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BLACK DIAMONDS
— Special section
briefs

Body of Alabama teen found in Pike

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The monthlong search for a missing Alabama teenager ended Sunday when members of the East Shelbyana Search and Rescue team recovered his body in the Big Sandy River.

Pikeville police detectives Sue Hayes and Virgil Ray accompanied the body to the Central Forensic Lab in Frankfort to obtain a positive identification of the body.

Fingerprints lifted from the body were able to positively identify the body of the white male as Matthew A. Dobbs.

Dobbs, 19, of Dothan, Ala., had been reported missing Jan. 8 in Pikeville. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday to determine the cause of death. No additional information about the death has been released.

The Pikeville Fire/EMS helped in the search for Dobbs.

Insurance, land dominate council meeting

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With health care costs rising seemingly every day, the Prestonsburg City Council spent the first hour of a marathon three-hour session Monday night discussing which health care provider city employees will be provided with next

year. Under a renewal plan with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, the rise in cost to the city to cover all 80 city employees would be 19.5 percent higher over last year. If the council decides to renew with Anthem, employees would be able to receive emergency care at nearly every hospital in the state, as well as in large out-of-state cities such

as Cincinnati and Huntington. The board agreed to hold off renewing with Anthem until they have an opportunity at their next meeting to compare quotes from rival health care providers. The council members agreed that the increase in costs associated with renewing the plan for another year were not only likely to be lower than with another provider, but would

also offer the best coverage for city employees who do not make high hourly wages.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said the current plan offers the best deal cost-wise, and for retaining employees.

"We will lose our good employees if

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LENDING A HAND



Language barriers proved to be a large hurdle for medical team members to cross, but the aid of translators helped tremendously with communication between doctor and patient.

Local doctors help treat villagers in South America

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

"Small town Kentucky comes to small town Peru," is how Dr. John Furcolow describes what it was like when he and his medical mission team traveled thousands of miles to provide medical care in an impoverished town located in the Amazon jungle.

Dr. Furcolow refers to it as "reverse culture shock" when one returns from one of these medical missions, saying that it is very easy for people to take life's simple things for granted. His team of 10 other members traveled to Peru last July on one of their many trips over the last several years. Their goal was to provide as much medical attention to patients as they could in the four days of their visit and assist missionaries there in providing continued care.

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Faith in a higher power is one thing medical team members say is very important. They always try to carry their faith with them and pass it along to others who need it.

Pike looking to become nation's 'energy capital'

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Since the creation of OPEC in September of 1960, the ability of the United States to control domestic oil prices has been dictated primarily by events in the Middle East.

Each successive presidential administration has been charged with combating the nation's dependence on foreign oil, often placing the onus on companies to research and develop alternative fuel sources.

In his Jan. 23 State of the Union Address, President Bush said that the extension of hope and opportunity in America "depends on a stable supply of energy that

keeps America's economy running." He said the U.S. has been dependent on foreign oil for far too long, calling for investment in clean coal technology, biodiesel fuel and new methods of producing ethanol.

INSIDE

Today's issue includes Black Diamonds, our annual look at the coal industry in Eastern Kentucky.

These alternative fuels are a few of many ideas brought forth in his energy plan proposal, which includes a mandatory fuels standard, which would require 35 billion gallons of renewable and alternative fuels be made available by 2017. The president's main goal is to reduce gasoline usage 20 percent in the U.S. over the next 10 years.

"It is in our vital interest

(See ENERGY, page seven)

National Guard helps Knott deal with water shortage

The Associated Press

HINDMAN — A detachment of Kentucky National Guard troops has been deployed to Knott County to purify water for local residents.

Col. Phil Miller, spokesman for the National Guard, said water levels dropped in wells that supply water to Hindman and much of Knott County.

National Guard troops arrived at the town on Sunday to pump water out of Troublesome Creek, filter it and pump it into the

local water system, WYMT-TV in Hazard reported. Water purification operations were scheduled to begin on Tuesday.

Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson told the television station that crews have also drilled another well capable of delivering 150,000 gallons of water a day to increase the water supply while the existing wells recharge.

Like some other eastern Kentucky towns, Hindman

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Allen supporters ask board to not change school

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Unexpected projected enrollment numbers for the 2007-08 school year have Floyd County school officials reevaluating just where to place everyone, most specifically, those in the Prestonsburg-Allen attendance area.

Current projections show approximately 820-to-850 students, including preschool and Head Start students, are expected to enroll in the

new Prestonsburg Elementary School this coming August. The new facility was built to hold 780 students.

One possibility for the increased enrollment projection may be, according to Supt. Paul Fanning, that parents who have enrolled their children in other attendance areas in prior years may now be making the decision to return in order to have their children take advantage of the

(See BOARD, page 14)



It was standing room only as parents, staff and students from both Allen Elementary and Betsy Layne Elementary flooded the Betsy Layne library Monday evening to address the Floyd County Board of Education with their concerns.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

3 DAY FORECAST

Today



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Tomorrow



High: 61 • Low: 39

Friday



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Obituaries

Elva Blankenship

Elva Blankenship, age 83, of Topmost, widow of Carl Blankenship, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2007, at her residence.

She was born June 6, 1923, in Raven, the daughter of the late Dewey Gibson and Pearlle Patton Gibson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, in Raven.

Survivors include two sons: Larry (Mitzi) Blankenship of Allegan, Michigan, and Pat Blankenship of Hazard; two daughters: Connie Erdman and Bonnie Cross, both of Columbus, Ohio; a brother, Cantrel Gibson of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida; three sisters: Ora Sawyer and Bonnie Harris, both of Topmost, and Shelby (Gene), Tessier of New Bern, North Carolina; 11 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Ernest Gibson and Delano Gibson; a sister, June Davis; and a granddaughter, Lori Blankenship.

Funeral services for Elva Blankenship were conducted Monday, February 26, at 11:00 a.m., at the Caney Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, in Raven, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was at the Spring Hill

Memorial Park, in Spring Hill, Tennessee, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Richard "Rick" Alan Branham

Richard "Rick" Alan Branham, 47, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 23, 2007, at his residence.

Born February 12, 1960, in Columbus, Ohio, he was the son of Bernice Stephens Branham of Prestonsburg, and the late John Ellis Branham. He attended the First United Methodist Church, in Paintsville.

He was an electronic technician and a free lance writer for the Floyd County Times.

In addition to his mother, survivors include a brother, John Ellis Branham Jr., of Canada; two sisters: Sheryl Ann Branham Andres, of Hilliard, Ohio, and Mary Beth Branham Hurst, of Columbus, Ohio; six nieces and nephews: Britney Basco, Javan Branham, Emily Branham, Fiona Hurst, Hunter Hurst, and Zachary Andres; an uncle, Deward Stephens; an aunt, Pauline Wallen; and special friends: Wayne Dixon and Ronald Brown.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 26, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral

Home Chapel, with Pastor Dave Garrett officiating.

Interment was at Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Active: Roy Goble, Jerry Wright, Freddie Burchett, Dwayne Salyer, Ron Brown, Javan Branham, Mike Andres, Gary Hurst, and Tommy Lavender.

Honorary: Wayne Dixon. (Paid obituary)

Jack Grable Dingsus Jr.

Jack Grable Dingsus Jr., 48, of Oklahoma City, was born on December 18, 1958, the son of Jack Grable and Patricia Ann (Reed) Dingsus of McDowell. His life on this earth ended Monday, February 12, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jack and Karla moved to Oklahoma in July of 1982, and were married in September, 1982. They made their home in the Mid-Del area. Jack was employed by the Joseph C. Williams Co. for 17 years. In 2000 he joined the Wal-Mart Corporation, until he became ill.

Jack was active at Sooner Rose Elementary, where he served as PTA president for two years, and was "Patron of the Year" for two years.

Jack loved his church, Crest Baptist, where he cooked breakfast every Sunday morning. He also taught for the

children on Wednesday nights. His passion was watching his son play football for the Carl Albert Titans.

Jack was preceded in death by his father, Jack G. Dingsus Sr., his step-mother, Janice Griffith Dingsus; step-father, Charles Frye; and uncle, James Dingsus.

Jack was a devoted loving husband to Karla, and a loving father to Jack III (Munchie).

Survivors, in addition to his wife and son, include his mother, Patricia Ann Frye of Alabaster, Alabama; three sisters: Cheri Ousley of Lexington, Pam Howarah of Dayton, Ohio, Kim Fredrick of Alabaster, Alabama; two brothers: Kent Dingsus of Prestonsburg, and Keith Dingsus of Maytown; an uncle, LeMayne Dingsus; and an aunt, Lisa Dingsus, all of Martin; two step-grandmothers: Ann Griffith and Rose Dingsus; and numerous neices and nephews.

A special thank-you to Tariq Mahmood, M.D., Maria, Claudia, City Hospice, Providence Home Health, and Midwest City Hospital nursing staff, for their compassionate care.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, February 15, at the Barnes & Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Sunny Lane Cemetery.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Eunice Virginia Hall

Eunice Virginia Hall, age 83, of Martin, widow of Leonard Hall, passed away Monday, February 26, 2007, at the Riverview Health Care, in

Prestonsburg.

She was born September 15, 1922, in Big Rock, Virginia, the daughter of the late John L. Wallace and Cora Skeens Wallace. She was a homemaker, a former employee of S&S Market, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons: Delmar Ross Hall of Hager Hill, Ken L. Hall and Thomas L. Hall, both of Martin, and Don E. Hall of Pikeville; a daughter, Teresa Ann Arnett of Salyersville; a brother, Bill Wallace; two sisters: Bee Mullins of Elkhorn City, and Crecie Wallace; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 1,

at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

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

Visitation is after 6:00 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Sherrill Rodney

Hicks

Sherrill Rodney Hicks, age 63, of Lexington, formerly of Eastern, husband of Trilby Huff Hicks, passed away Friday, February 23, 2007, in the St. Joseph Hospice Care Center, in Lexington.

He was born July 20, 1943, in Northern, the son of Lace Hicks of Eastern, and the late Otha Martin Hicks.

(See OBITUARIES, page eight)

Card of Thanks

The family of Wornie Hale 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 Chester Varney 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 WORNIE HALE

Card of Thanks

The family of Denzil Humble would like to say "thank you" to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words to our family. We are especially grateful to the Church of Christ ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for providing a place for family and friends to gather together, to mourn the loss of our loved one; words cannot express enough of our deepest appreciation.

THE FAMILY OF DENZIL HUMBLE

Card of Thanks

The family of Jeremy Ellis Gibson 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 Rick Kelley 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.

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If you or a group would like to participate in a Clean Up in the county, Please contact Marie Martin-Holbrook, Floyd County PRIDE Coordinator at **886-9193**

Register your group and location today!!

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

HRMC February Calendar
Ky. Mountain Dental Society: Feb. 24; Meeting Place A & B; 9:30-11:30 a.m.
AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course: Feb. 26, 27; Meeting Place A & B; 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Living Well With Diabetes Support Group: Feb. 28; Meeting Place A & B; 5-6:00 p.m. Topic: "Get in the Rhythm: Taking Care of Your Diabetic Heart."

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

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion
Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, 2007, at MCA in Martin. Any student who attended MCA from 1983 to 1987 is also invited to attend. Anyone interested can visit our group site at <http://groups.msn.com/mcareunion> or email mca87reunion@hotmail.com. Emails can be directed to Clarizza Singayao or Tammy Bailey.

Revival, Feb. 28-March 3
Faith Independent Free Will Baptist Church, (located 1/4 mile south of World Wide

Equipment on Rt. 1428), will hold a revival, February 28 through March 3, at 7 p.m., nightly, with Evangelist Clarence Combs of Indiana. There will be special singing nightly. The homecoming will be held on March 4, at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Pastor: Donnie Patrick.

Clark Elementary Family Resource Center
March 1. Read Across America Day.

March 1: Family Reading Night 6:00 p.m., in school library. Special readers, food, crafts, and prizes.

March 10: Fair for New and Expectant Parents, 9:30-12 noon at the Mountain Arts Center. FREE: Floyd County new parents (child up to 1 year) and expectant parents are invited.

FCHD Nurse in Center: March 8, 16, 22. Call 886-0815 for appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams birth to 18 years.

DAIRY QUEEN Coupon Cards for Sale—\$10.00 each Contact any Clark students or call the Family Resource Center for information: 886-0815.

F.I.T. Club: Each Monday and Wednesday, 3:15-4:15. Beginning Feb. 26. Sponsored by FCHD and Clark FRC for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Focus on physical exercise and nutrition.

Send Food City receipts and Box Tops for Education to school.

Revival, March 5
The New Beginning Outreach Church at Garrett, will be having a revival beginning March 5. The services will be at 7 p.m., nightly, with special singing each night. Everyone welcome.

Maytown Center Upcoming Events
•Feb. 25 - Mountain Bike Ride or Hike; 3-5:30 p.m. Free. Must call ahead.
•Feb. 26 - Pizza, games, broom hockey and more; 7th

grade and up. 6:30-9 p.m. Free.

•Feb. 28 - Olympic games (sorta) & more; 3rd thru 8th grade; 3:30-5:30; Free. Limited transportation from schools.

•Feb. 28 - Family Dinner & Fun; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Free.

•Mar. 1 - Karaoke, hosted by Progressive Fitness; \$3; 7-9:30 p.m. All ages.

•Mar. 2 - Community Pot-Luck Soup Bean lunch and dulcimer demonstration from Meredith Stone; 12 p.m.; Free.

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion

The Betsy Layne High School reunion committee is planning an event for the classes of the 1930s, 40s, 50s, and 60s, in June, 2007. For more information contact Marvin Williamson at 478-3310; Betty Conn at 478-5987; Sue Reynolds at 874-2574; or Joe Hinchman at (859)-373-0518.

WHS Classes of '87 and '88

The Wheelwright High School Classes of 1987 and 1988 will have a combined class reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007. A family picnic will be held at Dewey Lake Dam, Shelter #2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. An evening event is planned at 7 p.m., at the Best Western, in Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

Floyd County Retired teachers

to hold meeting at FCHD
The Floyd County Retired Teachers will be having a meeting on March 1, at 10:00 a.m., at the Floyd County Health Department, Prestonsburg.

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Quilting Class: Mondays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays - 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin on Monday, March 12. Cost: \$30 for 8 weeks. Pre-registration necessary as class space is limited. Also, earn a free computer by registering for classes! For more information, call 886-0709.

SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

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

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

Tuesday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 27.

Hillbilly Travel Club

Now scheduling trip for the upcoming year to: Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. Also, guided tour, entry to area attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Call Ed at 452-4149 for more information.

ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call

(See CALENDAR, page six)

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Cinema Two • R STARTS FRI, 3/2 THE ZODIAC Mon.-Sun. 7:45; Fri. (4:45), 7:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:45), 7:45	Cinema Seven • PG-13 HELD OVER GHOST RIDER Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:25), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20
Cinema Three • R HELD OVER THE NUMBER 23 Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:30; Fri. (4:25), 7:10-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:30), 7:10-9:30	Cinema Eight • PG-13 STARTS FRI, 3/2 WILD HOGS Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25
Cinema Four • PG-13 HELD OVER THE MESSENGERS Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25	Cinema Nine • PG HELD OVER BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25
Cinema Five HELD OVER BECAUSE I SAID SO PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 7:00; Fri. (4:20), 7:00; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20), 7:00	Cinema Ten • PG-13 HELD OVER MUSIC AND LYRICS Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20), 7:00-9:20

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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Our View

Cutting wires, breaking barriers

No doubt in the coming days and months many of you will notice people walking through the downtown area with their eyes firmly affixed to a laptop. These folks won't simply be trying to write a letter or access a spreadsheet but they could be surfing the Internet. That's right.

The City of Prestonsburg is currently testing the waters to provide wireless Internet service to the downtown area and they're to be commended for doing so. Our state has long been behind the technology curve, ranking 45th in household computer use and 43rd in citizen Internet use, but that's no reason why we have to continue to follow that trend in Floyd County.

It's important to note that this isn't a project that is simply being explored so that our community will have "broadband bragging rights." It is being done with the proper intent in mind: to spur economic development and enhance the lives of our citizens and businesses.

The city has high hopes that a wireless downtown could entice businesses to relocate to the area, and we don't think that's unreasonable thinking. Certainly our downtown, already a source of great pride for our community, would be a perfect fit for a business park or technology center.

Economically speaking, having a wireless downtown wouldn't be a heavy burden on city finances either. It is estimated that the project can be completed for less than \$10,000. This isn't much of an investment in terms of the vast array of returns on that money.

If just one business were to decide to relocate or start up downtown, then the cost would seem insignificant.

The city eventually hopes to provide wireless Internet access in downtown Prestonsburg from the S-curve to Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and the project could become a reality this year. In the middle of the downtown parking lot you could surf the Internet.

The city also expects this initiative will also help track tourism in the area, as a zip code will need to be entered to access the free service.

Imagine that you're traveling through Prestonsburg and you see a sign that says something like "Our downtown has wireless Internet." You might think, "Why not stop here, have lunch and check email?" It isn't that far-fetched of an idea.

Eventually the city also hopes to have the ability to allow its citizens to pay their bills online. This would be another "broadband bragging right," but it would also simply be a huge convenience to many residents.

But even if this becomes a reality, do not be fooled. This will not be a silver bullet, but rather a step in the right direction. Eventually we hope that Floyd County can be recognized at the forefront of technology in Eastern Kentucky and we're confident that the city's wireless initiative will begin to get us there.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Legislative update

by REP. BRANDON SPENCER

Raising the state's minimum wage, one of the cornerstones of House Democrats' Commitment to Kentucky Families' agenda, moved swiftly out of the House this week and is on its way to the Senate. House Bill 305, which passed by a vote of 89-10, would increase the minimum 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 debated in Congress, should the federal rate exceed the state rate. The legislation, if passed, would result in the first increase in Kentucky's minimum wage in more than a decade.

A bill that would allow middle school girls to be vaccinated for a virus that causes cervical cancer passed the House this week. Another important plank in House Democrats' agenda, House Bill 345, provides protection against four types of the Human Papilloma Virus, which cause 70 percent of cervical cancers. Parents can opt out by signing a form. The bill passed by a vote of 58-39 and now heads to the Senate.

Other key pieces of House Democrats' Commitment to Kentucky Families agenda were also voted out of the House this week.

■ House Bill 4, which would require gender equity on state boards and commissions, passed by a vote of 95-3. This will do away with years of neglect in appointing women to important decision-making boards.

■ House Bill 175, also called the "Diploma Mill Bill," would make it a

felony to present fraudulent credentials when applying for a job. This bill, which passed by a vote of 93-4, will now sanction those who present purchased "licenses" from unaccredited institutions to employers.

■ House Bill 7, addresses identity theft, a growing problem that affected 3,500 Kentuckians last year. This legislation would require government agencies and businesses to safeguard Social Security numbers and other personal identifiers by removing it from public records, and dispose of documents that contain it. The bill passed the House with a vote of 99-0.

■ House Bill 103, also called "Beth's Bill," provides a tax credit for individuals who donate live organs. The bill, passed by a vote of 100-0, also provides 30 days paid leave to state workers who donate a live organ.

Two bills that address safety issues for coal miners and social workers passed out of House Committees this week.

Legislation passed last session now requires more oxygen supplies to be stored along underground escape routes in case of emergency, better communications between the surface and underground work areas, and a directional cord or lifeline to make it easier for miners to find their way to exits. House Bill 207, which passed out of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, builds upon those safety measures and would require six coal mine inspections per year; six hours of required annual retraining for mine foreman; and use of mine ventilation fans while miners are underground.

The "Boni Bill," named for slain state social worker Boni Frederick, was voted out of the House Health and Welfare Committee this week. House

Bill 362 would authorize \$2.5 million in emergency funding to address immediate social worker protection needs - safe visitation centers, a redesign of current office space and the purchase of some technology. The bill would also create a Blue Ribbon Commission to address staffing and funding needs of social workers.

Other bills passed out of the House and are now on their way to the Senate for consideration include:

■ House Bill 108 - preserves Kentucky rock fences and provides for a tax credit for rock fence construction and restoration.

■ House Bill 123 - initiates a pilot program to install new electric meters in a sampling of homes to collect data evaluating their effectiveness in reducing electric consumption.

■ House Bill 225 - establishes the Kentucky Wounded or Disabled Veterans Program within the Kentucky Department of Veteran's Affairs which would ensure that wounded or disabled veterans receive federal, state and private benefits to which they are entitled.

■ House Bill 390 - another bill focusing on our military, eliminates all fees for special Gold Star Mothers license plates for mothers who have lost a son or daughter in service to their country.

With just 13 legislative days remaining in this short session, you may want to keep up with action. Visit the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.ky.gov under "Legislation or Legislative Record." You may leave a message for me with the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or you can reach me or any other state legislator by e-mail at www.lrc.ky.gov.



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Big Sandy CTC celebrates black history

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College concluded a monthlong celebration of Black History Month last week under the theme "Remembering the Past, Pursuing the Future."

Black History Month activities were wrapped up with the performance of Elizabeth Orndoff's "The Bathroom Cleaner" and a BSCTC Library Seminar Series titled "A Kentucky Chautauqua program: Haley S. Bowling as Anna Mac Clarke, Military Pioneer."

Elizabeth Orndoff's "The Bathroom Cleaner" was presented by Regina Lang from Creative InSights. On Tuesday, Feb. 20, and Wednesday, Feb. 21, Lang entertained the audience with the solo performances of the play on all BSCTC campuses, sharing a message of love and forgiveness for the inequities of segregation. Lang emphasized the importance of love,

forgiveness, empathy, peace and a better understanding among all people.

On the Prestonsburg campus, Bobby McCool, vice president for institutional services, introduced the guests and welcomed all those in the audience. This was done by Randy Roberts, associate dean of academic affairs, on the Pikeville Campus, and Keithen McKenzie, associate dean of academic affairs, on the Mayo Campus.

The presentations at all of the campuses were followed by poems, a PowerPoint presentation, songs, and a dance performance befitting to the theme of this year's celebration of BHM at the BSCTC. Gil Plants, BSCTC Food Services Supervisor read two inspiring poems titled "Black History" and "The Dream" that he wrote specifically for the occasion.

BSCTC faculty member DeWanda Green gave a PowerPoint presentation on

the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

BSCTC and Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Students Danielle Banbridge, Andre Fountain, Ian Betea, Marquisha Matthews, Altez Green and Dominique McCloud, presented a program reflecting the biographies of famous African Americans that have inspired them and whose footsteps they would like to follow. The students also thrilled the audience with songs and dance.

The BSCTC Library Seminar Series "A Kentucky Chautauqua program: Haley Bowling as Anna Mac Clarke, Military Pioneer" was a befitting addition to the 2007 Black History Month activities at BSCTC. Haley, a student from Union College, Barbourville, thrilled the audience with a commanding military voice at the Prestonsburg Campus Gearheart Auditorium.

Haley's roleplay depicted

the story of Anna Mac Clarke, who as a female black military pioneer, stood up effectively to defend her rights and status.

The Black History Month activities were wrapped up at BSCTC with a display of posters at the Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery highlighting notable African Americans in the Government, Civil Rights leaders, and black history timelines.

BHM activities at BSCTC were organized under the auspices of the President's Diversity Advisory Council, the Diversity Leadership and Outreach Committee, and the Office of Cultural Diversity. Input was also received from the BSCTC Library, the Community Biology Club, and the BSCTC Art Gallery. The BSCTC faculty, staff and students were very responsive by showing up and participating in significant numbers in the different activities organized.



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Pikeville College expanding nursing program

PIKEVILLE — A projected nursing shortage in the next decade, an aging population and a high rate of chronic diseases in Eastern Kentucky are among the leading factors behind Pikeville College's efforts to expand its Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program.

The College currently admits 38 nursing students to its two-year associate of science degree in nursing (R.N.) program each year. Beginning January 2008, an additional class of 30 students will be admitted, with new classes admitted each August and January.

"The Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program has a distinguished tradition of educating dedicated, quality nurses," said Pikeville College President Hal Smith. "This expansion will provide significant opportunities for many more students. It also complements the mission of the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine and our commitment to serving the health care needs of communities in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions."

State and national health care statistics demonstrate the need for expanding educational opportunities for nurses. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the national shortage of R.N.s is projected to be 20 percent by the year 2020. A recent Kentucky Hospital Association survey cited that the state's hospitals had a nursing shortage of 1,750 R.N.s.

In addition to this predicted shortage is a population that is aging more rapidly in the Commonwealth than other states and a high rate of chronic diseases (heart, lung, diabetes) in Eastern Kentucky.

Hospitals in the region also continue to expand health care services, giving patients more choices closer to home. The Kentucky Long Term Policy and Research Center reports that more than 40 percent of Kentucky's rural hospitals had unfilled nursing jobs and that the number of associate degree nurses, a pool from which half of Kentucky nurses are drawn, has decreased since the mid-1990s.

"There has never been a better time to be a nurse. Nursing is a valuable, lifelong career for men and women," said Mary Rado Simpson, Ph.D., R.N., chairwoman of Pikeville College's nursing division. "With a two-year associate degree in nursing, and passage of the state board examination, you can be immediately employed as an R.N. Also, we need nurses to continue their education to the baccalaureate, master's, and even doctorate level to fulfill advanced roles in the nursing profession."

The nursing faculty is proud of the program's continued success and the quality education students receive. Pikeville's pass rate for the National Council of Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) has been above 91 percent for the last six years, with three years at the 100 percent pass rate. The average national rate was 85 percent with the state rate at 90 percent.

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PHS Class of '97

Members of the PHS Class of 1997 are planning their 10-year reunion. The reunion will be held on July 14, 2007, at Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Those wishing to attend, please send personal information, including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 also welcome to attend.

Send all information to: phs97@bellsouth.net, or mail to: Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41649.

Please visit us at www.myspace.com/phsblackcats97 for further information.

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.

Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."

"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet, beginning in March, on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons wel-

come to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

•March 12 - KASPER drug monitoring program.

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

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

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

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

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning

Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

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

•FCHD Diabetes Support Group - Will meet on Feb. 5,

from 5-6 p.m., and on Feb. 22, from 10-11 a.m. Classes will be held at the Floyd County Health Dept. and are free of charge. For more info., call Cheryl Younce at 886-2788, ext. 214.

•Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group - Will meet Thursday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m., at Dr. Ahmed's office, Weddington Plaza, Pikeville. Refreshments will be served. For more info., call 432-1072 and speak with Kim, Debra or Valerie. This support group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Association.

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

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

Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

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

•Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more infor-

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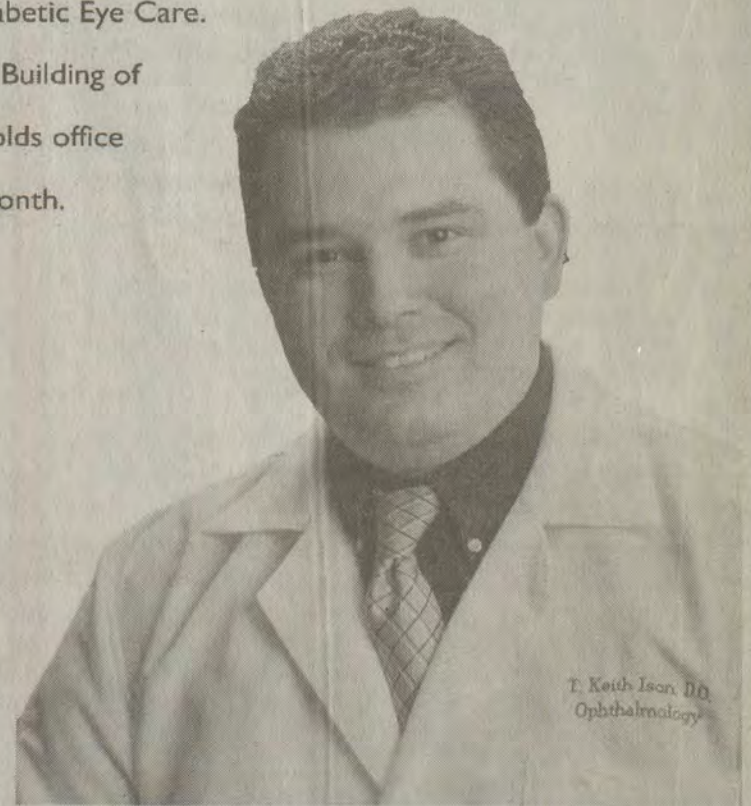
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Water

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draws water from a series of wells.

The 217th Quartermaster Detachment, based in Danville, has set up operations at Knott Central High School in Hindman, Miller said.

The detachment has provided purified water during natural disasters in the U.S. and in wartime conditions overseas.

In addition to being deployed in support of the Persian Gulf War and Operation Iraqi Freedom, Miller said the detachment has also traveled to Central America to provide its unique skills.

Judge-Executive Randy Thompson said the water supply was restored over the weekend, but local residents say sporadic outages continue.

"It comes on; it will stay on for a few hours; it goes off," Knott County resident Wanda Burnett said.

The National Weather Service said Eastern Kentucky is 6 to 10 inches below normal in rainfall, and that could have played a role in the water shortage.

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Energy

to diversify America's energy supply, and the way forward is through technology," Bush said.

Pike County, long known as one of the largest coal producing regions in the country, is hoping to become the home base for companies who specialize in producing the alternative fuels mentioned in Bush's speech. Roger Ford, the director of energy and technology for BellSouth, said the county is working with the Southern States Energy Board to develop a comprehensive energy policy. The policy will provide a framework for businesses to tap into the area's vast store of natural resources in an effort to not only become

one of the nation's main sources of alternative fuel technology, but also to create jobs and boost the region's economy.

Ford is so confident the initiative will work, he has applied to trademark a slogan for Pike County, which will soon officially be "Pike County — America's Energy Capital."

"Our main goal is to play to our strengths, like coal, natural gas and energy," Ford said. "A lot of times in the past we have failed in that regard for long-term economic growth in the area."

Ford said several companies the county is currently in discussions with include sev-

eral national and international companies that are impressed with the area's natural resources. These early talks include plans to relocate many companies headquarters to Pike County.

The SSEB is expected to report back to the county on March 1 with a proposal that will help the county begin working out final details with companies that are eager to begin work.

Ford said he could not name companies involved in discussions, but did say some of the companies work in creating hydroelectric power, biomass and coal to liquid technology. He has been working with several people to research

numerous companies, but said the job has been easier than he expected it would be because many companies have initiated the talks. Many small businesses in Pike and neighboring counties have contacted him expressing their interest in the project.

Several of the companies potentially being introduced into the region have been successful in similar operations overseas. Ford said foreign militaries in some European countries have begun using alternative fuels extensively, and several African nations have been successively producing cheaper fuel for motor vehicles. Many of the technologies have hardly scratched

the surface in America, and as the country attempts to wean itself off of its dependence on foreign crude oil, the new fuels have the potential to bring big business to the region.

One technology Ford is excited about is coal to liquid. Through this process coal is liquified to where it can be used in place of traditional fuel to power cars. Coal is a resource that is plentiful in Eastern Kentucky, and if the technology were to become more popular in the future, Kentucky would become a major player in the alternative fuel game in the U.S.

"It's relatively new to the U.S., but not to other places in

the world," Ford said. "It is cheaper now (to use) than what we're paying (by about 40 to 50 cents), so it is definitely beneficial."

If all goes to plan, energy companies will begin work in Pike County in the near future. And when they do arrive, they will be not only be met with an abundance of natural resources, but with the chance to contribute to Pike County's push to become America's Energy Capital.

"I think now more than ever, with the problems in the Middle East, energy is a vital part of our country," Ford said. "And with the resources we have, why not us?"

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Nursing

"We are committed to educating students who exemplify the caring, compassion and empathy that are the very spirit of nursing," said Simpson. "The experience and motivation of our nursing faculty can't be beat - they love to teach, are clinical role models, and take pride in the growth of each student."

"There are so many critical safety and professional standards for which the R.N. must be competent," said Simpson. "Our admission criteria will remain the same so that we don't sacrifice quality for numbers."

Pikeville College's nursing program was established in 1996 to address a critical nursing shortage in the region. The family of Elizabeth Akers Elliott, led by her son, the late William E. Elliott Sr., established a trust fund to launch the program in her memory and to honor her lifelong dream to become a nurse. In addition to the associate R.N. program, an LPN to R.N. pro-

gram was established in 1996 to allow Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to complete their two-year nursing degree and become Registered Nurses (R.N.) in one year.

For more information on the Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program at Pikeville College visit <http://nursing.pc.edu/> or call the Division of Nursing at

(606) 218-5750. The deadline for nursing applications for fall 2007 is March 1. The application deadline for the new spring 2008 class will be Aug. 15, 2007. Criteria for admission are: (1) application to the college and the nursing program; (2) official high school and college transcripts; (3) ACT of 19 or above, within the last five years; and (4)

completion of the Nurse Entrance Test (NET). Applicants to the LPN to R.N. program are eligible for placement to the second year of the nursing program.

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Council

"we raise rates too high," Fannin said. The second hour of the meeting was spent primarily in executive session, with council members discussing property owned by Frank Fitzpatrick, located adjacent to the leftfield fence at the baseball field at Archer Park.

Fitzpatrick showed council members a proposal to reconfigure the .271 acres of land he owns by straightening the boundary along the outfield fence and constructing a 30-inch culvert, which will divert water that seasonally floods the field, into a creek. Fitzpatrick argued that the

reconfiguration would be beneficial to residents of Prestonsburg in that he would be able to develop the area, while council members questioned whether the issue should be discussed before the Parks Board. Archer Park Director David Baldrige said he believed the issue should be brought before the Parks Board because from his understanding of the proposal, the leftfield fence would have to be moved in. At this point the council moved into executive session and discussed the issue for 45 minutes before returning and tabling the issue until a later date.

A proposal by Pepsi to donate \$5,000 for advertising rights for five years on two new scoreboards was tabled until a future meeting. The Prestonsburg High School Booster Club went to Pepsi asking for a donation and was offered \$5,000 for a baseball and softball field scoreboard. The deal also includes an addi-

tional \$500 donation each year, bringing the total value of the donation to \$7,000. Pepsi machines would also be installed at the fields.

Economic Development Director Brent Graden gave an update about current and future city development, including news about the Prestonsburg Equine Center, sports park, wireless broadband internet capability and a new city website. He reported that last year there were eight horse shows at the Equine Center and said if the city can work out a way to allow people who come from outside the area to attend the shows to spend the night at the park, they could raise revenue for the center and the city. The board made a motion to create

a sub-board on the Parks Board which would be made up of citizens who know a lot about horses and can help work out the details.

Graden reported that fences at the sports park will be completed within the next two weeks. He also said wireless broadband internet could be installed fairly cheaply for the

downtown area, which he said will be laid out in a presentation he will give at the next council meeting.

A new city website is also in the works, which would allow citizens to pay bills online and offer a wide variety of information, such as sports schedules, zoning regulations and tax forms.

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Obituaries

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He was a forklift operator for Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot, in Richmond, a member of the Nicholasville Christian Church, a member of the Garrett Chapter of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 128, and a Ham Radio operator KF4IUB.

In addition to his wife and father, survivors include three sisters: Darlene (Clifford) Blanton of Langley, Franceen (Danny) Crum of Martin, and Charlene (Mike) Dingus of Orange Park, Florida; his stepmother, Ola M. Hicks; step-sisters, Stephanie Walton and Beverly Martin; five nephews: Millard Blanton, Cecil Blanton, Travis Crum, Dewayne Martin, and Alan Martin; and a niece, Lacey Michelle Dingus Whitley.

Funeral services for Sherrill Rodney Hicks were conducted Tuesday, February 27, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Clergyman Ken Gayheart officiating.

Burial was in the Martin Cemetery, in Eastern, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Millard Blanton, Cecil Blanton, Travis Crum, Dewayne Martin, Alan

Martin, and Phil Frajure. Honorary: Lacey Michelle Dingus Whitley. (Paid obituary)

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Icy Lee Jones

Icy Lee Jones, age 89, of Garrison, formerly of Wheelwright, widow of Timothy Jones, passed away, Sunday, February 25, 2007, at her residence.

She was born September 5, 1917, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Caleb Johnson and Mary Josephine Johnson.

Survivors include a son, Paul Jones and his wife, Shelby, of Garrison.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Bob and Bill Jones; a brother, Colley Johnson; a sister, Alma Meade; and two grandchildren: Jonie and Timothy Jones.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, March 1, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Trula Meade Martin officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, and after 10:00 a.m., Thursday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Eldon G. Hall would like to express their thanks and appreciation to those who sent flowers, food, donations, or were just there to comfort us during this very difficult time. Words are not enough to show you how much this meant to all of us. We would also like to thank the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, for taking such good care of him; the D.A.V. Garrett Chapter 128 for their beautiful and professional military services; the Little Rosa Church of the New Salem Association, Old Regular Baptist ministers; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department; and lastly, but definitely not least, Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their utmost professional care and kindness. A special thanks to Pam Frazier, Sissy Hall, and Colleen Johnson, for their help after the funeral.

The Family of Eldon G. Hall
Missy, Belinda, Stacy, Grandchildren,
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Love, Deborah

Card of Thanks

The family of Buell Spears Jr., would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful 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 loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF BUELL SPEARS JR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Emily Olga Rice Allen 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 Elder Albert King and other United 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.

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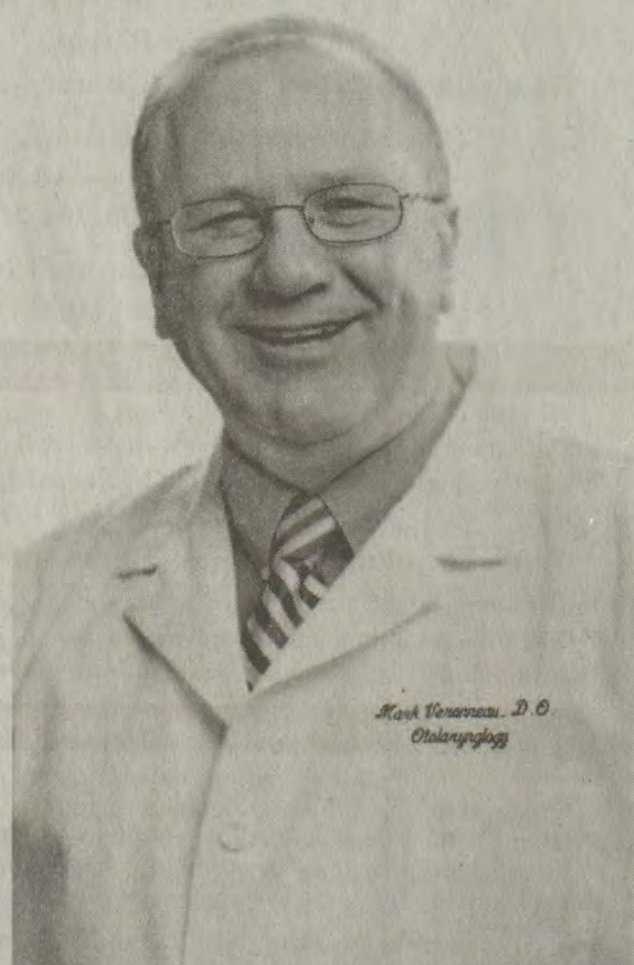
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PRIDE coordinators will lead local Spring Cleanup, April 7-21

SOMERSET — Local PRIDE Coordinators have begun planning the 2007 PRIDE Spring Cleanup, which will be held April 7 through April 21. They are aiming for a record number of volunteers this spring to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of PRIDE in southern and eastern Kentucky.

Marie Martin-Holbrook is the Floyd County PRIDE Coordinator. Brent Graden is the PRIDE Coordinator for Prestonsburg, and Tommy Robinson is the Wayland PRIDE Coordinator.

They are recruiting volunteers to pick up litter across the county during the two-week Spring Cleanup campaign. Volunteers can join cleanup events scheduled by the coordinators or plan their own

events with coordinators' help. PRIDE will supply T-shirts, trash bags, gloves and safety vests for the volunteers.

"I invite you to lend a hand during the Spring Cleanup because this community belongs to all of us, and we want to keep it clean every day, all year long," said Martin-Holbrook. She works at the fiscal court handling accounts payable and has volunteered as the county's PRIDE Coordinator since 2005.

"I choose to volunteer because I love working with the young and old, seeing the excitement in their eyes as we dig up the trash and put it in its place," Martin-Holbrook added. "I have really enjoyed working with Girl Scout Troop 427 and the local JROTC



Marie Martin-Holbrook, shown with her daughter Shawna Marie, was honored for her service as a PRIDE Coordinator by Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Secretary Teresa J. Hill, left, and PRIDE Chairwoman Jean Dorton, right. Brent Graden and Tommy Robinson were unable to attend the PRIDE Board of Directors meeting where the photo was taken.

mental education. PRIDE was started in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

For more information about PRIDE in Floyd County or volunteering during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, call Marie Martin-Holbrook at 886-9193. In Prestonsburg, please call Brent Graden at 886-2335. In Wayland, call Tommy Robinson at 358-2316. By late March, the local Spring Cleanup events will be listed online at www.kypride.org.

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Autism screening passes House

FRANKFORT — Autism screenings for children age 18 months through sixth grade would be required in Kentucky under legislation passed Friday by the state House.

House Bill 109, sponsored by Rep. Scott Brinkman, R-Louisville, would require screenings at ages 1 1/2, 3, at the time the child enrolls in school and at the time of the child's sixth-grade physical. Children whose parents provide a written sworn statement that they object to the screenings on religious grounds would be exempt.

If a screening is positive for Autism Spectrum Disorders, or

ASD — a blanket term for all types of autism — a formal diagnosis would be required within three months.

The bill passed 96-0 and now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

Brinkman said the cost of the screenings should be included in the cost of a child's routine wellness checkup.

Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, said his schools have questioned why the screenings are required, saying the schools "didn't see the need for it to be mandatory..." Brinkman responded that the

classes to help educate our students on what picking up trash can help do for our area."

PRIDE Coordinators are volunteers who play a vital role in building PRIDE in their communities. The coordinators work with the PRIDE staff to organize cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results. They assist local officials with the PRIDE programs, including applications for grants. They also

serve on the PRIDE Board of Directors. They are appointed by their county judge-executives or mayors.

PRIDE promotes "Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment" in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end illegal trash dumps and promote environ-



Super-Ranger Wins Big

English Bulldog Superman Ranger has won his owner Amanda May Reed bragging rights and in a big way!

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Owner Amanda May Reed says, "Everyone needs a bulldog in their life, my husband and I were very excited over all this."

Ranger also had to have a modeling release signed to appear in an upcoming 2008 calendar.

His photographer is Paula Goble and according to Reed she has a ball taking Ranger's photo's and shopping for different things to dress him in for his pictures.

To date Ranger has been photographed from Superman to Hugh Hefner.

Ranger hangs out most days at the Block company greeting customers and keeping a close eye on his Momma.

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(See AUTISM, page ten)

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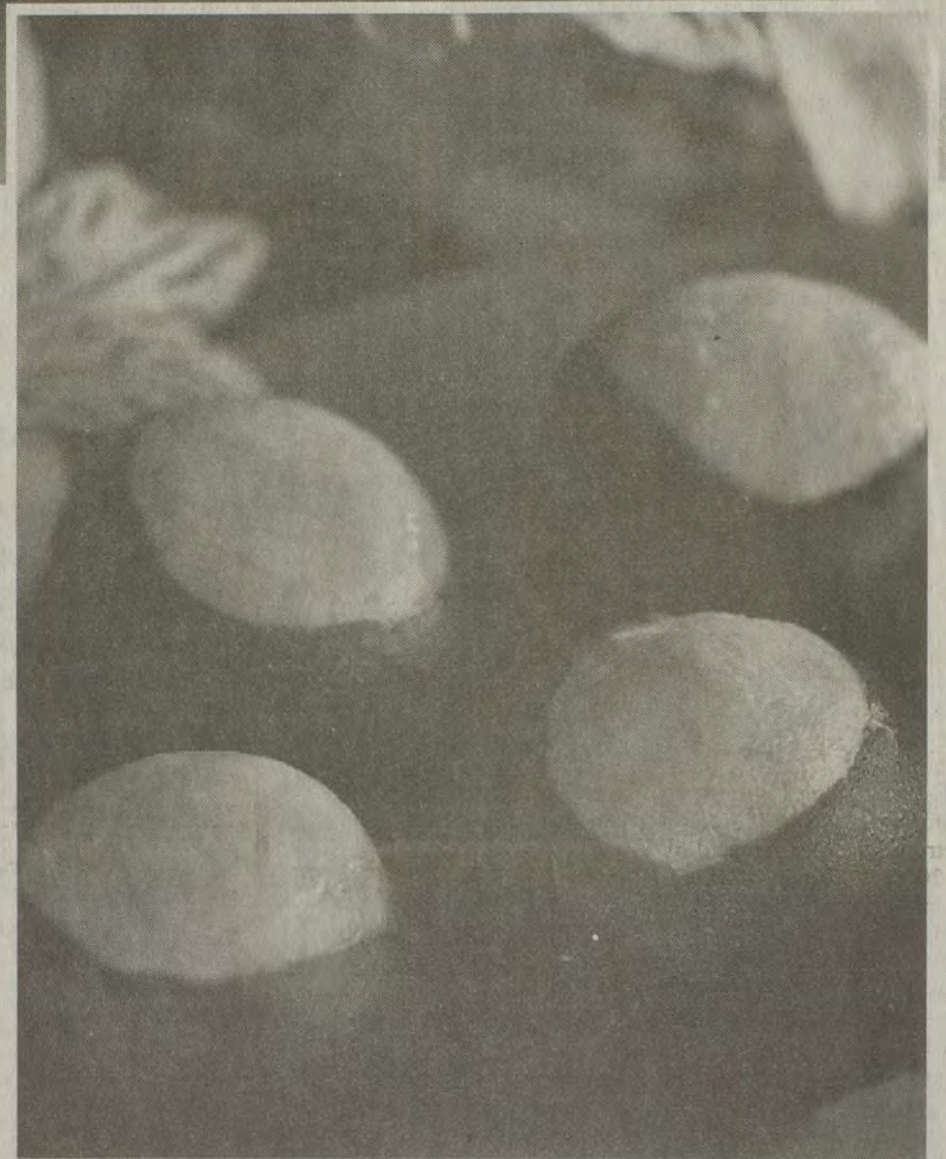
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- 1/4 cup seasoned bread crumbs, toasted*
- 1/2 cup finely chopped apple (packed)
- 1 large shallot, minced (or 1/4 cup minced onion)
- 1/2 cup *Smucker's® Apple or Currant Jelly*, melted (for basting, if desired)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Crisco® No-Stick Cooking Spray*

1. With small knife, make a "pocket" in each pork chop by cutting horizontally from outside edge almost to the bone.
2. In medium bowl, mix together remaining ingredients except jelly, salt and pepper. Shape stuffing mixture into 4 equal patties.
3. Spread each meat pocket open and put one stuffing patty into each pork chop. Using wooden toothpicks (2 to 3 per chop), close each pocket to prevent stuffing from falling out during cooking.
4. Preheat oven to 450°F. Spray pork chops lightly with *Crisco No-Stick Cooking Spray*. Place large, oven-proof frying pan over medium-high heat until hot. Place pork chops in pan and cook about 8 minutes, turning often, or until well-browned on both sides.
5. Remove pan from stove and place in hot oven to cook another 20 minutes. If desired, baste pork chops with jelly during last 5 minutes of cooking time. When pork chops are done, remove toothpicks and season with salt and pepper.

*To toast bread crumbs, place crumbs on foil-lined baking pan and bake in 300°F oven (or toaster oven) 3 to 5 minutes or until lightly browned.

Peanut Butter Salad Dressing

Makes 4 servings

- 1/2 cup *Smucker's® Natural Creamy Peanut Butter*
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons freshly brewed tea, room temperature
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice or cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1 to 2 garlic cloves, minced

Mix dressing ingredients in medium-bowl. Stir until mixture is blended and smooth. (Dressing will keep two days.)

Buckeye Balls

Makes 8 dozen

- 1-1/2 cups *Smucker's® Natural Creamy Peanut Butter*
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 to 4 cups confectioners' sugar

Coating:

- 1 pound chocolate flavor candy coating
- 2 tablespoons *Crisco® Shortening*

1. Combine *Smucker's Natural Creamy Peanut Butter*, butter or margarine, vanilla and salt in large bowl. Beat at low speed of electric mixer until blended. Add 2 cups sugar. Beat until blended.
2. Continue adding 1/2 cup sugar at a time until mixture shaped into ball will hold onto toothpick. Shape into 3/4 inch balls. Place on tray. Chill.
3. For coating, combine candy coating and *Crisco Shortening* in microwave-safe bowl.
4. Microwave at 50% (medium) for 30 seconds. Stir. Repeat until mixture is smooth. Insert toothpick in candy ball. Dip three-fourths of ball into melted coating. Scrape off excess.
5. Place on waxed paper lined tray. Remove toothpick. Smooth over holes. Refrigerate until coating is firm; then remove from paper. Store at room temperature in covered container.

Cream of Peanut Soup

Makes 8 servings

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup *Pillsbury® BEST All Purpose Flour*
- 2 12-1/2-ounce cans chicken broth
- 1 12-1/2-ounce can vegetable broth
- 1 cup *Smucker's® Natural Chunky Peanut Butter*
- 1/2 cup half-and-half

Cook onion, carrot and celery in butter over heat in medium saucepan until tender. Stir in *Pillsbury BEST All Purpose Flour*; mix well. Add chicken broth and vegetable broth; stir until thickened. Stir peanut butter into soup; mix until well blended. Reduce heat to low; cook 10 to 15 minutes or until flavors are blended. Stir in half-and-half. Season to taste.

Obama makes first campaign stop in state

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. Barack Obama spoke Sunday night to a crowd of at least 3,000 supporters who waited nearly two hours for him to arrive for his first campaign stop in Kentucky.

Obama apologized for the delay, saying snow in Chicago kept him from arriving sooner.

"We had a blizzard up in Chicago," Obama said. "It was snowing and sleeting and blizzarding."

"There was no way I was not going to make 3,000 people coming out," he said to audience members who paid \$25 a ticket for the event. A higher dollar fund-raising event was scheduled later at the nearby Henry Clay Hotel.

Obama talked about concerns that he is too inexperienced to be president.

"Some people might ask, 'How can this guy be president?' He's only been in Washington for two years." Let me tell you, I've been in Washington long enough to see that things need to be changed," he said.

Obama touched upon the issues that he has focused on

in stump speeches during his two-week old campaign education, health care, energy policy, economic policy and the war in Iraq.

Loud applause rose from the crowd each time he said, "At the end of my first term as president."

On Iraq, he called the war "ill-conceived" and said it is "distracting attention away from the war on terrorism."

He called for a phased redeployment beginning May 1 of this year and a complete pullout of combat troops by March 31, 2008.

"We cannot bring about change in Iraq militarily," he said. "What we can't do is put our young men and women in the middle of a sectarian war. It won't work."

Obama is considered among the early front-runners for the Democratic nomination with U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards.

U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky., appeared on stage with Obama, but said his appearance wasn't an endorsement.

"I would be here for any of the Democratic candidates," he said. "But if he's the nominee, I will be extremely enthusiastic."

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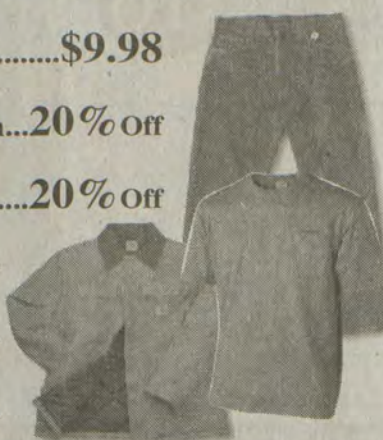
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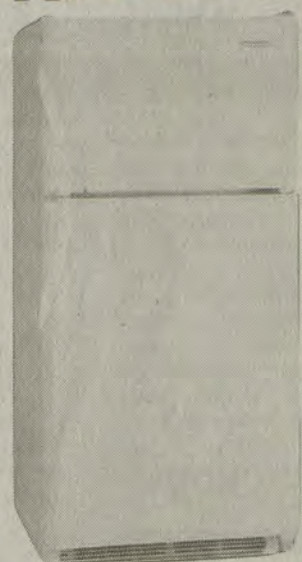
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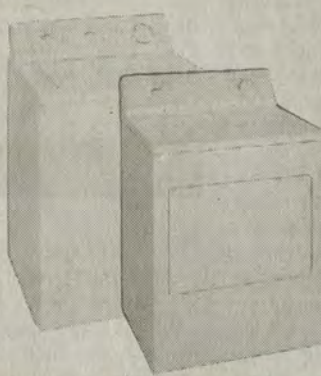
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Autism

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screenings would not be mandatory for those students whose parents opt them out for religious reasons.

Brinkman said the number of children with autism today — which some estimate at 1 in 120 — indicates something needs to be done. Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington, agreed.

"This is one diagnosis that many parents dread more than any other diagnosis," she said.

The bill is based on recommendations from the state Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders created by the 2005 Kentucky General Assembly, said Brinkman. HB 109 would also:

Require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver for flexible reimbursement of pay-

ment for services to those with autism, and;

Create a Supports for Individuals with ASD Program within the Cabinet to help those with autism and their families find appropriate services. The program would be required to develop a training plan for professionals who work with individuals with ASD and their caregivers. It would also be required to work with the Department of Education for effective delivery of services to children with ASD.

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10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of grant applications for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, for rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy Valley area, including Floyd, Johnson,

Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submission. The grant applications will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2007.

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Heirs, et.al., Alex Ritchie, Homer Gibson, Ella Keen - Heirs and Ernest Keen. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Big Spring Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Big Spring Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before March 28th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	04-P-452	Deborah Dianne Benton	Donna Lynn Moore	1-23-07
Final	04-P-477	Olga Bolen Richmond	Linda Richmond Salisbury	1-24-07
Final	04-P-447	John H. Jervis	Shirley Dean Jervis	1-24-07
Final	05-P-19	Cecil Ousley	Danny L. Ousley	1-26-07
Final	06-P-206	Priscilla Ann McKinney	Jimmy M. McKinney	2-01-07
Final	05-P-22	Bonnie Johnson	Leo Johnson	2-06-07
Final	05-P-18	James R. Lackey	Barbara S. Lackey	2-08-07
Final	05-P-2	L. D. Jude	Iona Jude	2-12-07
Final	05-P-9	James C. Daniels	Betty Jean Daniels	2-5-07
Final	06-P-282	Arlen Shepherd Sr.	Hazel Shepherd	2-8-07
Final	05-P-348	Winifred Blackburn	Carolyn Kay Wingham	2-9-07
Final	06-P-283	Donna Jean Branham	Monty Dean Branham	2-15-07
Final	06-P-257	Bryan M. Little	Carol Ann Little	2-16-07
Final	06-P-247	Thomas E. Martin	Euclene Martin	2-13-07

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I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
01-29-07	07-P-37	Barbara A. Akers	Bobby Akers II	
01-29-07	07-P-38	Cecelia J. Parks	Darrel Parks	
01-29-07	07-P-39	Willard Osborne	Peggy Osborne	
01-30-07	07-P-41	Jonathan Brett Thornsberry	Toni Renee Little Thornsberry	Gregory A. Isaac
01-30-07	07-P-42	Lucy Campbell	Wilma Campbell	
01-30-07	07-P-44	Lloyd R. Blackburn	Loretta Blackburn	
02-02-07	07-P-48	Nancy Jane Wallace	Zella Faye Wells	
02-02-07	07-P-49	James Otis Crisp	Margie Crisp Hale	
02-05-07	07-P-50	Maetta Faye Shepherd	Don Shepherd	
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2-12-07	07-P-58	Bill Wells	Michael & Kenneth Wells	
2-13-07	07-P-59	Michael A. Fitzpatrick	Della Fitzpatrick	William Francis
2-14-07	07-P-60	James Edgar Allen	Violet Allen	Jerry Patton
2-14-07	07-P-62	Jeffery Jones	Roger Jones	
2-15-07	07-P-66	Truman S. Kidd	Ada Kidd	
2-16-07	07-P-68	Danny Ray Johnson	Linnie Johnson	
2-16-07	07-P-69	Ida Harrington Moore	Jonathan Moore	

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new facility. With a desire to remove children, specifically those enrolled in preschool and Head Start programs, from outlying trailers on elementary school campuses, plans were previously made to house students in these programs within the new building.

With the new projected enrollment, however, the board is now facing a decision on what to do to ensure that students will not have to go back to the mobile locations. One option they are considering is that of changing Allen Elementary School from a K-8 school to a K-5 school, an option that isn't being welcomed by the Allen Elementary School community.

Showing up at Monday night's board meeting with a petition boasting 1,200 signatures, parents, staff and students from the Allen School community asked the board to dis-

miss this option and allow the school to remain a K-8 school.

Parent representatives speaking to the board informed the board that the student body of Allen Elementary wanted their school to remain a K-8 facility and that to change its status would be to cause an "emotional" hardship on the students as well as a financial one on the school district.

Board chair Jeff Stumbo said that no decision had yet been made in regard to how to handle the projected increase in enrollment and that a committee chaired by newly elected board member Linda Gearheart, former principal of Allen Elementary, is still looking into the matter and that further reports are yet to be presented.

Parents, students and staff of Betsy Layne Elementary were also on hand in large numbers at the meet-

ing to urge board members to allow eighth-grade social studies students from Betsy Layne Elementary to travel to California to tour the Los Angeles/San Diego area this coming June.

Board member Sherry Robinson voiced some concerns in regard to "age appropriateness," expense and duration of the trip. Robinson felt that once travel time there and back was deducted from the five-days allotted, the excursion would not be entirely cost-effective.

"If you are going to go, then at least make the trip worth the expense," she said.

Robinson also said that committees had been formed to discuss school trips and that "last year, Allen Central students wanted to go to California and we felt that was a little much ... Now this year, elementary

students are wanting to go." Robinson said that she felt that school officials should look at excursions "closer to home than traveling a thousand miles."

That said, Robinson voted to approve the trip, as did all other board members except Carol Stumbo, who remained opposed though the motion to approve did pass.

In other business, Bonita Compton, principal, Opportunities Unlimited, and current athletic director, Floyd County Schools, addressed the board asking that they reconsider last week's decision to no longer allow school principals, vice-principals and department heads to remain in active coaching or volunteer positions within the county's schools.

Compton wishes to remain in the position of athletic director for the district, though she said that she had

"no desire" to actively coach a team. "I am not able and actually, since the passing of my father, have no real desire to coach," she said. Compton did say, however, that she would like to remain as athletic director. "My school (OU) was given an excellent scholastic audit last year," she said, responding to the implication that dual roles for principals may affect the outcome of a schools progress report.

Board chair Jeff Stumbo assured Compton that the board would look into the matter and that he felt that "we can work things out."

The Floyd County Board of Education met in special session last night to discuss budgetary concerns for the upcoming 2007-08 school year. A report on that meeting will follow in the Friday edition.

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Peru

Shiringamazu is the location they chose for last year's mission, a small rural town which was in need of much assistance. In the four days of their stay, their four providers saw 817 patients. They were prevented from providing optical or dental assistance due to weight restrictions, so most of their work focused on treating illnesses such as shingles, parasite infections and scabies.

Once the team arrived in Lima, Peru, they boarded a bus and traveled all night and continued to travel the next day in four-wheel-drive vehicles. It took them over eight hours to travel 95 miles due to the rough terrain. When they arrived, they were placed in an abandoned schoolhouse that had no running water or electricity. They slept on the second floor and operated the clinic on the first floor.

Although they slept on the floor, team members said they had worked so hard that they "slept like the dead." Bathing was in the river and toilet facilities were little more than a hole in the ground with a shed built around it. Residents of this small community routinely used the same river water for bathing, cooking and

drinking. Provided with medication to prevent members from contracting malaria, the team brought along more than \$160,000 worth of medication and supplies. Their biggest success with the children was an oversized soccer ball purchased at Wal-Mart that the children were absolutely thrilled with.

Residents did not have any type of transportation, so they walked everywhere, some even miles to reach the clinic. High blood pressure and diabetes were rare. Children were often forced to take on responsibilities at an early age so it was not unusual for providers to see a 7-year-old child bring their younger sibling to the clinic for treatment. Their parents were most likely out farming or looking for food other than what they grew in their vegetable gardens.

Providers saw many cases of back pain, most likely associated with the backbreaking work of farm life. They saw several cases of birth defects, but there was little the team could do to help those patients. One young boy had an eyelid defect and was sure that the team was going to be able to

fix it. According to Dr. Furcolow, it was a procedure that could have helped the boy see, but the team had not been approved to conduct surgical procedures.

Each night after the team finished their dinner, they scraped up what was left of their meal and left it on the table where they ate. Shortly after they left, young children would come to feast on their leftovers, always being quiet so the team would not know they were there.

"They would be watching us eat, but they never hounded or bothered us," said team member Pam Parker. "But we would see them come out after we finished and shovel the food into their mouths with their hands, so we started leaving our forks out so they would have something to eat with."

Knowing that it was hard for residents to get the nutrition they needed, providers instructed them to eat certain types of plants that are rich in calcium. Members paid a local woman who owned a propane freezer to keep their water cold, and according to them, after a hard day's work in the hot and humid weather, it was

the best water they had ever tasted.

One of the most critical cases they saw was a lady who they assumed was suffering from tuberculosis. She was wasted, had a high fever and was on the brink of death. They instructed the family to try to get her to a hospital. The team says they aren't sure whether she lived or died.

Rape cases were also seen during their stay.

"The women were afraid because they had to do what their men wanted, when they wanted it," said Conley. "There aren't any consequences for this type of behavior there."

Bible studies were also a part of the team's daily activities while they were there and the team also had movie showings powered by generators. "It was like magic to them," said Dr. Furcolow.

Children in this area have come accustomed to their environment. Vickie Conley, another team member, said children run around and play in the pitch black darkness while she and the other team members would be trying to feel their way around their surroundings, hoping they didn't

fall into a hole.

"It's just like second nature to them," said Conley.

The mission would not have been possible without the help of various contributors who gave supplies and or money to the team for their trip. Highlands Regional Medical Center, Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Pikeville Medical Center, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, King's Daughter's and Cooley Medical were just a few among the organizations who helped fund the mission last year. College students who volunteered on the mission also recruited their own sponsors to help them with expenses.

This year, Dr. Furcolow and his team are once again planning another mission. This

time they will be traveling to a different town in Peru, one that does have some running water and electricity. They are continuing to raise enough money and supplies to make their trip successful and would appreciate any and all donations. Anyone who is interested in contributing or would just like more information can contact Dr. Furcolow by calling (606) 886-1970.

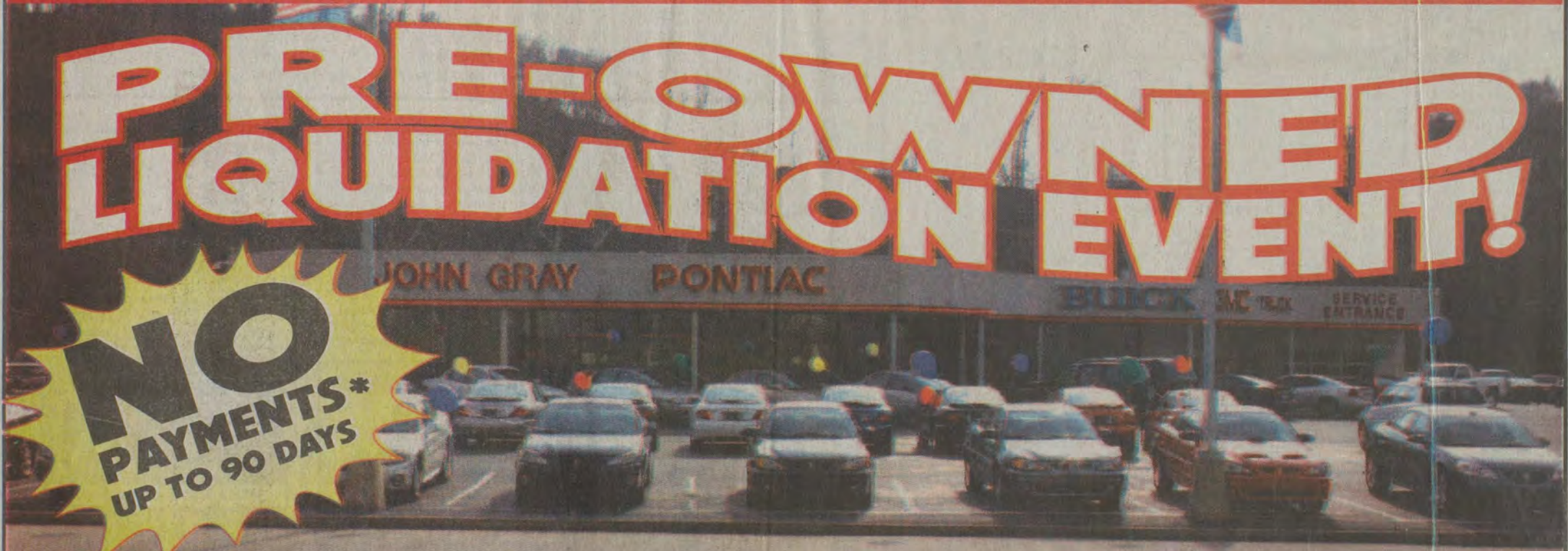
"It makes you feel good when you do something for someone who doesn't have anything," Conley said.

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Berea edges Alice Lloyd for KIAC women's title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE – No. 3 Berea College defeated No. 1 Alice Lloyd College 88-85 for the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championship on Saturday. Berea hung on despite late free throw misses and a final opportunity for Alice Lloyd after a Mountaineer made free throw.

Alice Lloyd had a 9-2 run to start the game. Berea came back into the game as the first half progressed and tied the score at 27 on a Jenna Lowe three pointer. Berea went on an 11-4 run to close the first half ahead 48-40.

Alice Lloyd scored eight unanswered points midway through the second half to get back to

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Adams, Thomas claim KIAC's top honors

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

ALC head coach David Adams claimed the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Alice Lloyd College is also home to the conference

LOUISVILLE – The Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program claimed its share of conference honors last week.

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Allen Central High graduate Becky Thomas was named the KIAC Player of the Year last week.

Rebels hold off Magoffin on Senior Night

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – On a night when seniors and head coach Johnny Martin were honored, Allen Central took care of business against a determined Magoffin County team. After dropping back-to-back games to Belfry and Pikeville, Allen Central returned to the win column on Friday night. The Rebels held on and defeated visiting Magoffin County 68-62.

With the win, Allen Central improved to 20-7.

Allen Central is the first Floyd County Conference/58th District team to win 20 games since the 2001-02 season. South Floyd finished the 2001-02 campaign 21-10.

In addition to Allen Central's senior boys' basketball players being honored, tribute was also paid to Martin, Allen Central's legendary head coach. Numerous former players were in attendance and a postgame banquet was held in honor of the longtime Rebel head coach.

"It was a very special night for me," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "It was one of the best nights of my coaching life. As I saw those guys who had played for more in previous years and heard their names called, the years flashed before my eyes."

On the court, Allen Central jumped out in front and led Magoffin County at the end of every quarter. The Rebels outscored the Hornets 18-7 in the opening quarter and took a 36-23 lead into halftime.

Seniors Josh Martin and Ryan Collins led Allen Central with 16 points apiece. Tyler Slone and Alex Hammonds followed with nine points each. Josh Prater chipped in eight points and Farley Joseph followed with

(See **REBELS**, page two)



Meaghan Slone (4) was a five-year starter for the Prestonsburg High girls' basketball team. Slone suffered a season-ending knee injury in early-January. The injury ended Slone's prep basketball career.

Slone winds down brilliant prep career

Injured senior left mark on P'burg girls' program

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Meaghan Slone, a fixture in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament each of the past four years won't be in action tonight when her team, Prestonsburg, takes the floor for an opening round game against Allen Central. And Prestonsburg is Meaghan Slone's team. The No. 2-seeded Lady Blackcats suffered a severe setback in early-January when Slone went down with a season-ending knee injury in a home game. Linsey Fields also went

down with a knee injury in the same game. Fields, however, has since returned to action. Slone wasn't as lucky as her teammate. She never returned to the hardwood following the injury and won't be available for the Prestonsburg softball team later this spring. Slone was a five-year starter for the Lady Blackcat basketball team. She took her first starting nod as a young, yet promising eighth-grader. In five seasons, Slone scored 1,710 points and hit 231 three-point field goals. She ranks as one of the

(See **SLONE**, page two)



Late 3 gives Cumberland win over Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – University of the Cumberland's senior Darnell Howell went out with a bang.

The Chicago product sank a three-point basket from 36 feet as the horn sounded to give the Patriots an 81-78 win over Pikeville College in Saturday's regular-season finale.

The basket completed a comeback from seven points down inside the final minute and ended Cumberland's season at 19-9, 6-4 in the Mid-South Conference. Pikeville fell to 12-18, 3-7 in the league.

Pikeville led 76-69 after sophomore Bo Harris sank two free throws. A basket by senior Sam Brown with 58 seconds left cut it to five. After Harris split a pair of free throws with 49 sec-

(See **BEARS**, page two)

Lady Bears fall in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The University of the Cumberland ended the first half with three three-pointers in the final 1:05 to bump an eight-point lead to 17 en route to a 71-52 win over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon.

Junior Lissi Fuller sank the first two and hit Amber Neace for the third, which came with five seconds left and made the half-time edge 36-19.

Pikeville never got closer than 15 in the second half, and needed an 8-0 for that. Trailing 57-34 with 7:43 left after a 6-0 run by Cumberland's, the Lady Bears got a layup by junior Beth Patterson and six straight from sophomore Vicki Hall – two free throws, a

(See **LADY BEARS**, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

LOOKING TO ADVANCE: Junior Jordan Hall and the rest of the Prestonsburg Blackcats will look to get past Betsy Layne tonight at South Floyd's Raider Arena in the 58th District Tournament. Betsy Layne is seeded second and Prestonsburg third.

Tennis: UVA-Wise blanks Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – Both of the UVA-Wise tennis teams blanked Pikeville College on Thursday afternoon. On the women's side, the Lady Cavs won the three matches played and prevailed 6-0. The Highland Cavaliers' men dropped only five individual games on the way to a solid 9-0 win over the Bears.

The women evened their season mark to 1-1. Davina Dishner and Kelsey Adkins won the two singles bouts while Rhyssa Philipp and Kyndall Winger claimed the doubles victory.

For the men, freshmen Robert Bareford and Wes Sturgill claimed their first two collegiate tennis victo-

ries. Both won their singles matches by similar 6-0 and 6-1 sets but in opposite order.

UVA-Wise 6, Pikeville 0

Singles competition

1. Davina Dishner (WISE-W) def. Miranda Dotson (PIKE) 6-0, 6-0
2. Kelsey Adkins (WISE-W) def. Rebecca Sulligan (PIKE) 6-0, 6-2
3. Rhyssa Philipp (WISE-W) def. Default-A (PIKE), by default
4. Kyndall Winger (WISE-W) def. Default-A (PIKE), by default

Doubles competition

1. Rhyssa Philipp/Kyndall Winger (WISE-W) def. Miranda Dotson/Rebecca Sulligan (PIKE) 8-2

UVA-WISE 9, Pikeville 0

Singles competition

1. Henning Kuich (WISE-M) def. Adam Miller (PIKE) 6-0, 6-0
2. Derick Wood (WISE-M) def. Michael McDonald (PIKE) 6-1, 6-1
3. Robert Bareford (WISE-M) def. Timothy Yates (PIKE) 6-1, 6-0
4. Daniel Robinson (WISE-M) def. John Grundy (PIKE) 6-0, 6-0
5. Wes Sturgill (WISE-M) def. Michael Hamblin (PIKE) 6-0, 6-1

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Slone

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best girls' basketball players in Prestonsburg High School history.

Slone left a lasting impression on Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack.

"Meaghan has a tremendous work ethic," said Pack. "She is one of the hardest working players - girls or boys - that I've ever coached. She is dedicated and works hard to continue to improve and get better. The impact she made on this girls' basketball program here at Prestonsburg is great. She's meant so much to this program."

Slone may attend Berea College in the fall. She could sign to play basketball for the Mountaineers. Berea recently captured a KIAC championship. The Mountaineers defeated Alice Lloyd College late last week for the KIAC title and are headed to the NAIA Division II National Championship in Sioux City, Iowa. The national tournament is scheduled for March 7-13.

"Meaghan has already qualified academically - she's a good solid student," Pack confided. "We're pleased

that she's going to have the opportunity to move on and continue her education. Berea is still very interested in her."

Pack, members of his coaching staff and several Lady Blackcat fans have kept up with Slone and her rehab.

Slone and her senior teammates were honored Thursday before the Lady Blackcats took on visiting Lawrence County. Emotions were evident and many tears flowed. Slone's name was called, her accom-

plishments announced and she was presented with the game ball in which she scored her final point. The Prestonsburg standout had the opportunity to share a few tears with teammates, coaches, family and friends.

"It's been a great experience playing basketball here at Prestonsburg," Slone said following Thursday's Senior Night ceremonies. "I've learned a lot - especially from Coach (Jack) Pack."

Tonight, when her Lady Blackcat teammates take the Raider Arena

gymfloor at South Floyd High School in a district tournament opening round game against Allen Central, Slone will be there to provide support. She'll do all she can to help her team to a win. Her and fellow senior Amber Whitaker were two of the key leaders for last season's Floyd County Conference/58th District championship team. Whitaker and the rest of the Lady Blackcats will play with much determination and heavy hearts tonight for their teammate.

KIAC

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within one at 70-69. Alice Lloyd, however, pulled even with Berea at 77-77 with just under five minutes left. Both teams traded three pointers and free throws most the rest of the way.

Berea's Rebecca May had 30 points to lead all scorers. May and Candy Walls had nine rebounds each. Jenna

Lowe added 12 points for the Mountaineers (22-7).

Alice Lloyd's advantage came on the boards. KIAC All-Conference Player of the Year Becky Thomas had 21 rebounds as part of a double-double. Her 25 points also kept the Alice Lloyd women's team close late. Kaylan Richardson added 21 points

for the Eagles (16-12). Chasity Fox kept the ball moving with nine assists for Alice Lloyd.

With the win, Berea received an automatic bid to the NAIA Division II National Championship on March 7-13 at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa

Lady Bears

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layup and a jumper - to make it 57-42 with 5:57 left.

The win in the season finale made Cumberlands 25-4 overall, 8-2 in the league. They'll be seeded second and get a first-round bye in next week's Mid-South Conference tournament, and will await the winner of the three-six game on Saturday.

For the Lady Bears, the reg-

ular-season ends at 8-22. Pikeville went winless in 10 league games. The Lady Bears will be the six seed and play the No. 3 team on Friday in the MSC tournament at the Frankfort Convention Complex.

Junior Shavonne Booth came off of the bench with 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Pats. She was joined in

double figures by senior Jennifer Nagy, who had 10. Fuller, a junior from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, had nine points, five rebounds, five assists, four steals and no turnovers in 38 minutes of play.

Pikeville got 13 points and a team-best six rebounds from freshman Heather Martin. Hall finished with 10 points and five boards.

Honors

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player of the year. ALC freshman center Becky Thomas was named KIAC Player of the Year. Thomas entered the ALC program after a successful prep career at Allen Central High School.

Joining Thomas on the All-KIAC team were teammates

Chasity Fox and Whitney Lykens, a Betsy Layne High School graduate.

The rest of the All-KIAC Team included the following players: Allie Graves (Spalding University); Candy Wells (Berea College); Anna Stephenson (Asbury College);

Andrea Chambers (Indiana University-Southeast); Ashley Parker (Midway College); Rebecca May (Berea College) and Kayla Rieckers (Indiana University-Southeast).

Alice Lloyd fell to Berea in the KIAC title game.

Rebels

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seven for Allen Central. J.R. Robinson rounded out the Allen Central scoring with three points.

Magoffin County played without senior Devin Rice, a player who went down with an injury during a game against Prestonsburg earlier in the week.

Eric Arnett led Magoffin County with a game-high 21 points.

Magoffin County made its strongest runs in the second half. Host Allen Central led 52-47 at the end of the third quarter. The Hornets hit six three-pointers in the regular-season finale. Magoffin County

slipped to 13-15 after the loss.

The Rebels hit their free throws down the stretch. Allen Central finished 10-for-18 from the free throw line.

No. 1 seed Allen Central

was playing host South Floyd, the No. 4 seed, Tuesday night in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament. The game ended too late to make this edition.

Bears

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onds left, Howell did the same, followed by a steal and basket with 31 seconds left to cut the lead to 77-74.

The Bears then missed two free throws while Howell sank two. Pikeville freshman Brandon May went 1-of-2 from the line with 24 seconds left before Brown scored on a layup with 17 seconds left to tie the game at 78.

Pikeville had the ball by a

three by senior Will Holloman missed. Senior Chris Simmons pulled the rebound and hit Howell, who dribbled once, squared to the basket and swished home the winning shot as the horn sounded in the background.

The win gave Cumberlands the two seed and a bye in Friday's first round of the Mid-South Conference tournament. Pikeville will play Lindsey Wilson in the 4/5 game at 8

p.m. Friday.

Harris came off the bench to toss in 22 points and pull 14 rebounds for the Bears. Senior Donald Thomas had 21 points, while Holloman had 18 to go with six rebounds and three assists.

Junior Mike Gibson led the Patriots with 22 points on 6-of-12 shooting. He also had 10 rebounds. Brown had 21 points while Howell finished with 18.

Spalding wins KIAC men's crown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - No. 1 Spalding University beat No. 2 Asbury College for the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championship 82-71 on Saturday.

Spalding pulled out early to the biggest lead of the game at 35-9 with six minutes left in the first half. Asbury chipped away at the lead for the rest of the first half to narrow Spalding's lead to 41-25 at the break.

Asbury continued its march back into the game with eight point run to narrow it to 59-51 with eight minutes left. Multiple attempts to narrow the lead failed as Spalding

countered each attempt and end with the 11-point win.

Spalding (19-13) exited the game with 53 rebounds compared to 22 for Asbury (22-9). The rebound advantage led to three double doubles for the Golden Eagles. Nana Duah had a double-double of 16 points and 15 rebounds. All-KIAC Team member Chatrae'l Hall had 13 rebounds including 10 boards on the defensive end. Shannon Jones had a double-double that consisted of 10 points and 11 rebounds. Adrian Des Las Heras led the scorers with a game-high 20 points.

Asbury's comeback began with Michael Spann's shooting. Spann finished with 20 points.

Brett Johnson followed with a near double-double of 14 points and nine rebounds for Asbury. On the passing attack, Matt Pittman dished off eight assists.


With the win, Spalding grabbed an automatic bid to the NAIA Division II National Championship on March 7-13 at College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri.



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No. 17 Vanderbilt 67, Kentucky 65

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Derrick Byars has been building his case for Southeastern Conference player of the year throughout league play. His performance against Kentucky may boost him above the pack.

Byars hit the first of two free throws, got the rebound and hit an 8-foot jumper that gave No. 17 Vanderbilt its first lead, and the Commodores

held off Kentucky for a 67-65 victory Sunday.

"It was the biggest play of the game," Byars said. "I missed a free throw, and (teammate) Dan Cage tapped it out to me. I saw (Kentucky's) Randolph (Morris) down there, and he beat me earlier, so I just wanted to get it up quick."

That sequence capped a 21-point second-half performance for Byars, who responded to a

halftime talk from coach Kevin Stallings.

"We kind of challenged Derrick at halftime," Stallings said of his senior who had hit just 2 of 8 shots in the first half. "We didn't think he had one of his better first halves. I want to try and remember exactly what I said, because he was pretty spectacular in the second half."

With the victory, the Commodores moved into sole

possession of second place and hold the tiebreaker over the Wildcats for the Eastern Division's No. 2 seed for the SEC tournament by virtue of a season sweep.

Byars finished with 26 points, and Shan Foster added 21 as the Commodores (19-9, 9-5) erased a 10-point second-half deficit. They didn't lead until Byars went to the free-throw line with 29 seconds left.

On the next possession, the Wildcats' Shera Thomas lost control of the ball, and the Commodores came up with it. Kentucky (19-9, 8-6) fouled Foster, who missed the first free throw and made the second.

The Wildcats called timeout and got the ball to point guard Ramel Bradley, closely guarded by Byars.

Bradley drove the lane, was triple-teamed and threw up a shot that missed. Time expired in the scramble for the ball.

"We were just trying to get the ball inside, get a good shot, maybe get fouled taking the ball to the basket," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said.

Bobby Perry led Kentucky with 18 points, and Jodie Meeks added 15 as the Wildcats outshot Vanderbilt 58 percent to 41 percent. But the Commodores scored 20 points off Kentucky's 22 turnovers.

"It's just very disappointing when you can't make the plays down the stretch, don't get stops like you should, and you

don't value the basketball," Smith said. "The turnovers really hurt us."

Perry scored 11 first-half points in leading the Wildcats to a 32-23 lead at the break.

This was a rare fourth consecutive win by Vanderbilt over Kentucky and matched the Commodores' four-game winning streak of the 1972-73 and 1973-74 seasons.

Stallings believes his team is building momentum as tournament time approaches.

"A lot of teams are fighting to get into the tournament, and playing their best basketball. To know you can get it done at the end does wonders for your confidence," Stallings said.

"I looked at the clock with four minutes left, and even with the game being as close as it was, there was no doubt on our team that we were going to win."



No. 20 Louisville 76, Connecticut 69

by PAT EATON-ROBB ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. — Louisville showed Character in the first half and character down the stretch Sunday, all but locking up an NCAA tournament berth with its fifth consecutive win.

Terrence Williams scored 17 points and freshman Derrick Character came off the bench to score 16 first half-points and the Cardinals (21-8, 11-4 Big East) beat Connecticut 76-69.

"I think we're in," coach Rick Pitino said. "There has never been an 11-4 team not get in to the NCAA coming out of the Big East."

Louisville blew an early 11-point lead, and UConn (17-11, 6-8 Big East) tied the game at 58 on a 3-pointer from Jerome Dyson with 4:02 to go. They tied it again at 60 when Jeff Adrien hit a jumper for the Huskies at 3:31.

But the Cardinals scored on every possession after that.

"When the crowd gets loud, that's when you have to dig in and play hard," Williams said. "If we get good ball movement, no matter how loud the crowd gets, we're going to make shots."

Earl Clark's 3-pointer gave Louisville the lead for good, 63-60 with 2:53 to go. Edgar Sosa also hit from behind the arc with 1:15 to give Louisville a 68-63 lead, and the Huskies were forced to foul the rest of the way.

Louisville hit six consecutive free throws to secure the win, the final two coming from Williams.

"When (Sosa) hit last three, it took a little bit out of us," Dyson said. "We couldn't find the stops we needed."

Dyson hit 6-of-8 from 3-point range and scored 23 points to lead Connecticut. Jeff

Adrien had 16 points for UConn, which had won four of its last five in league play, after starting the conference schedule 2-6.

The Cardinals looked to be in trouble early when David Padgett, who had 19 points in Louisville's 68-54 win over Connecticut on Jan. 22, picked up two fouls in the first 4:23. But Character replaced him and the 6-9 freshman scored all 16 of his points before intermission, outmuscling the Huskies underneath.

Pitino had suspended Character twice this season for issues on and off the court, but praised him Sunday for sticking with the program.

"We have made up our minds that he's either going to be a player, or he's got to pack it in and go home," Pitino said. "Never once did he say, 'I'm going to leave,'.... He just kept saying, 'I'm wrong, this is the place for me. I'm sticking it out.' He's never once wavered on that. That's why he's here today."

The Cardinals had 46 points in the paint, to 22 for UConn, and outrebounded

UConn 36-29.

"The bottom line is that we didn't execute coming down, and they executed greatly," said UConn coach Jim Calhoun. "All we had to do really, the last four minutes to have a chance of winning this game ... was play defense, even 50 percent of the time."

Louisville hit just five of its first 14 shots and was outrebounded 9-2 early, but still led 11-9 with 11:24 remaining in the first half.

The Cardinals went on an 11-4 run to close out the half and led 38-29 at the break. Louisville has not lost this year when leading at the half.

UConn opened the second half on an 8-4 run. But Pitino called a quick time-out and the Cardinals scored the next six, stretching the lead back to nine.

The loss was a huge blow to Connecticut's NCAA chances. The Huskies do not have a win against a Top-25 team, have a losing record in conference, and an RPI of 87.

Mitchell lands spot on All-KIAC team

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISVILLE — Asbury College's head coach and leading player claimed the top individual men's basketball honors in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC). Jim Aller, head coach of the Asbury College men's team, took home the KIAC Coach of the Year Award. Asbury's Brett Johnson won the KIAC Player of the Year Award.

Alice Elroyd College had one player named to the all-conference team. Rodney

Mitchell, a Clay County native now at ALC, claimed a spot on the All-KIAC team. The rest of the All-KIAC Team included the following players: Brandon Richie (Indiana University-Southeast); Adrian Des Las Heras (Spalding University); Derek Bland (Asbury); Craig Bryant (Indiana University-Southeast); Melvin Brown (Berea College); Thomas Klimas (Berea College); William Ford (Spalding University); Chartae'l Hall (Spalding University).

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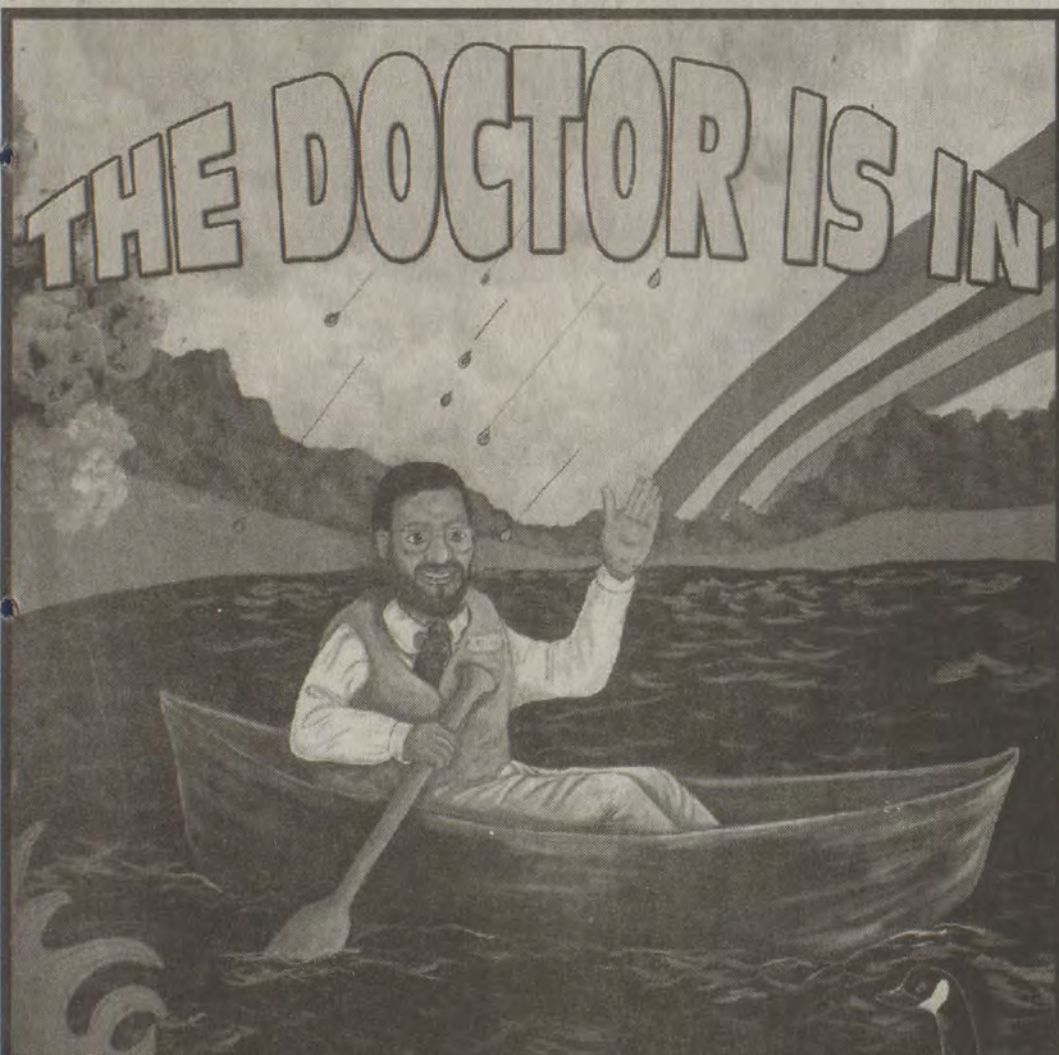
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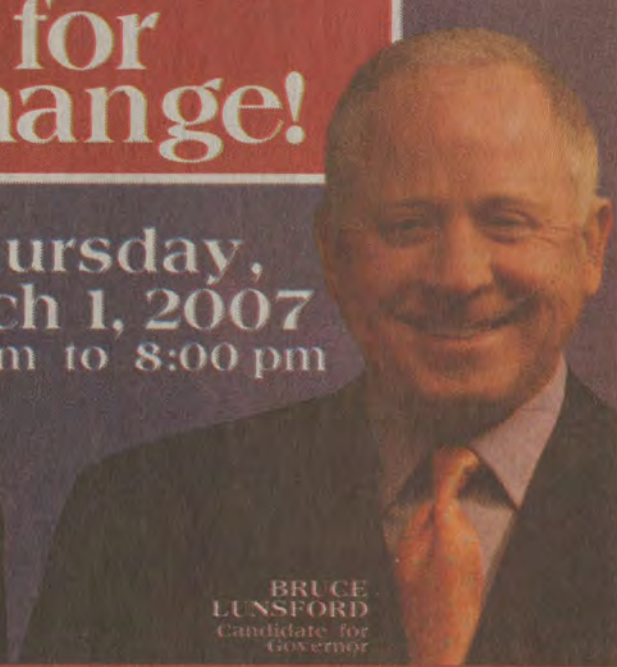
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Kenseth bounces back with California win

by MIKE HARRIS
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FONTANA, Calif. — With crew chief Robbie Reiser back home in North Carolina on a NASCAR-enforced absence from the racetrack, Matt Kenseth and the rest of the No. 17 team just tried to remember the lessons he has taught them over the years.

Kenseth drove the Roush Fenway Racing Ford to the front and his veteran crew gave him a series of sparking pit stops, including a very fast one Sunday near the end of the Auto Club 500 that put the 2003 NASCAR champion into the lead for good.

"It's a special win," an emotional Kenseth said after bouncing back from a disappointing Daytona 500 with his second victory of the weekend and second Nextel Cup win at California Speedway. "It's not without Robbie though. He spent the week at home while we were at Daytona building this car. Robbie built this team."

Kenseth, who got caught up in the last-lap melee the previous week at

the Daytona 500 and wound up 27th after starting that lap in third, stayed away from trouble this time and took the lead with the fast stop during a caution 23 laps from the finish.

The victory, his 15th in Cup, came with engineer Chip Bolin sitting in for Reiser, sent home for four races after the team was caught cheating at the beginning of Daytona's Speedweeks. And it came less than 24 hours after Kenseth won the Busch Series race on the same 2-mile oval.

A year ago, it was Jimmie Johnson whose team overcame the loss of crew chief Chad Knaus to get off to a strong start on the way to a championship.

"Those guys didn't let some bad luck stop them or slow them down," Kenseth said. "Everybody on this team knows what Robbie would expect them to do, whether he is here or not."

Kevin Harvick, who swept the Busch and Cup races at Daytona, came out of the final pit stop in second and was making up ground up Kenseth until rookie David Reutimann and former series champi-

on Bobby Labonte crashed on lap 243 of the 250-lap event.

NASCAR red-flagged the race to give safety officials time to clean up the debris from the wreck. Once the cars were restarted, Harvick found he had a deflating left front tire and had to pit. He wound up 17th, the last car on the lead lap.

It was a relief to Kenseth when Harvick no longer loomed in his mirrors.

"I thought I was going to have a problem because I really thought the 29 (Harvick) was going to run me down," he said. "Then, he had his problem and Jeff (Gordon) moved up to second and I thought he might run me down. But we got a real good restart and, after that, we were OK."

"It's really nice to get some of our points back from the Daytona deal," added Kenseth, referring to the 50 points he and the team were docked in the cheating incident.

"It's a shame," Harvick said about the flat tire. "I don't know if we could have won it, but running with the leader and having a chance to win is what it's all about."

Three-time California winner

Gordon, the only other multiple Cup race winner here, jumped past Jeff Burton into second on the restart with four laps to go, but couldn't get close enough to challenge Kenseth the rest of the way. Kenseth won by about six car-lengths.

Defending Cup champion Johnson, who finished 39th at Daytona, also bounced back with a third-place finish Sunday, followed by Burton, Mark Martin, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Tony Stewart and Kyle Busch.

Johnson's Chevrolet was in the lead, with Kenseth's Ford close behind, when debris on the backstretch brought out a caution flag on lap 226 — the first yellow flag since the track went green on lap 126.

All the leaders pitted on the next lap and Johnson agonized through a slow stop, falling all the way to fifth.

"That's all I had," Johnson said. "We had a bad pit stop and we just ran out of time."

Gordon said he was just lucky to finish second.

"If Kevin hadn't had that flat tire, we would have probably finished third or fourth," he said. "It's crazy

the way things happen. Last week, he wins the Daytona 500 and, this week, he has that flat tire. It's too bad."

Martin, who lost to Harvick at Daytona by the length of a hood, had another good race and put himself and his new team, Ginn Racing — Formerly MB2 Motorsports — into the series points lead. It's the first time leading the points for the team, now in its 11th year.

It also was a good day for Brian Vickers, who gave Team Red Bull its first top 10 finish in the first race the new Toyota team has been able to qualify for.

The race was the debut for unleaded fuel in NASCAR's premier series. Several entries blew engines, including DEI teammates Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Martin Truex Jr. and Evernham Motorsports' Kasey Kahne, but the teams said they would need to examine the engines closely to determine if the fuel had anything to do with the problems.

"We were happy to bring the car home with that new unleaded fuel and now we're all anxious to see what the inside of that engine looks like," Gordon said.

Baseball: Bears salvage series with DH split

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College baseball team salvaged its weekend series with the Milligan Buffalos by splitting a doubleheader at Davis Park on Saturday. The Bears dropped game one 7-1 but bounced back to win an exhilarating nightcap 3-1.

Pikeville starter Matt DeBlaw (Broadview Heights, Ohio) ran into trouble early on in the opener, giving up two runs in the top of the first.

The Buffalos added a run on a sacrifice fly by Brandon Murphy in the top of the fourth, and put three more across in the top of the fifth thanks to an RBI-single by Justin Sauceman and a two-run double by Clint Dorman.

Meanwhile, Milligan starter Brett Seybert had the Bears completely fooled. Down 6-0 in the bottom of the fifth, the Bears managed to get a run across when freshman Chris Brann (Taylor Mill) reached on an error, which scored sophomore Josh Adams (Pikeville), who had opened the inning with a single.

Milligan added a run in the top of the seventh, pushing the lead by to five runs and holding on for the game one victory.

DeBlaw (1-1) went the distance in the loss for the Bears, giving up seven earned runs and striking four, while walking three in his seven

innings of work.

Senior centerfielder Adam Collins (Paintsville) had two hits in the loss for the Bears.

Seybert, likewise, went the whole seven innings, striking out five, walking one, and not allowing an earned run.

Dorman led the Buffs' offense, going 3-4 with a triple, double, and three RBI.

Needing a win to avoid a sweep, the Bears came out in game two determined to give senior southpaw Tony Preston

(Louisville) his first win of the year.

Preston certainly did his part, retiring the first nine batters he faced, but the Bears' offense again was cold.

But senior Donald Tardy (Ellenwood, Ga.) led off the bottom of the fourth with a walk, then moved up when Milligan starter Nathan Fritz committed a balk.

A bunt single by Collins put runners on first and third with nobody out. Then, on the first

pitch to the next hitter, Collins broke for second. As Milligan's catcher let the ball fly, Tardy broke for home. The throw was cut off by the second baseman, allowing Tardy to score with the game's first run.

But Preston ran into a bit of trouble in the top of the sixth. With two men out, DeCamp singled then stole second. Sauceman followed with an RBI-single of his own, tying the game at one apiece.

It seemed the Bears may be headed for another extra-inning affair. But in the bottom of the final inning, with Collins on first and one man down, sophomore Ryan Bartolon (Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio) drove a ball deep into left field for his first home run of the season, clinching the 3-1 victory for the Bears.

Preston (1-1) went the distance for the Bears, surrendering one run on only two hits and striking out three.

Bartolon's two-run walk-off homer paced the Pikeville offense, while Collins also added a pair of stolen bases in the win.

Fritz took the loss for Milligan, who was led offensively by Sauceman's RBI-single in the sixth.

The Bears will return to the diamond today when they travel to Louisville to take on Spalding University in a doubleheader. Game one is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Narron watching RHP Salmon this spring

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — Cincinnati Reds manager Jerry Narron says right-handed pitcher Brad Salmon is someone he'll watch this spring.

"He gives us a different look than the other guys," Narron said. "He is more of a power pitcher."

Salmon, 27, was Cincinnati's 21st selection in the 1999 draft. He began the 2006 season with Class AA Chattanooga and pitched 16 games in relief, going 2-1 with a 2.70 ERA. He was promoted to Class AAA Louisville on May 15, pitching 39 games in relief with a 5-1 record and a 2.34 ERA. Over 81 innings, Salmon struck out 96 batters and walked 43.

The Reds added him to the 40-man roster in October.

NOTES

The Reds have set the starting pitchers for the first four games of the exhibition season. Lefthander Eric Milton will start against the Pittsburgh Pirates on March 1; Kyle Lohse against the Minnesota Twins on March 2; Aaron Harang against the Twins on March 3; and Bronson Arroyo against the Pirates on March 4.



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KIM'S KORNER

Lots to talk about...

By: Kim Little Frasure

Trace Adkins

The Trace Adkins concert held at the Expo Center this past Friday was well, in Eastern KY lingo, OHMIGOSH, definitely one of the best yet to be held in the center in my opinion.

Attending many a concert in my days, I've yet to witness one more appreciative of audience applause than Craig Morgan and Trace Adkins.



Kim Little Frasure

Danielle Peck opened the evening and let me tell you, the girl has definitely been

blessed both with looks and a voice.

As Trace Adkins jokingly added, "The Beauty and the Beasts!"

It was simply Fantastic! My ticket came as a birthday gift from Joy and me, Jenny and I really enjoyed ourselves. Thank you, Joy, for one of the best birthday gifts ever!

Criticism

Sunday mornings I've gotten quite accustomed to watching Joel Osteen. This past Sunday, before heading for church, I caught him again and his message was, as always, awesome.

The message was about criticism and how easy it is to get caught up in

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POISON OAK

Coal-Camp Religion

by Clyde Pack

Through researching the life (and lifestyle) of the early eastern Kentucky coal miner, I've reached two conclusions: he was primarily a fearless, raw-boned individual, and he was very religious.



Clyde Pack

The first should be pretty obvious to anybody. I mean, no one could have endured early mining techniques who wasn't tough as nails, and afraid of

absolutely nothing. To crawl on his hands and knees for miles beneath millions of tons of dirt and rock, for mere pennies a day, would take nothing less than nerves of steel.

The realization that these same individuals were religious, however, sort of surprised me. Not that I ever imagined coal miners as being an ungodly sort, it's just as I grew up among them, there was always a bit of back-fence gossip about this one's or that one's drinking problem, or the big fight that so-and-so started last Saturday night. And even though my own father didn't drink nor fight, and was actually a deacon in the Baptist Church, I still never thought of miners and religion in the same breath. That is, of course, until I began reading nearly 100-year-old accounts of their daily lives.

I learned, in the first place, every coal camp had a church building (or two), usually provided by the coal company. Some historians have gone so far as to suggest the company—just as they did for good baseball players to shore up their company-sponsored teams—recruited workers, known as

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Grandmaw and her little baby chicks.



Aunt Boot

Grandmaw and her little chickens

By Ralph Hall

One day when I was a young boy, I was sitting in the porch swing with my grandmaw, looking out into her yard full of chickens and baby chicks, when I said, "Grandmaw, you sure do take good care of them little chickens."

"Son," Grandmaw answered, "If you take care of chickens, they will take care of you. They will supply you with eggs, and food for the dinner table."

It was my Aunt Boot's job to help her mother with the chickens. She was Grandmaw's baby girl, and she looked just like my grandmaw. They always worked together, taking care of the chickens and gathering eggs, as well as working in the kitchen cooking and canning and the like.

When Grandmaw wanted a special breed of chickens, she ordered them from a mail order catalog. They would come in on the train to the post office over at Melvin. When they arrived at the post office, Grandmaw would carry them home in the pasteboard box they had come in. Once she got them home, it would be Boot's job to take care of them, and she always took real good care of them little baby chicks. Special care is needed to take care of little chicks. Most of the day, they need to be watched. You have to make sure they have lots of water to drink and food to eat.

Grandmaw would get right down on her knees and talk to them little chicks. She would feed them some of the cornmeal we had had ground over at Uncle Johnny's mill. At night, Boot would bring them into the house to keep them warm, and to keep them old cats away from them. Most of the little chickens were Rhode Island Reds. Grandmaw used to joke and say that they would be good lawyers when they grew up.

When Boot would bring them in the house at night, she would put them back in the pasteboard box and cover the box over with a sheet. Grandmaw said the sheet would calm them down and put them to sleep and it sure seemed to work for they would go right off to sleep in just a few minutes.

One morning Grandmaw said to me, "Hey, Ralph! Will you watch the baby chicks for a little while?"

"Sure, Grandmaw," I said. "I'll give them some cornmeal and water and put them out in the warm morning sun, okay? I'll watch 'em real good."

After a little while, Grandmaw came to the back door and called out, "Ralph, you can come in the house for awhile now." That sure made me happy because I was a getting tired of baby sitting baby chicks. So I opened the kitchen door and rushed to the old ice box and propped open the door. I got me a fried apple pie and opened a jar of milk and poured me a glass full. I took off for the bedroom us boys stayed in and picked me up a Red Ryder and Little Beaver funny book. Reading funny books was how I learned about Wild Bill. The Red Ryder was Wild Bill Elliott - best cowboy I ever saw or read of.

I wanted to lay on that bed and read those funny books, but Grandmaw wouldn't let no one lay in the bed in the day time unless they were sick. She said beds were made for sleeping and not for wallering on. So I went over and sat down in the big rocking chair Uncle Johnny had made. That Uncle Johnny, he could make just about anything. I sunk down low in that big old rocking chair and set my milk on its big, wide arm, making sure I didn't move around too much because I sure didn't want to spill that milk. For I knew that if I turned it over in the floor I would be in big trouble for sure! I went to town on that apple pie as I got to reading about Will Bill. In the funny book, Wild Bill and Little Beaver were after some bad men who had rustled some cattle and then hid them over in the red canyon. Wild Bill and Little Beaver found the cows and chased the bad men away. Again, they had saved them cows and took them back where they were supposed to be.

After reading for awhile, my eyes became heavy with sleep, so I closed them and sunk down even more into that big old rocker and went off to dream world. I dreamed about them little chickens and old Wild Bill and I didn't wake up until I heard Grandmaw coming into the room. "Oh, Ralph!" she cried, "Why didn't you crawl into one of them beds and sleep? You coulda broke your neck in that rocker!" I remember thinking to myself, "Has Grandmaw gone crazy? Sleep in one her beds in the day time? Why, God for bid!"

Then Grandmaw said, "Ralph, I've got some soup beans cooking on the coal stove. Will you watch them while Boot and I go feed the chick-

ens?"

"Sure will," I answered.

"Now you keep lots of water in 'em so they don't burn," she reminded me.

"Okay, I will," I said. Then I went out to the kitchen and pulled me up a chair real close to that ole stove and kept my eyes on that pot of beans. I knew it would take awhile to feed all them chickens and gather the eggs in.

It is a wonder that I didn't drown every one of those beans with all the water I kept putting in them. After what seemed to me like forever, Boot finally walked into the house with a whole bucket of eggs. She said, "Ralph, we got lots of eggs today!"

"Sure did!," I said back.

"Did you watch them beans real good," Grandmaw asked me as she entered into the room.

"How good can you watch beans, anyhow?," I thought to myself, but I didn't say this out loud. Instead, I said simply, "I sure did."

"Boot, cut up some taters and stir up some cornmeal for cornbread and put it into the oven," Grandmaw directed her daughter.

About thirty minutes later, Aunt Boot called out, "Come and eat!" as she opened the kitchen door and added, "Hey, James! You and Mutt come and eat!"

Uncle Virgil was gone off some place working for someone over at Melvin or she would have called out his name, too. Seems like work was all Uncle Virgil ever did. "I bet he's got him a whole pocket of money," I thought to myself. "And if so, he sure knows how to take good care of it, I'm sure," I thought. Virgil was older than the rest of us kids and we all looked up to him. Me, I loved him with all my heart. He was the best old uncle a boy could ever hope to have.

Well, we all set down to them beans, taters, cornbread and a big jar of milk. It was the milk and cornbread I wanted first. I would crumble up that cornbread in a large glass, fill it with milk, and eat it like milk and cornbread might go out of style. That don't mean I ever forgot about them beans and taters, though. I filled my plate with them till I couldn't eat no more. After eating all that food, I was like our old hound dog, Sooner. I

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- The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.
- I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other

stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

- For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years — canine or feline attendance is not required.
- The proper order is kiss me, then go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!
- To pacify you, my dear pets, I have posted the following message on our front door: "To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like to Complain About Our Pets: 1. They live here. You don't. 2. If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. (That's why they call it

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This is "Kane," when he was a mere pup and still making messes around the house. Kane was Seth Bentley's "best friend" until he passed away this past year. Seth shares that he still misses him and that he will remember him always.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

****AMS is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts will 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.**

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

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

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

Allen Central Middle School

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

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

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

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

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

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

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

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

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

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

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

Duff Elementary

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

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

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

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

■ March 10 - Fun Fair for New and Expectant Parents; Mountain Arts Center; 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ March 12 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," at the Mountain Arts Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ March 12 - "Mr. Molecule." School assembly program that is 100 percent supportive of core curriculum in science.

■ March 19, 20, 21 - Program on personal hygiene.

■ March 27 - V.I.P. Parent Support Group meeting; 1-2 p.m., in library.

■ March 29 - Presentation on weather by the Jackson Weather Station.

■ March 30 - Big Sandy Singers.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school

gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

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

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

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

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

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

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

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 5 and March 7, 1997)

Heavy weekend rains caused major flooding in areas of Floyd County, Monday, and children had to be evacuated from flood-prone McDowell Elementary. Massive mudslides and major flooding occurred in the Right and Left Beaver sections of the county, as well as Rough & Tough, Potts Branch, and Abbott Creek. Floyd County road foreman Mike Jarrell said, Tuesday, that Left Beaver was the hardest hit area of the county. Damage assessments were ongoing...Flood waters rose so fast, this week, that many Floyd Countians, including the four-legged kind, were caught off guard. Some cows were surrounded by flood on Right Beaver Creek near David; a stranded dog looked for a foothold at Minnie Park; the Old Regular Baptist Association building at Minnie was flooded Monday afternoon; Rt. 122 at Drift was nearly impassable Monday, as Left Beaver Creek left its banks; while trash collected on a bridge over Left Beaver at Spewing Camp...Gov. Paul Patton visited Prestonsburg, Friday, to discuss welfare reform, through economic development in eastern Kentucky. Patton plans to target selected, distressed towns for development...Wheelwright city and utility officials held a special joint meeting, Thursday, to look for ways to avert the financial ruin of the city's utility department, but little was decided. One of the decisions made, Thursday, was to remove Lowell Parker from the utility commission...Three Floyd County teens are determined to make their dream of a teen center in Prestonsburg, a reality, and several Prestonsburg leaders want to help them succeed. Allen Central student Ryan Owens, Piarist student Sonja Verma, and South Floyd student Chandra Short, conceived the idea for a teen cen-

ter, when they worked on a community project for a grant from the Kellogg Foundation through the Big Sandy Area Development District...When some couples get divorced, children can get caught in the middle, but there's a move underway in Floyd County, and other areas of the state, to keep kids out of the fray. Beginning March 15, any couple filing for divorce, who has children, must complete a parenting-education class before any decree will be finalized...John Mark McKenzie, 24, of West Prestonsburg, was indicted last year, on a first degree wanton endangerment for allegedly shooting into the home of Willa Dean Goins on June 7. A mistrial was declared in Floyd Circuit Court when Michael Keens gave hearsay testimony while on the stand...Felony charges against Jonathan Crider, 23, of Auxier, and Joey Lowe, 26, of Prestonsburg, for allegedly selling cocaine to a confidential informant of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force, were dismissed without prejudice, Thursday, in Floyd Circuit Court...The National Guard delivered 16,000 gallons of bottled water, Wednesday afternoon, to Beaver Elkhorn Water customers, because a main water line has been damaged, and flood waters prevent it from being repaired...People who came directly in contact with contaminated water during the flood earlier this week may need tetanus shots, health department officials said Thursday...There died: Sussie Jane Cook, 69, of Topmost, Monday, March 3, at her residence; Jackie L. Cottrell, 58, of Parkersburg, W.Va, February 16, at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital; Elizabeth "Lizzie" Adkins, 63, of Grethel, Sunday, March 2, at her residence; Elva Branham Sammons, 90, of Prestonsburg, Friday, February 28, at her residence; Eugene "Pete" Akers, 72, of Martin, Thursday, February 27, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Maggie Scutchfield Calhoun, 71, of Turners Station, Friday, February 28, at the Baptist East Hospital

in Louisville; Mary Lou Slone, 67, of Burnside, Monday, March 3, at her residence; Loretta Hamilton, 57, of Teaberry, Monday, March 3, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bobby G. Hughes, 62, of Allen, Tuesday, March 4, at Allen; Shadrack Lee Hall, 82, of Grethel, Tuesday, March 4, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ella Jarrell, 83, of Clinton Township, Michigan, Wednesday, March 5, at the Mount Clemons General Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 11, 1987)

The Floyd County Board of Education looked at shorter days and lower pay, as ways to ward off a budget deficit...Left Beaver residents were divided on a new school site...Minutes before his circuit court trial was set to begin, Frank Gibson of Stonecoal Creek, near Garrett, pleaded guilty to possessing stolen property, and being a persistent felony offender...A Floyd County woman was among six others suing Excel, claiming the college defrauded them...Dewey Lake lost one-third of its boat slips, and no prospects for replacing them were on the horizon, with the boating season fast approaching...The Kentucky Supreme Court turned down a request to review the conviction of Third District Magistrate Ed Caudill on a forged-check charge...There died: Elizabeth Martin King, 69, Friday, March 6; Clyde Click, 45, of Warsaw, Indiana, February 23, in an automobile accident; Maud S. Hall, 78, of McDowell, at her residence; Daniel Eric Reyna, 3, February 28, in Michigan; Wilda Lee Layne Farmer, 75, of Albion, Michigan, February 4; Herman Haskel May, 54, of Hager Hill, March 5; Tony Hall, 85, of Bevinsville, February 12, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; James Clifford Reynolds, 53, of Lake Worth,

Florida, February 20; Fannie Holland Rowe, 83, of Garrett, March 4, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Cea Crisp Biliter Williams, 78, of Winchester, March 4, in Winchester.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 9, 1977)

An Abbott Creek man who is accused of threatening the lives of County Judge Henry Stumbo and Sheriff Joe Wheeler Lewis, remained in jail, Monday, after he had failed to post a \$1,000 peace bond and \$5,000 bail for his appearance. Riverview Manor, the 116-bed skilled and intermediate care facility planned here, has moved nearer the beginning of construction with the opening of contractors' bids...The Abbott-Little Paint Water District filed application this week for a total of \$560,000 in grants and loans, estimated necessary for the completion of the water distribution project...When U.S. 23 was completed between Prestonsburg and Paintsville in 1963, state law did not require that the massive cuts which the road required, be sloped or terraced to prevent rockfalls. Consequently, the frequency and size of slides have tended to increase with the passing of each year...Beginning next Monday, the school day in this county will be extended through May 20, by one hour and 12 minutes...Four counties of the Big Sandy Area Development District have moved ahead without the fifth, in the formation of the Big Sandy Regional Airport Board...The Harold Telephone Company is the first in eastern Kentucky to provide one-party service to all its customers. As a break in the weather promised better working days ahead. Big Wheel Inc., contractor on Phase

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Yesterdays

I of the Allen recreational project, was ready, this week, to begin work...The Prestonsburg-Floyd County Area Chamber of Commerce has protested passage of proposed federal stripmine legislation...There died: Allard Hamilton, 62, of Teaberry, March 3, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ethyl Tackett Faust, 37, formerly of Melvin, March 2, at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, Mich.; Fannie Beverly Preston, 87, formerly of Martin, March 6, in Gibbstown, N.J., while visiting a son there; Lizzie Ratliff Prater, 85, of Garrett, March 1, at the Garrett home of a daughter; Tom Calhoun, 78, of Cliff, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elsie Marie Lewis, 45, of Banner, March 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Elizabeth Goble, 25 months, of Inez, March 3, at U.K. Medical Center in Lexington; Phelix Scott, 85, of McDowell, March 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Thomas Stanley Hatcher, 60, formerly of Harold, February 25, at St. John's Hospital in Cleveland, O...Charlie Hackworth, 88, of Middle Creek Road, March 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Joe Burchett, 70, of Cow Creek, March 8, in the office of a Prestonsburg attorney; Lula Patton Crisp, 87, of Dinwood, March 4, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Forty Years Ago

(March 9, 1967)

The Big Sandy's first serious flood threat since the destructive flood of 1963, developed with heavy rainfall throughout Monday, sending streams into homes and businesses, and caus-

ing heavy damage...The American Red Cross moved, quickly, this week, to meet the needs of flood disaster victims in this county, and an office will be opened at the city hall of Martin this morning (Thursday), to receive applications for aid from families who have lost their belongings...Glenn Roscoe Goble, 31-year-old Betsy Layne man, last Saturday, became the first Floyd County gun victim of 1967...An improved highway system and modern, attractive state parks, are the keys to economic development of Floyd County and all eastern Kentucky, and progress in these areas must be continued. Henry Ward, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said here last Thursday night...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Campbell, a daughter, Christina Anne, February 27, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hall, of Maytown, a daughter, Debra Lynn, March 1...There died: Mrs. Betty Wooley, 63, Saturday, at her home at Garrett; Mrs. Hesta Hazel Mynhier, 71, of Martin, last Wednesday, at a Galveston, Texas, hospital; Richard Whitaker, 67, of Auxier, last Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Anna Johnson, 79, of Bypro, Sunday, at the Mountain Manor Convalescent Home, here; Mrs. Anne Tackett, 38, of Hi Hat, Sunday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 13, 1957)

Assistance to 983 flood-stricken Floyd County families by the Red Cross reached a total of \$318,665.87 by Monday evening, according to J. B.

Greene, director of relief activities here. The total will pass the \$400,000 mark by next week. Mr. Greene predicted...Several applications for aid in rehabilitation work in this county have been approved at various steps, according to Wayne Ratliff, Floyd County Civil Defense chairman...First concrete on the filtration plant of the new Prestonsburg water system—a project, which before completion, will involve the expenditure of \$442,560—will be poured today (Thursday)...Sheriff Gormon Collins and Circuit Clerk W.W. Cooley received notices last week that they had been appointed to the advisory committee of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress for the state at large...Born: to the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bingham, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sizemore, formerly of Prestonsburg, twin sons, Karl and Kent, February 24, at Eatontown, New York...There died: James (Dink) Dixon, 77, last Thursday, at his home at Water Gap; Miss Dora Walker, 50, of Ivel, last Wednesday, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Violet Jean Blevins, 27, formerly of Garrett, Friday, at her home at Middletown, Ohio; Mrs. Josephine Ferrell, 71, of Manton, Wednesday, of last week, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Bennie Blevins, 50, of Estill, Tuesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Tilda Slone, 83, Saturday, at her home at Mousie; Mrs. Sarah Ellen Robinson, 67, last Wednesday, at her home at Banner.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 6, 1947)

Floyd County's share of this year's \$5 million rural highway fund has been set at \$85,700...The general budget adopted by the Floyd County Board of Education, Tuesday, if approved by the fiscal court, will add to the teacher salary fund for the 1947-48 school year, approximately \$50,000...Special Judge Edward L. Allen of Prestonsburg, handed down a ruling in the Pike Circuit Court, which voided the local option election in four of the six districts won by the Dry forces last October 1, in Pike County...The 58th District basketball tournament begins tonight at McDowell...Burns suffered Feb. 22, at Leburn, when his clothing caught fire from an open grate, resulted, Saturday, in the death at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, of Wilson Thacker, 60-year-old blind man...The annual Good Citizenship honor accorded, by the Prestonsburg High School faculty and student body, to the outstanding girl-citizen of the school went this year to Miss Susan Robinson, of East Point...The three-year-old son of Ray Chandler, of Begley Branch, near Halo, died after he, and his four-year-old brother, were said to have swallowed poison capsules. His brother is expected to recover...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Hicks, of Tram, a daughter—Wanda Jean—Feb. 26, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Ermon Damron, of Ivel, a daughter—Georgianne...There died: Ottis Glen Conley, 40, Abbott Creek, farmer and teacher, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Freida Mae Stanley, 23, at the home of her mother at Garrett, February 23; Mrs. Madge Mullins Martin, 32, Hueysville teacher, last Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Miss Verlie

Stewart, 25, of Drift, Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Riley Johnson, 46, of Bevinsville, Tuesday, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Seventy Years Ago

(March 5, 1937)

Included in the state's program of Federal Aid highway projects, for this fiscal year, is the paving of the Mayo Trail, leading into the upper city limits of Prestonsburg, at an estimated cost of \$15,000...Dakota Stapleton, 24, and Dayton Duvall, 26, both of Harold's vicinity, were struck and killed by an truck, Wednesday night, as they were walking along the highway near Harold...High scoring featured first round action of the district basketball tournament, Thursday night...Prestonsburg beat Wayland, 38 to 24, and in the nightcap, Garrett downed Martin, 26 to 23...Because of the recent flood waters, a 61-day extension has been granted Floyd Counties by Gov. Chandler for the payment of state property and poll taxes...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Lafferty, of Allen, a son, Bennie Linwood, February 24; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey, of Allen, a daughter, Mary Adeline, January 28...There died: Robert Slone, 62, of Allen, February 25, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Robert Witten, 26, Wayland policeman, Monday; Mrs. Mary Tackett Ellis, 59, at her home here; Thursday; Mrs. Nannie Lockhart Kendrick, 66, at her home at Lancer, Thursday.

Oak

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gospel preachers, in order to keep the mining families humble. It has been speculated by many who have studied the subject extensively, that company officials believed an humble society would be less likely to protest whatever flaws in working and living conditions that might have existed.

Of course, speculation is speculation, and none of this has been proven to my satisfaction. It is true, however, that religion, regardless of how it came to be in place, did indeed play an important role in day-to-day living in Muddy Branch, when I was growing up there, and many years before that.

An article appearing in The Paintsville Herald on July 25, 1907, touted the development of the Northeast Coal Company, and included this paragraph: "A fine church building has also been constructed and a Sunday school is being held every Sabbath day. Every child in the vicinity of Muddy Branch, and men and women, too, for that matter, are given every encouragement to be regular in attendance. In addition to the Sunday school, services are held by ministers of the different denominations."

In 1916, an obituary notice for a woman who had lived in the camp, ended with this sentence: "She also leaves a blessed memory, and those who knew her best, have no uneasiness with reference to her present state of eternal blessedness."

Another article later that same year began, "At 12 o'clock, Saturday, the death angel visited the home and took away their only child."

My growing-up years were filled with church-going, summertime revivals, and mass baptizings. Research tends to prove that was pretty much the case for all eastern Kentucky coal camps, regardless of the name over the post office door.

Critter

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"fur"niture.)

3. I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is an adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.
- Remember: In many ways, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:
 1. Eat less
 2. Don't ask for money all the time
 3. Are easier to train
 4. Normally come when called
 5. Never ask to drive the car
 6. Don't hang out with drug-using friends
 7. Don't smoke or drink
 8. Don't have to buy the latest fashions
 9. Don't want to wear your clothes
 10. Don't need a "gazillion" dollars for college.
 - And finally,
 11. If they get pregnant, you can sell their children.

(Editor's Note: Neither we, our local vets, or members of SNOOP (Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg) advocate this option! Spay and neuter your pets, people!

Stage Talk

by Martin Childers

(Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre at Prestonsburg. His column about theatre happenings and back stage activities will appear weekly.)

In 1989, I was cast as an ensemble player for Jenny Wiley Theatre, making my stage debut in Camelot. In one way or another, I've been associated with it ever since—as an actor, a member of the Board, and since 2000, as Executive Director.

This close relationship has given me a keen awareness of the excite-

ment, drama, pleasures, and sometimes the panic, that is all a part of presenting repertory theater in an outdoor amphitheatre.

As we begin our 43rd season at Jenny Wiley State Park, I thought it would be fun to share some of our experiences with you. The first opening isn't until June 15, but this column will fill you in on how and who we cast, what's new and what's happening as we go along.

It promises to be a great year with four outstanding musicals. In three of them, the emphasis is on youth—the drama of young lovers in West Side Story, a humorous look at 1950's pop singers in Forever Plaid, and teen-agers doing their own lively production in Disney's High School Musical.

Our fourth show is Hans

Christian Anderson's The Princess and the Pea, a hilarious and entertaining tale of a search for a perfect royal bride presented by the 2007 Youth/Teen Company.

There will be more about these shows in later columns, or you can read about them now at our web site. And here's another hint: it's not too soon to buy your tickets for any or all of the shows, and we have some special prices for early bird shoppers. Look for them at jwtheatre.com.

*Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.



Martin Childers

David Appalachian Crafts (non-profit) of David, Kentucky in Floyd County to Exhibit at Kentucky Crafted: The Market 2007, in Louisville

Plans are underway for Kentucky Crafted: The Market. Since 1982, this event has served the state as Kentucky's handmade products market. David Appalachian Crafts, longtime resident of David, Kentucky will be exhibiting at the Market selling their Kentucky Crafted line of fine quality fabric and quilted items. In addition Lewis Newman, newcomer to the Market will be exhibiting his hand painted gourds in South Wing B of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, March 3-4, 2007. David Appalachian Crafts has been in existence for thirty five years and has participated in this exciting Market for twenty five years.

The Market will feature over 300 Kentucky exhibitors of contemporary and traditional craft, two-dimensional visual art, books, musical recordings, and food products, along with children's educational art activities and cultural entertainment.

The Designer Showcase will feature a variety of items from the Market that shoppers might use to enhance their living space, booth indoors and out. Shoppers can

expect to see rooms designed by University of Kentucky, School of Interior Design students and staff, furnished with creative products for every room in your home and garden. Each area's lighting will be professionally designed and installed by Osram Sylvania, Inc. (Market Sponsor)

New for the 2007 Market will be a special, "walk through the Market history," retrospective exhibit where visitors will be able to view archival photos and facts about the origins and growth of the Market. Special recognition will be given to those exhibitors that have participated in the most Markets with a select few having participated through the show's 25th year history. The exhibit will be sponsored by Brown-Forman.

Market hours are 9:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. on Saturday and 10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$8.00 for adults, children 15 and under, free. For a \$1.00 off coupon on adult admission, visit the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program website: www.kycraft.ky.gov. Parking is \$5.00. Retailers call for

special "trade only" dates and times.

"The Market continues to be an exciting venue for selling to both retailers and the public and we are this year celebrating our 25th year of being in the Market. The Market has helped us in our mission as a non-profit to keep the Appalachian Arts alive and to help the local Appalachian people have additional income. We are excited to have new products and to welcome and assist out local gourd artist Lewis Newman to the market."

Kentucky Crafted: The Market was selected as one of the "Top 25 Art Fairs and Festivals" in the country by AmericanStyle Magazine in 2005. Kentucky still holds the distinction of being one of the few states in the country to sponsor a wholesale/retail show for its craft businesses. As the primary activity of the Craft Marketing Program, it serves us as a major sales outlet for Kentucky businesses and generates 2 to 3 million dollars in sales, annually," says Fran Redmon, Kentucky Craft Marketing Program Director.

The Market is produced by the Kentucky Craft Marketing Program,

a division of the Kentucky Arts Council, Commerce Cabinet, and Commonwealth of Kentucky. For more information, call 888-KY-CRAFT (592-7238). A copy of the Official Market Program, including floor plan, exhibitors, and schedule of events will be available on the web, by going to www.kycraft.ky.gov.

Since 1981, the Craft Marketing Program's mission is to develop the state's craft industry, support and empower Kentucky artisans and craftspeople, create an economically viable environment for craft entrepreneurs, preserve the state's craft traditions, stimulate and support product development, and generate public awareness, public support and public/private partnerships.

The program provides assistance to Kentucky residents, individuals, or groups wanting to develop as craft professionals through economic opportunities and training, to other outside entities (e.g., craft retailers, craft and art organizations, community and government agencies), and the general public

Chicks

just wanted go off somewhere and lay down and sleep. We made sure we left plenty for Virgil, though, for when he got back home.

My Aunt Vercie was married to Buster Wallen and they lived over at Melvin, next door to my little house. One morning at one a. m., my daddy went to Grandmaw's house to wake her up because Aunt Vercie was having a baby. Well, when Grandmaw got ready to leave, she woke Uncle L.A. up and told him to make sure to get Virgil and Boot off to school. He said, "I will, Mommy. You go on with Harold. Vercie is going to need you."

Well, L.A., not knowing what time it was, got them up at three a. m. to go to school after eating eggs and bacon! L.A. told them, "Get on

down to school, now. So Virgil and Boot took off down the road to the school at Melvin. When they passed Lawence Newsome's house, someone threw a rock at them. Boot cried out, "Who threw that rock?"

And Lawence answered back, "I did, Morning Glory!" Morning Glory is what he always called her. "I was only trying to scare you all a little bit," he said.

"Well, it didn't work," Uncle Virgil called back, "because us Johnsons ain't afraid of nothin'!"

When Boot and Virgil got to the school, it was only about three-thirty in the morning! They went and sat down on the concrete form where the hand pump sat. After setting there for a little while, Boot said, "I know what we can do, let's pump some

water!" So they begin to pump water. They took turns pumping. They were pumping and pumping and the water was running everywhere! It was filling up the front of the school bottom, running down in the front of Lawence Hall's store and across the railroads tracks, and down to the dirt road. Well, then two pumped water until it got daylight. Then they got tired and went over and sat down on the schoolhouse steps and waited for the others to come on to school. Never had there been a night like that in Melvin before! Well, at about seven-thirty, Uncle Bruce came walking down through the school yard and saw them and said, "Virgil and Boot, where did all that water come from?"

Virgil and Boot never said a

word.

My Uncle Bruce was the head teacher at Melvin school. He lived in a little house with red brick siding on it.

Well, anyway, it sure had been some year - Boot had raised Rhode Island chicks all summer long. Finally, one day she took them over to the chicken house which was across the dirt road and the creek bed. They were all big chickens now and we knew that it wouldn't be too long until they would be laying them big brown eggs that we all loved to eat so well. On a farm, everyone has a job to do, and this particular summer, it had been Boot's job to take care of them little baby chicks.

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HCTC honor society inductees

An induction ceremony was held for Phi Theta Kappa honorary society members at Hazard Community & Technical College. Shown above, from left, in front, are: Amber Jacobs of Mallie, Tasha Roberts of Decoy, and Szilvia Williams of Viper. In back, from left, are: Judy Adams of Jeremiah (chapter advisor), Charles Whitehead of Hazard, Crystal Hall of Decoy, Elfreda Joanna Neace of Bonnyman, Christy Whitaker of Hyden, Greg Whitaker of Hyden, and Kristy Creech of Emmalena (chapter advisor). In addition to those shown, new members inducted into the Alpha Beta Epsilon chapter were: Mariedna Combs of Hindman, Kayla Thornsberry of Hazard, and Cecilia Maggard of Ary. Phi Theta Kappa serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development.



Valentine Royalty

Mrs. Willie Cooley and Mr. William Hayden were crowned Valentine Queen and King this past Valentine's Day at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Residents and staff all enjoyed a party of cake, ice cream, chips, sandwiches, punch and (for the sweet tooth) chocolate covered strawberries, pineapples, bananas, and marshmallows! Everyone had a wonderful time at the festive event.

HCTC's Evening With Poets set

Hazard Community & Technical College will host its annual "Evening with Poets" on Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stephens Library on the Hazard Campus. This poetry reading celebrates the publication of Kudzu, HCTC's literary magazine. This year's guests of honor include teacher/writer/musician/poet from the University of Louisville, Amelia Blossom Pegram. It's free and open to the public. For more information, contact Scott Lucero at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu or 606 487 3200.



Named to EKU Dean's List

Rachael Hunt, the 18-year-old daughter of Mark and Jan Hunt, of Stanville, was named to the Dean's List at Eastern Kentucky University, for the fall semester, 2006. Rachael is a biology pre-dentistry major. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority where she holds the office of vice-president of operations.

From Our Hands to Yours

Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair
Saturday and Sunday, June 23 - 24, 2007
The Center for Rural Development - Somerset, Kentucky

Imagine being able to see and touch a diverse mixture of high quality arts and crafts from throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky under on roof! Then imagine that every work of art presented is hand crafted by artists and crafters from the region. The Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair will offer this treasure chest of one-of-a-kind pieces on Saturday and Sunday, June 23 and 24, at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky. During this inaugural fair, artists and craftspeople from Southern and Eastern Kentucky will come together to display their talents and offer a variety of works for demonstration and for purchase. Individual artists and crafters will be exhibiting as well as crafts and guilds and cooperatives from around the region, such as David Appalachian Crafts based in David, Kentucky; Appalachian Artisan Center based in Hindman; Kentucky Communities Crafts based in Barbourville; Little Rock Cottage from the Bennett Center based in London; Morris Fork Crafts based in Breathitt County; Pine Mountain Crafts based in Whitesburg; and Sheltoewe Artisans based in Somerset.

"An event like this allows us to see, touch and experience a wide variety of the beautiful things crafters from our region make with their hands," says Pat Bradley, arts and cultural outreach coordinator at The Center. Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of the Center adds, "These arts and crafts are often expressions of our cultural heritage, and are also good for the economy. The individuals who make these works of art are entrepreneurs in the business of art. Their work is unique to them and their environment. Their businesses improve economic conditions, and their product go far to increase cultural pride in our area."

The Kentucky Appalachian Craft Fair is a collaborative effort of many arts and crafts groups throughout the region. Ms. Bradley has been hosting meetings of these groups over the past two years, with the goals of forming partnerships, supporting the work of each other and supporting the artists and crafters of the region. Through these meetings, the Center has drawn together the talents and organizational skills of art guilds, craft shops and crafts cooperatives within our 42 county service area. The Kentucky Appalachian Craft Council is a direct result of these meetings, and is hosting its first regional fair this summer.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn more about the unique crafts from our region, meet the artists that create these beautiful products, hear their stories behind their work, and watch demonstrations of how some of these crafts are created. Admission for the general public is only \$3 per person each day with plenty of free parking. The Center for Rural Development is handicapped accessible. Fair hours are Saturday, June 23rd, 11am until 6pm, and Sunday, June 24th, noon until 5pm. For more information, contact Ms. Pat Bradley at the Center for Rural Development at pbradley@centertech.com or (606) 677-6000.

**Jenny Wiley Theatre to present
Advanced Acting Skills Workshop**

When: Friday, February 23rd 5-9 PM & Saturday, February 24th from noon-4 PM,

Where: The Prestonsburg Campus of Morehead State University, next to the East Kentucky Science Center, room 131

Ages: 13 & up

Led by Esther Harvey, an accomplished actress with many professional credits, the workshop will offer 8 hours of instruction to challenge participant's abilities and enhance existing talent.

The cost for the workshop is \$100* per participant due on or before the day of the first workshop. For an application, please call 1-877-CALL-JWT or email lois@jwtheatre.com. Full or partial scholarships available based upon need. Educational Programming at JWT made possible in part by a grant from Equitable Resources

*Jenny Wiley Theatre is a non-profit organization and receives funding from individuals, corporations, Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Paintsville Tourism, the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Kentucky Department of Travel.

**Jenny Wiley Theatre
Proudly announces
SMART-Y Camp 2007**

(Science, Music, Art, and Theatre for youth)

June 11-June 29, 2007
Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Sponsored by Dr. Pepper
SMART-Y Camp is a collaboration between Jenny Wiley Theatre, East Kentucky Science Center, Prestonsburg High School, Floyd and Magoffin County FRYSC,s, Floyd County, Magoffin County and Martin County 4-H, Magoffin County Gifted and Talented Program, the Mountain Arts Center, Morehead State University at Prestonsburg, and Big Sandy Community and Technical College
For more information, either select the link below or visit www.jwtheatre.com and click on the Educational Outreach Link. For an application, call 1-877-CALL-JWT.

*Full and partial scholarships are available and based upon need.

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**HCTC's Spring Writers Conference
date set**

Hazard Community & Technical College will hold the 11th Annual Spring Writers Conference on Friday, April 20. This year's workshop leaders include: Amelia Blossom Pegram, Gurney Norman, Erik Reece, and Edmund August. There's no advanced registration and it's free to anyone who is interested in writing.

For more information, contact Scott Lucero at Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu or 606 487 3200.

**Water planning meeting to be held
March 9, at Big Sandy ADD**

The counties of the Big Sandy Area Development District, which includes Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike, will hold a Regional Water Management Council meeting on March 9, 2007, at the Big Sandy Area Development District office, in Prestonsburg, at 11 a.m.

The Regional Water Management Council will recognize newly elected officials and indicate participants' roles and responsibilities as members of the council. Public attendance is welcomed. Further meetings concerning planning goals and objectives will be scheduled and publicly announced.

For further information, contact Tracy Wireman at the Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374, ext. 342.

See an Eclipse of the Moon!

Join the staff of the East Kentucky Science Center on the evening of Saturday, March 3rd to view a total lunar eclipse! We will set up at the Stonecrest Golf Course in Prestonsburg to watch this uncommon event. Learn about the moon and its phases, and use our telescopes to view the Moon, Saturn, and other beautiful objects in our night sky.

Time: Telescopes will be set up by 6:15 pm, and the moon should be visible and totally eclipsed by 6:30. The total eclipse will last until 6:50, but a partial eclipse will be visible until 8 pm.

NOTICE: The Russell Shepherd referred to in the Friday, February 23 edition as a party in a civil suit brought by Capital One Bank for debt collection is not the Russell Shepherd of 69 Open Door Road, David.

Korner

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the "flesh" when dealing with those who seem to live to criticize us.

Osteen told how he himself has been criticized for always smiling. How his sermons are criticized because they are uplifting as opposed to hell fire and brimstone messages.

He told how his calling was a calling of encouragement. That he had known this since he was a young boy and though at times when he found himself feeling or saying he was wrong for preaching what he felt and knew in his heart God wanted of him, his flesh would also want to try and please everyone else as well.

But, like God's Word says, we are not to look to the left or the right but straight ahead and move forward in what we are called to do, he shared.

So he came up with the idea of calling those who criticize "slingers" and said when these slingers start slinging their critical remarks we have to learn to just shake them off and move forward.

The message continued with the story of Paul in the Bible when Paul was bitten by a poisonous snake. What did Paul do, Osteen asked, he shook it off and wasn't affected by the bite.

Exactly what we need to do when the criticism comes slinging our way.

Wow, I really liked that message. So in case you were to see me shakin' don't call 911 or fear I'm having some sort of seizure - I'll simply be shakin' off the slinger!

Keshia Howard

Not sure if all of you got to read about little 4 year old Keshia Howard battling cancer in our Colors of Life Magazine we published this past October. But somebody most definitely did, and we received a call last Friday that Keshia's dream to have her very own Purple and Pink bedroom was going to become a reality after reading about her in Colors of Life.

The blessings all of us here at the paper received from those who so graciously let us share their courageous and heart-wrenching battles they endure daily with our readers has truly been, to date, my most treasured of all special editions we've had the opportunity to do.

Keep fighting Keshia, and know you are in our prayers!

Til Next Week
God Bless...

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