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briefs

House OKs funds for AP tests

The Associated Press

The state would pay for high school students taking advanced placement tests that could earn them early college credit, under a plan the Kentucky House approved on Monday.

High schools would receive money to help pay for advanced math and science courses through a special fund created by the legislation. Meanwhile, middle schools would be eligible for grants to develop rigorous math and science programs, under the plan.

Among other things, the proposal would also increase use of the Kentucky Virtual High School, which offers courses online.

The House approved the proposal on a 98-0 vote, and it heads back to the Senate for consideration.

When the bill was approved by the Senate, it included bonuses for math and science teachers based on pupils' advanced placement test scores. That provision was removed from the House version, however, after opposition by the Kentucky Education Association.

Late Monday, however, the original Senate proposal, and a related measure, were tacked onto a House energy proposal. The Senate approved the measure and sent it back to the House for consideration.

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Isolated storms
High: 74 • Low: 53

Tomorrow
Showers
High: 68 • Low: 44

Friday
Showers
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Council members question city practices

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With only three items scheduled to be discussed at Monday's regular Prestonsburg City Council meeting, items not included on the agenda took up the bulk of the nearly two-hour meeting.

Mayor Jerry Fannin began the meeting by proclaiming April 9 through April 20 as Citywide Pride in Prestonsburg. According to the city's economic development director, Brent Graden, PRIDE will be holding numerous cleanup efforts during this period, including areas in West Prestonsburg.

Also, surplus bids for city vehicles were opened at the meeting for two Jeeps, a van

and a dump truck which the city is no longer using.

Graden also updated the council on the status of the proposed wireless internet system he is working to get in Prestonsburg, prompting speculation on the cost of the upkeep of the project.

"It sounds like you're trying to open a small internet company", said council member Gorman Collins, commenting on Graden's efforts.

Graden said he would love for the wireless internet service to be free of charge to citizens, but Collins disagreed, saying that if the city would charge a small usage fee, then competition would force other internet

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Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, left, opened several bids received for surplus vehicles, one of several items discussed at Monday's City Council meeting. The vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder.

photo by Jessica Hale

JAILHOUSE CONVERSIONS

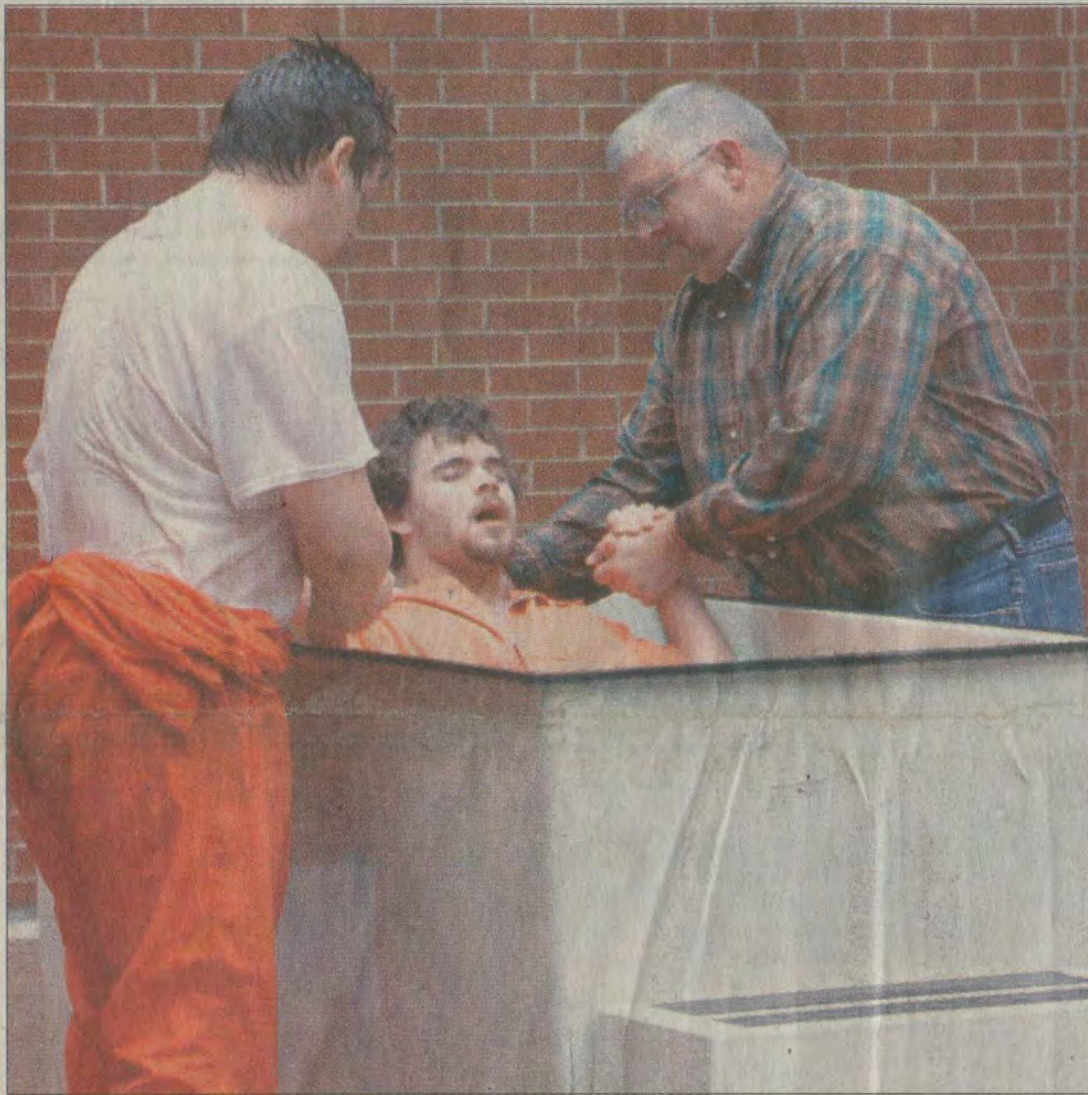


photo by Jessica Hale

Preacher Tommy Nelson conducted a baptism Monday at the Floyd County Detention Center. Each prisoner was given the opportunity to participate. Those who chose to do so were Jeff Stanley, Jeff Damron, Shawn Sexton, James Holland, Wornald Stone, Brent Holbrook, Curtis Newsome, Brandon Combs, Kevin Hutchinson and Adam Curtis.

Mine safety bill approved

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Melissa Lee burst into tears when she learned that Kentucky lawmakers had given final approval to legislation aimed at making coal mines safer places to work.

"This will save lives," said Lee, whose husband Jimmy Lee, was killed in an underground mine explosion in

Harlan County last year.

State inspectors would double their visits to underground coal mines under the measure that got final approval Monday by House and Senate lawmakers and now goes to Gov. Ernie Fletcher to be signed into law.

"This is a good bill, and I appreciate the bipartisan support that went into its passage," Fletcher said. "I look forward to signing this legislation into law."

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

The legislation calls for at least one member of every crew working underground to have access to methane gas detectors

(See SAFETY, page 14)

Minimum-wage hike heads to governor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Cara Prince is in line for a pay raise under a measure that increases Kentucky's minimum wage.

House and Senate lawmakers approved the raise for more than 100,000 minimum-wage workers. The measure now

goes to Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who said he hasn't yet decided whether he will sign it into law.

Prince, one of a group of Kentucky's lowest paid workers who lobbied lawmakers to approve the raise, said she's hopeful the governor will do what she believes is the right thing.

"It would help people like

me get a start out of poverty," Prince said Monday. "It's not the best, but it's a start."

The measure was approved 93-5 in the House on Monday. The Senate had passed the measure on a 33-1 vote last week.

Currently, the minimum wage in Kentucky is \$5.15 an

(See WAGE, page 14)

Pike miner killed in year's first mine fatal

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A surface miner in Pike County was killed Monday in an accident.

According to the Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, the office of Mine Safety and Licensing is investigating the fatal accident that killed 48-year-old Charles I. Griffith, of Pikeville.

Griffith, who was working at the Double F Augering mine no. 2 at Steele, was operating an excavator when it overturned while he was posi-

tioning it. The mine has been closed for further investigation.

"I want to express my sympathy to Mr. Griffith's family and friends," Gov. Ernie Fletcher said. "Mining is an occupation with many hazards, but we are determined to keep working to improve mine safety."

Monday's accident was the first mining-related death in the state in 2007.

Sixteen miners in Kentucky were killed on the job in 2006. Five of the deaths were from a single methane gas explosion in Harlan County in May.

Citizens National to merge with Kentucky National

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank has announced plans to merge with Kentucky National Bank of Pikeville in order to expand products and services throughout east and northeast Kentucky.

The announcement was made on Monday and the terms of the merger have not yet been made clear to the public, but according to CNB, the merger will provide greater customer convenience to many.

Bill Claude Burchett, president and CEO of KNB, said, "We're very excited about this new partnership with Citizens National Bank. This is an excellent fit for both companies, and will enhance the combined presence in Pike County."

Currently, CNB has 14 locations throughout Floyd, Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Johnson, Magoffin and Pike counties and employs 179 people. KNB's main

office location is in downtown Pikeville, with an additional office in Belcher. The merger is expected to add two new locations in Pike County.

In commenting on the merger, Dennis Dorton, president and CEO of CNB, noted, "The addition of Kentucky National Bank branches expands our market reach and continues fulfillment of our long-term strategic goals of providing greater customer convenience and service to all our customers, especially in the Pike County market."

"Kentucky National Bank and Citizens National Bank share a similar commitment to customers, employees and the communities we serve. This merger will also preserve the tradition of community banking and local loan decision making."

The merger is expected to bring CNB's anticipated total assets after purchase to \$526 million. The transaction is expected to close this summer.

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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, Prestonsburg. Don Rose, AARP Chapter Specialist from Winchester, will present a program on AARP activities and membership services. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and John M. Rosenberg, president, encourages all members and friends to attend.

Victorious Women hosts 2007 spring retreat
Christian recording artist, Damaris Carbaugh joins Victorious Women Incorporated for its spring retreat, to be held March 30-April 1, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Ladies age 16 and older are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary for lodging, meals, and full service. Brochures are available at local Christian bookstores or by calling (606) 666-2359 (Bev); (606) 251-3513 (Carol), or Carol Ann, 606-789-6982.

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion
Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, 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.

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

WHS Classes of '87 and '88
The Wheelwright High School Classes of 1987 and 1988 will have a combined class reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007. A family picnic will be held at Dewey Lake Dam, Shelter #2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. An evening event is planned at 7 p.m., at the Best Western, in Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

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

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The representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic on the following dates for the next quarter:
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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 10-year reunion. The reunion will be held on July 14, 2007, at Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Those wishing to attend, please send personal information, including name, address,

phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.
All teachers from 1993 to 1997 also welcome to attend.
Send all information to: phs97@bellsouth.net, or mail to: Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41649.
Please visit us at www.myspace.com/phsblackcats97 for further information.

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.
Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.
Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
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Guest View

Libby's guilty ... Now what?

The trial of I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby was like the fancy, five-star restaurant you walk away from not quite full, wishing you’d ordered the main entree instead of multiple appetizers. In the end, you didn’t get what you came for.

Libby, the 56-year-old former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, was convicted Tuesday on four of five counts of lying under oath and obstructing justice in regards to his role in the leak of an undercover CIA agent’s name to the media, in supposed retaliation for her husband’s criticism of the White House’s reasons for going to war in Iraq. The charges were ancillary to the fundamental crime — who actually outed the CIA’s Valerie Plame? — in a case that reached deep into the halls of power of government, media and law.

When the smoke cleared, about the only person still standing tall and proud was special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, who notched his belt one tighter with yet another high-profile conviction.

Ultimately this trial produced more uncomfortable questions than answers, succeeding mostly in pulling back the curtain on how things are done in Washington, D.C. What has been exposed to sunlight is not pretty.

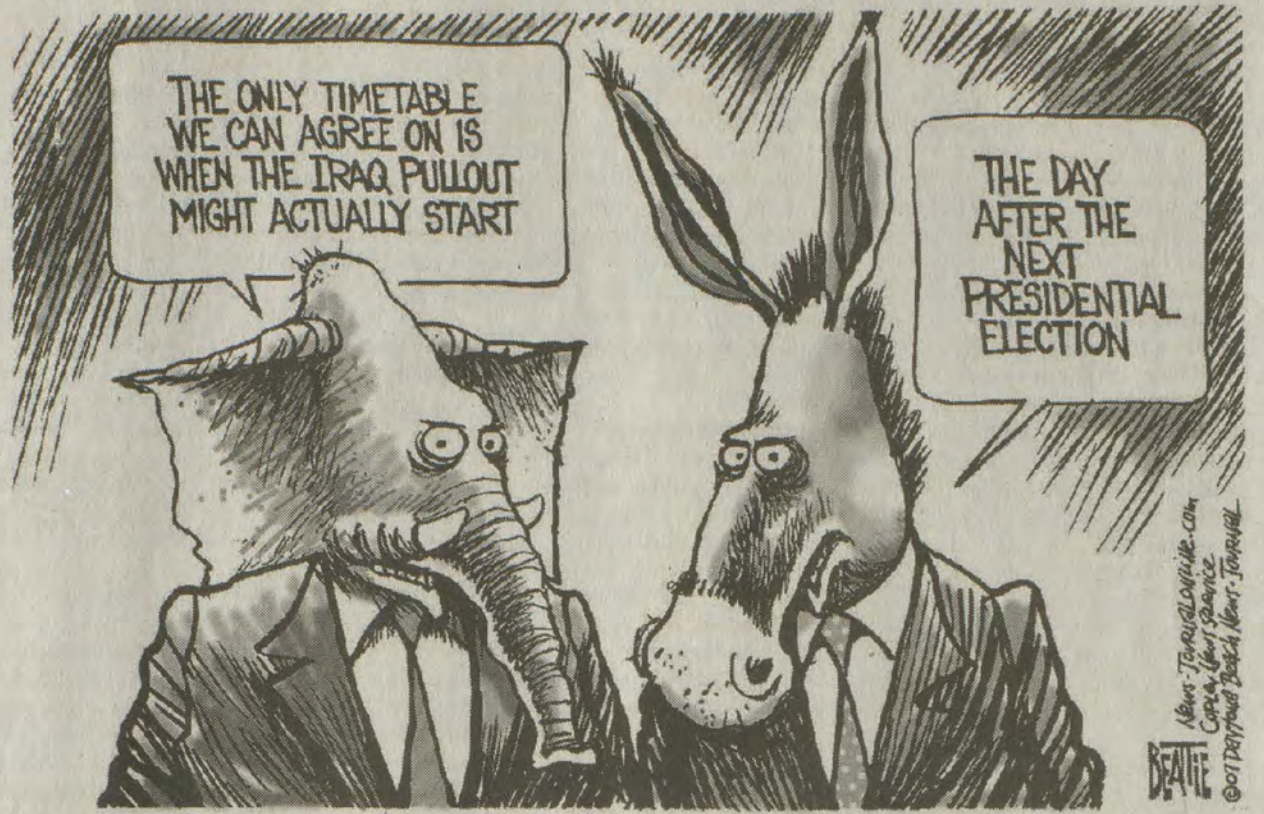
Indeed, doubts have been generated about whether the Bush White House manipulated intelligence to justify the war, and about what lengths it would go to — or depths it would sink to — in order to discredit its critics. Americans can be forgiven for wondering about a leadership that would seem so preoccupied with Joe Wilson — Valerie Plame’s husband — while Osama bin Laden remained alive and at large.

Coming off badly was Cheney, over whom “a cloud” has formed, said Fitzgerald in his closing, regarding whether he and others scapegoated Libby. Americans were deprived of his testimony, which would have been especially fascinating under cross-examination by Fitzgerald. This is another embarrassment in a string of them for this White House.

The national media didn’t come away unscathed, either, as a parade of celebrity journalists — Tim Russert, Bob Woodward, Robert Novak, etc. — made their way to the witness stand to reveal the all-too-cozy relationship between them and those they cover, and in some cases how eager they are to be pawns for the powerful. Certainly this trial has raised questions about the ability of the press to do its job using confidential sources. Former New York Times reporter Judith Miller went to jail for 85 days for refusing to out Libby; clearly that First Amendment ground is not as solid as many a journalist thought it was.

All in all, Libby seems a bit player in a much grander drama, yet he’s the one who will go to jail unless he prevails on appeal or is pardoned by the president. Again, we’re not satisfied that we’ve gotten to the bottom of all this, or that we will anytime soon, while a very real and controversial war rages on.

— The Peoria Journal Star



Letters

Our Lady of the Way is special

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Betsy Layne Elementary

Am I surprised that Our Lady of the Way Hospital won another good award? Absolutely not!

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There have been many special doctors and nurses, but Dr. Lowell D. Martin will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Congratulations to everyone associated with this special hospital.

Lou Ann Hutchinson
Georgetown

Red Chinese and yellow American leaders

I wish to speak out against the ‘trade’ with Red China being promoted in Congress and local governments after these public officials have, of course, abandoned their posts and public trusts to be wined and dined on paid junkets to Communist China only to come back extolling the virtues of aid and trade to that evil regime whose government still refers to America as “the main enemy” and whose military continues to threaten us with their missiles built with Western technology supplied by our own treasonous leaders (remember “Chinagate”?).

Red China’s products have been shown to be produced extensively by forced labor from death camps, worse than those of Nazi Germany, implementing production through starvation, torture and execution for failure to meet production quotas, not to mention Red China’s reported forced abortions, traffic in human organs from political or religious prisoners killed to order, and the kidnapping of thousands of American prisoners of war from Korea and Vietnam for forced labor and unspeakably inhuman live “medical” experiments covered up by our leaders. The truth is that Communist China’s so-called industrial boom has been subsidized by our tax dollars through the U.S. Export-Import Bank and other agencies to the tune of untold billions of dollars over the years.

We must stop our treasonous leaders from continuing to finance our deadly enemies and instead get off the backs of American business so we can re-establish American supremacy and force the barbarians of Red China’s government into oblivion and China will truly be free. I wish to urge all concerned citizens to see The John Birch Society at www.JBS.org (search: China trade) and protest aid or trade with Communist China locally and in Congress.

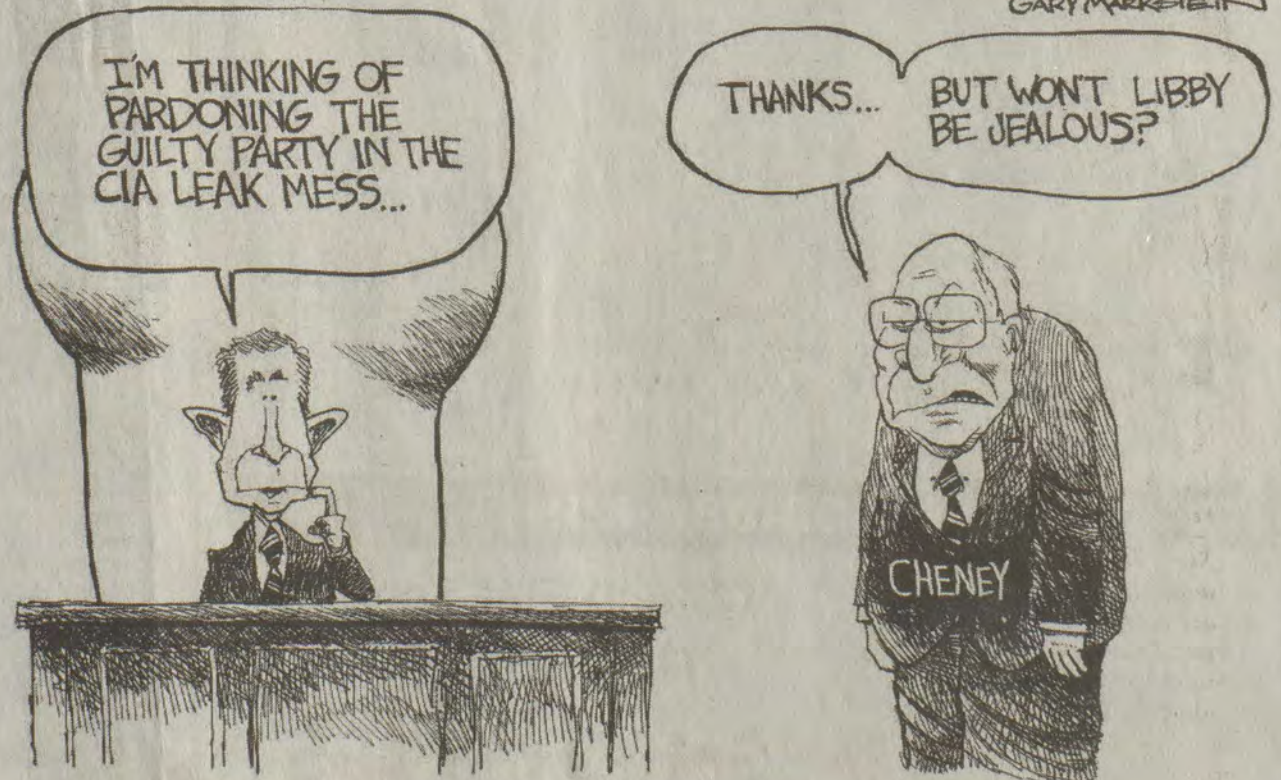
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Student excels in Hindman summer program

HINDMAN — John Wesley Slone is 6-foot, 1-inch tall and a freshman at Knott County Central High School. Despite his stature, Wesley was not assured of making it into high school. Thanks to the foresight of a Knott County principal, Wesley has tasted academic success.

A quiet and well-mannered student, Wesley was accustomed to making D's and F's in school. He thought that was the best he could do. His teachers said he wouldn't listen or turn in homework. At the end of the 8th grade, Hindman Elementary principal, Carol Combs, gave Wesley a choice: Attend summer school at Hindman Settlement School or remain another year in the 8th grade.

Wesley's family applied for a scholarship to the James Still Learning Center's Summer Tutorial Program for children with dyslexic characteristics and he was accepted. Viewing it as a punishment for not doing better in the 8th grade,



Carol Combs, presenting Wesley Slone with his diploma

Wesley says he dreaded the next six weeks.

"Sometime during the second week, I saw a light come on. I don't know what the tutors did," his mom, Bobbie Slone, said. Wesley came home and said, "Mom, I think I'm getting it. I understand how to do it. It's easy." He was talking about understanding fractions.

"I can tell a difference in his confidence. In the past, he didn't show an enthusiasm for learning. He knows now he has the potential to learn at higher levels, if he has the

right people to teach him. He has had an attitude adjustment! He is so proud of himself. He's never had anything like this, as far as academic achievement," said Bobbie Slone.

Wesley would tell his mom what he was learning every week and she got a weekly report about his progress, but she said she didn't really understand how well he was doing until the end of the program.

At the closing ceremony, when the awards were being handed out, over 40 children had been recognized, but not Wesley. Bobbie Slone leaned over to her husband and said, "I don't think Wesley is going to win anything."

The last award was the "Tom Cruise Award" for Outstanding Student, the highest award given at the Summer Tutorial Program awards day. It went to Wesley Slone. His mom says, "It didn't dawn on me he had won the highest award. I knew he was learning, but I didn't know it was as

good as it was!"

At the time of his initial evaluation, Wesley said, "Math is a problem." Remarkably, he demonstrated a five-year gain in mathematics computational skills. Wesley also demonstrated a seven and a half-year gain in his ability to "sound out" words and almost a two-year gain in reading comprehension.

Wesley is now attending classes at Knott County Central and says his goal is to some day come back and serve as a tutor in the Settlement School's summer school program.

The James Still Learning Center will offer its 26th annual Summer Tutorial Program for children with dyslexic characteristics, starting June 18. For more information, call 606-785-4044.

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Senate passes Turner's education bill

FRANKFORT — The State Senate last week passed Sen. Johnny Ray Turner's workers' compensation self-insurance bill.

"Schools cannot afford these unnecessary and burdensome payments," said Turner, D-Drift. "This is money that should go towards adding teachers, raising salaries or putting computers in the classroom."

The bill will exempt public sector self-insured employers, such as schools, from costly bond payments. The bill applies to public employers who have the authority to raise taxes or tuition, issue bonds, raise fees, or have other authority to generate funds.

"This is important legislation for our schools," said Turner. "This will save Floyd, Pike and Harlan County Schools millions of dollars for years to come."



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, testified in favor of Senate Bill 203 during the House Economic Development Committee meeting.

Senate Bill 203 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration. For more information regarding Senate Bill

203 may be obtained by accessing the Legislative Research Commission website: www.lrc.ky.gov.

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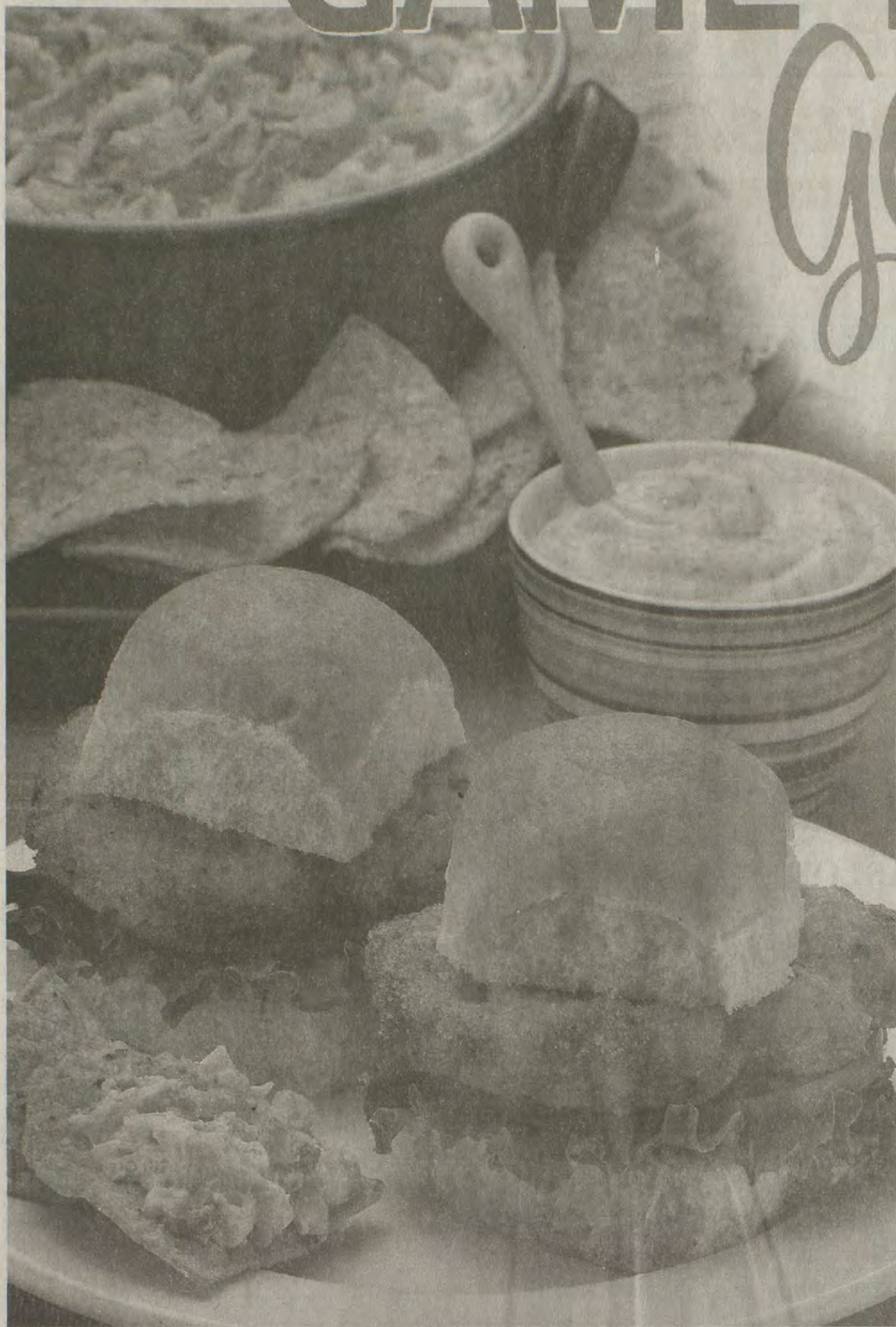
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GAME-TIME

Gathering

No-Sweat Guide to Hosting



FAMILY FEATURES

Sports fans know that the best game-watch gatherings offer a winning combination of camaraderie and great food. Celebrity chef Sandra Lee says the role of a host is a bit like that of the coach. When strategizing for the big showdown, it's a fine balance of preparation, discipline and spirit that ultimately yields a successful gathering. Start with a playbook that's heavy on convenient, make-ahead dishes.

"My secret to winning game-time entertaining is semi-homemade cooking. Take a no-sweat approach by combining convenient store-bought or ready-made ingredients with fresh and creative personal touches. It's my secret for delivering easy, delicious dishes that spectators love," Lee says.

Although the game-time menu may not call for a sit-down meal, the spread should still provide the fuel spectators need to survive into overtime. Smaller, hand-held servings of protein-packed favorites, such as Home on the Ranch Pork Sliders and Show-Stopping Barbecue Shrimp Skewers will help satisfy big appetites. Lee's recipe for Benchwarmer Artichoke Ranch Dip offers a creative twist on a classic baked dip with extra tangy zip thanks to a packet of ranch salad dressing and seasoning mix.

For a game day gathering that's easy on the host while still delivering all the good food and fun guests expect, Lee suggests a few easy tips:

- **No Interference.** In the heat of the action, spectators need free hands for clapping and high-fiving, so mix any recipes that call for flatware and focus on handheld foods.
- **Defend the Viewing Zone.** Keep die-hard fans in good spirits by setting up multiple viewing and seating areas for guests. Dedicated game watchers will appreciate a conversation-free zone around the TV during regularly scheduled play, while casual spectators may prefer an area where non-sports chatter is welcome.
- **Assemble a Starting Line-Up Near the TV.** For spectators who don't want to miss a moment of the action, be sure to stock essentials — such as extra napkins, condiments and beverage refills — within viewing distance of the game.
- **Pre-Game Warm Up.** Novice fans don't have to feel intimidated. Hosts can provide fodder for game-time banter by providing the day's sports section and printing online game previews so that everyone has access to team trivia and key stats on star players.
- **Show Your Team Spirit.** To help rev up fans, show spirit by decorating with team colors. Lee also suggests creating an unexpected tabletop twist by securing rolled-up napkins with terry cloth sweatbands in team colors.



Benchwarmer Artichoke Ranch Dip

Makes: 10 servings

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 1-ounce packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, or more if desired
- 2 15-ounce cans artichoke quarters in water, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped roasted red bell peppers
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- 1 1/2 cups french fried onions, divided
- Tortilla chips

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 1-quart baking dish with olive oil cooking spray; set aside.

In medium mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, seasoning mix and lemon juice until smooth. Stir in artichokes, peppers, cheese and 1/2 cup french fried onions. Transfer to prepared baking dish and top with remaining french fried onions. Bake 40 to 45 minutes, until set and top is golden brown. Serve with tortilla chips.

Recipe created by Sandra Lee on behalf of the makers of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressings.

Home on the Ranch Pork Sliders

Makes: 4 to 5 servings

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 1-ounce packets Hidden Valley Original Ranch Salad Dressing & Seasoning Mix, divided
- 1/2 cup cracker meal
- 2 eggs
- 1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed, sliced 1 inch thick
- 1/4 cup canola oil, for frying
- 8 to 10 Hawaiian sweet rolls or dinner rolls

In small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, and 2 teaspoons seasoning mix. Refrigerate ranch mayonnaise until ready to serve.

In shallow bowl, combine cracker meal and 1 tablespoon seasoning mix; set aside. Lightly beat eggs in shallow bowl; set aside.

Between two pieces of plastic wrap, pound pork tenderloin slices to 1/4 inch thick; set aside. Heat canola oil in large frying pan over medium-high heat. Fry remaining seasoning mix packets onto large plate. Dredge each pork patty into seasoning mix to coat both sides. Dip each into egg mixture then press into seasoned cracker meal.

When oil is shiny, place pork patties in frying pan. Cook 3 to 4 minutes per side. Remove and place on a paper towel-lined plate. Serve on desired rolls with ranch mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato and condiments of your choice.

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Polenta Crostini With Sausage Topping

Serves: 12

- 1/2 pound Italian sausage, removed from casing
- 1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup tomatoes, chopped and seeded
- 1/3 cup KC Masterpiece Original Barbecue Sauce
- 1 package (1 pound) prepared polenta
- 3 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook sausage in skillet over medium heat 7 minutes or until nicely browned, stirring often. Remove sausage to a cutting board and coarsely chop. Drain fat and return sausage to skillet; add onions and cook over medium heat 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in tomatoes and barbecue sauce. Heat until bubbling; set aside.

Preheat oven to 400°F. Slice polenta into 12 1/2-inch-thick rounds and place in single layer on baking sheet. Top each round with 1 tablespoon sausage mixture, sprinkle with cheese and bake 10 minutes or until hot. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Show-Stopping Barbecue Shrimp Skewers

Serves: 6

- 1/2 pound bacon slices
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 cup KC Masterpiece Original Barbecue Sauce
- 1/4 pound snow peas, optional

Preheat broiler and line broiler pan with foil; set aside. Partially cook bacon in a large skillet over medium heat about 5 minutes, without crisping. Drain on paper towels and cut bacon strips in half.

In small bowl, toss shrimp with barbecue sauce until coated. Wrap bacon strip around shrimp with one snow pea, if desired. Secure with toothpick. Broil wrapped shrimp 3 to 4 minutes turning once or until bacon is crisp and browned.

For more tips, recipes and a downloadable guide to hosting winning game-time gatherings, visit HiddenValley.com and kcmasterpiece.com.



Show serves as impetus for Spencer's sex predator bill

FRANKFORT — Rep. James Brandon Spencer, (D-Prestonsburg), last week passed legislation making it easier to catch and prosecute child internet predators.

House Bill 438 would allow covert groups such as Perverted Justice to serve as decoys in catching these predators as well as allowing these predators to be charged with a more serious crime even if a meeting did not occur.

"Our law enforcement officials and prosecutors need all the tools they can get to help capture and prosecute these predators," says Rep. Spencer. "We owe it to the parents in this state to help ensure the safety of their children when participating in chat rooms."

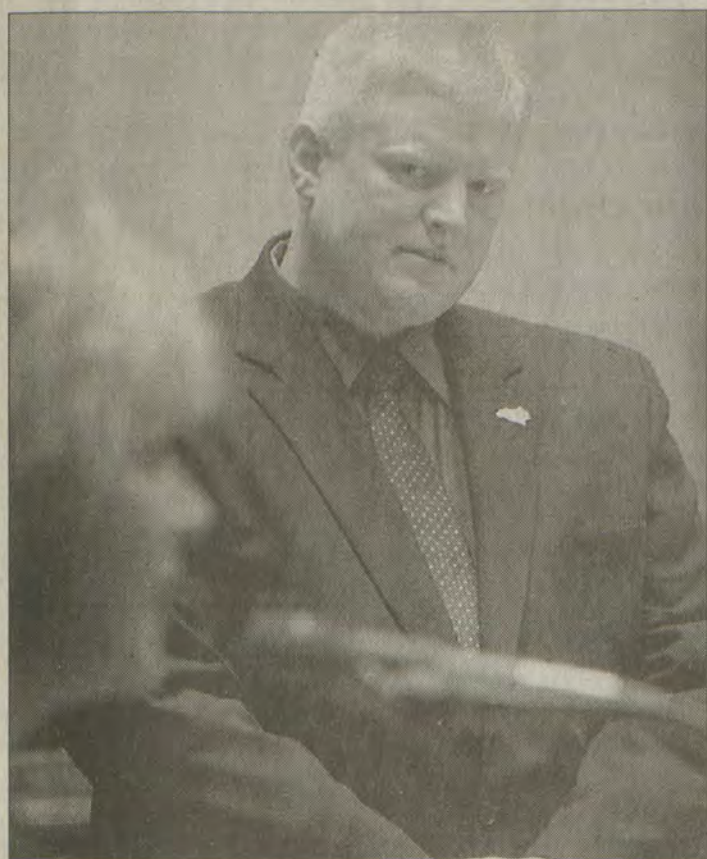
One provision of the bill would clarify that the crime of unlawful use of computers or electronic communication devices to induce a minor to engage in sexual activity applies when the predator has solicited anyone they have reason to believe is a minor. Currently, the statute only lists actual minors or peace officers posing as a minor.

Another part of the bill allows a person to be charged even if an actual meeting does not occur. In a recent sting conducted in Louisville, during which more than 50 adults solicited a meeting with a minor over the Internet, only eight showed up to the meeting and subsequently were arrested and charged with a felony offense. This bill would

allow all of those who solicited a meeting to be charged with the felony offense.

House Bill 438 also clarifies that the offenses under this law apply to electronic communications that originate within Kentucky or are received in this state.

Recently, NBC's Dateline program "To Catch a Predator" has been conducting undercover operations with Perverted Justice to catch adults who use the Internet to solicit sexual favors from children. This series, the impetus for House Bill 438, has brought much-needed attention to the issue, which is expected to continue growing in importance as access to the Internet proliferates.



Rep. James Brandon Spencer answered a question from Rep. Kathy Stein about HB 438 on the floor last week. The bill passed out of the House by a vote of 100-0 and will now go to the Senate for consideration.

Stumbo appointed to board of KSBA insurance programs

FRANKFORT — At its meeting Saturday, the Kentucky School Boards Association Board of Directors approved the appointment of Floyd County school board member Jeff A. Stumbo to a seat on the Kentucky School Boards Insurance Trust.

Stumbo, who began his school board service in 2000, is a retired law enforcement officer and recently completed two terms as a director-at-large on the KSBA Board of

Directors. A graduate of McDowell High School and Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Criminal Justice, he has been a school council member and has volunteered as an athletic and reading coach in the Floyd County system.

Stumbo will complete an unexpired term on the KSBIT Board of Trustees through July 1, when he will become eligible for reappointment to a new term. He replaces former

Ashland Independent board member James Keeton III.

The KSBIT Board of Trustees oversees KSBA's various risk-management services for Kentucky schools and colleges. The nine-member board includes local school board members, a superintendent representing the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents and a district finance officer representing the Kentucky Association of School Business Officials.

Session

the primary if one candidate does not win at least 40 percent of the vote.

Senate President David Williams, the top-ranking Republican in the GOP-controlled Senate, said he did not support the state paying for a runoff election. The Senate later approved a measure that would repeal the runoff and sent it back to the House for consideration.

In a separate proposal, the legislature cleared a variety of tax breaks for projects throughout the state, including the proposed \$465 million Museum Plaza project along the Louisville riverfront.

Fletcher said he was "very pleased" by the tax incentive bill and expected to sign it into law.

A plan to spend \$9 million at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport so it could capture a matching federal grant to relocate the runway involved in the failed take-off and crash of Comair Flight 5191 last summer, in which 49 people were killed, also cleared the Senate. A similar proposal had already cleared the House.

Williams said the Senate inserted the extra spending in hopes of avoiding a special legislative session that Fletcher has warned he might convene. "If we don't pass these things, the governor is going to call us back," Williams said.

It was the second consecutive year lawmakers would leave spending matters vulnerable to Gov. Ernie Fletcher's veto. Williams, R-Burkesville, blamed the Democrat-led House.

"They did it last time because some of their members wanted to go to Disney World and they did it this time because their leadership lives at Disney World," Williams said.

Still, a plan to reinstate about \$370 million in projects, including millions at state universities and colleges, that Fletcher slashed from the budget last year remained in legislative limbo.

Whether that would be approved likely depended on the fate of the Senate pension plan, Williams said.

Democrats and Republicans in the Senate approved a plan last week in which the state would sell more than \$800 million in bonds to help out the financially troubled state pension system. Without legislative intervention, Williams has said, the plan would likely go broke by 2022 — leaving the state with a \$2 billion annual pension obligation.

Current employees and retirees would not face any changes in their pension benefits, but a key provision of the Senate plan would limit future employees' benefits. Instead of receiving traditional pensions, future employees would have a "hybrid" plan that includes a mixture of defined benefits and investments.

Richards has said he favors the bond issue but does not support changes in employee benefits. Fletcher, however, has said he would call lawmakers into a special session to deal with the pension situation if no action is

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taken during the session.

Richards said he thinks the bill to restore funding for the university projects was being used as a bargaining chip by the Senate. Richards said he doesn't know whether the measure will pass this session, even though House and Senate leaders had an agreement.

"We don't feel like we should have to deal on it a second time," Richards said.

Another high-profile proposal that remained unresolved was legislation aimed at better protecting state social workers from on-the-job dangers. House and Senate lawmakers were trying to resolve differences in the versions passed by each chamber.

The move stems from last year's death of Henderson social worker Boni Frederick who was stabbed and beaten when she took an infant to his mother's house for a visit last October.

One sticking point appeared to be House language to create neutral locations for supervised visits between birth parents and their abused or neglected children.

Williams said such visitation centers would simply "create more targets" among workers.

Richards said lawmakers would try to hammer out a deal on the so-called "Boni Bill."

Nevertheless, Fletcher said he thought there was enough time on the legislative clock for further agreement.

"I think it's not over till it's over," Fletcher said.

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SECTION ONE:
The Budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 is amended to:
Increase the receipts of the School Bus Transportation fund by 60,000.00 to include under budgeted receipts from General Fund:

Account Code Description Amount
01-6301-595
School Bus Transportation 60,000.00

SECTION TWO:
The amounts added to the revenue and expenditure accounts in Section One are for Recreation.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky this the 20th day of March 2007.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

Robert D Marshall
Floyd County Judge / Executive
Approved as to Form and Classification this the 20th day of March 2007.

State Local Finance Officer
This Budget Ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the 20th day of March 2007.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof: Whereas the County of Floyd has received unbudgeted receipts for the Litter Abatement Project from the KY State Treasurer. So Therefore, the Court needs to increase the receipts and expenditure accounts that pertain to these funds in 2006-2007 Budget.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE:
The Budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007 is amended to:
Increase the receipts of LGEA fund by 62,868.66 to include under budgeted receipts from: Account Code Description Amount
04-5212-366 Garbage Clean-Up 62,868.66

SECTION TWO:
The amounts

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5467
Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that MATT/Co., Inc., 439 Meadow Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5467 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee. The new operator will be Prater Construction, Inc., 7617 Upper Johns Creek, Phelps, KY 41553.

The permit is approximately 1.86 mile northeast from KY Route 1428's junction with KY 23, and located 0.45 mile northwest of Emma, in Floyd County, and 0.50 mile southwest of Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy. The operation is located on the Lancer, U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources Division of Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within 15 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application No. 836-8030, Renewal
(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby

given that Ram Processing, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing coal processing/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. 7 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 Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, Dept. for Surface Mining, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093 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, Increment #13. The last issue date is 4/14/2004. The approximate acres covered by Increment 13 is 27.57.

The operation is located 1.6 miles east of Gulnare in Pike County. The permit is approximately 1.7 miles west of Routes 194's junction with Route 2061 and is located on Walker Branch of Johns Creek. The operation is located on Broad Bottom U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The bond now in effect for 898-0657, Increment 13 is \$13,500. The remainder of the bond is being requested in this release.

Reclamation work performed includes, grading and seeding completed on 3/15/2002. Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 6, 2007. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. May 7, 2007. The Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 6, 2007.

FLOYD COUNTY CLERK—CHRIS WAUGH
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR 2006 ACCOUNT

Receipts		Expenditures	
Tax Bill Preparation	\$ 3,442.50	Licenses & Transfers	969,713.33
Election Personnel Reimb.	15,134.50	Usage Tax	4,172,305.81
Registration of Voters	470.50	Tangible Personal Property	1,141,256.05
Tax Bill Preparation	3,442.50	Affordable Housing Trust Fee	14,160.00
Calculation of Taxes	6,444.45	Fish & Game	15,260.00
Board of Assesment	0.00	Delinquent Tax	78,032.88
Board of Elections Commissioner	517.50	Legal Process Tax	31,148.84
Election Cost Reimb.	99,936.83	Tangible Personal Property	416,472.76
Licenses & Transfers	1,238,540.74	Occupational	569.97
License & Transfers Refund	(233.50)	Beer & Liquor	9,618.75
Usage Tax	4,305,596.77	Delinquent	90,314.70
Usage Tax Refund	(3,395.61)	Fire Acreage	305.49
Tangible Personal Property	3,267,238.53	Deed Transfer	37,377.33
Tangible Personal Property Refunds	(2,730.77)	Tangible Personal Property	1,577,939.97
Fish & Game	15,623.00	Delinquent	421,590.27
Marriage	14,076.00	Delinquent Taxes	8,748.28
Occupational	599.94	Delinquent Taxes	90,416.53
Beer & Liquor	10,125.00	Official Maximum Compensation	79,247.06
Beer & Liquor Refunds	0.00	Official Expense Allowance	3,600.00
Deed Transfer Tax	39,345.00	Deputies Salaries	475,070.59
Delinquent Taxes	752,625.05	Social Security	34,751.09
Delinquent Taxes Refunds	(1,177.26)	Medicare	8,137.58
Fixture Filings	1,955.00	Life & Health Insurance	42,693.96
Releases (Mrtgs / Deeds)	15,906.00	Unemployment Insurance	4,993.02
Deeds, Easements, Contracts	27,063.00	Train Fringe Benefits (HB 810)	3,301.96
Real Estate Mortgages	52,872.00	Advertising	480.00
Chattel Mortgages/Financial Statements	118,258.00	Img, Index, Internet Website	11,382.80
Chattel Financial Statements	(126.00)	Audit & Accounting	6,000.00
Power of Attorney	2,162.00	Tax Bill Preparation (PVA)	6,882.00
Notary Bonds	3,159.00	Office Utilities	4,158.38
Property Bail Bonds	1,739.00	Office Supplies	24,727.16
Wills	1,601.00	Office Expenses	14,422.48
Leases	3,845.00	Conventions & Travel	5,606.07
Articles of Incorporation	631.00	Fees, Dues & Subscriptions	1,538.03
Mechanics Liens & LIS Pending	12,991.00	Postage	12,330.96
All Other Recordings	4,427.28	Errors & Omissions Ins.	217.72
Copy Work	4,668.10	Rental Fees	13,533.00
Postage	1,464.16	Lease Fees	10,625.83
Candidate Filing Fees	4,070.00	Election Expenses	99,902.83
Miscellaneous	84.10	Office Equipment	18,329.46
Bank Interest Income	5,199.08	Vehicle	0.00
Overage / Shortage	241.66		
Total Receipts	10,027,832.05	Total Expenditures	9,957,162.94
		Excess Fees	\$ 70,669.11

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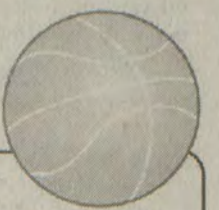
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Council

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Graden made sure the council was aware that his endeavors with the pilot project were to bring businesses to the com-

munity.

"The wireless internet is not for profit, it's for progress," said Graden. "I think Prestonsburg can really grow with this."

Committee member suggestions were also made at

Monday's meeting for members who will serve on the board that oversees the horse park at Stonecrest. Archer Park board members submitted a list of five names, some of which did not seem to sit well with some council members. Collins

made several suggestions as to who he thought would be more suitable for the positions. Other arguments were that not all horse divisions were represented with the five chosen.

Archer Park Director David Baldrige made clear to the council that he and other members of the Archer Park Board felt comfortable with the names submitted.

Savings from the new health insurance policy adopted last week will cover the cost.

Council members Collins and B.D. Nunnery also brought up the subject of overspending in the area of fuel for city vehicles, saying that the amount budgeted for the year had almost been spent already and they wanted an explanation as to how the vehicles were being used, particularly ones provided for the landscaping crew.

a concern for the new council since their terms began is the city's bills. Council member Shag Branham said he does not see why council members cannot review the bills coming in to the city as they come in instead of after the fact.

"We'd like to see the bills before they're paid, not two months after," Branham said.

Mayor Fannin said it would be far too much work for his office clerks to manage to make copies available to every council member for every single bill that comes in on a daily basis.

Safety

to monitor for the explosive gas. Miners who are working alone would also have a detector.

The bill cleared its final hurdle by passing the House on a 96-0 vote.

The measure was stalled in the House for several weeks and passed out of the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee only after several provisions were deleted. State Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, fought to get most of the deleted provisions restored and was able to do so after Lee and other coal mine widows came to the Capitol to offer tearful testimony of why the bill should pass.

Lee said she took up the fight to protect other miners, including her brother and uncle, who work in the same conditions that her late husband did.

"I think he would be proud of me," Lee said of her husband. "I think he would say, 'You've done good.'"

Other key provisions of the legislation would require two medics to be on duty at underground mines. Ventilation fans

would have to stay on at all times unless they were undergoing maintenance, and a vehicle would have to be kept near working crews to get injured miners to the surface quickly.

State Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London, chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, said a bipartisan group of lawmakers hammered out a final compromise on the bill, which has support from the United Mine Workers of America union and the coal industry.

"It's not perfect, but it's a good piece of legislation," Jensen said.

Under current law, state inspectors are required to conduct a minimum of three inspections per year. The new legislation would double that number to six, two of which focus on electrical works inside mines.

Seals used to block off abandoned sections of underground mines would have to be approved by the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration. Investigators believe that last year's methane explosion at Darby Mine No. 1

in Harlan County was caused by a faulty seal.

The measure would also add safety analysts to the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing. Their focus would be on showing miners and mine operators safer methods of doing their work.

That's a measure that the Kentucky Coal Association had pushed for, said Bill Caylor, president of the industry group.

"We're seeing a pretty responsible piece of legislation coming out today," Caylor said.

The legislation is House Bill 207.

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Wage

hour. Under the proposal, it would increase to \$5.85 when the legislation takes effect, which would be three months after lawmakers adjourn, \$6.55 an hour in July 2008 and \$7.25 an hour July 1, 2009.

Bill Londrigan, head of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, said if Fletcher signs the measure, Kentucky's minimum-wage workers would get their first raise in more than a decade.

"We are extremely gratified that the House and Senate approved the long-overdue increase," Londrigan said. "It is the right thing to do, the moral thing to do."

Fletcher said he was unsure whether he would sign the legislation, because he and his general counsel hadn't yet reviewed the plan. Fletcher said he wanted to consider the economic impact increasing the minimum wage would have, and how it would affect jobs and small businesses.

"It was supported in a bipartisan way, and I think it's likely, as we look at that, that we'll be able to sign that," Fletcher said.

The measure's approval comes after the House concurred with a technical change made in the Senate.

Kentucky's plan to raise its

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minimum wage comes as Congress is pondering a similar move.

Prince, who takes jobs through a temporary employment agency, said some lawmakers had been too concerned about how the measure would affect businesses.

"They seem more concerned about how it affects employers than how it affects employees," she said.

The legislation is House Bill 305.

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Valley outlasts Pikeville, takes 15th Region title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Shelby Valley freshman Elisha Justice is already making some 15th Region history. Justice scored 16 points and led Shelby Valley to a 55-48 win over Pikeville Saturday night at the East Kentucky Center in the 15th Region

Tournament championship game. Justice was a floorleader for the Wildcats throughout the tournament. He and the rest of the Shelby Valley starting five — all of whom are underclassmen — stepped up and rose above when the big stage called. Every Valley player who stepped foot on the Expo Center hardwood played an unselfish brand of basketball.

"This is a very unselfish team," said Shelby Valley Coach Jason Booher. "These young kids have handled pressure extremely well. Enough can't be said about Elisha (Justice). We've had different players step up and lead us in scoring throughout the season."

(See VALLEY, page three)



Shelby Valley freshman Elisha Justice worked the basketball up the court against Pikeville's Jordan Bell. Justice claimed the regional tournament's most valuable player award.

photo by Jamie Howell

Lady Hawks flock to region's top spot

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Eventual MVP Haley Ratliff scored a game-high 22 points as Pike County Central pulled away and defeated 60th District counterpart Belfry 61-48 Saturday night in the 15th Region Tournament championship game. Saturday night's win was Pike County Central's fourth of the season over Belfry. The victory gave Pike County Central head coach Stephen Butcher and his team a much-deserved regional title.

"All the credit goes to these 14 young ladies," said Butcher. "They have worked hard all season long. After losing to Magoffin County in the championship game last season, they were hungry and wanted to get back here to play for the title."

In another big game, Ratliff turned in another big perfor-

(See HAWKS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Pike County Central senior Haley Ratliff was named the 15th Region Tournament MVP.



MEETING THE WILDCATS

Prestonsburg High School senior Bridgette McBride recently attended the University of Kentucky-University of Georgia men's basketball game at Rupp Arena. The PHS senior was able to meet UK seniors and get their autographs. She attended the game with her mother, Patty McBride, and Leeann George. The 2006 PHS Football Homecoming Queen, Bridgette McBride will graduate from PHS in May.

HEADED BACK TO THE DANCE: Kentucky has earned its 16th straight NCAA Tournament berth. More on the UK men's basketball program and this year's NCAA Tournament appears inside today's edition on Page B5.



Ratliff, Justice claim MVP honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Pike County Central's Haley Ratliff and Shelby Valley's Elisha Justice each claimed Most Valuable Player honors after leading their teams to 15th Region titles Saturday night. Ratliff, a senior who has scored over 2,000 points during her career as a Lady Hawk, paced Pike Central in a 61-48 title game victory over

(See MVPS, page three)

Bears above .500 with win over Rivier

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — The Pikeville College baseball team may move all of its home games to Florida.

The warm weather seemed to heat up the Bears' batsmen, who dropped New Hampshire's Rivier College 11-0, and then took a scrimmage from the Ontario Blue Jays 15-13 at the Cocoa Expo on Saturday.

For the first time this season the Bears stand above the .500 mark at 8-7-1.

The Bears picked up right where they left off on Friday, scoring in the first inning on an RBI groundout by freshman Maverick Barnhill (Grayson), which drove home senior Donald

(See BEARS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central's Josh Martin (34) eyed a rebound while working for position against Pikeville's Deven Adams. Alex Hammonds (25) and Josh Prater (23) are also pictured for Allen Central.

Rebs fall to Pikeville in region semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Playing in its backyard at the East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville won the right to play for a 15th Region championship with a 62-53 overtime win over Allen Central Friday night.

Pikeville outscored Allen Central 16-7 in the overtime period. Before the game went into an extra session, Pikeville reserve Jordan Bell entered the contest in off of the Panther bench and made an immediate impact. Bell helped direct the Pikeville offense and finished with 16 points. Daniel Harmon led Pikeville with 17 points. Matt Clevenger scored 15

points and Jacob Sword added 10 for the Panthers. Tim Honaker rounded out the Pikeville scoring with four points.

Six-foot-10 sophomore center Deven Adams got into foul trouble early and eventually fouled out of the game for the Panthers. Adams exited the game with no points to his credit.

Allen Central outscored Pikeville 15-9 in the opening quarter. The two teams were deadlocked at 25-25 at half-time and jockeyed for the game's lead throughout the second half.

Pikeville (18-11) took a 38-36 lead into the final quarter.

Allen Central had the final possession in regula-

tion, but found a good look at the basket tough to come by versus a tough Pikeville defense. Allen Central senior Josh Martin was short on a field goal attempt just before the buzzer.

The Rebels went cold on offense in the extra session.

Ryan Collins led Allen Central with 14 points. Martin added 13 points for the Rebels. Tyler Slone finished with 12 points for Allen Central. Collins, Martin and Slone were three senior starters for the Rebels.

Josh Prater pushed in seven points, Alex Hammonds scored four and JR Robinson added three for

(See REBELS, page two)

Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes '07-08 deer, elk seasons

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the 2007-2008 deer and elk seasons and recommended deer

zone changes at its quarterly meeting Friday (March 9).

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General

Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The 2007-2008 Deer Seasons, Statewide All Zones: Archery (either sex) —

September 1, 2007 — January 21, 2008 ; Crossbow (either sex) — Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10 - Dec. 31, 2007; Early Youth Weekend (either sex) — Oct. 13 -14, 2007; Early Muzzleloader (Zones 1, 2, 3 either sex, Zone

4 antlered deer only) — Oct. 20-21, 2007; Late Muzzleloader (either sex) — Dec. 8-16, 2007; Late Youth Weekend (either sex) — Dec. 29-30, 2007.

Zones 1 & 2: Modern Firearms (either sex) — Nov. 10-25, 2007.

Zones 3 & 4: Modern Firearms (Zone 3 either sex, Zone 4 antlered deer only) — Nov. 10-19, 2007

Bag limits remain the same as last year.

The Commission proposed changing Martin, Jackson and Rockcastle counties from Zone 3 to Zone 4 and Hardin County from Zone 2 to Zone 1. The Commission also recommended requiring hunters to telecheck their harvest prior to

(See HUNTING, page five)

Bears

Tardy (Ellenwood, Ga.), who had led off with a single.

The run was plenty for Pikeville starter Tony Preston (Louisville), who did not give up a hit until the top of the fourth inning.

But the Bears decided to give their southpaw starter a little insurance, scoring a pair in the bottom of the second and adding two more in the bottom of the third.

Up 5-0 in the bottom of the fourth, the Bears put together their biggest inning, scoring four runs thanks to back-to-back-to-back RBI-singles by freshman Kory Darby (Worthington), sophomore Obed Quiles (Naranjito, Puerto Rico), and junior John Williamson (Canada).

The Bears would add two more in the bottom of the sixth on a leadoff triple by freshman Jeff Grieme (Villa Hills), followed by another run-scoring single by

Williamson, who would come around four batters later on a run-scoring double by Tardy, which pushed the lead to 11-0.

The large lead helped back Preston, who went the whole seven innings, surrounding a mere two hits, while striking out a season-high 10 batters en route to improving to 2-1 on the season.

The Bears were led offensively by Williamson, who had a career day: 4-4, four RBI, two runs scored, and a stolen base. Tardy, Darby, and sophomore second baseman Nathan Free (Kingsport, Tenn.) each had a pair of runs scored in the win.

In the nightcap the Bears took on the Ontario Blue Jays, one of the most prominent traveling baseball teams in North America, in a scrimmage, which saw a combined 28 runs and 25 hits.

The Bears scored in every inning but the fifth and held a 15-6 going into the

bottom of the seventh, but the Blue Jays pounded out seven runs on four hits to cut the lead to 15-13 before the Bears finally induced a flyout to end the game.

Freshman Kevin Fleming (Logan, W.Va.), sophomore Josh Adams (Pikeville), Williamson, and Darby all had three runs scored for the Bears, while senior starting pitcher Rene Alicea (Barceloneta, Puerto Rico) went six innings, striking out 10.

"This was a big day for us," said Pikeville head coach Don Ashby. "We really wanted to get over the .500 mark, and it was great seeing our guys continue to hit the ball well. And even though that second game was just a scrimmage, we can take pride in beating one of the best traveling teams out there and use that to fuel us in the upcoming conference games."

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Hawks

mance.

"Haley Ratliff has played in every kind of big game imaginable," Butcher added. "I'm proud of these girls."

Pike County Central fended off more than one late Belfry rally. The Lady Hawks outscored Belfry 16-9 in the first quarter, but found themselves on the losing end of a 27-23 score at halftime.

Kayla Lowe scored 15 points and A.D. Slone added 10 for the Lady Hawks. Holly

Harriss had seven points and Haley Thompson tossed in five for Pike Central. Kayla Ratliff flipped in two points for Pike Central in the regional championship game.

The win was Pike Central's eighth straight.

Pike Central finished strong, outscoring Belfry 38-21 in the second half. The Lady Hawks held a 21-10 scoring advantage over the last eight minutes.

Shae Deskins led Belfry

(19-11) with 14 points. Paige Thacker followed with 12 points for the Lady Pirates. Merissa Pruitt ended the game just one shot short of double figures, adding eight points. Amanda Moon and Nikki Robinette each had seven points for the Lady Pirates.

Pike Central will take on 16th Region champion Rose Hill Thursday at 1 p.m. at Western University's E.A. Diddle Arena in the opening round of the Girls' Sweet

Sixteen state basketball tournament. Rose Hill defeated Russell 61-51 in the 16th Region title game.

Pike Central 61, Belfry 48
PIKE CENTRAL (20-10) — H. Ratliff 22, Lowe 15, Slone 10, Thompson 5, Harriss 7, K. Ratliff 2.
BELFRY (19-11) — Moon 7, Robinette 7, Deskins 14, Pruitt 8, Thacker 12.
Pike Central.....16 7 17 21-61
Belfry.....9 18 11 10-48

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Rebels

58th District champion Allen Central.

With the loss, Allen Central ended its season 23-8. The Rebels had won four straight games before suffering the season-ending setback. Under the tutelage of veteran head coach John Martin, Allen Central put together a great run during the 2006-07 season, capturing the Coca-Cola Hoops Classic title, Floyd County Conference crown and 58th District championship.

Shelby Valley 53, Belfry 41: In the other 15th Region boys' basketball tournament semifinal, Shelby Valley defeated Belfry.

The Pirates faltered in the second half after taking a 27-25 lead into halftime.

Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 14-4 in the third quarter.

Freshman Elisha Justice led Shelby Valley with 14 points.

Jacob Bryant followed with 11 points for the Wildcats. Logan Bryant and Ashley Hatfield each had seven points for Shelby Valley, the 15th Region runner-up from one year ago.

Senior Jamie Case led Belfry with a game-high 17 points. Dustin Steele, Dustin May and Brodie Reed each had eight points for the Pirates.

15th Region Boys' Semifinals at East Kentucky Expo Center

Pikeville 62, Allen Central 53
PIKEVILLE — Harmon 17, Honaker 4, Sword 10, Clevenger 15, Bell 16.
ALLEN CENTRAL — Collins 14, Slone 12, Prater 7, Harmonds 4, Martin 13, Robinson 3.
Pikeville.....9 16 13 8 16-62
Allen Central.....15 10 11 10 7-53

Shelby Valley 53, Belfry 41
SHELBY VALLEY — E. Justice 14, L. Bryant 7, Hatfield 7, Newsome 6, J. Bryant 11, Goodson 2, J. Justice 6.
BELFRY — Steele 8, May 8, Case 17, Reed 8.
Shelby Valley.....14 11 14 14-53
Belfry.....14 13 4 10-41

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Valley

Shelby Valley defeated Pikeville for a fourth time this season Saturday night. The three previous meetings featured the Wildcats posting double-digit wins.

In the regional championship game, Jacob Bryant added 14 points in a balanced Shelby Valley scoring effort. Jonah Justice scored eight points while Ashley Hatfield and Taylor Newsome netted six apiece. Logan Bryant rounded out the Shelby Valley scoring with five points.

Shelby Valley (29-3) stayed at least one step ahead of Pikeville the entire game.

The Wildcats outscored Pikeville 12-11 in the first quarter and clung to a 23-22 lead at halftime.

Shelby Valley entered the third quarter ahead 37-32 and prevailed, despite allowing Pikeville to can a trio of fourth quarter three-pointers.

Shelby Valley hit free throws — particularly down the stretch. The Wildcats were 19-for-24 from the charity stripe.

Tim Honaker led Pikeville with a team-high 12 points. Daniel Harmon added 10 points for the Panthers. Matt Clevenger scored eight points

while Jacob Sword and Jordan Bell chipped in seven apiece.

Pikeville ended the season 18-12.

Shelby Valley will face the 16th Region champion next week in the Boys' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournament at Rupp Arena.

Shelby Valley 55, Pikeville 48

PIKEVILLE (18-12) — Harmon 10, Honaker 12, Bell 7, Sword 7, Clevenger 8, Adams 4.
 SHELBY VALLEY (29-3) — E. Justice 16, L. Bryant 5, Hatfield 6, Newsome 6, J. Justice 8, J. Bryant 14.
 Shelby Valley.....12 11 14 18-55
 Pikeville.....11 11 10 16-48



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THEY'RE NUMBER ONE

Shelby Valley players and cheerleaders celebrated after Saturday night's 15th Region championship victory.

photo by Steve LeMaster

UK earns 16th straight NCAA Tournament bid

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky men's basketball program earned its 16th-consecutive bid to the NCAA Tournament, earning the No. 8 seed in the West Region, when the tournament bracket was announced Sunday evening.

The Wildcats (21-11) face a relatively unfamiliar foe in the first round when they square off with ninth-seeded Villanova (22-10) on Friday at the United Center in Chicago. The two teams have five official meetings in their history, with UK winning all five, including one en route to the 1949 national championship.

In the first round of the 1949 NCAA Tournament, Kentucky and Villanova met in New York with the Bluegrass Cats taking an 85-72 victory. Kentucky would go on to beat Illinois and Oklahoma State to successfully defend its previous season's national title.

The teams also squared off in the 1988 NCAA

Tournament in the sweet 16, a game Villanova won, 80-74 in Birmingham, Ala. However, UK's appearance in that tournament was later vacated by the NCAA.

The last time the two teams met was in February 1998 when UK scored a 79-63 win. The Wildcats went on to win the national championship that year as well, the first under current head coach Tubby Smith.

The bid is the third straight for Villanova, which earned a No. 1 seed last year before bowing out of the tournament to eventual national champion Florida in the regional final. The Wildcats are making their 27th overall appearance — 11th most all time — and have the 1985 national championship to their credit. The Cinderella 1985 squad remains the lowest seed (eighth) to ever win a national title.

Thursday's match up is one of three in the first round that pits former national champions against each other. The other two are Michigan State versus Marquette and

Louisville versus Stanford.

Opposite UK in the pod is top-seeded Kansas (30-4), with the No. 16 seed being decided by the opening round game between Florida A&M (21-13) and Niagara (22-11). That game is slated for Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio.

The winners of the two first-round games meet on Sunday with a trip to the Sweet 16 at the HP Pavilion in San Jose, Calif. on the line. Kansas, the Big 12 regular season and tournament champion, won national championships in 1952 and 1988. Florida A&M is making its third appearance in the NCAA Tournament, all coming since 1999, after winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament. Niagara enters the tournament for the second time in three years and third time ever by virtue of its Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament title.

The other first round match-ups in Chicago are out of the Midwest Region. Second-seeded Wisconsin

meets No. 15 Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and No. 7-seed UNLV faces 10th-seeded Georgia Tech.

UK has played four NCAA Tournament games in the Chicago area, all at Northwestern's McGaw Memorial Hall in Evanston. The Wildcats have played at the United Center four times previously going 3-1, all in Great Eight events from 1995-98. The last game UK played in Chicago was a 63-45 win

over then-No. 7 Kansas in December 1998.

Sunday's bid is the 48th all time for Kentucky, which is an NCAA record. The 16-straight appearance is the third longest active streak in the nation and fifth all time. Arizona has the longest current run with 23 consecutive trips and Kansas is second at 18 straight. North Carolina's 27 straight bids from 1975-2001 mark the all-time record.

Kentucky has won seven

national championships, been to 13 Final Fours and 28 Elite Eights, including two in the past four years. Last year, the Wildcats earned an eight seed in the tournament and beat UAB in the first round before falling in the second round to UConn.

Kentucky head coach Tubby Smith is making his 14th-consecutive appearance in the tournament and has the

(See UK, page five)



photo by Jamie Howell

HONORED: The All-15th Region Tournament girls' basketball team was announced at the conclusion of Saturday night's championship game.

MVPs

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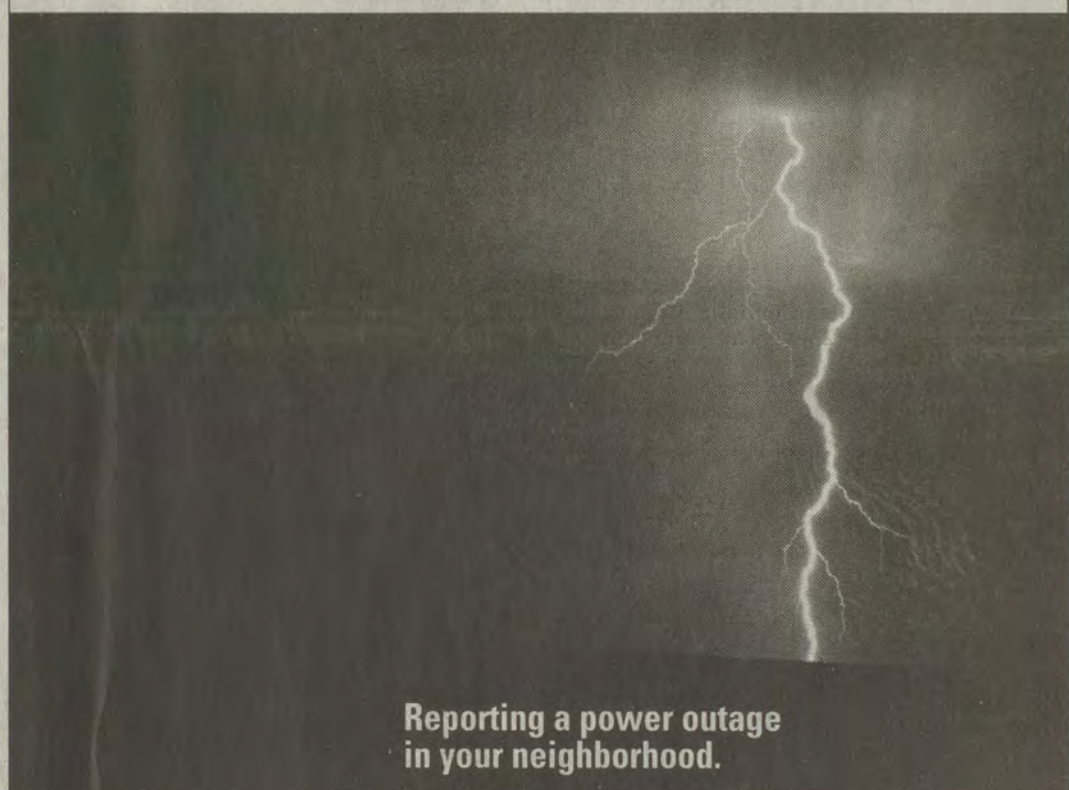
Belfry. Justice, a freshman, led Shelby Valley to a hard-fought 55-48 regional championship win over 59th District rival Pikeville.

A breakdown of the boys' and girls' all-tournament teams follows. The 15th Region Boys' All-Tournament Team: JD VanHoose (Paintsville); Brennan Case (Betsy Layne); Charlie Hunt (Phelps); Devin Rice (Magoffin County); Jamie

Case (Belfry); Dustin May (Belfry); Josh Martin (Allen Central); Ryan Collins (Allen Central); Jordan Bell (Pikeville); Matt Clevenger (Pikeville); Daniel Harmon (Pikeville); Jacob Bryant (Shelby Valley); Taylor Newsome (Shelby Valley); Jonah Justice (Shelby Valley) and Ashley Hatfield (Shelby Valley). The 15th Region Girls' All-Tournament Team: Kayla Lowe (Pike Central);

A.D. Slone (Pike Central); Holly Harriss (Pike Central); Kayla Ratliff (Pike Central); Merissa Pruitt (Belfry); Shae Deskins (Belfry); Kendra Carroll (Paintsville); Ashley J. Howard (Paintsville); Brittany Manns (Magoffin County); Esther Fleming (Shelby Valley); Sally Roberts (Shelby Valley); Kaitlin Lawson (Betsy Layne); Amber Whitaker (Prestonsburg) and Hollie McCarty (East Ridge).

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AWARD WINNING

Kentucky AD: 'Tubby's our basketball coach'

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Tubby Smith has good reason to believe Kentucky wants him to return next season.

"Tubby's our basketball coach," athletic director Mitch Barnhart told The Associated Press on Monday. "He's done a great job of representing the platform of Kentucky basketball. We'll always look to make adjustments to the things we've got to do to get better. Tubby and I will do that collectively."

Amid weeks of speculation that Smith was on his way out, Barnhart stopped short of saying the coach would remain in charge of the Wildcats. The AD acknowledged, however, that fans had misinterpreted a statement by him as meaning a

coaching change was near.

"They were reading way too much into that," Barnhart said, referring to the statement that urged fans to wait until the postseason before making judgments on the state of the team.

The Wildcats (21-11) are a No. 8 seed in the NCAA tournament for the second straight year. Kentucky plays Villanova in the first round on Friday.

Barnhart pointed to Smith's credentials and said the two would sit down at the end of the season to discuss changes. He declined to say whether any assistants might be replaced.

"His winning percentage is .700-plus," Barnhart said. "Since I've been here, we've won a couple conference championships, been to two Elite Eights, we've been the number one seed twice. We've had a couple years

here that have been a little un-Kentuckylike, but I don't think that's a reason to panic or put ourselves in a position where we're not making objective calls in terms of the things we need to do to be better."

Barnhart said that high school recruits looking at Kentucky should have no reason to believe Smith won't be their coach. Recruiting stability was part of the reason he extended football coach Rich Brooks' contract after last season, when the Wildcats won the Music City Bowl.

Kentucky is the winningest college basketball team of all time and the winner of seven national championships — the latest in 1998 in Smith's first year on the job. The team hasn't been back to the Final Four since and has amassed double-digit losses two straight years and five times under

Smith. Some fans critical of Smith have nicknamed him "Ten-loss Tubby."

Even after Barnhart released his statement last month when the Wildcats were in the midst of losing four out of five games, Smith said he felt he had the support of the administration.

"I'm not going to defend my record or anything else," Smith said at the time. "But I guess Mitch felt like he needed to make a comment, from what I understand. I'm sure he gets calls just like everybody else."

Barnhart explained Monday that he released the statement as an answer to media requests and didn't intend for it to suggest Smith was on the hot seat if the Wildcats didn't finish strong.

"I just globally wanted people to

understand, look, we're paying attention," Barnhart said. "We'll make the adjustments at the end of the year we need to make and we'll get on with it. By not saying something, everybody, I think, would have thought we didn't care or we weren't paying attention to the things that were going on in our program."

Barnhart said he understands fan criticism of coaches but that often, it gets a little too personal.

"What bothers me most is people can be very disrespectful to people as human beings," he said. "I feel bad for coaches when they're not treated as human beings. ... I hope that Tubby knows there's a large number of people out there that love him, that think highly of him and his family — the way they have represented Kentucky."

It's a trip back to Rupp for Rick and the Louisville Cardinals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Coach Rick Pitino is back in the NCAA Tournament after a year's absence and he's bound to have serious deja Vu as a result of the draw.

Pitino will lead his Louisville Cardinals against Stanford in the South Regional at Rupp Arena Thursday. Louisville is 23-9, while Stanford is 18-12.

Pitino's Louisville squad is the No. 6 seed in the South Regional and Stanford is 11th-seeded.

The Louisville coach had said he hoped his team would not have to travel far and the selection committee must have been listening.

"We just didn't want to go

out west," he said. "We were hoping Chicago, Columbus or Lexington, somewhere close for our fans. I don't think it's an advantage or disadvantage for us as a team. I do think it's good for the fans and media."

The Cardinals made the big dance with major improvement as the season reached the stretch. With U of L at 5-4 after losses to Dayton, Massachusetts and Kentucky, the Cardinals enjoyed gradually improved health to its key veterans and the rapid growth of its talented freshman class.

They were one of the most successful teams in the nation late in the year and rose to 12th in the Associated Press poll.

"I'm as pleased as I've ever been with a basketball team,"

Pitino said. "To perform like they have the last few weeks in overcoming obstacles and injuries with an extremely young basketball team — it's way beyond what I anticipated."

Based on the rankings and how well Louisville finished, Pitino said he thought his team would get a No. 5 seed but added, "It really doesn't matter. I think the No. 1 seeds have an advantage, but take away the one seed and it really doesn't matter."

Stanford has definitely had a seesaw season, but a strong finish attests to the grit they showed after getting blown out by Air Force and Santa Clara. The Cardinal showed promise with victories over NCAA tourney teams Texas Tech and

Virginia. They dropped three out of their last four Pac-10 regular-season games and bowed out to Southern California in the first round of

the conference tournament.

But they also have wins over No. 2 seed UCLA and No. 3 seeds Washington State and Oregon. Stanford is led by

6-foot-8 sophomore forward Lawrence Hill (15.9 ppg) and also have two of the country's top freshmen in 7-foot twins Robin and Brook Lopez.

UK

seventh best winning percentage in the tournament among active coaches with a 28-12 mark. His 14 straight trips is the third longest streak among active coaches and tied for fifth all time. He led UK to the 1998 national championship in his first year with the Wildcats.

The No. 8 seed marks the second-straight season the Wildcats have earned an eighth seed. Prior to that, UK had not been seeded as low

since 1987, which marked the only other time Kentucky has been seeded eighth. In 1987, Ohio State pulled off a first-round upset in Atlanta, marking the only time UK has lost in the first round in its last 21 appearances (including vacated 1988 appearance).

The Southeastern Conference garnered five bids overall, including No. 1 overall seed Florida, the defending national champion. Tennessee

earned the No. 5-seed in the South Region while Vanderbilt and Arkansas earned the No. 6 and No. 12 seeds, respectively, in the East Region.

Florida is joined by the Jayhawks, North Carolina and Ohio State as the four number one seeds.

The tournament culminates with the Final Four, which will be held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Ga.

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Hunting

removing the cape or head.

The Commission also proposed increasing the number of tags drawn for the quota elk hunts to 300. Seventy-five bull elk tags will be drawn, along with 225 cow elk tags. The Commission also recommended a statewide bag limit of one elk that applies to both in-zone and out-of-zone hunters.

In other elk-related business, the Commission recommended to the General Assembly to open antlerless (cow) archery and crossbow seasons on the second Saturday in October (October 13, 2007) and run concurrently with the remainder of the archery and crossbow deer seasons. Archery and crossbow use for bull elk will be legal during the regular bull

elk gun season and run concurrently with the remainder of the archery and crossbow deer seasons. Elk hunters will be required to display a tag provided by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife in the windshield of their vehicle while hunting elk.

In fisheries-related business, the Commission recommended to remove the 9-inch minimum size limit on crappie at Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County. On Lake Blythe in Christian County, they proposed a 12- to 15-inch protective slot limit on largemouth bass. All largemouth bass caught between 12 and 15 inches long must be immediately released on Lake Blythe. Both of these fisheries regulations, if approved, go into

effect on March 1, 2008.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2007 at #1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky., 40601.

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KIM'S KORNER

The following tidbit of information was shared with me this past Monday morning. And seeing how a few of these remarks were very recent subjects of conversation, thought it would be fitting to share with you guys.

Hope you can relate and enjoy.

Things only people in Kentucky know!

Possoms sleep in the middle of the road with their feet in the air.



Kim Little Frasure

There are 5,000 types of snakes and 4,998 of them live in Kentucky.

There are 10,000 types of spiders. All 10,000 live in Kentucky plus a couple no one's seen before.

If it grows, it sticks; if it crawls, it bites.

Onced and twiced are words. It is not a shopping cart; it is a buggy.

People actually grow and eat okra. Fixinto is one word.

There is no such thing as "lunch." There is only dinner and then there is supper.

Iced tea is appropriate for all meals and you start drinking it when you're two. We do like a little tea with our sugar!

Backards and forwards means "I

(See KORNER, page nine)

POISON OAK

Need more coffee, Sweetie?

by Clyde Pack

I don't remember exactly how long it's been since it all started to change, but I suspect it started happening about the time the hair around my ears started turning white, and liver spots began replacing freckles on my face and hands.



Clyde Pack

What I'm speaking of is the sudden (or maybe it's been gradual) use of certain "terms of affection" by which Wilma

Jean and I are now addressed. "Do you need more coffee, Sweetie?" the waitress asked her as we finished our meal.

"Will there be anything else, Baby?" the girl asked me as I paid for my gas. Sweetie? Baby?

It took a while for us to figure out why perfect strangers would address us with the same technology we used to address each other nearly half a century ago when we were courting. But with the help of the bathroom mirror, we finally realized it must have something to do with the aging process. I haven't discussed this with any of my peers, but I'd bet a nickel against the hole in a doughnut that the same thing is happening to them. Next time we go out to eat, if we're seated near someone our age, I think I'll do a little eavesdropping.

Anyway, I'm sure we act more like teenagers when we exchange a quick glance and attempt to stifle a giggle when the clerk asks one of us, "Can I help you, Sweetheart?"

I'd like to think it all has something to do with folks having respect for their elders, and while it has become a source of humor for us, now that we feel we understand the reason for it

(See OAK, page eight)

Rainbow, The Big Sour Apple

by RALPH HALL

Ralph the boy woke up early and jumped out of bed. He put on a red and black flannel shirt, a pair of overalls, and found himself a clean pair of white socks. Next, he pulled his brogan shoes out from under his bed. He took a real good look at them to see if they shined, he had polished them last night with a big chunk of pig skin. "They look just great," he thought to himself. Once he had dressed he called to Mutt, his little brother, "You get out of that bed, now!"



A quest for tasty apples takes Ralph and Mutt on an autumn adventure today.

Mutt jumped up and asked, "Whats wrong? Is the house on fire?"

"No," Ralph said, "It's the big day, is all!"

"It is," Mutt asked. "What's so big about it?"

"Today we're going over to the big rainbow apple trees over on the farm," Ralph explained.

"Oh, okay," Mutt said. "Just give me a little time to get ready."

And that's the way a particular morning of my life began many years ago. I will tell you more about that morning and that day in this little story.

After I left Mutt to get ready, I went on into my mother's kitchen, picked up the big water dipper, put it into the water bucket, poured some of the cold water into a wash pan and washed my hands and face. Now I was ready for the day.

After a bit, Mutt came into the kitchen, as well. He threw the water I had left in the pan out in the backyard, got himself some clean water and washed his own hands and face. The cold water from the bucket made us both feel better. We ate some oats that our mother had cooked and then I got up from the table, opened the kitchen door, and poked my head out to feel the weather. It had the feeling of a cool, fall day. Just right to go off into the woods to the apple trees. I cried out, "Hey, Mother, can we go over to the rainbow apple trees today?"

Mother answered back, "Okay, I guess, but don't you get into no fight with any of them holler boys!"

"We won't," I called back, and then me and Mutt took off out the front door. I set out up the railroad tracks, walking on a rail, but Mutt went up the dirt road - said he wanted to "kick up some dust." Me and Mutt would do just about anything. By now, this you must surely know. Me, I liked to talk but Mutt, he was just mostly out for adventure and was eager to go to the apple trees.

As we walked, I just had to holler at all the people we saw along the road. Mutt would chide me, "Shut up, you crazy fool!" He didn't want to waste time on talk, he wanted to get along the road to the apple orchard. He didn't stop me, though. I just couldn't help myself, it's just the way I was, and the way I still am to this day.

Finally, we made our way up to the Beech Bottom where we saw some squirrels as they played with one another in one of the larger beech trees. Some of the beechnuts fell to the ground as the squirrels hopped along the big tree's branches, so we stopped for a bit to pick them up. We picked up the nuts, went over to the creek bank, and sat down on a large flat rock. I cracked one of

them beechnuts open - the seed inside it was green. I took a bite of the nut but it was bitter so I spit it out right away.

Me and Mutt laid down on the rock for a little while and took a short rest. The sun was shining down on us. Soon, it became too hot and lying there was not much fun, so we got up and took off again, up the holler toward Grandmaw's house.

"It won't be long until we get to Grandmaw's, if you will just come on, Ralph," Mutt said.

"I'll hurry," I told him.

"Sure you will," Mutt said. "I can see it all now," he continued with sarcasm in his voice. I have to admit, I liked to take my time. I wanted to see all the things around me and, I must say, there are only a few things that I ever missed seeing.

As Grandmaw's house came onto view, I noticed that some of the flowers that had grown in and around her yard had faded along the fence line near her house. The colors had faded from the cool fall weather we had been having. Others, though, were still standing and were still of a deeper color. Soon, when the big frost would come, the leaves on the trees would turn many different colors, making the world I lived in a thing of beauty for the next few weeks. It seemed that God had made everything beautiful for his own purpose. As much as I loved flowers, though, on this day, I had apples on my mind. All I could think about were rainbow apples. One of them big old rainbows would fill the stomach of any boy. We called them rainbow apples because they had stripes that ran from the stem to the bottom of the apple and they were large like a rainbow.

As we walked on toward Grandmaw's house, I found an empty cream can laying off in the weeds beside the dirt road. Picking it up, I thought to myself, "I will play kick the can." So I kicked it up, threw it down and began to kick it with first one foot, then the other. The road was usually always dusty except for when it rained and then it turned to mud. But today it was just right for kick the can. I could hear the katydids as they made their strange sounds from flapping their wings in the wind. Mother always called these insects "jar flies." A cool gentle wind blew on my back as I walked up the dusty road. I could almost hear my tongue saying to my mind, "rainbow apple."

When we got to Grandmaw's house, we rested for a little while. It had been a three-mile walk from our house at Melvin and it had taken us about thirty minutes to get to Grandmaw's. It would have probably taken about three hours if I had come by myself but Mutt always rushed me up. I believe that Mutt was the glue that held me together back then. It is amazing how things around us always seem to break, but a family sticks together.

It was soon time to move on to the big apples that were off up in the timber. So Mutt and I told our grandmother that we were going the rainbow apple trees. Grandmaw told us that was okay but added, "don't climb them trees, you might break a limb (she was talking about the tree limbs, not ours). I don't know where them trees ever came

from, unless birds carried the seeds and dropped them down, or maybe it was a Johnny Applesed that planted them, because they are an old type of apple. Anyway, on up the hill we began to climb, toward the apple trees that set over on a flat where large popular trees also grew. It was a good walk - straight up a hill. We both slipped a time or two.

A jackrabbit jumped out of a holler log and ran in front of our path. Mutt said, "I sure wish I had my slingshot, we would have rabbit for supper."

"You can't hit no rabbit with a slingshot, Mutt. You can't hit nothing. Shut your mouth," I said.

"I can, too," Mutt cried. So I got off the slingshot subject real quick, because I didn't want to get hit by a big rock. Even if Mutt couldn't shoot a slingshot, I knew all too well that he could throw them rocks real good.

When the apple trees came into view, I noticed that their leaves had turned to a pale yellow, and many of them had fallen to the ground. There were apples everywhere. I picked up one of them and it was larger than a grapefruit - no lie. I laid down on the grass on my side and polished that apple up real good. After looking at it and admiring it for a long while, it was time to take my first bite. It being so big, I rolled it around in my hand looking for just the right place to sink my teeth into it. After a while, I found the very spot and sunk my teeth in and took a real good bite, pulling a large plug from the apple. It was as sour as that beechnut had been! It was bitter and I ended up spitting it out. I heard Mutt spit his out, also. Then I heard him say, "Ralph, why do you always make everything sound so good? I'm a fool to ever listen to you! You knew all along that these old rainbow apples weren't no good to eat!"

Mutt was right, I did know that. I really knew that them rainbow apples were only just good for making apple butter. But, they were so big and so pretty, that every year, I guess I tried to convince myself that this time they would be good for eating, too.

Anyway, I threw that big old apple as far down the hill as I could get it to go and me and Mutt started to make our way back down the hill. Mutt gripped at me all the way back to Grandmaw's house: "You and them old rainbow apple's," he kept saying all the way to the house. When we finally walked through Grandmaw's back kitchen door, she looked up and said, "Well, how was them apples, boys?"

"Sour!" we said. "We threw 'em down the hill!"

Grandmaw just laughed and said to us, "They're good to fry or for makin' apple butter, but they're just too sour for most people to eat."

"I know!" Mutt said. "I'll never put a bite of one of them in my mouth again! Can't hardly bite into them, anyway, they're so big and hard!"

"And when you do get a bite, they're so sour they turn your lips sideways," I added.

Later, before we left out for home, Grandmaw said, "Do you boys want a piece of apple pie to eat on the way home?"

"Not today!" we both cried as we all laughed at ourselves. We took off down the dusty road for home. We stopped at the drawbars and pulled a stalk of rhubarb. We stripped the outside from the stalk and took a big bite. It was sour, too, but not like the rainbow apple! So we went down the holler biting off rhubarb and spitting out the juice.

Mutt found the cream can I had left lying on the side of the road and begin to kick it as I had on the trip up to the apple trees. He just kept say-

(See APPLE, page nine)

CRITTER CORNER

March - tough month for wildlife

March is the most difficult month of the year for birds to find adequate food to survive winter in most of North America. That's because the supplies of natural food...last year's seeds, fruits, berries and insect eggs and larvae...are at their lowest levels after months of having the many birds feeding on them.

March is too early for a new crop of seeds, fruits, berries, and insects to be available. Therefore, birds have to work harder to find sufficient food during a month when it is still very wintry in much of the country.

That's why March is the best time of the year to feed birds in the backyard.

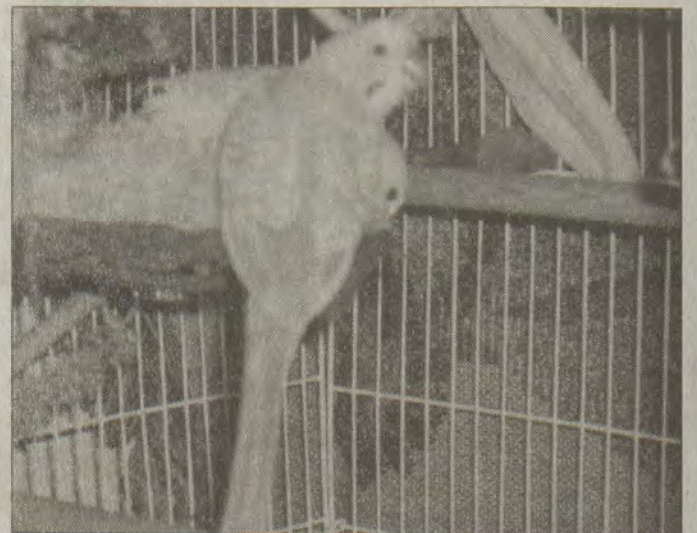
They will respond more readily to feed-

er foods offered in March than at any other time of the year. Isn't it curious that in fall - October and November - when natural foods are most abundant, people take the greatest interest in feeding birds? It is in the fall when there are the greatest number of bird seed sales, bird feeding seminars, bird store sales, and start-up backyard bird feeding efforts. By March, the interest in bird feeding has waned, at a time when the birds need it most.

Though birds are not dependent on feeders for their survival (studies have shown that birds glean 75 percent of their daily food from the wild, even when feeder foods are available), feeding them in March will make life a little easier for them, and under severe conditions, may even save them from starvation.

Here is a wonderful book to look up the birds at your feeders.

"National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds: Eastern Region"



This is "Boomer" and "Gracie," two budgies owned by Gailanne Upton, of Banner. Gailanne got this picture of the birds while they were having a bit of fun playing with all the toys in their cage. Boomer and Gracie want to remind us all that now is the best season of all to begin feeding their wild bird cousins in our backyards.

Yesterdays

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an hour, Tuesday, before awarding \$41,372.58 to two Floyd women for injuries received in an auto accident...There died: John Hammons, 74, of Water Gap, last Wednesday...Hazel Martin, 61, of Eastern, last Thursday...Mike Smith, 68, of Betsy Layne, last Thursday...Lona Blackburn, 85, of Drift, Monday...Raymond Music, 73, formerly of Floyd County, March 18...and Cody Wells, 77, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday.

Thirty Years Ago
(March 23, 1977)

Floyd County's sheltering hills failed to ward off two separate windstorms, last Friday morning, and the result was heavy property damage, with six persons slightly injured...Eddie Jones won, last Saturday, his long fight for acquittal of the murder charge lodged against him in this county, for the shotgun slaying, at Garrett, of Deputy Sheriff Lawrence Conley...The Prestonsburg City Council, last week, accepted the claim of the Kentucky Department of Labor, that the city owes four of its employees a total of \$4,057.40 back pay...The Prestonsburg Utilities Commission has awarded a contract for extension of its water line to connect with the Allen water system, and afford New Allen and vicinity, better service, but work can't begin until the money promised from Governor Carroll's contingency fund is received...That American Indians lived among the hills of Floyd County for at least 10,000 years, was among the findings of two Kentucky Heritage Commission archaeologists who recently concluded a three-week

archaeological survey of the county...Appalachian Regional Hospitals Inc., announced today, that it has been notified by the United Steelworkers of America, that the union intends to strike the hospital system April 1, because agreement on a new contract has not been reached...Winter wasn't officially over till last Sunday, but Jenny Wiley State Park was acting like spring before that...There died: Zebrum Slusher (Unle Dick) Dickerson Sr., 95, of Prestonsburg, March 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sandy Boyd Jr., the day-old son of Sandy and Olivia Wiley Boyd, of Dana, March 18, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Clyde Evans, Jr., 54, formerly of Wayland, February 14, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; Arizona Bryant Estep, 82, of Price, March 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mintie Huff Conley, 86, formerly of Hueysville, March 17, at Pike County Hospital in Waverly, O.; Charley Jesse, 61, formerly of Floyd County, March 17, at Community Hospital in Wooten, O.; Martha Hale Layne, 78, of Manton, March 20, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Forty Years Ago
(March 23, 1967)

Approval by the University of Kentucky's board of trustees, last Friday, of long-range development plans for Prestonsburg Community College, apparently clears the way to construction of two additional buildings on the campus here, this year...Construction work on the Sandy Valley Water District's \$1,283,000 project to provide water service to several hundred residents of southern Floyd County, and the adjoining northern section of Pike, is expected to begin in May, it was said here this

week...The Stephens Elkhorn Fuel Corporation, last week, ended 35 years of operation in this county...An investigation was underway, this week, into the fire which caused heavy damage, last Friday night, to the principal's office and a supply room of the Harold Elementary School. Arson is suspected...Wind damage, which received little attention two weeks ago, as it was followed by a more destructive flood, was heavy in spots in the county...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Garrett, of Endicott, a daughter, Teresa Jo, March 17, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Bryan Osborne, 67, of Weeksburg, Sunday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willie F. Smith, 82, of Banner, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Jack Slone, 79, of David, Friday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Reba O. Hale, 80, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Bertha Kendrick Mullins, 73, of Lancer, March 9, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago
(March 28, 1957)

During the 49 days the disaster organization had operated here, the Red Cross spent \$453,103.58 toward the emergency relief and rehabilitation of flood-stricken families in this county...Eastern Kentucky's 20,000 library books loss was believed well on the road to replacement, this week, when it was noted that Fort Wayne and Allen County, Indiana, had collected 25,000 volumes for the area...A five-year-old Floyd County boy, Garnie V. Hunter, died Saturday night, the delayed action victim of a fist fight between two men on Little Mud Creek...Eugene Stephens, 35, former-

ly of Betsy Layne, burned to death early last Saturday, in a trailer fire, at Columbus, Ohio...Elmer Bentley, 34, East McDowell miner, was killed in a mine accident at Orkney, Thursday, of last week...Assurance was given County Superintendent V. O. Turner, this week, by Akers & Akers contractors, the work will be resumed, next Monday, on the new gymnasium here, after long idleness on the project...Married: Miss Esther Mae Millikan, of Seattle, Wash., and Mr. Charles Graham Porter, of Prestonsburg, February 22, at Seattle; Miss Mary M. Harris and Mr. James E. Goble, March 16, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana...There died: Granville Caudill, 69, of Prestonsburg, last Monday, in a Norton, Va., hospital; Mrs. Elizabeth Slone, 84, Sunday, at her home at Goodloe; Mrs. Peggy H. Shepherd, 69, of David, Friday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Henry Clay Amburgey, 67, of Hueysville, last Wednesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago
March 20, 1947)

A Junior Chamber of Commerce is in the process of being organized here, with Marvin Music, temporary chairman, and Kilmer Combs, temporary secretary...The Floyd County Fish & Game Club, this week, announced plans for building a fish-rearing pond, and a colony quail brooder...April court will be heavy with 11 murder cases listed for hearing, with the first case concerning the mystery slaying of Allen Osborne, Prestonsburg men...The Supreme Court has told John L. Lewis, a strike will not be tolerated...High school faculty pay raises will be necessary, here, to maintain proper standing with the Southern

Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges...Wayland is representing Floyd County in the state tournament, this week...\$12,000 has been raised for the promotion of night baseball here...Jewel Elswick, 12, of the Clear Creek school, has won the county spelling bee...Dr. Edward B. Leslie, recent graduate of the Louisville Dental College, is locating his office in the Layne building here...Prestonsburg's Key Club expects to receive its charter, this week. Its first officers are Charles Tackett, president, Paul Hall, vice-president, and Malcolm Garber, secretary...There died: Mrs. Lenna Isaacs, 32, of Hi Hat, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; S. B. Begley, 58, at his home at Maytown, an extended illness; F. M. Stumbo, 62, of Harold.

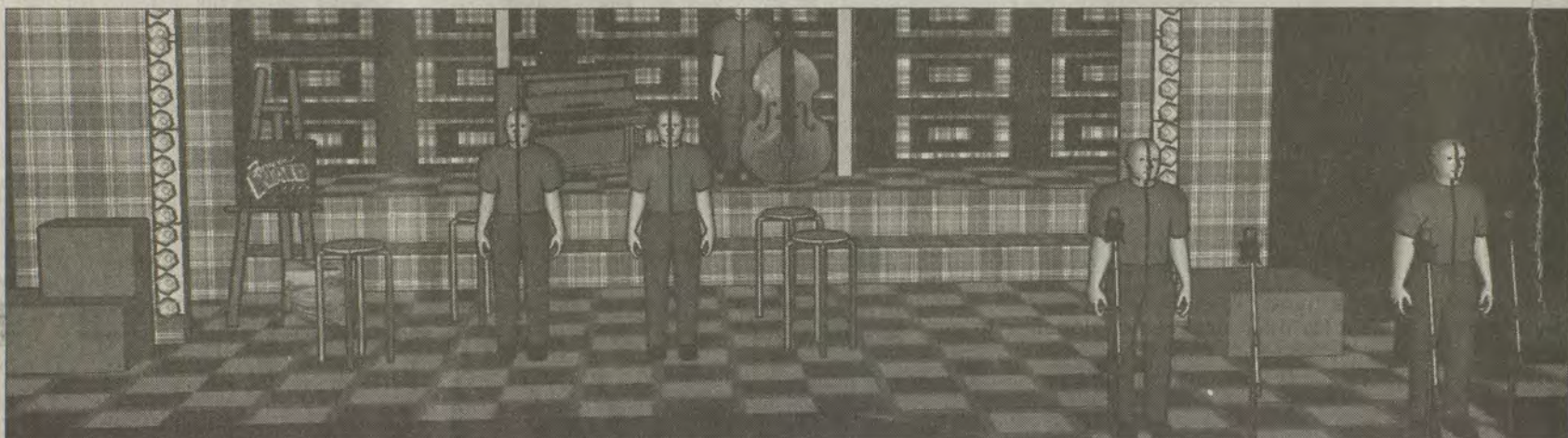
Seventy Years Ago
(March 19, 1937)

More than the 90,000 acres in Floyd County, held by Elkhorn Coal, is to be involved in new and modern means of mining, and Elkhorn will henceforth be called Elkhorn Coal Corporation...Inez defeated College High in the first round of the state tournament at Lexington, recently...Action is expected Monday, March 22, in the matter of the proposed re-districting of the county...A total of 3,269 students are now enrolled at the University of Kentucky...There died: Thomas Stanley, 65, a member of one of Floyd County's pioneer families, at his home near Bonanza, R.B. Sloane, 45, Garrett, a victim of a mine slatefall; Mrs. Dave Perry, at her home here, recently.

Oak

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all, we really don't mind. I mean, considering everything, it's a lot better to be addressed in this manner than to be treated like some people treat our older citizens. For instance, I read in the paper just this past weekend how some old-time country singers—those who literally built the Grand Ole Opry—are now being pushed off the longest running radio show in history, in favor of today's young hit makers. One performer has even filed an age-discrimination suit against the show. We wish him luck. Of course, you see this kind of thing everywhere. It's always been like that, I suppose. Never mind what you did, or who you used to be, what have you done for me lately? Anyway, Wilma Jean and I have made a little game of it, and when one of us is called "Sugar" or "Darlin'" or "Honey" by someone who has no idea who we really are, we'll call each other by that name the rest of the day...or until someone else calls one of us "Honey Bun" or something. I guess that just like "senior discounts" and the Medicare card, those little "terms of endearment" are just another perk associated with getting older.



Pictured is Paul Denayer's (one of JWT's two scenic designers) preliminary design for Jenny Wiley Theatre's production of *Forever Plaid*, Opening June 15, 2007.

Stage Talk

by Martin Childers

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

Producing a great summer theatre season is not just about actors, dancers and singers. They're important and crucial to presenting outstanding shows, but backstage, there are dozens of folks we couldn't do without.

In addition to all the auditions we attend for cast members each year, we also interview for technical positions. Master Carpenter, Master

Electrician, Costume Designer, Props Master and Stage Managers, plus assistants to each department head, general techs, and carpenters are among the positions we fill.

Add to these scenic artists, box office staff, House Manager, Gift Shop Manager, and concessions staff, and Jenny Wiley Theatre becomes a substantial summertime employer.

David Berry from Louisville, who's returning this year as our Technical Director, and Yousif Mohammed, from Chicago, another returnee who is Production Manager, traveled with me to the South Eastern Theatre Conference in Atlanta, to hire technical staff.

The professionals in lighting, sound, carpentry, and management hired in Atlanta will supplement all the local folks in technical positions to make the productions of three musicals and one play run smoothly and professionally.

Building sets for each show is an enormous task, and we get many compliments on the pro-

fessional quality of our stage designs. We were in contact as early as January with designers for costumes, sets and props.

This summer we are collaborating with Morehead State University, which has an outstanding drama department, to build two of our shows and ship them to the Theatre. The other two productions will be built by our in-house team.

Four great shows are in our line-up this year: Disney's High School Musical, West Side Story, The Princess and The Pea and Forever Plaid. Information on them and early bird ticket specials can be found at our web site: 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.



Elliott to compete in Lexington

DeShea Elliott, the 11 year old daughter of Michelle and David Elliott, of Martin, competed in the Kentucky State Open Cheer and Dance competition event this past Saturday, March 10, in Lexington's Rupp Arena. DeShea competed with the May Valley Elementary School Dance Team, as well as in the individual (solo) dance category. DeShea, a fifth grader at May Valley, has been a member of the school's dance team for the past six years.



Amanda Keathley

Floyd student excels at MSU

Amanda Keathley, the daughter of Brent and Wanda Keathley, of Prestonsburg, has earned a nomination to serve as a collegiate scholar in the 2007 International Scholar Laureate Program Delegation on Music in central and eastern Europe. Amanda was chosen due to her exemplary leadership skills and exceptional academic performance at Morehead State University, where she is a sophomore. Amanda is majoring in art education.

Amanda is currently on the MSU Dean's List, the National Dean's List, and is attending the university on a Presidential Scholarship. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and serves as the 2006-2007 Sunshine Chair. She was also named Most Outstanding Freshman in Art for the 2005-2006 academic year, for which she received a monetary award.

Amanda served as editorial cartoonist for the Morehead Trailblazers newspaper for three semesters. Her artwork has been displayed in the Juried Student Exhibition at the Montgomery County Council for the Arts Gallery, in Mount Sterling. Her work is also currently being displayed in the MSU Strider Art Gallery.

She has also served as the 2005-2006 secretary for the Visual Art Guild (VAG), as well as participating in the 2006 VAG trip to Chicago, Illinois. Amanda is currently serving as president of the guild and will be attending the

National Art Education Association Conference in New York City later this year.

Amanda is a member of Students for Progressive Change and is currently serving as the editor of the Progressive Press newspaper. She also works with Habitat for Humanity.

Amanda is the granddaughter of Henry and Lydia McGlone, of Prestonsburg, and Barbara and the late Jimmy Keathley, of Harold.

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Birth



New Arrival

Bryson Trent Chandler was born on January 6, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 and one-half inches in length. He is the son of proud parents Thomas and Renee Keathley Chandler, of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Brent and Wanda Keathley, of Prestonsburg, Tom and Paula Chandler, of Dwale, and Jean Rollins, of Paintsville.



Food City donates fresh flowers to Prestonsburg Healthcare Center

The residents and staff of Prestonsburg Healthcare Center would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to the new Food City floral department for their most recent donation to our facility. The staff of the floral department arranged for staff from the healthcare facility to pick up a large donation of fresh flowers earlier this month for the residents to use for a floral arranging activity that helped to beautify the facility. Many beautiful fresh flower arrangements were made that helped decorate each lady resident's room. The Quality of Life team at Prestonsburg Healthcare works hard to establish individual quality of life programs with a vision that ensures a lifetime journey of active aging for all the residents in the facility. The team, along with the restorative nursing and therapy departments, enjoyed assisting the residents as they sorted and arranged their flowers. What a difference a few fresh flowers can make in the lives of our aging population! Thank you, Food City!

KY Forest and Entomology Leadership Program

If you are a high school student entering your junior or senior year, consider being a part of the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program. For more than 50 years, students have attended this week long event dedicated to exploring the many facets of forestry and related fields. If you're interested in hands-on learning about forestry and natural resource management while developing your leadership skills, this is the program for you. It will be the one week of your summer break you won't forget. You can expect to be busy during the leadership program.

The full schedule of activities for the week includes:

- activities relating to forest measurements
- entomology
- fire management
- identification of plants thru development of a keying process
- surveying
- soil science
- wildlife habitat assessment
- water quality evaluation and
- wood products

On way you will develop your leadership skills is by working cooperatively with one another to resolve an environmental issue. Your major project for the week is a group presentation of an environmental management plan for a designated forested area. You will use the skills you learned during the course for your presentation.

You will be trained by professional forestry and natural resource managers from the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Conservation, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife, and private forest industry leaders. These professionals will serve as your instructors and advisors and will meet with you to develop and discuss your environmental resource projects as they take shape throughout the week.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible, a Floyd County student must:
- Be entering their junior or senior year of high school.
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA average overall.
- Have letter of recommendation from their guidance counselor or principal.
- Must submit a one page double spaced typed essay with the following title: "Why I want to go to the Leadership Program"
- Student will be responsible for their own transportation and materials needed for the program.

Application deadline is: March 30, 2007. Please contact the Floyd County Conservation District for further details and application at 889-9800.

Wedding



Dernier-Bellamy wedding

Elizabeth Jennifer Dernier and Brennan Kyle Bellamy exchanged wedding vows on Wednesday, August 9, 2006, at six o'clock in the evening. The sunset wedding, witnessed by family and friends, was held on the beach at Paradisus Palma Real Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

The bride is the daughter of David and Linda Dernier, of Campbellsville, and the granddaughter of Cliff and Opal Burgess, of Royal Oak, Michigan and the late Arby and Gladys Dernier, of Toledo, Ohio.

She wore a silk shantung, strapless gown with pleated bodice and bustled back skirt and a single-tiered ballerina length veil. She carried a cascading bouquet of yellow, white and pink lilies.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Sandra Bellamy, of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Margaret Bellamy and the late Earl Bellamy of Meta, and William Clay and Marie Bevins, also of Meta.

He wore a cream colored, Irish linen wedding suit with a lily boutonniere.

Miranda Thompson, of Lexington, served as maid of honor. Roger Akers, also of Lexington, served as best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the private dining room of Passions Restaurant at the Paradisus Palma Real Resort.

The couple is making their home in Lexington.

Bryson Trent Chandler was born on January 6, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz., and was 20 and one-half inches in length. He is the son of proud parents Thomas and Renee Keathley Chandler, of Prestonsburg. He is the grandson of Brent and Wanda Keathley, of Prestonsburg, Tom and Paula Chandler, of Dwale, and Jean Rollins, of Paintsville.



Floyd County Head Start 'Parent of the Year'

The Floyd County Head Start program presented their "Parent of the Year" awards at their recent policy committee meeting, held March 12, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The winners named were: Lori Rogers, who received the "Parent of the Year" award. Lori has a child that attends Betsy Layne Head Start; Amanda Calhoun, first runner-up, whose child attends Clark Elementary Head Start; and Kirk Ramsey, second runner-up, with a child that attends the May Valley Head Start. Vivian McGarey, Floyd County Head Start/Pre-School director, presented each parent with a certificate

of appreciation and a rose.

Lori Rogers plans to attend the annual Kentucky Head Start Association Parent Conference that will take place at the Galt House, in Louisville, during April 24-26. The Floyd County Head Start staff congratulates each of the finalists and all the parents who took part in the Parent of the Year competition.

Apple

ing over and over, "rainbow apples" and muttering something about "that old Ralph." I never said a word - too many rocks on the side of the road and I didn't want to feel one hitting the backside of my head. As we passed by Uncle Johnny's house, I tried to cheer Mutt up. I said, "Hey, Mutt, tomorrow we will go over into Tackett Holler and gather us some papaws. Mutt said, "SURE! Tomorrow we will go over to Tackett Holler and get us

some papaws! Sure sounds good to me! Ralph, you go get them papaws all by yourself," he said. I guess Mutt wasn't trusting me to lead him to another good thing to eat for awhile yet.

Well, I pushed them old rainbow apples right out of my mind before long. I knew I would never try to eat one of them again. Anyway, I was a thinking about them big old papaws over there in Tackett Holler by then. And I continued to still

love them apple pies in Grandmaw's old ice box, but I never had no taste for a rainbow apple at all, ever again. The only rainbow I ever wanted to see from that point on was the one God put in the sky. One thing I had learned that day - it sure paid to know your apples. For no matter how good they might look, it is only the taste that mattered.

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Korner

know everything about you."

DJeet? is actually a phrase meaning "Did you eat?"

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You've ever had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.

You use "fix" as a verb. Example: "I'm fixing to go to the store."

All the festivals across the state are named after a fruit, vegetable, grain, insect or animal.

You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.

You know what a "DAWG" is.

You carry jumper cables in your car . . . for your OWN car.

You only own four spices: salt, pepper, Tabasco and ketchup.

The local papers cover national and international news on one page, but require 6 pages for local gossip and sports.

You think that the first day of deer season is a national holiday.

You find 100 degrees Fahrenheit "a little warm."

You know all four seasons: Almost Summer, Summer, still Summer and Christmas.

Going to Wal-mart is a favorite past time known as "goin' Wal-martin" or off to "Wally World."

You describe the first cool snap (below 70 degrees) as good soup-bean weather.

A carbonated soft drink isn't a soda, cola or coke . . . it's a Pop, regardless of brand or flavor. Example: "What kinda

pop you want?"

Fried catfish is the other white meat.

We don't need no stinking driver's ed . . . if our mama says we can drive, we can drive.

You understand these jokes and share them with your friends from Kentucky (and those who just wish they were). Not EVERYONE can be a Kentuckian, it's an art form and a gift from GOD!

Til Next Week..

Blessings to you and yours

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