

social worker charged

by ALEX SMITH STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A Lawrence County social worker resigned from her position this week after being charged with four counts of unlawful transactions with a minor in late January for allegedly buying and serving alcohol to teenagers.

Ruth J. Horn, 32, was arrested Feb. 11 at her Louisa residence after being charged for providing alcohol to four teenage girls at a party which took at her home on Jan. 27.

Horn, who had worked for five years at the Division of Protection and Permanency, resigned this week following her arrest. Her position at the agency included work in cases of child and adult abuse and neglect, foster care and adoptions.

The incident remains under investigation by

Board bans principals from coaching

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Floyd County principals will no longer be allowed to serve as coaches in Floyd County schools, the Floyd County Board of Education determined at a meeting Wednesday night.

"I feel that academics should come before sports," board member Sherry Robinson had to say in regard to the issue, as she and fellow board member Linda Gearheart discussed the reasoning behind their respective stances.

Gearheart, a former principal herself, was in favor of continuing to allow Floyd County principals to serve as coaches for athletic teams. Gearheart said that in her experience as a school administrator, "It was sometimes very hard to get someone to

Robinson had to say in regard to the come on board to serve as just a issue, as she and fellow board member coach."

Though both Gearheart and Carol Stumbo were in favor of allowing principals to serve as coaches, Robinson was joined by fellow board members Jeff Stumbo and Dr. Chandra Varia against continuing the practice and, as evidenced by a roll call vote, put the matter to rest by voting to no longer allow principals, vice principals or department heads of Floyd County schools to serve as coaches on any Floyd County team. Additionally, those serving in these positions will also not be allowed to volunteer in these capacities.

"I feel that we are taking the decision out of the hands of the site-based councils," Gearheart said in regard to

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WANTING A CHOICE

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Larry Brown, a Prestonsburg attorney, addressed the Floyd County Board of Education on Wednesday evening in regard to the school system's reciprocal agreement with Johnson County schools.

Board decides to keep

Jury sends message with tough sentence

by ALEX SMITH STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County woman and her Knott County boyfriend were convicted Tuesday on drug possession charges, with the jury recommending that each receive the maximum sentences allowed under law.

A jury returned the guilty verdicts after 7 p.m. Tuesday, convicting Kimberly C. Burns, 39, of Hueysville, of three counts of possession of controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. The jury recommended a five-year sentence for possessing methadone and 12 months each for two counts of possessing hydrocodone and the drug paraphernalia charge, which was brought for three scales found in her bedroom along with the methadone. Although the jury recommended these sentences run consecutively, by law the 12-month convictions, which were misdemeanor charges, must run concurrent with her five-year sentence.

Her boyfriend, James B. Combs, 45, of Leburn, was found guilty of cocaine possession and tampering with physical evidence, for which he was given matching five-year sentences. The jury recommended that the charges run consecutively.

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KASPER to be focus of meeting March 12

Det. Mark Padgett of Kentucky State Police.

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agreement with Johnson

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — Several parents of Floyd County students who travel outside the county to attend school showed up at the special-called meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, held Wednesday evening at May Valley Elementary School, to voice their concerns over rumors that the Floyd board may not sign an agreement with neighboring counties, specifically Johnson, to allow Floyd County students to attend school outside their

home county.

Keith Baker, of Allen, addressed the board to explain his choice to have his child attend school in Johnson County. Baker said that after reviewing test scores and progress of both Floyd and Johnson County schools, that he and his wife came to the determination that what they were looking for in the way of providing an education for their child was available not in Floyd County, but in Johnson.

, "It was what was right for s our family," Baker said. "And r we feel we have the right to choose where our child attends school," he continued, citing the Kentucky Education Reform Act and No Child Left Behind Act both as models for granting them that right.

Larry Brown, a Prestonsburg attorney, also spoke, saying that although he was a "proud PHS (Prestonsburg High School) graduate," that he is now "black and gold to the bone" after having one child successfully complete his education in the Johnson County school sys-

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by ALEX SMITH STAFF WRITER

An educational program on the state's KASPER program will be held in Prestonsburg on Monday, March 12.

KASPER, which stands for "Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Reporting" program, was initiated in 1999, and at the end of 2006 Kentucky was one of 28 states in the country employing some form of prescription monitoring program.

All medical professionals and law enforcement officers in Floyd and surrounding counties are encouraged to attend the presentation. The meeting is open to the public and will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Allen Baptist Church, located on U.S. 23 just north of Route 80.

Dave Sallengs, manager

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Mine safety legislation passes first hurdle

by ROGER ALFORD Associated Press

FRANKFORT — After weeks of intense lobbying by eastern Kentucky widows who lost their husbands in mining accidents, state lawmakers are again considering legislation to bolster safety laws for those working underground.

A measure that would, among other things, require more government inspections of coal mines, had stalled in a House committee until the widows and other mine safety advocates kick started it with personal pleas and with protests at the Capitol.

The committee approved revised legislation on Thursday and sent it to the full House for consideration. Mine safety advocates, however, complained that the new version was gutted of several key features.

The new proposal requires inspectors to visit each mine at least six times per year, up from the current standard of three. A provision that

(See BILL, page 18)



photo by Alex Smith

Floyd County Judge/Executive Robert D. Marshall has declared the week of Feb. 23 through March 2 as Cheerleading Week in Floyd County after the Prestonsburg High School Varsity Cheerleading team recently won the 15th Regional Cheerleading Competition. Marshall said he encourages all residents to congratulate the cheerleaders and coaches Leslie Derossett Ousley and Nikki Shepherd. The team will be in Richmond this weekend competing in the state cheerleading competition.





Tommy Slone Jr.

Tommy Slone Jr., 78, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, February 21, 2007, at Corner Stone

Hospital, in Huntington, West Virginia. Born on March

1, 1928, in

Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Tommy Slone and Alice Prater Slone.

Survivors include five brothers: Herman Slone, George Slone, and Gary Slone, all of Prestonsburg, Johnny Slone of Van Lear, and Oscar Slone of Betsy Layne; five sisters: Kathryn Johnson, Winnie Mae Keathley, Ella Sammons, and Marie Lafferty, all of Prestonsburg, and Garnett Oldfather of Warsaw, Indiana. Funeral services will be held

Saturday, February 24, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral

Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Blankenship of Teaberry, and in Pike County, the daughter Stephens officiating. Interment will be at Weddington Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, 11 a.m., until 9 p.m.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Tracy Neice, Michael Lafferty, Robert Hamilton, Donald Johnson, Gary Johnson, and other family members.

Honorary: Jay Sammons, Jack Keathley, Ed Burchett, Lowell Robinson, Jim Kunath, Austin Music, Terry Music, and Allen Lafferty. (Paid obituary)

000 **Chester Blankenship**

Chester Blankenship, age 76, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

Born March 31, 1930, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Hairm and Victoria Newsome Blankenship. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie Hall Blankenship.

Other survivors include three sons: Charlie Blankenship of Galveston, Carter Lester Blankenship of Wallingford; two daughters: Mildred Akers of Teaberry, and Madge Keathley of Galveston; two brothers: Curt Blankenship of Galveston, and Estill Blankenship of Teaberry: 18 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Blankenship; two sisters: Dolly Frasure and Edith Branham; a grandchild, and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 23, at 1 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Blankenship Family Cemetery at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 6 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Josephine S. Collins

Josephine S. Collins, age 79, of Betsy Layne, the widow of Thomas Otto "Tom" Collins, passed from this life on Wednesday, February 21, 2007, in the Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born June 10, 1927,

of the late Ervin and Violet Runyon Scalf.

She was a homemaker, and a member of St. Martha's Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons: Ernie L. (Gayle) Collins of Ivel, and Chadwick Shawn (Shelby) Collins of Stanville; a daughter, Sharon (Jimmy) Akers of Dana; two brothers: Bill Jack (Virgie) Scalf of Columbus, Ohio, and Dean (Donna) Scalf of Stanville; three sisters: Jane Scalf Clark of Betsy Layne, Juanita Collins of Stanville, and Margaret (Ernie) Wright of Pikeville; six grandchildren: Jason Akers, Myra Thompson, Elizabeth Akers, Sophia Akers, Braeden Ray, and Landon Ray.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister, Rosalie Scalf: and three brothers: Joe Robert Scalf, John B. Scalf, and William B. Scalf.

Funeral services: will be held Saturday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m., in St. Martha's Catholic Church at Water Gap, with Father Bob Damron officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under direction of Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral (Paid obituary) home.

000 **Gladys** Conn

Gladys Conn, age 74, of Martin, Tuesday, died February 20, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born October 2, 1932, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Colbert and Drucilla Mullins Greer. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Conn.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Wilmer Neb and Pauline Conn of Morehead; a daughter, Kathy Ann Conn of Prestonsburg; a brother, Elmer Greer of

Banner; a sister, Lexie Salisbury of Martin; four grandchildren: Wilmer Greg Conn, Freddy Joe Conn, Jeremy Blake Conn, and Belinda 'Adkins; and four great-grandchildren: Dylan Gregory Conn, Matthew Tyler Conn, Braiden Adkins and Heather Conn.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Clyde Greer, Leon Greer, and Claude Greer; and three sisters: Draxie Hancock, Bessie Greer, and Flossie Carver.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 23, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, at Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

John David Evans Sr.

John David Evans Sr., 87, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, departed this life on December 7, 2006.

-Johnny, as he was known by his friends, was born in Akron, Ohio, on October, 20, 1919, and moved to Auxier, where he was reared by his parents, Oscar Bob Evans, and Esther Keaton Evans.

He was married for 57 years to his devoted wife, Patsy Evans. He was the father of his daughter Karen (Ron) Stanfield of Lexington, and his son David (Rella) Evans of Richmond.

Johnny lived his life as a servant of the Lord, and made a Christian impact on the lives of all whom he touched. He was a Deacon Emeritus of Irene Cole Memorial (First) Baptist Church of Prestonsburg, where he served in many capacities, including missions and teaching Sunday school, and was a past master of Zebulon Masonic Lodge in Prestonsburg.

He loved his church and he loved the Masonic order. He was a member of Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington



Survivors include his wife and children, two granddaughters: Bethany Evans and Emily Evans of Richmond, two sisters: Margie Gunnell of Prestonsburg, and Virginia (Norman) Foss of Orlando, Florida, and several extended family members and friends. Funeral services were con-

ducted Monday, December 11, at W.R. Milward Funeral Home, on Southland Drive, Lexington.

Burial followed at Camp Nelson National Cemetery with

military rites. Visitation was at the funeral



Minimum wage bill goes to Senate

FRANKFORT — The House voted Kentucky Wednesday to raise the state minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour over the next two years - the first minimum wage increase in the state in a decade.

by Rep. J.R. Gray, D-Benton, would increase the wage to \$5.85 an hour this year, \$6.55 an hour in 2008 and \$7.25 an hour in 2009. The rate would

increase with the federal minimum wage rate, now being

minimum wage, we will bring about unemployment, we will cause rising inflation, we will cause people to receive shorter work hours, but...there is no

debated in Congress, should the federal rate exceed the state rate. Passing the bill "is the right thing to do and the moral thing to do," Gray said. "We always House Bill 305, sponsored hear that if we increase the

Burial will be in the

Cara Collins, Chasity Ray, Taylor Collins, and Nate Collins; and six great-grandchildren: Connor Risner, Thomas Riley Thompson,

Card of Thanks

The family of James E. Allen wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Clergyman Roy Harlow for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES E. ALLEN

Card of Thanks

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The family of Glen H. Martin would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Danny O'Quinn for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF GLEN H. MARTIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Olin Amburgey would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thankyou to all who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Lenny Wheeler for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF OLIN AMBURGEY

Card of Thanks

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The family of Eliza Johnson wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF ELIZA JOHNSON

photo by Mike Sunseri, LRC Public Information

Rep. Brad Montell, R-

"This economy works best

The House approved the

bill by a vote of 89-10. It now

goes to the Senate for its con-

said

when unfettered by govern-

ment interference,

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sideration.

From left, Senate Democratic Floor Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty (standing), Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, and Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, study legislation on the floor of the Kentucky Senate.

credible evidence to back up government," he said. any of those claims when you look back over the years the Shelbyville, agreed. minimum wage has been increased," said Gray.

Rep. Jim DeCesare, R-Bowling Green, spoke against Montell. "I believe the mini-HB 305, saying it would harm mum wage is fundamentally small business and force universities to raise student wages.

"I truly believe the market ought to dictate wages, not

Card of Thanks

The family of Bill Wells would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to all those who sent food, flowers, and spoke words of comfort in our time of need. Special thanks to Carter Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

> May God Bless All. THE FAMILY OF BILL WELLS

Card of Thanks

The family of Charles Edward Hurst would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way, during the recent and unexpected loss of Charles. The outpouring of love and many acts of kindness shown to his loved ones proved as a testimony of the very person he was.



We would like to thank everyone who told us stories of the many ways he touched their lives. To the pastors and singers for giving of their time, and consoling us with songs and prayers. Whether you said a prayer, sent flowers, brought food, or gave a gift, we thank you for your thoughts and generosity. To the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for providing a place for family and friends to gather together to mourn the loss of our father, words cannot express enough our deepest appreciation, but to say we thank you.

Violet, Glenn, Gary, David Mary, Sharon, and Sherry

He was a veteran of World

War II, and proudly served his country in the Pacific. Johnny's life was a testimony of service to his fellow man. He helped every person who needed him at any time, and never met a person he didn't like. He lived a life of stability in an unstable world. He lived his life to serve God, and to serve others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Esther, his brothers, Walter and James, and his much loved grandson, Zachary Stanfield.

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Honorary pallbearers are Ronald Stanfield, Phillip Price, Dell Jaggers, Brandon Stanfield, Jack Neal, Ron Johnson, Delmas Saunders,' Orville Cooley, Bob Fisher, Evan Spradlin, Matthew Goble, Norman Foss, Randy Polk, and Gus Kalos.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Emerson Needlecraft Club, Cancer Kids Camp Sponsor, 2050 Garden Springs Dr., Apt. 300, Lexington, KY 40504.

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Granny, It was hard to see you go, But I know that it was your time. You had such a will to live, and fought so many battles, You fought as long as you could. It helps to know that you have no more pain and suffering, And can walk hand in hand with our Lord.

I will never forget you, Gran. I will never forget the feel of your soft wrinkled hands, Your wonderful crooked smile that brightened my day. The sound of you laughing, The generosity and love you showed me, And your love for Jesus, as that was some of your last words.

You hold a special place in my heart, And I know that you will always be there looking down on me. Nothing will ever take our memories away, They will stay in my heart forever. I am so lucky to have known and had a great grandmother like you, You'll always be my Hot Rod Granny, and I your Baby Doll.

In Loving Memory of Hattie Jarrell Who Walked Through Heaven's Gate on January 28, 2007

Happy 80th Birthday, Granny!!! We Love and Miss You!!

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Connie S. Burchett, 43, of Ivel to Bradis J. Goble, 49, of Ivel.

Ronda Lee Moore, 39, of Minnie to Shane Alan Cook, 37, of Bevinsville.

Patty Lou Spradlin, 38, of McDowell to Steve Edward Caudill, 41, of McDowell.

Ashley Nicole Collins, 20, of Prestonsburg to Joshua Wade Prater, 19, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Lendmark Financial Services vs. William Sosebee: to collect debt

Sandy Valley Financial Services, Inc. vs. Charles Halsey; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Barbara Sherman; to collect †debt

Cash In Hand vs. Rachel Hunter Cordle; to collect debt Cash In Hand vs. Steven

Casdorph; to collect debt In Hand vs. Cash

Christopher M. Damron; to collect debt Cash In Hand vs. Dwayne

Cornette; to collect debt

Capital One Bank vs. Russell Shepherd; to collect debt

Community Trust Bank vs. Nicholas Scott Ison; to collect debt

First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. William Sosebee; to collect debt

American General Financial Services, Inc. vs. William Sosebee; to collect debt

Joyce S. Smith vs. Melissa A. Smith; petition for child support and health care insurance

Joyce S. Smith vs. James A. Smith; petition for child support and health care insurance Amy N. Miller vs. Frank D. Reffitt; petition for health care insurance

Misty N. Morrow vs. Jeffery L: Bentley; petition for health care insurance

Wesley R. Castle vs. Angel M. Castle; petition for health care insurance

Alicia Click vs. Shawn

Ousley, David Shawn Ousley and State Farm Fire & Casualty Co.; compensatory and punitive damages

Grayco Rentals, Inc. vs. David Montgomery; to collect debt

Beverly Castle Howard vs. Donny Howard; dissolution of marriage

Ellis Dwayne Hall vs. Vanessa Ann Arnett Hall; dissolution of marriage

Sylvia Collett, individually and as natural parent and legal guardian and next friend of Tiffany Combs vs. Patricia Owens; compensatory and punitive damages

Roger Reynolds vs. Oples Elizabeth Reynolds; dissolution of marriage

Chester Baldridge vs. Gaye Baldridge; dissolution of marriage

Terri Doe, Ann Doe and Jane Doe vs Jeremy Shepard and City of Martin, Kentucky; verified complaint and demand for jury trial

Mutual Nationwide Insurance Company vs. Myshellia Mullins; to collect debt

Bank of New York vs. Robert Thacker, Jaclyn Thacker, Teresa Turner Ebert, Thomas E. Ebert and County of Floyd; complaint and reformation of mortgage and deed

Community Trust Bank, Inc. vs. Howard C. Evans, Aileen M. Evans, Medical Imaging Group, Floyd County, Kentucky and City of Prestonsburg; to collect debt

Karen Adams vs. William Adams; dissolution of marriage

Richard Bevins vs. Angela Bevins; dissolution of marriage

Paul and Debbie Kilburn vs. Henry and Patricia Greene, Gary Douglas Ousley and Alchemy Engineering Associates H2O and Laboratories, Inc.; compensatory damages

Veronica Garrett as next of kin on behalf of Mia Sha Garrett and Gabriel Garrett vs. Scottie Woods and unknown defendant; compensatory and

punitive damages

Forest Industry Workers Compensation Fund vs. Nathan Wright; to collect debt

Violet Newsome vs. Ralph J. Bryant; to collect debt

Small Claims Filings

Speedy Cash vs. Landon Frazier; to collect debt

Charges Filed

Joan Hall, 47; disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, thirddegree assault of a police/probation officer, third-degree terroristic threatening

Timothy Crum, 41; alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, four counts first-degree wanton endangerment, three counts third-degree terroristic threatening, third-degree criminal mischief

Roger P. Holbrook, 69; first-degree wanton endangerment

Bridget D. Parsons, 34; second-degree forgery

William Riley Hall Jr., 32; operating on a suspended/revoked operators license

Inspections

Vance Quick Mart, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, cloths used for wiping non food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, floors not in good repair, employees personal items not stored properly, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 95, Retail, 96

Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of single service articles, floors not in good repair, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, clean linen not properly stored. Score: 96

Stop and Shop, Blue River, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate ther-

mometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, hand cleaner not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, attached equipment on walls and ceiling not in good repair, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 93, Retail, 96

Fat Boys Pizza and Grill, Martin, 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, improper storage of clean equipment and utensils. Score: 96

Our Lady of The Way, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Garbage and

Neal and Steven Edward Arnett, property located at Hite.

Billie Bellamy to Scott Bellamy, property location undisclosed.

Bellsouth Telecommunications Inc. to Gearheart Communications, property located at Harold.

Elmer Castle to Angela Michelle and Michael Sean Macelhose, property located at Wayland.

Stella Castle to Angela Michelle and Michael Sean Macelhose, property located at Wayland.

David H. Derossett to Ernest J. Lewis, property located at Cliff Road.

Shirley A. Derossett to Ernest J. Lewis, property located at Cliff Road.

Gearheart Communications Bellsouth to Telecommunications, property located at Pinhook Creek.

Bonnie Goble to James and Jamie Blankenship, property located at Prestonsburg.

David Rick Goble to James and Jamie Blankenship, property located at Prestonsburg.

Hall and Hylton Development Inc. to Sandy Valley Water District, property located at Pen Hook Branch.

Mountaineer Land Companý located at Mary E., Ray, Vernon Kelly and Violet Slone, property located at Beaver Creek.

Avonelle Neeley to Robert M. Neeley, property located at

American Heart

Association.

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Judy Parsons to Allen and Shelia Rose, property located at Goble Roberts.

at Goble Roberts.

Abbott Creek.

Peggy Tackett to Kristi and Michael B. Tackett, property location undisclosed.

Bill Parsons to Allen and

Shelia Rose, property located

Penny Wiley to Phyllis A. Wiley, property located at Richmond Addition.

Phyllis Ann "Penny" Wiley to Phyllis A. Wiley, property located at Richmond Addition.



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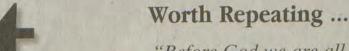
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Amendment I

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Guest View **Editorial roundup**

The (Spartanburg, S.C.) Herald-Journal, on credit cards for illegal immigrants:

A corporation should show some sense of obligation to the society that supports it and a willingness to uphold that society's laws. Bank of America shows no such responsibility with its plan to issue credit cards to illegal immigrants.

The bank announced plans to begin offering credit cards to those without Social Security numbers or credit histories. People who don't have Social Security numbers are usually illegal immigrants.

It does not seem to matter to this huge financial services corporation that the country for which it is named faces a serious problem with illegal immigration. ...

The bank will be making America's illegal immigration problem worse. It will be exploiting mostly poor people by sucking them into high-interest credit card debt. But the bank will be expanding its business, which is all that really matters. ...

This is about quality of life, all right. But the quality of life of illegal immigrants isn't likely to be enhanced by credit card debt. And the general quality of life in this country isn't likely to be improved by more criminal behavior in the form of illegal immigration.

The Buffalo (N.Y.) News, on the HPV vaccine:

A vaccine that prevents any form of cancer has long been the holy grail of medical research. So, when one is found, of course many people will want to rush it into widespread use. But in the case of the new vaccine for human papilloma virus, some people are getting ahead of themselves, and want the law to drag everyone else with them. .

Spending \$360 for the three-injection treatment before a woman becomes sexually active can save lives and money. But making the vaccinations mandatory for minor children would be, well, an overdose. It would transform what should be a compassionate effort to educate and empower into an unnecessarily in-your-face political battle.

Mandating this vaccination for minors will be seen as an unwarranted interference with parental responsibilities, and as rewarding the unseemly advertising and lobbying campaign by vaccine maker Merck & Co.

A better approach is seen in places from California to Italy where, officials have decided, the vaccine won't be mandatory, but it will be free

When the moral issues are this intense and the medicine involved is this new, families should be guided by information and judgment, not the force of law.

The Tuscaloosa (Ala.) News, on the Iraq war:

An audit showing about \$10 billion has been squandered in Iraq should give members of Congress pause when they consider President

by LONNIE LAWSON PRESIDENT & CEO, THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT JERRY RICKETT PRESIDENT, KENTUCKY HIGHLANDS INVESTMENT CORP. and DEAN ROBERT ROGOW EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Let's begin with this fact; the 2005 Kauffman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity by State ranks Kentucky among the nation's "bottom five ates with the lowest cumulative rate of entrepreneurship activity." Now, let's follow that fact with another; the future economic success of our Commonwealth is directly linked to the cultivation, development and growth of entrepreneurial business. It does not take much study of Kentucky's economy to come to that conclusion - the evidence is abundant. So, the pressing question before us is, "How do we process these two accurate, but conflicting statements into a positive and proactive response that will point to future actions and objectives for Kentucky?" Finding the answer will not be easy, but the good news is it can be done. The Long-Term Policy Kentucky Research Center report, entitled Visioning Kentucky's Future: Measures and Milestones 2006, provides encouraging news that progress is being made and that Kentucky appears to be headed in the right direction. According to the report, an earlier study from 1996 stated that "an estimated 21 percent of Kentucky's adult population reported that they had started a business at home at some point in their career." Now, a full decade later, this percentage has climbed by 10 points to 31 percent. The Visioning report used this fact and others as evidence that Kentucky. is experiencing "an encouraging trend that suggests rising levels of entrepreneurial skill, technological prowess, and education. The report continues by saying these results point toward "a growing capacity for entrepreneurship" in Kentucky; a trend that should excite anyone who understands the critical relationship between nurturing the entrepreneurial spirit and the future economic success of our state. The 2006 Report on Small Business in Kentucky also gives reason to be optimistic about the future

of small business, and entrepreneurship, by noting that 93% of the 71,250 business establishments in Kentucky have fewer than 50 employees. The report, sponsored by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, its Small Business Services Division and the Commission on Small Business Advocacy, also points out that "a majority of businesses in Kentucky more than 50,000 - employ 10 or fewer."

Reports and studies from all seccontinue to underscore the fact that the small business owner is the backbone of Kentucky's economy. And with the increasingly global nature of business and the changes in our business environment, especially in large-scale, high-payroll manufacturing, the strength and viability of that "backbone" is more crucial than ever Kentucky does have more than its share of challenges when compared to the rest of the nation including pockets of low educational attainment, poverty, wealth inequality and catching up to states that have done a better job of encouraging entrepreneurial growth. However, there is considerable evidence of what the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center calls "latent entrepreneurial energy" in the people of our Commonwealth - an untapped energy that could help fuel Kentucky's economic engine. The responsibility of achieving this reality lies with each of us as Kentuckians, including our government leaders who need to ensure a business-friendly environment for the entrepreneurs of today - and tomorrow. It lies with business leaders in our communities who need to recognize and encourage entrepreneurial efforts at every opportunity. And it lies with all hourly and salaried employees who find pride and self-worth in doing the best job they can, no matter the task, day-in and day-out. In an effort to lift up and applaud the many entrepreneurial success stories in our region, Eastern Kentucky University's College of Business and Technology, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation and The Center for Rural Development have partnered to sponsor the annual Excellence In Entrepreneurship Awards (EIEA) program. Each year nominations are accepted in four categories: business, small business,

non-profit and start-up. Nominated businesses are scored on the economic success of the business, contribution to the community, and operational achievement. The top scoring businesses in each category will be invited to the 2007 luncheon on Monday, September 10 as finalists where video profiles of each will be presented and award recipients named.

At the 2006 awards luncheon an emphasis on the importance of early exposure to entrepreneurship was added to the program. Based success, the 2007 luncheon will again feature the announcement of the Collegiate Business Concept Challenge award recipient, as well as recognition of the first place business concept team from The Center's Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute summer youth program. In recognition of the importance and relevance of the entrepreneur to our national economy, Feb. 24 through Mar. 3 has been designated "EntrepreneurshipWeek USA." And in the spirit of this occasion, the EIEA nomination committee is tak ing the opportunity to announce its official "call for entries" for the 2007 program and request your help in identifying successful entrepreneurial businesses in a 55-county region of eastern and southern Kentucky. For more information on the EIEA program and to download a copy of the 2007 nomination form, please visit us on the Web at www.eiea.eku.edu. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or business and must be received by the EIEA nomination committee on or before the June 5 deadline. Interested parties can also e-mail the committee at cbt.eiea@eku.edu, or call the EKU College of Business and Technology at (859) 622-1412. More detailed information on the EIEA, Collegiate Business Concept Challenge, and the youth-focused Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute programs, can be found on the Web site as well. The economic success of Kentucky is a true entrepreneurial effort in and of itself, with each of us earning a share of the reward that will come with a successful venture. So, with that philosophy in mind, and as we celebrate "EntrepreneurshipWeek USA," we urge you to reflect on the tremendous impact Kentucky's entrepreneurs have had on our past, and will continue to have in the years ahead.





Bush's gigantic war budget next month.

In any war, at least some money is wasted. But the massive amounts that have disappeared in Iraq are far beyond the pale.

According to the audit, more than one in six dollars charged by U.S. contractors in Iraq were questionablé or unsupportable. The amount of waste is nearly triple the estimate made last fall by the Government Accountability Office.

The auditors faulted Defense and State department officials for condoning or allowing overcharges, repeated work delays, and payments for shoddy work or jobs that were never done.

There is, in fact, "no accountability" for the contractors in Iraq, said U.S. Comptroller General David M. Walker, who heads the auditing arm of Congress.

The auditors discovered overpricing and waste in Iraq contracts totaling \$4.9 billion since the Defense Contract Audit Agency began work in 2003. While some of that money has been recovered, an additional \$5.1 billion in expenses were charged without proper documentation.

Congress is considering stiffened penalties for war profiteers. It also wants to find ways to cut cronyism in contracting.

At the same time, it needs to be careful about giving its stamp of approval next month when considering Bush's request for nearly \$100 billion to finance wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The direction of the war is dubious enough without the massive rip-off of public money that has accompanied it.



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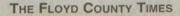
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P'burg Foodland has

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG With competition rising all around it, one new owner of a local grocery store is confident that loyalty and quality will allow his store to flourish by showing that it greatly values its customers and the surrounding community.

Arvin Thompson purchased the Prestonsburg Foodland store and began his ownership position Feb. 12. When asked why he decided to purchase Foodland, Thompson said he had always had an interest in owning his own store, but the people in the area were what pushed him to want to be a part of this community.

"As soon as I met the people and became familiar with the city, I was sold." said Thompson.

A graduate of Vinson High School in Huntington, W.Va., Thompson has owned several businesses throughout his career, Today, he holds a real estate license in West Virginia and also operates an recreational vehicle and carpet cleaning business. He is also in the process of turning one of his farms into a retreat that will be available to surrounding church groups and other organizations.

According to Thompson, he is trying hard to keep the good things going that Foodland already had before his arrival. For quite some time, Foodland has been delivering groceries to local elderly residents in Prestonsburg who were unable to get out and do their own shopping.

"This was already in place when I arrived and I think it is really good thing," Thompson said.

Foodland's customer base mostly consists of people over the age of 55, but Thompson said he wants to try to target the 20-to-30-year-old crowd. Resetting the store shelves, new lighting and additional merchandise are already putting Foodland on the right track towards bringing in more business.

Programs aimed to benefit local school organizations are one of Thompson's new ideas which he feels will add to the involvement his store has in the community. "Bagging for Tips" is a program designed to help school organizations raise money by allowing kids to come into the store to bag and carry out groceries for customers in exchange for tips. Thompson says customers are not required to tip, but they should know that the money will go to a good cause, often times providing funds for uniforms and other needed supplies. Bake sales and other fundraisers will also be a part of Foodland's contributions to the community.

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"We want to to make this store as nice as any other," said Thompson. "We're here to stay.'

AARP

Poll: 52 percent favor casino gambling at racetracks

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE - A majority of Kentuckians favor allowing casino gambling at the state's racetracks, according to a Bluegrass Poll released Wednesday.

The poll conducted by The Courier-Journal of Louisville found that 52 percent of Kentuckians favor casinos at the tracks, while 38 percent oppose them and another 10 percent were undecided.

The poll was encouraging for members of the thoroughbred racing industry who support putting the gambling questions to a statewide vote as a constitutional amendment. The phone survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

"To me it just reaffirms the people's support that they'd like to vote on gaming," said Steve Sexton, a Churchill Downs Inc. executive vice president.

The poll was conducted between Feb. 8 and 14, and surveyed 801 adults in Kentucky.

In the General Assembly this year, bills to allow casinos at racetracks and other sites are pending, but they aren't expected to advance during the 30-day session.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark filed bills to allow up to nine

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by TOM DOTY TIMES COLUMNIST

A batch of Oscar courting films hit the racks this week which gave viewers an opportunity to see some of these films which didn't play in area theaters.

■ "Babel" — Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett star in this drama which echoes last year's CRASH as it focuses on the ripple effect of one incident on several diverse groups. This one begins in Morocco where a stray bullet strikes a tourist in the shoulder while riding on a bus through a remote region. The story then stretches out to effect characters in Japan, Mexico, and California. Worth your time.

"For Your Consideration" — The latest

(Wolverine and Batman) star as rival magicians in this story of illusionists practicing their craft in turn-of-the-century London. The pair begin as friends but their relationship crumbles after an onstage mishap. Good supporting turns by an eclectic cast (Michal Caine, David Bowie) and a smart script by Christopher Nolan ("Memento").

Flushed Away" Hugh Jackman is back in this animated effort and provides the voice of an uptown rat who gets banished to the sewers after a rat bully tosses him in the commode and pulls the chain. Plenty of opportunities for class commentary are wasted as he hooks up with a female rat to get back home while trying to outwit a pair of rat mobsters who work for a mobbed up toad. Truly awful, two-party system, this one Christopher Guest ("Best in though the cast is interesting with turns by Ian McKellan and Jean Reno. "Open Water 2" - A bigger budgeted sequel to the art house hit proves that more isn't necessarily better as a group of friends find them-

selves stuck in the ocean after jumping overboard for a swim. Nobody thinks to put down the convenient rope ladder before diving in and it is soon time for a study in group dynamics as everyone's priorities switch from assigning blame to surviving the night. Said to also have been based on a true story

"Man of the Year" — Director Barry Levinson ("Diner") reteams with comedian Robin Williams for this comedy which takes aim at presidential politics. Williams is a John Stewart-type talking head who jokingly throws his hat in the ring during a presidential race. The joke turns out to be on him when he wins and must get down to the business of running the government. Despite some good jabs at the



ensemble comedy from Show") rounds up his favorite actors in a story that examines the power of Oscar buzz. When word gets out that an actress, whose star has faded, is doing her best work in a new movie, the publicity sends the production into a tizzy as the producers of the film try to make it more mainstream and insure Oscar consideration. This is character-based comedy and it's well handled by such veterans as Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara and Fred Willard (all of whom got their start with the Second City theater group).

The Prestige" — Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale

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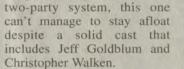
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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

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

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday Tuesday, 6 p.m.: Thwsday, 7 p.m., or tush norsess vidmessA

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

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main

7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

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



Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister. Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

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

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

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

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

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

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

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m. First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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

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



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State considers lifting Election Day liquor ban

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A generations-old Kentucky law that bans the sale of liquor on Election Day would be lifted under proposed legislation.

That law, which dates back to the days of prohibition when temperance leagues vilified alcohol in all forms, is antiquated and needs to be changed, said state Rep. Arnold Simpson, D-Covington.

"I mean, we're in the 21st Century," Simpson said. "Liquor sales are a very important component of our business community and having a prohibition on any day for any period without a legitimate state interest I think is reprehensible."

The House Licensing and Occupations Committee unan-

by JOE BIESK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Widows

imously approved Simpson's bill on Wednesday and sent it to the full House for consideration. Simpson said the measure, which would allow bars and liquor stores to open at noon on Election Day, is likely to spark debate as it moves the legislative through process.

"Now I'm very much aware of the propensity and the alleged practice in some counties of individuals offering liquor to influence votes, but, by golly, this is the 21st Century," Simpson said. "If someone wants to commit a fraud, they don't need liquor to do that. They can do it with currency. It's still against the law."

State Sen. Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs, a stalwart opponent of liquor sales, said he opposes the measure working its way through the legislative process.

"That would be a bad thing to do," McGaha said. "People need to be quite sober when they cast an important vote for people to represent them in government."

Kentucky is among six states that still ban alcohol sales during elections, according to the Distilled Spirits Council in Washington. Under the Kentucky law, bars, restaurants and liquor stores can't sell alcohol while polls are open.

"This is part of a growing trend of states that are modernizing their liquor laws to bring consumers greater convenience," said Lisa Hawkins, spokeswoman for the Distilled Spirits Council. "And we fully support this measure.'

Oklahoma became the latest state to drop its ban on sales, having done so last November, Hawkins said.

Gene McLean, a lobbyist for the Kentucky Beer Wholesalers Association, said the existing law puts legitimate Kentucky businesses at an economic disadvantage to bootleggers.

"You start taking business days away from people who operate on small margins, it becomes a competitive disadvantage," McLean said.

McGaha said he isn't swayed by that argument. 'You don't make a wrong

right by allowing those who are operating under the law to become like those who operate outside the law," he said.

Donald Cole, head of the Kentucky League on Alcohol and Gambling Problems, said lifting the ban could resurrect old problems, like drunken voters showing up at the polls. "I don't know that it would

happen very often, but I guarantee it would happen," he said.

Kendra Stewart, a political scientist at Eastern Kentucky University, said the current law doesn't serve any real purpose. If someone wanted to trade liquor for votes, Stewart

said, they could simply stock up before Election Day.

"Legislation like that was passed to deter corruption in elections," she said. "It certainly hasn't curtailed corruption. It really hasn't had any major impact on cleaning up elections in Kentucky.'



of dead coal miners rallied Wednesday at the Capitol said it could possibly get that have become law need in that that would have saved a alongside miners and labor called for a vote. time to show whether addilife." supporters to push legislation The legislation is House He denied stalling the bill tional action is needed, Caylor because of any coal industry they claim would strengthen Bill 207. said. safety laws for those working ties.

underground. Proponents urged House lawmakers to have a swift committee vote that would get the mine safety legislation to the House floor. They say the legislation would save lives by imposing more stringent safety requirements on coal mine operators.

"We need this bill passed," said Melissa Lee, whose husband Jimmy Lee was killed in the Kentucky Darby Mine explosion last year. "This has to be something that protects the other men who are providing for their families.'

With the 2007 General Assembly session half over, the legislation has not yet come up for a committee vote. It would, among other things, require more frequent mine inspections and require coal companies to supply miners with methane detectors.

The proposal would also allow people to attend investithe coal industry. "He is the coal industry,"

Londrigan said of Gooch. But Gooch called the pro-

posal a "work in progress" and

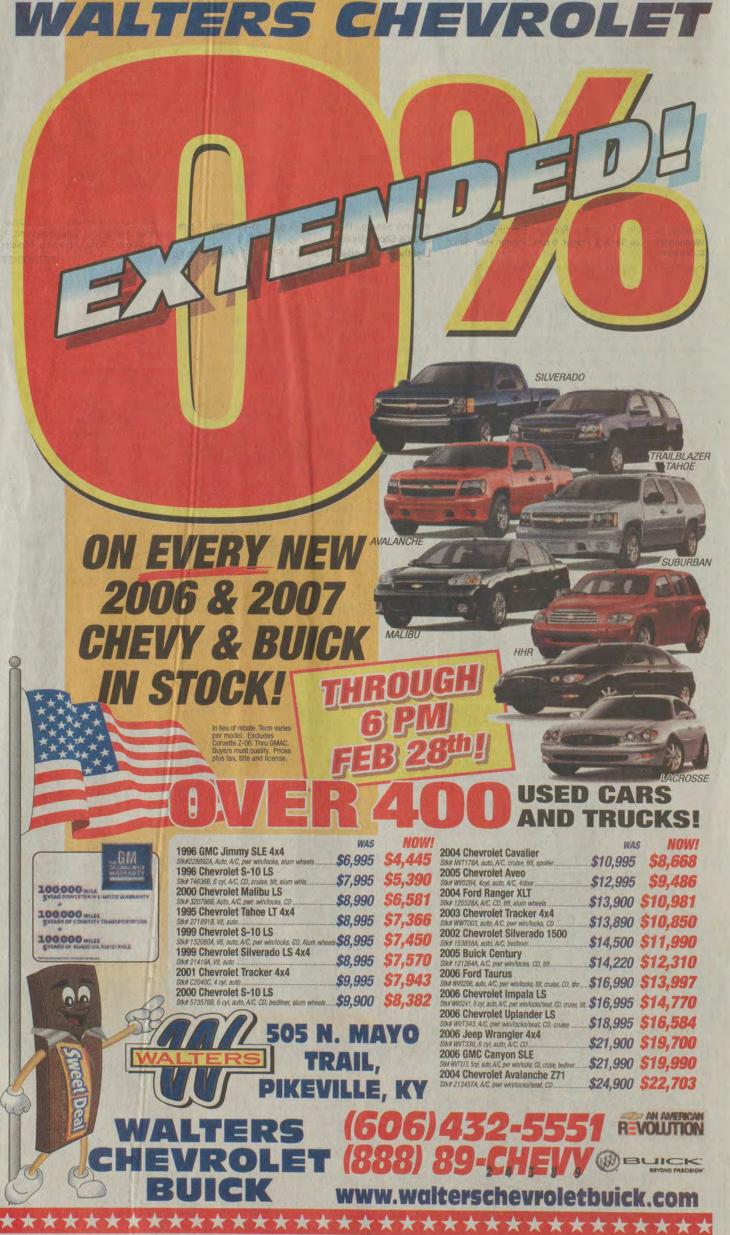
"I resent any kind of implication that because of some business ties that I may have that I will vote a certain way - that's not the way I'm going to do it," Gooch said. "I'm going to do my job."

Gooch's committee was scheduled to meet on Thursday, and the bill was listed as one the panel might consider.

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.

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 uncertain whether the miners who died last year would have survived had the current proposal been on the books. Recent safety enhancements

that would have saved those lives," Caylor said. "And I'm not trying to be cold or callous. It's just, I don't see what was



gation interviews on behalf of any miners killed in on-the-job accidents.

But Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said he doubted whether the proposal would get a fair hearing before the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Jim Gooch. Londrigan Gooch, claimed D-Providence, has so far not allowed the panel to vote on the bill because of his ties to

Poll

casinos at tracks and other locations. But Clark said he offered them as a starting point for discussions in 2008, when the legislature meets for 60 days.

The Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, executive director of the Council Kentucky of Churches, said she believes gubernatorial candidates would be foolish to embrace an issue opposed by 38 percent of Kentuckians.

She said she believes the opposition would grow if a

make it easier for miners to find their way to exits.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said he wanted lawmakers to vote on the bill.

"By not giving them a hearing on the issue, I do not think they are being treated fairly," Yonts said. "This is too important an issue when we have 16 people killed in this state over the last year."

Nevertheless, Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said it was

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campaign showed gambling hurt the quality of life in communities that have casinos. "It's no way to fund gov-

ernment," Kemper said. Kentucky tracks have com-

plained for years that their business is hurt by competition from states that have expanded gambling. Indiana is considering expanded gambling at its racetracks, and West Virginia, which has slots at tracks, is considering adding table games.

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Toni Keens

OES spelling bee classroom winners.

Spelling Bee Champs

The overall winner of Osborne Elementary's Spelling Bee is Toni Keens. Osborne Elementary is also proud of all their classroom winners, pictured, from left to right: (front) Kasey Smallwood, Byron Caudill and Latisha Moore; (back) Leann Moore, Joshua Clemons, Jeremy Varney and Toni Keens. (Not pictured: Jonathon Newsome.)

National School Counseling Week 2007

National School Counseling Week 2007, "School Counselors: Helping Students Reach New Heights," was celebrated from Feb. 5-9, 2007, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

The professional school counselor is a certified/licensed educator trained in school counseling with unique qualifications and skills to address all students' academic, personal/social and career development needs. Professional school counselors implement a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student achievement. Professional school counselors are employed in elementary, middle/junior high and high schools and in district supervisory_{in} counselor education and post-secondary settings. Their work is differentiated by attention to developmental stages of student growth, including the needs, tasks and student interests related to those stages.

Professional school counselors serve a vital role in maximizing student achievement. Incorporating leadership, advocacy and collaboration, professional school counselors promote equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students. Professional school counselors support a safe learning environment and work to safeguard the human rights of all members of the school community. Collaborating with other stakeholders to promote student achievement, professional school counselors address the needs of all students through prevention and intervention programs that are a part of a comprehensive school counseling program. Professional school counselors have a master's degree or higher in school counseling or the substantial equivalent, meet the state certification/licensure standards and abide by the laws of the states in which they are employed. They uphold the ethical and professional standards of professional counseling associations and promote the development of the school counseling program based on the following areas of the ASCA National Model: foundation, delivery, management and accountability

2007 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference

D'Anna Houston, Reading Recovery Teacher at John M. Stumbo Elementary, attended the 2007 National Reading Recovery Conference. This 22nd annual conference was held in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 3-6th. The conference was sponsored by the Reading Recovery Council of North America and had over 3400 teachers and administrators from around the world in attendance. The key note speakers at the conference included authors and educators such as Bruce McMilan and Richard Allington. Mrs. Houston gained professional knowledge about teaching Reading Recovery and literacy in general. She will pass on the information to fellow teachers at Stumbo Elementary during the next Literacy Committee meeting later this month.

Super Bowl Attendance Champions announced: Floyd County students demonstrate attendance counts

Three schools were declared winners of the Floyd County January Attendance Super Bowl by Kristina Springer, Director of Pupil Personnel. The attendance champions were:

High School Winner - Allen Central High School

The Mountain Arts Center presents "Beyond Jack & the Beanstalk: Teaching Across the Curriculum with the Jack Tales"

Professional Development for Educators With Octavia Sexton, Instructor BA, English and History Education, Berea College Kentucky Arts Council Roster Artist on Literary Art & Storytelling National Storytelling Representative for Kentucky NEW DATE - Tuesday, March 27th, 2007 5:30-8:30pm \$15 per participant

The Jack Tales have been around for over 800 years and probably longer. Jack knows everything! Through fun storytelling, drama and writing activities teachers will learn how to support exploration in many curriculum areas using the Jack Tales. It is an appealing way to transmit information because it promotes creativity. Learn how to let Jack bring subject areas to life!

Participants will learn how to incorporate storytelling into their content areas using a functional approach applicable across all content areas and featuring multiple learning methods. Storytelling, writing, imagination and drama activities will be used along with hands on activities.

Through this workshop, participants will see the value of taking an ancient art form: storytelling, and using it to prepare students for the future. Participants will also be able to use storytelling to support exploration into their curriculum area, realize that multiple intelligences are utilized in storytelling activities, provide successful learning for all students, and be able to use storytelling in a variety of settings and contexts. Those participating will also learn how they can get their students involved in the State Youth Storytelling Showcase hosted by the Mountain Arts Center in October 2007.

Counselors in Floyd County Schools are: GUIDANCE COUNSELORS -2006-2007

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL Debbie Paige, Guidance Counselor **ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL** Laura Kidd, Guidance Counselor **ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Belinda Martin, Guidance Counselor **BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Teresa Frazier, Guidance Counselor **BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL** Vickie Ratliff, Guidance Counselor McDOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Janet Pack, Guidance Counselor **OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED** Christina Blair, Guidance Counselor **OSBORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Linda Holbrook, Guidance Counselor PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Leslie Ousley, Guidance Counselor PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL Karen Derossett, Guidance Counselor Amy Trustee, Guidance Counselor SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL Susan Damron, Guidance Counselor SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE SCHOOL **Donnie Daniels, Part-time Guidance Counselor**

John M. Stumbo teachers to attend 2007 Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference

Six teachers from Stumbo Elementary are scheduled to attend the 2007 KTLC conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The annual conference in scheduled for March 7-9, 2007. The theme for KTLC 2007 is Rigor, Relevance and Relationships: Three R's of a 21st Century Education. The focus will be to help schools and districts address rigor, relevance and relationships as they plan learning opportunities for all students. The teachers and administrators are excited to have the opportunity to attend this conference and bring back to Stumbo new and up to date information to make the school excel in the challenges ahead. Middle School- Allen Elementary School (Middle School Students)

Elementary School-Osborne Elementary

A school could earn a touchdown (point) if they had the best attendance for that day. If they reached their goal for the day an extra point was earned. Winners were determined for the elementary, middle and high school areas. Celebration events to recognize schools are planned. Winning schools earned a performance by The Big Sandy Singers as well as a winner's plaque for display at their school.

The Super Bowl Attendance competition is one component of the Got School Attendance Campaign that began last school year. The attendance campaign is intended to increase awareness about the importance of school attendance and provide opportunities to recognize students for their attendance. Our thanks to Wal-Mart, BellSouth, Highlands Regional Hospital, Pepsi, Citizens National Bank, Community Trust Bank, Coalfields, Western Construction and Nortel, for contributions last year. We thank Big Sandy Community and Technical College for their support. Contributions and services by community sponsors have made this and other attendance recognitions events possible.



Amanda Newsome and Brittany Gibson competed in English Composition.

The Presenter, Octavia Sexton, grew up in eastern Kentucky hearing, telling, and writing stories. Her teachers of stories were Master Storytellers from Appalachia. Her formal training in literary art was acquired at Berea College where she received her BA in English and History Education. She has taught History, English, and Health Education in Kentucky public schools for over 20 years and has been self-employed since 2000 as an arts educator and performing artist. Octavia is a published writer and performer. She is a Kentucky Arts Council roster artist on Literary Art and Storytelling and a Southern Arts Federation artist. She is also a performing artist listed in the Kentucky Performing Artist Directory. Octavia is the National Youth Storytelling Showcase representative for Kentucky. She has worded in the Youth Arts Program with adjudicated and psychiatric institutionalized youth and has presented storytelling to numerous schools, colleges and other educational settings. Her stories have been broadcast nationally and internationally.

Registration form available via email upon request or on the website at www.macarts.com



Kelsey Akers competed in Social Studies and Arts and Humanities. Amanda Newsome competed in math.

Governor's Cup Competition

John M. Stumbo Elementary students represent their school in the Region 22 Governor's Cup Competition at Warfield Middle School. Amanda Newsome, Brittany Gibson, and Kelsey Akers competed in the Governor's Cup competition held on February 16 and 17, 2007. Mr. Ord, who coaches the middle grades academic team at Stumbo Elementary is very proud of these three students. A special thank you also goes out to Rhonda Blanton, a teacher at Stumbo Elementary that graded English Composition papers for us.

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Woods named Kentucky Football All-Star

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Recent Eastern Kentucky University signee Wes Woods has been named a Kentucky Football All-Star. Woods and his Kentucky teammates will play the Tennessee Football All-Stars in the annual border game on Friday, June 16.

Woods, an offensive/defensive lineman, is the fifth John DeRossettso coached football player to be selected for the game.

"This is a big honor for Wes and (Prestonsburg) he's well deserving of it," DeRossett Jamerson (Prestonsburg). commented. "We'll be

going to the Kentucky-Tennessee All-Star Game and cheering on Wes and his Kentucky teammates." Other DeRossettcoached players to be named Kentucky Football All-Stars include Brandon Combs (Betsy Layne), Adam Bailey

(Prestonsburg), Jeremy

and

Wes Woods

Caudill

Nicholas Under former head coach

Bill Letton, Prestonsburg Blackcats Kyle Fitzpatrick, Seth Hyden and Larry Morris were all named Kentucky Football All-Stars. Blackcat Gordie Ratliff, who played under Chuke Williams, also claimed the Kentucky Football All-Star honor.

A breakdown of the Kentucky All-

Stars, including players and coaches follows.

Kentucky Football All-Stars: Kaelin Ammon, Franklin County; Vic Anderson, St. Xavier; Ryan Beard, Bowling Green; Nikko Beason, Warren Central; Douglas Beaumont, Male; Wes Caldwell, Lexington Catholic; Trent Calhoun, Lincoln County; Joe Castaneda, Covington Catholic; Kasey Clark, Russell; Chase Dumphord, Paris; Brad Durham, Rockcastle County; Ben Duvall, Apollo; Wenquel Graves, Bardstown; Phillip Hibbard, South Laurel; Avery Hibbitt, Bowling

Green; Stuart Hines, Bowling Green; Tim Huguley, Central; Duran Jefferson, Holmes; Wes Jeffries, Warren Central; Clark Jeter, Henry Clay; Tristan Jones, Clark County; Zack Kiernan, Newport Central Catholic; Dee Lett, Christian County; Antoinne Lightfoot, Henderson County; Paul Millay, Owensboro Catholic; Josh Miller, Boyle County; Braxton Miller, Lincoln County; Chase Minnifield, Henry Clay; Billy Joe Murphy, Monroe County; Vince Murray, Ryle; Marcus Patterson,

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Pick of litter these Wildcats

are not

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

The final home game on the 2006-07 Kentucky basketball schedule is slated for next Wednesday when the Cats host Georgia.

This, of course, will be the school's annual Senior Night, where those playing in their final game in Rupp Arena will be paraded out to run through those old-school paper hoops that not even any high



schools use these days for a rousing ovation, delivered primarily from the students because the old-timers who have all the

HORNETS STUNG



photo by Steve LeMaster

Lady Raiders end regular-season on winning note

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Teammates helped to send South Floyd senior Heather Dean out on a winning note Wednesday night. Dean, South Floyd's lone senior, took the spotlight on Wednesday evening when the South Floyd girls' basketball program held its annual Senior Night. The Lady Raiders went out and defeated visiting June Buchanan 54-45. With the win, South Floyd snapped a four-game losing streak.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with a game-high 20 points. Hall hit nineof-11 foul shots. As a team, South Floyd hit 22-of-27 attempts from the free throw line.

"It was a good win for us," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac. "We'll back to work at practice and get ready for the district tournament

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good seats either don't

care enough to cheer or are too old to stay awake this late midweek.

This year's ceremony promises to be the drabbest one in years, maybe decades. Two of the most underachieving players in recent memory will play their final game in Bobby Perry and Sheray Thomas, and will do so alongside Lukasz Obrzut, a project who even the most ardent supporter of Kentucky basketball has to admit never panned out.

Perry and Thomas are simply flops. From the outside looking in, it appeared they could develop along the lines of Tayshaun Prince and Antione Walker, or at least poor-men's versions of the former Kentucky stars.

The only thing they've come to be is poor-mouthed. By Kentucky standards, they have been less than stellar. Let's just leave it at that.

Except for this sidebar. One of the most scary sites in recent memory came to me during Tuesday's, uh, win over LSU when it dawned on me that Razor Ramon Harris bares an all-toostriking resemblance to Thomas. Running the same lane on the

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Jordan Hall (left) scored a game-high 17 points as Prestonsburg defeated Magoffin County 63-60.

Blackcats upend host Magoffin on Senior Night

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE - Magoffin County honored four final-year basketballplayers on Senior Night Wednesday night, but couldn't put together a win over the Prestonsburg Blackcats. Prestonsburg fought back from more than one hefty deficit and defeated the homestanding Hornets 63-60.

Each team had its share of adversity. Prestonsburg lost junior guard Bobby Hughes after he fouled out early in the third quarter. Magoffin County lost senior Devin Rice when he injured his ankle later in the same quarter.

Jordan Hall had a game-high 17 points for the Blackcats. Trevor Patton scored 15 points and Chayse Martin added 10, giving Prestonsburg three players in double figures. Mason Vance was Prestonsburg's next leading scorer with eight points.

Prestonsburg won, despite struggling mightily from the free throw line. The Blackcats were 20-for-40 from the charity stripe.

"There were some good things from us," commented Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "Mason and Taylor

stepped up and played well in off of the bench. Trevor posted up better and played stronger and Jordan penetrated better than he did the last time out."

Prestonsburg jumped out to a 10-2 lead and led throughout the first half. Not wanting to lose on Senior Night, Magoffin County managed to tie the game at 37-37 on an Eric Arnett threepointer at the buzzer signaling the end of the first half.

After fouling out, Hughes finished with six points. Nathaniel Stephens, one night after scoring 24 points against Paintsville, also had six points for Prestonsburg. Taylor Clark rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with four points.

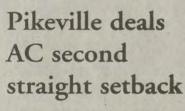
Magoffin County carried a 52-49 lead out of the third quarter. Down the stretch, both teams struggled from the free throw line. Prestonsburg outscoring Magoffin County 17-11 in the final quarter gave the Blackcats the win. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 11-14.

Arnett and Phillip Francis each had 14 points for Magoffin County. Zach Sparks followed with 11 points for the Hornets. Rice exited the game with nine points. After suffering the setback, Magoffin County fell to 13-14.

Prestonsburg 66 Magoffin County 63 PRESTONSBURG (11-14) - Hall 17, Hughes 6, Patton 15 Stephens 6, Martin 10, Vance 8, Clark 4. MAGOFFIN COUNTY (13-14) - E. Arnett 14, Rice 9, N. Arnett 5, Francis 14, Minix 2, Lemaster 8, Sparks 11. Prestonsburg.....19 18 12 17-66 Magoffin County 14 23 15 11-63



photo by Jamie Howell Nathaniel Stephens had a gamehigh 24 points for Prestonsburg in Tuesday's loss to Paintsville. More on the game appears inside today's edition.



by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - For the second time in as many games Tuesday night, a Pike County squad defeated the Allen Central boys' basketball team. After falling to Belfry on Friday night, Allen Central failed to get back in the win column on Tuesday. Host Pikeville outscored Allen Central 20-12 in the third quarter and held on to a lead late in the fourth on its way to a 69-64 win over the Rebels.

Matt Clevenger led Pikeville with 16 points. Bart Williams, now in his second season as Pikeville head coach, enjoyed balanced scoring from his team. Daniel Harmon pushed in 15 points and Tim Honaker had 12 for the Panthers. Sophomore

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photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg High School senior Seth Moore signed on Wednesday to play football at nearby Pikeville College. Moore ranked as one of the state's top kickers during the 2006 season.

Moore signs with Pikeville College

Seth Moore

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg High School senior Seth Moore isn't done playing football. Moore, the top kicker in PHS history, signed to play football at nearby Pikeville College on Wednesday morning during a ceremony witnessed by family, friends, teammates and coaches.

Last week, Tyler Layne, another Prestonsburg senior, signed with Pikeville College. Nicholas Jamerson has also returned to the Bear football program. 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.

Prestonsburg High School," said Prestonsburg Coach in the Mid-South Conference's East Division.

John DeRossett. "He probably holds every kicking record we have here. We are proud of him and wish him the very best as he moves on to Pikeville College. Seth joins Nicholas Jamerson and Tyler Layne, one of his fellow seniors as members of the Pikeville College football fam-

ily. We look forward to going up on Saturdays and watching them and the rest of the Pikeville College Bears.'

Moore made eight-of-nine field goal attempts during his senior season at Prestonsburg.

"It means a lot to be able to go to Pikeville College," said Moore. "I'm looking forward to playing football in college."

Moore helped the Blackcats to a 7-5 record in 2006. Prestonsburg finished runner-up to Belfry in Class 2A, District 8.

Pikeville ended the 2006 season - its first "Seth made some special kicks during his time here at under Mac Bryan - with a record of 4-6 overall and 2-3

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Devon Adams, a Floyd County native, added 11.

Free throw shooting woes didn't help Allen Central's chances. The Rebels were eight-for-17 from the free throw line.

"We didn't shoot free throws well and that obviously didn't help us," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "It's not that we played that bad – because we didn't.

Allen Central led Pikeville 16-15 at the end of the first quarter. The two teams were knotted at 32-32 when the game went into halftime. Josh Martin led Allen

Josh Martin led Allen Central with a game-high 21 points. Ryan Collins and Alex Hammonds each had 13 points for the Rebels. Josh Prater barely missed double figures for Rebels, adding nine points. Tyler Slone pushed in six points and Farley Joseph had

two for Allen Central. Pikeville endured its own free throw shooting hardships, hitting just nine-of-18 attempts.

Pikeville 69, Allen Central 64 ALLEN CENTRAL (19-8) – Martin 21, Collins 13, Slone 6, Hammonds 13, Prater 9, Joseph 2. PIKEVILLE (13-10) –

Harmon 15, Honaker 12, Bell 8, Sword 5, Clevenger 16, Adams 11, Boyd 2. Allen Cent....16 16 12 20–64 Pikeville....15 17 20 17–69

MSU baseball team drops opener to Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Shortstop Bryan Bonner knocked in three runs and three Georgetown pitchers limited Morehead State to five hits as the Tigers spoiled MSU's season opener by posting a 10-2 win Wednesday afternoon at Allen Field.

Georgetown jumped on Eagle starter Henry Mabee for two runs in the first inningon Bonner's two-run double. The Tigers extended the lead to 7-0 with three runs in the third and two runs in the fourth before the Eagles finally plated their only two runs on a Nick Bobrowski double in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Tigers tacked on two insurance runs in the fifth inning and one in the eighth. Georgetown starter Brandon Slusher picked up his second win in as many games in 2007, allowing four hits and two runs in four innings pitched. Nick Roberts pitched four hitless innings, and Anthony Williams pitched a scoreless ninth.

Among four Eagle hurlers,

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break (and still not filling it), it looked as if Thomas was carrying a mirror, Morris Day style.

Bentley

For the love of God, I've endured four years of this. No way I can do three more.

That brings us to Obrzut, who came in the same season as the recently-departed Shagari Alleyne, forming more than 14 feet of center who couldn't get the job done at any of the Mid-South Conference schools.

Obrzut is quite a story. Coming here from Poland for a year of schooling before coming to Kentucky, he went home for the Christmas of 2005 for the first time in about five years. He's stuck it out, got his education paid for and that counts for something.

Unfortunately, nobody in the Commonwealth tunes in religiously to watch him do homework. On the floor, he's just never developed. It's too bad, because he could have really helped this program, particularly the last couple of years.

So with that said and nobody much interested (I'd doubting many are still reading, to tell the truth), I have an idea of my own for Wednesday night.

With nobody much interested in senior night, I say it's time for the University of Kentucky to hold the very first Junior Night.

That's right, Junior Night. Same idea, same concept, same cheesy paper hoops.

But instead of saying goodbye to the seniors, let's bid a long-overdue farewell to one of the great flops in Kentucky history, the vaunted freshman class of 2004-05.

I think this could work. Think about this:

Nobody wants to celebrate Ramel Bradley more than, well, Ramel Bradley. The self-professed best shooter in the Southeastern Conference has decided he's the only player worthy of touching the basketball in anything resembling a clutch situation, a brain cramp that coincided with the Cats' recent three-game losing streak in SEC play.

I knew Bradley loved the ball, but even I was stunned to read that in the Florida loss two weeks ago, he was the only

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Kentucky player to touch the ball on the offensive end of the floor *in the final 1:47 of the game*

Nobody, not even the great Michael Jeffrey Jordan, should be able to make that claim.

■ It's just flat high-time to put Joe Crawford out of his misery. I've been a Kentucky fan for longer than I want to admit being alive, and in that long period of time, I've never ever seen a player wearing blue and white who looked so miserable. I mean seriously, this guy hasn't smiled since he went back home in the middle of his freshman season.

The sad thing is I think he's pretty popular amongst the ever-negative fan base. He seems to be a likeable guy who can play a little bit. Clearly he doesn't get enough shots, and it's up to you to decide if he's to blame or if it's the game plan (or, just as likely, Bradley's ever-increasing aversion to passing the basketball).

I've thought since early last season he'd wind up the go-to guy on this team, but with precious few exceptions, it just hasn't happened.

■ If we have Junior Night, maybe Randolph Morris could be cleared for the long-overdue nap. Seriously, have you ever seen a person who looked less interested in, oh, I don't know, *breathing* than him? This guy looks like it's always a chore just to keep his eyes open.

And before you say he's playing well, know this: His 20-point, 10-board effort against LSU without Big Baby was his first 20-point game since the Cats played Houston on Jan. 3.

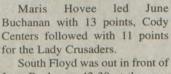
That makes it the first one during league play.

And he's ready for the NBA? Probably not nearly as ready as most Kentuckians are for him to be in the league.

So there you go. Wednesday night, Kentucky needs to show it's still on the cutting edge of the basketball world and host the first ever Junior Night. It's never been done, but long overdue. And for the first time in a while, it could generate some honest-to-God enthusiasm in

Rupp Arena. So whadaya say ... who's with me?

Everybody? That's what I thought.



South Floyd was out in front of June Buchanan 42-30 at the conclusion of the third quarter. The Lady Raiders concluded the regular-season 8-13.

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Casey County; Nick Petrino, Trinity; Ben Revere. Lexington Catholic; Joe Scott, Central; James Shepherd, Christian County; Dane Spoelker, Trinity; Pete Sutton, Covington Catholic; Keith Tandy, Christian County; Casey Tinius, Bowling Green; Ryan Tydlacka, Trinity; Sam Webb, Male; Josh Williams, Male; Scott Wise, Highlands; Wes Woods, Prestonsburg.

Head coach: Joey Downs, Bardstown. Assistant Head Coach: Kevin Wallace, Bowling Green. Game Director: Jimmie Reed. Assistant Game Director: Rick Wood, Edmonson County. Coaching Staff: Ron Koontz, Bardstown; Jerry Eubank, Glasgow; Chip Carpenter, Apollo; Jeff Griffith, Bowling Green, Brent Holsclaw, Bardstown; Chris Pardue, Boyle County; Kyle Pierce, Edmonson County; Kenny Turner, Madison Central; Chris Mason, Boyle County.

Josh Barnes, who allowed one hit in two shutout innings and Tyler Bess, who allowed a single run in three innings of work, were most effective.

Georgetown remained perfect on the season, now at 4-0.

The Eagles will play host to Butler for a three-game series this weekend. A doubleheader on Saturday (Feb. 24) will begin at 1 p.m. EST. Sunday's single-game wrap-up is scheduled for noon.



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ing column. Lindsey Dye scored didn't eight points, Andrea Conn netted chances seven and Ashley Castle coneight-for

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Hall was the only Lady Raider

to reach double figures in the scor-

tributed six as South Floyd pre-

vailed. Adding to a balanced

South Floyd scoring effort,

Chelsie Tuttle tossed in five points

in the late regular-season contest.

Tackett and Gabrielle Bailey each

had two points for the Lady

and blocked six shots for South

end of the opening quarter. South

Floyd battled back to hold a dou-

ble-digit lead at the end of the next

two quarters. The Lady Raiders

led 20-17 at halftime.

Dean, Faith Little, Danielle

Dean pulled down 12 rebounds

June Buchanan led 10-9 at the



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Eventful Speedweeks shows NASCAR needs new rule book

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – It was a split-second decision that NASCAR could get neither right nor wrong.

As the cars tumbled across the track in the Daytona 500's closing moments, series officials had to make a tough choice.

They could throw a caution flag immediately, giving Mark Martin a sentimental victory while denying Kevin Harvick a chance to race to the finish. Or they could let them race on – even as a seven-car demolition derby exploded behind them – in a frenzied final stretch that will be remembered as one of the best in NASCAR history.

NASCAR went for the drama.

When the cars crossed the finish line, the cheating scandal that ensnared five teams and tainted preparations for the Great American Race was forgotten – at least for a while.

By allowing Harvick and Martin to race to the checkered flag, giving Harvick his first Daytona 500 victory and dropping Martin to 0-for-23, NASCAR created a whole new controversy.

"We get criticized for everything we do, and this is no exception," competition director Robin Pemberton said Monday. "If we throw the flag too early, people are mad that we kept Harvick from winning. If we throw it too late, people are mad that Mark Martin didn't win.

"It's hard. It's always hard. All we can do is make the best decisions that we can in that moment."

But in that moment NASCAR slightly changed its own rules.

In the old days, drivers raced to the flag when the cau-

tion came out. That practice was stopped in 2003, when NASCAR determined it was too dangerous to allow speeding cars to zip past an accident scene.

Now, the field is frozen and all cars must slow down when a caution comes out. Multi-car mayhem generally warrants a caution. But as Kyle Busch, Matt Kenseth and Jeff Gordon bumped and banged across the track just a few hundred yards from the finish, NASCAR let the racing go on.

It wasn't until Clint Bowyer flipped, crossing the finish line on his roof as flames ripped through his car, that NASCAR finally waved the yellow flag. By then, it was too late for

By then, it was too late for Martin. Harvick already had nosed ahead, beating him across the finish line by the length of his car hood. The .020 margin of victory was the closest in the history of electronic scoring at Daytona.

Martin initially was irate over his radio, criticizing NASCAR for not throwing the caution.

"I can't believe they waited!" he wailed.

Still, he refused to blast NASCAR for its decision – which might have cost Martin is last shot at a Daytona 500 victory. He's easing into retirement and is racing a partial schedule this season, with no firm plans for his future.

"No one wants to hear a grown man cry," the 48-yearold Martin said. "I'm not going to cry about it. This is the end. They made the decision. That's what we're going to live with."

That's just how it goes in NASCAR, where the rules can be a moving target and enforcement is almost always arbitrary.

On any other lap at any other race, it's likely the caution would have come out the

tion came out. That practice moment Busch and Kenseth was stopped in 2003, when made contact.

Arguing that it was OK because it was the last lap isn't right, either. In 2005, NASCAR froze the field on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway because of a f spinning car way behind the ! leaders. Tony Stewart crossed the finish line first, but Dale Jarrett got the win because he o was ahead when the field was o frozen.

Different circumstances related to different interpretations.

It's why Johnny Benson wasn't flagged for driving below the yellow line in Friday night's Truck Series race, even though NASCAR has made that part of the track a strict no-no. But NASCAR deemed Benson's move legal.

It's why in a week that saw six people thrown out of the garage for cheating, Jeff Gordon received only a slap on the wrist when his car failed an inspection.

It's why Elliott Sadler and Scott Riggs were penalized for infractions that car owner Ray Evernham insisted are not even addressed in the rule book.

And it's why Michael Waltrip wasn't kicked out of the Daytona 500 after NASCAR found a fuel additive in his new Toyota Camry. The transgression was so blatant Pemberton said he was personally insulted. NASCAR cracked down on Waltrip with stiff penalties, but his presence in the race infuriated rival drivers.

The one constant of Speedweeks? Every incident proved it's past time for NASCAR to have a very clear rule book. Otherwise, everything will always be arbitrary – even fantastic finishes like Sundays.

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BACK IN THE WIN JMN: Kentucky 70, LSU 63

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Kentucky's fans may have been concerned by their team's flirtation with some dubious history Tuesday night. Kentucky's coach insists he was not.

Even when the Wildcats were down 16 to Louisiana State, the lastplace team in the Southeastern Conference's Western Division, Tubby Smith says he was confident his team would pull through. His reasoning: While the shots were ugly, the looks were relatively good.

"I thought we played hard," Smith said. "When you're not making the shots, it looks like you're playing lethargic."

Kentucky certainly woke up when it counted - the final five minutes - to snap a three-game losing streak with a 70-63 victory.

The Wildcats (19-8, 8-5 SEC) hadn't lost four straight since the 1990 season when they dropped five in a row. The players had no interest in making that kind of history, even though some said they didn't know about it.

"I probably couldn't take that either - four losses," guard Ramel Bradley said.

Terry Martin's jumper tied the game at 58 with five minutes left, but Bradley followed with an underhanded layup to put Kentucky in front for good and start a 10-0 Kentucky run.

Randolph Morris had 20 points and 10 rebounds for his ninth double-double of the season. He also became the 53rd Wildcat to surpass 1,000 points in his career. Jodie Meeks matched a career high with 18 points, and Bradley added 16.

LSU (14-13, 3-10) dropped its 11th straight at Rupp Arena and almost certainly must win the SEC tournament to advance to the NCAA tourney a year after making the Final Four.

However, LSU certainly gave the Wildcats a scare, even without its leading scorer. Glen Davis didn't make the trip to Lexington because of a muscle strain in his right leg that he suffered last week against Arkansas.

admirably in Davis' absence, leading the Tigers with 19 points. Martin added 16, but LSU couldn't generate much additional offense.

The Wildcats scored from the field only once in the opening eight minutes, missing 11 of their first 12 shots before Morris banked in a second-chance layup.

LSU wasn't much better but used a 10-0 run to build an early 13-4 lead. The Tigers stretched the lead to 16 points with just over seven minutes left, but the Wildcats chipped away - and got a big boost from a technical foul on LSU coach John Brady.

Brady's technical, assessed for arguing a five-second call, resulted

Tasmin Mitchell filled in in five quick points for Meeks, who made both free throws and hit a 3pointer on Kentucky's extra possession

"I'm 52 years old," Brady said. "I started coaching when I'm 21. It's the first time in the history of my coaching career I've gotten a technical foul sitting on the bench.'

Morris hit one of two free throws with 10 seconds to go in the half to cut LSU's lead to 31-30 at the break. Bobby Perry opened the second half with a 3 to give Kentucky its first lead.

"I didn't really notice we were down 16," Morris said. "That's pretty much how we think. No matter how much we're down, we don't let it affect how we think.'

'Academic incentives vary at Kentucky's two largest universities

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON - Academic incentives are a big part of athletic contracts and they vary from school to school. Most of the head coaches at the University of Kentucky, however, don't have them.

For coaches at UK, academic incentives are the exception, not the rule. They are included in contracts of the basketball and football coaches, yet 73 percent of UK's head coaches don't have them, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported.

UK Athletic Director Mitch Barnhart's academic incentives are not laid out specifically, but are graded through a general performance bonus given directly by President Lee T. Todd Jr.

At the University of Louisville,

Jurich's contract lists seven different incentives for GPA and graduation rate improvements.

UK football coach Rich Brooks' original contract had no specific incentives about keeping athletes' grades up. His new one does provide incentives for academic progress and graduation rate, including \$25,000 if the football team gets a GPA of 2.75 or better.

Barnhart said he added those incentives because of new requirements from the NCAA over academic progress. Schools that do not make sufficient academic progress under the NCAA rules could lose athletic scholarships.

"There was no penalty before," Barnhart said.

That's true across the country, says Tennessee's Debby Jennings, associhowever, Athletic Director Tom ate athletic director for media rela-

tions

"Losing scholarships can really do some damage, so they've got to put a little of the onus on the coach," she said. "It's very public, and the coach is more under fire than they used to be.'

Jurich's contract reflects the priorities of UofL, said President Jim Ramsey.

"We as an athletic program must be committed to the overall success of student athletes, most of whom will not play professionally," Ramsey said. "We could do better with our commitment to the academic performance of our students.'

Ramsey said he bases his oversight of athletics from what he learned working at the University of North Carolina. He looks at academics, fiscal management, integrity, gender equity and competitiveness.

"None of these is more important than the academic success of our athletes.

That's why Jurich's contract is so detailed about improving graduation rates for athletes. He gets a sliding scale of incentives for improving graduation rates, then also can be rewarded for improvement in overall GPAs of student athletes

At UK, volleyball Coach Craig Skinner would get an extra month's salary if his team has a 3.0 or better GPA and 90 percent of the team meets annual NCAA satisfactory progress requirements toward getting a degree.

For meeting both of those academic standards, Tubby Smith, who will make close to \$2 million in base pay this year, could earn another \$50,000. Women's basketball coach Mickie DeMoss would get \$10,000 for the

same thing.

On the other hand, UK baseball coach John Cohen's contract doesn't have any academic or performance bonuses. Instead, he will be awarded 10 percent of the increase in ticket revenue for growth beyond the 2005 level.

"John's teams have always performed well academically, and his area that he wants to grow the most is the resources to help the program succeed," Barnhart said.

Men's soccer coach Ian Collins, hired by Barnhart in 2005, gets incentives for championships and ticket sales, but has no academic incentives, according to his contract. That's in line with most other sports, which feature a performance bonus for championships, but no incentive for better academics.

Pikeville, Rio Grande split diamond doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College baseball team handed Don Ashby his first win as its coach on Monday, winning the first game of a doubleheader over Rio Grande 8-5. But the Bears could not pull off the sweep, dropping the nightcap at Davis Park by a 5-1 margin.

Lefty Matt DeBlauw (Broadview Heights, Ohio) looked sharp early on, but got into some trouble in the top of the third. With the game scoreless, Rio shortstop Kenta Sato sent an inside fastball soaring over the fence an left field for a two-run homer, giving his club a 2-0 lead.

Back-to-back doubles to start the fourth tied the score at 2. With senior Donald Tardy (Ellenwood, Ga.) on third following a steal, freshman Kevin Fleming (Logan, W.Va.) executed a perfect squeeze play, scoring Tardy with the tying run.

With two men down, the Bears proceeded to pound out four straight singles, capped off by a two-run single from sophomore Ryan Bartolon (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio), which made. it a 5-1 Bears advantage.

The Bears would add three more in the bottom of fifth on two-run triple from sophomore Obed Quiles (Narajito, Puerto Rico), who trotted home when an errant throw from Sato went into the Bears' dugout. The 8-1 lead was more than enough for DeBlauw (1-0), who managed to hold the Redmen to two runs over five innings, giving up four hits and striking out five. Sophomore right-hander Pete Kefalos (Barberton, Ohio) finished the final two innings, striking out two and surrendering three runs on three hits.

"I'm especially proud of our guys after that effort," Ashby said. "This was pretty special."

Quiles led the way for the Bears, going 3-3 with three runs scored, while Bartolon led the club with two RBI. Adam Collins (Paintsville) and catcher Josh Adams (Pikeville) also had a pair of hits in the win.

But the Bears could not ride that

off senior southpaw Tony Preston (Louisville) in the bottom of the first, giving Rio an early 1-0 lead.

The Bears would answer, however, when senior Collins led off the second inning with a triple, then scored on a single by Kevin Fleming, tying the score at 1-1.

But Preston would run into trouble in the top of the third. Leadoff hitter Brad Konrad struck out, but the ball skipped past Adams. Two batters later, Konrad was home with the goahead run, courtesy of an RBI-single by Kyle Moore. The Redmen would add another run to make it 3-1, but the damage was severe.

The lead proved plenty for Rio

of offspeed pitches, inducing seven groundball outs and picking off three runners. The Bears would not manage to get a runner in scoring position after the second inning.

Preston (0-1) was solid in the loss for Pikeville, going the distance, giving up only two earned runs on six hits, while striking out 10 and walking seven, while tossing an impressive 146 pitches.

Quiles again led the Bears' offense, picking up a pair of hits.

"We made typical mistakes for a young team," said Ashby. "We simply got too anxious and stopped taking pitches and working counts, which is what we did in the other two

But the Bears answered, picking up a run in their half of the third.

momentum into the nightcap, as an lefty Chris Stewart, who baffled infield error led to an unearned run Pikeville hitters with an assortment

games in this series. But we're still learning."

Allender, Campbellsville too much for Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - Junior forward Zach Allender scored 20 of his gamehigh 32 points in the first half as No. 10 Campbellsville knocked off Pikeville 76-59 Saturday afternoon.

The win, combined with Cumberlands falling to Georgetown this afternoon, 69-60 put Campbellsville – under the direction of of head coach Keith Adkins, a Paintsville native - in second-place in the Mid-South Conference standings alone with two games remaining

Allender also had seven rebounds and a pair of assists in the win, and got 18 points and eight rebounds from teammate Jason Moore.

Pikeville (12-16, 3-5) got three made free throws with 9:32 left in the first half from freshman Brandon May to take a 19-18 lead. But from there, the Tigers outscored the Bears 21-7, with Moore and Allender scoring seven apiece, to take a comfortable 39-26 lead at the break.

A 9-0 run that ended with a layup by senior Will Holloman got the Bears within 10 at 59-49 with 6:56 left as senior Jarrod Adkins came off the bench to hit back-to-back threes, but it would get no closer, as the Tigers hit 8-of-11 from the line the rest of the way to secure the win.

Sophomore Bo Harris tossed in 14 and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Bears. Senior Will Holloman had 11 to go with a team-high four assists, while senior Donald Thomas had 10 points.

Scott County's Hatton signs with Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - The Pikeville College volleyball team will be get-ting stronger next season as Scott County High School standout Kayla Hatton will join Coach Robert Staggs' crew.

Hatton officially signed with Pikeville on Thursday.

The 5-8 defensive specialist was a valuable asset for the Cardinals her senior year and brings an impressive resume to Pikeville. She was a cocaptain, team MVP, MVP of her dis-

trict championship, and a member of the All-Region team.

During her final prep season she had 22 kills, 17 aces and 15 assists.

"We're very excited to welcome Kayla to the Bear volleyball family," said an enthusiastic Staggs. "She comes from a winning tradition at Scott County and I'm hopeful that she'll be able to carry that experience over into the college game and be a huge boost to our program."Still, there is something else about Hatton that has Staggs impressed.

"She's the first player from her

high school to sign a volleyball scholarship," Staggs noted. "So, that tells you what kind of talent she has."

The Lady Bears, which struggled as a young team this past season, will return all of its starters. The addition of Hatton, according to Staggs, seems like it can only make the team stronger.

"We didn't lose any seniors or any our starters," Staggs added. "With Kayla coming in, and with our young players gaining some valuable experience last season, I think our future is pretty bright.'

Kinzer race team competes in Raceweeks 2007

TIMES STAFF REPORT

- The Kinzer ALLEN Motorsports team and Allen driver Brandon Kinzer recently returned

home from a weeklong stay in Florida as they competed in Raceweeks' 2007 at the Volusia Speedway Park in Barberville, Fla., Feb. 12-17. Against some of the stiffest Dirt Late Model competition in the country, Kinzer performed admirably behind the wheel of his No. 18 GRT machine. After narrowly missing the A-Main on three different occasions and waiting through a pair of rain-outs, Kinzer finally broke through during the \$10,000-to-win finale at the Daytona Beach venue Saturday evening.

Kinzer timed in a disappointing

fifty-fifth fastest in qualifying for the 360 OTC World of Outlaws Late Model Series show on Saturday night, but rallied his machine to a sixth-place finish in the heat race and a second place effort in the B-Main. His runner-up performance to Dirt Late Model Hall of Famer Billy Moyer in the consolation event earned him the right to compete in the 50-lap feature race. After rolling off 22nd on the starting grid for the A-Main, Kinzer completed 49 green flag laps and was credited with a 24th place finish in the final rundown.

SOUTH FLOYD GIRLS





HEADED INTO TOURNAMENT PLAY:

The Tony Isaac-coached South Floyd Lady Raiders will host No. 1 seed Betsy Layne Tuesday in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament. Losing out on a coin flip, South Floyd was awarded the tournament's No. 4 seed after ending the season in a three-way tie for second-place with Allen Central and Prestonsburg.

Coaches to receive caution for improperly equipped players in high school soccer

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS – Beginning with the 2007-08 soccer season, if a player enters the game improperly equipped, and it is discovered by an official, the coach will be cautioned (yellow card).

This addition to Rule 4-3 was one of four major rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January 28-29 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"Rule 4-3 previously placed responsibility on the coach to ensure that each of his or her players is properly equipped," said Tim Flannery, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the committee. "This change will now provide a consequence for coaches who fail to comply with the rule."

As a result of this addition to Rule 4-3, a portion of Rule 5-2-2-d-3 was deleted that required the official to examine the uniform and equipment of each player to ensure compliance with the rules. While the legality of player equipment is determined by the referee, the head coach has the responsibility to ensure that players are properly equipped.

A change in shinguard requirements approved last year aimed at reducing the risk of injury has been delayed one year. Instead of 2007-08, shinguards must meet the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standard effective with the 2008-09 season.

"Not all manufacturers could guarantee that shinguards would be available prior to the start of the fall (2007) season in all areas of the country," Flannery said. "This will give manufacturers more time to adequately supply these types of shinguards to local equipment suppliers."

Bob Lombardi, chair of the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee and associate executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, said although the requirement has been delayed one year, the eventual implementation will be a positive step for high school soccer.

"Players no longer will be able to wear inappropriate, undersized shinguards," Lombardi said. "Manufacturers are required to produce shinguards that will minimize risk to players. Correctly sized and safety-regulated shinguards should greatly assist in the reduction of leg injuries in high school soccer."

The new NOCSAE shinguards will be stamped or labeled with the NOCSAE logo. They will specify which size is correct for a particular sized player, making it easy for players, coaches and officials to differentiate which shinguards are to be worn.

The final major rules change involves placement of the team benches on opposite sides of the field. Although team benches are on the same side of the field in most cases, Rule 1-5 does allow an exception for teams to be placed on opposite sides of the field. Beginning next year, when teams are placed on opposite sides of the field, they shall be placed diagonally across from each other.

"With this change, substitutes will be able to be seen easier since they should no longer be standing in front of the team benches," Flannery said.

Several editorial changes were made, with the most significant ones in Rules 1-4-1 and 5-3-1. The rules committee clarified in Rule 1-4-1 that portable goals should be anchored at least two yards in front of the base of the existing football goal posts, not two yards in front of the uprights. Rule 5-3-1 clarifies the mechanic that is to be used by officials when coaches or bench personnel receive a subsequent caution for misconduct. The correct mechanic calls for showing a vellow card first, followed by a red card, as opposed to showing the yellow and red cards together.

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys and girls at the high school level. According to the 2005-06 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 358,935 boys are involved in soccer and 321,555 girls participate in the sport.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Bobcats shuffle past Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ – Visiting Betsy Layne outscored Sheldon Clark 23-13 in the third quarter and defeated the Cardinals 82-69 on Tuesday night in a late regular-season matchup.

The Bobcats took a 34-37 lead into halftime.

Justin Collins scored 20 points and Brennan Case added 19 as Betsy Layne prevailed.

Brady Horn paced Sheldon Clark with a game-high 26 points.

More on some of the other area games from Tuesday night follows.

Betsy Layne 82, Sheldon Clark 69 BETSY LAYNE (10-15) – Kidd 4, Case 19, Collins 20, Tibbs 9, Lafferty 7, Keathley 3, Blair 3, Newman 2, Witt 5.

SHELDON CLARK (5-19) – Stroud 9, Mollett 6, Horn 26, Porter 14, Hensley 2, Hicks 4, Workman 8.

Betsy Layne......21 20 23 18–82 Sheldon Clark.....17 20 13 19–69 Pike County Central 71, South

Floyd 69: At Hi Hat, David Hess hit a shot with 3.3 seconds remaining to lift Pikeville County Central to a win over South Floyd. Colby Slone paced Pike County Central with 24 points. Hess scored 14 and Tyler Hamilton added 13 for the Hawks.

Lyle Johnson led South Floyd with a game-high 30 points. Wes Akers scored 16 points and Ethan Johnson contributed 15 for the Raiders. Ethan Johnson pulled down a team-high seven rebounds for South Floyd, which led 54-50 at the end of the third quarter.

Pike Central 71, South Floyd 69 PIKE CENTRAL (14-13) – Hess 14, Varney 1, Hamilton 13, Nichols 10, Slone 24, Thompson 4, Adkins 5.
SOUTH FLOYD (4-21) - E.
Johnson 15, L. Johnson 30, Akers 16, Brown 8.

Pike Central......19 17 14 21–71 South Floyd......15 11 28 15–69 Girls–Perry County Central 93, South Floyd 53: Host Perry County Central didn't have any trouble getting past South Floyd. Kristen Madden tossed in a game-high 24 points and led Perry County Central. Heather Sturdivant followed with 17 points for the Lady Commodores.

Perry County Central controlled

the game throughout.

Heather Dean had a team-best 15 points for South Floyd. Chelsie Tuttle followed with 12 points for the Lady Raiders. Danielle Tackett dumped in 10 points for South Floyd.

Perry Central 93, South Floyd 53 SOUTH FLOYD (7-13) – Ka. Hall 3, Ki. Hall 4, Dean 15, Tuttle 12, Tackett 10, Bailey 5, Castle 1, Dye 3.

PERRY CENTRAL (21-4) – Sturdivant 17, Kilburn 4, Feltner 14, Madden 24, Combs 3, Eversole 7, Strong 7, Fugate 3, Long 3, Neace 3, Campbell 4, Eldridge 4.

KHSAA News: Board approves state track & field sites

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Board of Control approved sites for the 2007 and 2008 State Track & Field Meet at its meeting Monday. The Board reviewed presentations from representatives from the University of Louisville and Paul Dunbar High School.

The Board voted to hold the 2007 event at Jon Akers Stadium on the Paul Dunbar High School campus in Lexington and is contingent on school not being in session. If school is in session, the 2007 meet will be held at the University of Louisville. The meet is scheduled for June 1-2.

The 2008 State Track & Field Meet was awarded to the University of Louisville and will be held at Owsley B. Frazier Stadium in Cardinal Park. The 2008 State Meet is scheduled for May 30-31.

n Tickets to the 2007 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. Through the KHSAA Office, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$108 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$58 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 23. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent. Single session tickets for the National City/KHSAA Boys' Tournament are available now through ticketmaster.com.

n Following are the dates for the

2007 National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments: Draws for the two events were conducted last week and links to the tournament bracket follow

Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16, March 14-17, WKU E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green:

http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/girls /sweet16/2007/girlstatebracket2007.pdf

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16, March 21-24, Rupp Arena, Lexington:

http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/boy

s/sweet16/2007/boystatebracket2007.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS Feb. 26-March 3 District Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments March 5-March 13 Regional Boys' and Girls' Basketball Tournaments March 14-17 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament March 21-24 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Valley outlasts Lady Blackcats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROBINSON CREEK – The Shelby Valley Lady Cats posted their 10th straight win on Tuesday night and in the process, improved to 22-2 overall. Shelby Valley broke open a 26-26 halftime tie and defeated visiting Prestonsburg 59-46.

The Lady Cats outscored Prestonsburg 19-12 in the third quarter.

Esther Fleming paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 24 points. Sally Roberts joined Fleming in double figures for the Lady Cats, adding 18 points. Shelby Valley featured seven different scorers. Courtney Smallwood added six points and Laura Perkins scored five for the Lady Cats. Kayla Smallwood, Brook Coleman and Lynn Tackett each had two points for host Shelby Valley.

The Lady Cats own the 15th Region's second-best record. Magoffin County's 24-3 mark is the only record better than the Shelby Valley girls' team's mark.

Amber Whitaker led Prestonsburg with a team-high 20 points. Linsey Fields added 10 points as Prestonsburg suffered its second straight loss. Julianne Frye scored six points, Rikki Hughes had three and Hannah Fitzpatrick netted two for the Lady Blackcats.

Shelby Valley 59, Prestonsburg 46 Prestonsburg.....18 8 12 8-46 Shelby Valley.....17 9 19 14-59 PRESTONSBURG (9-16) – Whitaker 20, Fields 10, Frye 6, Hughes 3, Fitzpatrick 2. SHELBY VALLEY (22-2) – Fleming 24, S. Roberts 18, C. Smallwood 6, Perkins 5, K. Smallwood 2, Brook Coleman 2, Tackett 2.



scored a game-high 30 points for South Floyd in Tuesday's loss to Pike Central.

BIG SCORER:

Senior Lyle Johnson

Paintsville beats Blackcats on Senior Night

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville played host to Prestonsburg for Senior Night Tuesday and didn't disappoint its home fans. After trailing at the end of the opening quarter, Paintsville outscored Prestonsburg the rest of the way en route to an 82-68 win.

Landon Slone led Paintsville with a game-high 26 points. Van Ferguson followed with 22 points for the Tigers. JD VanHoose scored 14 points and Shane Grimm contributed 10 for the Tigers.

Prestonsburg jumped out in front and led Paintsville 23-16 at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers, after

struggling early in the first quarter, took a lead in the second quarter. Paintsville led 42-38 at halftime.

Blake Bundy and Daniel Meade rounded out the Paintsville scoring with seven and three points, respectively.

Paintsville, thanks to the win, improved to 18-8.

Prestonsburg didn't get any points out of its bench. Paintsville outscored Prestonsburg 19-10 in the third quarter.

"Getting no points out of our bench hurt us," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Crisp. "The third quarter hurt us as well."

Junior forward Nathaniel Stephens led Prestonsburg with 24 points. Bobby Hughes and Chayse Martin each had 14 points for the Blackcats. Jordan Hall added 11 points and Trevor Patton pushed in five.

Following the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 10-14.



Martin "Christian" Crider (left) recently completed his third Toyota ArenaCross event in Nashville, Tenn. He finished third overall in points standings among a group of 27 riders representing the South Region and will receive an invitation to compete in the national event finals held in Las Vegas this October at the US Open. The group will contain 40 riders (ages 4-6) representing every region of the United States. Mason "Cameron" Crider (right) also finished his third event, placing sixth overall. The brothers are the sons of Ricky W. and Rachel Crider of Prestonsburg. They are the grandsons of Denzil B. and Beverly Martin of Wayland and Charles and Jewell Crider of Middle Creek.

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THROUGH MY EYES

I know I promised last week to catch you all up on the latest happenings in my busy family's life, but I guess I lied. This week has turned out to be just as busy, if not busier, than the last one! Yikes! And it's still wintertime out there. I can only imagine how busy things are going to get



when spring rolls around and everyone gets back out busy as new little bumblebees. Oh, well what can I say? Until next week, when things

down a bit, I'll

have to pass along another

Kathy Prater Lifestyles editor

email offering. This one came to me via Angie Carriere. I liked it and I hope you will, too! (Thanks, Angie - you saved me in a pinch!)

Did God create evil?

A University professor at a well known institution of higher learning once challenged his students with the following question: "Did God create everything that exists?"

One student bravely replied,

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DINNER DIVA Gold stars for everyone! by Leanne Ely

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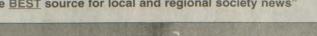
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FLOYD COUNT



Students from Carl D. Perkins Job Corps helped package the trees for the give-away to area residents.



2007 FCCD annual Tree give-away

While state and national leaders discuss global warming and other environmental issues, Floyd Countians recently pulled together to make a difference when the Floyd County Conservation District held its Annual Tree Give-Away in early February. Around 8,000 tree seedlings were distributed this year. With the help of the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, the District was able to prepare the trees for give-away. Residents from all over the county showed up to get the free trees that will help to combat soil erosion, provide refuge for wildlife, and beautify our natural environment.

James Staggs, along with students from South Floyd High School, distributed trees to that area of the county.

The Floyd County Conservation District would like to thank the organizations that



Tiny two and half year old Reece Hamilton, of Martin, was ready to plant some Bald Cypress trees with the help of a family member or two!

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Have you noticed how much easier it is to get something done when there is



tangible reward attached? Everyone likes to be acknowledged for his or her efforts, don't they? I sure do!

When I make

dinner, one of

Lenne Ely

the favorite parts is hearing my family respond positively. You sort of burst with pride when you hear your husband proclaim, "Wow, this is delicious!" or your children say, "Make this again, Mom!" Those are great rewards for those of us who work in our kitchens everyday to feed our families.

Rewards are great-they inspire us to do more and keep trying. Children especially are propelled toward greatness when offered a reward! They love being rewarded for doing the right thing. When I was in 5th grade taking piano lessons, my piano teacher would put a gold star on each page of music I mastered. I lived for

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Gerald Jones, of Prestonsburg, was caught on his way out with a variety of tree seedlings that he plans to plant and make good use of.

helped prepare the trees for the give-away, as well as all the residents of Floyd County who participated in this year's event!

Winchester native with Floyd County ties stars in newly released 'Ghost Rider'

by Kathy J. Prater FEATURES EDITOR

"It's all pretty exciting," said Joan Chaffin, of McDowell, in reference to the fact that her son-in-law, Matthew Long, a native of Winchester, is now starring in one of the hottest movies to be released thus far this year. Long, who is married to Chaffin's daughter, Lora, a 1997 graduate of South Floyd High School, is starring in the just released blockbuster,"Ghost Rider."

"Matt actually gets to play a young Nicolas Cage in the film," said local minister Arnold Turner, Lora's uncle. "He has about the first entire twenty minutes or so of the movie," Turner said.

"At one point, they show Matt on a motorcycle, wearing a helmet, speeding down the road," said his mother-inlaw. "Then, and it's pretty cool they way they do it, his face sort of morphs into Nicolas Cage's face and then he (Cage) takes over the character as an older person," she said.

Though that scene is Matthew's last in the film, Joan shares that talks are already underway for a Ghost Rider sequel and that Matthew's contract calls for him to be in that film, as well. "Right now, he's on location filming a movie with Amanda Bynes," Joan said. "It's pretty exciting the way things are taking off for him.'

Long, a 1998 graduate of George Rogers Clark High School, in Winchester, displayed a natural talent for acting at a young age and was encouraged by his teachers there to study theater and to pursue a career in acting. He studied theater arts at Western Kentucky University, graduating in 2002. It was at WKU that he met his future wife, Lora. Lora also graduated from WKU and went on to pursue a career in newscasting in Michigan. "She enjoyed that," said her mother, "but now she's at home. Matt's career is keeping them both busy at this

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FLY LADY



Lora Chaffin Long, with husband. Matthew, at the premiere of "Ghost Rider," held last week in New York City. Matthew stars, along with Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes and Peter Fonda, in the film, based on a Marvel comics book character, as a voung Johnny Blaze.

The power to change our world

by Marla Cilley

Today has had me thinking about the memories we will leave with our families

Though we may not aspire to beheads of state, we can still take babysteps to help make a difference in our world. We are the shining example in our homes. Our personality, whether it is positive or negative, flows through our family. It is up to us to set the tone in our home. If we are

grouchy, then our babies will be grouchy, our critters will be fussy and spouses will go hide. our Isn't it better to have our babies remember us for the twinkle in our eyes when we say "Yes!" when asked if we will come and play? And all because our homes are not weighing heavily on our hearts! Now I have huge puddles rolling down my face. Life is too short to not live it to the fullest! When we are dead and gone our babies are not going to remember how clean our homes were, but they will remember that their mother or father was happy and that they filled their homes with love.

I just heard the music "Going

Home" from Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony on TV. I turned off the TV and put on my favorite radio station to hear mine and Robert's favorite symphony by Camille Saint-Saens; The Organ Symphony. That beautiful music brought back a touching memory of our first kiss. I guess it is those little memories that stay with us all of our lives. My sweetie choreographed our first kiss to the 4th movement when the organist pulls out all the stops on the organ and fills the air with the most wonderful sounds. We don't listen to it often but when we do we are touched by its beauty and power. I feel that this was a God Breeze to affirm this message to you!

We all have the power to change the world even if it is just our own little neck of the woods. Our attitude is everything. I want for you what I have Peace! Peace in knowing that I will be remembered for my smile and my positive, contagious spirit! I live by these rules:

Don't sweat the small stuff; what doesmatter doesn't n't matter. Laugh every day even if it is at yourself.

And love like there is no tomorrow! We all have the power to change the world in our own little neck of the woods; it doesn't matter if you are



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uestion: My young grandson has recently been diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. Could you explain to me exactly what Asperger's is? His usage of words and the way he relates to us shows that he is highly intelligent. He loves numbers, and he does follow instructions. However, it is hard sometimes to get him to do his homework because he loses interest. Will he get over this as he gets older? Any help you could give so that we would understand this better would be appreciated.

nswer: Asperger's Syndrome (AS) is offi-Lcially part of the autism

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A. Associate Professor of Family Medicine

spectrum of disorders. In general, these conditions are characterized by impairment in language and communication skills plus repetitive patterns of thought and behavior. Asperger's, however, is kind of an uneasy fit into this classification. While children with AS show marked deficiencies in social and communication skills as well as exhibiting autistic-like behaviors, they have normal to superior intelligence and language skills. This sounds like your description of your grandson. By contrast, children with true autism usually lose any language that develops before the onset of autism.

In addition to their excellent lan-

Asperger's Syndrome - 'Little Jamily OHIO Medicine Professors' lacking social skills

guage skills, these children usually have formal speech patterns. Children with AS also exhibit behavioral rituals and poor interaction with peers as well as socially and emotionally inappropriate behavior. They tend to have poor motor skills and muscular coordination.

The primary presenting symptom of AS is an obsessive interest in an object or topic to the exclusion of almost everything else. For example, some children with AS have become experts on railroad engines, the passenger list of the Titanic, clocks, the philosophical nature of time, deep-fat fryers, the makes and models of cars, and fast-food restaurants.

Children with AS have an insatiable desire to know everything about their topic of interest. They will talk about little else. They will lecture their family and schoolmates on that topic. In fact, Hans Asperger, the Austrian physician who first bears his name, called these children his "little professors."

The diagnosis of AS can be difficult because there is no one standardized test for AS. Also, AS can be hard to differentiate from other behavioral or developmental disorders like hyperactivity(ADD) and high-functioning autism. The core group of symptoms that the doctor uses to diagnose AS are abnormal eye contact, aloofness, failure to turn when called by name, failure to use gestures to point or show something, lack of interactive play and lack of interest in peers. At least one of these behaviors plus repetitive or restrictive behavior must be present before the age of 3 to make this diagnosis.

Treatment of AS is geared toward the presenting symptoms. A good program is individualized for the child and his or her interests. There are no medications for AS, but coex-

wrote about this syndrome that now isting problems may need to be treated. Speech therapy can be very helpful for these kids. They are taught such things as how to react to social cues and the kinds of responses that are appropriate to use in various social situations.

> AS is a lifelong disorder, so your grandson won't outgrow it. However, afflicted adults can lead productive lives, but they may need continuing counseling. There is research going on to find the cause of AS and to develop new treatments.

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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. 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 Coordinator is Michelle p.m. Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on

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 tshirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!

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

Floyd Health County 122 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 checkouts. A variety of topics are available

Prestonsburg **Elementary and Family Resource** Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Parents needing assitance 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

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.

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center programs and services.

Allen Central High School

Feb. 23 - Boys basketball vs. Magoffin County (Senior Night), at home.

Feb. 26 - Book Fair in library.

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. 27 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

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

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

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Nurse services: Flovd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and wellchild 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

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 nondenominational Christian school.

Piarist School

The Piarist School is participating in the Food City "Apples for the Students" program, a school/community partnership that awards educational equipment in exchange for store register receipt tapes. More than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools have been awarded to participating schools for FREE in recent years. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this valuable program by sending their Food City register tapes to school with their children or by dropping them off at the school office. Receipts will be collected until March 10, 2007. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

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

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

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fly Lady

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from a big city or a small town!

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 York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

Ghost

point," she said.

Long was quoted as saying, "I'm glad I grew up where I did, it's a great place...it gave me a moral grounding you can't get in lots of places" in an article that ran in the September 10, 2004 edition of The Courier-Journal, when he had just landed his first starring role, in a WB network series

entitled "Jack and Bobby." Though the series was fairly short-lived, running for only one season, it gave Long the national exposure he needed to jumpstart his career.

Joan recently joined her daughter and son-in-law for the New York City premiere of Ghost Rider just last week. "It was exciting," she said.

"Very exciting. To see all those people, such good actors. And to see how exciting it was for Matt and Lora. They were as nervous and excited about it all as I was, I think," she said.

"The movie is doing really great, from what I'm told," she said. "And I hope everyone gets the chance to Paintsville and Pikeville.

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get out and see it."

"Matt's a good boy," she said. "He's not a run-around, he's very grounded with very good morals. Just the kind of son-in-law you would want for your daughter."

The Ghost Rider is currently playing at movie theaters in Prestonsburg,

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Bírthdays

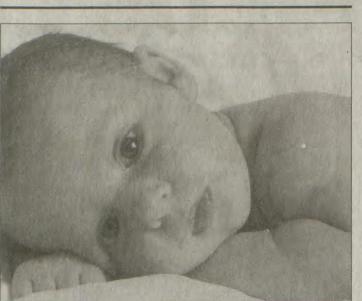


Look who's 1!

Brock Horne, the son of Greg and Robin Horne, of Prestonsburg, celebrated his first birthday on Thursday, February 22, 2007, with his family. Brock is the grandson of Roger and Brenda Horne, of Wayland. He is the great-grandson of Woodrow and Clarice Horne and Bea Combs. His cousins Dawson and Tanner Stephens, of Wayland, Kolby Newsome, of Pikeville, and Austin and BreAnn Horne, of Nicholasville, are happy to wish him a very happy day and wonderful year ahead!



Happy 1st Birthday, Tylera! Tylera Nicole Howell will celebrate her first birthday on February 26, 2007 with family and friends and a "Dora the Explorer" theme party, to be held at Grethel. Tylera is the daughter of Virginia A. Evans and Dexter Dewayne Howell, both of Grethel.



THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES

Birth

New Arrival

Craig and Greta Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Gabriel Wayne Blackburn, born November 22, 2006, at 8:40 p.m., at Pikeville Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 and one-half inches long.

Gabriel is the grandson of Gregory and Janie Ousley, of Martin, Vonda Blackburn, of Cow Creek, and Nickey and Norcie Blackburn, of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Dennis and Juanita Ousley, of Martin, Laura Crider, of Cow Creek, and Rita Blackburn, of Prestonsburg.

Birth



Diva

those gold stars!

Remember this when you're trying to get your children to eat their vegetables. They aren't going to be telling you how much they love their green beans! Perhaps a little reward is in order, like a choosing a toy at the dollar store at the end of the week for eating as many bites of their vegetable that was on their plate each night as their age. In other words, if your child is 3, having him eat 3 bites will earn him a gold star. Put a gold star on the calendar and at the end of the week, ta da! He gets a reward!

This isn't bribing! This is rewarding excellent behavior. You are teaching your child life skills when they learn to eat their vegetables. And vegetable eating is very important for understanding the significance of nutrition and how that will impact him or her for the rest of their lives.

This week, sit down with your children and give them the opportunity to earn a reward! Teach them that vegetables build muscles (ask to feel your child's muscles before they eat their veggies and after—let them know you think you felt them grow!) and make sure you're setting a good example, too! Your child won't eat his vegetables if you don't.

Remember—gold stars are for everyone, young and old!

Here's my recipe for Gold Star Cheesy Broccoli Soup—a great warmer upper, chock full of phytonutrients. Enjoy!

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 large bunch broccoli
- 3 medium potatoes, peeled
- and diced
- 6 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/4 cups milk (lower fat

"Yes he did!"

Eyes

"God created everything," the professor queried.

"Yes sir, he certainly did," the student replied.

The professor then answered, "Well then, if God created everything, then God created evil. And since evil does exist and, according to the principle that our works

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grams by using skim) • 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese (can use less) • Salt and pepper to taste • 1 cup low-fat cheddar cheese, shredded (can use less)

Melt butter in a 4-6-quart soup pot. Saute onion until softened, about three minutes. Cut broccoli into flowerets and thinly slice tender upper portion of stems. Add to pot along with potatoes and chicken stock. Cover and simmer until potatoes and broccoli are tender, about 20 minutes.

Puree mixture in several batches in food processor or blender. Return puree to soup pot and stir in milk, Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper to taste. Gently heat (a hard boil will cause the soup to break and the milk to turn to curds!)

To serve, ladle 8-ounce servings into broiler-safe dishes. Sprinkle each bowl with a little bit of shredded cheddar cheese, put it on the broiler for a second and serve, all hot and bubbly. Your family is going to love it!

Nutritional Data: Per serving: 234 calories; 15g fat; 10g protein; 15g carbohydrate; 3g dietary fiber; 21mg cholesterol; 1728mg sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 grain (starch); 1 lean meat; 1 vegetable; 0 non-fat milk; 2 1/2 fat.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter, published by Fireside.. Copyright 2007; Leanne El. Used by permission in this publication.

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color. But you cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness, then, is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."



Look who's 2!

Christopher Hughes, the son of Randall and Chayla Hughes, of Prestonsburg, celebrated his second birthday on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2007. Christopher's daddy is currently stationed in Iraq.

Proud of that little one?

Then put them in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and standard birthday information - or hirth announcement - I'ree. Stop by the Times office, located at 263 South Central Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email: features@floydcountytimes.com. (Specialized announcements will require assistance of advertising department.)



Photogenic baby

Regan Kinley Bryant, the nine-month-old daughter of Kevin and Amanda Bryant, of Weeksbury, was named "Most Photogenic" in the Wee Baby Miss Sweetheart Pageant, held Sunday, February 18, 2007, at South Floyd High School. Her family sends her a big "Congratulations!"

Wedding



Collins-Prater

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey and Sherry Collins, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Ashley Nicole Collins, to Joshua Prater, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Sheila Prater, of Prestonsburg.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She will graduate this coming spring from the National College of Pikeville as a pharmacist technician. She is currently employed with Man Power, of Prestonsburg.

The prospective groom is also a 2005 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is employed by Star Construction Company.

The wedding ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 3, 2007, at 12 p.m., at the Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.

define who we are, then we can only assume that God is evil."

This quieted the student and he did not respond to the professor's hypothetical summation. The professor, now quite pleased with himself, boasted to his class that he had proven once more that "religious faith" was a myth.

Another student then raised his hand and said, "May I ask you a question, professor?" "Of course," the professor

replied.

The student then stood up and asked, "Professor, does cold exist?"

"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists," the professor replied. "Have you never

been cold?"

The other students in the classroom snickered at the young man's question.

The young man, however, persisted, replying, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is, in reality, the absence of heat. Everybody and every object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460F) is the total absence of heat. And all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold, therefore, does not exist. We have merely created this word to describe how we feel if we

have no heat."

The student then continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"

The professor responded, "Yes, of course it does."

The student replied, "Once again you are wrong, sir. Darkness does not exist, either. Darkness is, in reality, the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact, we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colors and study the various wave lengths of each Then, the young man asked the professor,"Sir, does evil exist?"

Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course, as I have already said. We see it everyday. It is in the daily examples of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but

evil."

To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist, sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is the result of what

happens when man does not have God's love present in his 'heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat, or the darkness that comes when there is no light."

The student then sat down and the professor said no more.

The young man's name? Albert Einstein (Reputed to be a true story.)



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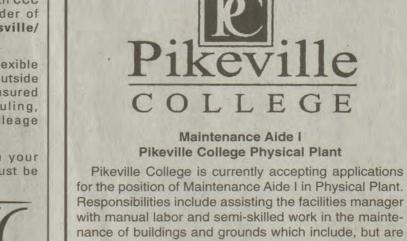
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(3) The bond now

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE **Pursuant to** Application No. 877-0165 **Operator Change** In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that DFM, Inc., P.O. Box 367, Old U.S. 23, Allen, Kentucky 41601, intends to revise permit number 877-0165 to change the operator. The operpresently ator approved in the permit is Appalachian Fuels, LLC, 1500 Big Run North Ashland, Road, Kentucky 41102. The new operator will be Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541. The operation is

located approximately 1.5 mile north of Gunlock, in Magoffin/Floyd Counties. The operation is approxiof 301.54 acres mately 0.7 mile north from Big Branch of Licking River junction with KY 7, and located .79 mile northwest of Big Branch. The operation is located the David 3.S. 7 1/2 on U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

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ments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) of today's Pursuant to KRS 353.630 and

KRS 353.640

An application for Pooling Order to drill and operate Equitable Production Company Well No. 566661, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Prestonsburg Quadrangle, between Bays Branch and Jane Brown Branch, of Floyd County, State of Kentucky. Said property being an undivided interest in the William B. Harmon Tract. Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and Equitable Production Company (606-433-1240) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication.

The following list comprises all known or last known owners of the subject property, including address if known or last known address.

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Sentence

During the sentencing phase, the jury learned that at the time of Combs' arrest, he was on supervised probation for a drug trafficking conviction he had received just two months before. An additional 10-year sentence was recommended in light of this, which the jury again recommended run consecutively with his other two convictions.

Formal sentencing for Burns and Combs is set for April 6.

Floyd County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said the convictions were a compliment to the jury's determination to carefully look at the evidence provided following a thorough investigation by the state police and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officers.

"This is a sentence that is consistent with a lot of drug trafficking convictions that we obtain, so we're obviously very pleased," Taylor said.

The case resulted from several complaints of drug activity at Burns' residence registered by neighbors on Aug. 18, 2005. When responding to the complaints, four state police and vehicle enforcement officers testified that two state police officers went to the back door to request permission to search the home after two other officers had witnessed Combs snorting a white powdery substance off of a table for more than a minute while looking through a front window. Burns answered the door and gave them permission to enter and search.

When the officers entered the home, Burns' young daughter yelled, "It's the police," and three of the officers testified they saw Combs throw a small bag of cocaine into the trash and wipe the powder off the table in an effort to conceal evidence. Another man was present at the time of the arrests, but officers testified there was no doubt it was Combs they saw through the window because he was not wearing a shirt and had white powder on his pants when they arrested him.

Burns, who was the only witness called by the defense, was forced to admit she was in possession of methadone illegally after admitting the methadone found in a drawer was hers and she had no prescription for it. She also admitted that she had lied during prior questioning about a scale that was found in her closet. Three scales were found in her bedroom, two in a drawer by her bed which she testified were hers, but she denied owning the scale found in her closet. She later recanted that the

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scale was not hers after she admitted that a small blue box, which was filled with over \$2,000 she testified was hers, was found to be the box in which the scale had originally been sold in.

Taylor said his office is very pleased with the outcome of the trial and said it will send a message to the community that drugs are not welcome in the county.

"I think the verdict against both of these defendants continues to send a good message out that we are against drugs, and with sentences like these it will make people think twice," Taylor said.

KASPER

of the Drug Enforcement and Professional Practices Branch within the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Frankfort, will be on hand to explain how KASPER works, why it is an important and necessary tool, and to discuss some of the success stories the program had produced in the Fifth Congressional District.

"It is working, and working very well," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo, "We have slowed them (drug dealers) down greatly."

h The KASPER system tracks all controlled substance prescriptions dispensed within the state. A KASPER report lists all scheduled prescriptions pre-

tem. Brown has another child

currently attending Johnson

Floyd County schools were

not making the "adequate

yearly progress" that he felt

necessary to compete with the

Johnson County school district

Brown also reminded the board that "three or four years

ago, when this thing came up, you promised us that we

would have that choice of where to send our children."

Carol Stumbo said that she felt

that Prestonsburg High School

Though board member

Brown said that he feels

Choice

County schools.

at this time.

scribed to an individual over a specified time period, usually a couple of months, as well as who prescribed the medication and where it was dispensed.

The system is not meant to prevent people from obtaining their prescriptions; it is used as a source of information for doctors and pharmacists as well as an investigative tool for law enforcement officials to track potential drug dealers.

To make the reports more accessible, Kentucky became the first state in the country to initiate an on-line version of the system in March 2005 known as eKASPER (Enhanced Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting). The on-line system allows authorized users to track prescriptions 24 hours a day and receive requested information within 15 minutes.

The Kentucky State Senate passed a resolution on Tuesday to further expand the KASPER program by calling for Kentucky to enter into agreements with state's around the country to share drug monitoring information with one another if each state's programs are compatible with one another. The resolution would prohibit any person from obtaining a prescription for a controlled substance without having formed a valid doctor-patient relationship, at which time the patient would be physically examined and a medical history of the patient obtained. Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, introduced the legislation and said expanding the program will

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prevent drug abusers from crossing state lines to doctor shop for prescription drugs.

"The KASPER program is proving to be an increasingly effective tool in combating the problem of prescription drug abuse in the Commonwealth," Jones said.



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"will meet those goals" of which Brown spoke when this year's scores are gathered and released, she, along with the rest of the board, agreed that Floyd County parents, for now at least, should continue to have the choice of where they want to send their children to school.

"I think you will have to come back later," she said, "but for now, you will have that choice."

The board agreed unanimously to allow the reciprocal agreement between Floyd County and Johnson County schools to remain in effect.

Coaching

the decision. "Anyone can go to a teacher and ask them to 'help' a child to continue to play on a team, not just principals, but other teachers and parents, as well," she said, in response to some board members' concerns in regard to teachers possibly feeling pressured to give a student passing grades to allow them to remain in active play on a team when their "boss" would perhaps need them to make up a winning team.

"I feel, with this decision," said board chair Jeff Stumbo, "that we are simply asking our principals to focus on our schools ... in academics, with drug problems and with discipline problems."

In other discussion, Greg Adams, maintenance director of Floyd County Schools, reported

Bill

would have required companies to provide methane detectors to each miner was deleted.

"There are still some good provisions in the bill, but most of them have been removed," said Tony Oppegard, an attorney who represents coal miners and widows of miners.

"The bill was basically hijacked," said Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, sponsor of the original proposal. He said he was not sure whether he will support the new version, which was offered by Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson.

Under Webb's modified version, the additional inspections wouldn't be mandatory until 2009, after the Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has added the personnel necessary to carry them out.

State Rep. Jim Gooch, D-Providence, had said previously that he didn't expect to call the legislation up for a vote in the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, which he chairs. He changed that stand on Thursday when to the board that the school system is currently spending "about \$79,000" to allow coffee pots, microwaves, portable fans, personal refrigerators and other such convenience appliances to be used in individual classrooms.

"And about another \$15,000 by failing to turn light switches off," he added.

Adams made the comments in regard to a utilities report that he presented to the board members during the meeting. The board agreed to gather more information in regard to the matter before making any final determination on the issue, which will likely be discussed in future meetings.

The Floyd County Board of Education will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Betsy Layne Elementary School.

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Webb, a former coal miner, offered a revised bill.

"It sounds like a much improved version," said Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. "It has some important safety provisions. But the devil's in the details."

Melissa Lee, whose husband Jimmy Lee was killed in an underground explosion in Harlan County last year, was among a group of widows who visited the Capitol on Wednesday to urge passage of the mine-safety bill. She said the state needs a stronger mine safety law that "protects the other men who are providing for their families."

The proposed mining 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.

The legislation is House Bill 207.



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