus, Ohio, and

Elizabeth Williams of Florida; four sons: William Morrison and Greg Morrison, both of Auxier, Roger Morrison of Paintsville, and Melvin (Bud) Morrison of Lexington; one sister, Marsha Goshorn of Tennessee; 30 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 3, at 2 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor Bobby Joe Spencer, Brother Shane Powers, and Calvin Setser officiating.

Interment was in the Morrison Family Cemetery, in Auxier.

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

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Willard L. Ousley

Willard L. Ousley, age 86, of East Point, died Friday, February 2, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born January 20, 1921, in Spurlock, he was the son of the late James and Emma Frasure Ousley. He was a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church in Goble-Roberts, Prestonsburg, and was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathelene Tussey Ousley, his wife of 62 years. He is survived by his wife, Lillian Griffith Conley Ousley.

Other survivors include his children: Jack Ousley, wife Karen, of Prestonsburg; Joanne Goble, husband Norman, of Prestonsburg; Barbara Brewer, husband, John, of Benton, Illinois; Rudolph Ousley of Prestonsburg; and Glen Ousley, wife Gina, of Prestonsburg; stepchildren: James F. Conley of Paintsville; Rita Conley of Sharpsburg; Mary Careces of Hillard, Ohio; and Faye Ruffing of Marysville, Ohio; two brothers: Orville Ousley and Dewey Ousley, both of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren, and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, and Kathelene Tussey Ousley, his wife of 62 years, he was

preceded in death by a brother, Malcolm S. Ousley; four sisters: Gracie Flannery, Susie DeRossett, Mae Calhoun Slone, and Innis Stephens; two grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 5, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Paul Coleman and Clifford Austin officiating. A night service was held on Sunday, at 6 p.m.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Jack Richard Ousley, Tom Stanforth, Brian Holbrook, Bruce Jilek, Glen Chadwick Ousley, Robert Goble, Blake Goble, Bradley Goble, Timothy Goble, and Jeff Goble.

Honorary pallbearers: Wilse Rose, Leon Younce, Eddie Spriggs, Eddie McGuire, Vernon Powers, Tom Branham, Dr. Charles Hieronymus, Charlie Crase, Russell Adams, Buddy Bates, Jeff Wells, Chris Campbell, James F. Conley, Dallas Ousley, Ira Joe Tussey, Steve Tussey, Frank Fitzpatrick, and Dennis Ousley. (Paid obituary)

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"Our employees are remarkable and Our Lady of the Way is very special," said Debi Bentley, manager of human resources at OLW. "We have a very low turnover rate and those who do leave, the majority return. That is the kind of work place OLW is — it is the best place to work."

According to the Kentucky Society for

Human Resource Management, the goal of Best Places to Work in Kentucky is to raise the bar among state employers and create excellence and employee satisfaction in the workplace that will attract talented people for years to come.

Representatives from OLW will attend an awards dinner April 24 in Lexington to receive their award.

"It is a privilege to be associated with an organization that has such an impeccable history of caring for their community," said Gerald Wally McMasters, OLW board chair.

OLW was not the only company in the region to receive the recognition. Southeast Telephone and Pikeville Medical Center were two other recipients.

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In recognition for their hard work and dedication, Heather Blair, Brenda Thornsberry, Penny Marcum and Kristal Bradley have achieved Clinician I recognition in Highlands Regional Medical Center's Clinical Ladder program. The Clinical ladder program was initiated in the 1980's to recognize registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who provide direct patient care and who exemplify an extraordinary commitment to their profession, hospital, and community. The requirements for the program are extremely stringent requiring nurses meet attendance, education, and performance guidelines. The program stresses professional development, customer service, and community involvement.

Vaccine

sive cervical cancer in the United States in 2006, and about 3,700 women die from the disease each year. Kentucky has the 12th highest cervical cancer incidence rate nationally and the second-highest cervical cancer death rate.

Cervical cancer is the 10th-leading cause of cancer deaths in Kentucky, according to 2003 data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention.

Gall said if the state requires the vaccinations, it should make sure people can afford them.

Most insurance companies now cover the vaccine. Kentucky's Medicaid program will decide soon whether to cover the vaccine, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services said.

Stein said the immunizations will yield considerable

savings in long-term health costs.

"It's much easier to prevent a disease than to try to treat it and cure it," she said.

She said she thinks the bill has a good chance to win passage. The measure has been assigned to the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Cotran said he hopes the bill's supporters and opponents can agree on a compromise.

"We think in most cases,

people are going to choose to take advantage of the vaccine," he said.

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Candidates

didates, she said.

Donors also tend to back leading candidates, Stewart said.

Incumbents usually have an advantage because they typically have better chances to win, Stewart said.

Fletcher's Republican opponents, Northup and Harper, both say the governor's past legal troubles have rendered him too politically damaged to win.

For more than a year, Stumbo's office investigated allegations that the governor's political supporters were being rewarded with protected state jobs. Fletcher was indicted on three misdemeanors stemming from the probe: charges that were later dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Throughout, Fletcher maintained the probe was motivated by politics.

Whether that hurts Fletcher in campaign donations remains to be seen, Stewart said.

Fletcher had collected about \$1.7 million when candidates were last required to report their campaign's financial conditions.

"He's going to have the greatest name recognition, in general, simply because he's the governor and he still controls the bully pulpit more so than the other candidates," Stewart said.

While Harper has sunk his own millions into the race, he said he's still going to rely on political contributions. So far, Harper has had only one

fundraiser in his home area of Paducah, but he's planning more elsewhere.

Harper said he views the cash he put in as "seed money in starting a business." That should put him ahead of Northup and Fletcher, Harper said.

Nevertheless, Harper said he hasn't put a cap on how much of his own money he's willing to spend.

Lunsford has also said he was willing to spend "pretty much" whatever it takes to win.

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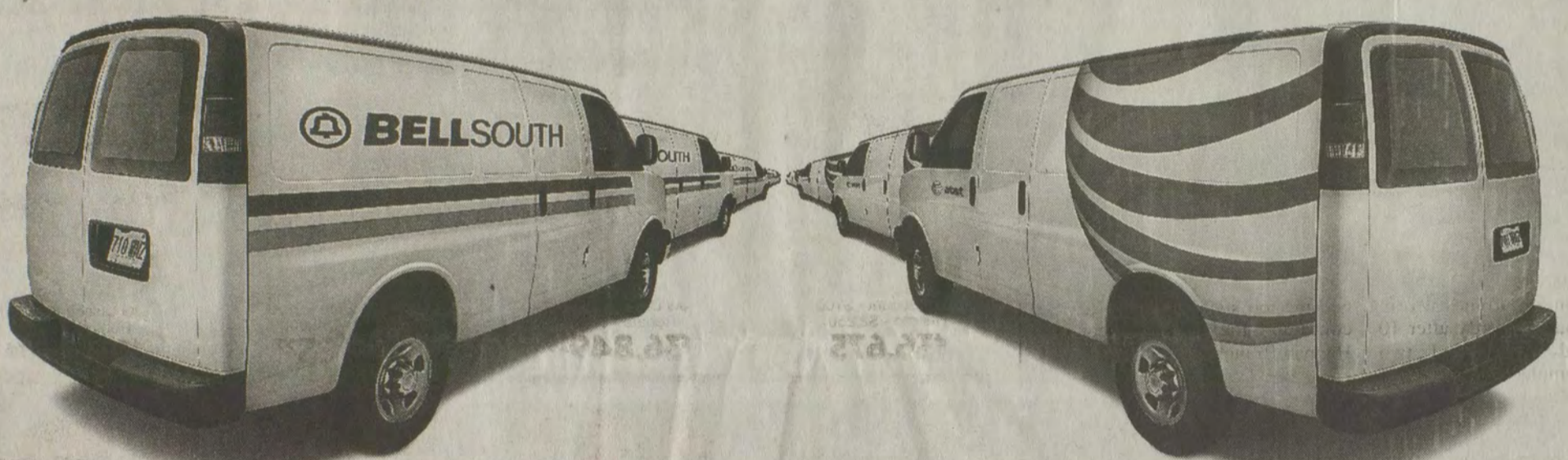
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Legislature

who is seeking re-election, also has taken up the cause of soldiers and veterans, pushing for the tax exemption and rushing construction of a nursing home for veterans in western Kentucky by providing \$6 million in bond funds.

Republicans intend to push legislation to help soldiers because it's the right thing to do, said Senate President David Williams. Legislation should provide relief not just to Kentucky National Guard troops, he said, but also to regular Army troops from Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, many of whom do not vote in

the state. Baranowski, however, says aspirations to higher office could motivate much of what some legislators do this session.

The list of candidates is long and includes Richards, D-Bowling Green, who is running for governor. State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo, D-Hazard, is campaigning for lieutenant governor on a ticket with gubernatorial candidate Steve Beshear, a Democrat from Lexington. And state Rep. Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, is the running mate of Louisville Republican Anne Northup, a

former congresswoman.

In addition, state Reps. Lonnie Napier of Lancaster, Brandon Smith of Hazard and Ken Upchurch of Monticello are seeking the Republican nomination for state treasurer. State Rep. Stan Lee of Lexington is seeking the Republican nomination for attorney general.

All would have to defend any controversial votes as they go forward with their statewide campaigns.

That could include a bill to require girls to be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus, which is known to lead to cervical cancer.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, says mandating the vaccine would help save lives.

But Martin Cothran, lobbyist for the Family Foundation of Kentucky, an influential conservative Christian group based in Lexington, argues that parents should decide whether their children receive the vaccine.

Legislation proposed by Sen. Tom Buford, R-Nicholasville, meanwhile, may enjoy success free of politics.

He expects no opposition to a bill that would outlaw the slaughter of horses, but likely would have no practical effect. Kentucky has no slaughterhouses for horses, and the state has no jurisdiction over two other states that do — Illinois and Texas.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Billy Harper, a Paducah businessman and advocate for tax breaks for struggling businesses, said he expects legislators enact little if any substantive legislation.

One political question the session may address is whether to scuttle the state's provision for a gubernatorial runoff if no candidate in a party primary gets more than 40 percent of the vote.

With seven candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for governor and three

on the Republican side, chances of a runoff are good. But some lawmakers want that provision eliminated.

"It's tough to argue that this isn't politically motivated," Baranowski said.

Stein believes the runoff, which could cost state and local governments about \$5 million, has the potential to be

a politically touchy issue.

"It's going to be very important that when we consider this, that it not be a lot of political maneuvering," she said. "We need to look at whether it's a good thing to begin with, and whether it's something that justifies the cost."

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Director

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purchase burial insurance and to place it into trust funds as required by law.

If convicted, Justice faces up to 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$10,000 for each count, (or twice the amount of

gain), or both.

The Justice Funeral Home has been renamed as the Pikeville Funeral Home and has reopened under new management.

Officer

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"It is my observation in my many years as a Floyd County attorney and as a judge, assuming what my clients say is true, and I believe them, that this is one of the most outrageous violations of these people's civil rights I've seen," Barber said.

Martin Police Chief James Sloan was unavailable for comment, but Trooper Scott Hopkins of the Kentucky State Police said the investigation is ongoing.

"We're working with the Commonwealth's Attorney's

office to determine if charges will be brought or if it will go straight to the grand jury," Hopkins said.

The officer, who was hired onto the Martin police staff just over three weeks ago, has been suspended with pay pending the outcome of the investigation. Barber said regardless of the outcome, he hopes people understand that this was an isolated incident.

"This is just a case of one bad apple, so to speak. It's not an indictment of all law enforcement," Barber said.

Case

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Lemaster. State Police Det. Mike Goble was called to Meade's BP station on Route 321 in Floyd County shortly after 10 p.m. and interviewed two female employees who had been working at the time of the robbery. Goble testified Monday he watched the store's security tape and saw Lemaster pull into the parking lot driving a late 1990s white Z71 Chevy Silverado.

During the abduction, which began at 9:43 p.m. and lasted just a few minutes, Lemaster is allegedly seen waving a handgun wildly in the air as he entered the store. Nancy Lemaster is seen trying to escape out a back door when she first saw Charles enter the store, but could not escape and was chased around several aisles before Lemaster finally caught her and forced her out of the store and into his truck with the gun pressed firmly against the back of her head.

While he was in the store, Nancy Lemaster told Det. Goble that her former husband had said she was to blame for what was happening. She also said Lemaster told her he hoped she had everything squared away with Jesus, because, "Tonight is your night."

Goble later traveled to Johnson County after receiving a call from dispatch reporting that a young woman had called and said she believed she had seen Lemaster in Johnson County. When he arrived in Johnson County, Goble made a telephone call after 11 p.m. to a local television station with the hope that they could air a description of Lemaster and his vehicle. Halfway through the interview, Goble saw the vehicle drive by, which is when he

began chasing Lemaster. Goble was forced to terminate the pursuit when the road became too slick and steep to continue the chase near Hannah Branch.

Goble was soon met at the scene by several state troopers, and while he was relating the story, a bloodied Nancy Lemaster walked up from behind them, wearing a blood-soaked black hooded sweatshirt, bleeding profusely from a gash on her head. She said her ex-husband's truck had stalled just up the road, and when he stopped she had jumped out the door and ran toward the lights she saw in the distance from the police cruisers.

In an interview with Det. Goble, Nancy Lemaster said after they sped away from the BP station she was taken to an area in Van Lear she had never seen before. She was forced from the vehicle and told to put on the black sweatshirt. She said she thought he was going to kill her after he fired one round into the air while she was putting the sweatshirt on. Instead he forced her back into the truck and he drove until he became involved in the chase with Det. Goble.

Lemaster faces seven felony charges, including assault, burglary, kidnapping and wanton endangerment, in addition to violating an emergency protective order filed last November stemming from an assault in Lawrence County. His bail has been set at \$250,000.

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Job Listings

JOB OPENING
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JOB OPENING
 The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Mechanic. This is a full-time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office located at 12 Blaine Hall Street.

Prestonsburg, KY, between the hours of 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm each day, through February 16, 2007. General requirements for this position are ability to perform difficult skilled work in general maintenance, repair and modification of authority owned buildings and related equipment and appliances.

MARTIN TO HINDMAN AREA. The Lexington Herald-Leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 3-4 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1,500 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-999-8881.

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LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-01213

Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd By and On Relation of Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet Plaintiffs

Vs. Scottie Allen Stanley Defendant NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$3,980.00, 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 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Land and 1999 Doublewide at the Mouth of Stumbo Hollow in Floyd County, Kentucky. Property is recorded in Deed Book 422, Page 258, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay one-fourth (1/4) cash of purchase price, with the balance on credit for six (6) months.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Dwight S. Marshall Assistant Floyd County Attorney P.O. Box 1000 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00358

Maggie Marcum Plaintiff Vs. William Martin and Comellia Martin, His Wife Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF an Agreed Order, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit

Court, entered on the 23 day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action. I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Frasures Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and described as follows:

"Beginning at a corner with the Barry Stumbo property and Frasures Creek road; thence following said road up the creek approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence turning right in a straight line to the main channel of Frasures Creek; thence following the creek down approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence running right in a straight line back to the Frasures Creek Road, to the point of beginning. Included in the above described property, but excluded from this conveyance is that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Thomas Meade and Carol Meade, his wife, by Deed dated May the 4th, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 679, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same real estate conveyed to William Martin married by Deed dated October 30, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 456, Page 33, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall

only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Billy J. Moseley P.O. Drawer 712 Pikeville, KY 41502 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division II C.A. No. 06-CI-317

Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Robert Stumbo and Any Unknown Spouse of Robert Stumbo Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 28th day of September, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$154,284.09, 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 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the Right Fork of Middlecreek on the east side of Kentucky Route 114 near the Floyd and Magoffin County line in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of Tract No. 1 and all of Tracts No. 2 and 3 of the Parker Subdivision at Brainard and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin (set), in the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114, said point being 60 feet left of the centerline of Kentucky Route 114, and also being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of Lewis Dotson and with the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114 along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 52 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West and a long chord distance of 557.88 feet to a point, said point being 60 feet left of Kentucky Route 114 centerline station 4374+53.35; thence continuing along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 73 degrees 29 minutes 20 seconds West,

and a long chord distance of 243.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Isom and Katherine Poe; thence leaving the right of way of Kentucky Route 114 and up the hill with the Isom and Katherine Pole line North 05 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East, 83.23 feet to a point; thence continuing with the Isom and Katherine Poe line North 04 degrees 38 minutes 18 seconds East, 179.30 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 107.70 feet to a point; thence North 07 degrees 07 minutes 18 seconds East, 152.00 feet to a point; thence North 17 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds East, 83.70 to a point; thence North 15 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, 183.20 feet to a point; thence North 03 degrees 36 minutes 18 seconds East, 127.40 feet to a point; thence North 19 degrees 33 minutes 18 seconds East, 143.10 feet to a point; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 113.80 feet to a point; thence North 49 degrees 13 minutes 18 seconds East, 157.00 feet to a point on top of the ridge, said point being a corner to John W. and Carol J. Marsillett; thence leaving the line of Isom and Katherine Poe and with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 46 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds East, 195.90 feet to a point; thence continuing with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 33 degrees 01 minutes 42 seconds East 138.60 feet to a point; thence South 32 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East 145.30 feet to a point; thence

South 10 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East, 187.80 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East, 81.00 feet to a point; thence South 08 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 129.70 feet to a point; thence South 57 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds East 128.20 feet to a point; thence South 59 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East 105.00 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds West 163.90 feet to a point; thence South 02 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds East, 106.70 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East 103.00 feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds East 88.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett and with the Lewis Dotson line down the hill South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West 333.71 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of the existing store building; thence continuing with the line of Lewis Dotson South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West 30.10 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the southeast corner of the existing store building; thence South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West, 50.51 feet to the point of beginning and containing 949,948.29 square feet or 21.8032 acres as determined by survey. Being all of Tract No. 2 and Tract No. 3, part of Tract 1 and part of Tract 55 and part of Tract 56 of the Parker Subdivision and more particularly described in the plat

of record in Map File No. 234 in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc., by deed dated September 6, 2001, from Roland Patrick, single, of record in Deed Book 464, Page 602, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount

of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. John S. Gillum 117 North Main Street P.O. Box 1147 Somerset, KY 42502 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00744

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. Assignee of Choice Capital Funding, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Bill Justice; The Unknown Spouse, if any, of Bill Justice; The Unknown Occupants/Tenants, if any, of 130 Ward Avenue, Auxier, Kentucky 41602; Larry D. Jarvis; and

Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Floyd, By and On Behalf of Secretary of Finance and Administration Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of

November, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,918.20, 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 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of the Big Sandy River at Auxier, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being the same property conveyed to the First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, by Master Commissioners Deed, by and thru Marshall Davidson as Master Commissioner of Floyd County, Kentucky, dated December 9, 1983, and of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk in Deed Book 281, at page 364, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the fence line at the intersection of the street and the alley; thence leaving the street and crossing the bottom with the fence line and the alley N 27°41' E 188.02 feet to a stake on the south bank of the Big Sandy River; thence running up the river S 64°40' E 97.90 feet to a stake, a corner to



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TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
 (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.
 (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
 (d) The purchaser shall be required to assure and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years, which are not yet due and

payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. William H.B. Rich Clunk, Paisley & Associates 130 North Hamilton Street Suite 101B Georgetown, KY 40324 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 15, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

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 Lisa Stumbo, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court, to notify the Unknown Spouse of Linda G. Johnson of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit, filed on or about January 25, 2007, in which the above were named as Defendants. Said suit has been filed in Division Number 1, of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action No. 06-CI-00981. The basis of the suit is a Complaint for Default against the Defendants for mortgage on property, located on Mare Creek of the Big Sandy River, Floyd County, Kentucky. The Unknown Spouse of Linda G. Johnson shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court. Anyone having information concerning the Unknown Spouse of Linda G. Johnson, please contact Hon. Lisa Stumbo at (606) 886-1020. Lisa Stumbo C.V. Reynolds Law Offices, P.S.C. 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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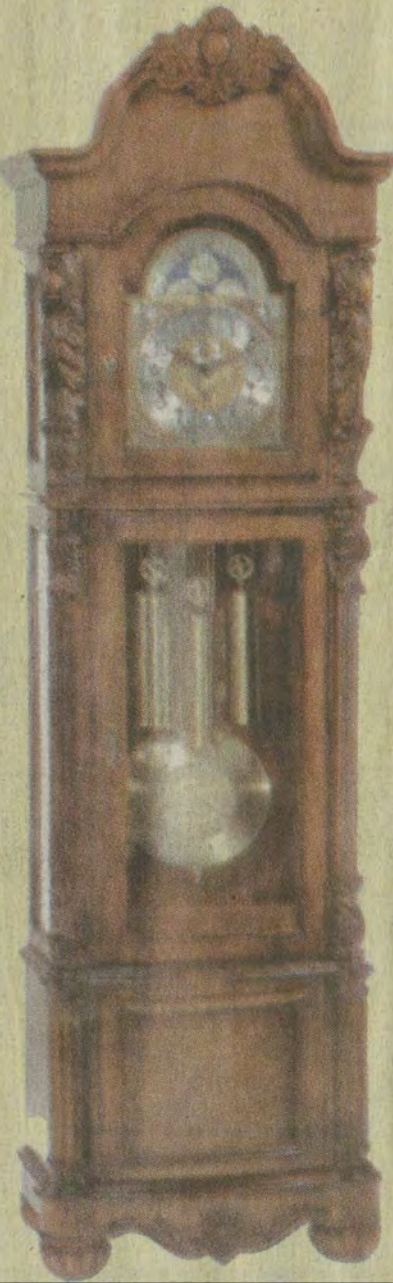
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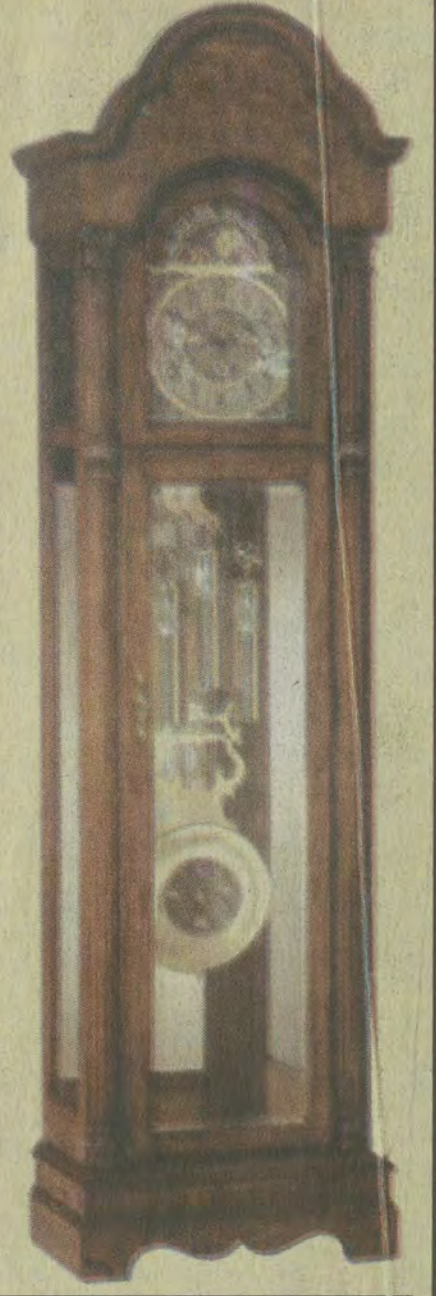
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Libero allowed to serve in high school volleyball

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS - The libero - a back-row, defensive specialist in volleyball - will now be able to serve in one position in the serving order in high school volleyball, effective with the 2007-08 season.

This was one of several changes made by the National Federation of State High School

Associations (NFHS) Volleyball Rules Committee at its January 7-8 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Twenty-one states received permission to experiment with the libero serving this season, which was the first year for the full use of the libero in high school volleyball.

"This change creates an additional avenue for the libero to participate fully while in the back row," said Becky Oakes, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committee. "The team may now receive full benefit of the libero being a defensive specialist by no longer requiring the player to sit out while another player serves. Many times, the libero is one of the better servers on the team, so

this should enhance overall play." Several other rules related to the libero were altered. The penalty for an illegal libero replacement found in the game will now be an alignment infraction rather than unnecessary delay. In Rule 8-1-5, a libero replacement shall not take place during a re-serve. In Rule 10-4,

(See **VOLLEYBALL**, page two)

Rebels turn back Oneida

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central improved to 15-5 overall on Saturday night following a 73-61 win over visiting Oneida Baptist. The Rebels were on the losing end of a 20-18 score at the end of the first quarter, but managed to little back and beat the Mountaineers (9-12).

"Oneida (Baptist) an athletic team, better than what their record reflects," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "It was a definitely a good win for us. We played well."

Ryan Collins led Allen Central with a game-high 24 points. Collins was one of three Allen Central players to reach

(See **REBELS**, page two)

Lady Eagles too much for IUS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Each starter for the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team had 11 or more points as the Lady Eagles defeated Indiana University Southeast 72-59 on Saturday at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

Whitney Lykens and Kaylan Richardson led Alice Lloyd with 14 points apiece. The starting five accounted for all but eight of Alice Lloyd's points.

Becky Thomas tossed in 13 points and Elisha Hall added 12 for the Lady Eagles. Chasity Fox was also in double figures for Alice Lloyd. Fox scored 11

(See **ALC**, page two)

Bears no match for Patriots

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG - The Pikeville College men's basketball team dug themselves a huge hole, trailing by 31 at halftime and never getting on track against the University of the Cumberlands Patriots, who rolled to the 93-56 Mid-South Conference win at the Rollins Center on Saturday.

How bad was it? Cumberlands had two players, Samuel Brown (15) and Darnell Howell (14), in double-figures before the end of the first half. Pikeville looked lethargic on the glass, as well, getting out-rebounded 18-6 before the break. By the end of the half, the Pats held a 52-21 lead.

The Bears would have to overcome their largest half-time deficit of the season. While the Bears scored five unanswered points to open the second half, the Patriots would not allow a miracle comeback on their home floor.

The game's signature moment came with 15:26 to play, when UC's Chad Byron let fly a three, only to have it hit the front iron. But 6-1 forward Ryan Williams was there for the one-handed slam on the rebound.

The SportsCenter-worthy highlight gave the Pats a 35-point lead and ignited the Rollins Rowdies, who went berserk at the sight, which seemed to seal the deal for UC. The body language of the

Bears said it all: it's only a matter of time.

"We weren't ready to play," commented Coach Kelly Wells after the game. "We laid down."

The Bears looked like a completely different team from the one that defeated No. 17 Lindsey Wilson on Thursday. They were out-rebounded 26-18; they had 6 assists to the Pats' 13; and they had 18 turnovers.

Pikeville also got little production out of the guys that caused so many fits for Lindsey Wilson just two days earlier. Sophomore Bo Harris (Winchester) led the Bears with 23 points, but only had

(See **BEARS**, page two)



photos by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg senior Chayse Martin (30) eyed a shot during Saturday's home game against Morgan County. Martin had 15 points for the Blackcats.

Blackcats beat Morgan for second straight win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Blackcats won their second straight game and fourth in five tries Saturday night at the Fieldhouse. Prestonsburg defeated Morgan County 60-53 for its latest win. The Blackcats improved to 8-11 with the win over the Cougars.

Prestonsburg shook off a slow start en route to the win. Morgan County outscored the Blackcats 20-12 in the opening quarter. At halftime, Morgan County owned a 28-26 lead.

The Cougars, however, couldn't keep up their high intensity after the initial quarter.

Senior center Trevor Patton paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 16 points. Patton was one of three Prestonsburg players with a dozen or more points. Chayse Martin scored 15 points and Bobby Hughes added 12 for the Blackcats. Jordan Hall and Mason Vance aided the Prestonsburg scoring effort with six points apiece.

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)



Junior guard Bobby Hughes looked to make a pass over the Morgan County defense. Hughes added 12 points for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg senior center Trevor Patton (not pictured) led the Blackcats with 16 points.

Kinzer team set for Raceweeks 2007

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN - One local raceteam is gearing up for a return to the track.

After a month off since their opening event of 2007 at the 'Ice Bowl' back in early-January, Brandon Kinzer and the Kinzer Motorsports team are readying their equipment for 'Raceweeks 2007' at the Volusia Speedway Park in Barberville, Fla. The Daytona Beach area oval will host six nights of Dirt Late Model racing action Feb. 12-17. Three \$5,000-to-win shows and a trio of \$10,000-to-win events will highlight the week at VSP. Both UMP Dirtcar Racing and

(See **KINZER**, page two)

PHS Cheer Clinic set for Feb. 17

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The 2007 Prestonsburg High School (PHS) Varsity Cheer Clinic will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PHS Fieldhouse. Children ages Preschool through Sixth Grade levels are invited to attend. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to pre-register before Monday Feb. 12 in order to guarantee a t-shirt on the day of the clinic. Cost for the clinic is \$25 per child and \$20 for siblings.

The 2007 PHS cheerleading squad will be acquiring sponsorships from the community once again for the clinic T-shirts. All

(See **CLINIC**, page three)

IU Southeast edges Eagles

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES - Nick Stephens hit a shot with 2.9 seconds remaining to lift the host Indiana University Southeast Grenadiers to a 91-89 KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) victory over host Alice Lloyd College on Saturday afternoon. IU Southeast (19-8, 4-2 KIAC) was led by Brandon Richie and Craig Bryant. Both players scored 23 points apiece. Stephens added 17 points for the Grenadiers. IU Southeast hit 16-of-

31 three-point field goal attempts. The Grenadiers led Alice Lloyd 40-37 at halftime.

Center Rodney Mitchell led Alice Lloyd with a team-high 21 points.

All five Alice Lloyd starters reached double figures in the scoring column. Corey Hairston had 18 points and William Dillard dumped in 15 for the Eagles. Daniel Day, a freshman from Leslie County, added 13 points for Alice Lloyd. Senior Shawn Newsome, a Floyd County native, added 12 points as Alice Lloyd fell short.



photo courtesy of U. of the Cumberlands
The University of Cumberlands men's team didn't have any trouble turning back Pikeville.

Volleyball

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the libero replacement shall be completed prior to the whistle and signal for serve, and the libero can be replaced once a time-out is completed and all players have returned to the court.

Three changes were made in Rule 4 regarding player equipment and uniforms. A penalty was revised in Rule 4-1-6 to ensure that jewelry is not worn in warm-ups and competition to minimize the risk of injury.

Regarding uniforms, bare midriff tops will be prohibited and the uniform top shall be tucked in or hang below the waistband of the uniform bottom.

A change to Rule 4-2-4c will per-

mit more than one color to be used in the trim surrounding the uniform number. A uniform will be in compliance with the rules if either the color of the trim completely surrounding the number or the number itself is in sharp contrast to the uniform top. The number may now be made clearly visible by the trim and/or the body of the number.

Regarding officials uniforms, the state association adoption to modify officials uniforms will be deleted from the body of the rules, effective with the 2009-10 season. Uniform requirements in Rule 5-2-1 consist of a white-collared polo shirt, black slacks, black shoes and socks.

"The state adoption was previously included because the uniform was in transition from the striped shirt, which is no longer prominent," Oakes said. "To provide for consistency in appearance for all officials, the state association adoptions will be removed from the rules."

In Rule 7, the method of submitting the lineup will be changed next year. The previous policy of submitting the lineup using a player floor position method will be replaced by listing the uniform numbers of the starting players in proper serving order.

"Scorers sometimes have a difficult time accurately transferring the

order of the lineups to the scoresheet when the starters are listed in floor position, especially for the receiving team," Oakes said. "By listing numbers in serving order, the lineup coincides with the scoresheet and will minimize problems transferring the lineup to the scoresheet."

Regarding back-row play, a change in Rule 9-5-4 makes it illegal when a back-row player, on or in front of the attack line, contacts the ball completely above the height of the net and completes an attack.

In other changes, Official Signal No. 17 was changed to extend the arm in the direction of the team that will serve. There is no longer a need

to signal point with rally scoring in high school volleyball, since each rally ends in a point. In Rule 1-8, the committee clarified when music and sound effects may be used and prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers at all times.

According to the 2005-06 High School Athletics Participation Survey, volleyball is the third-most popular sport for girls at the high school level with 390,034 participants. In terms of the number of schools, volleyball ranks fourth for girls behind basketball, outdoor track and fast-pitch softball. In addition 42,878 boys participate in volleyball at 1,726 schools.

Blackcats

The Blackcats hadn't played in eight days. After Friday night's home district game against South Floyd was postponed due to inclement weather, Prestonsburg had to wait another day to return to the hardwood in a regular-season matchup.

Prestonsburg went ahead in the third quarter, outscoring the Cougars 17-10. The Blackcats built on a 43-38 lead at the end of the third quarter, pulling away from Morgan County in the final frame.

Patton was a big presence

for the Blackcats - especially in the last two quarters. The Prestonsburg center tossed in 12 of his team-high 16 points in the second half.

Patton put Prestonsburg ahead 35-33 in the second quarter when he scored on a layup.

"Trevor played a great game," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "It was a good win for us after the layoff that we had."

Brandon Ferguson paced Morgan County with a game-high 23 points. Wes

Montgomery joined Ferguson in double figures for the Cougars, finishing with 11 points.

The Blackcats held Morgan County standout Katlin Haney to just eight points. Derek Young added six points for the

Cougars.

Morgan County, which dropped to 5-12 after the loss, hit a trio of three-point field goals and finished 10-for-16 from the free throw line.

Prestonsburg - which improved to 8-11 with the win

over Morgan County - was back in action Tuesday night on the road at Allen Central. Results from the Prestonsburg-Allen Central game were unavailable at press time.

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Morgan County 53

Morgan County (5-12) - Lopez 2, Henderson 3, Ferguson 23, Young 6, Haney 8, Montgomery 11.
Prestonsburg (8-11) - Hall 6, Hughes 12, Patton 16, Stephens 4, Martin 15, Vance 6, Clark 1.
Morgan County.....20 8 10 15-53
Prestonsburg.....12 14 17 17-60

Kinzer

the 360 OTC World of Outlaws Late Model Series will sanction events during the week at the Volusia track.

The Kinzer team started the 2007 season on a down note in the 'Ice Bowl' event, getting caught up in an accident during the first lap of the fifth heat race.

Kinzer, an Allen native, timed his Kinzer Drilling

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ALC

points, pulled down six rebounds and dished off a game-high five assists for the Lady Eagles.

Taran Cody entered the game in off of the ALC bench and added eight points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles forced IU Southeast into committing 20

turnovers. Alice Lloyd led IU Southeast 33-29 at halftime. The Lady Eagles finished the game 25-for-56 from the free throw line.

Tiffani Slaughter paced IU Southeast with a double-double effort of 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Bears

two rebounds. Senior Will Holloman (Jacksonville, Fla.) had 13 points and three assists in the loss.

The Patriots (14-8, 2-3 in the MSC) were led by 22 points from Howell and 17 points from Brown. The University of the Cumberlands also played nine different players, seven of which scored.

The loss, while devastating,

was not the worst of the season: Mountain State University beat the Bears by 38 points back in November.

Pikeville dropped to 11-13 overall and 2-3 in the conference. The Bears were back in action Tuesday night on the road at Brescia University. Results from the Pikeville-Brescia men's basketball game were unavailable at press time.

Rebels

double figures. Josh Martin followed with 18 points for the Rebels. Junior guard Alex Hammonds had 10 points for host Allen Central.

The win was Allen Central's second straight and its sixth in the last seven outings.

After trailing at the conclusion of the opening quarter, Allen Central went out in front and led Oneida Baptist 38-32 at halftime. The Rebels pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring Oneida Baptist 26-19.

Tyler Slone netted eight points and Josh Prater chipped in six for the Rebels. Farley Joseph rounded out the Allen Central scoring with four points.

Allen Central was scheduled to travel to Betsy Layne

Friday night for a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup against the rival Bobcats as part of a boys-girls doubleheader. Winter weather forced the postponement of the Allen Central-Betsy Layne games.

Allen Central was back in action Tuesday night at home against Prestonsburg. The Allen Central-Prestonsburg game ended too late to make this edition.

Allen Central 73,
Oneida Baptist 61

ONEIDA BAPTIST (9-12) - Arthur 7, Moss 15, Smith 16, Somowou 12, Sayeh 4, Brown 7.
ALLEN CENTRAL (15-5) - Martin 18, Collins 24, Slone 8, Hammonds 10, Prater 6, Joseph 4, Robinson 3.
Oneida Baptist.....20 12 19 10-61
Allen Central.....18 20 26 9-73

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No. 8 Cumberlands rolls past Lady Bears

WILLIAMSBURG — For the Pikeville College women's basketball team, the MSC should probably stand for Most-Strenuous Conference.

The Lady Bears' struggles continued Saturday afternoon, as they fell to the Lady Patriots of the University of the Cumberlands 83-69 at the Rollins Center. With the loss, the Lady Bears remain winless in the Mid-South Conference, now 0-5 (8-17 overall).

The Lady Patriots, who entered the game ranked eighth in the latest NAIA national poll, improve to 4-1 in the MSC and 21-3 overall. The win also moved UC into sole possession of first place in the Mid-South Conference.

The Lady Patriots took control of the game early, winning the opening tip and taking a quick lead on a layup from Becky Summer. As it turned out, UC would hold that lead for the duration of the game.

The Lady Bears cut the lead to 27-25, but an 8-0 run — during which freshman Amber Neace scored all of her team's points — propelled the Lady Patriots to a 35-25 lead, en route to a 43-30 advantage at halftime.

But Pikeville senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) managed to get her team back into the game, scoring six points in the

first six minutes of the second half. That cut the Lady Patriot lead to 46-41, but the Lady Bears would manage to get no closer.

The Lady Pats used a 19-11 run over the next seven minutes, capped off by a three from Shannon Antunez, which gave UC some breathing room and a 10-point lead. The home team would lead by as many as 16 before rolling to the 83-69 win.

"We had a tough time stopping them on offense," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson. "The fact that they had 13 more assists than us is evidence of that. They're a good team, and we just couldn't

match up with them."

Not only did the Lady Patriots pick up 20 assists to the Bears' seven, but the Lady Bears were also out-rebounded 19-38 (2-13 on the offensive glass).

"They're the best rebounding team in the conference," added Watson. "I think that was the difference."

Amburgey led the Lady Bears with 24 points and a team-high four assists. Sophomore Camille Cook (Whitesburg) also provided a career-high 20 points in the loss.

The well-balanced UC attack saw four players in double-figures and four with at least three

assists. Summer put up a double-double, scoring a game-high 27 points and bringing down a game-high 11 rebounds. Jennifer Nagy threw in 19 points, Amber Neace pitched in 13 points, and scrappy point guard Lissi Fuller contributed 10 points, five boards, and five assists.

The loss was the second straight for the Lady Bears and the fifth in their last seven games. The Lady Patriots, meanwhile, ran their current win streak to four straight games.

The Lady Bears will look to get back on track on Saturday, Feb. 10) when they welcome

West Virginia University Institute of Technology for a Mid-South Conference rematch.

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Clinic

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monies collected will go towards expenses associated with attending the state competition on Feb. 24 in Richmond at Eastern Kentucky University.

Any further questions should be directed to Leslie Ousley at 874-0317. Clinic registration forms can be picked up at Prestonsburg Grade School.

The PHS Cheerleaders claimed the 2007 15th Region title in the traditional category last week, thus earning the right to compete in the upcoming state competition.



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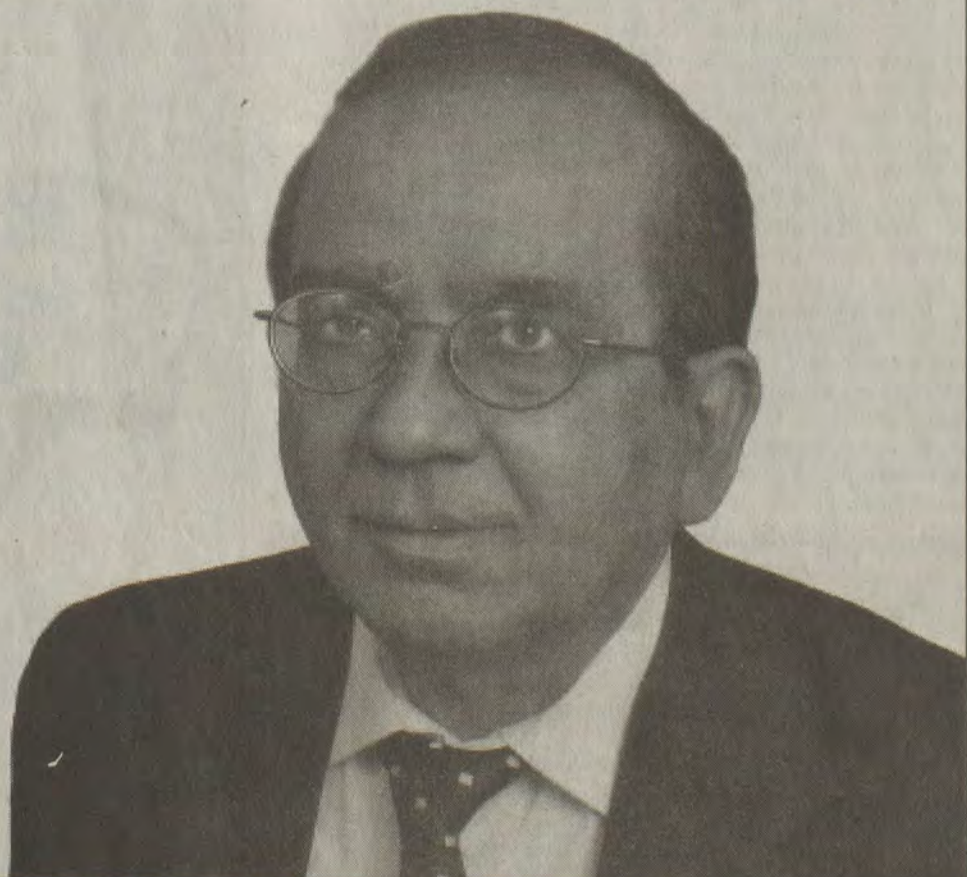
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Dr. Baqir received his medical degree from Dacca Medical College, Dacca, Bangladesh, in 1970. He completed his residency at The Brooklyn Hospital, New York, in 1989. Dr. Baqir also completed a fellowship in interventional cardiology at The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., in 1999. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, with subspecialty certification in cardiovascular disease.

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New spirit rules changes address risk minimization

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS - In its ongoing focus on minimizing risk of injury of high school spirit participants, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules Committee adopted several rules changes during the group's annual meeting January 8-9 in Indianapolis.

The six rules changes made by the Spirit Rules Committee subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 2-1-7 was modified to

clarify that spring-assisted floors, mini-trampolines and other height-increasing apparatuses are not permitted during performances or competitions.

"Spring floors are designed to assist a performer in tumbling skills," said Susan Loomis, liaison to the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee. "Therefore, they can give a false sense of security to athletes who are not performance-ready, potentially resulting in additional risks."

In addition to gaining popularity as a practice device, spring-assisted floors have

drawn more attention because of their increasingly common use in "all-star" events that are not school-sponsored or do not include high school cheer teams.

"Spring floors are typically associated with high-level tumbling skills such as double full twisting layouts, which are prohibited for high school spirit teams," Loomis said. "The standard of care for school cheerleading performance surfaces is generally accepted as the non-spring floor."

The committee's other

major modification addressed the expanding capacity of bracers. The group established two new exceptions to Rule 2-8-3, which states that "in braced partner stunts/pyramids, at least one bracer of each pair must be at shoulder height or below."

The first exception allows three different extended stunts - chairs, multi-base deadman lifts and multi-base straddle lifts - to brace any additional extended stunt. The committee determined this addendum did not "present an unreasonable risk to participants."

"Certain extended stunts are very stable and therefore acceptable to brace other extended stunts," Loomis said.

The second exception states that extensions may brace chairs, multi-base deadman lifts and multi-base straddle

lifts and other extensions, aside from totem poles.

Another rule change addressing extensions involves Rule 2-5-2, which now states that the "bases of extended stunts must have both feet in direct weight-bearing contact with the performing surface."

Rule 2-1-4 is also new and risk-management related. The rule specifies that props, including signs that are made of solid material or have corners or sharp edges, must be tossed or placed gently when discarded.

An additional condition, (c), was added to Rule 2-9-1, which regulates the conditions that a forward suspended roll must meet to be legal. Now, suspended rolls are allowed if "in multi-based stunts, the flyer maintains continuous

hand-to-hand/arm contact with two posts."

Tosses were also addressed by the committee, which amended Rule 2-10-4, adding letter (a) to state that flyers "must not hold objects in her/his hands." The only exception involves "load-in tosses," which the committee previously called "tosses into partner stunts" or "toss to hands," etc.

Competitive spirit squads rank ninth in popularity in the 2005-06 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, with 98,570 girls participating last year. It ranks 10th for girls in school sponsorship, with 3,914 schools offering spirit, which includes dance, drill and pom squads, in addition to cheerleading. An additional 2,366 boys in 488 schools are involved in spirit programs.

KCC holds off Leslie

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HYDEN - The Knott County Central Patriots won for the second time in three games Saturday night, beating Knott County Central 46-41.

Stuart Stamper led the Scott Mosley-coached Knott County Central squad with a team-best 14 points. Stamper was the only Knott County Central player to reach double figures. Jarrod Amburgey scored nine points and Matt Everage added

seven for the Patriots.

Leslie County went out in front and led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter. Knott County Central managed to battle back and led the Eagles 24-19 at halftime.

The Patriots held on late, outscoring Leslie County 8-5 in the fourth quarter.

Ryan Howard led Leslie County with a game-high 15 points. Brian Hubbard followed with 11 points for the host Eagles.

Knott County Central improved to 8-10 while Leslie County dropped to 8-15.

Knott County Central 46, Leslie Co. 41

KNOTT COUNTY CENTRAL (8-10) - Mosley 5, Stamper 14, Lindon 6, Huff 2, Bartrum 3, Amburgey 9, Everage 7.
LESLIE COUNTY (8-15) - Howard 15, Hubbard 11, Roberts 5, Browning 3, Poloni 4, Hacker 1, Morgan 2.
Knott Co. Central.....12 12 14 8-46
Leslie County.....14 5 17 5-41

Virginia Tech outlasts Morehead

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BLACKSBURG, Va. - Junior Tarah Combs and senior LaKrisha Brown each had 13 points, but host Virginia Tech got 28 points from senior guard Kirby Copeland to lead her team past the Morehead State University women's basketball team, 77-64, Saturday at Cassell Coliseum.

Copeland had 16 in the first half and added 12 in the final half as the Hokies were able to

pull away after MSU trailed just 43-35 at the half. Morehead State fell to 12-11 overall, while VT moved to 15-9.

The Eagles shot 44 percent for the game (24-of-54), but the Eagles were outscored 20-7 at the free throw line. Anitha Smith-Williams added 11 for the Eagles, while Jessie Plante led the Eagles with five assists. Also, Morehead State was able to take advantage of a Hokie defense that ranks last in the

ACC in three-point defense, hitting nine treys. Combs hit three to lead MSU.

Tech also got 13 points from Brittany Cook and 12 from Britney Anderson.

After trailing by eight at the half, the Eagles cut the Hokie lead to seven (56-49) with 13:48 left in the game. Virginia Tech, however, was able to seal the game with a 19-6 run that pushed its lead to as much as 20 (75-55) with 4:11 left.

Morehead State, the current first-place team in the OVC, will travel to Southeast Missouri on Thursday for a 6 p.m. game at the Show-Me Center.

Kentucky 82, Arkansas 74

by NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Ramel Bradley scored 22 of his 24 points in the second half, and Kentucky rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat Arkansas 82-74 Saturday.

The Wildcats have now won seven straight in the series. They came from 18 down last season to beat the Razorbacks.

Arkansas led 45-31 in the second half and 49-41 after Sonny Weems finished a fast break with a thunderous two-handed dunk. But Kentucky (17-5, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) was relentless, consistently beating Arkansas (14-8, 3-5) to rebounds and loose balls.

The Wildcats took a 54-53 lead on Jodie Meeks' transition layup after Randolph Morris blocked a shot. They eventually pushed the lead to eight at 63-55.

The Razorbacks scored the next five points, but Bradley answered with a 3-pointer and Meeks stole a pass and went for a one-handed dunk to make it 68-60 with 3:12 remaining.

The Wildcats didn't flinch down the stretch, and Bradley dribbled out the final few seconds. He then taunted the Arkansas fans by holding his hands up behind his ears as if straining to hear them.

Freshman Patrick Beverley led the Razorbacks with 25 points.

Bradley's 24 points were a career high, and he added six rebounds and five assists. Meeks finished with 15 points, and Morris added 14.

Weems scored 14 for Arkansas, and Steven Hill and freshman Stefan Welsh had 13

each. Gary Ervin had six assists for the Razorbacks but was held scoreless. Darian Townes had nine points and 10 rebounds.

Arkansas shot 54 percent from the field, but Kentucky shot 53 percent. The Wildcats had 11 offensive rebounds, nine in the second half.

The Razorbacks have struggled with turnovers all season, and this game was no exception. They finished with 19.

Arkansas forward Charles Thomas, who is averaging 11.9 points, sat out with a strained right shoulder.

Arkansas had trouble with Kentucky's press early and looked stagnant against a zone defense. At one point, the Razorbacks became so bogged down Hill had to try his first career 3-point attempt with the shot clock running down. The 7-footer missed, and Joe Crawford dunked at the other end to put Kentucky ahead 21-15.

But Arkansas went on a 17-2 run over a span of about five minutes, taking a 35-28 lead on Welsh's 3-pointer with 1:02 remaining.

The Razorbacks led 35-30 at the half, then Hill scored the first two baskets of the second. His alley-oop dunk from Ervin made it 39-30.

Kentucky has won 33 of its last 35 against the SEC West, including a 4-0 mark this season. Arkansas is 0-4 against the East.

All three of Arkansas' SEC wins this season were against ranked teams.

Arkansas' Vincent Hunter was called for an intentional foul against Bobby Perry under the basket early in the first half.

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KIM'S KORNER

I'm just sayin'

By: Kim Little Frasure

The topic of this week's column has been a part of our lives for the last seven years.

So many times I have penned my thoughts, agony, and pain to the point this keyboard was soaked with tears and I would end up deleting my writings and thinking those words just couldn't be set into print.

Yet we've all heard there is the "right" time and place for everything, and whether this is it or not I have finally decided it is for me and have actually hit the send button instead of delete this time.

Maybe it's because for the past two weeks it has seemed as though so much more attention and emphasis have been paid to "words" more than actions in a very long time.

Matter of fact, just a few Sunday's ago the sermon at church was on words.

Yes, our words have been topics for columns and so many discussions many times before. Still, for many of us, that infamous light-bulb going off in our brains to make us more aware of what we say before we say it seems to be lacking more often than not.

Words can hurt like nothing else. The pain they cause can last decades and the wounds they leave are like open sores. Words can cut as deep as a

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POISON OAK

A chance to get out of the doghouse

by Clyde Pack

I was probably a teenager before I realized that a real human heart wasn't shaped like a valentine. I guess my ignorance of anatomy resulted from the fact that those once-a-year valentine parties at school, far outweighed anything I chose to remember from my once-a-week health classes.



Clyde Pack

As the big day rolled around, the teacher would write the name of everybody in the room on the blackboard. I'd copy the list, take it home, and on the designated day—usually the Friday closest to February 14—I'd bring everybody on the list a little Valentine that Mom had bought for about a penny a piece, at Murphy's five and ten.

There was always a big, colorfully decorated hat box with a silt in the top, in the middle of the teacher's desk, in every room, and that's where we'd deposit our cards.

The only time I ever made a homemade valentine, was when I was about ten, and got the silly notion that a certain blue-eyed older woman (she was at least eleven), in another room, would think I thought her more special if I took the time and effort to make her one, instead of giving her one of the store-bought ones. As it turned out, she wasn't the least bit impressed, and I learned why that naked little Cupid feller carries a bow and arrow.

Valentine's Day is one of those holidays that has been wonderful to two

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The three-room schoolhouse



Not exactly a "schoolhouse," but reminiscent of one, this three-windowed little bungalow is actually a square from a quilt handcrafted by one of the county's "Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild" members.

By Ralph Hall

In the 1940s, our little schoolhouse and post office were the two most important buildings in our little village.

In Melvin, life was no different than in the other villages around and our little schoolhouse was like many others in that day. It was a little three-room building with two outhouses in the back, near the side of the hill. There was a pot belly stove in each room that was fueled by wood and coal. On cold mornings while we waited for the stove to heat up the room, we would sing songs with lyrics like, "Pickin' up paw paws, puttin' them in our pockets." We would also say our pledge to Old Glory. After, we would get down to the business of work.

Before I get too deep into this story about our old school, let me update you a bit on the cowboy I spoke of last week: I am told that he stayed in Hen Pen for a bit and then left out on the same train he came in on. But, while he was in our little village, he started a new trend in Melvin. All of us boys in Melvin had worn overalls most of our lives, but those who saw the cowboy over at the showhouse in his Levis and Wrangler jeans wanted some for themselves so the local stores all started stocking them. That summer, I worked in my Uncle Crit's garden for two days. I earned a dollar for those two days of work.

I liked them Wranglers like the cowboy had, so I took off for the store that Uncle Crit and Aunt Perle owned. I walked into that store and said, "I got me a dollar. Give me a pair of them cowboy Wranglers." They cost 98 cents. With the two cents I had left over, I bought two sticks of root-beer candy. As I walked home that day, I must have been the happiest boy in all the world.

"Wait until Mutt sees me in them cowboy Wranglers," I thought. "He will want a pair, too."

So, now I had me a pair of cowboy pants, but I still wouldn't play Wild Bill over at the graveyard. After all, I had become an Indian chief and now I was a hero to all the little Indians. I had found out that I really didn't care that much about being Wild Bill or an Indian chief - what I really wanted was to be the hero of every game! If old Gene or Roy could be the heroes in the movies over at the Melvin showhouse, then why couldn't I be the hero over at the graveyard? I guess there is a little hero in all of us.

Getting back to our school - the school was the center of attention in our village. What went on there didn't stop at three o'clock when we were dismissed. The first things my mother would say as I walked through the door was, "How was school?" and "Don't throw your books on the floor." (How did she always know what I was going to do next?)

When Daddy got home from work, he would say, "Hi, boy. How was school today?" I used to think to myself, "School' is all I ever hear."

But I would answer my daddy and say, "Yes, I did all my work and yes, I do have homework."

Then daddy would say, "Well, boy, make sure you do it."

The teachers in those days always stressed the "3 R's" theory - readin', ritin', and rithmetic. They wanted to make sure we could read, write and count.

We had recess twice a day back in that time - once at 10 o'clock in the morning and again at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Each recess period lasted for 15 minutes. Some of us boys would play "hoops" in the school yard, while others played

"roll at the bat."

There wasn't one overweight kid in our school. We ate good home cooked meals every day to keep us healthy and we all had white teeth. We got 45 minutes for lunch every day and many of us would go home to eat. I would take off down the tracks for home and find a lunch of maybe a biscuit and a pork chop left over from breakfast. Sometimes it might be just a tall glass of milk and some cornbread. It didn't matter, anyway. I never knew what a bologna sandwich and a moon pie were.

The kids who lived too far to go home for lunch brought their lunch with them in small lard buckets. Sometimes they would have milk and cornbread, too. Times were hard back then, there was a war going on and we had to make out with what we had.

I always ate whatever mother put on the table. I was always aware that she was doing her best. After I ate my lunch, mother would say, "Get on back to school now, Ralph. And do your work."

School was the center of activity for our community. When men ran for a county office, they would come to our school and give speeches on the schoolhouse steps. When the Holy Rollers came to town, they would set up a tent on the school grounds. The night air would fill with music, singing, dancing and shouting. Little did I know then that I would grow up and become a Holy Roller myself.

When I was in the third grade, Hall's Store (next door to the schoolhouse) started selling ice cream by the cone. One day, one of the boys in my class had a nickel and bought himself an ice cream cone at recess. I kept begging for a bite

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CRITTER CORNER

Canine Oral Health Continues To Make Significant Advances

(NAPSA)-Veterinarians now have an additional tool available to aid in the prevention of periodontitis in their canine patients. The first of its kind, the Porphyromonas Denticanis-Gulae-Salivosa Bacterin is now available.

"Many dog owners don't check their dog's teeth and gums until they notice bad breath or their veterinarian identifies periodontal disease, yet maintaining healthy teeth is critical to keeping a dog healthy," said David Haworth, DVM, Ph.D., associate director, Veterinary Medicine Research & Development, Biologicals Clinical Development, Pfizer Animal Health.

"We are finally able to provide pets with an additional layer of prevention against canine periodontitis," he added. "This is a

strong step toward helping veterinarians combat the problem."

Canine periodontal disease continues to be a widespread issue. In fact, according to Beard et al., by the age of 3, an estimated 85 percent of all dogs have some form of periodontal disease, underscoring the need for additional canine periodontal disease advancements.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted a conditional license, which means the product has met the requirements for purity, safety and a reasonable expectation of efficacy. Long-term efficacy studies are currently in progress. The label claim approved by the USDA for this product is as an aid in the prevention of canine periodontitis, as demonstrated by a reduction in bone changes.

Many veterinary practices already offer dental services for their patients. The core of this program is general cleaning and pol-

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Poor oral hygiene in pets can be forestalled with a few steps. Dry food is always best for cats and dogs. Wet food and people food actually helps plaque develop more quickly. Dry food, conversely, should keep a pet's teeth from developing significant plaque.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

****AMS is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts may be given to any AMS student or dropped off at the school office.**

***Book Club will meet on Thursdays, after school until 5 p.m. New members can still sign up in the YSC office.**

■ Feb. 13, 27 - Magic Me, 3:30-4:30.

■ Feb. 14 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in center office. Members are encouraged to attend and all others are invited.

■ Feb. 22 - Parent Support Group, 8:30 a.m., in center. Topic: "Wellness." Refreshments, door prizes. Adams and Clark parents welcome to attend.

■ Sign-ups for spring semester of Respect Society for 6th grade girls now going on. Those interested may stop by the center.

■ Exercise class for adults now in session. Classes conducted by Floyd County Health Dept. staff. Those interested may contact the center for more information.

■ Exercise class for students also being offered. Those interested may contact the center to sign-up.

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

Allen Central High School

■ Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

****Collect Food City receipts and "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to homeroom teachers!****

■ Feb. 7 - Advisory Council meeting, 8:15 a.m.

■ Feb. 9 - "Serious O'Sillies," a juggling presentation for all students.

■ Feb. 13, 14 - Tobacco awareness presentation, 7th & 8th grades.

■ Feb. 20 - Bullying and Conflict Resolution presentation, 6th grade.

■ Feb. 21, 27 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

■ Feb. 26, 28 - Bullying and Conflict Resolution presentation, 7th & 8th grades.

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood of the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

■ F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.)

****Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!**

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

■ 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 again this year! Please drop off your receipts at the school, or mail them to: Duff Elementary School, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622.**

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

■ 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.

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

■ Feb. 7 - Parent meeting, 1 p.m. Topic: "How to Teach Your Child to Read/Improve their Reading Skills." Meeting will be conducted by Stephania Conn, of BSCTC.

■ Feb. 13 - Parent meeting, 1 p.m. Topic: "Wellness." Meeting to be conducted by Lola Ratliff, of Floyd County Board of Education.

■ Feb. 20 - Program on nutrition, to be conducted by Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, for first graders, from 9-11:25 a.m.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month 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.

■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

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.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 12 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits, 6-8 p.m. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

■ SFHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.

■ 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.

■ 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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income.

For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.

■ Resource Center is now taking sign-ups for those students attending OES who would like to participate in the "Eagle's" basketball program. Deadline to sign-up is Friday, Feb. 9. Late sign-ups cannot be accepted!

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

■ Adult Education teachers: Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

■ Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334).

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(February 12 and February 14, 1997)

Sherry Hurley, 35, of Virgie, pleaded guilty, Tuesday, to a prostitution charge for trying to solicit sex, last July, from a state police trooper. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$100, and ordered to undergo testing for HIV, the virus which causes AIDS...The City of Prestonsburg will not appeal an opinion by the state Attorney's General office that the names of delinquent occupational taxpayers, and the number of years those accounts have been delinquent, are public record, and will release that information to the Floyd County Times by the end of this week...Sherry Baker, 36, of Langley, who is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court today, (Wednesday), for a preliminary hearing on a cocaine charge, is now a suspect in an armed robbery...Prestonsburg's City Council is stepping up its efforts to build a recycling program, and Councilman Gorman Collins Jr., who is chairman of the recycling committee, said that he would promote the system on his radio station, WQHY/WDOC...The state Treasury Department has more than \$22,000 in unclaimed property that belongs to Floyd Countians. The unclaimed property includes bank accounts, insurance policies, stocks, bonds, dividends, payroll checks, gift certificates, utility deposits, credit balances, safe deposits boxes, and other forms of property, according to state Treasurer John Kennedy Hamilton...A Floyd County Grand Jury returned 14 indictments last week, four of which were sealed, pending the arrests of those accused...Four Floyd County schools were closed, Tuesday, in observance of the accidental

death of Kenneth Ray Akers, a retired school teacher...Two unidentified persons were transported to a local hospital, Saturday afternoon, after being injured in a two-vehicle accident, Saturday, at Allen...Floyd County's Board of Education has a new attorney. Jerry Patton was hired, Tuesday, to replace Phil Damron, who resigned January 31...Ervin Ginther, Sherry Baker, and Michelle Mullins have been implicated in the robbery of the Lakeview Mart on Route 3 at Lancer, last month...Kimberly Brown, 30, of Garrett, was apparently caught on film February 3, when she allegedly phoned in a bomb threat to Duff Elementary. She was arrested after Floyd detective James Rederick viewed a tape, and she was identified by school personnel...State education officials who have questioned contracts approved by the Floyd County Board of Education, are apparently reviewing an agreement between the board and Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson...Eight Floyd County schools: Betsy Layne High School, and Clark, Harold, Stumbo, McDowell, Melvin, Prater and Osborne Elementary Schools, will share almost \$400,000 in state funds as rewards for exceeding goals set for KIRIS test scores. Steve Spriggs, 44, who works at the Floyd County school bus garage, was acquitted of a first degree stalking charge, last week, after the jury deliberated for about 20 minutes...Interim Floyd superintendent Louie Martin has been sent back to the chopping block by the board of education, which directed him to make additional budget cuts to head off a year-end deficit...There died: Luther Johnson, 90, of Bevinville, Friday, February 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Hazel M. Haywood, 77, of Prestonsburg, Friday, February 7, at her residence; Charles Edward Martin, 58, of Hueysville, Monday, February 10, at the Markey Cancer Center, Lexington; Sill Hall, 74, of Banner, Friday, February 7, at

Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Edith Marie Watkins, 48, of Teaberry, Saturday, February 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Delbert Blair, 56, of Prestonsburg, Friday, February 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Christopher Hobert Watson, three-day-old son of Chris and Anita Karen Watson of Hazard, Saturday, February 8, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Ida Jean Lynch, 55, of Clarksville, Indiana, February 7, at Norton Hospital, Louisville; Maggie Bailey Taylor, 83, of Martin, Friday, February 7, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Kenneth Ray Akers, 56, of Drift, Saturday, February 8, at the U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Lenora Wheeler Leslie, 57, of Prestonsburg, Monday, February 10, at the U.K. Medical Center; Nora Holbrook, 55, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly of Middle Creek, January 8, at Indiana University Medical Center, in Indianapolis; Ruscha Conley, 99, of Leander, Friday, January 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Chad Meade, 57, of Auxier, Friday, February 7, at his residence; Herma Gayheart, 86, of Hindman, Tuesday, February 11, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Don Edward Hall, 45, of Grethel, Tuesday, February 11, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Odis Michael Watson, 16, of Monroe, Michigan, formerly of Knott County, Monday, February 10, at his residence; Ollie Marie Hall, 72, of Topmost, Tuesday, February 11, at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 18, 1987)

The Prestonsburg Academic Team beat teams from Allen Central and McDowell High Schools, Saturday, and will advance to

Regional competition in Pikeville next week...The husband of Brenda Sue Bentley, 36, who was a pregnant Langley woman, killed on December 5, filed a suit against Glennis R. Reynolds Jr., who was driving a coal truck that struck Bentley's car at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 1428...Several area residents are suspicious of what they think is a thriving trade of stolen pets at the popular stock auction-flea market, at Staffordsville, but police have turned up no evidence of criminal activity...Floyd County escaped the brunt of the worst winter storm this year, as hundreds of others in surrounding areas were left without power for several hours...There died: Arvil Hall, 71, of Kite, Friday, following a brief illness...Richard Slone, 54, of Blue River, last Wednesday...Virgil Shepherd, 56, of Hueysville, last Wednesday...Dewey Salisbury, 69, of Harold, last Wednesday...Woodrow Lewis, 57, of Martha, Monday...Willie Edith Caldwell, 73, of Betsy Layne, Sunday...Sarah McClure McQueen, 83, who was a longtime teacher in the Floyd school system, Saturday...Goldie Mae Tussey Pitts, 74, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday...Verlie Rose, 65, of Galveston, Tuesday...Hiram R. "Buddy" Couch, 50, director of pupil personnel for Floyd schools, last Wednesday...Polly Hamilton, 99, of Teaberry, Saturday...Thomas Meade, 67, of Hi Hat, Thursday...and Narcisco Ferrari, 95, of Bypro, Tuesday.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 16, 1977)

The rate at which Dewey Lake is filling in with sediment was, in the two-year period,

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

Yesterdays

November, 1973, to November 1975, almost three times the rate during the preceding 21 years...Governor Carroll's office has verbally authorized the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission to contract, to the extent of \$31,000, for the construction of a water main to connect the Prestonsburg system, and its ample water supply, with the Allen Water Company's lines, which have pretty well run dry in New Allen, Dwale and vicinity...Lack of water, last Wednesday night, figured, for the second time within a week, in heavy loss to fire in the county...A jury of three women and nine men will decide the fate of a local man, and his two juvenile daughters, who are on trial in Floyd Circuit Court this week, charged with the murder, last year, of Gerald McBrayer...There is a possibility that the solution to the water shortage which prevails in the southern section of the county, particularly in the Mud Creek area, may be construction of a water preparation plant, it was indicated, after a second meeting on the situation was held here, Monday...Floyd County has only three archaeological sites on record, but that number is expected to be increased soon, as the result of a new survey...Gary E. Johnson is returning to Floyd County to fill the vacancy which has existed, since last year, in the office of Public Defender...There died: Jessie Maynard, 60, formerly of Floyd County, February 9, in a Columbus, O., hospital; Clyde (Junior) Evans, 54, formerly of Wayland, February 14, at King's Daughters Hospital; Mrs. Ollie Belcher, 88, of West Van Lear, February 13; Ruben Reed, 70, of Wayland, February 12, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wade Martin, 49, formerly of Floyd

County, January 30, at Sarasota (Fla.) Memorial Hospital; Hazel Lee Bentley, 56, formerly of Left Beaver Creek, February 7, in a hospital in Wayne, Mich.

Forty Years Ago (February 16, 1967)

Prestonsburg's second housing development will be ready for bids in April, George Lee Shannon, architect, who is now preparing the final plans for the project, said this week...Lake Bowling Lanes Inc., was purchased, recently, by Estill Lee Carter, Prestonsburg, Harold Lloyd Patton, Auxier, and Robert Griffith, of Garrett...Word has been received from Carl Abbott, Bedford, Ky., that the strawberry processing plant will not operate here during the 1967 season...George E. Robinson, 49, of Langley, was electrocuted, last Thursday, while at work in the mine of the Hall Coal Company at Lackey...Married: Miss Marlene Pennington and Mr. Robin Phillip Goble, Dec. 17, at Floydsburg, Kentucky...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis Stapleton, of Lexington, a daughter—Elizabeth Scott—Feb. 8, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall, of Genoa, Ohio, a son—Charles Steven—Jan. 19, at Port Clinton, Ohio...There died: Mrs. Eva Collins, 75, of Little Paint, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ed Wright, 51, of Bypro, Friday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Estill Conley, 42, of Garrett, Saturday, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Mille Vanderpool, 73, last Thursday, at her home at Gunlock; Mrs. Belle Conn, 67, of Harold,

Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Estill Little, 57, of Price, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ray Meade, 67, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here.

Fifty Years Ago (February 21, 1957)

Senator John Sherman Cooper announced, last week, that he has presented both immediate and long-range recommendations to the President, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and the Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, for action designed to provide flood protection for the Big Sandy, and Cumberland river valleys, in Kentucky...County-owned roads and bridges suffered damages totaling \$52,294 in the recent flood, according to estimates made by Northcutte Rawlings, Pikeville engineer...A contract has been awarded the Hoosier Engineering Company, Columbus, O., for construction of the Kentucky portion of a 132,000-volt transmission line from Beaver Creek, station at Clear Creek, to the Clinch River plant at Carbo, Virginia...There died: T. J. McCoy, 82, Feb. 12, at his home near Thomas; Mrs. Bertha Patton, 70, of Prestonsburg, Friday; George W. Vicars, 79, of Bypro, last Monday, at Virgie; Mrs. Lula Mahan Sluss, 67, of Auxier, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Emmalene Tackett, 76, last Thursday, at her home at Langley; Ancil Gilliam Jr., 30, of Amba, Saturday, in a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Maggie M. Mellon, 56, of West Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Ashland; Mrs. Pauline

Kidd, 47, of Grethel, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago (February 13, 1947)

Discovery of a jail break attempt here, early Monday evening, by Deputy Jailers Chester and Bill Potter, uncovered a wholesale delivery plot, with the names of a lifetermer, and a man under two-year penitentiary sentence, figuring in the subsequent investigation...Dick Robinson, 52, of Dinwood, and Oliver Hall, 38, workmen for the C.&O. Railway Company were seriously hurt at 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning, when dynamite, believed to have been left several years ago by WPA employees, atop a cut on the Turkey Creek road at Maytown, exploded...The National Coal Association, Tuesday night, served notice that a new bituminous coal strike is "inevitable" by July 1, unless John L. Lewis agrees to give up the miners' welfare fund, or Congress passes a remedial law...In what was described by fans as the most perfect basketball exhibition ever seen in this county, Wayland High School won, Saturday night, at Martin, in the finals of the "Pre-Tournament," at least the temporary championship of Floyd County, defeating the Prestonsburg Black Cats, 37 to 31...Married: Miss Martha Coffey, and Mr. James Frazier, both of Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 7; Miss Hazel Jean Pickle, of Hi Hat, and Mr. James

Arthur Matheson, of Morehead, Feb. 9, at the home of the bride...There died: Joe Caldwell, 38, Tuesday, at Garrett; Alex Hackworth, 76, Sunday, at his home at Bonanza; Mrs. Dollie Goodman, 75, Saturday, at the home of her daughter at David; Garland Walker Mayo, 73, Sunday, at his home at Lancer; Harold Branham, 29, of Wayland, last Thursday, at the home of his father-in-law.

Seventy Years Ago (February 12, 1937)

Plans for the realization of a national park and game preserve at the "Breaks," on the Kentucky-Virginia state line, are moving forward there, with a tentative committee appointed to rush the movement, it was announced...A meeting of the Safety Council was held at the courthouse here, Wednesday, Feb. 10, to discuss means of bringing about law enforcement for traffic offenders...Two and one-half hours of competitive spelling at the grade school auditorium here, Saturday, Feb. 6, resulted in Jewel Prichard, 12-year-old seventh-grade pupil, at Garrett, being declared Floyd County spelling champion for the second consecutive year...Wayne Allen, 46, was found dead on the C.&O. railroad tracks, near Midas, on Right Beaver, Tuesday morning...There died: Mrs. Dewey Thompson, 34, Tuesday, Feb. 2, at her home at Wonder; David Cooley, 41, of Garrett, Feb. 8.

Oak

groups: it's made millions for card companies, and it's helped bail out many erring husbands from the doghouse. Even though it's not designated a religious holiday, according to legend, the day was named for a Roman named St. Valentine who, in 269 A.D., was jailed and later beheaded for refusing to denounce Christianity. The story goes that he left a note to the jailer's daughter, with whom he had become friends. There's no record of what the note said, but he was supposed to have

signed it. "From your special Valentine."

There's also an old superstition that if an unmarried woman sees a robin in flight on Valentine's Day, she'll marry a sailor. If she spots a goldfinch, she'll be wed to a millionaire. Although it's not bird-related, I guess if she sees a church mouse, she'll marry a school teacher.

Another interesting tale about Valentine's Day is set in the Middle-Ages, when boys and girls would draw names from a hat to see who their special valentine was going to be. They would then pin the name to

their sleeve and wear it for one whole week. Talk about wearing your heart on your sleeve!

Anyway, while we today prove our undying love by spending three or four dollars for a thirty-nine-cent card, in some countries, other gifts are exchanged. For example, in some parts of Europe, if a girl accepts clothing from a boy on Valentine's Day, it's considered as an agreement that she is willing to marry him. Guess that's why plain paper cards are so popular here.

Just make sure you don't forget to send yours.

Critter

ishing under anesthesia. In addition, most practices recommend other oral health management items, such as specialty foods and dental care products. Where the challenge arises is in the education of owners and the compliance of owners in following their veterinarians' recommendations, as well as having their dog examined on an annual basis.

"Canine dental disease is a condition that is widely diagnosed," explained Jan Bellows, DVM, Hometown Animal Hospital and Dental Clinic, Weston, Fla. "And although canine oral health has been

a low priority for many companion animal health care practices, more and more veterinarians are working to fully integrate it into their practices."

Veterinarians will now be able to provide a more complete oral health care program for their canine patients with the Porphyromonas vaccine, launched by Pfizer Animal Health.

For additional information on canine periodontitis or pet health in general, see your veterinarian. For additional information on Pfizer, visit www.pfizerah.com.

Korner

freshly sharpened knife. They can sting as if someone has just poured salt into an open wound. And, also more often than not, the person spouting them seems to do so with such disregard or an ounce of compassion we sometimes conclude they had to be in the back of line when the good Lord was passing out the "ability-to-care-for-others" gene.

In the year of 2000, when we started the Christian Messenger and placed them around the county, and those adjoining, at various locations I will never forget an experience while standing in line at a local restaurant waiting in line to pay our bill as I overheard a gentleman (and I regret to use that term for "gentle" he was not) spout the following:

There, along with members of an area congregation, one of the ladies had picked up a Christian Messenger lying on the counter and began to flip through its pages. "Put that down," this "gentleman" said. The lady, looking quite perplexed, asked, "What?"

"Put it down," he again replied. "We will not read that paper. The woman that does it has a child that is gay and if she can't take care of those in her own house the right way, we will not take part by reading what she writes. Put it down."

The lady then laid down her copy of the Christian Messenger.

Needless to say, I had a frog the size of an elephant in my throat. My heart ached so badly I actually thought I was going to pass out right there in that restaurant. "Surely that man did not say what I think I just heard," I said to myself. But, he had.

My eyes filled with tears and no matter how hard I tried to hold them back, they came pouring.

I was trying so hard to do what I felt God had called me to do. To share with others His Blessings, His Words, through the only way I knew how which was to write and publish a publication for people that may not go to church or own a Bible to be able to read and do so for free. Maybe while they sat eating, or in a waiting room at a hospital, or in a Senior Citizens center. We tried to place those papers anywhere and everywhere we were allowed.

We did that publication for four years, until we could no longer afford

the printing costs due to rising print costs. And to this very day my heart aches that we can't put our little paper out.

Regardless of what my children may go through, God blessed us with them. He gave them to Spouse and I to love, and protect, and we've tried to do our best with both of them.

Sometimes our children may not take a path that we can understand nor do we have an answer as to why - still, they are ours.

And not to throw them out, put them down, or result to pretend they don't exist because they have chosen a way of life unlike our own or what we may have wanted for them as their parents.

There are so many things as parents that we have to deal with when it comes to our children.

They can bring joy like we've never known, make us so proud we literally feel as though we may burst, and also break out hearts into a million tiny pieces. And it can all happen in a 24-hour period or over several years.

Oh, I love those who live in glass houses themselves yet can somehow throw some of the biggest boulders out of their mouths that it boggles the mind, indeed.

But I'm here to tell you that I am so thankful for my children. For their beautiful dark hair, big brown eyes, and hearts the size of Texas, the kindness they show to others, and each of their imperfections, as well. For all of these things make them the unique, God-created individuals that they are.

I will never disown either of them, turn my back on either of them, or stick my head in the proverbial sand and utter the words, "my child would never do anything like that" to anyone. For the minute those very words would be uttered and heard by these ears they would tend to bounce back as if they were a boomerang and smack the one who had just had the audacity to speak them in the face.

Did I ever want one of mine to get a piercing anywhere other than their ears, NO!

Did they, you better believe they did!

Were Spouse and I wrong for the way we handled that situation? Some think we were, others think we

weren't hard enough with our punishment.

Our firstborn wanted so badly to have one of those shiny little belly button rings in her ever-so-cute little belly button. She asked for permission, but she was told "absolutely not."

Did she manage to get it, anyway? Yes, and was even able to keep it hid from us for some time. But then there was one night in particular as she stood in our living room floor sharing her day with her Dad and I that she bent over to wrap her long wet hair in a towel. And, as she flipped that beautiful head of hers back up and raised her arms above her head to tuck the towel in, her shirt raised up and the glare from her "belly bling" was blinding to her Dad's eyes.

Just as I thought we were about to have to purchase a new roof, for I was sure his blood pressure was going to blow the one we had clean off the top of the house, he simply walked out the door, headed for his tool shed and came back with some needle nose wire pliers. He then told our firstborn to hit the floor.

She pleaded and apologized and begged to keep it, but Dad wasn't having any part of it. I sat sobbing nearby as he removed the bling from her belly button and grounded her for a month.

Then, a few years later, came her younger sister wanting a tattoo. Did we give permission for a tattoo? Again, absolutely NOT, not a tiny one, not a medium one, not one of any size, color, or anything else.

Did this child manage to accomplish getting what she wanted? You better believe she did - and then some!

Well, how on earth was her Dad going to handle this one, I thought to myself. He can't remove those suckers like he did the belly bling. "Oh, no!" I thought, "He's going to beat my child within an inch of her life!" was the thought that kept going through my mind.

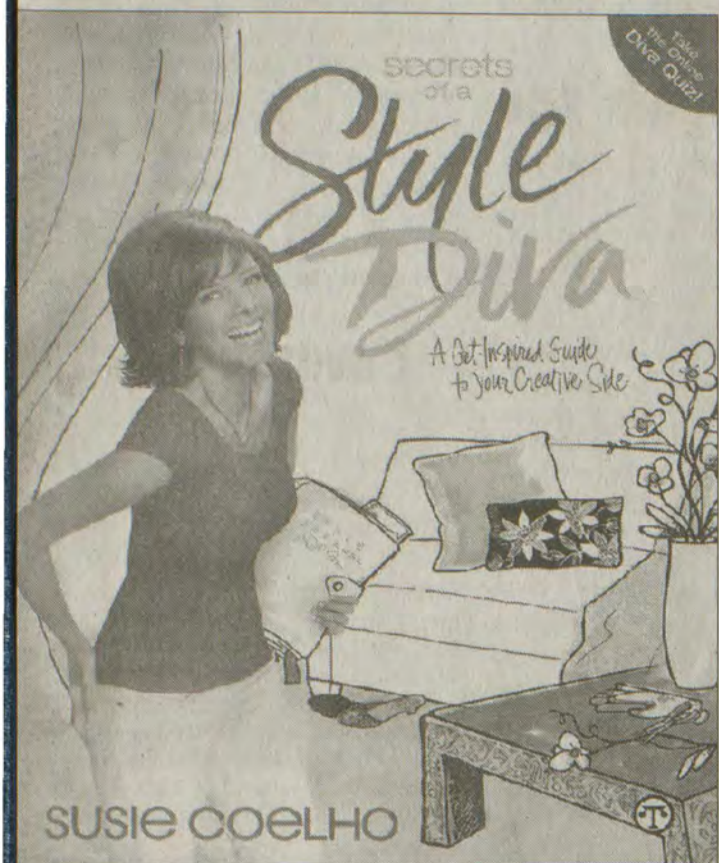
She got her speech alright, and she got it loud. I'm not sure if our neighbors remember hearing it or not. I sure do, though. She got her punishment from a whipping to a grounding and sat there taking it like Clint Eastwood himself - starring her Dad

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Decorating Trends



A Get-Inspired Guide For Style Divas

(NAPSA)-Have you ever started a styling project and somewhere along the way looked at it and wondered why it wasn't working?

Lifestyle expert Susie Coelho answers this question, along with many others, as she helps readers build their style confidence with her newly released "Secrets of a Style Diva: A Get-Inspired Guide to Your Creative Side." Packed with secrets, diva drills and a one-of-a-kind Style Diva Quiz, this guidebook helps readers unleash their inner Style Diva. Five ways to unlock creativity and get moving again: Name your style: Focus. Focus. Focus. Customize your own label to vividly define your style. Instead of "romantic," why not "Parisian Bohemian"? Keep in mind that the label is the beginning of the process, not the end! Color your world: Color helps set a mood and conveys personality. Identify the two main colors in your palette and then a third color as an accent, but sparingly. Keep it simple. Get in touch with textures: Add interest to a room with the use of textures and layers. Add a tablecloth, runner, place mats, chargers, napkins and plates, all in varying textures. Arrange for a change: Change a room's entire look just by moving furniture and accessories around. Create vignettes that showcase special items. Rearrange the mantel or coffee table.

Try and try again: Style victories come out of trial and error. In the end, the wisdom gained from what went wrong will be triumphs. Style Divas don't give up! Where are you on the Style Diva Scale? Bring your most stylish self into the spotlight by taking the Style Diva Quiz at www.susiecoelho.com.

Start tapping into the Style Diva living within you! In her new book, Susie Coelho offers inspiration and practical tips to help readers build their style confidence.

School

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and, to my surprise, he said "Okay, but make it a small one."

I took what was left of the dip into my mouth, pulling every bit of the ice cream left in that cone into my mouth. That kid hit me square in the chest. I didn't mind, though, because I had gotten what I wanted - a big old bite of that ice cream!

We often had parties at our schoolhouse. We had a fall festival every year at Halloween. All the desks would be put in one room, leaving the others open for the party. We would bob for apples out of a big tub of water - I never caught one in all my school years.

We would eat popcorn balls and homemade candy. We had a cakewalk, square dancing and box suppers. The girls would make big baskets full of good food to eat and they would be auctioned off to the highest bidder. I got into this event one time in all my school years. I had saved .25 cents so I could bid on this one little girl's box of food. I got the box of food for .15 cents and got to go off with her to eat my food. All that was in my box was a fried apple pie. I thought to myself that I had wasted my money because I could have all of them fried apple pies I wanted over at my grandma's house where the ice box was always full of them.

If the way to a boy's heart is through his stomach, that little pie sure did miss the spot. That was the last time I ever ate pie with that little girl.

The next big party would be at Christmastime. The students from Caney Creek College would come to our school with toys. People from other states would send the toys. They wanted to help make sure that each child in the hills got a toy for

Christmas. Sometimes they would give me the best toy I got that year, plus they always gave us a bag of candy, too.

When I was in the third grade, my daddy bought me a western flyer over at the company store at Weeksbury. A western flyer was a little red wagon. I hauled apples and taters in that little wagon, or any other thing I could pull around. My little brother, Mutt, was about three years old and I would pull him around in our yard for hours at a time. Many times that summer, I would pull Mutt up the dirt road to schoolhouse bottom. I would give other kids a ride, too. A penny a ride in the little red wagon. When I had made a dime, I would buy me and Mutt an ice cream cone. Mutt would lick that cone all the way home. What a little boy like me wouldn't do for an ice cream cone.

We also had a party at Easter, too. With a big egg hunt. The Easter party was great. So many kids playing around outside pushing bicycle rims with a sticks or rolling old car tires around. Some would slide down the hill on feedsacks. Whatever the activity, the day was all about fun, fun, fun.

It was nice, too, knowing that with Easter, summer vacation would soon be coming. Back then, school always went out the first week of May.

As I did my homework by the light of a coal oil lamp, I didn't realize how my little school had opened up a big world for me, a world far away as well as near. No place could ever mean so much to us as our little three-room schoolhouse in the hills of Eastern Kentucky.

Radon Alert; Smoking is not the only cause of Lung Cancer in KY

By Jean Rosenberg, Community liaison, Floyd County Health Department

Kentucky has the highest rate of lung cancer in the United States. 160,000 people die each year from lung cancer attributed to smoking according to 2004 figures from the American Cancer Society. While smoking is the primary cause of this disease, radon gas is the second leading cause and secondhand cigarette smoke is the third. Radon and secondhand smoke together spell danger to anyone unlucky enough to come in contact with them. Wherever radon exists, it can team up with secondhand smoke. Radon has a molecular structure that produces a kind of static electricity which attracts the particulate matter of secondhand smoke. Together they cause an estimated 24,000 lung cancer deaths each year. Radon is an odorless, radioactive gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium which is found in the soil. Eastern Kentucky is reported to have a seam of uranium. As the uranium releases radon, the gas makes its way into the atmosphere. Along the way, it can creep into homes through cracks or other holes in the foundation, holes in the floor and gaps around pipes. It can also be detected in water in wells. If undetected, the amount of radon can build up in a home and create a potentially deadly situation for the residents especially children with developing lungs. The Environmental Protection Agency recommends testing all homes and schools for the presence of radon. Homes built on concrete slabs need to be checked as they have contact with the soil. Radon test kits are available for free through the Floyd County Health Department. The short-term kits are smaller than a deck of cards. They are placed in the lowest living space in the home for 48 hours and mailed to a laboratory for analysis. Once high levels of radon are detected, homes can be modified to release the radon into the atmosphere away from the living space.

For more information about obtaining free information and a free radon kit, contact the Floyd County Health Department at (606) 886-2788 and ask for the environmentalist.

Great Gifts Made Simple

(NAPSA)-For many, the most "wonderful time of the year" can also be the most harried. Holiday shoppers would love to minimize the time and stress associated with shopping for friends and loved ones.

According to gift expert Alison Deyette, gift cards make finding that perfect present a whole lot easier. "They are convenient to purchase and eliminate the guesswork because there is no need to worry about getting the right size, color or style," said Deyette. "You can add that personal thoughtfulness by giving those you care about a gift card to their favorite retailer. For example, if there is a reader on your list, they can purchase just the right book with a Barnes & Noble gift card." Gift cards offer another advantage; they are easy to drop in the mail without waiting in long lines at the post office. An assortment of more than 80 of America's most beloved brands, including Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, BLOCKBUSTER, Chili's, iTunes, and Sears are available in many denominations. Look for them at Gift Card Mall displays in more than 60,000 grocery, drug and convenience stores such as Safeway, A&P, Ahold, Bashas', BI-LO, Food Lion, Giant Food Stores, Kings, Lowes Food, Martins Food Stores, Pathmark, Price Chopper, Stater Bros., Top Markets, and United Supermarkets. Once the holiday frenzy clears, gift givers can further personalize the experience by going shopping with the recipient to choose his or her gift. It's a hassle-free one-stop shopping experience that will have everyone saying "Happy Holidays!"

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Local Cub Scouts and their leaders and parents attended the first annual Lonesome Pine District Space Race at the Eastern Kentucky Science Center.

A day at the races

On Saturday, January 20, 2007, the East Kentucky Science Center hosted Cub Scouts from a six county area for the First Annual Lonesome Pine District Space Race. Similar to the Pinewood Derby, the scouts use "space ships" that are launched along a string by a rubberband-driven propeller instead of rolling cars down a ramp. The scouts and parents work together to construct the racers from a balsa wood kit and then paint them. Once the "space ships" are all finished, scouts race in their own packs to compete for medals, and a chance to go to the district competition. "This is our first district-wide Space Race, and it was great! We are already talking about next year's event and with a venue like the Science Center, it's a perfect match," said Norm Marcum, Commissioner for Scouting in the district. All scouts participating in the event received a Space Derby patch for their collection. Additionally scouts and their parents were treated to a Planetarium show and drinks, courtesy of Southeast Telephone.

- The Space Race Winners are as follows:
 1st Place - Jacob Johnson, Pack 802
 2nd Place - Matthew Barber, Pack 802
 3rd Place - Casey Justice, Pack 802
 The Space Race Design Winners are as follows:
 1st Place - Jordan Marcum, Pack 802
 2nd Place - Casey Justice, Pack 802
 3rd Place - Corey Thompson, Pack 804



Dr. Lyle Snider, NAACP Hazard Chapter Member, lights a candle in honor of African American teachers in the region.

Crowd of 200 attend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

More than 200 people attended the second annual "Diversity and the Dream" Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Prayer Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 15 at Hazard Community & Technical College, sponsored by Kentucky Power. Cordon Porter, Deputy Commissioner in the Kentucky Department of Labor, was the guest speaker for the event.

"I am humbled by the community's support of this event," noted Veronica A. Oxford, Director of Cultural Diversity & Special Assistant to the President for Community Relations, "Remembering and celebrating the legacy of Dr. King renews the hopes, determination, and spirit of all people seeking to improve their own lives and advance the principles of humanity in their own community and across the nation."

Rev. Mike Barnett, pastor at New Hope Christian Center offered the opening prayer. The Prayer for the Community was offered by Pat Riestenberg, pastoral assistant at the Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Charlie Douglas, pastor at Bowman Memorial United Methodist Church gave the Prayer for the Children. The Prayer for the Nation was by Rev. Ricky Ray, pastor at First Baptist Church. Rev. Ellen Peach, pastor at First Presbyterian Church gave the benediction.

Students Josi Stidham and Shavani Pampati each gave speeches on their interpretation of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. The students are in Melinda Meehan's fifth grade class at Roy G. Eversole. Following the program, Ms. Meehan was presented with a complete reference library of African American history books as a gift to the school for their students. Soloists for the event were Arthur Christon of Letcher Independent Baptist Church; Jeremy Wood, physics professor at Hazard Community & Technical College; and Evangelist Jake Ravizee of the Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Lynch, who also served as the Master of Ceremony for the event. Ludrenia Hagans-Shepherd, interim president of the NAACP, honored African American educators during a candle lighting ceremony with Dr. Lyle Snider, NAACP Hazard Chapter member. Cordon Porter served as guest speaker on behalf of Troy Body, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's executive director for the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment, who was called away on a special assignment for the Governor. Porter was introduced by Dr. Jay K. Box in his last day as president/CEO of Hazard Community & Technical College.

Humanitarian Award Presentation
 Troy Body, Gov. Ernie Fletcher's executive director for the Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment, was honored with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award at the breakfast. Accepting on behalf of the honoree was Corden Porter. The award was presented by Mary Holliday Begley, Service Manager for Kentucky Power. Prior to this Troy Body's current post, he was a press secretary for the Governor. Born in Harlan County, Body graduated from Harlan Independent High School. He received a bachelor's degree in communications with a journalism emphasis from the University of Kentucky before moving on to work for ABC News in Washington, D.C. Body has a master's degree in political science from Marshall University with an emphasis in urban, state and local government. He worked as an English instructor at Dongguk University in Seoul, South Korea, before returning to the states to take a position with the state of West Virginia. In West Virginia, he was employed by the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts, where he worked in the Office of the Secretary as a public information specialist. Body was eventually promoted to commissioner for the West Virginia Division of Culture and History where he managed the state's archives, arts, history, museums, and historic preservation offices. He was also chairman of the Capitol Building Commission and the Records Management Board. He also served as the state's Historic Preservation Office. Body served as the liaison to the Governor's Minority Students Strategies Council which conducted groundbreaking research on the academic achievement gap between minority and non-minority students in West Virginia. The council introduced sweeping legislation aimed at closing the gap that is still active to this day. He also serves on the Kentucky Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
Tribute to African American Educators
 African American educators who have served this community were honored during the event. Those include: Goodloe Adams, Mollie Adams, Edna Arnold, Ovetta Basse, Mazy Boclair, Louvica Cannon, Wayne Clayton, John Willie Combs, Robert Combs, Ethel Cornett, Pearl Brown Cornett, Lewis Hagans, Ludrenia Hagans-Shepherd, Charity Hampton, Burgin Herald, John Higgins, Roy Higgins, Mabel Jones, Daniel Boone Olinger, John Brown Olinger, A.D. Puryear, Susie Puryear, Lillard Turner, Karl Walker, Karen Washington, Andrew Williams, Elmer Williams, Noel Williams, Virginia Williams, and Florence Zimmerma.