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Officials say elk attack illustrates wild dog problem

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It was a sad scene Thursday morning at Dewey Lake after an elk had to be put down following an attack by a pack of wild dogs while trapped in the frigid icy water.

Officials say the wild dogs are beginning to be a real problem.

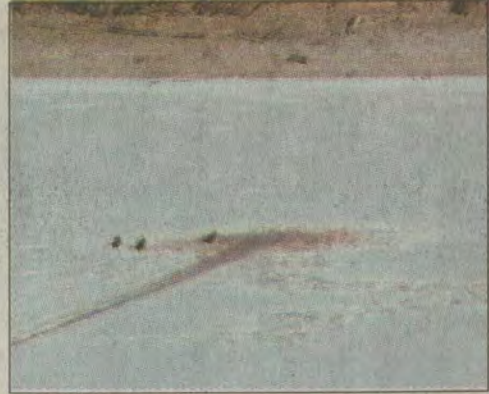
Wildlife officials received the call early that morning before dawn and upon their arrival were shocked to see what was taking place. A large bull elk had apparently been try-

ing to cross the ice covered water when the ice gave way and the elk was unable to get itself out. A pack of wild dogs had surrounded the elk and viciously attacked it.

The wild dogs fled the scene and officials were able to take a boat out to the elk, which was still struggling. Upon their inspection of its condition, they determined that they wouldn't be able to rescue it without putting themselves in danger on the icy water.

Charlie Logsdon, who works for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife,

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This was the scene Thursday morning at Dewey Lake after a bull elk fell through the ice and was savagely attacked by a pack of wild dogs. The elk was put down before it was removed from the icy water.

photo by Jessica Hale

BLACKCATS TOP RAIDERS

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briefs

Wicker

eBay case

heads to

grand jury

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Gora Wicker, one of two women convicted in Floyd County in November as part of the eBay theft case, waived similar charges brought against her in Johnson County to a grand jury on Wednesday.

Wicker, 59, of Prestonsburg, was charged June 15 with one felony count of receiving stolen property valued at over \$300. She has been accused of being in possession of stolen plates, jewelry and Dale Earnhardt memorabilia.

A \$5,000 cash bond remains in place, but Wicker is ineligible to be released because she is currently serving a 15-year sentence for multiple felony burglary and theft convictions in Floyd County.

Wicker was arrested June 6 for the theft and burglary of what has been estimated at more than \$300,000 worth of items stolen from at least nine homes in Floyd County. Prestonsburg police recovered more than 1,000

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MAKING ALLEGATIONS



photo by Alex Smith

Attorney David Barber listens as the three women explain what happened the night they allege they were sexually abused by a Martin city police officer. "It's still very fresh, still very real for the women at this time," Barber said. "But this is a very serious allegation that should not be taken lightly."

Suit alleges Martin officer sexually abused women

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A complaint was filed Thursday against Martin police officer Jeremy Shepard by three unnamed women who allege they were sexually assaulted by the officer in the early morning hours of Feb. 1.

The lawsuit, which also names the city of Martin as a defendant, asks for a trial by jury and compensatory and punitive damages.

"I want him stopped, I don't want him to do anything like this to anyone else," said the teary-eyed victim listed as Ann Doe in the complaint. It was at the 22-year-old's Grigsby Heights apartment in Martin

where the incident took place.

The incident began after 3 a.m. on Feb. 1, when Shepard and a Floyd County sheriff's deputy arrived at the residence in response to a noise complaint filed by a neighbor living in the complex. All three women said they had been hanging out with seven or eight of their friends and playing video games all night.

The women allege that during the first visit, Shepard told everyone that they needed to leave except the women, and that they would come back in 20 minutes to make sure everyone had dispersed. One of the women said she thought it was strange that Shepard only made the men who were present and another girl who he thought

was younger than 21 leave, even though one of the men was living at the apartment and another had asked if it was all right if he just went upstairs to bed.

"It made me think he had done this before because of the way he acted," she said.

Many of the those asked to leave went across the street to an apartment where one of the other woman lived. The officers returned 20 minutes later as they had promised, and the three women said the only question that Shepard asked was if all the men had left, which she said they had.

David Barber, an attorney for Kirk Law Firm, which is

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Solid waste board discusses rate increase

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Solid Waste Board held a special meeting Wednesday in which board members introduced recently elected Judge-Executive R.D. Marshall and filled him in on some of the board's ins and outs.

Much of Wednesday's discussion related to the improvements that have taken place over the years with the county's waste management. According to Lon May, waste management collections in the county are now at approximately 97 percent, a significant increase from the 30-to-35 percent they were

seeing back in 1994.

According to board members, county officials haven't always been involved with the solid waste board, but in recent years since the county has become more aware of its importance, they have seen Floyd County move in a positive direction. With countywide educational programs in schools, renewed respect towards the board from citizens, and commitment towards making the right decisions for the betterment of the all communities, members are sure that they are now doing very well.

Board members also discussed the possibility of a

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Hearings in murder case postponed

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Pretrial hearings for the two men charged with the murder of former Johnson County constable James Edward Mollette were rescheduled on Wednesday for April 20.

The hearings were continued for a second time after one of the defendants, Christopher Fairchild, had a pretrial conference in a separate assault case rescheduled for April 20. The rescheduling led to the murder case pretrials being reset for the same day to

make it easier to schedule for attorneys involved with the case.

Tommy Baldrige, 21, and Fairchild, 23, were both arrested Sept. 27, two days after the body of the 68-year-old Mollette was discovered by his neighbors at his home on Middle Greasy Creek near the Boons Camp post office on Route 40. State Police Det. Mike Goble said Mollette had been shot once in the arm, and there was evidence that someone had attempted to cut his throat.

In Goble's report of the

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Mine safety bill stalls; widows urge lawmakers to take action

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Tearful testimony by widows and children of coal miners killed on the job wasn't enough to persuade a key lawmaker to allow a vote on legislation intended to take some of the dangers out of working underground.

"I'm just hoping that our voices will

be heard, so that no other families go through what we've went through," said a weeping Claudia Cole, who testified before the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee on Thursday. "They're not doing enough. We're still here fighting to try to get some of these laws passed."

Committee chairman state Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, said at the close

of a hearing Thursday that he still hasn't decided whether to bring the legislation up for a vote in the natural resources committee, which he chairs.

Cole's husband, Russell Cole, was killed when the roof caved in inside a Harlan County coal mine in 2005. She and her two teenage daughters were among a group Appalachian residents who came to the Capitol to lobby in favor of tougher laws.

Paul Ledford of Dayhoit, who survived of an explosion that killed five miners in Harlan County last year, said he was discouraged that lawmakers listened more closely to coal industry lobbyists than to miners and their widows.

"They don't care about the common man," he said.

The legislation that's pending in

(See BILL, page seven)

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Eula Hall recognized by McConnell

On behalf of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, Donna McClure presented Mud Creek Clinic's Eula Hall with a "Congressional Record" from the 109th Congress dated Nov. 16, 2006.

McClure made the presentation during the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon meeting at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on Monday, Feb. 12.

An excerpt from the document reads, "Mr. President, I rise before you today to honor a great humanitarian and fellow Kentuckian, Eula Hall.

"Over 30 years ago Ms. Hall opened a medical clinic in Pike [sic Floyd] County, Ky., at a time when very few people had medical insurance. Such is her dedication to the people of eastern Kentucky that she soon gave up her home to house the expanding clinic, moving herself and her young family into much smaller housing.

"At 78 years old, Ms. Hall continues to work in the clinic every day, usually starting at 8 in the morning and going late into the evening.

"Recently the Kentucky General Assembly passed a resolution to rename Kentucky Highway 979 the Eula Hall Highway. On Oct. 24, 2006, The Pike County [sic Appalachian] News Express profiled Eula Hall and her accomplishments and sacrifices for the people of Kentucky.

"I ask unanimous consent that the full article be printed in the Record and that the entire Senate join me in paying respect to this beloved Kentuckian.

"There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the Record ..."

McConnell signed the document presented to Hall as follows: "To my friend Eula Hall with admiration and respect."



Donna McClure presented Mud Creek Clinic's Eula Hall with a "Congressional Record" from the 109th Congress

Obituaries

Ernest Baldrige

Ernest Baldrige, 84, of Fountain Lakes, in Estero, Florida, passed away at his home, Sunday, February 11, 2007.

He was born April 4, 1922, in East Point. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He studied law at the University of Kentucky, and Ohio State University, and worked for 33 years as a claims manager for Westfield Insurance Company, in Columbus and Lima, Ohio.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and he was an excellent carpenter and mechanic. He became, late in life, very skilled with computers.

He leaves behind Mary Pat Baldrige, his beloved wife of almost 62 years; and children Betty Schuster of Hansville, Washington; Teri Kozsey (Philip) of North Royalton, Ohio; and James Baldrige (Sue) of Dayton, Ohio.

He is also survived by his sister, Janet Taylor of Columbus, Ohio; his brother Jack Baldrige (Ernestine) of Rock Island, Illinois; and three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday at 10:00 a.m., at Naples Memorial Gardens, 525 111th Avenue, Naples.

(Paid obituary)

his daughter, Cheryl; his grandson, Brian; his sister, Callie; and his brothers, Woodrow and Munroe.

Funeral services for Wornie Hale, will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, February 19, at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with the Rev. Chester Varney officiating.

Burial will be in the Hale Family Cemetery, in Hueysville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Friends may call after 5 p.m., on Saturday, February 17, and after 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, February 18, at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Raleigh Shepherd Jr.



Raleigh Shepherd Jr., age 53, of Lykins Creek, Pikeville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Born May 20, 1953, he was a son of the late Raleigh and Virgie Shepherd of Gunlock, Ky. He was employed by Kentucky Power Company as an electrical engineer, and was a member of the House of Prayer, at Marrowbone, Ky.

Survivors include five sisters, Janet Gay Conley (Willie) of East Point, Ky.; Wanda Fay Bailey (Billy) of Garrett, Ind.; Pauline Schrader (Billy Paul) of Plymouth, Ohio; Jewel Dean Joseph (Claude) of Canton, Ohio; and Joyce Aileen Hale (Jesse) of Canton, Mich. Seven brothers, Haskel Shepherd of Auburn, Ind.; James Gordon Shepherd of Lansing, Mich.; Kermit Shepherd (Virginia) of Wabash, Ind.; Edward Lee Shepherd (Stella Fay) of Piercetown, Ind.; John Clayton Shepherd of Hazard, Ky.; Kenneth Shepherd (Beverly) of Claypool, Ind.; and Eugene Shepherd (Myrtle) of Greenwich, Ohio.

In addition of his parents, preceding him in death were three sisters, Gertrude Pattee, Ethel Vanderpool, and Maxine Shepherd; and one brother, Buell Shepherd.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with ministers Richard Crisp, Jerry Manns and Jennings Norman officiating.

Burial will be in the Raleigh Shepherd Family Cemetery, at Gunlock.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Legislative Briefs: Higher speed limit bill clears Senate panel

The Associated Press

The legislation is Senate Bill 83.

A proposal to raise the speed limit on parts of Kentucky's Interstate highways cleared a legislative hurdle on Wednesday.

The Senate Transportation Committee approved a plan that would increase the interstate speed limit up to 70 mph. Currently, the maximum speed permitted on state interstate highways is 65 mph.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher called for the increased speed limits last year, but the idea never became law.

The bill heads to the full Senate for further consideration.

Fire-safe smokes clears Senate panel

Cigarettes sold in Kentucky would have to be made out of fire-safe paper, which extinguishes itself when left alone, under a bill that cleared a Senate committee on Thursday.

"It will definitely save lives," Russ Sanders, a spokesman for the National Fire Protection Association, told the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee.

So far, six other states have passed legislation requiring manufacturers to sell

only cigarettes equipped with fire-stifling "speed bumps." Similar measures are pending in more than a dozen other states across the country, supporters said.

Fire-safe cigarettes, which are already required in New York, California and Vermont, don't cost more to make or have an effect on taste, Sanders said.

The measure cleared the committee without opposition and heads to the full Senate.

A similar version is pending in the House.

The legislation is Senate Bill 134 and House Bill 278.

House panel OKs bill raising state minimum wage

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Kentucky's lowest-wage workers would get a pay raise under a bill approved by a House panel on Thursday that would raise the state minimum wage.

The version that cleared the Labor and Industry Committee on a 14-2 vote was stripped of a couple of provisions backed by labor advocates.

Under the revised bill, Kentucky's minimum wage would increase from \$5.15 an hour to \$5.85 at the time the

legislation took effect. The minimum wage would go to \$6.55 an hour beginning July 1, 2008, and to \$7.25 an hour the following July 1.

Committee chairman J.R. Gray, D-Benton, said that version mirrors the federal minimum-wage boost currently being considered in Congress.

Gray said he favored the original proposal, but accepted the stripped-down version to try to improve its chances of passing the General Assembly.

Kentucky's minimum wage has been at \$5.15 an hour since 1997.

Labor activists preferred the original proposal, which would have immediately raised Kentucky's minimum wage to \$7 an hour, followed by annual cost-of-living adjustments. Another provision removed from the bill would have eliminated the current wage floor of \$2.13 an hour for employees such as waiters and waitresses who get most of their pay from tips, and would have raised their wages to \$7 an hour.

"We think this bill is basically half a loaf," Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said after-

ward.

The committee heard from a woman who has relied on minimum-wage jobs to support her family for nearly two decades. Cara Prince, 41, of Louisville asked lawmakers to raise the state minimum wage to a "living standard."

She urged lawmakers to take immediate action and not wait for Congress to act.

"I struggle every month, every week wondering if I'm going to get put out of my house," she said.

The legislation is House Bill 305.

Bill

Kentucky would increase the number of mandatory state inspections done at underground mines each year from three to six, require additional oxygen supplies along escape ways, provide methane detectors to every miner, put trained medics at each mine, and give grieving families direct access to information and testimony about deadly accidents.

"It has very commonsense things in it that are designed to protect safety," said state Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, who is sponsoring the legislation.

However, Gooch has refused to allow a vote on the measure. Even after the testimony by Cole and others that had some lawmakers and members of the gallery in tears, Gooch would not commit to bringing the matter up for a vote in the current legislative session.

Gooch said the committee would hear testimony from representatives of the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources and the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing next week to determine whether new laws enacted last year were sufficient to protect miners.

"We wanted to see how what we did last year was working before I brought something else new," he said.

The legislation follows one of the deadliest years in recent history for coal miners in Kentucky. In all, 16 miners were killed on the job in 2006. Five of the deaths were from a single Harlan County underground mine explosion in May.

Yonts said he believes the spike in workplace fatalities shows state law needs to be modified.

State law now requires more oxygen supplies to be stored along underground escape routes in case of emergency, better communications between the surface and underground work areas, and a directional cord or lifeline to make it easier for miners to find their way to exits.

Yonts' measure also requires the lifeline to be made of fireproof material so that it wouldn't be destroyed in an explosion.

State Rep. Tim Couch, R-Hyden, a former coal miner, said he has concerns about

level of regulation that the state is putting on the mining industry.

"You can regulate the business out of business," said Couch, a member of Gooch's committee.

Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO labor group, said it appears the coal industry has been able to pressure certain lawmakers into not taking action on the legislation.

"It looks like it's being held victim to politics," Londrigan said. "We think that's unconscionable."

Steve Earle, a lobbyist for the United Mine Workers of America, said he had been assured that leading Democratic lawmakers would support the mine safety bill.

"If we don't get mine safety legislation through this session," Earle said, "we're going to hold people accountable."

If the legislation proposed by Yonts had been in effect last year, it would have done nothing to save any of the miners

who died on the job, said Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. He said the legislation isn't needed.

"It's the rush to pass legislation that creates unintended consequences and loopholes," Caylor said.

However, Stella Morris, whose husband David Morris Jr. died after being struck by a machine in an underground mine in 2005, said a provision in the legislation that would require two trained medics to be on duty at each mine would indeed save lives.

Morris said her husband wouldn't have died if someone had known how to properly apply a tourniquet to stop bleeding after his legs were severed in the accident.

"Common sense is common sense," Morris said. "Why not fix the problem to see that it doesn't happen again?"

The legislation is House Bill 207.

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 Connie L. Little, 45, of Martin, to Jeffery B. Joseph, 42, of Martin.
 Kristen Marie Hurley, 18, of Melvin, to Ronald Dean Collins, 36, of Melvin.
 Doniella Ann Fields, 33, of Ivel, to Kevin Grant Lowe, 35, of Ivel.
 Penny K. Hinkle, 40, of Prestonsburg, to Walter A. Fulford, 20, of Prestonsburg.
 Jennifer Deleah Slone, 19, of Topmost, to Jeremy Clarence Sexton, 24, of Martin.
 McKella Nasha Case, 20, of Betsy Layne, to Calvin Derrick Hall, 23, of Betsy Layne.
 Carrie Louise Blevins, 28, of Lowmansville, to Jeffery Byron Collins, 36, of Prestonsburg.
 Cloteen Slone, 32, of Wayland, to Chi Coby Spears, 31, of Wayland.

Civil Suits Filed

MRC Receivables Corp. vs. Wanda Nelson; to collect debt
 Capital One Bank vs. Patty Shepherd; to collect debt
 Velocity Investments, LLC vs. Jeffery D. Scarberry; to collect debt
 Discover Bank vs. Linda Little; to collect debt
 RJM Acquisitions LLC vs. Sara Hall; to collect debt
 RJM Acquisitions LLC vs. Douglas Harvey; to collect debt
 MGM Collection Agency, Inc. vs. Ronald Akers; to collect debt
 Discover Bank vs. Bertha S. Clifton; to collect debt
 Community Trust Bank vs. Thomas Wallen; to collect debt
 Christine N. Miller vs. Carl Miller; petition for child support and health care insurance

Sherry Lynn Crace vs. David Lee Crace; dissolution of marriage
 Donald H. and Leslie A. Combs, Steven D. and Teresa H. Combs, and Robert P. Combs vs. Black Diamond Mining Company, LLC; compensatory and punitive damages
 Vera Hale vs. CMH of KY, Inc.; agreed order transferring venue to Floyd Circuit Court
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Loretta Slone; to collect debt
 Angela Moore vs. Garland Nelson Moore; dissolution of marriage
 First Commonwealth Bank vs. Palmer and Cheryl A. Slone; to collect debt
 Glenn A. Akers vs. Paul W.

Gross; petition for child support and health care insurance
 Stacy L. Hall vs. Earl D. Hall; petition for health care insurance
 Ella L. Vance vs. Wendell D. Vance; petition for health care insurance
 Hugh Hall and K&H Trucking vs. Keith Griffith; compensatory and punitive damages
 Dennis R. Hall and Carol Wells vs. Marcia Walls and Nationwide General Insurance Company; compensatory and punitive damages
 Tyrone Lindon vs. Vivian Lindon; dissolution of marriage
 The Courtland Company, LLC, NG Ventures III, LLC;

NG Ventures IV, LLC; NG Ventures V, LLC; NG Ventures VI, LLC; NG Ventures VII, LLC; NG Ventures VIII, LLC vs. Pamela Williams and P&J Resources, Inc.; motion to enforce agreement and action for possession
 Kristi Dawn Howard vs. Ricky Layne Howard; dissolution of marriage
 Star Equipment, Inc. vs. American Mining & Manufacturing Corp.; to collect debt
 Jimmy R. and Pearl Johnson vs. Richard Lewis and Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Company; notice of filing of subrogation listings
 Shane and Meranda Bishop vs. Jodie Hall; compensatory

and punitive damages
 William Osendott vs. Estate of Jamey Wicker, Accordia of West Virginia Inc. and Progressive Direct Insurance Company; compensatory and punitive damages
 Garry D. Evans vs. California Casualty Indemnity Exchange; interrogatories and requests for production of documents propounded to defendant, California Casualty Indemnity Exchange by plaintiff
 Brandon Blackburn, individually and Atisha Damron, individually vs. Delmas R. Hall; complaint with demand for a trial by jury
 Amy Michelle Bays and Sam Bays vs. Mark E. Patton;

plaintiff's first set of interrogatories and request for production of documents to defendant, Mark E. Patton

Small Claims Filings

Cardinal Country Stores vs. Mike Cantrell; to collect debt
 Jamie Martin vs. Mary and Robbie Wright; to collect debt

Charges Filed

Shawn Sexton, 23; second-degree assault, second-degree criminal trespassing
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— Guest View —

Editorial roundup

The Los Angeles Times, on the North Korean nuclear disarmament deal:

In an increasingly scary world, score one small point for pragmatism and global sanity: North Korea has agreed in principle to a nuclear disarmament deal.

The very tentative one-page agreement struck in Beijing ... is only a shaky first step after years of paralysis. ... And yes, North Korea will receive a bit of fuel oil to sweeten the deal, something the Bush administration had long viewed as anathema.

Conservatives, predictably, are hollering betrayal. The Bush administration's once preeminent hawk, former U.N. Ambassador John R. Bolton, said the deal "contradicts fundamental premises of the president's policy he's been following for the past six years."

Bolton is right. President Bush has changed course abandoning a failed policy in favor of one that might have a prayer of succeeding.

... Only when Bush acceded to the other countries' desire to include the fuel component in the deal did the talks get unblocked. This is what multilateralism looks like. ...

The Denver Post, on diplomacy with Iran:

The Bush administration has intensified its rhetoric against Iran in recent weeks, but to what end is uncertain. Officials are straining to make the case that Iran is training Shiite militants inside Iraq and supplying them with sophisticated explosive weapons that imperil American soldiers and Iraqi civilians. ...

The president has backed up the rhetoric by sending a second aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf and positioning more Patriot anti-missile batteries in the region. He's ordered the capture or killing of Iranian agents in Iraq, while the Treasury Department has quietly persuaded some investors and banks to stop doing business with a nation Bush has called part of an "axis of evil."

We don't doubt for a minute that Iran poses a significant threat in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East. But we haven't heard a word about diplomacy from the Bush administration, and it's high time. Given Iran's ailing economy, and the current regime's loss of popularity due to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's defiance of the U.N. Security Council's request to halt its uranium enrichment program, now would seem a good opportunity for negotiations. ...

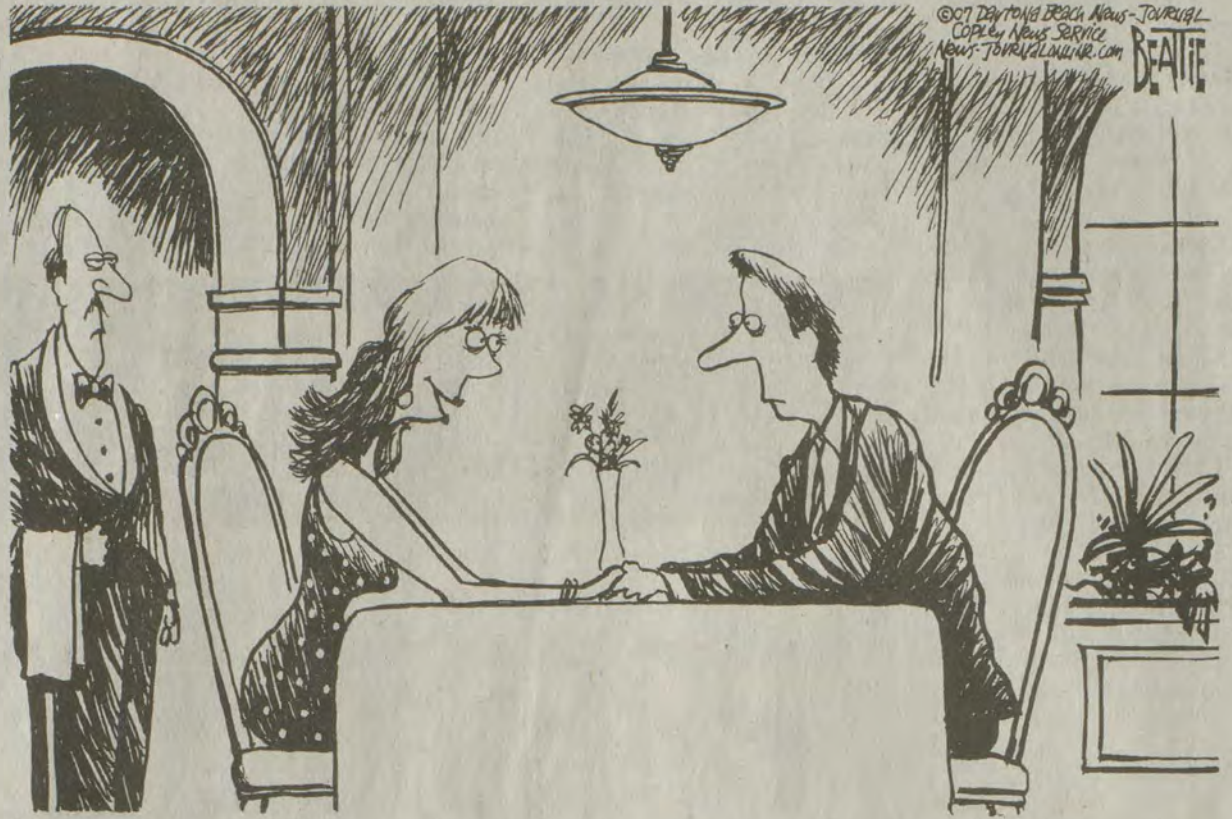
The Manhattan (Kan.) Mercury, on another \$1 coin:

Susan B. Anthony couldn't get so much as a jingle. Nor could Sacagawea get America to change its pocket change. Now the U.S. Mint is calling out the heavy hitters — our presidents — in an attempt to succeed where two women important in our history failed.

New \$1 coins are coming out this week, and, starting with three months of George Washington, they'll bear the images of U.S. presidents. Americans familiar with their history will know that John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison will follow. Like the Sacagawea dollar, the new coins will be golden.

Folks who prefer President Washington on paper money needn't worry, at least not anytime soon. The new dollar coins will complement, not replace, their paper brethren.

With the approval of Congress, the U.S. Mint is proceeding with its succession of president dollars in the hope that Americans get accustomed to dollar coins. Maybe we'll take to the president dollars with the same enthusiasm we have pursued the state quarters. The difference, of course, is that we were already used to quarters. ...



"I don't care about roses or chocolates . . . how far would you drive for me in a diaper?"

— Guest Column —

The true purpose of government

by DANA BEASLEY-BROWN

I grew up in a very poor family. My parents and my five siblings squeezed into a singlewide trailer, doing the best we could to get by. When I was very young, I realized how economic policies affected my everyday life. I decided then to devote my life to becoming a voice for the low-income community. In 2000, I received a Pell Grant to attend Western Kentucky University, and I plan on becoming an advocate for the low-income community after my husband graduates from seminary.

The Pell Grant that helped me afford to go to college is an example of why I believe in government. It makes sense that we open opportunities to people who can grow from them. It is our collective responsibility to do this, and we work through government to fulfill that responsibility.

So often, though, in the political arena, the true purpose of government gets lost. Already, we're hearing about plans to outsource our children's education to businesses, or to depend on casinos to share their profits to fund our state's public structures. Can't we do better than this?

Government is part of civil society; it is the vehicle that all Kentuckians use to make this state what it needs to be. We fill our potholes, we educate our children, and we make sure that everyone has access to running water. We can't do these things individually, but we con-

gregate through government to collectively contribute to the common good.

My experience with the Pell Grant also tells a story about why I'm worried about our state's future. The grant started out as a great opportunity, but each year, the aid I received dwindled, not because my family was making more money, but because tuition was rising and the funding for grants was eroding. I paid my bills by going hungry toward the end of each month. Now my husband and I are trying to pay back all the loans. He's in seminary, I'm working two jobs, and we're still struggling.

I know my story is not a unique one in this state. Over the last five years, our state government has endured \$1 billion in budget cuts. Kentuckians are feeling the pinch because we all see that our state has not been moving forward. The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation just released a study that found that it will take 153 years for Kentucky's median household income to meet the national average. And despite the rhetoric about the importance of education, Kentucky leadership has failed to adequately fund our educational system. Governing Magazine ranks Kentucky 50th in per capita K-12 education funding. Just recently, Education Week released a study determining that because of high poverty rates and low investments in education, a child born in Kentucky is significantly less likely to succeed than children born in 40 other states.

We, the people — my friends, my family, and the people at my church — are worried about Kentucky's future. We don't need studies to tell us that things aren't good here. But

we know that with the right leadership, we can be a better state. We can invest in our public structures so that all Kentuckians have a chance to succeed. We're looking for elected officials who see Kentucky's reality squarely, and will help us fix it. This is our state—not the casinos', or the highest bidders'—and we need leadership that respects the potential that we have.

We — the people who are here living and working and making this state what it is — want to fairly and adequately address our budget's structural deficit, and we want a leader who invests in Kentuckians' ability to move forward with the rest of the country. We want every Kentucky family to have access to adequate housing and good health care. We want students to be able to afford college. We want jobs to be sound and sustainable. We want our children to want to stay here. We want to come together for the common good, and we need a governor who supports us in that.

This is what the people in Kentucky are talking about. We're looking for leaders who will join our conversation.

Beasley-Brown, is a graduate of Western Kentucky University with degrees in political science and communication. She works part-time with Spouse and Family Ministries at Asbury Theological Seminary and part-time for a licensed marriage and family therapist in Lexington. She is also on the Economic Justice Committee for Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, an organization working to build grassroots support for economic justice in Kentucky.

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'Bridge to Terabithia' offers quaint, wholesome tale for kids

by **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
AP MOVIE CRITIC

There's something endearingly quaint about the images and ideas presented in "Bridge to Terabithia," the notion that the most troubling force in a kid's life could be the fear of a bully on the school bus, and that frolicking in the woods could provide the perfect escape.

The special effects in this coming-of-age fantasy tale, though, are extremely high-tech — yet feel distractingly literal and clunky. (They come from Weta Digital, the same company that designed the visuals for the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.) Killer birds and giant squirrels and menacing trees come out of nowhere and dart about in this live-action feature debut from Hungarian animation artist Gabor Csupo, who helped create "The Simpsons."

It's what you don't see that's usually more compelling. If you're a fan of the genre (say, a fantasy geek, and that's meant in the warmest of ways), all this



"Bridge to Terabithia," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for thematic elements including bullying, some peril and mild language. Running time: 95 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

probably will seem totally fine, however.

Effortless performances from the two young stars ultimately make this movie worthwhile, regardless of the age of the kids watching. Josh Hutcherson and AnnaSophia Robb star as Jess and Leslie, the outcasts of Katherine Paterson's novel who form a friendship based on loneliness and a shared love of imagination. (Paterson's son, David, for whom she wrote the story in 1978, co-wrote the script with Jeff Stockwell.)

Jess and Leslie merge his artistic skills with her talent for storytelling to create Terabithia,

a magical land in the forest behind their homes where they rule as king and queen, and where they can exact their elaborate revenge on the mean kids who taunt them at school. He's one of five children in a family where financial problems constantly loom; she's the new kid in school, the wealthy only child of two successful, quirky writers.

If it were reality, Jess and Leslie would probably be sneaking cigarettes in their tree house and complaining about how much life sucks. Instead, they challenge each other to foot races down long, dirt roads and swing on a rope across a

stream to their favorite hiding spot — and never once come close to kissing.

It's refreshingly sweet, and the two young stars are an easy fit for each other. Hutcherson is a subtle and suitably stoic pre-teen, but Robb ("Because of Winn-Dixie," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory") is just radiant, with her bright eyes and confident smile.

Robert Patrick co-stars as Jess' gruff, hardworking dad, with the impossibly adorable Bailee Madison as his tag-along little sister, May Belle. And Zooey Deschanel, lovely as always, plays the kids' supportive music teacher. (Her presence toward the end does feel like a bit of a plot contrivance, though.)

If you've never read the book, here's a bit of advice: Bring Kleenex. What starts out idyllic and wholesome can be heartbreaking by the end. That's all we'll say. After all, some things are better left to the imagination.

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
TIMES COLUMNIST

A mixed bag of releases this week was highlighted by the latest from director Martin Scorsese and, surprisingly, an animated adventure from The Cartoon Network.

"The Departed" — Scorsese revisits the mob, this time in Boston, with an intricately plotted drama about spies who are deeply embedded in both a crime family and the Boston Police Department. The film charts a game of cat and mouse between each spy as he tries to uncover the other. This is based on a fine Hong Kong epic called "Infernal Affairs" (which spawned two sequels) and works here due to the incredible stunt casting that includes a ferocious performance by Jack Nicholson as the mob kingpin under investigation. The leads are well played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Matt Damon who, as the spies, work hard to ferret each other out. The pair only have one scene together, but it's a doozy which comes in the final act. The film also features a seasoned supporting cast that includes Mark Wahlberg, Martin Sheen and Ray ("Sexy Beast") Winstone.

"Marie Antoinette" — Sofia Coppola follows up her pitch perfect "Lost in Translation" with this incredibly boring account of the French Revolution's central figure. Eat your cake in front of another movie.

"Masters of Horror: Pelts" — Horror maestro Dario

Argento crafted this entry for Showtime's terror series. It is one of the better entries in a very mediocre second season that adapts an F. Paul Wilson story about the fur trade. Here some prime skins, from raccoons inhabiting a haunted cemetery, refuse to stay dead, which makes trouble for a hard-on-his-luck businessman. Meatloaf stars as the tycoon and gets good support from B-movie stalwart John Saxon.

"Hellboy: Sword of Storms" — The cast of Guillermo Del Toro's film return for this animated adventure which debuted on the Cartoon Network. This time Hellboy must confront a mythological Japanese beast after a professor unearths an

ancient scroll that should have stayed hidden. The action is fairly nonstop and another animated Hellboy adventure is forthcoming before Del Toro returns with a second live action opus based on Mike Mignola's satanic superhero.

"Zoom: Academy of Heroes" — Tim Allen stars in this superhero-themed comedy that should appeal to youngsters. Allen is pretty much wasted as an ex-hero (his super speed has long since faded) who gets a chance to leave his auto shop to train a gang of teenage upstarts at a private academy. Chevy Chase looks miserable here as does Kevin Zegers (who was off to a great start after his fine work in "Transamerica").

"Half Nelson" — A high school teacher forms an unlikely relationship with one of his female students in this drama about human frailty. Ryan Gosling gives an all-systems-go performance as the teacher who has a drug problem. His relationship with the student actually begins when she realizes his problem, but giving away anymore would cost me an apple from viewers so check this one out and polish that mackintosh for me because you will definitely enjoy this one.

Next week look for Brad Pitt in the ensemble drama "Babel" and check out Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale as dueling magicians in "The Prestige."

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James Douglas Cole, 35; first-degree fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct

Mistie Lamartz, 21; flagrant non support

Jessica Lee Howard, 25; first-degree traffic in a controlled substance

Ezra Allen, 51; traffic in marijuana 8 oz. to 5 lbs., first-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia

Inspections

T Mart, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, cloths used for wiping food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, toilet room doors not self closing, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair or constructed properly, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 94

Hi-Lite Pizza, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing and using chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, toilet room doors not self closing, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 94

Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of single service articles. Score: 99

Subway, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Cloths used for wiping

food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, toilet rooms doors not self closing, floors not constructed properly. Score: 96

Adkins Quick Stop, Honaker, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 96

Baptist Daycare, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, improper storage of single service articles, clean linen not properly stored. Score: 97

Ryan's Mobile Home Park, Banner, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not systematically numbered, driveways and walkways in disrepair, mobile home lot size not of compliance standards, park lacks sufficient number of garbage containers, park has scattered debris over entire lot. Score: 90

Speedway #9566, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of single service articles, improper dispensing of single service articles, adequate garbage and refuse containers not provided, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair or constructed properly, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: Food, 96, Retail, 97.

Jan and Ben's Inc., Bevinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and

holding temperature of potentially hazardous foods, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food contact surfaces not properly constructed or maintained, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, improper storage of single service articles, improper dispensing of single service articles, floors not constructed properly, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair or constructed properly, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 92

Martin's Quick Stop, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of effective hair restraints, non food contact surfaces not properly designed or constructed, toilet room doors not self closing, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not clean, light fixtures not shielded as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 95, Retail, 94.

Long John Silver's Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous foods, non food contact surfaces not properly constructed or maintained, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping food contact surfaces not stored or rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink. Score: 94

Wal-Mart, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food not protected during storage, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 97

Food City #457, Prestonsburg, regular inspec-

tion. Score: Cloths used for wiping food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, improper dispensing of single service articles, improper storage of single service articles, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, employees personal items not stored properly, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 93, Retail, 96

Allen Mobile Home Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not systematically numbered, park lacks sufficient number of individual garbage containers, park lacks sufficient lighting. Score: 94

Red Top Tobacco, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes.

Martha's Pizza & More, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, toilet room doors not self closing, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair. Score: 93

Hobart's Pizzeria, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 94

Hall's Community, Bypro, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, food contact surfaces not properly maintained, toilet room doors not self closing, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, toxic items not properly stored, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored, litter on the premises. Score: 82

Big Sandy Properties, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: Mobile home lots not systematically numbered, drive ways and main street in need of repair, mobile home lot size not of compliance standards, park lacks of sufficient number of individual garbage cans, several lots have accumulation of debris, park lighting not sufficient. Score: 88

McDowell Senior Citizens Center, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 98

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Mary Jo Patterson to Matt Co. Inc., property located at Meadows Branch.

Michael David Patterson to Matt Co. Inc., property located at Meadows Branch.

Kathy Prater to DFM Coal LLC, property located at Left Fork of Middle Creek.

Michael Prater to DFM Coal LLC, property located at Left Fork of Middle Creek.

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William P. Rannels to Lonzo and Ramona Bowling, property location undisclosed.

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Laura Salisbury to Glen Salisbury, property located at Tolers Creek.

Doc Scutchfield to Matt Co. Inc., property located at Meadows Branch.

Myra Slate to Marline Burchett, property located at Beaver Creek.

Kayla Tackett to Irene Moore, property located at Clear Creek.

Kevin Tackett to Irene Moore, property located at Clear Creek.

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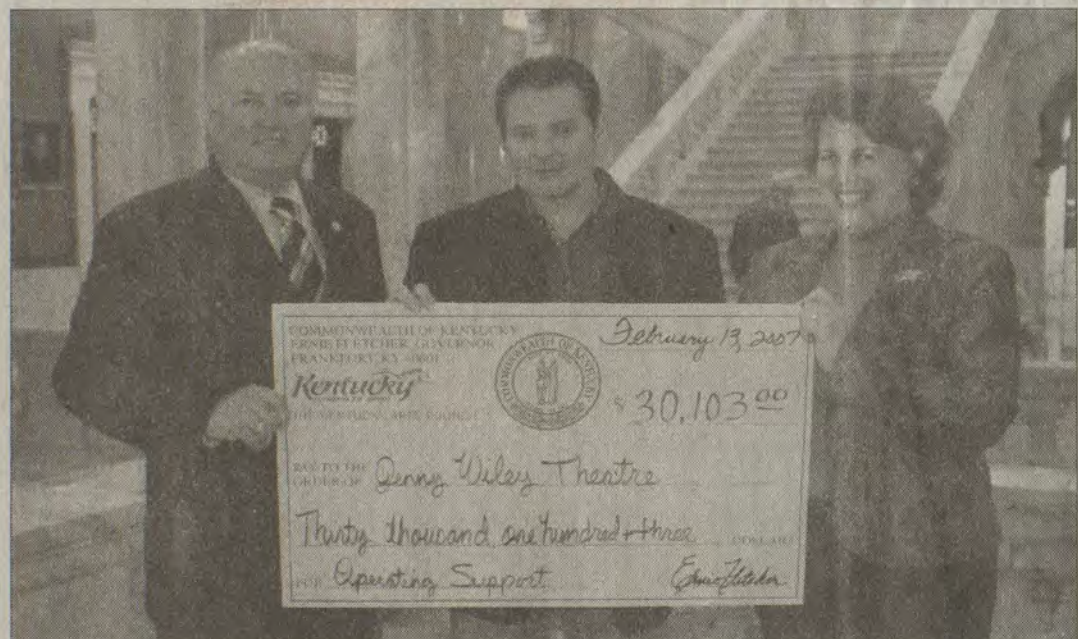
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Jenny P. Ward to Sandra Sue Martin, property located at Prestonsburg.

Larry Ward Jr. to Sandra Sue Martin, property located at Prestonsburg.

Bessie Woods to Cindy and Larry J. Mullins, property location undisclosed.



From left to right, Senator Turner, Martin Childers and Kentucky Arts Council Executive Director Lori Meadows.



From left to right, Kentucky Arts Council Board Member Retha Tarter, Representative Spencer and Executive Director Lindy Casebier, Office of Arts and Cultural Heritage in the Commerce Cabinet.

Turner, Spencer present grant to JWT

FRANKFORT — Arts leaders from across the Commonwealth came to Frankfort on Feb. 13 to celebrate Arts Day and meet with their legislators. During this time, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Rep. James B. Spencer presented a check to Martin Childers, Executive Director of Jenny Wiley Theatre, for its

FY2007 General Operating Support Grant.

Jenny Wiley Theatre was awarded \$30,103 by the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet.

"I grew up attending the Jenny Wiley Theatre. It's a vital piece of our culture," said Sen. Turner.

General Operating Support grants from the Kentucky Arts Council provide operational funding assistance on a competitive basis to arts and cultural organizations and community arts programs to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to people across Kentucky.

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Lawsuit

representing the women, said he has many questions about the police officer's actions outside of the sexual assault allegations. One question he has is why he would tell everyone to leave the residence when some

of them had had a few drinks earlier in the evening. Two of the women bringing the lawsuit said they had had a few drinks hours earlier, while one had not had anything to drink because she was babysitting her niece.

Dogs

said he was forced to make the decision to put the elk out of its misery.

"It had bite marks all over one side and on its rear," said Logsdon. "He was suffering traumatically."

According to Logsdon, the wild dogs at Dewey Lake are becoming more of a problem, although they aren't positive these animals are wild. Logsdon says that as officials were removing the elk from the icy water, the dogs returned and didn't seem to be intimidated by their presence, making him think they are domesticated.

"These may be free ranging dogs," Logsdon said. "The owners may just let them run loose."

According to officials, this isn't the first time they have seen this particular pack of dogs. They had previously been seen chasing deer at the Jenny Wiley Disc Golf Course. Big game officials in Frankfort say the Wildlife department does not have jurisdiction over

"domesticated" animals, and therefore cannot do anything about it.

"We'd like to see the local animal control deal with these dogs," said Kentucky Elk Program representative Tina Brunjes. "Obviously these dogs are comfortable with people."

Floyd County does have two animal control officers and Judge-Executive R.D. Marshall said on Thursday that he plans to notify them of the situation immediately and see what course of action they need to take in order to alleviate the problem.

Logsdon says that an elk in any other situation than this one, probably could have defended itself, but the ice made it extremely difficult for it to walk.

Thursday's incident is the first one of its kind in the immediate area since elk were introduced in 1997 and have become the largest free ranging elk herd in the eastern half of the United States.

Hearings

crime scene, he said there were no signs of forced entry, but the home had been ransacked and Mollette's pockets had been turned inside out, leading investigators to believe that Mollette had been killed in a robbery.

Both men face identical charges, including complicity to commit murder, first-degree complicity to commit robbery, complicity to commit theft and complicity to tampering with physical evidence. The complicity to murder charges in both cases are death penalty eligible cases.

Court records reveal that both men have criminal records and prior convictions. Baldrige has been arrested previously for receiving stolen

property, theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, aggravated assault, public intoxication and two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor. Fairchild's record includes charges of public intoxication, DUI, two counts of burglary and robbery of a convenience store in Staffordsville in 2002. Fairchild pleaded guilty to the robbery charge and was sentenced to five years in prison, serving one year.

Mollette served as constable for Johnson County from 1994 to 1998. He was arrested Aug. 26 on drug trafficking and possession of a controlled substance charges. Mollette was free on bond at the time of his death and had not been indicted in the case.

Increase

75 cent rate increase for garbage pick up in the county, citing that they need the extra money to operate successfully.

"The rate increase should give us enough money to operate on," said board member Barney Walker.

Although the county has eliminated most of its debt over the years, they still need the added income of the rate increase to insure that they can operate successfully and continue to pay their bills. Board members say if the increase took place in the near future, any additional increase would not be permitted until December 2010. Board members said since they were at a special called meeting, no decision regarding the rate increase could be made.

In other discussions at the meeting, Marshall was notified that the board needs an additional representative, noting one board member had to discontinue his service due to illness. Marshall says he has someone in mind who expressed interest in serving within the county and board members agreed that Ernie Moore, the suggested replacement, would do well with the position. Marshall says he will discuss the issue with Moore and let the board know what his decision is.

Floyd County Solid Waste is now actively working on cleaning up illegal dumps in the area and they want help

from citizens. Board members say if anyone wants to report an illegal dump, they should call 886-7890 and their office will send an official out to inspect the problem and take the needed steps to alleviate it. Judge Marshall says keeping our county "clean, green and beautiful" affects every aspect of its success, including tourism and business.

"I've instructed my magistrates that when they are having a slow day, that we are going to pick up garbage on the roadsides," said Marshall. "Keeping our county clean is very important."

Regular meetings of the Floyd County Solid Waste Board will take place at 10 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

eBay

pieces of evidence, including many items that had been packaged and readied for delivery to buyers on eBay.

At the time of her arrest, the seller's account which was registered to Wicker and another Floyd County woman who received a 10-year sentence in the same case showed that more than 1,000 items had been sold prior to their arrests and another 93 items were on sale.

"In what manual of police training do you ever tell people who had been drinking to go home?" Barber said. "That alone is something that does not sit well with me."

The third time Shepard came to the residence he was alone and, according to the women, he came in without evening knocking. The woman who lived in the apartment said Shepard asked to talk to her in private, and the two went to talk downstairs away from the other two women, but to her surprise he said he wanted to go into the bedroom and talk in private. The woman was wiping tears from her eyes as she said she did not want to talk about what had happened, but said it was at this time that Shepard sexually assaulted her.

"I just thought he was doing his job. He made no threats or anything like that," she said. "You're thinking it's the law, so you just do what he said."

The 19-year-old woman who had been babysitting

echoed the sentiments of the others.

"All my life I've been raised to trust [police officers], and then this happened to me."

When she saw that her friend was taken to another area of the house to talk to Shepard, the 20-year-old woman ran to another room to call her boyfriend, who had been there earlier in the evening. She told him to call the state police and tell them to hurry, which he did. Four or five calls were made by him throughout the night. The parents of the woman who lived in the apartment lived only two doors down, and shortly after the other two women had allegedly been sexually assaulted, they were contacted as to what was happening and came down to the apartment. At this point the women said Shepard grabbed a bag, which they said he had brought with him, and left the residence, telling the parents that nothing was wrong and that it was "a false alarm." Some of the men who had been

there earlier that morning told Shepard to stay until the state police arrived, but he left in his police cruiser.

The women charge in the complaint that Shepard committed acts of sexual assault and battery and false imprisonment. Shepard and the city of Martin are jointly accused of negligent hiring and retention, violation of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act, and the intentional infliction of emotional distress or outrage.

Barber said the defendants have 20 days to respond to the

complaint, and he said he believes if charges are filed that a special grand jury will be formed to hear the case. He also said all three women have agreed to take polygraph tests, while he said Shepard has allegedly declined to take a lie detector test.

"I had those initial feelings that this (story) is too outrageous to be true, but then after talking to them separately, their stories and how they didn't want to talk about what happened too much makes me believe," Barber said.

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FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



Stumbo students to represent county

The John M. Stumbo Forensics Team received 3rd place at the regional forensics competition held at South Floyd High School and they are statebound. They are the only students who will be representing Floyd County.



Stumbo students excel

Stumbo Elementary students Nakeya Hall placed in Poetry and Prose; Amberly Hall placed in Broadcasting and Poetry; and Savannah Swiney placed in Storytelling. These three girls will be competing at the state level in Bowling Green, March 22nd-23rd.



ACHS 2006 Conservation Writing Contest winners.

From left to right: Bridget Stone, Cassie Hyden, and Samantha Wilson.



Sharing family history

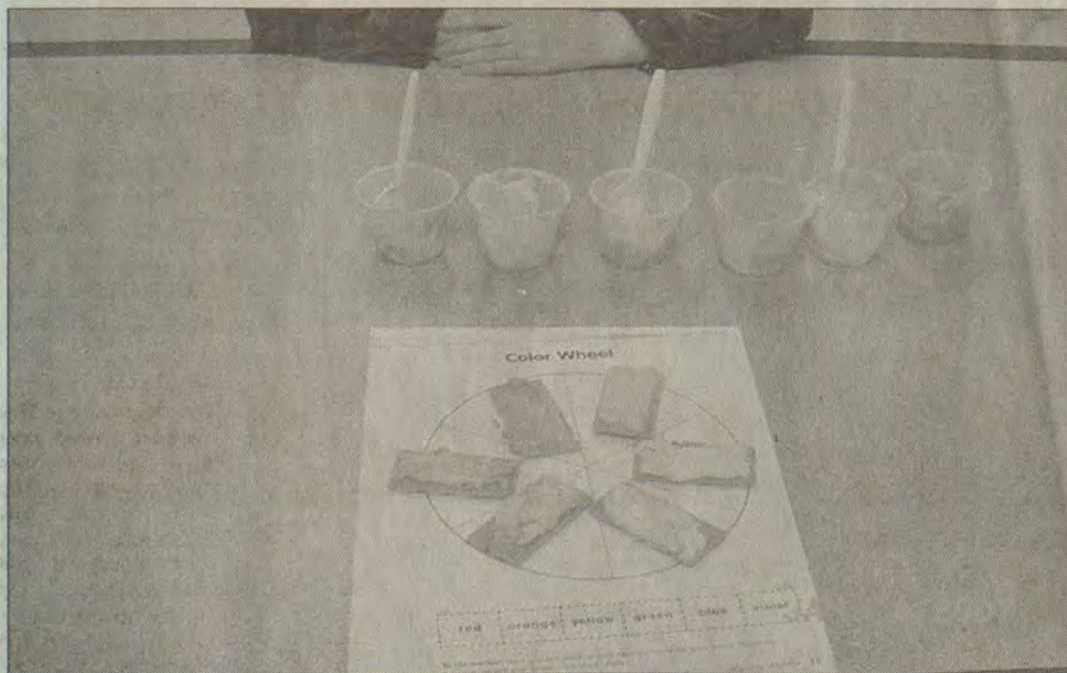
May Valley Elementary student McHana Sword proudly shares a photo of her father who is an armed forces veteran. Hannah is in Mrs. Meade's 3rd grade class and is a 4-H club member. Students honored our country's veteran's with a display of photos in the lobby of the school.



Stumbo Elementary students enjoy the "fruits of their labor."

Learning tastes good

Second and third grade students at John M. Stumbo Elementary learned about placement of colors on the color wheel by making an edible color wheel in class. The media used was graham crackers and low-calorie, colored whipped topping. The students first frosted crackers with the primary colors, then they mixed the primary colors together to make the secondary colors and placed them in their correct places on the color wheel. After photographing the edible color wheels the students got to eat their work.

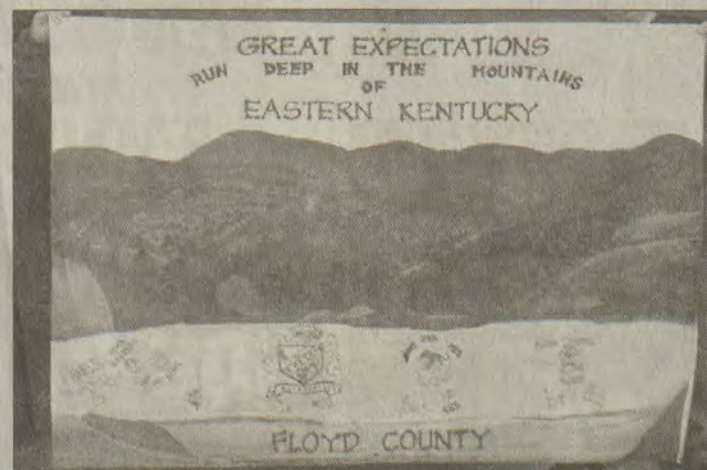


A completed, and very tasty, color wheel.



Stumbo Elementary designs KSBA banner

Stumbo Elementary was chosen to design a banner for the KSBA (Kentucky School Boards Association) Conference held in Louisville, Feb. 23-25. This banner represents all schools in Floyd County. Stumbo staff and students share that they feel honored to have been chosen for this project. Looking at the banner, one can see that each school's mascot is represented. Angie Martin was the supervisor for this project and obviously did a wonderful job, as did the students who contributed to the banner's design and completion. JoAnn Martin also donated time and help in getting the banner completed. Thanks to all who were involved in the creation of this lovely banner.



(Above) Students who contributed to the banner's creation are: Aaron Beard, T.J. Tackett, Erica Newsome, Patricia Swiney, April Hall, Terry Hinkle, Tanner Martin, Cody Akers, Amanda Newsome, Brittany Gibson, Gabriel Vance, Landon Tackett and Crit Mitchell. Not pictured is Christopher Blackburn.

(Left) Close-up of banner designed by Stumbo Elementary students to represent Floyd County at the upcoming KSBA conference.



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Lady Blackcats beat South Floyd for second straight win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg overcame a slow start on Monday night and defeated Floyd County Conference/58th District foe South Floyd 49-36 in an all-important girls' basketball matchup. Sophomore Linsey Fields scored a game-high 18 points and senior Amber Whitaker added 15 to lead the Lady Blackcats to the win. Junior Julianne Frye hit a pair of three-point field goals and added eight points for Prestonsburg. The Lady Blackcats applied pres-

sure and limited South Floyd offensively. Prestonsburg was able to hold South Floyd to eight or fewer points in each of the first three quarters. South Floyd held a slim 5-4 lead at the end of the opening quarter. But Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack got his team turned around after the first eight-minute period. The Lady Blackcats jumped out in front in the second quarter, going on a 9-0 run. Prestonsburg never trailed after the scoring spurt. The Lady Blackcats led South Floyd 23-13 at halftime. Any hopes South Floyd had of battling back in the third quarter were dashed when

Prestonsburg went on a 15-6 run. The Lady Blackcats hit 19 shots from the floor, but finished just nine-for-20 from the free throw line. Hannah Fitzpatrick scored five points, Elizabeth Chaffin chipped in two and Alicia Mayfield scored on a free throw for Prestonsburg. The win was Prestonsburg's second straight. The latest victory allowed the Lady Blackcats to improve to 9-14. Chelsie Tuttle scored a team-high 13 points to lead South Floyd. Kayla Hall and Danielle Tackett each had

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Prestonsburg junior Julianne Frye prepared to deliver a pass during Monday's district game between the Lady Blackcats and visiting South Floyd.

photo by Jamie Howell

College made Wise choice

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Some 32 years ago, the idea of basketball teams for females was just coming back into vogue for high schools and colleges. Locally the initiative was just swelling back up, with high schools only a few years into



Rick Bentley

adding girls' basketball to the very brief roster of sports and Pikeville College still a couple of years from starting a team of its own.

But down in Taylor County, Campbellsville College hired themselves a new coach 32 years ago.

And tomorrow, that now-legendary instructor will lead what is now Campbellsville University to Pikeville one final time.

Ask most people to name a list of legendary coaches in Kentucky and they'll mention the big guys — Rupp, Crum, Pitino, Smith. Dig a little deeper and you'll find names like Ed Diddle at Western and Morehead's Ellis Johnson.

But the heart of college basketball in Kentucky has been beating thanks to the work of some absolute legends at its small colleges. Ask around them and you'll hear about guys like Jim Reid at Georgetown, Campbellsville's Lou Cunningham, Randy Vernon at Cumberland, Transy's Don Lane and Roland Wierwille at Berea.

In women's basketball, the list is even shorter.

With the exception of Susan Johnson at Georgetown, the list begins and ends with Donna Wise.

"What Donna has done is really amazing," said Vernon, now the athletics director at Cumberland. "The fact that she stayed at Campbellsville for the 32 years is something you just don't see that happening very much anymore. It's do a good job and move on. She has done a great

(See BENTLEY, page ten)



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Prestonsburg senior Mason Vance (pictured contesting a shot from South Floyd senior Ethan Johnson) gave the Blackcats a boost in off of the bench. Below: Jody Tackett, a Prestonsburg sophomore, defended against South Floyd's Wes Akers.

Hughes, Patton push P'burg past Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — After dropping a key Floyd County Conference/58th District game to Betsy Layne on Friday night, Prestonsburg started a new week on a winning note against another county opponent. The Blackcats averaged just over 22 points per quarter on Monday night, rolling to a convincing 89-63 win over South Floyd.

Bobby Hughes fired in a game-high 23 points for the Blackcats. Trevor Patton followed with 22 points for defending 58th District Champion Prestonsburg. Mason Vance and Nathaniel Stephens joined Patton in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Patton scored seven points in the opening quarter and led Prestonsburg out to a 20-15 first quarter lead. Hughes scored 10 points and Patton had nine in the second quarter as the Blackcats led 41-35 at halftime.

Prestonsburg (9-12) separated itself from the

(See P-BURG, page ten)



Rebs dodge Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Allen Central stayed a shot or two ahead of Betsy Layne for most all of Monday night's Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup. The Rebels led at the conclusion of each quarter and held on late to win 51-48 in what was a makeup contest of a previously scheduled game which was postponed due to inclement weather.

Josh Martin led a balanced Allen Central scoring effort with 15 points. Martin's scoring total included seven field goals. Tyler Slone joined Martin in double figures for the Rebels, adding 12 points. Ryan Collins scored eight points while Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater flipped in seven apiece for Allen Central.

(See REBS, page ten)

Knights drop regular-season district finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FOREST HILLS — After beating Riverside Christian on Homecoming Saturday night, the Piarist School boys' basketball traveled to Belfry Monday for its regular-season finale. Looking to end the season on a winning note against a 60th District opponent, Piarist found a talented Belfry team waiting to entertain. After a back-and-fourth first quarter, Belfry managed beat Piarist 93-60.

After taking an 18-15 lead out of the first quarter, Belfry led Piarist 45-29 at halftime.

Belfry led the Knights 74-42 at the end of the third quarter.

Jamie Case was the catalyst for Belfry, scoring a game-high

(See KNIGHTS, page ten)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Amby Tackett scored seven points in Betsy Layne's 56-28 win over Floyd County Conference/58th District counterpart Allen Central.

Ladycats remain perfect in county

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Ladycats went one step closer to finishing the regular-season portion of the Floyd County Conference/58th District regular-season undefeated on Wednesday night. In a makeup game of a previously postponed contest, Betsy Layne held Allen Central to just five second-half points and coasted past the Lady Rebels 56-28.

In doubling up Allen Central, Betsy Layne outscored the Lady Rebels 24-5 in the second half.

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HONORED: Prestonsburg High School head football coach John DeRossett presented seniors Wes Woods (OL/DL) and Seth Moore (K) with certificates for being members of the (Louisville) Courier-Journal's All-State Team. DeRossett presented the certificates Monday afternoon after receiving them from the Louisville newspaper.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Bentley

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job but felt her calling was at Campbellsville, and that says a lot about her.”

What is the span of the legend of Donna Wise? Consider:

- 21 different 20-win seasons
- 14 20-win seasons in a 15-year period
- 23 NAIA All-Americans
- 16 national-tournament appearances
- 17 conference championships
- Three-time national coach of the year

■ Seven-time conference coach of the year

■ And, entering Thursday, she had 657 career wins

Those numbers are staggering and leave even legends like Vernon in awe. “The consistency of her program cannot be matched. Look at the number of wins, the championships, the national tournaments,” he said. “You just don’t find many coaches who can do that and Donna will be missed in the Mid-South Conference for years to come.”

But for many of her peers, it’s the Donna Wise off the floor that many will miss. “Even though we’ve been great competitors, she always spent time with my players, recognizing them for what they accomplished for us,” said Lindsey Wilson Coach John Wethington. “She’s just that kind of coach and person.”

“Donna is a classy person on the floor and off,” said Bill Watson, whose Lady Bears will honor Wise in a pregame ceremony on Saturday. “She’s

very involved in the sport on a national level and is someone I’ve always tried to emulate.”

Wise says Pikeville will always have a place in her heart, as will people like Watson and former Pikeville College Coach Roy Cutright.

“Roy and Lynn are friends of mine, and they had some outstanding players go through their program there. It’s been a good rivalry with Roy, and with Bill as well. I can’t say I’m going to miss the trip,” she said this week with a chuckle,

“but I’ve really enjoyed the friendships.”

Vernon points out that while he had to be concerned about what his men’s basketball peers were doing, he’s always admired Wise and what she’s done at Campbellsville.

“In terms of what she has done, anyone in our profession would look upon that as nothing greater or less than anyone else in the profession has done,” he said. “I think all those guys you mentioned, if you could ask them, they have

admired her too.”

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m., Pikeville College will say goodbye to an absolute legend when Donna Wise coaches her last game in Pikeville.

Opponents come and opponents go, but quite frankly, seldom do they make an impression. But the great ones, they always leave a mark.

Donna Wise? She’s coaching royalty.

And Donna Wise will be missed.

Rebs

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Nearly all of Allen Central’s scoring (50 of 52 points) came from its starters.

Farley Joseph entered the game in off of the bench and added two points for the Rebels.

The Rebels ended the first quarter out in front of Betsy

Layne 14-11. Allen Central held a slim 25-23 lead at half-time.

The Rebels prevailed, despite hitting just six-of-15 free throw attempts. Allen Central owned a 35-32 lead when the third quarter concluded.

Justin Collins hit three three-pointers and led Betsy Layne with 17 points, Samuel Keathley hit one of two fourth quarter three-pointers and added nine points for the Bobcats. Trai Witt and Jarod Newman followed with eight points apiece for Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne hit six three-pointers in the setback. The Bobcats connected on six-of-11 foul shots.

Allen Central 51, Betsy Layne 48

BETSY LAYNE (9-13) – Case 3, Collins 17, Lafferty 3, Keathley 9, Witt 8, Newman 8.

ALLEN CENTRAL (18-5) – Martin 15, Collins 8, Slone 12, Hammonds 7, Prater 7, Joseph 2.

AC.....14 11 10 16-51

BL.....11 12 9 16-48

Knights

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20 points. Dustin May chipped in 18 points for the Pirates. Brodie Reed finished with 12 points as homestanding Belfry (17-7) won easily.

Jake Moak hit a trio of three-pointers and led Piarist with a team-best 19 points. Josh Ousley followed with 17 points for the Knights. Matt Doyle scored nine points while Chris Baker and Caleb Hoskins added six apiece for the Knights.

Piarist dropped to 5-23 after suffering the loss.

P'burg

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Raiders in the third quarter. Hughes hit two more three-point field goals in the third quarter as Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 25-9.

Monday night’s win over South Floyd was Prestonsburg’s second over the Raiders this season. The Blackcats beat the Raiders 81-70 on Jan. 13 in the first regular-season district battle between the two teams.

The loss was South Floyd’s seventh straight. South Floyd hasn’t won since beating East Ridge 62-52 on Jan. 19.

Wes Akers led South Floyd (3-19) with 20 points. Akers, one of the 15th Region’s top three-point shooters, finished with 20 points. Senior Ethan Johnson hit a trio of three-pointers and scored 16 points for the Raiders. Tommy Joe Hall added nine points in off of the Raider bench and Lyle Johnson tallied seven.

Adam Slone scored five points and Kyle Howell netted four as South Floyd remained winless in the month of February. Kyle Brown rounded out the South Floyd scoring

with two points.

Prestonsburg 89, South Floyd 63

PRESTONSBURG (9-12) – Hughes 23, Hall 5, Patton 22, Stephens 10, Martin 4, Clark 2, Vance 13, Burchett 4, Tackett 2, Gearheart 4.

SOUTH FLOYD (3-19) – E. Johnson 16, L. Johnson 7, Wes Akers 10, Slone 5, Brown 2, Hall 9, Howell 4.

Prestonsburg.....20 21 25 23-89

South Floyd.....15 20 9 19-63

Ladycats

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Betsy Layne has now won four of its last five games.

Kaitlin Lawson led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 14 points. Kristy Flanery added a double-double of 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Ladycats. Lindsey Martin, Faith Reynolds and Amby Tackett each had seven points for host Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne (13-9) held Allen Central to just six field goals. The Ladycats rolled out in front early, leading Allen Central 17-4 when the second quarter got its start. Betsy Layne withstood a red-hot scoring run from the Lady Rebels in the second quarter and led 32-23 at halftime.

Sara Johnson accounted for nearly half of Allen Central’s scoring, finishing with 13 points.

The Lady Rebels (3-15) struggled from the free throw line, hitting just 13-of-31

attempts.

Johnson Central 50, Betsy Layne 43: Freshman Megan Hamilton scored a game-high 24 points on Monday night, but it wasn’t enough to lift host Betsy Layne over Johnson Central.

Brianna Ritz scored 13 points and Hayley Meek added 12 for the victorious Lady Eagles. Ashley Young netted eight points and Chelsey Salyers followed with seven for visiting Johnson Central. Center Emily Wireman posted six points for the Lady Eagles.

Johnson Central outscored Betsy Layne 17-4 in the opening quarter. The Ladycats bounced back in the second quarter and Johnson Central only led 25-16 at the break.

The Lady Eagles were ahead 34-29 at the end of the third quarter.

Johnson Central was 15-for-17 from the free throw

line.

Betsy Layne played from behind for most of the game, but pushed Johnson Central – especially late.

Taylor Hott scored nine points and Kaitlin Lawson added six for Betsy Layne. Lindsey Martin and Faith Reynolds each finished with two points for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne 56, Allen Central 28

BETSY LAYNE (13-9) – Martin 7, M. Hamilton 5, Reynolds 7, Flanery 11, Lawson 14, Tackett 7, Meade 1, R. Hamilton 4.

ALLEN CENTRAL (3-15) – Johnson 13, Thacker 3, Biliter 2, Dings 4, Brown 3, Mullins 1, Shepherd 2.

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Blackcats

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six points for the Lady Raiders. Ashley Castle entered the conference/district game from the bench and added three points for South Floyd (7-10). Heather Dean, Faith Little and Garbielle Bailey each had two points for the

Lady Raiders.

P'burg 49, South Floyd 36

PRESTONSBURG (9-14) – Whitaker 15, Fields 18, Frye 8, Fitzpatrick 5, Chaffin 2, Mayfield 1.

SOUTH FLOYD (7-10) – Conn 1, Hall 6, Dean 2, Tuttle 13, Little 2, Tackett 6, Bailey 2, Castle 3.

P'burg.....4 19 15 11-49

SF.....5 8 6 17-36

Eagles open season at Union College

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College baseball season is now officially underway. The Eagles traveled to Barbourville on Sunday afternoon for their first game of the year, a contest against Union College. Coach Scott Cornett began his 18th season as ALC head coach. Lamar Williams was the starting pitcher for the Eagles. The team collected eight hits on the day. However, Union came away with a 16-3 win. The season will continue this weekend with a road trip to Montreat College (NC). –

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CELEBRATING CURRENT AND PAST SUCCESS: Members of the 1981 Prestonsburg High School girls' varsity and 1982 PHS boys' varsity cheerleading squads were honored on Monday night along with the 2007 PHS boys' varsity unit. All three squads captured 15th Region KAPOs championships.

photo by Jamie Howell

Rocky Top prevails: Tennessee 89, No. 20 Kentucky 85

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee celebrated the return of one of its greatest all-time players and his teammates with a victory over its biggest rival.

Chris Lofton scored 23 points and Duke Crews added 18 to help the Volunteers upset No. 20 Kentucky 89-85 on Tuesday night.

Tennessee (18-8, 6-5 Southeastern Conference) had plenty of motivation with the school's big promotion of the game — "Paint the Town Orange" — and a halftime ceremony to retire No. 53 worn by former All-American and NBA All-Star Bernard King.

Not to mention the opponent was border rival Kentucky (18-7, 7-4), which as usual had its share of Big Blue fans who made the trip to Thompson-Boling Arena.

"It's a great night for Tennessee basketball and Bernard King is still beating Kentucky. That's six in a row for Bernard," said Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl, who was again wearing

that blinding orange blazer.

"I thank Kentucky and (coach) Tubby Smith and his basketball team for helping us celebrate this with a tremendous basketball game. It wouldn't be the same without them."

King and teammate Ernie Grunfeld, who is now director of basketball operations for the Washington Wizards, formed "The Ernie & Bernie Show" in the late 1970s when Tennessee ruled the rivalry.

After King lost to Kentucky as a freshman in 1975, he vowed he would never lose to the Wildcats again, and his team won five straight.

But Kentucky has ruled the series lately.

The Wildcats had won 10 of 11 against Tennessee and four straight in Knoxville. Kentucky won this year's earlier meeting in Lexington 76-57, but Lofton didn't play in that game because of a sprained right ankle.

The SEC's leading scorer made a difference this time when the Vols had a key 15-5 run in the first half that gave them the lead for good.

But Kentucky didn't go away and

set up a dramatic finish. After Tennessee pushed its lead to 16 with 16:38 left, the Wildcats kept chipping away.

"I thought our team fought hard and showed a lot of character after being down," Smith said. "You can't give a team like Tennessee this many chances."

A 7-0 run by Kentucky cut it to 70-68 with 6:22 left. The Wildcats trimmed it to one point twice after that and finally tied it at 77 with 3:54 to go, but the Vols didn't give up the lead.

After Kentucky's Randolph Morris scored with 1:46 left to make it 83-81, the Wildcats had two straight turnovers and couldn't get off a shot until it was too late.

Lofton went 5-of-6 at the foul line in the final 29.5 seconds to ice the game.

Wayne Chism added 16 points and Ramar Smith had 10 for Tennessee.

Kentucky was led by Joe Crawford with 24 points while Ramel Bradley and Morris each added 14 and Jodie

Meeks had 10. Morris also grabbed 12 rebounds.

"There was no point in the game we thought we would lose no matter how many we were down," Morris said. "We clawed our way back, but came up short in the end."

Bradley, who had scored at least 20 points the previous four games, picked up his fourth foul early in the second half and fouled out in the final seconds.

The game was even most of the first half until Tennessee got hot from the outside, hitting five 3-pointers in a 15-5 run that broke a tie and ended up putting the Vols ahead 36-26 with 3:28 remaining before the break. Smith immediately called timeout and took his jacket off.

Lofton and Jordan Howell each had two and Ryan Childress had another 3 during the spurt.

Tennessee was ahead 40-30 at halftime.

"We showed pretty good poise,"



Chris Lofton

Bears sign 39 in recruiting class; Jamerson returns

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Anyone still is under the misguided impression that coaches only work during their playing season need only talk with the Pikeville College football staff to be corrected.

Coach Mac Bryan and his staff have been busy signing 29 members of the incoming freshman class in the last couple of weeks to go along with 10 players they added to the roster at the beginning of the spring semester.

And, Bryan is excited about the return of Prestonsburg native Nick Jamerson, a talented receiver who has returned to the club after taking last year off. "Nick is a solid receiver who will make an immediate impact on our team," Bryan said. "He has already shown the ability to play on this level and we're excited about his return."

Jamerson had 15 catches for 259 yards (17.3 yards per catch) and five touchdowns for the Bears, helping the team to a 7-3 record and the school's first playoff berth in 2005.

Bryan is also thrilled with the new signees.

"We've been here for a year now and the guys have a better understanding of what it takes to win in the Mid-South Conference," said Bryan on Monday, the day 25 of the 29 players signed letters of intent. "We're very excited about what we've been able to accomplish and think we've addressed some issues that needed to be taken care of."

"On a personal note, I'm very pleased with our coaching staff. These guys have worked tirelessly since the end of the season and they are to be commended. I'm very pleased with the job they've done."

Of the 39 new additions, nine are

offensive linemen, the most of any position. Also, eight are labeled "athletes," a tag given to players who could fill multiple needs. Excluding the athletes, 20 of the 31 signees are on the offensive side.

The list includes Mid-Term Signees: Nate Howard, 6-3, 290-pound JR OL, a transfer from Marshall University; Robbie Pauliso, 6-4, 305 FR OL, a transfer from Citrus College, a junior college in Glendora, Calif.; Jesse Jackson, 6-1, 190 FR WR from Greer, S.C.; Antwan Surratt, 5-10, 180 JR ATH, a transfer from Newberry College; Darnel Lytle, 6-1, 190 JR DB, a transfer from east Central Mississippi JC; Michael Adams, 5-11, 180 SO DB, a transfer from Louisville, N.C.; JC; Aaron Cavanaugh, 5-10, 175 FR DB from Cincinnati; Traymel Jones, 6-1, 200 FR ATH from Camilla, Ga.; Deril Dennison, 6-0, 210 FR LB from

Calhoun Falls, S.C.; Billie Watson, 6-1, 280 SO DL from East Mississippi JC.

FRESHMAN SIGNEES: Michael Tackett, 5-10, 200 LB from Johnson Central; Blake Johnson, 6-2, 250 FB from Johnson Central; Casey Allen, 6-0, 270 OL from Breathitt County; Casey Rowe, 5-11, 240 DL from Pikeville; Jordan Tibbs, 6-2, 270 OL from Pikeville; Russell Johnson, 5-9, 180 RB from Phelps; Ryan Howard, 5-9, 185 RB from Leslie County; Joe Begley, 5-9, 200 LB from Perry Central; Aaron Mullins, 6-0, 250 OL from Breathitt County; Jonathon Tucker, 6-1, 185 WR from Letcher Central; John Adams, 5-9, 165 WR from Letcher Central; Hank Simpson, 6-0, 215 LB from Letcher Central; Tyler Layne, 6-0, 245 OL from Prestonsburg; Josh Childers, 5-9, 160 ATH from Jenkins; Josh Belcher, 5-8, 170 RB from Jenkins; Spencer

Fields, 5-11, 235 OL from Jenkins; Bobby Owens, 5-10, 175 ATH from Knott Central; Cody Surface, 6-5, 300 OL from Oldham County; Brent Gordan, 6-1, 195 LB from Fitzgerald, Ga., High School; Mario Roberts, 5-9, 200 RB from Camden County, Ga., HS; Nick Hitchcock, 6-3, 300 OL from Pickens, S.C., HS; G.J. Gordan, 5-10, 205 RB from Stratford, S.C., HS; Hodges McGriff, 6-3, 230 DE from Pageland Central, S.C., HS; Tron Bush, 5-9, 185 ATH from Pageland Central, S.C., HS; Kass Ethridge, 6-0, 190 WR from Ninety-Six, S.C., HS; Jarell Paschel, 5-8, 180 ATH from Fitzgerald, Ga., HS; Alton Norris, 5-11, 210 RB from Spartanburg, S.C., HS; Don Don Evans, 5-8, 170 ATH from Abbeville, S.C., HS; Anson Cunningham, 6-0, 185 ATH from Clinton, S.C., HS.

Bobcats fall short against Tigers

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Visiting Paintsville built an early lead on Tuesday night and was able to hold on late against Betsy Layne. After leading Betsy Layne at the end of each of the first three quarters, Paintsville held on for a 75-69 win.

Landon Slone paced Paintsville with 23 points. All five of Paintsville's starters reached double figures in the scoring column. JD VanHoose pushed in 16 points and Shane Grimm added 12 for the Tigers. Van Ferguson, a first-year player for Paintsville, finished with 12 points. Blake Bundy, another member of Paintsville's all-junior starting-five, contributed 10 points.

Paintsville (17-7) outscored Betsy Layne 20-12 in the opening quarter. The Tigers were even more impressive in the second quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 17-9 to take a 37-21 lead into halftime.

With the win, Paintsville tied Allen Central for the 15th Region's third-best record.

Six different Paintsville players provided scoring in the late regular-season matchup.

Daniel Meade flipped in three points for the Tigers.

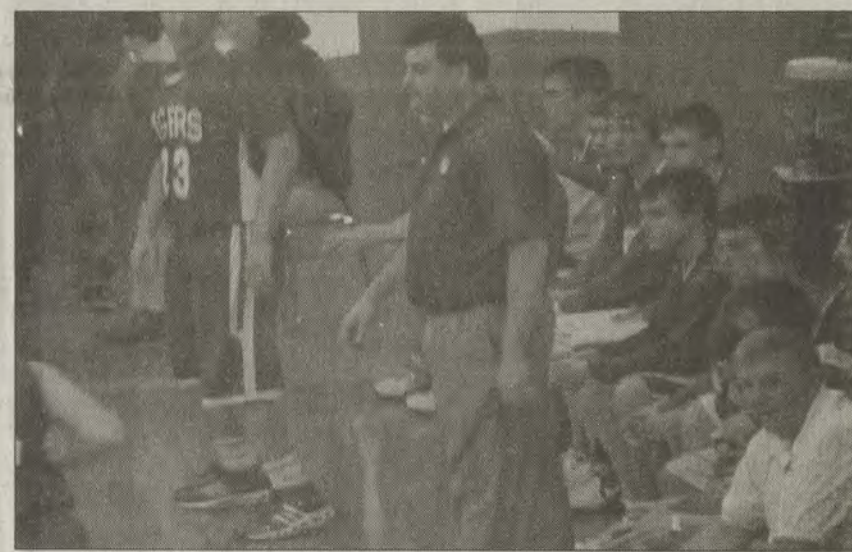
Betsy Layne made a charge late, outscoring Paintsville 28-17 in the final quarter. The run, however, couldn't pull the Bobcats back even.

Justin Collins paced Betsy Layne with 23 points, sharing game-high scoring honors with Paintsville's

Slone. Three teammates joined Collins in double figures for the Bobcats. Jarod Newman netted a career-high 19 points for host Betsy Layne. Brennan Case and Trai Witt each had 10 points for the Bobcats (9-13).

Samuel Keathley rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with seven points.

Paintsville 75, Betsy Layne 69
PAINTSVILLE (17-7) — Ferguson 11, Slone 23, VanHoose 16, Grimm 12, Bundy 10, Meade 3.
BETSY LAYNE (9-13) — Case 10, Collins 23, Keathley 7, Newman 19, Witt 10.
Paintsville.....20 17 21 17-75
Betsy Layne.....12 9 20 28-69



Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose looked on Tuesday night during his team's home game against Paintsville. The Bobcats — before falling — made the game interesting late.

Phelps 90, South Floyd 66

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — Charlie Hunt had a game-high 27 points and Dillon Stiltner added 26 on Tuesday night as Phelps cruised to a 90-66 win over host South Floyd.

Phelps outscored South Floyd in

each quarter, pulling away in the final period.

The Hornets led 24-21 at the end of the first quarter and 42-34 at the intermission.

Ethan Johnson and Lyle Johnson led South Floyd with 22 points apiece. Wes Akers followed with 11 points for the Raiders. Adam Slone scored eight points as South Floyd dropped its eighth straight game.

South Floyd will return to the hardwood tonight at 7:30 p.m. when it hosts Shelby Valley.

Phelps added some distance between itself and South Floyd in the third quarter, outscoring the Raiders 26-14.

Phelps 90, South Floyd 66
PHELPS (15-5) — Gannon 7, Hunt 27, Blankenship 4, B. Workman 8, Stiltner 26, Hager 8, Sullivan 8, R. Workman 2.
SOUTH FLOYD (3-20) — E. Johnson 22, Hall 1, L. Johnson 22, Akers 11, Slone 8, Brown 2.
Phelps.....24 18 26 22-90
South Floyd.....21 13 14 18-66



Garret tops Oakdale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — The Garrett Christian Warriors went out on the road to Breathitt County on Tuesday night for a road game against Oakdale Christian Academy. Visiting Garrett Christian eventually pulled away from Oakdale, beating the host team 92-70.

In a conference game, Garrett managed to get past an Oakdale squad playing without three of its starters.

Garrett led at the end of every quarter.

Kyle Green led Garrett with a team-best 20 points. Steve Johnson and Andrew Zsabo added 14 points

apiece for the Warriors. Kyle Hamilton contributed 12 points to the Garrett victory. Shane Prater scored nine points, Travis Scott added eight points and eight rebounds and Matt Potter had seven markers and dished

out seven assists for the Warriors.

Bobby Prater rounded out the Garrett scoring with six points.

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REGULAR-SEASON FINALE:
The Piarist School boys' basketball team ended the regular-season Monday night on the road at Belfry. Jake Moak (pictured above) scored a team-high 19 points for the Knights. Piarist's Matt Doyle (left) is pictured working against the Belfry defense.

Stewart wins Shootout to solidify contender status for Daytona 500

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Tony Stewart again drove his way into Victory Lane at Daytona.

It just wasn't the race that really counts.

Stewart won the exhibition Budweiser Shootout on Saturday night, setting himself up as a top contender to win the season-opening Daytona 500. That's the last of the NASCAR crown jewels that Stewart wants, and he reported to Speedweeks intent on adding it to his resume this year.

"We've definitely figured out how to win Saturday night races here at Daytona," Stewart said. "We've just got to figure out how to win a Sunday race."

The Shootout win was his 10th victory at Daytona in various series, but none have come in the "Super Bowl of Racing." His best finish was second in 2004, when he pushed Dale Earnhardt Jr. to the win.

"I'm still just happy every time I get a chance to come to Victory Lane here at Daytona," he said. "Obviously, I'd trade all three of these Shootouts and both Pepsi 400s to win one Daytona, the 500 on Sunday."

He's off to a very good start. Stewart nudged Kyle Busch out of the lead with eight laps to go, then calmly drove to his third victory in the all-star event when runner-up David Gilliland never challenged.

"I don't think we touched him. It looked really close, obviously, but I don't think we touched him," Stewart said. "If we could have touched him, it would have sent him up the race track and he would have crashed."

Busch, who needed a huge save to keep his car off the wall, finished seventh and seemed certain that Stewart made at least slight contact.

"He wasn't on me hard, it was just that little bit enough to where I just kept getting loose, kept getting loose and kept chasing it," he said. "And by the time you get so far you're pretty

much gone and I was able to keep it. So thankfully for that."

As Stewart closed in on the finish line, Earnhardt ran into the back of Elliott Sadler to start a four-car pile-up far from the leaders that collected defending race winner Denny Hamlin and Greg Biffle.

Toyota, making its Nextel Cup debut, had two cars in the field as the Japanese automaker made its long-awaited debut. But neither Brian Vickers or Dale Jarrett ever contended for the win.

Jarrett started on the pole in his new Camry, but quickly fell to the back of the field and finished 18th out of 21 cars. Vickers briefly drove his new Team Red Bull Toyota to the front and paced the field for two laps, but faded and wound up eighth.

"We need to be a little bit better," Vickers said. "The car wasn't bad, but it was our first race and we have a top 10. We wish we could have done a little better there at the end."

Stewart didn't have that problem, and asked if he can carry anything

over from this Shootout to the 500, he didn't flinch.

"Absolutely," he said, promising his Chevrolet for the big event would be stout.

Stewart, the two-time Nextel Cup champion, has been on a tremendous roll since missing out on NASCAR's title hunt last September. Despite being shut out of the Chase, he won three of the final 10 races in an outstanding close to an otherwise mediocre season.

Then he took a brief December break before jumping into a sprint car — his first love — and dominating at the grassroots level. He won two January events, including the prestigious Chili Bowl, a sprint race that Stewart treasures as much as he does his NASCAR titles.

It has given Stewart momentum at the start of the season, and he'll try to carry it for one more week and into the 500.

"I think Tony's worked extremely hard to get ready for this year, and we always think we have a chance in any

race that Tony's in," car owner Joe Gibbs said. "It's so tough to win the 500. Winning this race is a big deal for us, but winning the 500 is a very hard thing to do."

Busch led six times for a race-high 42 laps and had the race in command when a caution for debris came out with 16 laps to go to set up a quick round of pit stops. Busch went onto the service road as the leader and held the position after taking four tires.

But Kasey Kahne picked up five spots with a two-tire stop that put him in second, followed by Kurt Busch and Stewart.

Earnhardt, who overshot his stall as he entered the pits, came out in 11th place. Racing resumed with 13 laps to go, and Stewart wasted little time motoring into second place. Then he worked his way onto Kyle Busch's bumper and, with a subtle push at 185 mph, knocked Busch out of the way as he slid into the lead.

Kurt Busch finished third and was followed by Nextel Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick.

Earnhardt tries to keep focus on racing — not contract dispute

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — He's NASCAR's most popular driver, with a devoted fan base known as The Red Army. He's mobbed at tracks, stars in commercials with Jay-Z and routinely is invited everywhere from the MTV Music Awards to parties with the Playboy playmates.

Yet for a long time, Dale Earnhardt Jr. didn't seem to realize his worth.

"You don't like public opinion or media opinion to sway your decisions, but in this case, I have a real bad habit of being way too modest about my position in this sport," Earnhardt said. "A lot of people, including the media, have sort of helped me understand what I'm actually worth — what the situation really is."

The deal is Earnhardt's contract with Dale Earnhardt Inc. is up at the end of the year. Apparently, he finally received the memo that he holds all the cards.

He opened Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway by announcing he wants majority stake in DEI, the company formed by his late father and now run by his stepmother, Teresa.

"I think in any set of business negotiations, you've got to ask for it (all)," said Max Siegel, new president of global operations at DEI.

"When people don't want the most and the best for themselves, and they're not pushing me to be the best I can possibly be, you've got to wonder why you're in business with them."

But it took the past six weeks for Earnhardt to recognize he had the power to ask for the moon.

Last December, he was offended when Teresa Earnhardt seemingly questioned his commitment in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. He went public with his frustration during preseason testing here, opening his heart and describing an icy relationship with his stepmother that "ain't no bed of roses."

Sympathy and support for Junior came pouring in from fans and even rival drivers Jeff Gordon and Kevin Harvick, who referred to Teresa as "a deadbeat owner."

Now, Junior finally has made it clear he wants to stay at DEI, provided he gets what he wants. If he doesn't, he just might walk and take sponsor Budweiser with him. The beer company has closely tied itself to Earnhardt as a pitchman, and its DEI deal also is up at the end of this season.

It adds up to what promises to be the most closely watched contract negotiations in NASCAR history. It's also a major distraction that could derail his entire season.

Some predict this is the year he'll finally win his first Nextel Cup championship. For that to happen, Junior will have to make sure the contract issue isn't carried into the race track

every weekend and that his personal situation doesn't derail the entire DEI organization, which includes Martin Truex Jr. and rookie Paul Menard.



Dale Jr.

Truex said he doesn't believe it will be an issue.

"Everybody knows what their job is," he said. "We go to the race track or to the shop every day. And none of that changes as far as what everybody is doing and what they're working on and what they're trying to accomplish."

DEI will do its part to prevent it from happening, Siegel said. Even though Teresa Earnhardt has removed herself from negotiations, the team president said her top priority is getting a deal completed and winning a championship.

Junior's been on an upswing since a disastrous 2005 season that saw him miss the Chase for the championship and finish a career-worst 19th in the

standings. It all went awry when the higher-ups at DEI mistakenly decided it would be a good idea to swap Earnhardt's crew with teammate Michael Waltrip's.

It put Junior in a huge hole early in the season, and he had his old crew back for the final 10 races of the year. Recovering was hard. The No. 8 team made terrific inroads last season — he finished fifth in the points but was mathematically eligible to win the title down the stretch.

Although the late Earnhardt won seven championships, none of them were with DEI, whose only titles were the four Busch crowns won by Earnhardt Jr. and Truex.

It's reasonable to believe Junior's team will be even better this year.

"Teresa wants to win a championship as bad as anybody in this sport," Siegel said. "She's focused, and she's putting things in place, focusing all the resources so we can support ... motorsports and all the drivers to do that very thing."

Penske's team still looking for first NASCAR title

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Roger Penske hates the question: Why hasn't his NASCAR team won a championship?

The query acknowledges failure, and that's not an option.

This is the man who built a small truck rental operation in Pennsylvania into a multibillion dollar business empire that includes one of the largest auto dealership networks in the world, diesel engine manufacturing plants and one of the largest truck rental companies around.

It's the same suave, silver-haired titan whose open-wheel team has won 14 Indianapolis 500s, 10 series championships and more than 100 races over the past three and a half decades. His various racing teams have won 20 national championships.

But in NASCAR: Zero.

The stock-car team, which Penske took full time in 1991, has 78 poles and 58 victories in 989 races. Rusty

Wallace, his biggest star over the years, won 10 races and finished second in the points in 1993, the closest Penske has come to a Cup title.

Last season, however, was a disaster.

Kurt Busch, the 2003 Cup champion who replaced the retired Wallace in the No. 2 Dodge, won one race and finished 16th. Ryan Newman, who had not finished outside the top seven in his first four seasons in the No. 12 entry, failed to win a race and was 18th in the points.

The team has worked hard to get back into the competition for NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship, including extra effort on the new Car of Tomorrow, which will be raced in 16 of the 36 races.

The first step is Sunday's Daytona 500, a race Penske has never won.

Although Busch and Newman don't have to worry about qualifying for NASCAR's Super Bowl, both want very badly to get off to a good start.

"We had a good preseason test at

Daytona, and we started at the rear in the Bud Shootout last Saturday night and came to the front," said Busch, a two-time Daytona 500 runner-up with Roush Racing. "I think I learn something new every time I get back out there in a race at Daytona and Talladega."

Part of the team's problem last season was the Dodge's less-than-aerodynamic nose, Newman, particularly, was affected, switching between the new Charger and the older Intrepid models early in the season.

Now, Newman has a new crew chief — former team engineer Mike Nelson — and a renewed determination.

"I remember how to drive," said Newman, who finished third in last year's 500. "But the tough part about a season like 2006 is getting the confidence back on the team. Last year was fun for about three weekends."

"Hopefully, 38 weekends will be a lot of fun this year. Part of fixing the problem is understanding it, and where it's coming from. I think we

have that figured out."

Penske agreed and was confident things will turn around, especially after consolidating his teams — including NASCAR, IRL and American Le Mans — in Mooresville, N.C. under the leadership of Tim Cindric, president of Penske Racing.

"This (NASCAR) isn't easy for anybody," said Chip Ganassi, who also owns IRL and NASCAR teams and has yet to win a title in stock cars. "But Roger does things the right way."

"He proves you don't have to do the same thing as everyone else to be successful, and that you can be honorable, too. ... When you beat Roger Penske on the race track, you know you've beaten the best."

At 69, Penske still has worlds to conquer.

"My commitment is the same," he said. "I wouldn't go racing if I didn't want to be competitive and win overall. I've been to enough races, I've won a lot of races, a lot of poles and championships. I'm fully committed to this."

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP 2006 FINAL STANDINGS

1. Jimmie Johnson, 6,475
2. Matt Kenseth, 6,419
3. Denny Hamlin, 6,407
4. Kevin Harvick, 6,397
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 6,328
6. Jeff Gordon, 6,256
7. Jeff Burton, 6,228
8. Kasey Kahne, 6,183
9. Mark Martin, 6,168
10. Kyle Busch, 6,027
11. Tony Stewart, 4,727
12. Carl Edwards, 4,428
13. Greg Biffle, 4,075
14. Casey Mears, 3,914
15. Brian Vickers, 3,906
16. Kurt Busch, 3,900
17. Clint Bowyer, 3,833
18. Ryan Newman, 3,748
19. Martin Truex Jr., 3,673
20. Scott Riggs, 3,619

Champ Kelly named Horsemen General Manager

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Former standout wide receiver/defensive back Anthony "Champ" Kelly has been named the General Manager of the Lexington Horsemen, owner Lennie House announced Monday.

Kelly has been a member of the Horsemen organization since its inception. The former University of Kentucky wide receiver played four seasons for Lexington (2003-06) and was a two-time United Indoor Football All-Star. Last season, Kelly was the co-recipient of the UIF Man of the Year Award, which recognizes players who are not only leaders on the field, but also off the field and in the community.

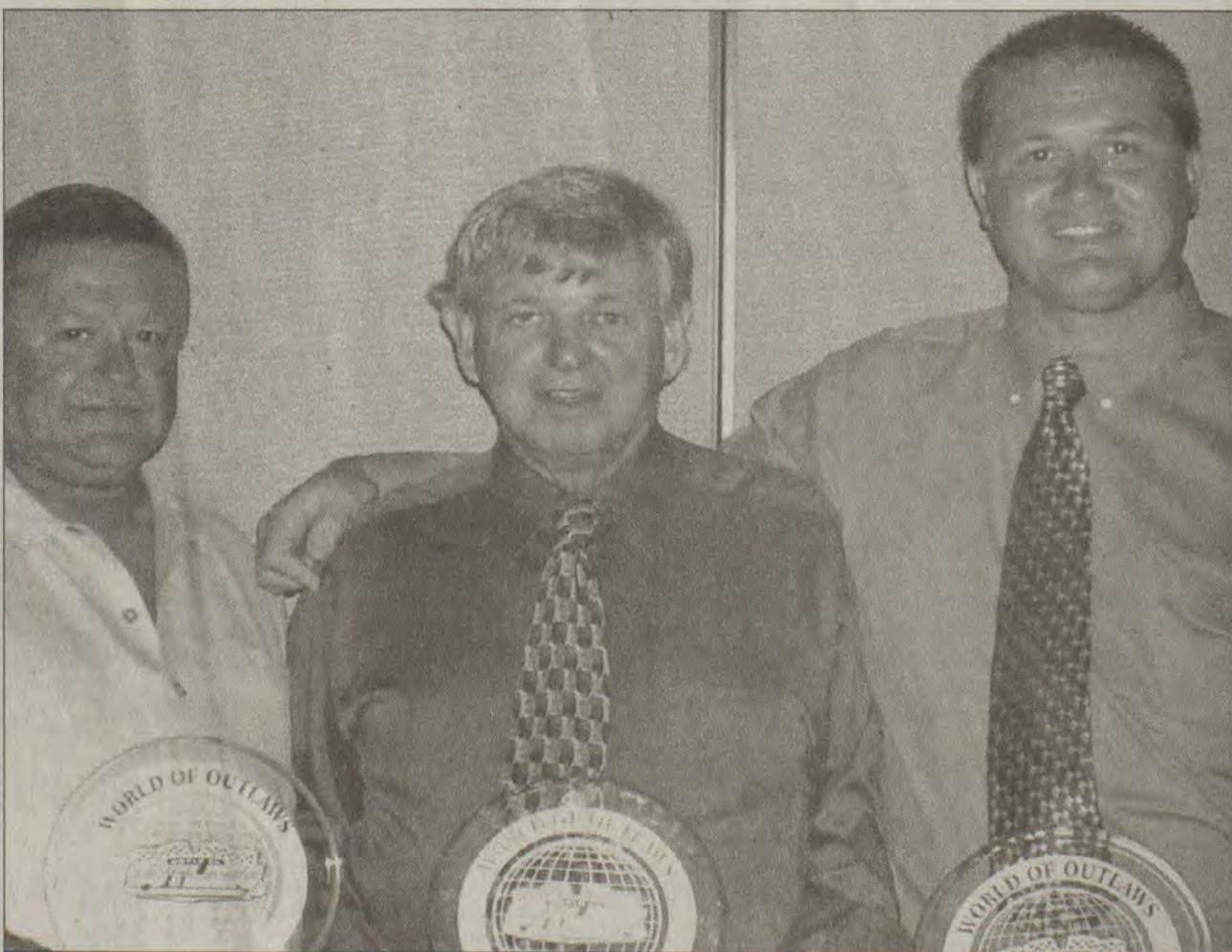
Kelly led the Horsemen in tackles each of the past two seasons, including holding the franchise's single-season tackle record with 84.5 stops in 2006. In 2005, he led the squad and was tied for the league lead in interceptions during the regular season with nine. He returned those picks for 188 yards.

In addition to his front-office duties, Kelly also will work as an

assistant coach in charge of the team's wide receivers.

Kelly was a four-year letterwinner as a wide receiver at UK from 1998-2001. He played in 37 career games and finished his career with 18 receptions for 289 yards with one touchdown. As a senior, Kelly had 10 receptions for 225 yards with his lone touchdown coming as a 62-yard reception against Tennessee. He was named to the SEC Good Works Team his senior season for his community service efforts.

Kelly holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from the University of Kentucky. A native of Graceville, Fla., Kelly was born Nov. 27, 1979 and resides in Lexington.



Eddie Carrier Jr. (right), the 2002 Thunder Ridge Raceway Late Model Track Champion, started the 2007 dirt track season last week in Florida with a series of races.

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THROUGH MY EYES

Through my eyes

Wow! What a busy past couple of weeks I've had! Snowstorms, power outages, visitors from California, a trip to Cincy to see a rock concert, Valentine surprises, and last minute deadlines for our upcoming coal publication! I promise to catch you up real soon, but for this week, I gotta cheat a bit and share another email goodie. Oh!, but I will mention that we all need to get out and see "G h o s t Rider," starring Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Peter Fonda, and Matthew Long. Why? Well, not only does it sound like an awesome movie with an engaging plot and terrific special effects, but Matthew Long, who plays the younger version of the Nicolas Cage character during the first 20 minutes or so of the movie, is a native Kentuckian. Hailing from nearby Winchester, Matthew is the husband of Floyd County native, Lora Chaffin, a graduate of South Floyd High School.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Lora's uncle, Arnold Turner,

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CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN TRILOGY



Justin Turner, author, "The Cumberland Mountain Trilogy," will be at the Floyd County Public Library this Saturday to sign copies of "The Sheriff's Murder Cases," the first volume of the series.

Floyd native to appear at book signing for newly released trilogy

By Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Floyd County native, Justin Turner, grew up in the tiny community of Maytown, the son of then Floyd County Board of Education Superintendent V.O. Turner. Upon his graduation from high school, Turner left home to attend Berea College where he embarked upon a successful educational path that eventually led to earning a doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky. He currently serves as

Professor Emeritus for International Relations for Middle Tennessee University.

Turner, pictured above standing between the headstones of his great-grandfather, Jobe Turner, and his grandfather, Jack Turner, on the grounds of the Turner family cemetery, located on Turner's Branch, five miles west of Maytown, is proud of his Floyd County heritage and relishes in the rich and colorful history of his native Appalachian Mountains.

As such, he has used his talents to pen an engaging trilogy highlighting

Kentucky mountain sheriffs and a series of puzzling murders. "The Cumberland Mountain Trilogy" consists of (volume I) "The Sheriff's Murder Cases," recently released, and volumes II and III, "The Sheriff of Frozen's Murder Cases," scheduled for release in July, 2007, and "The Sheriff of Hell's Murder Cases," due to be released in January, 2008.

Turner's highly acclaimed novel, "The Foxes and the Hounds," is scheduled for release in April, 2007.

Turner will appear this Saturday, February 17, for a book signing to be held at the Floyd County Public

Library, located on North Arnold Avenue, in Prestonsburg, from 1-3 p.m. Each book signed will receive a special collector's edition bookmark. Books will be available for purchase at the signing.

Refreshments will be served and the author is looking forward to seeing many old friends and meeting new ones at this event. He and his wife, Judy, also a native of Maytown, enjoy staying on a hillside farm, located in Maytown, that has been in the family since 1858 when returning home to Floyd County. Perhaps this visit, they may spot that bear rumored to be in the area...

DINNER DIVA

Dinner habit

by Leanne Ely

One of the pitfalls in trying to get a new habit going (like making dinner, for example) is not being clear on the goal. It's one thing to say you're going to make dinner every night instead of eating takeout (stay away from the Chinese take-out! See last week's Dinner Diva column on my "Take out



Leanne Ely

Confessional"), but it's another thing entirely to quantify your goal.

Here are three things you need to do to make a new habit:

1— Make a serious commitment, not just run your mouth. As SHE's (sidetracked home executives) we are the Queens of Running Mouths. We talk a blue streak, but actually doing something about it takes a while before we get that it isn't the talking about it that will do it, it's the DOING something about it that will do it! For dinner making, that means committing to meal planning, making a grocery list, shopping and then making the time to prepare the meal. It takes a little

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The Mountain Arts Center Art Gallery Presents...

The Photography of Kaye Willis

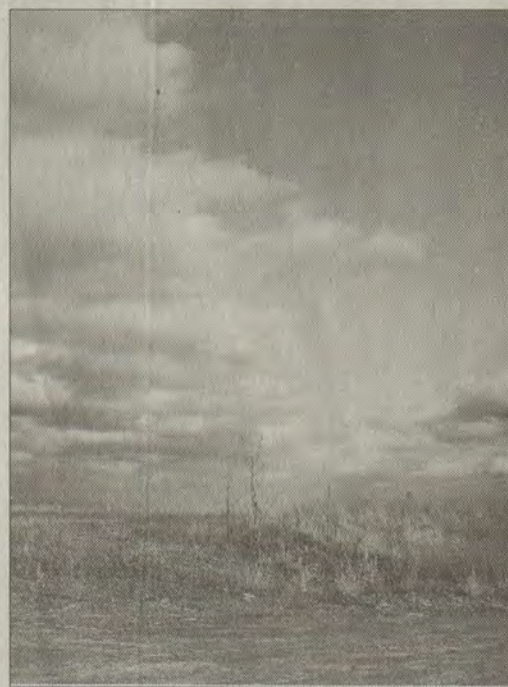
February 2 through February 28

Kaye is an amateur photographer who lives in Prestonsburg. Her interest and eventual passion for photography began as a child while watching her dad, the late Joe Burke, and her uncle, the late Hern Burke, in the family business, Fountain Korner Drug. She finds great inspiration in landscapes, in particular, sunsets, sunrises and moon gazing. Kaye loves looking for bright, vibrant colors that nature so freely provides. God has surely blessed Eastern Kentucky with amazing natural beauty. She enjoys hiking on Stonecrest with her golden retriever Jake, especially during sunset hours. Most of Kaye's work has been shot

in and around Prestonsburg. This is the first exhibit of her work, and she is very excited to be here at the beautiful Mountain Arts Center. Her work is available for purchase and you can also contact her by phone or by email.

Kaye lives in Prestonsburg with her husband, Don. They have 2 children - Jennifer and Joey. Jennifer lives in Prestonsburg with her husband Matt and their son, Ryan. Joey is currently a student at the University of Kentucky with plans to attend Pharmacy School.

See Kaye's work during gallery hours:
Monday - Friday: 9 am - 6 pm and
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm



This photo entitled "Scattered Clouds" was shot by Willis atop Stonecrest Mountain.

Closet mumblings

by Marla Cilley

Our journey through life starts with our first breath and it ends with our last one. Since our birth, we have packed many bags for our trip. We are born naked but then we have to put clothes on our bodies. These clothes tell our history; from the baby shoes we took our first steps in, to the dress we wore to the prom, our wedding dress and then to the maternity clothes we wore when we gave birth. I'll wager that your closet recounts many of the chapters of your life.

Our closets are filled to overflowing. Each time we open our closet door we have a conversation with those clothes. If the truth be known, we actually wear only a few items in our closet. The rest are there to beat us up and pretend to rescue us. Our clothes have a way of making us feel bad. Just think about your wedding dress that no longer fits your body. What are your first thoughts? Perhaps, "How could I let this happen to me?" or "I looked so good that day?" If your answer is yes, then I want you to think about how you starved yourself to death to fit into that dress in the first place!

Why do we do this to ourselves?

Why can't we just be happy with ourselves just like we are? We are trying to fit into an unrealistic picture that only stays with us for a fleeting moment. Those nasty conversations go on each time you walk into your closet. If it isn't about a wedding dress, it is about another favorite outfit that you paid good money for that is too tight. It is time for us to quiet these beratings and get on with our flight without feeling guilty.

There is an easy way to banish these voices from your head; get them out of your closet and only keep items of clothing that you absolutely adore and feel like a million bucks in when you wear them. Decluttering your closet is

not going to kill you; in fact it may just save your life.

It is time we packed for our journey. Our closets are no longer going to stand in our way of traveling light and enjoying our trip. Most of us only wear about 10 percent of the clothes we have stashed in there, anyway. Let's lighten our loads and get rid of those nasty voices once and for all; Out of sight, out of mind! We can do this! First, we need to look at the clothes we truly love because we feel good in them. This goes for your shoes, too. Pull those out of your closet one at a time and think about the words you

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Family Medicine

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Muscle cramps probably more annoying than serious

Question: What causes really bad leg cramps? I am in my mid-thirties and in good health. I am not overweight and I exercise. I thought only old people got these. Should I worry? Should I be taking medications for this? They happen a couple of times a week. My mother says "Charlie-horses" are normal.

Answer: A muscle cramp is an involuntary contraction of a single muscle or a group of muscles. They are more common as you get older, but can occur at any age. Almost everyone experiences muscle cramps at some

time in their life. The leg is a frequent location, but they can occur in any muscle.

After you've had a cramp, the affected muscle is usually tender. Many people feel that calf muscle cramps are "normal" since they happen so often. Frequently, there is no obvious cause for a calf muscle cramp.

Usually, muscle cramps last only a few seconds. Sometimes, though, they can continue for more than 15 minutes. Once you have an episode, it's common to experience recurrences. Cramps can follow an injury to a muscle group, or they may occur

during an activity without any apparent injury.

Overusing a muscle group leads to muscle fatigue, which can cause cramps. You often see this during an athletic event when a player falls down for no apparent reason and comes back into the game a few minutes later after the cramp has been attended to by the training staff.

Many people have leg cramps at night. This is common in older adults and can disrupt sleep. The exact cause is not known.

If you get dehydrated due to exposure to extreme temperature or vigorous exercise, you might get muscle cramps. In these cases, the cramp can be the result of the loss of sodium or the loss of fluid. Patients undergoing kidney dialysis are prone to muscle cramps if their potassium gets low, and pregnant women get leg cramps from low calcium or magnesium.

Bad circulation in the legs does

not generally cause cramps in the legs, but instead produces pain in the legs with activity. This type of muscle pain, however, can be difficult to distinguish from muscle cramps.

The treatment for leg cramps is to treat the underlying cause if it can be found. Fluid replacement, electrolyte replacement, and decrease in certain activities can eliminate cramps. At the time of the cramp, stretching and gently massaging the muscle may help to relieve the spasm.

For most common muscle cramps, prevention is the best treatment. Depending on the cause of your cramps, there are several steps you can take that might help prevent or lessen future episodes. Be sure to get adequate amounts of appropriate fluids — plain old water is usually best. Also, make sure you are getting enough calcium and magnesium. If you're having nighttime cramps, try doing a stretching exercise before you go to bed. If your cramps are

activity related, a pre-workout stretch and a cool-down period before you head to shower can be beneficial. Some people say vitamin E is helpful.

The good news is that common muscle cramps are not usually the first symptom of a serious medical problem. They are just annoying. Of course, if you are concerned, or have a chronic medical condition, you should discuss your cramps with your family physician.

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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. 27 - Magic Me, 3:30-4:30.
■ 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. 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 sched-

ule 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 by 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. 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

■ Feb. 20 - SBDM Council will hold a special-called meeting, from 5-8 p.m., at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center, Cherokee Room,

for the Council on Council's meeting.

■ 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

■ 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, Weeksburg Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksburg Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

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

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hear in your head when you have them on. Now, put them back in your closet and pull out something that does not give you the same feeling. If the item of clothing makes you feel bad, evokes feelings of guilt in you, or you just plain don't like it, then put it in the give-away box. If you have changed careers and no longer have to get dressed into suits, then donate them so others can start their new jobs and look nice. Let me warn you: Going through your closet is difficult because of all the stories that your clothes dredge up. This is why I only want you to spend 15 minutes at a time doing this. Do not spend hours at this task or it will make you feel too badly. Bless yourself by being kind to yourself.

Over the next week of spending 15 minutes a day culling the clothes that do not bless you any longer, you will begin to see a pattern to your favorite items. I call it your personal uniform. We all have a favorite color, fabric or style that makes us smile. Look at your clothes with an eye for your personal style. It is all about what you love and how you feel when you wear your clothes.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her new book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

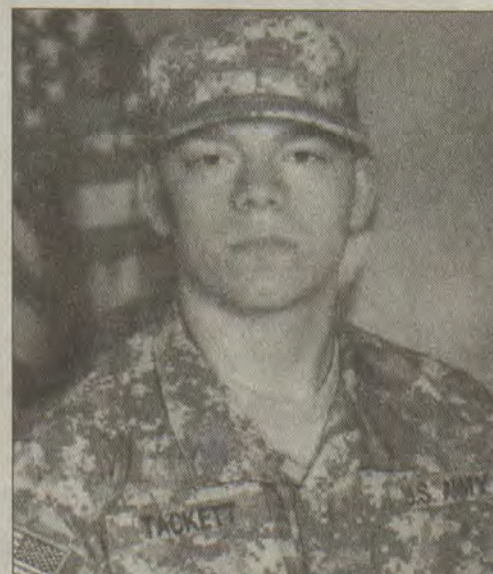
Local soldier deployed to Iraq

PFC Joshua Tackett, of the 3rd Infantry Division, 1st Brigade Della Company 3-69 Aromr, in Fort Stewart, Georgia, was deployed to Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on January 14, 2007.

While stationed at Fort Stewart, PFC Tackett received High Outstanding medals and certificates in marksmanship. He is the son of Michelle Hamilton, of Prestonsburg. He has two brothers, Colby Tackett and Alex Kidd, also of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Clara Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Levi Hamilton.

PFC Tackett's family, many friends and girlfriend Megan Little, of Wayland, are all anxiously awaiting his safe return home. The family requests that your prayers go with him during his tour of duty.

PFC Joshua Tackett would welcome correspondence from home. You may write to him at the following address: PFC Joshua Tackett, DCO 3/69 AR, Camp Ramadi COP IRON, APO AE 09396.



Joshua Tackett

Anniversary



Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Joe and Gertie Garrett, of Prestonsburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 26, 2007. Pictured with the couple (seated, center) are: (seated, to left) granddaughter Stacey Lauffer and husband, Seth; (standing, from left) granddaughter Stephanie Goble, daughter Debbie Goble, son-in-law, Mike Goble, daughter Terri Tipton, and grandsons Brandon and Dakota Maynard. The couple's family wish them much love and happiness in the wonderful years to come.

Dr. Smoot embracing role as interim president at HCTC

The interim president of Hazard Community & Technical College will keep the college's initiatives moving forward — including the focus on full implementation of the new Center for College Success, which will provide that extra attention in advising, career information, referral, etc. that most of our students need in order to be successful in college. Dr. R. Kathy Smoot will be involved in the day-to-day operations of the College, as well as working on continued expansion of the arts programming, including the hiring of new faculty for the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music that will begin accepting students in the fall.



Dr. Kathy Smoot

Jan. 16 was the first day for Dr. Smoot as interim president, following the exit of Dr. Jay K. Box, who resigned to accept a Vice President position in Versailles with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

A nationwide search for the president/CEO position is now underway. "I really appreciated the integrity Dr. Box brought to the position of president," Dr. Smoot said, noting she expected the person hired would also have that trait. "Dr. Box also brought us a vision of what we could be and it's very important the next president has the ability to gain the same widespread support from everyone," Dr. Smoot said. Although she will not apply for the position, she noted that the job should be very attractive to potential candidates since the college is in sound financial shape, has recently completed a \$4.6 fund raising campaign, accreditation issues are under control, and as she puts it, "We have a truly excellent faculty and staff. Hazard Community & Technical College is really a great place to work; we change lives every day through the success of our students!"

The new president/CEO, who will probably begin work July 1, will also need to be heavily involved in the communities which HCTC serves, noted Dr. Smoot. The college has been and needs to continue to be a catalyst for positive change and economic development across our service area.

Dr. Smoot already has a keen understanding of the college since she's been serving as the provost and vice president of academic affairs where she provided college-wide leadership for 122 full time faculty and 63 adjunct faculty, as well as 30 academic support staff. This includ-

ed oversight of 14 degree, 22 diploma, and over 100 certificate programs spread across five campus locations—the Hazard Campus, Technical Campus, Lees College Campus, Knott County Branch, and Leslie County Center. She is also involved in both the Kentucky School of Craft and the University Center of the Mountains projects.

In her previous role, she supervised three deans who are involved in the day-to-day activities at the college at different campus sites. She worked tirelessly making sure HCTC was up to the academic standards for accreditation, was involved in obtaining grant money for programs at the college, and worked in bringing new programs and classes to the college to meet the needs of the community.

Dr. Smoot's doctorate degree is in educational administration from the University of Kentucky. Her master's degree in vocational education and her bachelor's degree in vocational home economics are both from Morehead State University. Dr. Smoot attained a perfect 4.0 point-0 grade average in both her masters and doctoral work, and others have since replicated her studies of Cooperative Education and Leadership Behavior.

Dr. Smoot joined HCTC in 1996 as the result of the merger with Lees College in Jackson, which is now the Lees College Campus of HCTC. While at Lees, she held the position of Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to that, she spent five years at Horry-Georgetown Technical College serving as dean of the Grand Strand Campus in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and evening director at the Conway Campus in Conway, S.C. The remainder of her experience in higher education was earned at Northern Virginia Community College, Southern West Virginia Community College, Morehead State University, University of Kentucky, and the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service.

Dr. Smoot was born in Hazard. She is the daughter of the late John N. Catron; her mother, Beulah Brashear Catron, resides in Jeff (which served as the home for the family business — Catron's Upholstery — for over 20 years). Kathy resides in Jackson with her husband, Robert L. (Bob) Smoot, a former HCTC business faculty member who retired as of Dec. 31. The couple has one child, Sunshine, a pediatrician currently completing her first year of residency at Cabel Huntington Hospital in Huntington, WV.

HCTC Dean's List

The following Hazard Community and Technical College Floyd County students have been named to the Full-time Students Dean List, fall semester, 2006: Jesse Nathaniel Blankenship, of Teaberry; Sherry Annette Gomez, of Wayland; Jennifer Rose Hurst, of Printer; Justin D. Prater, of Hueysville; Ashley Ellisa Sexton, of Wayland; Ronald Erick Stone, of Hueysville; and Bobbie Jean Willis, of Minnie.

The following Hazard Community and Technical College Floyd County students have been named to the Part-time Dean's List, fall semester, 2006: Amanda Sadie Johnson, of Wheelwright, and Rachel Juanita Sexton, of Wayland.

AARP offering tax services to low-income persons and senior citizens at Floyd County Library, now until April 10

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528 AARP is again offering tax preparation services to low-income taxpayers and senior citizens. Those needing assistance may bring their W-2's to the Floyd County Library, located on Arnold Avenue, in Prestonsburg, from now until April 10, 2007. The hours of service are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., every Tuesday. Please bring a copy of your 2005 income tax return and your current tax information for 2006. This is a free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. This free service can answer most tax issues faced by low-income taxpayers, with special attention given to those age 60 and older.



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Weather & You

Weather 101 is a basic weather introduction for the non-scientist. Participants will study the atmosphere, climate, storms, and learn to make their own forecasts. In this 10 hour weather overview you will investigate our dynamic atmosphere with the help of meteorologists from the National Weather Service office in Jackson, Ky., Sky Alert Weather specialists from WYMT TV 57 and the staff of the East Kentucky Science Center. The course is Free and will be held at the East Kentucky Science Center beginning on March 6th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and meet on each successive Tuesday evening in March. Continuing Education Credit will also be available from Big Sandy Community and Technical College free of charge.

The Course will cover the following topics:
 Tuesday March 6th
 Introduction to Meteorology
 Atmosphere
 Weather & Climate
 Temperature & Thermometers
 Atmospheric Pressure & Winds
 Broadcast Meteorology

Tuesday March 13th
 CLIMATE CHANGE
 What is Climate?
 Global Warming
 How do we study global warming?

What is Paleoclimatology? The Data Observed Environmental Changes

Tuesday March 20th
 Precipitation and Storms
 Precipitation
 Thunderstorm basics
 Thunderstorm Structure
 Severe Thunderstorm Spotting

Tuesday March 27th
 Applying What You've Learned
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Children's Health

Early Hearing Loss

(NAPSA)—One in 10 American infants may have a hearing loss that can contribute to delayed development in learning, language and social skills. However, early detection and intervention can make a big difference.

"Every day, 33 babies are born in the U.S. with permanent hearing loss," said Sue Greco, director of marketing communications for

Advanced Bionics Auditory Division. "Early detection and intervention can diminish and even eliminate the negative impact of hearing loss in children."

Hearing loss intervention includes hearing aids and cochlear implants, which are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to functionally restore hearing, as well as programs to help the family and child. Infants as young as 12 months can be fitted with a cochlear implant.

If your child does not startle at loud sounds, respond when called, freely imitate sounds or turn toward sounds such as your voice, talk to your doctor about screening.

To learn more, visit www.bionic-ear.com.

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doing, but it is well worth the effort.

2—Examine the benefits of doing all of this. It's huge—your children do better in school, are less likely to do all the things you DON'T want them doing and are happier, more secure and nutritionally, better fed. You've heard me talk time and time again (or you have read in my columns time and time again) of the value of the family dinner table—psychologically, socially and nutritionally. One meal can make that much of a difference!

3—Have a back-up plan. There is no shame in ordering pizza ONCE IN A WHILE or making breakfast for dinner, or anything else that shortcuts your way to the dinner table. The big thing here is actually EATING together.

And please remember this: No one likes a dinnertime martyr any more than they like the housekeeping martyr. Don't be afraid to tell "your people" what you need. Have your kids help with dinner (hands on nutrition; life skills that will serve your children forever), have your husband help with grocery shopping and everyone pitch in for dishes. Dinner and meal making can be a

family affair if you will help to orchestrate it. Have a family meeting, get your crew on board and go for it! It's worth the effort!

Here's an easy recipe to get your dinner going in the right direction:

Roasted Vegetable Cheddar Soup

Serves 6

- 2 large rutabagas, peeled and quartered
- 2 large turnips, peeled and quartered
- 1 large onion, quartered
- 6 cloves garlic, whole
- 1 large head of cauliflower, broken up
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 teaspoons thyme
- 3 cups chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 1 1/2 cups half and half
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a large roasting pan, add all the vegetables and toss well with the olive oil, salt and pepper and thyme. Cook for 30 minutes or until veggies start to turn brown. Remove from the oven, set aside and let cool.

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In a blender, add cooled roasted veggies and 1/4 cup of the chicken broth (or more, you just want to help the blender blend the veggies and it needs liquid). Pulse the blender - you don't want your veggies liquefied, just blend-

In a large saucepan, dump the contents of the blender, the rest of the chicken broth and heat to boiling. Lower the heat to a simmer and add the cream. When it is hot (but NOT boiling, or the cream will break!) add the cheese tossed with the flour. Again, bring to almost boiling, turn down the heat and serve.

Per serving: 345 Calories; 17g Total Fat; 13g Protein; 3g Dietary Fiber; 14g Carbohydrate; 111mg Cholesterol; 616mg Sodium
 Food Exchanges: 0 Grain (Starch); 1 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 0 Fruit; 7 Fat; 0 Other Carbohydrates

For more help putting dinner on your table check out the Dinner Diva's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007. Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

Eyes

talked with me a bit this past week, informing that several members of the Floyd County family were planning a trip to New York City to attend the film's premiere (which would have been held just last night). Preacher Turner also says that his niece and her actor husband have been more than a tad bit starstruck as they've had the opportunity to rub elbows with some of Hollywood's finest during the making of this movie. Coming from good ol' well-grounded family stock, however, the preacher promises that both young people are keeping their heads out of the clouds and their feet firmly on the ground.

How exciting for the both of them this adventure must be! Let's check out Matthew this weekend when the film hits area theaters. And, yes, I promise to keep you updated through Matt's Floyd County in-laws as his career progresses!

But for now, enjoy the following offering:

GOD IS LIKE:
 (A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commer-

cial and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:)

God is like...
 BAYER ASPIRIN
 He works miracles.

God is like...
 A FORD
 He's got a better idea.

God is like...
 COKE
 He's the real thing.

(This one's great)
 God is like...
 HALLMARK CARDS
 He cares enough to send His very best. (AMEN!)

God is like...
 TIDE!
 He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like...
 GENERAL ELECTRIC
 He brings good things to life.

God is like...
 WAL-MART
 He has everything.

God is like...
 ALKA-SELTZER
 Oh, what a relief He is!

God is like...
 SCOTCH TAPE
 You can't see him, but you know He's there.

God is like...
 DELTA
 He's ready when you are.

God is like...
 ALLSTATE
 You're in good hands with Him.

God is like...
 VO-5 HAIR SPRAY
 He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like...
 DIAL SOAP
 Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like...
 THE U.S. POST OFFICE
 Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor ice, will keep Him from His appointed destination.

'Til next week!

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 886-2842
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When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Job Listings

JOB OPENINGS
 C & S Vaults, manufacture of steel burial vaults is seeking a driver for the Inez warehouse. Applicants must have a class B CDL license. Ability to perform physical labor. Must be dependable. Drivers load, unload, and deliver steel grave vaults through out regions in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Must

be comfortable dealing with customers. Benefits available after 90 days. Full time positions. Please fill out an application and sign up for an interview at C & S Vaults Industrial Dr. Inez, Ky 41224

JOB OPENING
 Communications construction-Labors and CDL drivers needed class A or B experience helpful but not mandatory. Insurance- Holiday- and Vacation- 401K. To apply call Star Construction at 874-1263

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.

JOB OPENING
 R N / L P N - Competitive wages based on experience, health and dental insurance, up to 4 weeks vacation, 9 paid holidays, no weekends. Send resumes to PO Box 2667, Pikeville KY 41502

JOB OPENING
 Mine Component Mechanic, Welder Fabricator. Both positions are for shop work. May inquire at 606-87496441 between the hours of 8:30am

to 4:00pm.
JOB OPENING
 The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an opening for an Assistant Property Manager/Intake Worker. The Assistant Property Manager/Intake Worker must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus at least three years office experience including basic computer skills. General requirements include the ability to communicate orally and in writing, organizational skills, the ability to work with confidential information and to work well with the public. Applicants must have a valid KY Drivers License. This is a full time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office in Prestonsburg from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm each day through February 23, 2007.

JOB OPENING
 A national-ly known company has recently opened a large factory authorized sells and service center in the Big Sandy Area. Responsible people in all departments. \$375 per week to start as per written agreement. Paid vacations and advancements available. People who are ready to work and advance call Monday Feb. 19 only. 9a to 5p at 606-788-7334.

JOB OPENING
 The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Aide. 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. Knowledge and experience of general apartment and grounds maintenance and upkeep are preferred.

JOB OPENING
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

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MERCHANDISE

Misc.

FOR SALE
 Desk, Washer, Dryer, Microwave, Microwave cabinet, Dinette, Refrigerator, 22,500 BTU AC, Cedar bed, Cedar Chest, Bed Hollywood frame, computer, printer, scanner, copier, computer desk, chair. Call 358-2330 or 358-0180

LOOKING TO RENT in the McDowell or Wheelwright area. Call 452-4249.

ATTENTION BALL ROOM DANCE PARTNER NEEDED! Must have previous experience OR have interest

in taking dance classes. Must be capable of going to dance class. Ages 50-70. If this applies to you please call LeighAnn at 886-8506 to apply.

FOR SALE
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REAL ESTATE

Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE 3 BR 2 bath house completely remodeled inside and out. 38 S. River view Lane Prestonsburg. 886-9881.

HOUSE FOR SALE 388 Hammond Rd Prestonsburg 4 BR 3 full bath, jacuzzi tub in master bedroom. All kitchen appliances, security system, family room has hardwood floors with gas fire place. All new paint. 1 car garage, large deck over looking 1/2 acre flat fenced yard. 2 min. to RT. 23, 5 min to downtown Prestonsburg. Recently appraised at \$156,000. Priced for quick sale \$145,500. Immediate occu-

FOR SALE
 5 BR house 1 1/2 bath. 2 story on approx 3 1/2 level acres with barn and out buildings. Could develop as 5 building lot. Located in banner area. \$124,900 Call 874-9456.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 Call 285-9277 422-8197 226-4551.

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Sale or Lease

FOR LEASE

5,000 Sq. Ft. office or retail building for lease or land contract. Located at Garrett. 606-438-6104.

FOR RENT
 Beauty shop equip with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile south of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

LEASE OR LAND CONTRACT. 2 BR AND LOT. Call 791-1986

FOR SALE
 Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Paintsville. Also,

double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FARM FOR SALE
 Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derosselt Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

FOR RENT
 New townhouses for lease 1500 Sq. feet with garages. 3 BR \$700 per month. \$700 deposit. Half mile

from Highlands Regional Hospital. Call 606-886-8100 or 606-434-7715

APT FOR RENT
 Newly remodeled apartment located in Prestonsburg, above safelite. 1 BR, 1 bath. Call 478-8100 for price.

FOR RENT
 1 BR efficiency apt \$350 per month. 1 BR with garage \$500 per month. 2 BR 1 1/2 bath w/ carport. \$575. 2 BR house 2 bath \$675. Call 434-6516 or 226-1925 or 285-9639.

APT FOR RENT
 Newly remodeled unfurnished ground floor apartment. Located across from Floyd County Technical center on

LPN or CMA
for Medical Office in Pikeville.
Must be efficient w/ a friendly smile and proficient with computers.
Traveling required.
Good Pay & Benefits
References required. Send resume to:
Medical Offices
P. O. Box 3128
Pikeville, KY 41502

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 Well established company in need of an experienced web designer. Qualified candidates must be proficient in HTML, C++, Dream Weaver 8, Adobe Photoshop, Macromedia Flash, JavaScript, My SQL Database and Microsoft Access. Must possess two years' experience and have good graphic design capabilities.
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 Drift, 3 BR, 1 Bath, multi level deck and porch, paved driveway, detached garage, large fenced in yard. Includes all appliances. \$82,000. Call 377-0251.

Route 122 at Martin. \$500 per month plus utilities. Must furnish references. Call 285-9112. NOT HUD APPROVED.

GroundHog Day Special. Park Place Apartments. First month rent FREE W/ Deposit paid in full. Rent starting at 1 BR - \$208, 2 BR - \$304. Offer valid thru 2/28/07. All electric HUD accepted. Call 886-0039.

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House

HOUSE FOR RENT A nice 3 BR, two bathroom house at Ivel, \$550 a month plus plus utilities. If interested call 874-6700 after 6:00 pm.

HOUSE FOR RENT 161 Lafferty BR \$550 monthly, \$550 security deposit. References required. 874-8482

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covereddeck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. Open Oct 31. \$1090.00 month or best offer. 850-222-2226. Leave message.

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 BR 2 bath house in Prestonsburg. \$550 per month + deposit. 478-5389 or 477-1707 2/16

HOUSE FOR RENT EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD 1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vacuum. Gated community, references and deposit required. Located in Knott County. No pets, available 12/29 call 438-6104.

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Mobile Home

LOTS FOR RENT New MH park. Allen/Dwale area. Restrictions apply. paved streets, lighted area. All sizes. 606-377-2357.

FOR RENT One Mobile Home lots for rent 1/2 mile on right from Prestonsburg on Town Branch Road. Lots have city water, gas, sewage, and AEP electric. Call Karen 874-7155.

LEGALS

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Allen, Kentucky 41601, (606) 874-9003, Permit No. 836-0334, will be blasting at Salyers Branch and General Allen Branch of Saltlick Creek and Mudlick Branch of Brush Creek, Latitude 37°30'45"; Longitude 82°53'57". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or

after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren, following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergency situations, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the

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blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren, following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergency situations, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after blasting will

be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations, the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

BLASTING SCHEDULE

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	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$

RATE SCHEDULES GS

Residential (GSR) 1/				
First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	6.95	1.4269	7.0085	15.3854
Over 1 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085	10.3069
EAP Rider	0.0579			0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/

First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	18.88	1.4269	7.0085	27.3154
Next 49 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085	10.3069
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153	1.4269	7.0085	10.2507
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296	1.4269	7.0085	10.1650
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802	1.4269	7.0085	10.0156
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Delivery Service

Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
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Standby Service Demand Charge

Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		6.5482		6.5482
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Delivery Rate Per Mcf

First 400 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153			1.8153
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296			1.7296
All Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802			1.5802
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

RATE SCHEDULE IS

Customer Charge per Mo.	116.55			116.55
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467		7.0085	7.5552
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905		7.0085	7.2990
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Standby Service Demand Charge

Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		6.5482		6.5482
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Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$

Delivery Service 1

Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467			0.5467
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905			0.2905
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

RATE SCHEDULE IUS 1/

For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269	7.0085	8.7392
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Delivery Service

Administrative Charge	55.90			55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269		1.7307
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE

Administrative Charge	55.900			55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858			0.0858
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the Base Rate Charge and applicable Riders only. The Base Rate Charge is also applicable to General Service Propane.

The proposed rates to be charged in all territory served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. are as follows:

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$

RATE SCHEDULE GS - GENERAL SALES SERVICE

Residential (GSR) 1/				
Customer charge	12.75			12.75
All volume consumed	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085	10.2595
EAP Rider	0.0579			0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/

Customer charge	28.00			28.00
First 50 Mcf per Mo.	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085	10.2595
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.7142	1.4269	7.0085	10.1496
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.6324	1.4269	7.0085	10.0678
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.4806	1.4269	7.0085	9.9180
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

RATE SCHEDULE IS - INTERRUPTIBLE SALES SERVICE

Customer Charge per Mo.	200.00			200.00
First 30,000 Mcf	0.8027		7.0085	7.6112
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192		7.0085	7.3277
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

Firm Service Demand Charge			
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement	6.5482		6.5482

RATE SCHEDULE IUS - INTRASTATE UTILITY SERVICE 1/

Customer Charge per Mo.	255.00		255.00
For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.5905	1.4269	7.0085
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

RATE SCHEDULE SS - STANDBY SERVICE

Standby Service Demand Charge per Mcf			
Demand Charge times Standby Service Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement	6.5482		6.5482

RATE SCHEDULE DS - DELIVERY SERVICE

Administrative Charge per billing period	55.90		55.90
Customer Charge per billing period 2/	200.00		200.00
Customer Charge - Grandfathered Service only	28.00		28.00
Customer Charge - Intrastate Utility only	255.00		255.00
Delivery Rate per Mcf 2/			
First 30,000 Mcf	0.6027		0.6027
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192		0.3192

	Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Delivery Rate - Grandfathered Service only

First 400 Mcf per billing period	1.7142			1.7142
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	1.6324			1.6324
All Over 1000 Mcf per billing period	1.4806			1.4806

Delivery Rate - Intrastate Utility only

All volumes per billing period	0.5905	1.4269		2.0174
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105			0.0105

RATE SCHEDULE MLDS - MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE

Administrative Charge	55.90		55.90
Customer Charge per billing period	200.00		200.00
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858		0.0858
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105
Banking and Balancing Service		0.0206	0.0206

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the base rate charge and all applicable riders only.

2/ Applicable to all Rate Schedule DS customers except those served under Grandfathered or Intrastate Utility provisions

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES

Miscellaneous Fees

The Company is proposing to increase the following fees as indicated:

	Current	Proposed
Return Check Fee	\$8.00	\$15.00
Reconnect Fee	\$15.00	\$55.00

The foregoing rates reflect an increase of approximately 7.99% to Columbia. The estimated amount of increase per customer class is as follows:

Residential	\$10,539,821	11.07%
Commercial	\$1,498,857	2.77%
Industrial	\$382,525	4.89%
Wholesale	\$12,400	5.29%
Other	\$211,920	21.57%

The average monthly bill for each customer class to which the proposed rates will apply will increase approximately as follows:

Residential	\$7.38	11.0%
Commercial	\$9.61	3.0%
Industrial	-\$16.45	-0.5%
Transportation	\$9.29	11.0%
Wholesale	\$517.00	6.5%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia; however, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

In addition to the adjustment of rates described above, Columbia is also seeking approval from the Public Service Commission for an Accelerated Main Replacement Program and a Post In-Service Carrying Charge. The Accelerated Main Replacement Program is designed to accelerate the replacement of the aging pipes and facilities on Columbia's system in order to maintain safe and reliable service for customers. The Post In-Service Carrying Charge is designed to encourage the investment in pipeline extensions and facilities for new customers to receive gas service.

Any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in this matter may, by written request, within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, request to intervene; intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Requests to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the address listed below.

Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the rate application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting Cynthia Benham at:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
2001 Mercer Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40511-1018
(859) 288-0261

Any person may examine the rate application and any other filings made by Columbia at the offices of Columbia or the Commission, as listed below:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
2001 Mercer Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40511-1018
1-800-432-9345

Public Service Commission of Kentucky
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
(502) 564-3940

from those given above, except in emergency situations, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations, the permittee, using audible signals (siren), shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Allen, Kentucky 41601, (606) 874-9003, Permit No. 836-0336, will be blasting at at Grassy Creek and Brush Creek, Latitude 37°30'45"; Longitude 82°53'57". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short

sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren, following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergency situations, where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations, the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 350.093, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for Phase II bond release, permit number 836-5450, which was last issued on 6/03/03. The permit covers an area of 26.45 acres, located 2.0 miles southeast of Drift, in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately 1.25 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with Simpson Martin Branch Road, and located 2.0 miles east of Beaver Creek. The

latitude is 37°28'37". The longitude is 82°43'07". (3) The bond now in effect for the permit is a Surety Bond for \$20,500. Approximately 15% of the original bond amount of \$107,400 is included in the application for release. (4) Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading and seeding, completed 11/18/04. (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by April 9, 2007. (6) A public Hearing on the application has been scheduled for April 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 9, 2007.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5306 Operator Change #5

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010,

notice is hereby given that MATT/CO, INC., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 intends to revise permit number 836-5306 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Little Ty Coal Company, Inc; P.O. Box 104; Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new operator will be Bubba Coal Company Inc.; P.O. Box 13; Beaver, Kentucky 41604. The operation is located 0.5 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.25 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.3 miles northeast of the Levisa Fork. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 38' 30" and longitude 82° 41' 45". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 898-0779 Amendment 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070,

notice is hereby given that CAM Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1 mile northwest of McCombs in Pike County, Kentucky. The amendment will add 73.28 acres of surface disturbance making

a total area of 301.54 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles west of the Bevins Branch Road junction with KY 194 and located 0.2 miles west of John's Creek. The latitude is 37-39-59. The longitude is 82-35-48. The proposed amendment is

located on the Thomas USGS 7 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Cliff Blackburn. The operation will use the combination of surface and auger mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the KYEPPC's Division

of Field Services Pikeville Regional Office located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



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