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briefs

Luallen files for re-election

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Crit Luallen filed Tuesday to seek a second term, nearly two months after declining to enter the gubernatorial fray.

Luallen, a 54-year-old cancer survivor, filed her candidacy papers to enter the Democratic primary in May. So far, no other Democrats have filed for the office.

Only Linda Greenwell, who Luallen beat by 15,370 votes in the 2003 general election, has entered the Republican primary.

In November, Luallen decided not to seek the governor's office. At the time, Luallen said she wanted balance in her life and did not want to divert from her family the time that would be needed to run a gubernatorial campaign.

"While the auditor's job is a vitally important job, it is a much more focused job than serving as governor, and I know from my record of accomplishment in the auditor's office that I can perform this job well and still have the kind of balance that I need in my life," Luallen said.

City expects Highlands annexation to go to trial

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Monday's Prestonsburg City Council meeting packed in a full house of both city officials and members of the community.

The council immediately went in to an executive session for approximately 30 minutes in which only the mayor, council members and attorney Jim Webb participated.

The private session was aimed at discussing personnel and acquisition of property.

When the executive session was over, council member Don Willis immediately requested an update from Jim Webb regarding the disputed annexation of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Webb told the council that the judge on the case has not yet set a date, but it looks like the case will go to trial.

In other city news, former Archer Park Director Ralph Little, presented the council with a report regarding the traffic flow through the park during the Christmas lights display this past holiday season. Park employees placed a counter in

(See COUNCIL, page nine)



photo by Jessica Hale
New Prestonsburg City Council member Morris Copley, right, and Council Member Kelly Moore, center, comment on some of the many topics brought up in Monday's City Council meeting.

SKATER'S PARADISE



photo by Jessica Hale

The opening of the new Prestonsburg Skate Park was a success despite the cold temperatures Monday. Several skaters joined in to test out the new ramps.

Prestonsburg opens park for area skateboarders

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg's new skate park was officially opened as teenage skaters tried out some of their best tricks for an audience of city officials on Monday.

It's been sort of a dream for

Economic Development Director, Brent Graden, to provide a safe place for teenagers to practice their skateboarding skills other than on city streets, but it has been a long road to success.

"Just because skateboarders don't wear soccer uniforms and ride in minivans, doesn't mean they shouldn't have a place of

their own," Graden said as he spoke to the onlookers present at the opening of the park.

Mayor Jerry Fannin was present at the opening, along with several Prestonsburg City Council members and employees of the Prestonsburg Fire Department, as well as former

(See PARK, page nine)

State officials planning for mine cleanups

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — With \$500 million in federal funding on the way, Kentucky officials are eyeing hundreds of cleanup projects at abandoned coal mine sites that are posing a threat to the public and the environment.

The state is expected to get the funding over the next 18 years under legislation, signed last month by President Bush, that gives billions of dollars to coal-producing states to clean up the sites and pay for health care for retired miners.

"This is going to be a good shot in the arm for us to get some significant work done," said Steve Hohmann, director of the state Division of Abandoned Mine Lands. "In Kentucky, we're going to focus on the abandoned mine sites that cause the most threat to public safety."

Kentucky, a major coal-mining state, has roughly 150,000 acres in abandoned mine property.

Hohmann said his division is aware of some \$320 million in reclamation costs stemming from "high-priority" abandoned mine sites. He wouldn't elaborate

on which sites top the list, saying state officials were still evaluating individual cases as they await the funding.

Coal-producing states will get an estimated \$6.3 billion for abandoned mine cleanup and another \$1.6 billion to pay for health care for retired miners who worked for coal companies that no longer exist, according to the federal Office of Surface Mining.

Pennsylvania is getting the largest chunk for abandoned mines - \$1.3 billion. The money will be distributed from 2007 to 2025. The program is based on a per-ton fee that coal companies pay into a fund.

Kentucky officials and environmentalist have pushed for more federal funding for the past decade, citing concerns over erosion, water pollution and safety.

Particularly in eastern coalfields, toxins from abandoned mines pollute streams.

"I am pleased that we're getting money for that," said Patty Amburgey, a member of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, a group that focuses on environmental justice.

(See CLEANUPS, page nine)

Trial date set for gambling case

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A trial date was set Monday for the chief executive officer of a local community club for illegal possession of a gambling device.

Jimmy Hall, the CEO of McDowell-Minnie-Drift Community Club in Minnie, had a jury trial set for Feb. 22 in the case. The charge, a misdemeanor, is punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine and a maximum of one year in jail.

Six slot machines were seized at the club Aug. 24 by the Kentucky Office of Charitable Gaming after they were discovered in the club's office during a routine compliance check of the facility. A compliance check is part of the application

process needed to obtain a charitable gaming license in Kentucky.

The slot machines found in the office cannot legally be used in Kentucky because under Kentucky law it is illegal to knowingly manufacture, sell, transport, place or possess a device for use in the advancement of unlawful gambling activities. A slot machine that is set to make payouts falls under this definition in Kentucky.

The Kentucky OCG is an organization that created to allow charitable gambling in the state to help in fundraising efforts. Members of the compliance branch of OCG were the ones to discover the slot machines at the community club, as they are the ones who conduct regular onsite inspections of licensed charitable establishments.



photo by Jessica Hale
Former Archer Park Director Ralph Little posed for a picture with newly appointed Director David Baldrige at the opening of Prestonsburg Skate Park. Monday was Baldrige's first day as Archer Park director.

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Obituaries

Free of federal charges, Hays returns to Pike County politics

Eula Dean Little Frazier

Eula Dean Little Frazier, age 71, of Price, died Sunday, January 7, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born April 7, 1935, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Estill and Bertha Mullins Little. She was a retired nurse at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn O. Frazier.

Other survivors include a brother, Alvin Dale Little of Hi Hat; three sisters: Edna Carol Lawson (Teddy) of Nancy, Linda Faye Lockhart of Proctorville, Ohio, and Glenda Gaye Dawson (Danny) of Hi Hat; and several nieces and

nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Alton Leo Little; and two sisters: Wanda Jean Gilliam and Janet Ruth Scheiderich.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 9, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was Sunday, January 7, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home, and Monday, January 8, at 11 a.m., at the church.

(Paid obituary)

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — After years of fighting federal mail fraud charges, former state Sen. John Doug Hays is working at a courthouse.

"Isn't it odd, how the world turns?" Hays, 62, told the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Hays has been appointed Pike County deputy judge-executive by his political mentor Wayne T. Rutherford, who was elected to his fifth term as judge-executive after a lengthy absence.

"He fit the bill," Rutherford said.

Hays was in the same position in 1979, when Rutherford

helped Hays oust state Sen. Kelsey Friend Sr., D-Pikeville, for one term.

The post is a welcome one for Hays, a Pikeville lawyer who along with his wife, Brenda, faced jail time for nearly two years after a 2004 mail fraud conviction stemming from a Pike County judicial race.

The jury acquitted the couple of vote fraud charges but found that they mailed false campaign finance reports involving "straw" contributions supplied by Ross Harris, a wealthy Pikeville political fundraiser who died of cancer after his own conviction.

Hays and his wife were

sentenced to six months and four months in prison, respectively. While they were free on appeal, however, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Aug. 31 decided in a separate but related case that the government cannot use the federal mail-fraud statute to prosecute vote-fraud cases.

Prosecutors subsequently asked that the Hayses' convictions and indictments be dismissed.

Since then, Hays has graduated from the Rev. Jerry Falwell's seminary in Lynchburg, Va. His law license also was restored by the Kentucky Bar Association.

Hays was preaching part-time at Forest Hills Baptist Church in Pike County when Rutherford offered him a job.

"It's a door God put in front of me, and I walked through it," Hays said.

Former state Rep. Herbie Deskins, D-Pikeville, said Rutherford "made a good choice."

"I think, personally, that's

the finest appointment Wayne could have made," Deskins said. "I don't think you'll find anybody who will criticize it."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ken Taylor of Lexington, who prosecuted the Hayses, has said that the appeals court decision addressed only a jurisdictional issue and "in no way exonerates the underlying conduct."

Hays has failed to win public office since 1979, but Hays has what Kentucky Bar Association executive director Bruce Davis called "an easy-going demeanor."

He remains well-liked in Pike County, Deskins said.

"I don't think anybody in this county wanted to see John Doug and his wife go to jail," he said.

Card of Thanks

The family of Valetta "Weedie" Osborne Halbert wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. 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 professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF VALETTA "WEEDIE" OSBORNE HALBERT

Card of Thanks

The family of Pearlie Wallace Hicks 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF PEARLIE WALLACE HICKS

Card of Thanks

The family of Sadie Hunter 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 who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Roy Harlow and Joe Coleman for their 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 SADIE HUNTER

Card of Thanks

The family of Juanita C. Reid 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 Clergymen Jake Tackett and John Allen for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF JUANITA C. REID

Man sentenced to five years for threatening letter to Patton

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — An inmate who pleaded guilty to mailing former Gov. Paul Patton a threatening letter was sentenced to five years in prison Monday.

U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell also ordered Aaron Rivers, 34, to spend three years on supervised release and required him to pay a \$100 special assessment, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Last October, Rivers pleaded guilty to sending Patton a letter in November 2003 that said, "ANTHRAX, Die American official."

Rivers, who once lived in central Kentucky, pleaded guilty to a count of mailing a threatening communication. He was indicted in 2004 but underwent at least two evaluations related to the charges.

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We would like to thank the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their compassionate service; the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for all their assistance; and the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church and officiating ministers for their sympathy to our family's wishes and needs. We are especially grateful to Willard's brothers and sisters for all their love and support.

We appreciate you, each and every one.

THE OSBORNE FAMILY
Peggy, Bud, Stephanie and Nicholas

In Memory

Roderick A. Wooten

When it seems that our sorrow is too great to be borne,


Let us think of the great family of the heavy-hearted into which our grief has given us entrance,

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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@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.

Fire Chiefs to meet Jan. 18

Floyd County Fire Chiefs Assn. will meet Thursday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 pm at the Allen Fire Dept. All fire officers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Assn. Secretary Gary Dotson at 886-1010.

Diabetes support group

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Support Group will meet on January 8, from 5 to 6, and on January 16, from 11 to 12. Classes will be held at the Floyd County Health Department, and are free of charge. For more information, contact Cheryl Younce at 886-2788, ext. 214.

Alice Lloyd College Spring Semester Registration

Registration for the 2007 Spring Semester at Alice Lloyd College will take place on January 16 and 17, on the campus in Pippa Passes. Seniors and Juniors will register on Tuesday, January 16, from 8:30-12, and Sophomores from 1:00-3:30. Freshmen will register on Wednesday, January 17, from 8:30-12 and 1:00-3:00. All new and transfer students, including residents and commuters, are required to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m. in Ralph Edwards Auditorium. Classes

begin on January 18. For more information, call 606-368-6036.

Rev. Donald Harding to be at Daniels Creek Church

Reverend Donald Harding of Wise Virginia, will be at the Daniels Creek Church in Banner, on January 5-7. Services start at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

Contact: Pastor Henry Lewis, 874-9402 for more information.

SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security Representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, located on Route 979 in Grethel, to assist people in filing claims for Social Security Retirement, Disability Social Security, and Survivors Benefits. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung (BL), and a Social Security Number (SSN).

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The Social Security Representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic on the following dates for the next quarter:

January: Tuesday, January 2; Tuesday, January 16; and Tuesday, January 30.

February: Tuesday, February 13; and Tuesday, February 17.

March: Tuesday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 27.

HRMC Calendar

Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25 - Kiwanis, Meeting Place B, 12-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 9 - Sr. Advantage, Meeting Place A & B, 9-11:00 a.m.

Jan. 13 - Childbirth classes, Board Room, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 25 - Living Well With Diabetes Support Group, Meeting Room A & B, 5-6:00 p.m.

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

Hillbilly Travel Club

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ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be

holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

PHS Class of '97

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

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to phs97@bell-

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Guest View

Program will help employees

With the coming of the new year, thousands of Kentuckians employed by small businesses will really have something to celebrate — health insurance.

Beginning Jan. 1, state funds will be available for small businesses that have applied for the ICARE (Insurance Coverage Affordability and Relief to Small Employers) program.

The money will help the businesses provide health insurance for their employees. The state began accepting applications from businesses with fewer than 25 employees in November, and so far 91 have applied. Once approved, they will receive vouchers of either \$40 or \$60 per month per employee to defray the cost of health insurance premiums. Employees will have to pay no more than 50 percent of the premium cost.

The state put \$20 million into ICARE for two years to get it started as a pilot program, and that is enough for hundreds of businesses and thousands of workers to take advantage of the program.

In an age when even large corporations have difficulty sharing health insurance expenses with employees, small businesses often don't even try. Small businesses provide the bulk of employment in Kentucky, but their inability to provide adequate health insurance, or any at all, leaves thousands of Kentuckians — workers and their dependents — dangerously exposed to the financial risks of sickness or injury.

We've followed closely and frequently supported ICARE, even before it had a name, when it was initially proposed by Rep. Tommy Thompson, a Philpot Democrat, in 2004. Thompson stuck with his idea even though it was initially met with resistance and objections. It failed to survive the legislative process in 2004 and 2005, but after modifications were made to eliminate objections, the bill made it through the 2006 General Assembly.

It is gratifying now to see companies lining up to take advantage of ICARE. As more small businesses learn about it, participation should rise. State officials are working to educate the public about the program. We urge small-business owners who have wanted to help their employees obtain health insurance but simply couldn't afford it to check out ICARE.

Families and individuals without health insurance are at risk, physically and financially. Putting off treatment, followed by visits to expensive emergency rooms are typical for people who don't have insurance. That is where ICARE can be a real force for good.

— Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



Letters

ACHS should stand strong

As anyone that has followed the torturous trail of heritage violations in this country in recent years knows, government schools have often been in the lead when it has come to trying to ban or do away with any symbol that might seem Southern or Confederate. This has been the rule of the day and the herd of politically correct cattle has feared to deviate from it. So little deviation has occurred — except in one recent case in Floyd County, Kentucky, in the heart of Appalachia. It seems that, at least up to this point, government school officials in Floyd County have been willing to think for themselves, thank God.

In this one case, a local government school, Allen Central High School, in Floyd County, not only has Confederate symbols and a mascot as part of the school's persona, but they are quite content to have it remain that way. These folks, both students and teachers, do not view Confederate symbols as racist. They appear to have done enough homework that they realize the truth, which puts them miles ahead of most.

Although I am no fan of government education, yet I agree with these folks that Confederate symbols are not racist, were not racist in the beginning, and should not be so considered now, just because some questionable groups have used and abused them. The original intent of the Confederate battle flag had nothing whatever to do with racism, and blacks fought under that noble banner as well as whites.

Yet in our day, certain ambulance chaser types have found it most convenient for their own purposes (often financial) to portray the Confederate flag in a highly negative manner. To call some of these people dishonest would be charitable. Groups such as the NAACP have zealously promoted the "Confederate flag is racist" issue over the years in order to perk up a

flagging membership or to refill their financial coffers when contributions had fallen off. Sadly, it has worked.

In the situation at Allen Central High School, supposedly students at a basketball game were "taunting" a black player from another school by waving Confederate flags at him as he went to the foul line to take a foul shot. Some folks, upon reflection, say they can't recall this student being "taunted" by waving Confederate flags, but hey, never mind that. If we've got one Confederate flag anywhere in the auditorium, whether being waved or not, the ambulance chasers are going to attempt to make hay out of it.

The visiting coach for the team with the black player is a liberal lawyer (supposedly a supporter of Bill Clinton) and so he's making a big fuss. On top of that a "civil rights" activist all the way from Louisville has come onto the scene, to, naturally, try to persuade the local school people to do away with their Confederate flags. That would be the Rev. Louis Coleman, who is apparently pretty well known in Kentucky for involving himself in issues like this. One columnist called Coleman "the man for all protests." In other words, no matter what the issue, it seems that Coleman will be out there fussing. But, then, a chance to fuss about Confederate symbols must be like a dream come true to him. A vest-pocket version of Je\$se Jackson?

Coleman sent a letter to the county school officials in Floyd County telling them in no uncertain terms that an all-white student body with Confederate symbols simply will not be prepared to partake of a "diverse society where these symbols have already been eliminated." In other words, folks, you will never be accepted as part of the New World Order unless you are willing to trash your culture and show the correct amount of "everlasting repentance" for ever having treasured it to begin with! That's all it takes, folks. Just renounce your history and heritage, be properly ashamed of it, and you will

be duly admitted (to second-class citizenship) among the ranks of the politically correct zombies who know no better.

So far, the folks at Allen Central High School have rebuffed the "tender mercies" of the ambulance chasers and history benders. Let's fervently hope they continue to do so.

There is supposed to be a school board meeting in Floyd County sometime this month at which Rev. Coleman will appear to give the local folks one last chance to slit their cultural and historical throats. Let us pray that they continue to show both good sense and backbone, and tell Coleman to go back to Louisville and mind his own business. Rev. Coleman sounds to me somewhat like a modern-day carpetbagger.

Kenneth Hensley
Hopkinsville

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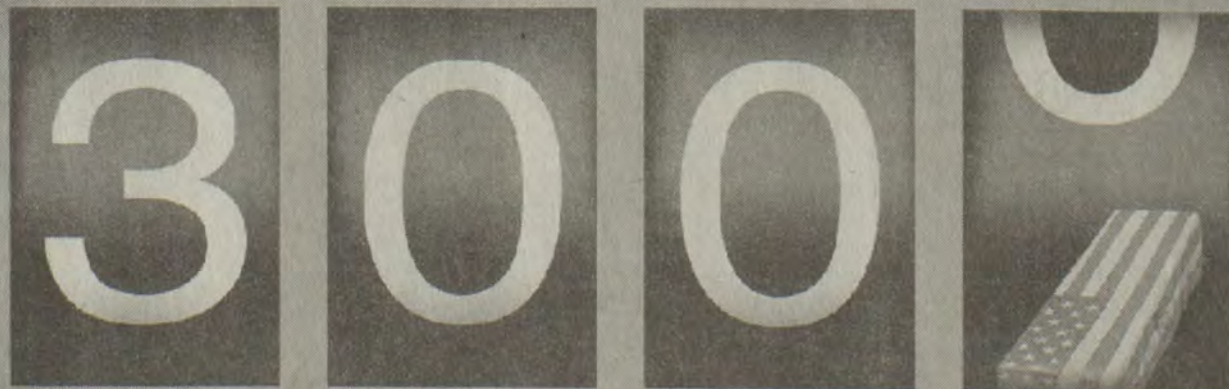
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College scholarships available for local students

LOUISVILLE — The Kentucky Dataseam Scholar Program at the University of Louisville (UofL) was announced last week, which provides \$320,000 in college scholarships for students graduating from Kentucky high schools.

The program is for students interested in studying science, math or other technology relat-

ed fields like engineering or teaching science. The announcement was made during Kentucky Dataseam's annual Technology Institute.

The scholarship provides each of 10 students with \$2,000 a year for four years to cover costs at the UofL starting in fall 2007. The scholarships were set up specifically for students in local coal prod-

ucing counties that are participating in the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative. Students can learn more about the program by asking their school counselor or contacting UofL admission office directly at tom.brammer@louisville.edu.

The Kentucky Dataseam Initiative supplies participating school districts new computers. In addition to using the

computers for everyday class work, the machines also provide computing power for cancer drug research at the UofL. Kentucky Dataseam also works with the district technology staff and teachers to help better use technology with the students.

In addition to the Kentucky Dataseam Scholar at UofL, students may also be eligible for the new National Academic Competitiveness Grants (AC) designed to encourage first year college students to explore studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Governor's KEES money is also available to further student's education at colleges and universities in the state. Additionally, third and fourth

year scholarships are available for students majoring in a STEM field. Financial aid and scholarship programs are available. Students simply need to apply.

"It is critical that we grow our next generation of scientists and innovators," said Brian Gupton, executive director of the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative. "These scholarships will help today's youth drive Kentucky's knowledge-based economy."

Executive Director of Admissions at UofL, said, "We are tremendously excited to be part of this program and we want bright interested students from across the state to explore the future at the University of Louisville," said Jenny Sawyer, executive

director of admissions at UofL.

Gupton said that he hopes additional universities step up in the future to make it possible for additional students to enter technology programs. He also expressed Kentucky Dataseam's gratitude to the UofL offering this opportunity so young people from coal-producing counties can take advantage of the great health science and other programs at the university.

Jobless rates down in 107 counties from year to year

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 107 Kentucky counties between November 2005 and November 2006, rose in 11 counties and stayed the same in two counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training in the Education Cabinet.

Woodford County's 3.7 percent jobless rate was the lowest in the commonwealth. Other counties with low rates were Boone County, 3.8 percent; Fayette, Gallatin, Jessamine and Warren counties, 4 percent each; Henderson and Scott counties, 4.1 percent each; Madison County, 4.2 percent; and Grant, Kenton and Webster counties, 4.3 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 11.7 percent, followed by Clay County, 10.1 percent; McCreary County, 9.7 percent; Wolfe County, 9.3 percent; Leslie County, 9.2 percent; Magoffin County, 8.6 percent; Harlan, Muhlenberg and Owsley counties County,

8.4 percent each; and Fulton County, 7.7 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are

actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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On October 24, 2006, Cody Lawrence Meade (8), of Martin, had the wonderful opportunity to meet the 42nd President of the United States, William Jefferson (Bill) Clinton. Cody is the son of Charles (Chuck) and Jackie Meade. He is a 3rd grade student at May Valley Elementary School, and in Mrs. Castle's room.



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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 the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

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

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.

•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.

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Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

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

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


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

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


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

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

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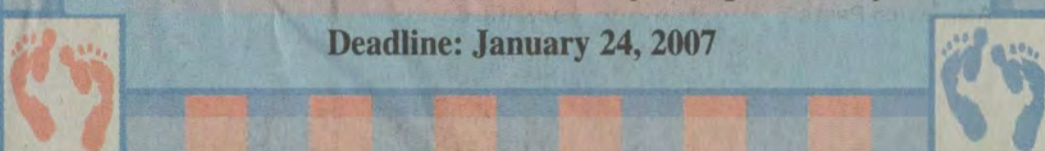
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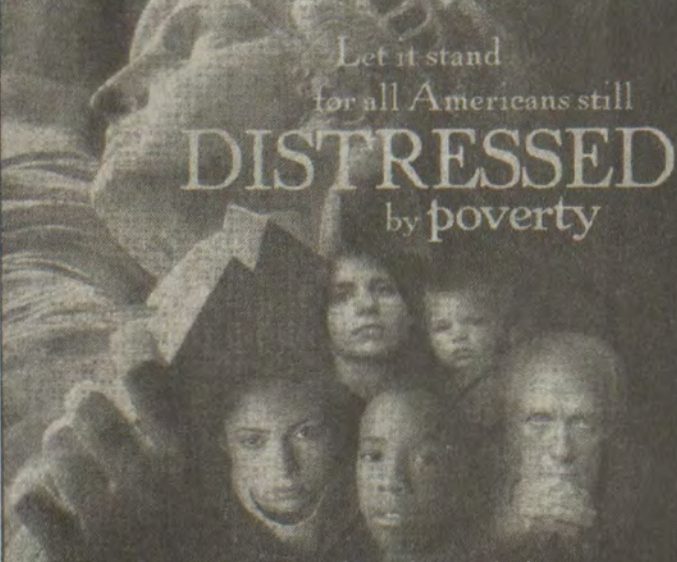
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PC students say trip to Germany 'unforgettable'



From left, Pikeville College students Amy Stiltner and Jessica Van Zant, and Dr. Nancy Cade and student Joshua Pauley traveled to Germany to explore the historical sites associated with the fall of the Third Reich and the rise of the Cold War. The photograph was taken in front of Allied Checkpoint Charlie, one of many notable landmarks, memorials and museums they visited during their stay.

PIKEVILLE — Perhaps Maya Angelou said it best. "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again."

For one group of students and their professors, the words of the famed poet and writer may ring true. Their recent visit to Germany to explore the

historical sites associated with the fall of the Third Reich and the rise of the Cold War were unforgettable.

Pikeville College students Joshua Pauley, Amy Stiltner, Jessica Van Zant and Nancy Cade, professor of history and political science, joined students and faculty from Alice Lloyd College, Emory and

Henry College and Lees-McRae College on the trip which was made possible by the Appalachian College Association (ACA) and the Berger Foundation.

"I've seen so much that is important to history, and I appreciate it all so much more as a result," said Pauley. "Experiences like these are

what truly make education come to life."

The group experienced remarkable culture and cuisine, the breathtaking beauty of the land, and learned the compelling stories of the people and places that are etched in history. The trip began with a tour of Munich and a visit to the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site where the students placed roses at the memorial and met with Sister Irmengard Schuster, the mother superior of the Convent at Dachau.

"Actually getting to walk through a concentration camp was an overwhelming experience, knowing the horrors that people in the camps faced and that Dachau was only one of many," said Van Zant. "It was scary to walk into the gas chamber disguised as a shower, even knowing that nothing was going to happen."

The group visited Berchtesgaden, a town in the German Bavarian Alps, and the Kehlsteinhaus, also known as "Hitler's Tea House," or the Eagle's Nest, which was built as a 50th birthday present and retreat for Adolph Hitler. Their travels included visits to Nuremberg, the Fascination and Terror Documentation Center, and Berlin.

Both the students and their professors have described the trip as an incredible adventure.

"I enjoy the opportunity to bond with students from other schools and to network with faculty from other schools," said Dr. Cade. "As a student of history and political science, I enjoy the opportunity to visit places I have spent my life

studying about, such as Dachau and the Berlin Wall. As a professor, I enjoy the opportunity to see these things through our students' eyes. To talk to them about events of history as we walk through the museums or historic sites is an educational experience beyond measure. I cannot thank the ACA and the Berger Foundation enough for allowing me the great privilege of sharing these experiences with our students."

The visit to Germany isn't the only opportunity for students to travel abroad. Cade also said that Pikeville College, through a grant from the ACA and the Berger Foundation, will be sending two students to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg,

and France during the summer of 2007. The purpose of the trip is to study the European Union, visiting significant sites in the formation of the union. Cade said the students and faculty will also serve as ACA ambassadors in their meetings with Europeans in formal and informal settings.

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steps into the political arena," Timothy Coleman, a Republican from Morgantown, has filed on the GOP side.

State Auditor Crit Luallen, a Democrat, has not announced whether she'll seek a second term either. Late last year, Luallen declined to enter the governor's race and said she hadn't decided whether to seek re-election. She's filed fundraising papers with the

registry. Meanwhile, Secretary of State Trey Grayson is seeking re-election and so far the only candidate entered in the race. Attorney General Greg Stumbo, a Democrat, has not filed his candidacy papers to seek a second term. Stumbo has not ruled out a run for governor but has filed fundraising papers with the registry.

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state. Linda Greenwell, a Republican who sought the office in 2003, has filed for the GOP nomination.

Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, a Republican, has not filed candidacy papers for a second term but has filed with the registry. Meanwhile, Democrat David Neville of Pleasureville has filed his candidacy papers.

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The trail card fees have remained the same as the prior two years. Trail cards are sold at all state park golf courses and are valid through Dec. 31,

2007. Cards start at \$350 for senior players (62 and older). For more information on the trail card, visit www.parks.ky.gov.

The trail cards can be used at all state park courses, including the seven "Signature Series" that offer championship play surrounded by some of the most scenic natural beauty the parks have to offer. Four of the Signature Series courses have received

national accolades from Golf Digest as Best New Affordable and Best New Places to Play.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is the newest member of the Signature Series courses. "Traditionally Lake Barkley has been a favorite among golfers in years past," said State Park Golf Director Dan Strohmeier. "The course has improved dramatically over the past two years with improvements and condition-

ing warranting this new status."

Besides the addition of Lake Barkley to the Signature Series, new clubhouses are being built at Mineral Mound in Eddyville, Dale Hollow near Burkesville, Yatesville Lake in Louisa and Grayson Lake near Grayson. New driving ranges are scheduled to open in the spring at Dale Hollow and late fall at Yatesville Lake in 2007.

General Burnside Island State Park is currently undergoing a complete renovation for a new 18-hole golf course. Brian Ault, designer of Dale Hollow and Hidden Cove at Grayson Lake, both recognized nationally by Golf Digest, was selected as the architect for the course. The course is projected to open in spring 2008.

Kentucky State Parks will continue offering the Tee's & Zzz's golf and lodging packages at resort parks. Rates start

at \$89 per person per night from November through March and \$109 April through October.

Kentucky State Park resorts also feature lodges, cottages, campgrounds, restaurants and other activities such as hiking, swimming, boating, and wildlife programs. For more information about state park golf trail cards, Tee's and Zzz's packages, and course photos, visit www.parks.ky.gov

Stumbo warns of 'Consumer Loyalty Reward Program' scam

Attorney General Greg Stumbo is warning consumers to beware of "Consumer Loyalty Reward Programs." This latest scam to hit Kentucky mailboxes involves notifications and checks mailed to consumers stating that previous purchases made at popular retail outlets have qualified the consumer for a "prize pool" in an amount of \$36,000 or more. The mailing is from Reckitt Point of Sales Systems of New York and Mega Win Promotional Prizes

of Canada.

The letter indicates that the consumer was selected as a result of purchases made in previous months and claims that the receipt number from one of the purchases was attached to a "winning ticket number." The letter includes what appears to be a valid check for the amount of at least \$3,875 to pay for "processing fees" prior to receiving the "prize pool."

The consumer is instructed to call a number to speak with

a "claim processing representative" who tells the consumer that a previous purchase from commonly used retailers such as Wal-Mart or Kroger entitles them to a prize. The representative then instructs the consumer to deposit the check into their bank account and wire the "processing fees" to Canada in order to receive the prize money.

"Consumer beware," said Attorney General Stumbo. "The check is counterfeit and any money you send is gone. Consumers should not deposit the check or call the telephone number listed in the letter."

To report these scams, contact the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection at 1-888-432-9257.

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Cleanups

Amburgey, who lives within a mile of an abandoned strip mine, said that for the past 30 years, the resulting erosion and piles of refuse have resulted in severe water pollution of creeks and streams in her area of Letcher County.

"I think it's a real disgrace to Mother Earth," she said.

Also of concern to federal and state officials is the dangers of people hiking, four-wheeling and swimming at abandoned mine sites.

Last year, 28 fatalities at abandoned mine sites were

reported to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration - three of them occurred in Kentucky.

Hohmann said the federal funding will allow the state to make many sites safer and more friendly, but abandoned mines will always be a concern.

"There is so much abandoned mine land in Kentucky that I think problems will continue to crop up over time," he said. "No one knows if we'll see the end of them."

Park

Archer Park Director Ralph Little, and newly appointed Director David Baldrige.

"It's taken a lot of hard work," Fannin said. "We weren't even sure if we could build the park, with insurance reasons and all."

Fannin also wanted to make sure both the skaters and their parents are aware of the rules associated with the park. Skaters under the age of 18 along with their parents must sign a waiver at the Archer Park Office before entering the skate park, acknowledging that they are aware of the risks associated with the sport and

that they take all responsibility for accidents or injury which may occur.

Other rules at the park are participants must always wear a helmet, children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult, and drugs, alcohol or smoking are absolutely not permitted. Swearing or bullying will also not be permitted.

Josh Stevenson, one of the skaters present for the opening, said he's really glad to have the park.

"For a small park, it's a nice one," Stevenson said.

Council

the park in order to measure how many visitors were driving through the park each day. The highest daily count was reported on Nov. 26 during which 999 vehicles traveled through the park. The ending total from Nov. 22 through Jan. 1 was 21,229.

Through license plate observation, park officials noted visitors from 12 different counties in Kentucky and nine other states including Ohio, West Virginia and even Florida.

Monday was also the first working day for David Baldrige, newly appointed Archer Park director. Little expressed his opinion regard-

ing the new hire saying, "I think you all will be very pleased with Mr. Baldrige."

Baldrige himself said he's looking forward to meeting everyone and was quick to recognize all of Little's hard work.

"I've got some big shoes to fill," said Baldrige.

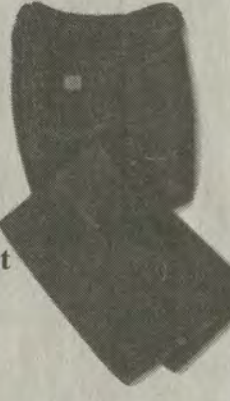
Eric Thomas with the East Kentucky Science Center was also present to update the council on its progress. The center will be launching Discovery Saturdays which will feature activities for parents and children. Discovery Saturdays will take place every three weeks.

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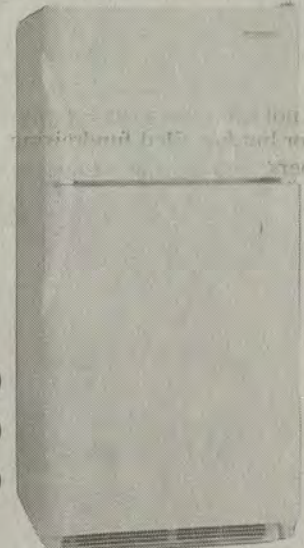
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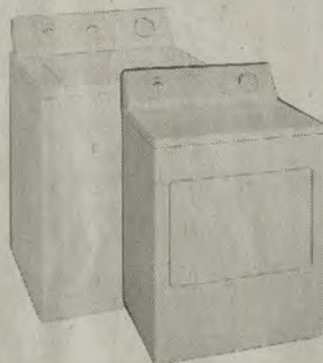
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HOMEWORX

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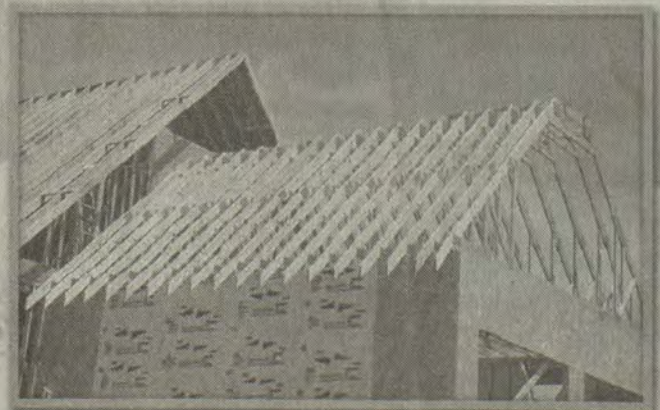
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 The Floyd County Health Department is currently recruiting for a full-time Family Support Worker/Home Visitor for the HANDS program. Minimum Education and Experience for the position is high

school diploma or GED. No experience is required. Minimum salary for this position is 7.90 per hour. Applications may be obtained at 283 Goble Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 and returned to that same address with copies of transcripts and license by close of business on January 19, 2007. Must have current valid driver's license. Criminal background checks are required. The Floyd County Health Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

JOB OPENING
 Construction Superintendent for major building project in Pikeville. Ten years supervisory experience. Send resume with references to Harbour, Box 22444, Lexington, KY 40522.

JOB OPENING
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RENTALS

APARTMENT

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5334 Amendment No. 4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground/refuse storage coal mining operation located 2.0 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 1521.0 acres of underground area for a total area within the permit boundary of 2648.16 acres.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 miles east from Ky Route 1428's junction with Sugarloaf Branch Road and located 0.1 miles north of Sugarloaf Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will use the underground mining method. The operation will underlie land owned by Jewell Crider, Lon Goble Estate, Donald L. & Joyce Goble, Bud Goble Estate, Wayne & Barbara Wright, Mary Lucille Willis, Lewis & Emma Hunt, Evan & Mari Rose, Linda Jervis, Floyd Harris Heirs, Jimmy & Ramona Burchett, Rudy Harris, Vivian Franklin, John Harris, Martha Johnson, Bill Monroe Thompson, J.G. Porter et al, Landon Charles Heirs, John Hunt, John Branham, Clark Pergem and Jesse Rudd, and Mary Crawford & Charles Porter Trust.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive; Prestonsburg, Ky 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.

The following items will be offered at public sale on January 5, 2007, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky, 41649, at 11 a.m.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.2 mile southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road, and located within Johnson Fork. The latitude is 37°33'57" and the longitude is 82°41'13".

The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Randy Hayes, et al. The permit area will underlie land owned by Sylvia Hall. The operation will use the surface area and surface contour methods of mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's London Regional Office, 85 State Police Road, London, Kentucky 40741. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0324

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that GCAS Corporation, P.O. Box 2886, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile north of the community of Dana, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 24.27 surface acres, and will underlie 9.34 acres. 6.24 acres of the underground acreage rests beneath proposed surface acreage, and is included in the surface acreage. The total acreage to be permitted is 24.27 acres.

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Martin, KY 41649

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1998 Chevrolet Cavalier VIN #1G1JF52T7W7105439

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit number 836-5459, Increment #1 and #2, which was last issued on 01/09/06. The application covers an area of approximately 5.1 surface bonded

acres, located 0.5 mile south of Price, in Floyd County.

2. The operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Route 122's junction with State Route 979, and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-5459 are Letters of Credit: Increment #1, \$4,600.00 Increment #2, \$26,000.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed October 15, 2006. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or an informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 28, 2007.

6. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 1, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference are received by February 28, 2007.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5437, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 2.5 miles northwest of Minnie, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 11.77 surface acres and will underlie 591.50 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 603.27 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.74 mile southeast from KY Route 80's junction with KY State Route 680, and is located along Gosling Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC and Commonwealth of Kentucky. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Rondell and Jacqueline Lawson, Rebecca Conley Estate, Ida Hunter, Manda Pratt, Wendell Sexton, Richard Griffith, T. J. Hoover, Lafayette Gayheart, Gosling Branch Coal Co., Inc., Shannon Wallen, Michael Collett, David Hawley and Nancy Lee Scott, Larry Collett, John Moore Estate, James and Mary E. Patton, George Ousley and Peggy Hanover, Fred Gibson, James and Michelle Hall, Fred and Sherry Lyons, Lee and Lizzie Wallen Estate, and Gene Mullins.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Floyd County Health Department has a full-time position for a Public Health Nurse II to oversee the Diabetes Care Management Grant for the funding period of January 2007-June 2008.

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Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110 or via email request: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863 Ext. 67370. Review of applications will begin January 19, 2007. Applications accepted until positions are filled. Applicants must submit a completed application to: **Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.**



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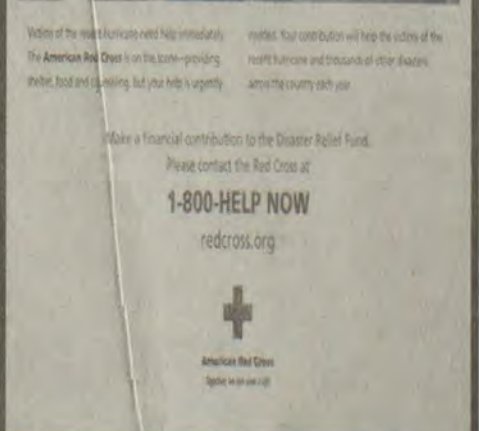
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Odds & Ends

■ COLUMBUS, Ohio — Doughnuts will no longer be served to Franklin County jail inmates.

County Commissioner Mary Jo Kilroy put a \$55,000 annual contract for the doughnuts on hold last month over questions about their nutritional value and trans-fat content.

"It was not a frequent food item to begin with," said Chief Deputy Sheriff Mark Barrett, the jail administrator.

Prisoners at the county's two correctional centers were served doughnuts every few weeks on a menu developed by a dietician under contract with the county.

Sheriff's officials have now dropped a request asking commissioners to approve a contract that would have supplied glazed and jelly doughnuts, as well as crullers, at \$4 a dozen.

■ MEXICO, Mo. — Ray Heilwagen has his wallet back — 62 years after he lost it in France during World War II.

Late last year, he received a call from Stephen Breitenstein of Palatine, Ill.

"He said, 'Did you lose a billfold?' and I remembered I did," Heilwagen said. "Then he said, 'I found it and will send it to you.' I could hardly believe it."

Breitenstein's father, who also served in France during World War II, recently died. Digging through his father's possessions — ironically on Veteran's Day — his son found the old wallet. He figured his dad found it during the war and brought it home, but couldn't locate Heilwagen.

Using the Internet, Breitenstein tracked down Heilwagen. After their phone conversation, he mailed the wallet to him. It included some francs, pictures and some receipts.

Heilwagen served with the Army's 79th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army and he was in combat in France from its arrival in July 1944 until he was hospitalized that November with leg wounds. He received a Purple Heart

and a Bronze Star.

"I was impressed that a stranger would go to such trouble to locate me and return my wallet," Heilwagen said.

■ DES MOINES, Iowa — The woman who created sculptures of cows out of butter for the Iowa State Fair for decades has switched materials.

Norma "Duffy" Lyon, 77, has cast a cow in bronze for the Iowa State University Dairy Farm.

Her life-size metallic cow called "Jersey Jewel," which took six months to complete, began with clay around a metal frame and was shipped to New York where it was cast in bronze.

Lyon earned an animal science degree from Iowa State in 1951. Her career as a sculptor kicked into high gear when she took two courses from artist Christian Petersen.

Doug Kenealy, a dairy science professor at Iowa State, says the university wanted to make a statement at the entrance of its new dairy farm, which will open later this year.

"Duffy is the internationally known Iowan in the area of sculpting butter cows," he said. "We thought, what better thing to do than to hire an Iowan who is talented, studied with Christian Petersen and is known internationally?"

■ SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Even college students might need a lesson or two about dating.

Beginning in February, the University of Sioux Falls will offer a one-credit dating course called "Finding Dates Worth Keeping."

Laurie Chaplin, a relationships counselor and licensed therapist who's been married 28 years, will be the instructor. The course is being offered through the USF Learning Institute, the same agency that offers seminars on wellness, job hunting and business communication.

"Some people may think it's a slack course, but I think

they'll come out with something that changes their lives," Chaplin said. "We go to college and get an education. But our love relationships impact us more than anything else."

Today's young adults are "working harder to get smarter about their mates" and want lifelong relationships, she said.

In class they'll learn about infatuation and when it's best to break up.

"Sometimes it's much more loving and smart to break up," she said.

■ DUBLIN, N.H. — A would-be thief found himself foiled, under gunfire — and without pants.

Police said a homeowner discovered an intruder one night two weeks ago. The homeowner pulled a gun, fired what police described as warning shots, and told the intruder to shed his pants and shoes.

The two scuffled and the burglar ran from the home, barefoot and pantless.

"I believe his thinking was that by taking away the suspect's pants, it would slow him down or prevent him from trying to get away, or make it easier for us to find him if he did get away," New Hampshire State Police Sgt. Christopher Aucoin said.

The homeowner called police, who swarmed the area with search dogs. Police are still looking for the man, and it's not clear if anything was stolen.

The homeowner wasn't hurt.

■ BOZEMAN, Mont. — More than 1,000 old Christmas trees were loaded onto a flatbed truck and taken to a lake with the hope of deep-sixing them — literally.

A walleye fishing club Saturday dumped the trees on the banks of Canyon Ferry Lake, one step in a plan to create a suitable nesting space for perch to lay their eggs, which will hatch and become food for other fish, namely walleye.

"Some people think we're

crazy," said Marvin Hansen, president of a local chapter of Walleyes Unlimited, the group doing the picking up and the dumping.

What makes the effort even more unusual is that no one is sure how effective it will be. "There's no proof it works," Hansen said. "But there's no evidence against it, either."

The group has been tree dumping for almost a decade, hoping that laying a Christmas tree carpet on the lake bottom will improve the lake's ecosystem. They are officially authorized by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to dump the trees.

In a few months, Walleye Unlimited members will drill holes into the trunks, thread cables through, and attach the cables to cinder blocks. Then the trees will be dragged to a spot on the frozen lake to wait for the thaw, when the trees sink to the bottom.

■ HAYWARD, Calif. — Terence Candell Jr. works hard in college. He gets decent grades. But the California State University-East Bay sophomore needs to call his father to get a ride home.

Terence is only 11 years old.

The precocious Oakland resident started college when he was 10 hoping to become an astronaut. Now the campus's youngest student says he's more interested in mass communications.

Terence was doing high-school level work by age 6 and would get in trouble at school because he was bored, he says. He started attending a private academy founded by his father in East Oakland and took the SAT when he was 9.

But academic success has been a mixed blessing for Terence.

"If I could do it over again,

I probably wouldn't have gone," he says. "My parents are always working, and I'm studying so much that sometimes I wish I can spend more time with my family."

■ BANGKOK, Thailand — A Bangkok municipal office has launched a new program to increase productivity: Lights go out just past noon and civil servants are invited to take an afternoon nap.

Seeking to infuse city workers with a bit more pep, the Pathumwan district office in central Bangkok has set up a lunchtime "nap room" with

soft music, sweet-smelling flowers and strict rules barring mobile phones and talking, said Surakiet Limcharoen, the district's top official who started the program.

"I've been taking naps at lunchtime for a long time, and decided to introduce the project to my staff in November," he said, noting that many use the naps to recharge their batteries ahead of evening shifts.

Of 200 employees at the municipal office, there are about 20 regular nappers who have reported feeling "fresher and brighter" after a midday snooze, Surakiet said.



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Ladycats level South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – To say Betsy Layne dominated South Floyd Friday night in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference girls' basketball matchup would be a vast understatement. The Ladycats never let South Floyd score more than eight points in any one quarter, beating the Lady Raiders 60-25.

Taylor Hott claimed game-high scoring honors for Betsy Layne, finishing with 13 points. Megan

Hamilton and Lindsey Martin joined Hott in double figures, scoring 12 points apiece. Amy Tackett tossed in eight points and Andie Meade added six for the Ladycats. Nine different Betsy Layne players worked themselves into the scoring column. Kaitlin Lawson, Krista Flanery and Kendra Case aided the Betsy Layne offensive effort with two points apiece. Faith Reynolds also scored for Betsy Layne, hitting one of two attempts from the free throw line.

As a team, Betsy Layne hit 20 field

goals, four three-pointers and shot 12-for-16 from the charity stripe.

The Ladycats didn't let South Floyd get within single digits of them after the first quarter. Betsy Layne led 20-8 at the end of the first quarter and owned a 36-12 advantage at the break.

Flanery pulled down a game-high eight rebounds for the Ladycats. Martin had seven rebounds and Reynolds added five caroms.

Megan Hamilton, Martin and

(See LADYCATS, page two)



Betsy Layne's Amby Tackett dribbled against South Floyd Friday night. The Ladycats defeated South Floyd in convincing fashion, remaining undefeated against opposing 58th District/Floyd County Conference teams.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Pikeville clips Falcons

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The David School dropped its 12th straight game Saturday and remained winless following a 59th District road loss to Pikeville. The Panthers outscored David 31-6 in the opening quarter. Pikeville didn't let David get much accomplished offensively, beating the Falcons 113-43.

Thirteen different Panthers scored in the 70-point victory.

(See DAVID, page three)

Lawrence holds off P'burg for third-place

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – In a 15th Region matchup played Saturday as part of an annual tournament at Pike County Central, Lawrence County held on and defeated Prestonsburg 76-72.

Lawrence County entered the fourth quarter with a 14-point lead and held off Prestonsburg for the four-point victory in the third-place game of the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic.

Chandler Thompson led

(See BLACKCATS, page three)



Jarod Newman pulled down a rebound Friday night in Betsy Layne's 58th District/Floyd County Conference win over South Floyd.

photos by Steve LeMaster

Bobcats hold on, beat rival Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Playing at home Friday night in the friendly confines of its Dome, Betsy Layne put together an all-important 58th District/Floyd County Conference win over visiting South Floyd. After going 1-3 last week in the First National Bank Holiday Classic at Bracken County, Betsy Layne returned to the win column with a 62-57 victory over the Raiders.

The game went back and forth. Neither team would exit any of the first three quarters with more than a two-point lead. The two teams were tied at 14-all when the first quarter ended. Betsy Layne took a 27-25 advantage into the half.

"Each win is a big win for us," Betsy Layne Coach

(See BOBCATS, page two)



Betsy Layne junior Brennan Case drove against the Raider defense.

16th Region favorite Russell tops Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ASHLAND – Allen Central drew the tough task of taking on 16th Region favorite Russell Saturday in the Ashland Kitten Shootout at Ashland Blazer High School. Russell, playing on the gymfloor of longtime rival Ashland, make itself right at home. The Lady Devils led Allen Central 29-9 at halftime and

(See LADY REBS, page two)

Lady Blackcats race past Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats defeated Pikeville 64-44 Friday night and in the process snapped a two-game losing skid that consisted of tournament losses to non-region foes Fern Creek and Whitley County.

Prestonsburg, which dropped its last two games in the Applebee's Winter Classic at Boyle County in late-December, held Pikeville to nine or fewer points in each of the first three quarters on its way to the 20-point win over the Lady

(See PHS, page three)



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM: Allen Central claimed the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic championship Saturday night, beating host Pike County Central for the tournament title.

Rebels claim Coca-Cola Hoops Classic title

Bank shot from Hammonds gives AC championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Allen Central put the finishing touches on a championship run in the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike County Central Saturday night. Earlier in the season, Allen Central held on to beat Pike County Central 64-62. In the latest meeting

between the two teams, a contest which just happened to be the championship game of the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic, Allen Central grabbed another close win over the Hawks.

Junior guard Alex Hammonds banked in an eight-footer at the buzzer to send Allen Central to a 57-56 win over the host Hawks.

Seniors Josh Martin and

Tyler Slone led Allen Central in scoring with 15 points apiece. Ryan Collins, another senior, added 12 points for Allen Central. Sophomore Josh Prater pushed in eight points for the Rebels and Hammonds finished with seven points after the game-winning shot.

Allen Central, which defeated Lawrence County and Cordia by 20 or more points in its earlier tournament games, won its fourth straight game.

(See REBELS, page two)

Ladycats

Rachel Hamilton each had four assists.

Hott led the Ladycats in assists, recording five swipes. Megan Hamilton and Amby Tackett each had three steals.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 3-0 in the Floyd County Conference/58th District and 8-6 overall.

"We shot the ball well and played good defense," Akers commented. "We took care of business at home - you always worry when you are 2-0 in the conference and coming into your first home game that you will have a letdown. We were

able to avoid that, thank goodness."

The Ladycats played a sound basketball game. Betsy Layne pulled down a total of 39 rebounds. The Ladycats dished out 21 assists opposed to committing just 15 turnovers.

Betsy Layne led 48-18 when the fourth quarter got underway.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with nine points. Danielle Tackett and Ashley Castle each had four points for the Lady Raiders. In other Lady Raider scoring, Heather Dean and Chelsie Tuttle added three

points apiece for South Floyd. Rounding out the South Floyd scoring was Gabrielle Bailey, who finished with two points.

South Floyd was held to just four field goals. The Lady Raiders connected on four three-point field goal attempts and finished five-for-nine from the free throw line.

Betsy Layne 60, S. Floyd 25
 BETSY LAYNE (8-6) - Lawson 2, Flanery 2, M. Hamilton 12, Tackett 8, Martin 12, Meade 6, Reynolds 1, Hott 13, Case 2.
 SOUTH FLOYD (3-7) - Hall 9, Dean 3, Tuttle 3, Tackett 4, Bailey 2, Castle 4.
 South Floyd.....8 4 6 7-25
 Betsy Layne.....20 16 12 12-60

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lineup. Their status for the rest of the season was not known at the start of the week.

"I've coached a long time and I've never seen anything like this happen," said Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack. "It's devastating for them and for our team."

The Lady Blackcats outscored Pikeville 12-7 in the first quarter and led 33-14 at the break. Pikeville enjoyed its most successful run in the third quarter when it outscored the host Lady Blackcats 21-17.

Julianne Frye scored six points and Liz Chaffin added

three for the Lady Blackcats. Hannah Fitzpatrick and Nikki Bradley added two points apiece in the Prestonsburg scoring column.

Erica Cecil led Pikeville with 14 points.

Prestonsburg 64, Pikeville 44
 PIKEVILLE - Davis 3, Cecil 14, Johnson 6, Sanders 7, Shull 2, Francisco 12.
 PRESTONSBURG - Fields 10, Whitaker 19, Chaffin 3, Slone 22, Frye 6,
 Fitzpatrick 2, N. Bradley 2.
 Pikeville.....7 7 9 21-44
 Prestonsburg.....12 21 17 14-64

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Bobcats

Brent Rose commented following his team's latest victory. "I thought we played well at times. We knew going in that it was a big game."

Betsy Layne played the best at the end. In an offensive-heavy fourth quarter, Betsy Layne outscored South Floyd 25-22.

Justin Collins led Betsy Layne with a game-high 19 points. Sam Keathley followed Collins in the Betsy Layne scoring column, adding 17 points. Trai Witt wound up scoring 12 points for the Bobcats. In a scoring effort that featured seven different scorers, Brennan Case had eight points while James Michael Lafferty, Brandon Blair and Jerod Newman contributed two apiece for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne finished 14-

of-29 from the free throw line.

Wes Akers hit a game-high five three-pointers led South Floyd with 17 points. Ethan Johnson, despite facing early foul trouble, added 13 points for the Raiders. Lyle Johnson also reached double figures for South Floyd, ending the game with 11 points. Adam Slone scored eight points. Kyle Brown chipped in four and Tommy Joe Hall added two for the Raiders.

South Floyd hit 11-of-15 free throws. The Raiders relied heavily on the three-point shot. South Floyd drained eight three-pointers in the district/conference setback. The Raiders were held to just 10 field goals.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 5-6 overall and 2-1 in the district/conference. The loss dropped South Floyd

to 2-9 overall and 0-3 in district/conference play.

Betsy Layne was on the road at Piarist Tuesday evening. Results from the Betsy Layne-Piarist game were unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne 102, Big Creek, W.Va. 52: Fifteen different Betsy Layne players scored points Saturday as the Bobcats blistered Big Creek, W.Va. The win was Betsy Layne's second straight.

Justin Collins scored 17

points, Tyler Kidd netted 15, Trait Witt tossed in 14 and Richie Tackett added 13 for the Bobcats.

Two Big Creek players reached double figures.

Betsy Layne improved to 5-

7.

Betsy Layne 62, South Floyd 57
 BETSY LAYNE - Collins 19, Case 8, Lafferty 2, Witt 12, Keathley 17, Blair 2, Newman 2.
 SOUTH FLOYD - E. Johnson 13, Hall 2, L. Johnson 11, Akers 17, Slone 8, Kyle Brown 4.
 Betsy Layne.....14 13 10 20-62
 South Floyd.....14 11 10 22-57

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Lady Rebs

wound up defeating the Lady Rebels 68-27.

Jessica Fortman led Russell with a double-double effort of 22 points and 12 rebounds. Chinwe Okoro also turned in a double-double for Russell, scoring 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Russell owned a significant rebounding edge over the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Devils finished eight-for-14 from the charity stripe

Amanda Thacker led Allen Central with a team-high 11 points. Thacker hit the only

three-pointer of the game for the Lady Rebels and was the only Allen Central player to score over six points. Sara Johnson and Jessica Toole each had six points for the Lady Rebels.

Russell 68, Allen Central 27
 RUSSELL (68) - Simpson 4, Ferguson 2, Gullett 3, Parsley 6, Hoark 2, Sparks 9, J. Fortman 22, Lavender 2, Moore 2, Holmes 1, Chinwe Okoro 17.
 ALLEN CENTRAL (27) - Thacker 11, Dingus 2, Johnson 6, Toole 6, Mullins 2.
 Russell.....21 18 17 12-68
 Allen Central.....6 3 6 12-27



Tyler Slone (second from right) was named tournament MVP and teammates Alex Hammonds (25), Josh Martin (34) and Ryan Collins (far right) made it onto the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic all-tournament team.

Rebels

While his team didn't play its best basketball, Allen Central Coach John Martin was pleased to get the win.

"They played well enough to win," said Martin. "Being able to win a close game is something that we haven't been able to do the last couple of years."

Slone was named the tournament's most valuable player. Hammonds, Martin and Collins each earned a spot on the event's all-tournament team.

"these kids have played hard all season," Martin added. "Tyler has stepped up and turned it on over the last five games, playing really well."

Each team had its share of leads in the tournament title game. The Rebels eased out of the first quarter with an 11-8 lead, but had to play from behind throughout the last three quarters. Pike Central took a 27-21 lead into the half and led the Rebels 42-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior forward David Hess led the Hawks with 21 points.

With the win, Allen Central improved to 9-2.

Following the loss, Pike County Central dropped to 8-7.

Allen Central was back in action Tuesday night, playing on the road at Johnson Central. Results from the Allen Central-Johnson Central were unavailable at press time.

Allen Central 70, Cordia 45: Ryan Collins scored 17 points and Tyler Slone added 15 Friday night as the Rebels rolled to a 70-45 win over Cordia. Josh Prater tossed in eight points and Josh Martin added seven for the Rebels.

Allen Central led at the end of every quarter, taking a 34-19 lead into the half.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic at Pike Co. Central Championship Game Allen Central 57, Pike Co. Central 56
 ALLEN CENTRAL (9-2) - Martin 15, Collins 12, Slone 15, Hammonds 7, Prater 8.
 PIKE CO. CENTRAL (8-7) - Hess 21, Varney 5, Hamilton 7, Nicholas 13, Slone 8, Adkins 2.
 Allen Central.....11 10 16 20-57
 Pike Co. Central...8 19 15 14-56

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Adams B-Team wins 8 straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Adams Middle School B-Team basketball team has been on a roll recently. The B-Team Blackcats have won eight straight games, including victories over previously undefeated Betsy Layne and Allen Central. The AMS B-Team is coached by Bryan Allen and Ronnie Baldrige. The team will be playing in the county tournament later in the week.

Pictured from right to left, back row: Coach Bryan Allen, Chase Baldrige, Blake Goble, Alex Garner, Joseph Jamerson, Brant Smith, Wesley Robinson and Trey Stapleton.

Right to left, front row: Austin Sloan, Gary Arnett, JD Adams, Adam Castle, Bryson Williams, Adrian Neeley, Tyler Shelton and Charlie Joseph.



The Adams Middle School B-Team has recorded eight straight wins.

David

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Four Panthers reached double figures scoring in the rout.

Pikeville, under the guidance of second-year head coach Bart Williams, led David 31-6 at the end of the first quarter. The Panthers packed a 61-14 lead into the half. Pikeville outscored David 27-15 in the third quarter.

With the win, Pikeville improved to 6-2. The Panthers will open up play in the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic tonight against Perry County Central. PCC's John C. Combs Arena, is playing host to this year's Mountain Classic.

Pikeville 113, David 43

DAVID (0-12) — Robinson 14, Ousley 12, Dingus 8, Parsons 2, Campbell 3, Taylor 2.

PIKEVILLE (6-2) — Harmon 13, Bell 6, Burchett 7, Sword 12, Clevenger 17, Shockey 2, Brinker 8, Branham 4, Clark 22, McAnallen 8, Adams 2, Baker 7, Keene 5.

Blackcats

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Lawrence County with 24 points. Tyler Brewer scored 21 points and Chet Pelphrey added 10 for the Bulldogs.

Jordan Hall paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 25 points. Chayse Martin scored 16 points and followed Hall in the Prestonsburg scoring column. Three different Blackcats reached double figures as Bobby Hughes added 11 points. Trevor Patton and Mason Vance each had seven points for Prestonsburg.

Eight Blackcats dented the scoring column in the tournament's third-place game.

The Blackcats dropped two of three games in the Pike Central tournament. Prestonsburg posted its first win of the season during the event when it edged Leslie County 60-58.

Coca-Cola Hoops Classic At Pike Co. Central Third-Place Game Lawrence Co. 76, Prestonsburg 72

PRESTONSBURG (1-9) — J. Hall 25, Hughes 11, Patton 7, Stephens 3, Martin 16, Clark 2, Vance 7, K. Hall 1.
LAWRENCE CO. (7-5) — Thompson 24, Brewer 21, Michael 4, Pelphrey 10, Lester 9, Newsome 8.
Prestonsburg.....16 21 8 27-72
Lawrence Co.....18 24 17 17-76

Boys' Freshmen League Results from Dec. 16

at Pike Central
Letcher Central def. Pike Central (Shelby Valley canceled)

at Allen Central
Johnson Central def. Allen Central
East Ridge def. Betsy Layne
East Ridge def. Johnson Central
Allen Central def. Betsy Layne

at Belfry
Pikeville def. Belfry
Pikeville def. Sheldon Clark
Belfry def. Sheldon Clark

League Standings	
East Ridge	4-0
Pikeville	4-0
Allen Central	3-1
Johnson Central	2-2
Belfry	1-1
Letcher Central	2-1
Betsy Layne	1-3
Phelps	0-2
Pike Cent.	0-3
Sheldon Clark	0-4

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A team of Betsy Layne High freshmen won their own tournament Saturday.



Betsy Layne's T.J. Tackett (not pictured), Megan Hamilton, Lindsey Martin, Faith Reynolds, Amby Tackett and Taylor Hott were named to the all-tournament team.

Betsy Layne hosts, wins freshman tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Ladycats hosted

their ninth annual freshman tournament this past Saturday. Teams participating included Betsy Layne Team 1 and Betsy

Layne Team 2, Lawrence County, South Floyd, Knott Central and Shelby Valley. In the end, Betsy Layne Team 1 prevailed and took the tournament title.

The day started at 10 am with Betsy Layne Team 2 taking on Knott County Central. Knott Central was able to defeat Betsy Layne Team 2 in the opener.

Game two featured Betsy Layne Team 1 and Lawrence County. Betsy Layne Team 1 started its championship run with a win over Lawrence County.

Game three was between Shelby Valley and Knott County Central with the Knott

County team emerging victorious. Game four featured Floyd County rivals Betsy Layne Team 1 and South Floyd, Betsy Layne Team 1 won the Floyd County battle.

Game five featured Betsy Layne Team 2 and Shelby Valley as the co-host team was defeated. Pool play rounded out game six with Lawrence County and South Floyd. South Floyd defeated Lawrence County.

The championship game featured Betsy Layne Team 1 against Knott County Central. The Lady Patriots jumped on Betsy Layne early and led 15-9 after one quarter. But the Ladycats turned up the defense

and held Knott Central to two second quarter points and went into halftime tied at 17-all.

The third quarter saw a swarming Betsy Layne defense leading to 26 points while holding the Lady Patriots to seven tallies. The Ladycats then held a 43-24 lead. The Ladycats held on to win the game 51-34.

Betsy Layne was led by Megan Hamilton's 21 points, Taylor Hott added 16, Faith Reynolds scored six and Lindsey Martin added four, with Amby Tackett and Emily Stanley each scoring two. The Lady Patriots were led by Sasha Pike's 11 points. Keisha Slone added seven points and Chandra Yonts scored six for

the Lady Patriots. Kelli Combs and Keisha Perkins scored four points each, while Caitlyn Collins added two for Knott County Central.

HONORED: Players named to the All-Tournament team included Kayla Hackney (Lawrence County), Brook Coleman (Shelby Valley), Kayla Hall (South Floyd), T. J. Tackett (Betsy Layne Team 2), Sasha Pike, Keisha Slone, and Keisha Perkins from Knott County Central; and Megan Hamilton, Lindsey Martin, Faith Reynolds, Amby Tackett and Taylor Hott from Betsy Layne Team 1. Coaches Gloria Mullins and Brook Hamilton guided the winning team.

Cardinals 'shocked' at Petrino's departure

by **WILL GRAVES**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — When tears filled Louisville coach Bobby Petrino's eyes as he prepared to speak to his players Sunday night, defensive lineman Earl Heyman knew what was coming: Petrino was leaving the program he'd help build into an emerging national power.

"He said he loved us, but he had a decision to make and he made it," Heyman said.

The decision — accepting the top coaching job with the NFL's Atlanta Falcons — was one Petrino had flirted with seemingly since the day he assumed the head coaching job four years ago. Less than six months after signing a 10-year, \$25 million contract with the Cardinals and saying "this is where I want to be, Petrino made the decision public.

But after leading Louisville to a 41-9 record over the last four years — including a 12-1 record this season and a win over Wake Forest in the Orange Bowl last week — Petrino couldn't turn down an offer to run an offense featuring one of the NFL's most dynamic players in quarterback Michael Vick.

"At first, you're kind of shocked. You think, What are we going to do now?" But were going to come together," said defensive tackle Adrian Grady.

Petrino's departure could have a ripple effect on a program that was talking about competing for a national championship next year after beating Wake Forest for the first Bowl Championship Series win in school history.

Junior quarterback Brian Brohm and injured running back Michael Bush have until Jan. 15 to decide whether they'll return next fall, and a coaching change could be factor in their decision to come back. Neither player was made available to the media on Sunday night, as most players walked out of the Howard Schnellenberger Football Complex talking in small groups with slightly stunned looks on their faces.

"I think it'll bring us extra-closer," said defensive lineman Earl Heyman. "We've faced diversity this whole season."

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich said in a statement Sunday night that the Cardinals will move quickly to fill the head coaching job. Jurich is expected to address the opening during a news conference Monday.

The Falcons are the latest in a long line of college and NFL teams that have courted Petrino seemingly since the day he succeeded John L. Smith after the 2002 season. Petrino flirted with jobs at Auburn, LSU and the NFL's Oakland Raiders, but said no each time.

When Petrino's name popped up as a candidate for the Alabama job in late-

November, he hastily put out a statement saying, "I'm not a candidate for any job openings."

"I thought he was going to be here for 10 years," Heyman said. "But you can't fault him for looking out for his family."

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KIM'S KORNER

Remembering Aunt Eula

By: Kim Little Frasure

Our family lost one of the most high spirited, spunky women I've ever been blessed to know this past Sunday. Aunt Eula definitely lived her life to the fullest.

She worked thirtysome years as a nurse at McDowell ARH. And since the second week of August, she endured such suffering it was heart-breaking to witness.



Kim Little Frasure

This woman was as tuff as nails from as far back as I can remember. To have

to see her so weak and in such horrendous pain was well, horrible.

Somewhat of a tomboy in her younger days, she drove race cars and once ended up with a black eye from a crash I will never forget. And, she loved every minute of it.

She was definitely something else! She and my Uncle Greener (Glenn Frazier) used to take turns taking Uncle Greener's nephew Luke and myself on their summer vacations to the Smokey Mountains.

Uncle Greener says I always wanted it to be "my turn" to go. And he's

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POISON OAK

Cold, colder and coldest

by Clyde Pack

Here we are already more than a week into January, undoubtedly the most drab month of the year. Well, it would be drab if the sun would stop shining long enough for it to look (and feel) like January is supposed to look and feel.

But then again, what you're reading now was written a few days before you're reading it, and by now we might be knee deep into a blizzard.

Anyway, although I don't quite understand all I know about all this global warming stuff everybody talks so much about, I do know that it's not my imagination that Januarys of late are not nearly as bad weatherwise—nor have the entire winters been as bad—as they were when I was a kid 50 or 60 years ago.

Ironically, I can remember my father saying the same thing about the winters he remembered from the early 1900s. He never talked much about his childhood, but when it came to the weather, I remember him telling us about how hard winters were on him personally after his father died, and he became the "head of the house" at age 14, and had to fend for half a dozen younger siblings.

I've heard him talk about having to break ice in the water bucket that was kept in the kitchen, before his mother could make coffee in the mornings. I used to wonder what kept him from freezing to death at night if the house got that cold.

He said he'd borrow a neighbor's mule and start in the early fall cutting

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Edwin, the brother of author Barbara Ford Ritch, "Coal Camp Kids," seemingly about to embark on a day of fun as outlined in Ralph Hall's story about Grandma's house.

Grandma's house and the graveyard

By Ralph Hall

Mutt and I used to enjoy spending the night with Grandma and Grandpa when we were little. It was always a great adventure to go to their house. Grandma had two beds in each bedroom of her house. But, Mutt, Uncle James and I always slept in the same bed. The three of us boys would lay in bed and talk until Grandma would call out to us that she couldn't "stand it no more."

"Boys," she'd say, "blow out that coal oil lamp and go to sleep!" It was easy to fall asleep on Grandma's soft featherbed; easy to drift off to the world of dreams where I was always the hero.

Around 5 a.m., we would hear Grandma calling out again; this time to tell us to "get up, breakfast is on the table!" I'd jump up in my long johns and go into the kitchen and Grandma would say, "Get back in there and put you on some clothes!" That Grandma of mine, she was such an old-fashioned lady.

Grandma had rules about how one dressed and looked. She always told me that I was the "best blond-headed kid in all the world." This caused my head to swell beyond my young years of living.

Grandma was also the best cook in the world, or at least she was to me. You could always smell sugar, apples, allspice and cinnamon in Grandma's kitchen. It made her whole house smell wonderful. Grandma had a big (what she called) "ice box" in her kitchen. It was a large chest in which ice was placed in the top to keep food cool. Grandma's ice chest was always filled with fried apple pies, eggs, butter and milk. Grandma also kept what she called a "spring house" over in the hollow where she kept milk all the time. Grandma used every means she could think of to keep milk cold. Sometimes, she put milk in jars and placed them in a water bucket and lowered them down into the deep, open well.

And so our days would begin at Grandma's house at 5 a.m. with a good breakfast meal. Afterwards, we'd make plans for the day. Grandma's plans, however, always included work. She'd say, "Boys, I want me a bean patch dug up today. I got to get them beans in the

ground."

When Grandma would say something like this, my first thought would be "Grandma doesn't have a mule."

No problem, that, according to Grandma. "The ground is soft. You boys can pull the plow and take turns holding it in the ground."

Well, me, Mutt, Uncle James and Uncle Virgil pulled that plow and broke up that ground. I worked "like a mule" and decided that I didn't much care for it. Grandma would come out and look over our work and tell us that we did a good job, but my Aunt Boot would laugh at us and tell us that we looked like mules. I'd yell at Aunt Boot that I was going to find me a rock and knock her fool head off but Grandma would put an end to it by telling us both to "hush up."

When Grandma would give us a break to find something to eat, I'd head for her ice box and get me two fried apple pies and a big glass of milk. I liked sitting on the front porch in the porch swing as I munched on those pies and enjoyed that milk. The first time I can remember working for Grandma in the garden, Uncle Virgil was 12, Uncle James was seven, I was almost nine and Mutt was 6 years old. We sure worked hard for four little boys. Grandma wanted us to have strong bodies and sharp minds. She always did say that "work never hurt nobody."

After our rest, we got busy sowing the beans, covering them with dirt and giving them a good kick. Seems like we were a long time sowing seeds and kicking dirt. We got to where we sowed, kicked and cussed the day away.

On one particular day, once we were done with our field chores, we asked Grandma if we could go play on the graveyard that was nearby. She told us to go on, but to "watch out and don't step on any of them graves." As if we might hurt the dead or something. We told her that we'd watch out and then ran on. My great-grandpa Coal Johnson and my Grandpa Isdora were buried in that cemetery. Us boys liked to get up there and play cowboys and Indians. I always wanted to be Wild Bill, a cowboy; I never wanted to be an Indian.

Sometimes some of our cousins would get to

come along and play. We'd spend long afternoons on that graveyard. Sometimes we would get kinda wild; other times, we'd just sit still and lay around on the grass and watch the birds and the clouds go by. Most times Uncle Virgil would tell us that he was too old to go play our games and he'd stay back and read funny books.

Each of us boys had us a homemade wooden gun to play our games with. We carried them around with us because we never knew when we'd get in a game where we would need them in a shootout. We'd spend hours poking our heads out from behind trees and "shooting" our little guns and yelling, "You're dead! Fall down, I killed you!"

After we got tired of playing cowboys and Indians, cousin Luther said, "Let's have a race!" Cousin Eddie said, "Yes, let's!" and then we'd arrange a foot race around the graveyard. Not once did I ever win a foot race.

We'd all take off at once crying, "Catch me if you can!" Sometimes we'd run until our sides hurt. Once, I tripped over a rock and fell on a stick and drove it into my leg. "Oh, no!" Mutt cried, "Ralph's got hurt again!"

My playmates helped me up and held me up as I limped on down the hill back to Grandma's house, blood running down my leg from my injured knee. "Why is it always me," I moaned and cried. "I have more scars than anybody!"

When we got back to Grandma's, she cleaned my leg and told me it wasn't as bad as I was letting on. Most every kid I knew played on that graveyard at Hen Pen, but I'm the only one that I ever knew of that got hurt while playing there.

Hen Pen was a great place to live. There was a small stream that flowed slowly down the hollow until it emptied into Beaver Creek at Melvin. There were fish in the creek back in those days and after Grandma bandaged my leg, us boys figured we'd go down to the creek to fish for awhile. We caught a string of fish and took them home for Grandma to clean. That evening, we had fried fish for supper. I ate my fill of that good fried fish, too.

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CRITTER CORNER

Pixel

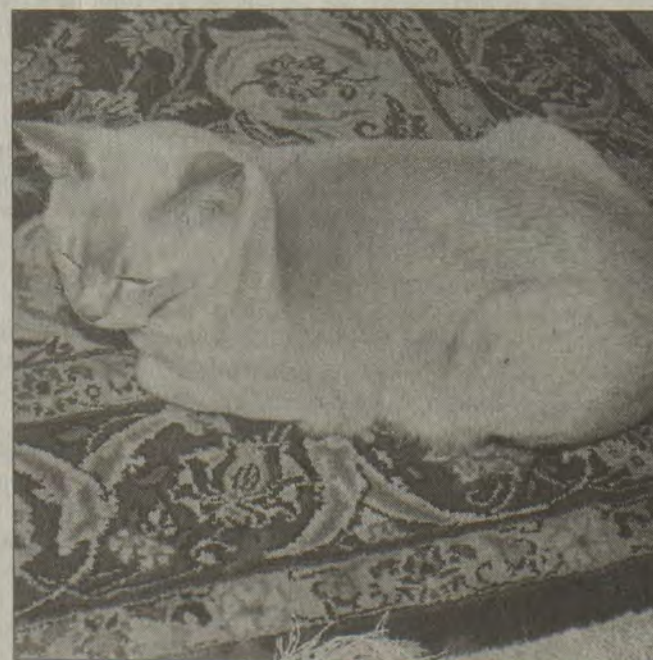
By Phyllis Puffer

Regular readers might remember the Halloween kitty living in South Africa named Gremlin. Today we meet Gremlin's roommate, Pixel. First of all, the name might seem strange. Gremlin and Pixel are owned by a scientist. My friend Gisella is a chemist and is good with technology, including things digital. As I understand it, a pixel is a measurement of some kind in connection with digital photographs. At any rate, Pixel is a cute name for a fine kitty.

Gisella insisted that Pixel is a Burmese. However, he is a very light tan/beige, and in my experience Burmese are a deep, dark, sable brown. I have heard of champagne Burmese in the US, and perhaps that's what Pixel is.

I knew Pixel as very independent and very active. Whereas Gremlin would sit still and keep me company while I talked to Gisella, Pixel was all over the place. He jumped up on a corner of the kitchen counter and then he jumped down again. He raced from there through the dining room, into the living room and off to who knows where. This was normal behavior for him.

My last morning there, Gisella was in her office earning a living, and I had the lovely house to myself. It was late July, still chilly in the Southern-hemisphere winter, but the sky was completely clear and the sun was bright and warm. Pixel and I went out on the porch to enjoy the weather. An apple was sitting at the edge of the porch, which he found interesting. He sniffed it over carefully. When he finished his study of the apple, he walked all over the porch, making sure everything was in order. He allowed himself a bit of rest on his four paws, then went back into the house to make sure everything was still under control there. This kitty does not need aerobics to keep slim and healthy.



Pixel, the Burmese.

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Allen Central High School

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Allen Central Middle School

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■ 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 ser-

vices for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 1 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

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

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

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

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. 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

■ Jan. 11 - Parent support meeting, 1 p.m., in center.

■ Jan. 16 - Food Pyramid program, 12-2 p.m., for 3rd and 4th grade.

■ Jan. 16 - Tobacco prevention, 5th grade.

■ Jan. 25 - Family Read Night, 6-7 p.m.

■ 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 fami-

lies, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become the property of the FRC.

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

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

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

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

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

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

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

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(January 15 and January 17, 1997)

The Prestonsburg Dance Cats, a third-year program, coached by Jody Shepherd, added yet another title to their brief history by claiming the national title in Pom Dancing last weekend, in St. Louis Missouri...A lawsuit, filed by the City of Prestonsburg, alleges that Ed and Rebecca Kuss did not pay net profits tax or withhold the license fee on their employee's wages from 1990-95 on their businesses, Trader's World and Pawn Inc., and the Hock Shop. The suit also stated that the Kuss's owe property taxes from 1991 through 1996...Whether the Salisbury Old Regular Baptist Church will rebuild, or dissolve, after it was destroyed Friday, by a fire, is a question its members will discuss next month. Local police and fire departments responded to the fire at the Printer Church around 3:30 p.m., Friday...When told she had been indicted for the theft of funds solicited for a medical organ transplant, Susan Stumbo of Wayland, tearfully denied the charge, and referred other questions to her attorney. Stumbo was one of the main fundraisers for Terri LaShae Jarvis, an 18-month-old Banner girl who needed a liver and small bowel transplant. Jarvis, died in September 1995 of a blood infection before she could receive a transplant...Prestonsburg City Council held first reading, Monday, on an ordinance to establish its own E-911 emergency service system. Mayor Jerry Fannin said that council decided to go ahead with implementing its own system because a 24-hour dispatch service would have to continue in the city, regardless of which agency provides the service...An armed masked gunman entered the Lakeview Mart, Tuesday evening, around 6 p.m., forcing a store employee to hand over an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing. Police are continuing to investigate...Two ambulance workers, arrested last February for allegedly hauling a dead patient to the hospital, have filed a federal multi-million dollar lawsuit against Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson and state police detective Dave Maynard, for alleged civil rights

violations...The Prestonsburg High School renovation project is \$2 million over budget now, and Phase II costs could wipe out the system's bonding potential for the next decade...Randy Hamilton of McDowell, was bitten by a brown recluse spider, last month, while repairing a floor furnace under his house. He will have to undergo surgery to remove dead tissue from his knee...Floyd County School officials, approved \$150,000 in budget cuts, Tuesday, in instruction, transportation and maintenance, and declared several pieces of property as surplus for sale. But would not approve cutting classified employees' work schedules by 10 days, which would save \$100,000. The board also voted not to relocate Opportunities Unlimited to the Martin Middle School campus...A move to amend a construction management contract for Phase II of Prestonsburg High School was tabled, Tuesday, by the board of education, after the board attorney said he had not seen the contract...Telephone service to hundreds of customers in and around Prestonsburg was interrupted, Thursday afternoon, for about 20 minutes, putting businesses on hold and emergency service providers on their toes. Only customers in the 886 exchange were affected by the outage, which began just before 2 p.m., Thursday, but other services also experienced some related difficulties...Construction moved most of a mountain when they built the Route 23 bypass around Prestonsburg. Since the four-lane bypass opened four years ago, on December 22, 1992, 11 people have died in accidents at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 1428...American Standard, which has a manufacturing plant in Johnson County, apparently has rejected a friendly takeover offer from Tyco International, Ltd. The Wall Street Journal reported, this week, that Tyco, a manufacturer of plumbing products, fire and security control systems, offered to buy American Standard in December for a premium price of \$50 per share...Six-month-old Sarah Lafferty completed her first round of chemotherapy, Thursday, and is in remission, but the infant is still waiting for a bone marrow donor to be found who will save her life...Israel Boyd, 30, of Betsy Layne, was convicted, Thursday, of first degree stalking and terroristic threatening for accosting his wife last April. He will be sentenced on Valentine's Day...There died: Christeen Osborne Yeary, 72,

of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Jack Burman Johnson, 64, of Mouthcard, Monday, January 13, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Glenda Faye Howell, 56, of Teaberry, Saturday, January 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Marie Collins Bingham, 78, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, January 12, at her residence; Garnet Mae Goodman, 84, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 13, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Louella Music Boggs, 86, of Little Paint, Friday, January 10, at her residence; Pearlie Hurd, 83, of Claypool, Indiana, January 6, at Extendacare in Columbus City, Indiana; Rev. Henry W. Crider, 94, of Endicott, Thursday, January 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martha R. Lee, 64, of Wayland, Saturday, January 11, at her residence; Stonewall J. McKinney, 71, of Weeksbury, Saturday, January 11, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Dinah Hall, 74, of McDowell, Sunday, January 5, at McDowell; Pauline Sparks Martin, 83, of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, formerly of Dema, Tuesday, January 14, at the Indian Path Hospital, in Kingsport, Tennessee; Preacher Frank Slone, 70, of Pippa Passes, Thursday, January 16, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dock Hall Jr., 71, of Ivel, Tuesday, January 14, in Prestonsburg, following an auto accident; Brandie Mashae Scott, eight, of Teaberry, Tuesday, January 14, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ashbie "Squire" Samons, 76, of Martin, died Monday, January 13, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital, in Russell; Mary Ellen Roberts, 63, of Banner, Tuesday, January 14, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Mont Gibson Jr., 76, of Dana, Tuesday, January 14, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 21, 1987)

The statewide outbreak of flu that led to school closings in three counties last week, and two more counties this week, apparently has been kind to Floyd County so far...Placing aside Prestonsburg Police Chief Elmo Allen's request for funding for two more dispatchers, the Floyd Fiscal Court is seeking funding to better the gas

system...The Floyd County Ministerial Association, sponsored a meeting of church leaders with representatives from cooperative ministries in other parts of the state to discuss the formation of a coordinating agency to more effectively aid the area's needy...A 53-signature petition was presented to C. Leslie Dawson, secretary of the Department of Transportation, requesting action on the dangerous intersection on Route 23 and KY 1428 at Allen...A minor, Enoch Hanna, 19, of Staffordsville, who bought vodka and later became sick as a result of drinking it, is suing T. J. Gulley and Jenny Wiley Village Liquors for \$2,200 to cover medical expenses and \$10,000 for pain and suffering...Robert V. May, 80, well-known Prestonsburg business and civic leader, died Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness...There died: Jake Hollifield, 77, of Auxier, last Thursday...Sanford Ousley, 69, of Martin, Monday...Dovie Williamson Stratton, 85, of Betsy Layne, last Wednesday...Topsy S. Meade, 86, of Hunter, Saturday...Robert Hinkle McCloud, 75, of Hunter, Monday...Grover Johnson, 69, of Buckingham, Monday...and Ann E. Fitch Music, 59, of Auxier, January 4.

Thirty Years Ago

(January 8, 1977)

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company officials say it has already submitted its best contract proposal, and that further negotiation between company and striking workers will serve no purpose at this time...Strikebound Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company announced, Monday, that it intends to reactivate one compressor station and two booster stations...Floyd County's schools are suffering their longest freeze-out ever, and if they remain closed through this week, as is now expected, the earliest the term could end, without suffering another day of lost time, would be June 21...The Central Kentucky Blood Center will bring its staff and equipment to the First Presbyterian Church, here, Saturday...Snow upon snow, bitter cold that dropped the ther-

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Yesterdays

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rometer here to 14 below zero, schools closed, some businesses shut down, and all businesses seriously affected...In theory the next state taxation of mineral properties will not be as costly to the taxpayer as the taxation during preceding years by county, schools and state...There died: Mrs. Mary Terry, 87, of Hueysville, Sunday, January 2, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Fred Coburn, 89, of Hippo, Tuesday, January 11, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Jack Hall, 81, native of Floyd County, Sunday, January 9, at Oak Hill, Ohio; Mrs. Eva Adams Holbrook, 84, native of Floyd County, Tuesday, January 11, at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City, Indiana; Paul P. Pope, 76, of Hollybush, Saturday, January 1, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Lillie May Preston, 66, native of Floyd County, who lived in Paintsville, Sunday, January 16, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville; Raben Pratt, 35, of Garrett, Tuesday, January 11, at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Mrs. Susan Owsley, 82, of Griffithsville, West Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, January 13, at Holzer Medical Center, Gallipolis, Ohio; James W. Preston Jr., 54, of West Dennis, Massachusetts, formerly of Martin, Monday, January 10, at a hospital in West Dennis.

Forty Years Ago (January 19, 1967)

A fire which was not brought under control until after five hours of firefighting, destroyed Wright's

Supermarket at West Prestonsburg, Sunday night, and left two nearby structures gutted and useless...Nineteen-year-old Billy Ray Ousley was fatally crushed beneath an automobile on which he was working at his home at Pyramid, Wednesday afternoon...Bert T. Combs, the former Prestonsburg lawyer who became Governor of Kentucky, was nominated, last Friday, by President Johnson, for a judgeship on the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals...The home of Homer J. Wells burned at Bonanza, Sunday, with its contents...Married: Miss Donna Faye Cook, of Price, and Mr. James Rodney Johnson, of Ligon, December 23, at the First Baptist Church, Wheelwright...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bill H. Hall, of Betsy Layne, a son, Richard Edgar, January 16, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Dr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Yabroff, of Cornwall, New York, a daughter, Ann Deirdre, January 15. Mrs. Yabroff is the former Dorothy Gay Martin, of Martin...There died: Mrs. Charlestine Rice, 45, of Little Paint Creek, Monday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Mrs. Addie Auxier, 64, of Van Lear, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Calvin Estep, 41, of Price, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Frona Stone, 62, of Wheelwright, last Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (January 17, 1957)

Coal production in the field repre-

sented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association rose 507,940 tons in 1956, over the preceding year, according to a recent report...Fire caused an estimated damage of \$1,000 in the Church of Christ at Martin early Monday evening...Operations begun by the Hi Hat Elkhorn Coal Company on a 400-acre tract of coal on Mud Creek may be the beginning of widescale development of the coal in that section of the county, it was said here this week...Miss Lyda Mae Francis, who has been a vice consul in the Foreign Service of the United States, serving in various embassies and consulates in Asia, South America and Europe, recently resigned from the Service, and is now visiting relatives in Prestonsburg...Floyd County had a net loss of 8,271 in population in the five years ending June 30, last year, according to a study by the University of Kentucky...Showing at the Martin Theatre this week is "Don't Knock the Rock," with Bill Haley and the Comets, and "Rumble on the Docks," with James Darren, among others...There died: Lloyd Hammonds, 56, Friday, at home at Garrett; Mrs. Rose Caudill Hall, 64, of Hi Hat, last Thursday, at the Paintsville Hospital; William H. Chandler, 82, of Wheelwright, January 2, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Rose Thacker, 80, Thursday, of last week, at home at Hi Hat.

Sixty Years Ago (January 16, 1947)

Floyd County's dry vote of September 30 stands, Circuit Judge

Edward P. Hill ruled this morning, (Thursday), in dismissing the contest action of Bill Hall, Prestonsburg liquor store owner...Arthur Hall, 33-year-old miner, was shot and killed at a roadhouse near Boldman, shortly after midnight Saturday...Tentative recapitulation by Tax Commissioner Clive Akers of the 1946 tax assessment for Floyd County, shows a total property evaluation of more than \$15,000,000—an increase of around \$4,000,000 over the previous year's assessment...Luther Osborne, 20 years old, was instantly killed at 8:30 p.m., last Thursday, when struck by a coal train near his home at Bevinville...Burns suffered last Wednesday, when her clothing ignited from an open grate at the home of her parents, resulted in the death, on the following day, of two-year-old Eugondi Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Watson, of Dana...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reynolds Jr., of Martin, a son, January 7; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reynolds, of Martin, a son, January 7; to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Rice, of Martin, a daughter, Brenda; to Mr. and Mrs. Mann Preston, of David, a daughter, Sunday...There died: Mrs. Mary Newsome, 36, of Teaberry, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, following the birth of her eighth child; James Stidham, 76, Saturday, at the home of his step-son, W. R. Middleton, of Wayland; Mrs. Albert Childers, 63, at home in West Prestonsburg, last Thursday morning; Rondall Shepherd, six months old, last Wednesday, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shepherd of Hueysville.

Seventy Years Ago (January 8, 1937)

The Prestonsburg City Council, at its first meeting of the new year, faced a literally dark prospect; a power company representative informed the council that unless the city pays its overdue power bill, the city's street lights would be shut off...Grand jury action, this week, saw a total return of 70 true bills, with three murder indictments included...The Floyd County Grand Jury, this week, heard testimony to the effect that a group of Magoffin County men, as part of an organized band, known as the "Black Leg Legion," crossed the county line on Middle Creek, April 2, and severely beat Miles Barnett, 40-year-old Floyd farmer...Dan Thacker, of Jones Fork, was struck and killed by a hit-and-run auto, Saturday night, on the Lackey-Hindman road, near the Stumbo Memorial Hospital...Ellis Hale, 28, principal of the Bonanza High School, is in critical condition in the Paintsville Hospital, as a result of scald burns received, Monday evening, when a boiler exploded at a saw-mill at Bonanza. Seven others were seriously injured in the explosion...Reports, this week, from the local relief offices, state that approximately 1,076 men and women at present, are employed by WPA projects in the county...Married: Miss Helen Darnell, of Frankfort, and Mr. Ed Osborne, of Catlettsburg, here, Dec. 31...There died: Patrick Harmon, of Bonanza, Wednesday.

Oak

and hauling firewood in order for the family to have heat all winter long. He said sometimes, they'd use 25 or 30 cords of wood if it was especially cold, and apparently, it always was.

That was a lot of wood, when you consider a 'cord' measures eight feet long, four feet wide and four feet high. By today's standards, that

would be about a pick-up truck's worth.

He talked about how he'd gather apples and dry them or the hearth or on the mantel, so they'd have some sort of fruit come winter, and how instead of popcorn, his mom would either parch or roast dried corn as a treat when they'd gather around the

fire at night before bedtime.

I found it interesting to learn how they stored their potato crop by digging a big hole and putting them in the ground. He said they'd cover the bottom of the hole with straw, put the potatoes in, then cover them with straw before covering the whole thing with a thick layer of dirt. Then

all winter long, when they needed potatoes, they'd simply dig them up again. He said the problem with that was sometimes the ground would freeze so hard he couldn't get to them until spring.

Now in his case, it's hard to say if the weather was that much worse then than it was when I was a boy, or

whether things just seemed more difficult, due to his lack of modern conveniences.

But as I said earlier, modern conveniences or no modern conveniences, I'm certain winters were colder in the 1940s than they are now

2006 Kids Festival

The lawn at the Lees College Campus of Hazard Community & Technical College was decorated during the holiday season for the 2006 Kids Christmas Festival, which was a huge success. There were 72 smiling faces in attendance. Counties represented at the event were Letcher, Breathitt, Lee and Owsley. This event was hosted by the Lees College Campus UNITED Coalition. Once the children arrived at the college campus, they were greeted by two of Santa's helpers and from there they made their way down the stairs into a room filled with magic, juggling, singing, refreshments and much

more. The dorm students rehearsed for many hours to ensure that the caroling would be perfect for the event. Once the show was over, they made their way back upstairs into the lobby. In the lobby, they found Santa & Mrs. Claus. Each child was able to have their picture taken with Santa. Gifts were distributed to the children by Mrs. Claus & Santa's helpers. All of the children left with smiling faces. The Department of Protection & Permanency was very impressed with the festival and wanted to let HCTC know how much they appreciated the group putting on this event.



HEALTH AWARENESS



P.A.D. And Diabetes: What You Need To Know

(NAPSA)-The increase in the number of people in the U.S. with diabetes is also raising concern about a condition that is linked to diabetes but often goes undetected.

The condition is peripheral arterial disease, or P.A.D. It occurs when blood vessels in the legs are narrowed or blocked by fatty deposits, decreasing blood flow to legs and feet.

Experts say people with P.A.D. are at increased risk for heart attack and stroke, and people with diabetes are at increased risk for P.A.D.

According to one study, it's estimated that 30 percent of people with diabetes will develop P.A.D. Unfortunately, P.A.D. is often not diagnosed in a timely fashion. One reason is that the symptoms—such as fatigue and heaviness of the legs when walking—are often falsely attributed to aging. Left untreated, P.A.D. can lead to a greater risk of amputation, stroke or heart attack.

The Vascular Disease Foundation (VDF) is the only nonprofit organization focused on vascular diseases with the sole purpose of providing public education and improving awareness about vascular diseases. It recommends that all persons with diabetes over the age of 50 get screened for P.A.D. using a test known as the Ankle Brachial Index, or ABI. The test compares the blood pressure in a person's ankle to the blood pressure reading taken from the person's arm. If the reading from your leg is lower than the one taken from your arm, it may be a sign that you have P.A.D.

Fortunately, there are steps physicians and patients can take to manage P.A.D. According to VDF's president, Alain T. Drooz, M.D., those with diabetes who suspect they may have P.A.D. should do the following:

- Keep their blood sugar level in an acceptable range.
- If they smoke, they should stop. If they can't stop on their own, they should ask their health care provider for assistance.
- Work to get their blood pressure below 130/80.
- Get their LDL (bad) cholesterol below 100 mg/dL.
- Talk to their health care provider about taking aspirin or other anti-platelet medicines.
- Studies have also shown that exercise, such as walking, can be used to treat P.A.D. and, in some cases, prevent it.

VDF supports the P.A.D. Coalition and the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute's national campaign "Stay in Circulation: Take Steps to Learn About P.A.D." To learn more, call 1-866-PAD-INFO or visit www.vdf.org.

Conservation scholarships available

The Floyd County Conservation District is now accepting scholarship applications from graduating Floyd County High School Seniors for the 2007-2008 school year. Priority will be given to those students majoring in Agriculture and/or the Conservation of Natural Resources.

This is a scholarship awarding a one time payment of \$1000 with proof of college enrollment. Eligible students must have at least a 3.0 G.P.A. verified by a high school counselor. The completed applications must be returned to the Floyd County Conservation District Office by January 31, 2007 to be eligible. Applications are available at the Floyd County Conservation District Office located at Mayo Branch of Brandykeg (approximately 1/4 from the Lancer-Watergap Intersection traveling toward Jenny Wiley State Resort Park). For more information, contact the Floyd County Conservation District at 889-9800 or email us at conserve@bellsouth.net.

P-16 talks about education Jan. 11

Persons interested in education at all levels in the region are invited to attend the next meeting of the Kentucky River P-16 Council Thursday, Jan. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Hazard. The meeting will be held in the University Center of the Mountains administrative offices in the Jolly Classroom Center on the Hazard Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College. Lunch will be served so please RSVP for the meal count.

The Council goal is to encourage learner success from pre-school through postsecondary education. The Council is a collaborative partnership among interested citizens, parents, educational providers, organizations, local and regional officials and anyone else who desires to raise educational levels in the region. The Council serves Perry, Breathitt, Letcher, Leslie and Knott counties, but is expanding into Lee, Owsley and Wolfe counties this year.

The group will meet briefly together and break into four workgroups for discussions and planning on four areas of priority.

For more information contact Ron Daley, the Kentucky River P-16 Co-Chair and director of the UCM at 487-3158 or by email at ron.daley@kctcs.edu. The UCM offices hosting the meeting are located on the Cardinal Chevrolet parking lot side of the Jolly Classroom Center in Room 152.

Anniversary



Celebrate 56 years of marriage

Clarence and Emma Lou Martin celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on December 28, 2006. They have two children: Mary Lou Bailey (Neil), of Prestonsburg, and Fred Martin, of Charlotte, North Carolina. They have been blessed with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

ENERGY MATTERS

Cutting Home Energy Bills

(NAPSA)-The average family spends approximately \$1,900 a year on energy bills, with heating and cooling accounting for as much as half of a home's energy use. To help you get the most out of your heating and cooling system, experts recommend properly maintaining your existing equipment, using a programmable thermostat and finding and sealing air leaks around windows, doors and ducts that cause drafts and make your heating and cooling system work overtime. If you're in the market for new equipment, Energy Star(r)-qualified models can reduce your annual energy costs by as much as 20 percent. Energy Star is a voluntary partnership of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), local utilities, product manufacturers, retailers, builders and financial institutions. The partnership helps consumers identify and purchase the most energy-efficient products on the market. To be Energy Star-qualified, products must meet strict energy efficiency guidelines set by the DOE and the EPA.

When compared to standard models, Energy Star products are between 15 and 25 percent more efficient. This means the products use less energy, helping to improve the environment.

It could make sense, then, for homeowners to consider Energy Star models as they shop for new furnaces or heat pumps this heating season. To help consumers purchase the most energy-efficient and environmentally friendly products on the market, the York(r) brand of Johnson Controls offers a variety of Energy Star-qualifying home heating products. For example, the York Latitude(tm) 14 SEER model heat pump and the York Affinity(tm) 15 and 18 SEER model heat pumps are Energy Star qualified and offer Heating Seasonal Performance Factors (HSPF) of 7.4 through 8.5+ energy efficiency.

The Affinity 92+ percent Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency furnaces are also Energy Star qualified and include single-stage, two-stage and modulating models. A modulating furnace with variable speed and ClimaTrak(tm) technology offers maximum energy efficiency, effective humidity control, reduced sound levels and improved indoor air quality. To learn more about energy efficient home-heating equipment, visit www.yorkupg.com, or call (800) 910-YORK

Korner

right, it was so much fun.

One of my favorite childhood memories is the Christmas the two of them got me a bicycle that looked like a motorcycle. It had a key and when I turned it on, it actually sounded like one! It was too cool!

Aunt Eula was so strong-willed and never did she ever look near the age of 60 to me, let alone 71. How she managed that one is beyond me.

Just to give you a little example of her spunkiness: During the beginning of her hospitalization, one physician asked her what her age was. She told him 71 and he said, "Well, Mrs. Frazier, you certainly don't look your age, but you do have hospital hair." Ut oh, he had no idea who he had just insulted! No matter how bad she felt, she was quick with the comebacks and come-back she did. She looks up at the Dr. and says, "Well, I might just have hospital hair, but there's one thing about it - I can do something about that, but you can't do anything about ugly!" He lost it! He cracked up! I told you she was

spunky.

She brought much laughter and would put you in your place with the snap of a finger. She had no problem speaking her mind and then some.

We most certainly miss her already.

To those of you who so graciously prayed for Aunt Eula during her illness, spoke such kind words and sent such beautiful flowers and food during the funeral, our entire family wants you to know we appreciate your love and kindness so very much.

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Children's Health Update



Children Create Storybooks To Help Others With Chronic Illness

(NAPSA)-At an age when most kids are reading storybooks, 8-year-old Emma and 3-year-old Charlie were each creating their own books to help them deal with their chronic disease-primary immunodeficiency (PI).

PI is a group of genetic, lifelong disorders of the immune system that make the body unable to protect itself from germs. The condition makes Emma and Charlie, who are not related, vulnerable to serious and potentially life-threatening infections. By the time they were toddlers, both children had logged more time in hospitals than many people do in a lifetime. Now they have turned their experiences into books designed to help other kids and their families as they face the frustrations and fears of ongoing medical conditions.

Healing Expressions

Thanks to advances in medicine, PI can be successfully treated with regular infusions of intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) that allow most patients to lead more normal lives because of the reduced risk of infection. Children usually can go to school, play with friends and participate in sports. But sometimes an accurate diagnosis can take years and IVIG treatment requires frequent visits to the hospital for ongoing care. For parents, the experience is life-changing. For kids, it is scary and confusing.

Creative expression became an important tool for Emma and Charlie to understand PI and share their anxieties with their parents and caregivers. Emma, diagnosed at age 3, and Charlie, diagnosed at 2, used pictures to work through their experiences.

With assistance from their parents, Emma and Charlie then created books to capture what they learned and help other kids cope with PI or other types of chronic disease, such as asthma, epilepsy or diabetes. The books tell children and their families that the more you know what to expect from a situation, the less scary it is. And the more you express your anxieties and fears, the better able people are to help you.

Emma's Story-

"The ABCs of Kids Like Me"

Emma, now 11, was inspired to share her story after she read a book about a boy living with cancer. "I wanted to do one for kids like me," she said.

Her book, "The ABCs of Kids Like Me," uses each letter of the alphabet and colorful illustrations to suggest ways for patients to cope with different aspects of a chronic disease. Packaged with a set of crayons, the book includes blank pages that invite other children to record their own stories.

Emma advises children who are just beginning treatment for a chronic condition to remember, "You get tougher the longer you do it." Emma adds that her family has made life easier by "treating me normal, not like an alien or something!"

Charlie's Story-

"This is My IVIG Book"

At age 5, Charlie is the oldest of three kids who have PI. It was Charlie's mother, Dayna, who initially developed his book when he was a toddler to help him understand his condition and accept his monthly IVIG treatments. Using photos that Charlie took and his own words whenever possible, Dayna crafted a story that reviewed his treatment step by step to reassure him about the process and people involved.

Dayna says that perhaps the fact that all of her kids have PI makes it easier to raise her family. She is acutely aware that her children will one day be adults faced with supporting themselves in a working world. She's made it a priority to help them accept their medical condition and learn to differentiate between acceptable levels of discomfort and real pain that requires help from caregivers.

"Our perspective is different than most people's," Dayna said. "We'd rather teach our kids how to live with this disease than how to die with it. We choose to teach them to overcome."

Charlie's story comes with a book containing blank pages for photos and a collection of stickers for other kids to create their own stories.

Both books, published by Baxter Healthcare Corporation, which processes and distributes IVIG treatment, are complimentary upon request. To order Charlie's or Emma's book, or get additional information about PI, visit www.immune-disease.com.

Appalachian Food: Defining a Culture

In celebration of Appalachian History Month, Big Sandy Community and Technical College library is proud to present Dr. Mark Sohn. Dr. Sohn will discuss Southern Appalachia as a culturally distinct mountain region that extends from Maryland to northern Georgia. From stack cakes and shuck beans to moonshine and cast iron cookpots, he will discuss the region's unique cuisine. A food tasting will follow the presentation.

Mark Sohn is a Professor of Psychology at Pikeville College in Kentucky and has published several cookbooks. The most recent cookbook is entitled *Appalachian Home Cooking: History, Culture and Recipes* published by the University of Kentucky Press.

For questions, please call Judy Bowen at 889-4750. The presentation is part of the Library Seminar Series and is free and open to the public.

Date: January 17, 2007

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Art Gallery in the Magoffin Building on the Prestonsburg Campus Big Sandy Community and Technical College

JWT announces Youth/Teen Company 2007 summer production

Jenny Wiley Theatre is pleased to announce the 2007 Youth/Teen Company production of Han's Christian Anderson's *The Princess and the Pea*. This production joins the previously announced lineup of Disney's *High School Musical*, *Forever Plaid* and *West Side Story*. This ingeniously hilarious and highly entertaining version of *The Princess and the Pea* tells the story of Prince Valiant's search for the "perfect" bride that will also satisfy the requirements of his royal family. Will Princess Olivia pass the test involving a pea and a stack of mattresses, or will Prince Valiant fail in his quest for true love? Watch this enchanting story unfold this summer on the JWT Mainstage.

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Adult Tickets \$10 Youth Tickets \$6

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Grandma's

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After supper, we all just sat around and talked about our day. Before we went to bed, Grandma said, "Let me tell you about when I was a child." We all loved to hear Grandma's stories as she talked about her father who she called "Pap." She told us about the time she went with Pap when he took corn to the mill over at Melvin. He wanted the corn ground into corn meal. Grandma said they filled their little wagon with corn and as they headed toward Melvin, they talked of life on the farm. Grandma said that Pap told her that one day she would grow into a fine lady and be a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Grandma said that Pap was a Newsome. Strong and proud and a man who loved working with his hands. Grandma painted pictures so vivid we could see Pap standing there and watch as he and Grandma rode in their little wagon.

Sometimes Grandma would shed a few tears and say that Pap was the best man in all the world.

When storytime was over, Grandma would tell us that it was time for bed. I liked to lay on the bedside closest to the window. I wanted to look out and see the trees on the hillside and watch the bats as they filled the night sky. I'd look at the stars and think about Grandma and Pap and all the fun the boys and I'd had playing on the graveyard. The graveyard was never a scary place to me. Mostly because I knew of everyone that lay buried there. A part of me rested in that graveyard.

As I heard Grandma call out to "turn out that lamp," I would close my eyes and pray this little prayer, "God, bless me and my family."

Sleep would come easy as I began to dream about the next day and the adventures it would bring.

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