

Lawmakers have bulk of work unfinished

by JOE BIESK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — After 22 work days, two proposals have cleared both chambers of the General Assembly: one to rename a strip of Louisville Interstate after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and another to raise speed limits.

Numerous questions remain before

lawmakers, such as whether to delete a possible runoff election following the May 22 primary to how - or should the state spend an estimated \$400 million in new revenue over the next two years. Deciding those answers could mean late, and flurried, nights ahead at the Capitol.

"I think most legislators are not planning much of a social life between now and sine die," Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Louisville, said, referring to the grand finale of the 2007 session.

In the House and Senate combined, lawmakers proposed nearly 800 bills for consideration this year. That's not counting the hefty pile of resolutions suggested in each chamber.

Debates over those proposals have simmered over the past month, and more than 240 measures have passed at least one chamber. But before any of those can go to the governor for his signature, both chambers will have to agree on the measures.

With a state-mandated 30-day session and only eight working days left beginning Monday, time is running out.

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FINISHING UCHES 0

h photo by Jessica Hale City workers continue to work on the new Prestonsburg Sportspark located at Stonecrest. Finishing touches are being added daily.

Major expansion of recreational

Four sentenced for charges of selling drugs

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Four people received sentences Tuesday in Floyd County District Court on drug charges.

Brenda Benton, 44, received a five-year sentence stemming from incidents that occurred on Jan. 23 and April 4, 2006. Benton's charges included second-degree trafficking of hydrocodone and firstdegree trafficking of cocaine. Investigations by Operation UNITE and the Kentucky State Police were integral parts of the investigation leading to Benton's conviction.

Billy Thompson, 52. also received a five-year sentence for first-degree trafficking of cocaine stemming from a February 2006 incident. Thompson will serve three years of this

sentence, then the remaining two years will be probated to three years supervised probation.

Brent Holbrook, 27, was charged with two counts of trafficking marijuana in April of last year, which Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner says would normally be a misdemeanor, but in Holbrook's case, it was bumped up to a felony charge because Holbrook lived within 1,000 yards of South Floyd High School. Holbrook was given a three-year sentence, one year of which will be served in jail. The remaining two years will be probated for three years. Diane "Red" Jarrell, 57,

received the same sentence after being charged with two counts of seconddegree trafficking for two incidents occurring in March and April 2006.

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Woman killed in **Pike wreck**

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — An accident that occurred Friday on U.S. 23 in Pike County has claimed the life of a 79year-old Pikeville resident.

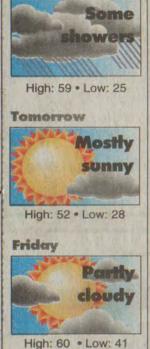
According to Kentucky State Police, Bessie Elkins was traveling north on U.S. 23 when her 2006 Pontiac G6 collided head-on with a 1998 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by 52-year-old Eulavene Hunt.

Elkins was pro-#nounced dead at the scene by Pike County **Coroner Russell** Roberts.

Hunt was airlifted by Medflight of East Kentucky to Saint Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va. She was listed in critical condition.

This accident is still under investigation by KSP Det. Eddie Crum.

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ortunities nearly complete

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The new Prestonsburg Sportspark located at Stonecrest is quickly becoming one of the most comprehensive parks of its kind in the area.

According to the city's economic development director, Brent Graden, the new sports park is part of a city recreation plan that will make Prestonsburg the "youth sports capital of Kentucky." City workers and project coordinators have been working over the last couple of months to complete the park before game season was scheduled to begin.

"The new Prestonsburg Sportspark, along with Archer Park and our city parks, make our city the best in sports in Eastern Kentucky, period," said Mayor Jerry Fannin. "We also have other items planned that will make our community a national sports destination. Our kids come first because the commitment is there."

Along with its 12 new sports fields, Prestonsburg Sportspark features concessions and bathrooms for sports fans and even a new indoor practice facility that is now being used by Prestonsburg High School players.

According to Ritchie Schoolcraft, member of the high school Baseball Boosters Club, workers still have approximately 10 days of finishing touches to add to the indoor facility, but they are already very happy with the results.

Stonecrest was once an active strip mine operation, but over the years was reclaimed and now features the new sport spark, Stonecrest Golf Course, and numerous parcels of land for housing development opportunities.

"There is no finer way to reuse the land than for the kids in our area," says Fannin.

Club teaches youth fun of outdoors

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG -The Outdoorsmen Youth Club says their main purpose is to give kids something to do other than drugs and alcohol, but they can't do it without the help of the community.

The youth club was started in 2005 by Ricky Littleton, Ricky Hughes and Dougie Spears and is aimed at raising awareness

for children and the numerous recreational activities the outdoors offers.

"If we can occupy their minds with the great outdoors instead of other things, then we have done something," Littleton said.

The Outdoorsmen Youth Club is open to all ages, with members as young as 4 and as old as 20. Once youth members reach the age of 18, they are promot-

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Fan gets wish during **Doyle Lawson concert**

by JESSICA HALE STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, a nationally known bluegrass band, dedicated a song to a very special fan this past Saturday during their concert at the Mountain Arts Center, finally honoring the many requests from a special young fan who suffers from a form of autism.

Tyler Wessel, 16, from West Carrolton, Ohio, suffers from

Asperger's Syndrome, a disease closely related to autism. People who suffer from the condition are often very intelligent, but more often they have difficulties with transitions or changes and prefer "sameness.'

According to his family, one of Tyler's favorite things to do is sing and play guitar, which he does regularly at the church their family attends.

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Doyle Lawson, of the bluegrass band Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, posed for a picture with young fan Tyler Wessel following a concert Saturday at the MAC.

photo by Jessica Hale



Early Morning Breakfast Special 6 a.m.-11 a.m., Monday-Friday (No Substitutions) Limited Time Only

- Biscuits or Toast served w/Jelly
- (2) 2 Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage..2.99 served w/butter and syrup
- (3) Country Gravy and Biscuits1.99 2 Buttermilk Biscuits and Gravy
- Fresh cooked Oatmeal (good for heart) served w/Toast & Jelly
 - Additional Items-99¢ each (1) Hash Browns or Home Fries (2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice (3) Country Gravy



Obituaries

Clara Ellen Cross

Clara Ellen Cross, 73, of Drift, died Saturday, March 3, 2007, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born March 9, 1933, in Drift, she was the daughter of the late John and Mattie Bell Wright Nitchie. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church in Frog Town, in Printer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Cross.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Larry Sr., and Sharon Cross of Drift; two brothers: Charles Victor Nitchie (Phyllis) of Pike County, and Ernest Samuel Nitchie (Marilyn) of Ada, Ohio; two sisters: Mae Salisbury and Minnie Nitchie, both of St. Mary's Ohio; five grandchildren: Larry Jr. (Bev), Michelle Lynn (Eric), Virgil Shane (Crystal), Billy Eugene, and Aquilla 'Chrissy' (Vic Jr.); great-grandchildren: eight Larry Brian, Jeremy Wayne, Wesley Shane, Justin Tyler, Corey Scott, Hope Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Selena; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers: J. L. Nitchie and George (Little George) Nitchie; and a sister, Marie Nitchie.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 7, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Denver Meade, Charles Nitchie, and Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial will be in the Salisbury-Nitchie Cemetery, on School House Hollow, in Hunter, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral

home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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William Isaac (Ike) Skeens

William Isaac (Ike) Skeens, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born April 10, 1945, in West Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Joe Woodrow (Jay) Skeens and Virginia Akers Skeens. He was an equipment

Turner officiating.

Burial was in the Music Akers Cemetery, in Abbott, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers: Rocky Adams, Mark Hicks, Joe Burchett, Willie Blair, Chris Prater, Brandon Barrnett, Jeff Skeens, and Eric Cook.

Honorary pallbearers: Tom Skeens, Joe Skeens, Hank Skeens, Larry Cook, Odis Hicks, Gene Prater, Doc Chaffins, and Gary Wright. Visitation was at the funeral

home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Haley Prater

Whitaker Haley Prater Whitaker, 83, of Hueysville, died Thursday, March 1, 2007, at Rockcastle Community Hospital in

Community Hospital, in Mount Vernon. Born December 9, 1923, in

Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Harry and Rhoda Bailey Prater. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Whitaker.

Survivors include six sons: James Whitaker and Lloyd Whitaker, both of Waterford, Michigan; Roger Whitaker of Martin; and Ralph Whitaker, Michael Whitaker, and Jerry Whitaker, all of Hueysville; four daughters: Rhoda Arnett of North Manchester, Indiana, Clarise Hounshell of Jamestown, Tennessee; Brenda Thornsberry of Waterford, Michigan; and Kathy Howard of Hueysville; 28 grandchildren, 38 greatgrandchildren and 11 greatgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four children: Fern Jean Whitaker, Randall Keith Whitaker, Harold Gordon Whitaker, and Janet Gay Whitaker.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen, Earl Thornsberry, and others, officiating.

Burial was in the Whitaker Cemetery, in Gunlock, Magoffin County, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Thomas Jackson "Jack" Webb

Thomas Jackson "Jack" Webb, age 62, of Allen, husband of Mary June Prater Webb, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2007, at Our Lady of the Way Hosptial, in Martin.

He was born January 6,

Card of Thanks The family of Nannie Gayheart would like to extend their appreciation, to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service. THE FAMILY OF NANNIE GAYHEART



The family of David Morgan "Gizmo" Fields wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, 1945, in Martin, the son of the late Claud and Helen Salisbury Webb. He was a retired electrician, formerly employed by Cooper Energy, in Springfield, Ohio, and was a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church in Langley.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Mary June, include two sons: Jeremy Lee Webb of Allen, and Robert Jason Webb of Louisville; three brothers: Robert Kent Webb of Stockdale, Ohio, Paul Marcus Webb of South Charleston, Ohio, and Claude Jennings Webb of Langley; two sisters: Mary Susan Goins of Langley, and Jeannie Katherine Tussey of Springfield, Ohio; five grandchildren: Shane Douglas, Matthew Dalton, Kelsey Ann, Rita Marie, and Roger Jackson; and three step-grandchildren: Stephen Allen, Jacob Michael, and Jordan Darrell.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Thomas Matthew Webb.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 4, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Bob Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Webb Cemetery, in Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: David Price, Patrick Price, Jennings Webb, Gary Webb, Marc Webb, Delbert Goins, Michael Flanery, and Allen James.

Honorary: Matthew Skeans, James Skeans, Brandon Skeans, Johnny Skeans, Robby Webb, Brian Webb, Shane Webb, Dalton Webb, and Rosco Webb.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped us during the illness and loss of our "dear loved one." Thank-you to Dr. Hieronymus and Dr. Sekder and staffs for their excellent care and kindness. Also the 4th floor staff of HRMC and the cancer center. A special thank-you to the ministers for their visits to the hospital and the comforting words at the services. Reverends James Stephens, Richard Crisp, Paul Coleman, and Clifford Austin. The singers were wonderful. Thank you, Maxine Rose, Pat Coleman, Susan Campbell, Ted and Fayla Allen, Jessica Nelson, Christina Blair, and the Community Freewill Baptist Church choir. We would like to thank all our relatives, friends, and neighbors, for their prayers, visits, flowers, food, cards, etc. Thank-you to the Spurlock Bible Church for the use of the church for dinner. Thank-you to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for your kind and efficient service, (Thanks, Rod!), and thank you to the Floyd County Sheriff's office for excellent traffic control. (Dad would have been so pleased.) We love and appreciate all of you.

The Family of Willard Ousley Wife: Lillian Children: Jack, JoAnne, Barbara, Rudy, and Glen

Card of Thanks

The family of Warren Carl Wohlford wishes to thank everyone for the loving support given to us during our recent loss. We sincerely appreciate the many tributes of flowers, food, cards, and other kind gestures of sympathy and understanding.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Ron a Wright and Jean Caudill, for their musical presentation and singing, to the Faith Bible Church singers, and to those who participated in the beautiful service—the Auxier DAV, Sherry Robinson, Cory Vicars, and Mona Dingus. We can never thank Pleasant Home Baptist Church Pastor Mark Tackett enough for his stirring, sincere messages and kindesss shown to us. Also, special thanks to the relatives and friends who served as pallbearers, and to the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church ladies and deacons for their wonderful hospitality. In addition, we would like to acknowledge our appreciation to those who visited Warren during his stay in the East Kentucky Veterans Center at Hazard. These visits meant so much to him.

Pamela Wohlford, Janice Wohlford Mitchell, Jamie Mitchell Castle, Jerri Mitchell, Margarette Conn, John Wohlford, Bill Wohlford

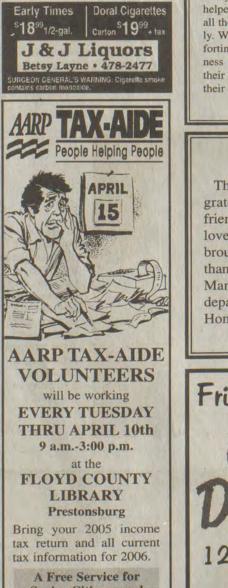
Floral Regulations Effective January 1, 2007 Richmond Memorial Cemetery Mayo Cemetery

- **1.** Flowers, artificial or fresh, and other types of decorations shall be secured to the headstone, or they may be secured to shepherds rods driven into the ground.
- 2. Permanent in-ground flower containers are <u>not</u> authorized for placement in any burial section of the cemetery.
- **3.** All flowers, artificial or fresh, on the ground will be removed from graves and disposed of by competent personnel when they become withered folded or otherwise unsightly.

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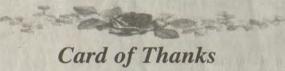
Survivors include a son, Jay Wesley (wife, Missy) Skeens of Prestonsburg; Jay's mother, Jennifer Adams Skeens of McDowell; his brothers: Tom Skeens of Stanton, Joe Skeens and Hank Skeens, both of Prestonsburg; his sisters: Mary Robinson, Dora Hicks, and Virginia Kay Webb, all of Prestonsburg; and a grandson, Wesley Tanner Skeens.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold



Senior Citizens and low-income taxpayers. Published as a public service of the Floyd County Times. relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Chester Ray Varney and James Henry Fields for their 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 DAVID MORGAN "GIZMO" FIELDS



The family of Josephine S. Collins would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Father Bob Damron for his comforting words, the St. Martha's Catholic Church for all the kindness that was shown to our family, 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 JOSEPHINE S. COLLINS

Card of Thanks

The family of Raleigh Shepherd Jr., wishes to gratefully acknowledge the kindness shown by friends, neighbors, and relatives in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, brought food, or spoke comforting words: Also thanks to the ministers, Jennings Norman, Jerry Manns, and Richard Crisp; the singers; the sheriff's department for traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE SHEPHERD FAMILY



- of by cemetery personnel, when they become withered, faded or otherwise unsightly.
- 4. Permanent plantings, statues, breakable objects of any kind, and similar commemorative items are not permitted on graves at any time. These and other hazardous objects will be removed by cemetery personnel wherever found on a grave.
- **5.** During the Christmas season, Christmas wreaths and grave floral blankets will be permitted, commencing December 1, and allowed to remain on the grave through Jan. 1.
- **6.** Between March 24 and March 31, all artificial and fresh flowers or decorations that are on the ground will be removed and disposed of by cemetery personnel.

If there would be any questions concerning the above regulations, please contact the cemeteries at (606) 886-1312

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP plans first meeting of year Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 20, in the First Presbyterian Church, Don Rose, Prestonsburg. AARP Chapter Specialist from Win-chester, will present a program on AARP activities and membersip services. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and

John M. Rosenberg, president, encourages all members and Eriends to attend.

Public input meeting planned for Thursday

A public input meeting regarding wireless communications 'for downtown Prestonsburg will be held at City Hall on Thursday, March 8th, 12-1 p.m.

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion

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

Bailey.

Kevin M. Rice Memorial Cancer Fund Inc., presentation

Kevin M. Rice Memorial Cancer Fund Inc., will present The Original Night With the Stars Reunion. The show will include impersonations of your favorite stars by some of your local neighbors, friends, and officials. Some of the acts scheduled to appear are:

Mayor Michael Miller and Matthew Hollins as the Blues Brothers, Jailer James Elliott Turner as Marty Robins, WYMT's Weatherman Jim Caldwell, Tim Spencer as Garth Brooks, Mike Holcomb as Joe Duffie.

There will also be impersonations of such stars as: The Dixie Chicks, Patty Loveless. String Bean, Hank Williams Jr., and Minnie Pearl.

The show will take place at LBJ Elementary School in Jackson, on March 31, at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission will be only \$3.00 and is free for children under 10. Door prizes will be awarded.

All proceeds go to benefit the Kevin M. Rice Memorial Foundation. For more information, call: 666-9608 or 666-5300.

Clark Elementary Family Resource Center

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

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

Cards for Sale-\$10.00 each Contact any Clark students or



call the Family Resource Coordinators Steve Cole and Center for information: 886-0815.

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

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

Revival, March 5

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

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion

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

WHS Classes of '87 and '88

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

Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center\ Spring Classes Basic Computer: Mondays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Tuesdays

& Thursdays - 5-7 p.m. Computer Keyboarding:

Fridays - 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sewing Class: Mondays 6-9 p.m.; Wednesdays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

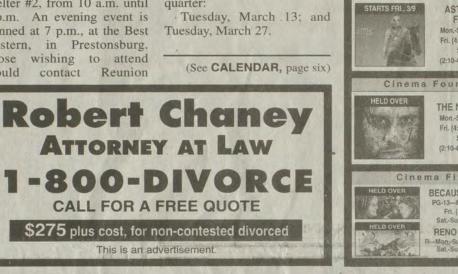
Classes begin on Monday, March 12. Cost: \$30 for 8 weeks. Pre-registration necessary as class space is limited. Also, earn a free computer by registering for classes! For more information, call 886-0709

SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

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

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





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The Floyd County PRIDE Spring 2007 Clean-up Will be running from Monday, April 9, thru Saturday, April 28, 2007

Residents will be able to take items to the Waste Connections Facility Located at Garth FREE OF CHARGE during this time. **Operating Hours are** Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 Saturday & Sunday, CLOSED

No Tires, Batteries, Air Conditioners, Refrigerators or Freon Items, Liquids, or Oil will be accepted. All Paint Cans must be empty & dried out.

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

at 886-9193

Register your group and location today!!



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Worth Repeating ...

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

WE'VE HAD A COMMAND CHANGE ...

GENERAL NEGLECT AND

MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY GENERAL DISGUST

AND MAJOR OUTRAGE.

- John Greenleaf Whittier

Amendment I

Guest

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Too busy to snooze? Give it a rest

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ ...

Sorry, guess we nodded off for a moment. Dozing on the job, you ask? Guilty as charged, and proud of it. We're just doing our part to protect our heart and our sanity.

Seems sleep does wonders for the old ticker, especially when it comes in the form of regular naps. For proof see a well-publicized report in the latest Archives of Internal Medicine that concludes napping half an hour, at least three times a week, dramatically lowers the risk of fatal heart attacks.

We'll concede the report — "Siesta in Healthy Adults and Coronary Mortality in the General Population" - is a snoozer. But isn't that the point?

Americans are a sleep-starved bunch. Unlike the 23,000 Greeks on which this study focused, we think naps are for slackers, infants and retirees. Hard-charging adults have better things to do; Mr. Sandman isn't in our BlackBerry.

While we're busy overachieving in life, we're underachieving on the pillow. According to National Sleep Foundation researchers — what a dream job — the average American adult snoozes just 6.8 hours each weeknight. Even on weekends, we still can't clock in a full eight. And our wired ways are rubbing off on our kids. Half of all teens slumber less than eight hours. Even preschoolers aren't getting their 40 winks.

The long-term effects of sleep shortage include stress, weight gain, memory loss and, of course, heart trouble. So stop reading, find a comfy chair, and follow in the footsteps of Winston Churchill, Albert Einstein, Leonardo da Vinci and John F. Kennedy - all prodigious nappers, according to the National Sleep Foundation.

Guest Column would help protect our growing pop-Legislative update

by REP. BRANDON SPENCER

House Democrats promised that a priority of the 2007 legislative session would be to restore the projects that Governor Fletcher vetoed in the 2006 session, and this week we made good on that promise. Under House Bill 1, 43 projects worth \$370 million - most of them construction projects on college campuses - were restored to the budget. The bill also restores 786 coal severance projects in coal-pro-ducing counties which include much needed water and sewer upgrades, park improvements, fire department upgrades and money to help senior citizen centers, libraries, and schools. The bill passed by a vote of 94-5 and now heads to the Senate.

Two more planks of House Democrats' Commitment to

ulation of seniors, some of whom are on fixed incomes, by creating a process for reviewing and

approving long-term care insurance plans. This bill will benefit both the state and long-term insurance policy consumers by increasing oversight of rate increase filings.

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Kentucky has experienced more than its share of tragic events over the last year with the Comair crash and Darby mine disaster. These events

highlighted the fact that we shall built loodo? create a Tax Increment when loved ones die from tragic circumstances, Kentucky law does not allow bereaved spouses to sue for loss of companionship. The current law only allows damages based on economic factors, such as loss of income. House Bill 403, which now goes to the Senate for consideration,

enables developers, like those behind the Museum Plaza, to raise revenues to fund projects based upon projected

future increases in property values. House Bill 549 would standardize TIF programs to promote efficiency and greater accountability, and give communities greater access to this important economic development opportunity. The bill would allow longer TIF terms and sales tax refunds on construction materials. It also would

Rep. Spencer

Financing Commission to review and approve TIF applications where there would be state tax participation.

A bill that would amend the state constitution to automatically restore the voting rights of convicted felons who have served out their sentence and paid their fines passed the House this week. House Bill 70 would exclude felons convicted of murder or sexual offenses. If the bill passes the Senate the proposed amendment would be placed on a statewide ballot in the 2008 fall election. Next week is expected to be very busy with only eight days remaining in the working part of the session. If you want to keep up with action, visit the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.ky.gov under "Legislation or Legislative Record." You may leave a message for me with the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or you can reach me or any other state legislator by e-mail at www.lrc.ky.gov.





Our eyelids are getting heavy now ...

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star

Tracking the national debt U.S. national debt increase from January 10, 2007 through today: \$41,123,050,371 \$8,721,120,371,785 The new total is: The national debt is debt owed by the federal government. It is Your share of the made up of debt obligations such as Treasury bills, Treasury notes lederal debt is \$28,978.59 and Treasury bonds. SOURCE: U.S. Treasury Department COPLEY NEWS SERVICE/UNION-TRIBUNE FLOYD COUNTY

Kentucky Families passed this week. House Bill 362, also called the Boni Bill, named for slain social worker Boni Frederick, passed by a vote of 98-0. House Bill 362 would allocate \$4.8 million to upgrade the state social service system by allowing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to hire another 108 new staff over the next 16 months; fund 15 secure visitation centers around the state; and purchase office space and additional technology. The bill would also create a Blue Ribbon Commission to study the social services system and report comprehensive reforms to the legislature next fall.

The second plank, House Bill 79,

would specifically allow widows and widowers to recover such legal damages in court.

The Louisville area received economic help from the House that will have a positive ripple effect across the state. Under House Bill 536, Ford Motor Company would receive a \$10 million worker-training grant that would help retain 8,000 Kentucky jobs and also continue to support Ford's vast network of suppliers and distributors in Kentucky and across the nation.

The proposed Museum Plaza project in Louisville got a financial boost through legislation that standardizes TIF programs statewide. TIFs (tax increment financing),



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Johnson Central Middle School: First Place winners in Mathcounts Competition.



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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

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

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 also welcome to attend. Send all information to:

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

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

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITE

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

•March 12 - KASPER drug monitoring program.

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

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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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:

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

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January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings

being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

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

Continued from p3 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)

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Martin was hired on May 21, 1979, and has worked at HRMC for 27 years.

"Donna's attitude is to help anyone with anything," the hospital said in a statement announcing the award. "She is very polite, friendly and always smiling. Donna has a quiet unassuming manner that makes both the patients and staff feel at ease. She continues to provide excellent bedside care day after day with no expectation that she would be recognized as employee of the month or employee of the year. Donna does possess the greatest asset an employee can have she truly cares. The Administration, Medical Staff and employees of Highlands Regional Medical Center solute you, Donna Martin. You are truly an asset to our hospital."

Highlands Regional Medical Center is a 184-bed (154 acute care, 18 skilled nursing, and 12 geriatric psychiatric) not-for-profit, community owned and operated healthcare facility that is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. As a full-service facility with an active medical staff of more than 100 physicians, Highlands Regional Medical Center features 24-hour emergency care, same-day surgery and outpatient care, advanced pulmonary care, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, broad-based diagnostic





Harold C. Warman Jr., left, president and CEO of Highlands, and Jean A. Yates, MS., RN, vice president of patient care services, present Donna Martin, center, with the 2006 Employee of the Year award.

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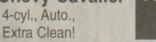


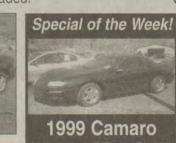


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Galbraith still running against political establishment | Injured

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Gatewood Galbraith's flamboyant career as a perennial candidate has come full circle in his latest run against the political establishment.

An advocate for gun rights, medical marijuana and hemp cultivation, Galbraith started out a Democrat in unsuccessful runs for agriculture commissioner and governor.

He was the Reform Party candidate for governor in 1999, then ran in 2003 as an independent for attorney general. Both campaigns ended in defeat but amounted to his high-water marks, receiving 88,930 votes. in 1999 and 109,498 in 2003.

Now, Galbraith, 60, has returned to the Democratic fold amid a crowded field of gubernatorial hopefuls.

Even with the party switching, Galbraith said, his core philosophy never changed.



ICC Technology Partners has added Lauren Hites to its sales and marketing team. Hites will be training over the next several weeks to become an EMR (electronic medical records) consultant. She will be representing two of the best names in the industry, Henry Shein Medical Systems and Allscripts. Both companies are well respected in the medical communities and bring a long list of resources to physicians' offices making the transition to computerized patient records. ICC, also known as Inacomp Computer Centers, is an Eastern Kentucky company with over 23 years experience bringing Information Technology services to the mountains. ICC has a full staff of qualified and certified network technicians that will be supporting Hites' clients, long after the initial installation and training.

Card of Thanks

Lloyd Ronald Blackburn May 8, 1925-January 23, 2007

The family of Lloyd Ronald Blackburn would like to express our sincere appreciation to friends and neighbors for the outpouring of sympathy in the loss of our wonderful husband and father. We extend our gratitude to those who made donations in Lloyd's memory, to the Markey Cancer Foundation, and to those who sent flowers, food, visited, called, and sent cards. To Pastor Bob Coppings, a special thank-you, for his visitations during Lloyd's illness, and words of comfort during a difficult time. Also, thanks to Army Chapman and Connie Coppings for the beautiful music during the service. We express our appreciation to Jim and Mary Carter of Carter Funeral Home, for their kindness and heartfelt assistance. All of the thoughtfulness expressed to us during our time of loss will always be remembered.

Day is done, gone the sun, From the hills, from the lake, From the sky. All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. His wife, Loretta Blackburn and

"I'm a true conservative," Galbraith said in a recent interview. "I believe in minimum government. I believe in less taxes. I believe that the government ought to stay out of people's private affairs.'

Galbraith heaps criticism on Republicans and Democrats alike, accusing them of "playing politics as a blood sport" while neglecting Kentucky's nagging problems.

During their years of dominance, "Democrats misused the power, became corrupt, operated cronyism at an unprecedented level," he said.

Galbraith said it's been no better with the GOP in charge. "Predictably, the Republicans simply supplanted the Democrats at the trough," he said.

The Lexington attorney said that to reclaim power, the Democratic Party needs to return to its roots as "the voice of the people."

In his deep bass voice, Galbraith also pokes fun at his primary opponents.

"You can put them all in a bag and shake them up and they'd come out looking like Pringles potato chips," he said. Galbraith has six rivals in

the May 22 Democratic primary: former lieutenant governors Steve Henry and Steve Beshear; House Speaker Jody Richards; State Treasurer Jonathan Miller; Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford and eastern Kentucky demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher is being challenged by two Republicans: former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper.

As a politician, Galbraith is one of a kind in Kentucky.

On the cover of his autobiography, a grinning Galbraith is dressed in black, holding an M-60 machine gun with ammunition wrapped around his chest.

To promote his support for hemp as a cash crop, Galbraith has worn suits made from hemp and traveled the state in a vehicle fueled by hemp oil.

Galbraith gained notoriety as an advocate for legalizing marijuana. He has since backed off blanket legalization, saying it should be legal only for medna, which he credits for successfully treating his asthma. He now uses it for emphysema.

Marijuana, though, is just a side note to his platform.

Galbraith proposes giving every Kentucky high school graduate a \$5,000 voucher to help pay for college or vocational training. He said the voucher would help offset rising college tuition and help ensure more Kentuckians gain employable skills.

He wants to earmark more state money for elementary and secondary education. He said a minimum-wage increase is "far overdue." He wants to offer more economic incentives to Kentucky companies, partly to encourage environmental stewardship.

He said voters should decide whether to amend Kentucky's Constitution to allow casino gambling. If the proposal won voter approval, the expanded gambling should go in at thoroughbred racetracks, he said. But the state should own the casinos and give the tracks a contract, plus a "generous subsidy," to manage them, Galbraith said. The revenue should be used for education and other efforts to assist people, he said.

Scott Lasley, an assistant professor of political science at Western Kentucky University, said Galbraith is a "long shot" in the Democratic race. He compared Galbraith to candidates like Kinky Friedman, a comedian who ran unsuccessfully last year for governor of Texas, who are more of a personality than a candidate.

There is a difference between being a serious candidate and being taken seriously," Lasley said. "Obviously he benefits from a wide open race with quite a few candidates but he faces a couple of obstacles."

Lasley said perennial candidates have a difficult time maintaining their credibility



with voters and are viewed as trivial.

As in his previous runs for office, Galbraith will lag behind other candidates in fundraising. This time, he expects to spend \$50,000 to \$60,000 on the race.

Galbraith's first statewide race was in 1983 when he ran for agriculture commissioner. Asked why his name keeps popping up on the ballot after his string of defeats, he replied, "Well Kentucky's got perennial problems.'

With the crowded field likely to split the Democratic vote, Galbraith calculates it will take 100,00 votes to win this spring's primary or to get into a possible runoff.

Galbraith said his familiar name on the ballot will be a

"Is Galbraith's name worth 100,000 votes out there in this state this time? I think so," he said.



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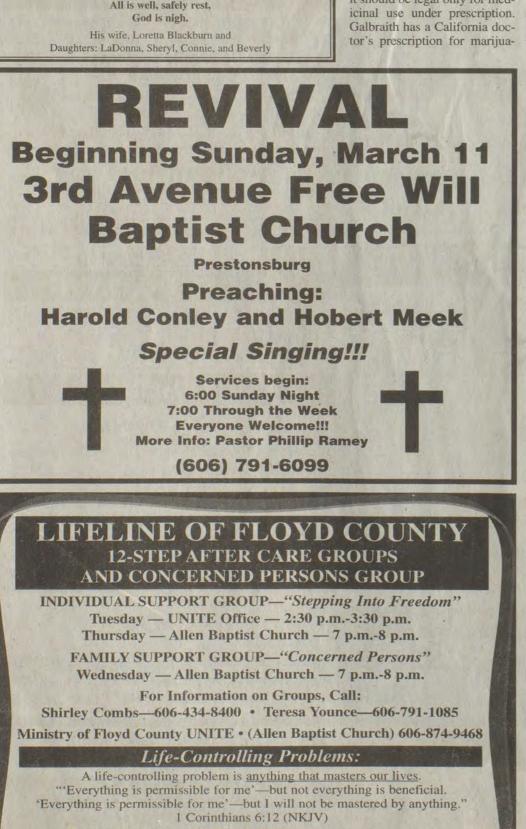


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Still, lawmakers have not reached a final decision on just about any of the high profile topics, such as whether to raise the state's minimum wage or whether cervical cancer vaccinations should be required of school girls. A bill promising additional safety measures at underground coal mines was also among the numerous unresolved issues.

Add to the mix a proposal in the Senate to overhaul the state's retirement system and the rest of March could get confusing inside the Statehouse.

"You start taking the rec-more than likely your leader in here — when you really should have examined it line by line to make certain that it represents what has been told you and to make certain that it does what they say that it does," Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, said.

On Friday, Senate President Williams. David R-Burkesville, said he and other lawmakers had been working

Club

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ed to youth officers, which gives them responsibility for younger members. The club participates in numerous outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, fishing and outdoor crafts.

The next event will be a scavenger hunt that will be held Saturday, March 17. Meetings are held at the Cliffside Community Center.

With a limited budget, the club relies on donations from individuals and local businesses to sponsor the outings it routinely conducts.

"We're on a limited budget and sometimes the money comes out of our own pockets," said Littleton. "But we do activities as much as we can."

For more information about joining the Outdoorsmen Youth Club or how to donate, call (606) 889-8639.

Fan

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Tyler became accustomed to bluegrass through his grandfather, Paul Johnson, a Floyd privately on a plan to overhaul the state pension system to save it from financial collapse. Democrats in the Senate seemed onboard.

Before dealing with other decisions on new spending, lawmakers should first try to overhaul the state retirement system. Williams said. Currently, the system is facing billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities over the next 30 years.

Many of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's spending proposals - such as financial incentives aimed at keeping Ford in Kentucky - remained in political limbo as well.

Fletcher asked the legislature to authorize about \$250 million in additional spending this year, including \$38.2 million at the Kentucky Horse Park in preparation for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. The governor also wanted lawmakers to save about \$150 million for the state's "rainy day" fund.

Last week, the House approved a spending package that left out many of Fletcher's proposals. It did, among other things, suggest money for a runway project at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport and money for veterans nursing homes.

Fletcher said he was pleased House lawmakers agreed to any spending, and, hoped to see a consensus before the legislature adjourns. The General Assembly's last scheduled day is March 27.

"This is all part of the process," Fletcher said. "So, I'm encouraged by the fact that they realize that this is a session where they can fund settle many local officials' something without wholesale opening of the budget."

With the governor's race looming, the idea of eliminating a possible runoff election following the primary was one question heading into the session. Under current law, there would be a runoff 35 days after the primary election if one candidate did not tally at least 40 percent of the vote.

Seven Democrats, including House Speaker Jody Richards. three and Republicans are seeking their parties' nomination.

Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, predicted lawmakers would "do something" about the runoff, but its fate was still uncertain. Lawmakers would likely eliminate the runoff provision, or concerns by having the state fund the extra election, Wilkey said.

Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr, Rcleared the House.

of our working families, and I think that this will be a step in the right direction," Kerr said.

enough time to pass various measures, Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, Ris whether lawmakers will decide to address "big issues,"

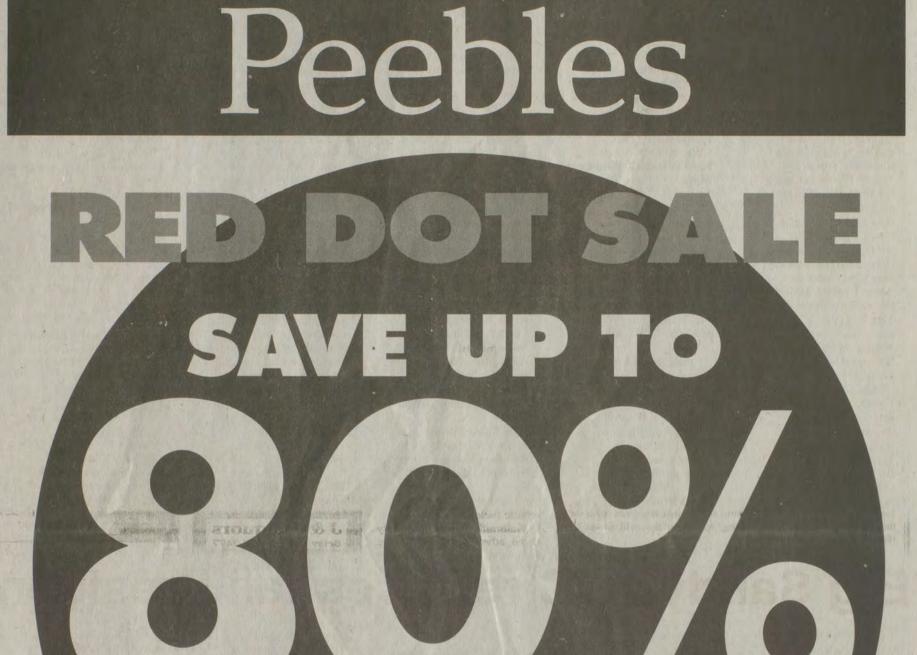
A proposal to raise the state's minimum wage may clear the Senate this week, Lexington, said. The measure, which would gradually lift the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.25 an hour, has already

"It's time that we take care

Despite the number of bills lingering, lawmakers still have Springfield said. The question Kelly said. "We still have plenty of time to deal with any bills that we need to deal with," Kelly said.

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County native. His favorite song, "O Come, Angel Band" was the song he requested that Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver perform three years ago at a concert he attended, but to no avail. The next year, the group did recognize Tyler from the stage, but still he did not get to hear one of his favorite bands sing his most beloved song.

Through e-mails with Doyle Lawson's wife, or as Doyle refers to her, "Boss Lawson," Tyler's mother Pauletta thanked the band and their family for recognizing Tyler last year and told them of all the challenges he was facing with testing procedures back home. It was this series of e-mails that set in motion the concert that Tyler will forever remember.

"Third time's a charm," Tyler said.

On Saturday, Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver performed "O Come, Angel Band," a song which they had practiced for months specifi-cally for Tyler.

Tyler's family says they are so thankful and impressed that a group of this stature would fulfill a young boy's wish.

"Truly there were angels in the band," said Tyler's mother.





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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services. Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Sandy Val 1 e Transportation Services, Inc., Prestonsburg, The Kentucky Public Hearing is for the consideration of grant applications for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for Hollow Complex,

abled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submission. The grant applications will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource. Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2007.

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to

Application No. 836-5407 **Operator Change** In accordance with KRS 8:010, notice is hereby given that LWF Leasing, LLC, Old 14305 US Route 23 Catlettsburg, KY 41129, intends to revise permit number 836-5407 to change the operator. The operator currently approved in the permit is Gunhill Coal Inc., Company. 2328 KY Rt. 1750, Point, KY 41216. The new will be operator M.R.I. Mining, Inc., 18639 Rt. 122, Hi Hat, KY 41636. The operation is located 2.5 miles northeast

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of McDowell, in Floyd comments, County. The operation is approximately 0.5 mile southwest of the junction the Upper Branch Wolfpen Road and the Little U.S. Mud Creek Road, and located 0.05 40601. mile north and south of Upper Wolfpen Branch. The opera-

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Renewal (1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, hereby notice is given that Ram Processing. Inc., 544 South Lake Dri ve Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing coal process-

No. 836-8030,

ing/tipple facility affecting 2.66 acres located at East McDowell in Floyd County.

(2) The proposed operation is located 1.00 miles east from KY 680's junction with KY 1929 and located just north of Hall Branch. (3) The proposed

facility is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, Regional Dept. for Surface Mining, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written objec-

tions, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, 127 South. Frankfort, Kentucky

NOTICE OF **BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093

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notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 898-0657,__

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and Department for requests for public Natural Resources, Floyd County conference must be Regional Office. filed with the 3140 South Lake Director, Division of Suite 6. Drive. Prestonsburg, KY Field Services, #2 Hollow, 41653. Frankfort, Kentucky The hearing will be 40601, by May 6, cancelled if no request for a hear-A public hearing on ing or informal conthe application has

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Proceure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863 Ext. 67370, or on our website: www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu. Applicants must submit a completed application, current



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Robinson's shooting heroics earn ·him spot on all-district team

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - J.R. Robinson came into the game in off of the Allen Central bench in helped the Rebels to a 58th District Tournament opening round win over longtime rival South Floyd. Robinson hit six shots in Allen Central's tournament triumph over the Raiders. All six of Robinson's shots were three-pointers. Robinson finished with 18 points as the Rebels won the all-

important district tournament opener.

We feel comfortable having J.R. (Robinson) in the game and shooting the basketball," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "He's deadly against a 2-3 zone and some other (zone) defenses. There's no doubt he came in and gave a us a big, big lift against South Floyd. He's a very good shooter.

Robinson earned a spot on the All-58th District

(See **DISTRICT**, page two)



Allen Central sharpshooter J.R. Robinson (11) earned a spot on the All-58th District team along with four other Allen Central Rebels.

SECTION

photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne hosting 15th Region tourney

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - The 2007 15th Region Basketball Tournament presented by Community Trust Bank got its start at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Monday night. Last year's tournament week had over 22,000 fans in the Expo Center. Tournament officials are expecting even more fans out for this year's event. Betsy Layne High School is hosting this year's 15th Region Tournament. Both the Betsy Layne Bobcats and Ladycats remain alive in the postseason.

"It's been a great undertaking," id Betsy Layne High boys' basketball head coach/assistant principal Brent Rose. "A lot of work goes in to hosting a regional tournament."



Allen Central took the 58th District title Friday night, beating Betsy Layne in a championship game between two longtime rivals.

BASKETBALL BREAKDOWN

15TH REGION BOYS **57TH DISTRICT** Winner: Magoffin County Runner-Up: Paintsville **58TH DISTRICT** Winner: Allen Central Runner-Up: Betsy Layne **59th DISTRICT** Winner: Shelby Valley Runner-Up: Pikeville **60TH DISTRICT** Winner: Belfry Runner-Up: Phelps

GIRLS **57TH DISTRICT** Winner: Magoffin County Runner-Up: Paintsville **58TH DISTRICT** Winner: Betsy Layne Runner-Up: Prestonsburg **59TH DISTRICT** Winner: Shelby Valley Runner-Up: East Ridge **60TH DISTRICT** Vinner: Pike County Central Runner-Up: Belfry

The Bobcats are playing in the regional tournament for a second straight year.

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photo by Jamie Howell Betsy Layne's Brent Rose addressed fellow coaches and administrators as well as members of the media during a press conference Saturday morning at the Expo Center.

AC claims district championship

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Allen Central is back on top of 58th District boys' basketball. The Rebels, despite facing double-digit deficits in each half of the district championship game Friday night, pulled out a 10point win over Betsy Layne. Allen Central outscored Betsy Layne 29-13 in the fourth quarter en route to a 74-64 win.

Despite suffering the setback, Betsy Layne managed to play some of its best basketball of the season against the rival Rebels. The Bobcats played particularly well in the first and third quarters. It was the second and fourth quarters where Allen Central thrived.

Josh Martin paced Allen Central with 24 points. Martin scored 16 points for the Rebels in the opening half.

Ryan Collins hit four threepointers and added 23 points for the Rebels. Josh Prater also finished in double figures, adding 13 points for the Rebels.

Allen Central (22-7) was able to return to the top of the 58th District after finishing the 2005-06 season 5-22. The Rebels owned the 15th Region's second worst record last winter.

"This is great," Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin commented, following his team's district title triumph. "The last two years has been really tough for these guys. They've suffered through a lot. This team worked hard and never gave up. This group of kids has shown a lot of resiliency.'

Martin went on to commend his team on its big fin-

(See **REBELS**, page two)



Allen Central senior Ryan Collins took his turn cutting on the one of the district championship nets.

14TH REGION BOYS **53RD DISTRICT** Winner: Knott County Central Runner-Up: June Buchanan **54TH DISTRICT** Winner: Hazard Runner-Up: Buckhorn **55TH DISTRICT** Winner: Breathitt County Runner-Up: Wolfe County **56TH DISTRICT** Winner: Powell County Runner-Up: Owsley County

GIRLS

53RD DISTRICT Winner: Letcher Co. Central Runner-Up: Knott Co. Central **54TH DISTRICT** Winner: Leslie County Runner-Up: Perry Co. Central **55TH DISTRICT** Winner: Breathitt County Runner-Up: Wolfe County **56TH DISTRICT** Winner: Estill County Runner-Up: Powell County



All five Allen Central starters earned a spot on the All-Floyd County Conference Team.

Rebel starters named all-conference

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Allen Central had the strongest presence of any individual squad in 2006-07 edition of the All-Floyd County Conference boys' basketball team. Allen Central's starting five took its place on the all-conference team at the conclusion of the 58th District boys' basketball tournament Friday night. Allen Central senior Ryan Collins and South Floyd senior Ethan Johnson were named Co-Floyd County Conference Players of the Year. For Ryan Collins, winning the 58th District championship Friday night and simply getting to the

15th Region Tournament was much more important than the individual honor. The Allen Central senior has worked hard within the Rebel basketball program.

"Winning the 58th District was one of our goals at the start of the season," Collins confided after Friday night's district title game. "We've worked hard to get to where we are." Collins and his Allen

Central teammates are making plans for an extended postseason stay in the 15th Region Tournament this week at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Rebels started play in the regional tournament Tuesday night against Phelps.

After guiding his team to an undefeated 6-0 regular-season conference mark, Allen Central head coach Johnny Martin was named Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year.

Joining Collins on the all-conference team from Allen Central were teammates Josh Martin, Tyler Slone, Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater.

Other all-conference honorees were Brennan Case (Betsy Layne), Samuel Keathley (Betsy Layne), Justin Collins (Betsy Layne), Jordan Hall (Prestonsburg), Bobby Hughes (Prestonsburg) and Lyle Johnson (South Floyd).

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Rebels

ish.

"It was a big fourth quarter," Martin confided. "The second quarter really went a long way, too. This group has shown a will to win all season. It's been a drought since we last won the district. It'll be nice to celebrate this one, then get focused on the regional tournament."

Allen Central struggled to keep up with Betsy Layne early in the game.

Betsy Layne outscored the Rebels 19-11. in the opening quarter. After hitting four second quarter threepointers, Allen Central managed to take a 34-32 lead into halftime.

"Our shooting has really improved," said Martin. "Shooting is something a lot of our kids have really worked on - and it shows."

The inside play of junior bigman Jerrod Newman in off of the bench helped Betsy Layne regain the lead in the third quarter. The Bobcats took a 51-45 lead into the final period.

Martin never saw his team lose confidence when Betsy Layne went back out in front in the second half.

"This group of kids has been able to handle adversity and work through things," Martin said.

Collins, the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year, scored 14 points for Allen Central in the final quarter.

Tyler Slone hit a pair of threepointers and added six points in Allen Central's district title win. Alex Hammonds and J.R. Robinson rounded out the Rebel scoring with four points apiece.

Justin Collins hit five three-pointers and led Betsy Layne with a gamehigh 25 points. Jerrod Newman net-

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ted 15 points and Samuel Keathley added 11 for the Bobcats. Trai Witt finished with nine points for Betsy Layne. Brennan Case and James Lafferty each had two points for the Bobcats (11-17).

Both Allen Central and Betsy Layne advanced into the 15th Region Tournament, which is being held this week at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Lindsey Wilson ousts Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT - What was a terrific basketball game slipped through the hands of Pikeville College late when an intentional foul was followed by a technical, giving Lindsey Wilson four straight points from the line and the ball back with 38.6 seconds left en route to an 80-71 win.

Sophomore Bo Harris went aggressively to the glass for a round but was called for an intentional foul when he wrapped up Lindsey's Brian Campbell, who had claimed the carom. Harris then sprang to his feet and was called for a technical foul, resulting in four straight free throws.

Lloyd Lewis, who made a school-record 14-of-14 from the line, made the technical shots, with Campbell knocking down the foul shots, and suddenly, a three-point lead was seven and the game was all but over.

Lindsey Wilson (19-11) advances to the semifinals of Mid-South the 2007 Conference tournament with the win, where they will play No. 1 seeded Georgetown at 8 p.m. Saturday night at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Pikeville, meanwhile, ends its first season under Kelly Wells at 12-19, losing in the first round of the tournament in a game in which they shot 62.2 percent from the floor.

The game was tied 14 times, with the seventh coming at 23-23 with 3:50 left in the first half. From there, the Bears went on a 10-2 run with Harris scoring six and Holloman four, for a 33-25 lead with 38 seconds left. A bucket by Brandon Adams sent it to the half at 33-27.

The second half was more of the same with seven more ties, including the last one at 62 after senior Steve Sickler hit a three with 3:31 left. But John Fitzgerald answered for Lindsey with a three of his own, and Lindsey was never headed. The lead bounced back and four between one and four before the final 38 seconds when Lindsey pulled away.

Lewis led the way with 28 points to go with seven assists and four rebounds. Fitzgerald followed with 19 and five rebounds. Campbell had 17

points and 11 rebounds in the win, while Adams tossed in 13

Holloman had 27 points, five assists and four rebounds for the Bears. Harris followed with 24 and seven rebounds to go with four blocked shots and three steals in Pikeville's season-ending loss. Senior Donald Thomas tossed in 10 in his final game in a Pikeville College uniform.

we've done that," Rose commented.

Rose's Bobcats drew 15th Region favorite Shelby Valley, the champion out of the 59th District. The rest of the boys' opening round matchups shaped up like this: Paintsville vs. Belfry; Phelps vs. Allen Central and Pikeville vs. Magoffin County.

On the girls' side, opening round games are: Prestonsburg vs. Pike County Central; Paintsville vs. Shelby Valley; Belfry vs. Betsy Layne and East Ridge vs. Magoffin County.

The 15th Region Tournament will again give some fortunate fans the opportunity to get involved. One lucky fan will get the opportunity to win \$50,000 in cash by testing their skills in the Appalachian Wireless Half Time Shootout Contest.

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Region "One of our goals was to get back to the Expo Center - and

CO- PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: South Floyd's Ethan Johnson and Allen Central's Ryan Collins were named Co-Floyd **County Conference Players of the Year.**

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trict team. Other Rebels named Chayse Martin (Prestonsburg), to the all-district team were Ethan Johnson (South Floyd) Ryan Collins, Josh Martin, and Wes Akers (South Floyd). Tyler Slone and Alex Hammonds.

Layne had Trai Witt, Jerrod out to an outstanding senior Newman and Justin Collins student-athlete. Josh Martin named to the all-district team. Newman was the only other and Prestonsburg Dairy Queen non-starter to work his way

Tournament Team. Four of onto the all-district team. Others named all-district were joined Robinson on the all-dis- Jordan Hall (Prestonsburg), Chayse Martin was named

this year's recipient of the District runner-up Betsy Duff Award, an honor handed was named the WMDJ, Martin Ultimate Player of the Year.

completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Kettering Medical Center and Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Ison is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, American Osteopathic Association, ChristianMedical and Dental Society and Kentucky Medical Association.

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No. 5 Florida 85, Kentucky 72

by MARK LONG ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. Joakim Noah was thumping his chest, screaming at the top of lungs and pumping up teammates with his hustle and tenacious defense.

Noah was back to his usual self - and so was Florida.

Noah broke out of a slump with 17 points and 10 rebounds, played with the kind of passion missing in recent games and helped the fifth-ranked Gators rebound from consecutive losses and make history with an 85-72 victory against Kentucky on Sunday.

Florida became the first Southeastern Conference team to win six in a row against the Wildcats. Only Notre Dame has won seven straight against the storied program.

"We've come a long way," said center Al Horford, who added 14 points and 10 boards. "We're all about setting records, and that's what we did.'

It started with Noah, the 6foot-10 son of tennis star Yannick Noah.

Noah - who had his father, mother, two sisters and brother on hand for what might have been his last home game - had scored 18 points the last three games and was admittedly playing without his usual energy. He had plenty of it against the "Kitty Cats," the nickname Noah playfully gave Kentucky (20-10, 9-7) this week.

"I feel like if you can deal with all the good that we've. gone through, you have to know how to deal with some bad," Noah said. "We knew that it wasn't the end of the world, but I feel like to me it's like crazy how people can just be on your side and all of a sudden, a

couple days later, the same people ... just trash you. I've never experienced that before. I realize now that I can't let those people affect who I am."

The Gators (26-5, 13-3) got behind early again and were tied at halftime, but they used a 13-2 run to open the second half and pulled away down the stretch to finish the season unbeaten at home (18-0).

Noah, much like last year's run through the NCAA tournament, was the catalyst. He had a left-handed jam in the second-half spurt, then threw down consecutive dunks that pushed the lead to 62-51 with about 10 minutes to play. He added seven straight points in the closing minutes that sealed the victory.

Coach Billy Donovan said no one really knows what kind of pressure Noah has played under this season, from getting harassed by fans on the road to being the media focal point to getting double- and tripleteamed nearly every time he touches the ball.

"It's amazing to me how everybody thinks they've got everything figured out. They know Joakim Noah. They know what's wrong. And they have no clue what they're talking about," Donovan said. "Nobody does,

"They all want to pump up Joakim Noah, and when he doesn't play well, tear the kid down. Unfortunately, that's the way of the world. I think Jo has finally realized, 'I've got to play up to the expectation of my coaches and my teammates and do the very best I can.' It was good to see him get back to that energy level that he's had."

Noah's teammates seemed to feed off his excitement. Taurean Green also broke out of a shooting slump with 17 points. Green had hit 6 of 32 shots in the last four games -Florida lost three of those - but was 6-of-11 Sunday. He added five assists.

Lee Humphrey, one of two scholarship seniors honored before their final home game, finished with 11 points. Walter Hodge was 5-of-5 from the field and had 15 points.

"That's the way we need to play," Green said. "We need to play with that emotion and passion. As long as we play with that and be smart with the ball and play defense we'll be fine."

Bobby Perry led Kentucky with 20 points, but 16 of them came in the first half. Perry carried the Wildcats in the opening 20 minutes, but Florida clamped down on him after the break, and no one else stepped up to make shots for the Wildcats.

Everybody made shots for the Gators, who finished 32-of-50 from the field and had a 35-23 rebounding advantage.

"We gave up a lot of open looks in the first half," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We thought we addressed it at halftime, but obviously we didn't because they shot better in the second half.'

It was just what the defending national champions needed after poor performances in back-to-back losses at LSU and Tennessee. Now, the Gators have some much-needed momentum heading into the postseason.

And Noah might be back on track.

"We did a good job of playing our style," Humphrey said. "We had the ball hopping and a bunch of guys scoring, which is the way we like to play.'





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Colonels capture OVC title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE, TENN. Freshman Josh Taylor's floater with 2.9 seconds remaining clinched the OVC title and sent the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels into the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. With the 63-62 victory over top-seeded Austin Peay, the second-seeded Colonels captured their fifth conference championship.

With 22 seconds remaining on the

clock, the Governors took a 62-61

lead off a pair of Wes Channels' free

throws before Taylor hit the gamewinning shot for his only two points of the night.

Sophomore Mike Rose, the O'Reilly Ohio Valley Conference Tournament MVP, led Eastern Kentucky with 19 points and added a team-high nine rebounds. Freshman Adam Leonard, who joined Rose on the All-Tournament Team, scored 17 points with a 5-of-12 performance from behind the three-point arc.

Eastern Kentucky (21-11) went 21-of-42 (.488) from the field and finished with 10 three-point baskets. Austin Peay dominated the paint, scoring 30 points to the Colonels'

The Colonels scored the first points of the game and took their first double-digit lead (21-11) off Rose's third three-point basket with 10:59 remaining in the first half.

Austin Peay used a 10-2 scoring run to cut the deficit to two (28-26) as Eastern Kentucky missed three of four shots and turned the ball over two times. With just more than two minutes on the clock, the Governors took their first lead (30-29) of the game with a three-point field goal scored five of the last six points to secure a 34-31 halftime advantage.

Austin Peay, who had beaten EKU twice during the regular season, pulled back in front one minute into the second half, but after a layup at the 17:41 mark, the Governors went 9:40 without scoring a point, missing 12 consecutive field goals and two free throws.

The Colonels built an 11-point advantage with 5:37 left in the game but Austin Peay fought back, knotting the score at 59 at the 1:10 point off a pair of free throws. Ten seconds

from Todd Babington. The Colonels later, Rose restored Eastern's lead at the charity stripe, draining both attempts before Drake Reed, the OVC Player of the Year, went 1-of-2 at the line to get the Governors within one point (62-61).

> Reed led Austin Peay with a double-double, scoring 15 points and adding 11 rebounds.

> Joining Rose and Leonard on the All-Tournament Team were Austin Peay's Fernandez Lockett and Reed and Samford's Randall Gulina.

> The Colonels will learn their draw in the NCAA Tournament on Selection Sunday, March 11.

No. 16 Louisville 86, Seton Hall 71

by WILL GRAVES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE - A year ago, during Louisville's tumultuous transition to the Big East, coach Rick Pitino wondered if the Cardinals truly belonged in one of the nation's toughest conferences. He doesn't wonder anymore.

The 16th-ranked Cardinals capped their remarkable turnaround season with an 86-71 win over Seton Hall on Sunday, propelling Louisville (22-8, 12-4) into second-place in the Big East and erasing any lingering doubt Pitino had about his team's toughness.

"We're now a legitimate Big East team, and we weren't last year," Pitino said. "In just eight months we've changed that whole mindset.'

It's a mindset Pitino thinks will serve the Cardinals well in the upcoming Big East tournament, and one they showcased against a game Seton Hall squad that hardly looked like a team playing out the string.

The Pirates (13-16, 4-12) nearly matched the Cardinals shot for shot - and blow for blow - in, a physical game that saw plenty of pushing and shoving, four technical fouls and an early exit for Seton Hall coach Bobby Gonzalez. Gonzalez was ejected after picking up his second technical foul with 51 seconds remaining.

"We wanted to go down swinging, go down fighting," Gonzalez said. "That's what our team did all year. That was our identity.'

By the time Gonzalez began the slow walk to the locker room, the Cardinals had finally shaken the Pirates, who stayed close behind a careerhigh 29 points from Brian Laing and some red-hot shooting. The Pirates made 10 of their first 13 3-pointers, but cooled off down the stretch, missing their last eight as Louisville relied on its depth to pull away.

"It was close, they tried to scrap it out," said Louisville guard Brandon Jenkins, who scored four points in his final game at Freedom Hall. "But in the end, this is something that can help us.

The Cardinals did an excellent job of holding onto the ball despite constant pressure by the Pirates, who lead the Big East in turnovers forced. Louisville gave it away just six times and shot 48 percent from the floor.

"We just wanted to keep our composure," said guard Terrence Williams, who finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Composure looked to be scarce early. Williams and Seton Hall guard Jamar Nutter had to be separated by officials after a brief shoving match.

"We weren't going to back down," Williams said. "I'm a Louisville guy and by pushing back I was saying we weren't going to back down."

"(The shoving) woke us up a little bit," Pitino added.

Louisville took control late in the first half with a 14-0 run that gave the Cardinals a 44-32 lead. But the Pirates rallied behind Laing, who fueled a 10-0 run to end the half.

"They kept fighting," Jenkins said. "They kept getting clean looks and knocking them down."

Eventually, Louisville's depth wore the Pirates down. Five Cardinals scored in double figures, including freshmen Edgar Sosa (18 points), Derrick Caracter (13 points) and Jerry Smith (10 points). Freshman forward Earl Clark added five points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals, who won their sixth straight.

"We're very excited about the potential of our program, but we're nowhere near where we want to be," Pitino said.

"We're playing real good basketball and I think you have to give a lot of credit to the four freshmen that have come in because they have made a dramatic difference in our ballclub.

The freshmen helped the Cardinals survive a series of second-half runs by the Pirates, scoring 11 straight points to give Louisville a 74-63 lead with 5:58 to go. Seton Hall fought back one last time, pulling within 74-69 on a jumper by Paul Gause.

That would be as close as it got for the Pirates. Clark hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key, Williams added a layup and Louisville closed the game on a 12-2 run, allowing Pitino to play rarely used seniors Chris Current and Brad Gianiny in the final minute.

"There were times we didn't expect to be 12-4," Pitino said. "As a matter of fact in the

beginning of the year ... we were hoping for 10-6 (but) we ended the season very strong." It's a strength the Cardinals

hope will carry into the Big East tournament.

"We feel like we have something to prove," Williams said. "A month ago, people didn't think we could go 12-4. People didn't think we'd make (the NCAA) tournament. But we've got that hunger."

Eagles drop second straight to Oakland U.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - For the second day in a row, Oakland University jumped out to a big early lead and coasted to a win Morehead State. over Shortstop Andrew Stafford had four hits in five at bats and knocked in five runs to lead the Golden Grizzlies to a 19-7 2-to-1 advantage in the threegame series.

Oakland, now 5-4 on the season, scored three times in the first inning, four times in the second inning, three times in the third inning and five times in the fourth inning. Stafford, Dan Rvan, Chad DiFranco and Rob Merkle all had home runs Christian Winstanley had

win in Sunday's game and to a three hits and knocked in two runs for MSU. The Eagles are now 1-7 on the season.

Brad Noel (2-0), the first of five Oakland pitchers, got the win. Morehead State starter Quentin Morgan (0-1) was tagged with the loss. Morgan is in his first season after a stellar prep career at Leslie County High School. Morehead State will host Marshall on Wednesday. The first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m. EST.

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KIM'S KORNER Bitter or Better (The only difference between the two is I)

By: Kim Little Frasure

During a recent surf of the channels and stopping on Naomi Judd's Talk Show her special guest for the day was Kathy Lee Gifford.

Ms. Judd was speaking about a particular phrase she had heard Kathy Lee say that was so profound and had



ofound and had stuck with her since hearing it, she had to invite her on her show and let it be shared with others. Gifford

b e g a n explaining how she had endured her

share of criti-

Kim Little Frasure

cism over the years and how she found herself becoming bitter because of it.

Bitterness is not something that makes a person very pretty on the inside or the out, she explained.

Bitterness can be quite ucky!

She told how she was criticized during her days with Regis for talking about her children so much. Then there was Frank's (her husband, Frank Gifford) infidelity and the fact the two stayed together trying to work through the situation and keep their family together and everybody, everywhere

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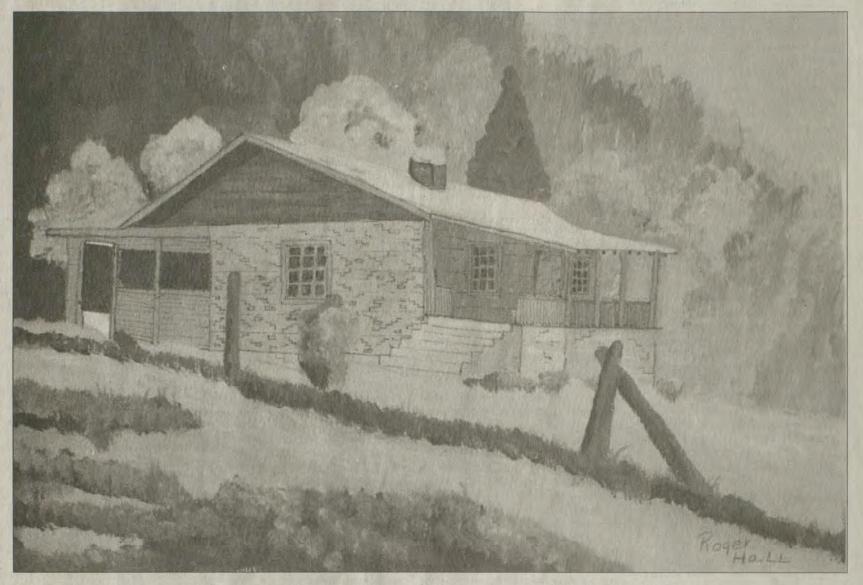
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Painting by Roger Hall, brother of the author and also known affectionately as "Mutt."

Grandmaw's flower garden

By Ralph Hall

Mutt and I were walking up Hen Pen, on our way to Grandmaw's house. We wanted to see all the beautiful flowers that grew in her yard. All the vivid colors were a sight to see and the smell that filled the air was so sweet and clean that one just wanted to stay there and smell it forever. Everyone who lived on Hen Pen loved to pass by Grandmaw's yard in the summertime just to see all the flowers. It was in the middle of summer in 1945, and I was nine years old. too, as well as many different types of flowers in boxes throughout they yard. Flowers also grew on both sides of the creek and in front of the house. It is said that you can tell how one's house looks

the springhouse. Once I got there, I sat down on a big rock, picked up the dipper that always lay nearby, and, right away, I got me a whole dipper full of that cold spring water and drank my fill with some

POISON OAK Well, King, this case is closed

by Clyde Pack

I've about decided that TV has pretty much eradicated whatever imagination youngsters may have had. And, to



be perfectly honest, it hasn't done much adults, for either. Take all these music videos that grown people watch. When someone sings of their sweetheart, or their old grandpa,

Clyde Pack

or some glorious sunset, viewers can no longer see their sweethearts, or their old grandpas, or their glorious sunsets. They only see things the producers of the video want them to see.

Same thing with kids. When they watch TV, they don't get the opportunity to imagine anything. It's placed right in front of them, and in living color.

When I was about 10 years old, especially in the wintertime, I couldn't wait to get home from school, reach up on the mantle and tune in WSIP on our little Philco radio, and via the Mutual Radio Network, be entertained by the likes of Sgt. Preston of the Yukon, Bobby Benson's B-Bar-B Ranch, and Straight Arrow.

With my eyes shut tightly, I watched Sgt. Preston and his Eskimo sled dog, Yukon King, fight the bad guys during the gold rush of the 1890s. Although, at the time, I doubt I had a clue as to where the Yukon was, and likely knew very little of the gold rush. But I knew that wherever it was, it was very cold, because the sound-effects man made me literally feel the

(See OAK, page seven)

Flowers have always been a part of our lives. Grandmaw grew them every summer. They grew almost every place on her farm where there was any room at all for them to grow. As much as I loved flowers, I think Mutt could really see more of the beauty in those flowers than I could.

As we passed by the bend in the road in front of Uncle Sylvian's house, we began to see the colorful morning glories that were growing on top of the fence that ran the distance from Uncle Sylvian's to grandmaws house. The morning glories were red, pink, and purple and the fence was hanging full of them. Inside the vegetable garden were large sunflowers as well as spinning wheel flowers. There were many birdhouses that stood on high poles in the garden and birds were going in and out busily feeding their young. As we walked by the drawbars that lead to the cow pasture, we noticed the flowers that ran along side the rail fence and into the pasture. When Grandmaw's house came into our full view, we could see that the yard was blooming with flowers everywhere. The little rock walkway that lead to the front gate had flowers growing on both sides, the archway over the gate had morning glories running across its top. Morning glories grew along the side of the fences, on the inside by how they take care of their yard on the outside. This sure was true in Grandmaw's case because the inside of her house was a blooming basket, too. Her house on the inside was a thing of beauty, everything in place and the house was always just clean as a pin. She didn't have a lot of things but the things she did have she took the very best care of.

Mutt and I walked up the stone walkway to the kitchen door. I said, "Mutt, we didn't see that old groundhog not one time as we walked through the yard, guess he must be under the floor of the house taking a nap." Flowers grew all around the little corncrib, and up the pathway that lead to the springhouse over in the holler bed where I liked to drink my fill of cold clear mountain water. Grandmaw always kept milk and fresh cow butter in the springhouse, too. Us kids would open the jars of milk sometimes and drink the cream off the top of the milk. That was the best "half and half" one ever tasted!

I never worked in the flowers gardens. I didn't have too much of a green thumb, but Grandmaw sure did. As me and Mutt entered into the house, Aunt Boot said, "Hi, boys. Did Goldia let you boys come up?"

'Sure did," we answered back.

I hung around the house for a little while until I became bored then I hollered, "Grandmaw, can go ever in the holler for a while?"

"Okay, Ralph, but, you watch out for snakes," Grandmaw answered.

"I will, Grandmaw," I said. Then, quick as could be, I was out the door. I took up the path to

of it running out both sides of my mouth! It felt cool as it dripped onto my chest. There is a time when only water will cool a thrist and that day was such a time for me. As I drank the dipper of water, I heard a noise in the big beech tree on the side of the hill. I moved my body to the right to see where the noise was coming from. It was at that moment that I saw a big old redheaded woodpecker as he was making a hole in a tree. He never even looked my way – just kept right on pecking away.

I guess that ole woodpecker was looking for insects. That was what I had been told – that woodpeckers make them holes to find bugs to feed on. I heard the leaves rustle through the tree standing on the side of the bank and I looked in that direction and saw two little ground squirrels playing in the leaves. Birds were also singing in the trees, and a terrapin was moving slowly down the holler bed where the little stream flowed to the main creek below. It sure is a sight to see what lies just outside one's kitchen door! Only those who look are the ones who see it. There was beauty everywhere on Grandmaws farm and butterflies and bees lived on most every flower.

After sitting by the springhouse for a little while, I got up and drifted on up the holler bed to see what I might run across. I passed by a blackberry patch and saw a blacksnake as it crawled under a vine to wait for a mouse to scurry by or for a bird that might land on a branch just above him. There was a small stream of water running all the way down the hill from the rain that had fallen the

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Pets Help Teach Children Life Lessons

(NAPSA)-Walking the dog can be an important step towards a child learning responsibility. So can feeding the cat, taking care of a horse or just about any other task involved in caring for a pet. Try these tips for helping children learn from caring for their pets:

Age Matters

Try to choose a pet that's appropriate for your child's age group. Generally, children under 10 are too young to handle dogs and cats, so you may want to opt for a hamster or a fish instead. If you have horses, teach your child about stable safe-

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ty at an early age.

Time To Learn

Talk with your child about the type of pet you have and encourage him to read a book or two about it. If you have a dog, explain why it's important to properly feed, groom and care for the animal. Be sure your child understands the responsibility associated with owning a pet.

Pay Attention To Pets

The more your child thinks about pets, the more likely she is to understand what it means to take care of one. Encourage "pet time," where your child and pet play together. You can even have a family night where you watch a movie such as "Flicka" together. The inspiring, coming-of-age story focuses on headstrong, 16-year-old Katy McLaughlin (played by Alison

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This is "Ci Ci," all ready to celebrate Valentine's Day. Ci Ci, a Yorkie owned by Mary Mosley, of Wheelwright, was all decked out in a new red hat and ready to show off her new hair cut. "You know these girls have to keep up with the latest styles," jokes Mary who also says that Ci Ci "is a sweet and wonderful pet."

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School Happenings

March 10 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at MAC. Free to Floyd County new parents (child up to 1 year) and expectant parents.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

■ "Get Moving AMS," an exercise/nutrition program for students will meet on Wednesdays, during the month of March. Heather Nelson, Floyd County 4-H Agent, will facilitate. Interested students may sign up in the YSC.

March 14 - YSC Advisory Council will meet at 4 p.m., in the center. All are invited.

March 19 thru 23 - Spring Book Fair. Parent volunteers who wish to assist may call 886-1297.

■ March 22 - Parent Support Group meeting for AMS and Clark parent/guardians, 8:30 a.m., in YSC office. Refreshments and door prizes.

To learn about Smarty Camp scholarships, contact the center. Smarty Camp will instruct students in art, music, drama and science, as well as providing recreational activities.

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

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

Allen Central Middle

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them in to homeroom teachers!** Career Decisions and Job

Development videos available in YSC lending library. The ACMS Youth Service

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

tion, 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

Dairy Queen coupon cards for sale - \$10 each. Contact any Clark student or call Family Resource Center for information.

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

■ 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.) Focus on physical exercise and nutrition.

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

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates (March 8, 16, and 22). 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

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

Yearbooks on sale - \$22

FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.
 Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
 The J.A. Duff Elementary

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

 March 30 - Big Sandy Singers.
 Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

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

Mountain Christian Academy

 Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 MCA is an accredited nondenominational Christian school. tools have been awarded to participating schools for FREE in recent years. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this valuable program by sending their Food City register tapes to school with their children or by dropping them off at the school office. Receipts will be collected until March 10, 2007. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

March 13 - "Wulfe Brothers," 1:30 p.m.

March 15 - "Louie, Louie," 8:30 and 9:00 a.m.

March 19 - Family Read/Activity Night, 6 p.m., OES library. Please make plans to attend!

March 20 - "Read Together, Talk Together," parent meetings, 9:30 a.m., in Family Resource Center. Presenter: Stephania Conn, BSCTC.

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

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

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

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center Call Allen Elementary Youth

Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccina-

Piarist School

The Piarist School is participating in the Food City "Apples for the Students" program, a school/community partnership that awards educational equipment in exchange for store register receipt tapes. More than \$250 million in needed classroom learning For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center Lost & Found located in Family

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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).

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

Ten Years Ago (March 12 and March 14, 1997)

A Floyd County superintendent screening committee has selected seven finalists for the district's superintendent. Of the seven names chosen by the committee, three applicants are Floyd Countians. Special school board meetings are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, at the central office, for board members to interview the finalists...In a stepped up effort to crack down on illegal dumps around the state, 13 citations were issued in Floyd County, including one to the mother of a state representative, another to a historical preservation society; and a third to a Prestonsburg service station owner...An audit of Floyd County special education officials is underway, but it is expected to take several weeks before a report is completed...Local law enforcement officials found eight homemade dynamite bombs, Friday afternoon, at Stratton Branch, after a 14-year-old boy reported finding several in a plastic bag. Kentucky State Police explosive expert Rick Dye disarmed the devices..Mario Matthews, 21, of North Carolina, a Carl D. Perkins Job Corps student, died of an apparent heart attack, Sunday evening, after he collapsed on the basketball court at the center...Relief is in sight for victims of flooded areas in Floyd County, after Floyd was added to the list of Kentucky counties that may receive aid from the federal emergency management agency (FEMA)...The Beaver

Elkhorn Water District lifted the boil-water advisory for all its customers, Wednesday afternoon, after water samples were apparently safe. "Everything came back good," water company secretary Donna Murray said Thursday ... Floyd County ecologist Lon May, and EPA inspector Johnnie Ross, searched for clues through a pile of trash that was dumped, Wednesday, along Dodson Branch Road. They found a mailbox and were able to locate three of the four teenagers who illegally dumped the trash in the creek...Jacob Jarvis Jr., 21, is charged with third degree rape and unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly having consensual sex with a 14-year-old on February 26...Proposed layoffs in the Floyd County school system is causing quite a stir between the interim superintendent and the board, and one board member apparently discussed the job status of an indivudual worker with the facilities director...The Prestonsburg Social Security Administration office is one of three sites in the United States that offer video conferencing hearings for claimants...There died: Onedis Hall, 79, of Oak Hill, Ohio, Sunday, March 9, at her home; William Estill "Ess" Goble, Friday, March 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Maxine Parsons, 56, of Ecorse, Mich., formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, March 9, in Wyandotte, Mich.; Lynda Hughes, 44, of Martin, Friday, March 7, at her residence; Ottawa Akers Boyd, 95, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 9, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Charles "Charlie" Calvin Edwards, 91, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Estill, Thursday, March 6, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Estill Gibson, 71, of London, formerly of Tram,

YESTERDAYS

Monday, March 10, at the Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin; Herbert Prater, 85, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, March 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Otis Griffith, 66, of Auxier, Wednesday, March 5, at his home; Clark Mullins, 68, of Fair Haven, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, February 9; Rev. Gale Holbrook, 69, of N. Ridgeville, Ohio, Monday, March 10, at St. John & Westshore Hospital in Westlake, Ohio; Walter 'Uncle Watt' Boyd, 99, of Estill, Tuesday, March 11, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; George Harris Jr., 70, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, March 11, at Vencor Hospital in Louisville; Parcie Slone, 74, of Bypro, Tuesday, March 11, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (March 18, 1987)

Two Floyd County men, each accused of driving with nearly twice enough alcohol in their blood to the presumed drunk, took their cases before Floyd District Court juries this week...Recent criticism by several state legislators of the services provided at Kentucky's shelters for abused spouses were unfounded, according to officials at the Prestonsburg shelter...A former high school counselor drew a nominal penalty in Floyd District Court, after pleading guilty, last Wednesday, to a charge of sodomy with a former student...For a second year, Prestonsburg High School has proven it can take its place among the leaders in high school academic competition in Kentucky...The Little Bit Coal Company, of Prestonsburg, which operated a small underground mine on Cow Creek several years ago, has been accused by state officials of failing to properly reclaim the site, and is in danger of losing its \$5,000 reclamation bond...There died: Lorine Rollins, 66, of Wheelwright, last Thursday...Elizabeth B. Ratliff, 96, formerly of Estill, on March 1...Lucretia Boyd Rice Wills, 92, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday...Dixie Ann Bond, formerly of Virgie, Tuesday...Ollie Blackburn, 65, of Endicott, Monday...Bruce Blackburn, 70, formerly of Prestonsburg, March 8 ... and Neil A. (Tony) Mulvaney Jr., 37, formerly a division mnager for U.P.S., for the Floyd County area, Monday.

(March 16, 1977)

Governor Carroll's "crash progam" to get construction of KY 80 from Water Gap-to-Hazard underway quickly, is paying off...The initiation of projects aimed at solving any of the variety of problems which presently affect Dewey Lake, depends primarily on a display of public support for such projects, Dean Murray, Dewey Reservoir manager, said Monday night, at a meeting of the Highland Bass Club...A jury of 13 men was empanelled, Monday, for the second trial in the Pike Circuit Court, of a local man charged with slaying Deputy Sheriff Lawrence

Yesterdays

Conley ... Four men have been wounded, two seriously, in separate affrays in the county, within the week ... Phase I construction of the Allen county park development has been begun by the contractor, Big Wheel Inc., and the Floyd Fiscal Court, at its Monday meeting, employed Elmer Rice, of Banner, as inspector, representing the county on the job ... Woodland fires swept over an estimated 1,200 acres of this county, last weekend, and at the same time, other blazes claimed a Middle Creek home, and two mobile homes at Allen...State police have joined Prestonsburg police in an effort to establish the identity of the masked man who, early, last Sunday morning, snatched a bag containing \$3,450.71 as it was being placed in the night depository of the Bank Josephine's branch bank here...Mrs. Elizabeth W. Stafford, who last attended school 80 years ago, in a one-room country school, near Peach Orchard, in Lawrence County, is back in school now, taking an art course at Prestonsburg Community College...There died: Eugene (Gene) Allen, 66, owner of the Mountain Printing Company at Allen, March 9, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington; Dora Halbert, 67, of Printer, March 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Sybil Leslie Olin, 72, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Olive Hill, March 4, in Gallipolis, O.; Sharon K. Gibson, 23-month-old daughter of Freddy and Tillie Rackey Gibson, of Ligon, March 14, at Norton Children's Hospital, Louisville; Timothy Paul Sammons, infant son of Kirby and Debbie Lewis Sammons, of Martin, March 11, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Virgil Otis Hinchman, 72, of Tram, March 14, at the Allen home of his daughter; R. C. (Rob) Barnett, 80, of Martin, March 9, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; George Rose, 87, of Harold, March 12, at his home.

Forty Years Ago (March 16, 1967)

County Judge Henry Stumbo said, Wednesday, that Floyd County highways, bridges and road drainage systems were damaged by last week's flood far more severely that is generally known. He placed the cost of reconstruction at \$35-\$40,000...The Collins Hardware and Furniture Store at Lackey, was looted last Friday night, of an estimated \$2,000 worth of merchandise...Trustees of the town of Allen, and the Allen Water Commission, filed suit in circuit court, Saturday, seeking to recover \$40,000, an amount involved in the purchase by the town of the water system there...Kentucky educators worried by OEO red tape, Monday, told a House Education Committee, headed by Congressman Carl D. Perkins, that administration of the Head Start program should be shifted to the Office of Education...The Maytown High School Wildcats are in the state basketball tournament at Freedom Hall, Louisville, this week, for the first time in the history of the school...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dixon, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Martha Ann, Friday, March 3, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Meade, a daughter, Sandra Lynn, March 8, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; to Mr and Mrs. Roger Waugh, a son, Donald Kevin, March 9, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Edwin Wells, a daughter, Michele Elizabeth, March at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Percy Huff, 35, formerly of Drift, March 3, at Albion, Mich.; Mrs. Hettie Triplett, 64, wife of Prof. Ishmael Triplett, and formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday night, at her home at Lexington; Mrs. Frances Marshall, 81, Friday, at her home at Manton; Roy W. Salyers, 68, of Allen, Saturday, at a Huntington

formerly of Wheelwright, Tuesday, at Newport; R.I. as the result of accidental asphyxiation; Mrs. Minerva Craft Flanery, 68, of Martin, March 8, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Beth Martin, 43, of printer, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Linda Jones, 74, of Grethel, Monday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Virginia Tuttle Grahowski, 25, Wednesday, at her home at Hippo; Mrs. Alifair Caudill, 76, last Thursday, at Waynesburg, Ky.; Mrs. Edna Marie Thompson, 28, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Bryan Mitchell, 64, of Bypro, Tuesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (March 21, 1957)

Identity of the man who, late Monday might, beat 69-year-old Homer Borders, and robbed the fruit market at Allen, owned by James Fulks, is believed known, and an arrest in the case is expected within a matter of hours...Thirteen persons are now taking anti-rabies serum in this county, chiefly because of contact with rabid animals...Next to Perry County, Floyd County, this year, paid its teachers the highest average salaries in all the eastern Kentucky area, south of Boyd County. Floyd teachers averaged \$2,552 per year...The Prestonsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce announced, Monday night, that it will conduct a survey to determine the flood damage in the Prestonsburg area...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Marian Hays Jr., of Ashland, a daughter, Rebecca Lee, March 13, at Beaver Valley Hospital, the Martin...There died: Bill Stapleton, 63, Estill merchant, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; John Morgan Case, 83, Tuesday, at the home of a son at Honaker; James Caudill, 86, Wednesday, at his home

hospital; Mrs. Judy Bates Wyskiver, 19, formerly of Wheelwright, Tuesday, at Newport; R.I. as the result Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago (March 13, 1947)

Construction of a single-track, standard-gauge line, extending 22.5 miles south from Wayland to coal lands in Letcher County, will be started soon by Chesapeake & Ohio Railway...The \$1.50 per \$100 valuation levy asked by the Floyd County Board of Education, last week, in its budget for 1947-'45, was approved by the fiscal court, Monday, as was a per capita tax of \$1 on all male citizens of voting age...B. B. Salisbury, wellknown Hunter man, is in a serious condition at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, suffering from brain concussion and internal injuries, received late Sunday night, when struck by an auto on the Arkansas curve, below Martin...Gov. Simeon Willis blasted the hopes of Kentucky teachers, Monday, when he told a group of them they could not expect any financial aid from the state before the end of his term in December...Frank H. Layne, this week, purchased the interest of his partner, Roy Gibson, in the Firestone Store here, and Mr. Gibson, Mont Gibson Jr., and Russell H. Hagewood, bought the Elder Ball Restaurant...The home, here, of S. R. Auxier, was burglarized recently, with a reported loss of approximately \$1,000 worth of household appliances...Married: Mrs. Effie Woody of Garrett, and Mr. Gilmar Smith, of Hindman, March 4, at Langley...Born: to Rev. and Mrs. William Garriott, of Earlanger, a son-William Ray Humphrey Garriott-March 2...There died: John Brown, 77, at home at Wheelwright, Sunday; Garfield Gilliam, 65, at the home, here, of his sister; Mrs. Minnie Walters, Friday; Mrs. Martha Stanley, 77, at her home, at Garrett, Wednesday; Mrs. Alice

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Burga Harold, 66, at her home in West Prestonsburg, Tuesday; Dr. W. J. Hill, 51, native of Banner, at home at Stone, Ky., Sunday; Orville Smiley, 31, formerly of Dana, Tuesday, at Detroit, Michigan.

Seventy Years Ago

(March 12, 1937)

Floyd County, this fiscal year, in addition to state rural highway construction funds, will receive, for road building purposes, approximately \$20,682.96 as its share of a federal flood relief appropriation, made in 1927...Prestonsburg, this week, was in legal hot water. Clay Products Company brought suit against the city for non-payment of sewer tile, purchased from the firm in 1922, and in another action, Floyd County has instituted a suit against the city for the debt on the city hall site ... Federal Judge H. Church Ford, Saturday, at Lexington, granted an injunction restraiting interference with the construction, by the Inland Gas Company, of a pipeline, from Lackey to Hindman...A project has been submitted for approval, to Washington, for the paving of Main, Railroad, Beaver, Bridge, and Oak streets in Allen...Two new dry-goods stores preparing for opening in Prestonsburg, are The Leader store and the People's store...The Modern Drug Store was gutted by fire here early Friday morning...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spradlin, of Prestonsburg, a son-Samuel Henry-Saturday, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Elliott, a daughter-Carolyn Ann-Feb. 26, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital...There died: Doc Woods, 53, of Allen, Monday, in a Lexington Hospital; Mrs. Oval Robinson, 19, at home at Wayland, Sunday.

Oak

icy wind as Sgt. Preston would outsmart (or outfight) the dastardly villains. The show always ended with, "Well, King, this case is closed."

Bobby Benson was this 12-yearold orphan kid who had inherited a real Texas ranch. One of his sidekicks was an old character named Windy Wales (might have been Wells) who, as you might expect from his name, was a teller of tall tales. Many, many years later, I learned the character was played by ole Barney himself.

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Comanche Indian posing as ranch owner Steve Adams. However, when trouble was brewing, he'd go to his secret cave, put on his war paint, mount his golden palomino Fury, and take care of the bad guys.

One time I sent in a quarter and one of my school pictures, and got back a genuine Indian ring that I could peep through, and see me standing next to Straight Arrow in that secret cave. I kept that ring for two or three days before I lost it

Garden

night before. The spring itself ran right out of the side of the hill. As far as we knew, it had been there since the day God made the world.

The smell of honeysuckles filled the air, and daisies combed the hillside right up to the timber line. Some of them I had picked a few days earlier as I played a game of make believe called "She loves me, she loves me not." I had no "she" in mind, I just liked to play the game so I could watch the torn petals as they floated away down the hill.

when you get hurt, Ralph," Mutt asked me. "Hadn't thought about that one," I had to say. "Glad you all came, then, I guess."

Mutt handed me my slingshot. "What are we going to shoot at," I asked Mutt. "Wait," I said, "I see a Maxwell House coffee can there, off in the weeds."

Mutt took off to get the can. He waded through the weeds and made it back and then set the can on a big, flat rock.

"I'll shoot first," James called out.

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made it to the top of the hill and the three of us laid down under one of the four black walnut trees that ran around the flat at the top. All of a sudden, Mutt said, "We need to get down the hill. It's getting' supper time!"

With those words, we all three jumped up and took off down the cow path to Grandmaw's house. When we came in view of the yard, I saw the big Rhode Island red rooster that had grown up from the box of baby chicks Grandmaw had brought home that spring. She kept the rooster in the yard all the time because he would scratch in her flower beds for worms. If anyone came near him, he would chase them away. I guess you could say he was the keeper of the flowers

Don Knotts.

With a dime, and some sort of box top from whatever cereal sponsored the show, I ordered a real photo of Bobby, who, to my disappointment, looked like some ordinary city kid in a cowboy suit.

Straight Arrow was really a spoiled by TV.

Critter

Lohman). All she longs for is to work on her family's mountainside horse ranch-but her father (played by country star Tim McGraw) insists she finish boarding school first. So when Katy finds a mustang in the hills, she sets out to tame the horse and prove she can one day take over the struggling ranch. When tragedy strikes, the family learns to pull together to restore its hope. The film, recently released by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment LLC on DVD, focuses on issues such as responsibility, honesty and family.

Set A Schedule

Work with your child to set up a caretaking schedule for your pet. Assign specific tasks at certain times, such as morning walks or washing and brushing the horse every other evening. Also, bring your child with

I don't remember if these shows came on every day, or just once a week, or what. I do, however, remember sitting in the living room staring at the mantle while my imagination drew the pictures. It's too bad that today's generation of kids have been spoiled by TV.

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you when you take your animal to the vet. That can be a learning opportunity and it can help your child understand the importance of maintaining a pet's health.

Exercise Is Wise

Encourage your child to take your dog for frequent walks-even when he's not scheduled for one. Talk to your child about the importance of exercise for him and his pet. Your child may soon see that walking the dog is a fun way to spend time with your pet while staying healthy.

For more information, visit www.fox.com.

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"Up here, by the sugar maple tree," I hollered back. They both knew where the sugar maple was because the three of us had gone with Grandmaw back in the early spring to tap this tree. The water from the maple tree was very sweet and we made maple sugar out of it; we never had to buy any at the local stores.

"Hey, Ralph! We brought slingshots in case we see copperheads, James said.

"I don't want to see no copperheads, slingshots or not," I answered.

I waited by the sugar maple until they caught up with me. After a while, they made it to the tree and laid down for a rest. They were tired because it was a good walk from Grandmaw's house to the sugar maple tree.

"Why did you run off and leave us," James asked.

"Can't I go any place without you two tagging along," I asked back. "If me and James don't come along, who will carry you home

Then he shot, knocking the can off the rock and into some weeds again. Mutt took off to retrieve the can and brought it back and placed it on the rock again. But before I could say a word, he said, "It's my shot!" So Mutt fired away and the can hit the ground again.

"Go get it, Mutt," I said.

"If you want to shoot at it, go get it yourself," he answered. "I'm not going to."

"Oh, heck," I said. "I don't want to shoot at no can, anyway. Me, I'm going on up to the top of the hill. You boys coming?"

"Sure," they said, so away we went to the top of the hill. Everywhere we looked about as we climbed, we saw beauty, a world filled with green from the trees and all the colors of the rainbow wherever the eye could see. It was a sight that I have always remembered, even to this day.

Grandmaw just knew how to make things grow, and then came the blooms. She was like a beautiful rose herself. One that I just liked to look at, I thought to myself as we climbed. Me and Mutt and James We made it home just in time because Boot and Grandmaw already had the table set with food. So we washed up in the wash pan that set on the bench behind the house. After supper, we all went to the front porch to sit in Grandmaw's big rocking chairs and sing, "She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes."

We enjoyed the cool breezes as they blew up the holler from the way of Melvin. I looked at the yard and noticed that the four o'clocks flowers had opened their blooms, making the yard even more beautiful, and I can still remember how I thought to myself about how much I loved my Grandmaw and all the flowers that grew on her place. I pictured heaven as being just such a place itself - a garden full of all colors and types of flowers.

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seemed to have an opinion on how wrong Kathy Lee was on how she was handling everything.

She told that she spent lots of time in prayer and praying for wisdom, strength and guidance to get through it all. When, one day during one of her prayer sessions, she felt her face all scrunched up as if there were this horrible bitter taste in her mouth.

As if a light-bulb had just gone off in her brain she said that God had given her the realization that the only thing different between being "bitter" and "better" was the letter I.

"As in me, myself and I," she continued.

"It's my choice to continue to be bitter, resentful, and carry the garbage or let it go and get better. I had to make the decision and changes needed to get there and chose to do so and am much better off for it," she told.

We're just not built to carry the world on our shoulders. Probably the best of reasons why God tells us in His Word to cast our burdens upon Him.

There are so many things out there in this world of ours that can make us curl up and want to hide in our own little shells as if we were actually turtles instead of human beings. Finally peaking our heads out on an occasion when we think or feel the coast is clear.

We can be hurt from those we could never imagine hurting us in a million years and when it happens we're taken aback to the point of what feels like no return at times.

We can be criticized from folks who have no inkling to whom we actually are or what we're even about and yet their opinions can

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pack such a punch it can literally double us over.

The ugly green monster can rare his big ol ugly head from people who barely know us and the overspill can make us feel as though we're drowning.

Then there are those in our lives we thought we could trust and then one day something snaps and we get the proverbial knife in the back while they're smiling to our faces.

There are those who sit back and slack and let others do the work and take credit and come out smelling like a rose while you're getting the aroma of stench to the point you're ready to toss your cookies.

And those are but a few of the circumstances that can cause one to be bitter.

Here's hoping you are using the 'T' to change your bitter to better!

Til Next Week God Bless...

Anniversary





Whitney Trimble from Ivel prepares to audition at the 2007 JWT Auditions held earlier in Prestonsburg at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Stage Talk

by Martin Childers

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

The weather's cold now, but at JWT we are finalizing the task of casting the shows for the 2007 season that starts June 15.

The first auditions were held locally and almost a hundred people auditioned for various roles. Jenny Wiley Theatre will hire 28 adult/adult looking actors each year, and several of those roles are filled by performers from in and around our own region.

Scott Bradley, JWT Casting Director, and I watched professional actors audition in New York City, Memphis and Atlanta as well as Prestonsburg. In all, we probably saw more than 1,000 actors.

The selection process is daunting, but our goal is to find the best singers, dancers and actors who will light up our stage with top-notch performances.

Two of our shows this season Disney's High School Musical" and "West Side Story"—have extensive dance numbers with difficult choreography. Of course, that's part of what makes audiences love them. Some of the major roles in these two were filled with professional dancers selected from the New York auditions. Five excellent performers from our own area are also among those cast for these two shows Cara Hall of Pikeville, Lana Johnson of Neon, Josey McCoy of Inez, Adam Hartsock of Pikeville, and Jasmine Osborne of Pikeville.

More excitement will be provided by some 37 performers from our Youth/Teen Company, who will appear in "The Princess and The Pea" and the ensemble of "High School Musical."

Along with our fourth production, "Forever Plaid," our 43rd season looks to be a great one. You can find out more about our shows and cast, and some earlybird ticket bargains at our web site: www.jwtheatre.com.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Alexander - the early years.

50th Wedding Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell (Bud) Alexander will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 7, 2007. A celebration of the occasion will take place at the Merrick Inn, in Lexington. This event will be hosted by their children Ms. Kim Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Kara) Huffman, Ms. Kelli Alexander; their grandchildren Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyd, Samantha and Nathan Huffman; and their great-grandchildren Ethan and Ava Boyd.

Pointers For Parents

Kids And Braces: The Straight Facts



(NAPSA)-Currently, more than 4 million children and 1 million adults in North America wear braces. For many patients, especially children and teens, a healthy, beautiful smile goes beyond good health; it indicates confidence. "Not only can orthodontic treatment improve health and overall appearance, patients often experience a tremendous boost to their self-esteem when they can smile and not be embarrassed by the condition of their teeth," said Dr. Don Joondeph, president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). But how do you know if your

child needs braces? The AAO provides answers to this and other frequently asked questions:



Does my child need braces?

It's not always easy to tell if your child has an orthodontic problem. However, some signs or habits may indicate the need for an orthodontic examination: early or late loss of baby teeth; difficulty in chewing or biting; mouth breathing; thumb or finger sucking; crowding, misplaced or blockedout teeth; jaws that shift or make sounds; biting the cheek or roof of the mouth; teeth that meet abnormally or not at all; and jaws and teeth that are out of proportion to the rest of the face.

When should my child see an orthodontist?

If any of the problems above are noted by parents, regardless of your child's age, it is advisable to consult an orthodontist. All children should see an orthodontist no later than age 7 for a simple checkup. This quick and painless exam can identify potential problems and ensure that any future treatment is timed appropriately.

My child sees a dentist for regular checkups and cleaning. Why see an orthodontist?

Orthodontists specialize in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities. Orthodontists receive an additional two to three years of specialized education beyond dental school to learn the proper way to align and straighten teeth. Orthodontists team with your child's dentist to ensure that your child achieves optimal oral health.

How quickly will we see results and how much will it cost? Treatment time averages 24 months. Although orthodontic treatment does not produce same-day results, some children may only require limited treatment. In addition, orthodontic treatment is affordable and is often covered by dental insurance plans.



Something to smile about

Dr. Anita Hale from the Allcare Dental Clinic, accompanied by "The Tooth Fairy," visited the Baptist Learning Center on Friday, February 23, to teach the children about dental hygiene and the importance of daily brushing and flossing, regular dental checkups and how adopting good practices now will help to keep their smiles healthy and bright throughout their lives. Dr. Hale and the Tooth Fairy enjoyed the time spent with the children and plan to return again one day soon!

Skin Sense: Slow Down The Signs Of Aging

(NAPSA)-Here's food for thought. Vitamins can nourish you from the outside in as well as the inside out. The Inside Story

You are what you eat. A well-balanced diet of vitamins and minerals will help care for your body. According to dermatologist Karen E. Burke, M.D., vitamin E protects cell membranes and "has been noted to reduce photodamage, wrinkles and improve skin texture." It can be found in vegetable oils, especially sunflower oil; grains such as wheat germ, brown rice and oats; nuts; dairy products; meats and margarine.

The American Academy of Dermatology says that in recent animal studies, oral vitamin C was found to reduce UVinduced tumors. Vitamin C is the most abundant antioxidant found naturally in the skin. It is commonly derived from colorful vegetables and citrus fruits. Supplements can also help. When taken together, vitamins C and E pack a powerful antioxidant punch to prevent premature aging. Yet, registered dietitian Deralee Scanlon says, nine out of 10 Americans fall short of vitamin E and 35 percent of women do not consume adequate amounts of vitamin C. In addition,



drinking plenty of water will help keep your skin hydrated and moisturized. Your dermatologist can advise you about the best diet to save your skin. The Outside Story

You can also get a skin creme formulated with natural vitamins A and E to help improve skin's resilience and firmness. Dermatologists report studies that show topical vitamin E can reduce the damage done by the sun to your skin.

Using a daily moisturizer with vitamins can help minimize the appearance of wrinkles and fine lines and improve skin's elastici-

ty. One of these moisturizers, called Nivea Visage Anti-Wrinkle & Firming Creme, has a quickabsorbing formula that can be applied daily after cleansing to fight wrinkles and firm skin all at once. It is dermatologist tested and won't clog pores. This face moisturizer is available at food, drug and mass merchandisers.

