

Times

FLOYD COUNTY

*****ALL FOR ADC 301
003095 12/27/2024
LEWIS BINDERY
190 LANDOR DR
ATHENS GA 30606-2428

1 Low Payment, 3 Exciting Services

Service Bundles = SAVINGS

Call Today!!

INTERMOUNTAIN CABLE

606-478-9406

Gearheart Communications... Your #1 Choice

Member AP, KPA, NNA

Serving the Citizens of Floyd County since 1927

Volume 81, Issue 52 • 75 Cents

Justice pleads guilty in coke conspiracy

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

LEXINGTON — As expected, Pamela Justice, a key conspirator in a cocaine distribution operation in Floyd County, has pleaded guilty to conspiracy, distribution and criminal forfeiture charges.

Justice entered a guilty plea to count

one of the indictment charging her with conspiracy to distribute over five kilograms of cocaine, count 16, charging her with conspiracy to impair the government's lawful authority to take property into its custody, and count 17, criminal forfeiture.

The plea agreement states that Justice knowingly and voluntarily joined a conspiracy involving several

other conspirators. Others named in court documents are Darrell Triplett, Timothy Neal Howard, Roy Branham, Terry Branham, Stephen Randy Gearheart, Steve Tackett, and Louvella Tackett. The FBI and Kentucky State Police conducted numerous controlled purchases of cocaine from Justice and others associated with her during 2006 of approximately 42 ounces.

In November 2006, Justice along with Triplett was pulled over for a traffic violation by Kentucky State Police. Two kilograms of cocaine were found in the vehicle and Justice admitted to obtaining the cocaine from a source in Chicago, Ill., and that she and Triplett had made at least 10 prior trips for the

(See GUILTY, page seven)

PHS LOOKS AT TURF

— Page B1

One killed in Pike wreck

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

VIRGIE — A Pike County woman is dead after her SUV overturned on Route 1469 at Virgie.

According to Kentucky State Police, Shelby Sergent, 41, of Virgie, was traveling southbound on Speight Road when she lost control of her Jeep Cherokee and ran off the roadway. The vehicle then went into a ditch, overturned and ejected Sergent from the vehicle.

Sergent was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts. This accident is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Derek Sturgill.

CONTEST WINNER



Alexander Peters, a fourth-grader at Johns Creek Elementary, is presented with a certificate by Cindy Legg, right, past president of the Eastern Kentucky Association of Realtors(r) and art teacher, Garlene Abshire, as the Pike County Winner of the "Homes for Everyone in 2008" calendar poster contest. Alex, along with Zachary Collins from Paintsville Elementary, Johnson County, and Kristin Chaffins from Duff Elementary, Floyd County, were picked as three finalists for the annual themed calendar, which is distributed by area Realtors(r). The Eastern Kentucky Association of Realtors(r) has sponsored this poster contest for the last three years, whereby fourth- and fifth-graders throughout the region are encouraged to submit drawings to vie for publication in the annual calendar. This year's participants included Paintsville and Porter Elementary Schools (50 entries), James A. Duff Elementary (26) and Johns Creek, Bevins and Majestic Knox Elementary schools (55). ALEX was chosen from the three local winners by the Kentucky Association of Realtors(r) to have his drawing published in the 2008 calendar, along with his photo, and met Governor Fletcher on Friday, March 2, where he received a \$300 savings bond.

Gubernatorial candidates split on abortion issue

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — For some candidates in the governor's race, the topic of abortion is more complicated than simply a "yes" or "no."

While some of the 10 candidates are firmly planted, others find themselves straddling the

issue between what they personally feel and how they think government should handle the touchy subject.

The Associated Press asked each of the 10 candidates — three Republicans and seven Democrats — their positions on abortion and whether they favored imposing restrictions on the procedure. The respons-

es were generally split along party lines.

The three Republicans were, for the most part, supportive of abortion limits. Meanwhile, most Democrats felt personally against the procedure, but not in favor of banning it.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, who is

(See ABORTION, page seven)

Democrats tackle coal tax in debate

by SAMIRA JAFARI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Democrats running in the governor's race butted heads Friday over the coal severance tax and other issues vital to eastern Kentucky during a debate moderated by former Gov. Paul Patton. House Speaker Jody Richards said if he's elected, 100 percent of coal severance tax revenues would be returned within four years to coal-producing counties. The promise was applauded by the audience of 125 or so, but deemed impossible by the other participants.

"You know how to spend your money better than Frankfort," Richards told the audience, adding that the money was vital to creating jobs and improving infrastructure in rural eastern and western Kentucky.

The other candidates said the current funding level of 50 percent for coal-producing counties probably wouldn't change, though they stressed improving oversight of distributing the money across the state.

"The truth is I don't think you can get more than 50 percent out of the legislature," said Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who is running for lieutenant governor on a ticket with Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, who didn't attend the debate.

Pikeville City Manager Donovan Blackburn didn't put much stock in Richards'

proposal. "There's so many different programs, it's an unrealistic look," he said.

Four of the seven candidates seeking the May 22 Democratic nomination — Richards, former Lt. Gov. Steve Beshear, Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith and Harlan County demolition contractor Otis Hensley — attended the debate hosted by the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation. Two candidates — Lunsford and state Treasurer Jonathan Miller — sent representatives.

Former Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, who served with Patton for eight years, was the only candidate who didn't attend the debate or send a representative.

Republican candidates — Gov. Ernie Fletcher, U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and Paducah construction contractor Billy Harper — were invited by the foundation, but all three said they had prior engagements.

Patton, back on stage for a political debate in his hometown, served two terms as governor before Fletcher succeeded him in 2004. Fletcher ran on a promise to "clean up the mess in Frankfort," following a sex scandal involving Patton.

While the former governor moderated with questions from the audience, he personally asked the candidates to state their positions on mountaintop removal — a subject that's drawn intense

(See DEBATE, page seven)

3 DAY FORECAST

Today

Scattered storms

High: 76 • Low: 53

Tomorrow

Storms

High: 62 • Low: 42

Friday

Cloudy

High: 70 • Low: 47

Get up-to-the-minute weather forecasts at floydcountytimes.com

inside

Obituaries.....A2

Opinion.....A4

Classifieds.....A9

Sports.....B1

Lifestyles.....B4



Officials look to help improve Middle Creek

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Representatives with the Natural Resources Conservation Service are working to help residents on the Left Fork of Middle Creek identify water quality issues and formulate and analyze alternatives to deal with these problems.

The main problems facing this area are acid mine drainage and

straight pipes. High e-coli counts have also been found in certain portions of the stream water.

A series of community meetings are planned, with the first one to take place on May 12, at The David School. During this meeting, a report on the status of the watershed will be provided along with maps, surveys, and water monitoring data. Residents will be given the opportu-

(See CREEK, page seven)



Chef Michael Simpson of Sullivan University entertained David School students with a culinary presentation geared towards motivating students to seek out educational opportunities. Chef Michael dazzled the student body with the transformation of vegetables into works of art. Sullivan University offers several diplomas that can be earned within one year and also bachelor's degrees in a variety of educational, health and business opportunities.

WHERE FRIENDS MEET FRIENDS

Jerry's

PRESTONSBURG • 606.886.6701

Early Morning Breakfast Special

6 a.m.-11 a.m., Monday-Friday

(No Substitutions) Limited Time Only

(1) 2 Eggs, Bacon or Sausage.....2.99
Biscuits or Toast served w/Jelly

(2) 2 Pancakes, Bacon or Sausage..2.99
served w/butter and syrup

(3) Country Gravy and Biscuits1.99
2 Buttermilk Biscuits and Gravy

(4) Oatmeal & Toast.....1.99
Fresh cooked Oatmeal (good for heart)
served w/Toast & Jelly

Additional Items—99¢ each

(1) Hash Browns or Home Fries

(2) Orange Juice or Tomato Juice

(3) Country Gravy



Obituaries

William C. (Neal) Clevenger

William C. (Neal) Clevenger, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 26, 2007, at his residence.

Born October 2, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Aubert and Pheoba Gibson Clevenger. He was a disabled school bus driver for the Floyd County Board of Education; a U.S. Army veteran; and of the Pentecostal faith.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Shortridge Clevenger.

Other survivors include a son, Stanley Gene Clevenger of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Ruby Ann Johnson of Blue River, Rhonda Gail Clevenger of Silver Lake, Indiana, and Janelle Duff of Prestonsburg; two brothers: Clifford Clevenger of Pierceton, Indiana, and Carl Clevenger of Leesburg, Indiana; three sisters: Ruth Ann Alt of Salyersville, Helen Freeman of Bardstown, and Debbie Amador of San Angelo, Texas; eight grandchildren: Henry, Rachel, Michael, Joshua, Selissa, Aubert, Cheyenne, and William; and a great-grandchild, Piper Boggs.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: James Clevenger, John Clevenger, and Joe Wallen.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Smith officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Dixie Cornett

Lawson

Dixie Cornett Lawson, age 93, of McDowell, widow of Dewey Morgan Lawson, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2007, at her residence.

She was born October 14, 1913, in Boone, North Carolina, the daughter of the late John Cornett and Minnie McCloud Cornett. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, in Minnie, and a member of the senior citizens.

Survivors include two sons, Fred (Patricia) Lawson of Pikeville, and Dewey D. (Carolyn) Lawson of West Liberty; three daughters: Anna Rae (Raymond) Ward and Patricia (Leonard) Cieslak, both of McDowell, and Glenda Lawson of Thomasville, North Carolina; a sister, Maxie Lawson of Drift; 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded

in death by a son, Jimmy Edward Lawson; three daughters: Emogene Hall, Minnie Faye Simpson, and Barbara Lee Owsley; and a sister, Brooxie Baldrige.

Funeral services for Dixie Cornett Lawson were conducted, Sunday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Harry Hargis and Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Larry Hall, Steve Ward, Tony Hall, Chris Lawson, Mickey Lawson, Nathan Hardee, Ryan Hardee, Anthony Hall, Shannon Hall, and Dewey Meade. (Paid obituary)



Ricky Lee Moore

Ricky Lee Moore, age 53, of McDowell, passed away Friday, April 27, 2007, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born December 6, 1954, in Martin, the son of the late Curly Moore and Eva Newsome Moore.

Survivors include two brothers, Jerry Moore of McDowell, and Donnie Moore of Willard, Ohio; four sisters: Sharon Martin of Dema, Deborah Hopkins and Patty Ruth Meade, both of McDowell, and Judy Walters of Winchester; several nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Jennifer Moore.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jackie Moore; and two sisters: Marsha Robinson and Bobbie Ann Case.

Funeral services for Ricky Lee Moore were conducted Monday, April 30, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial followed in the Morgan Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Nick Moore,

Garth Robinson, Jeff Robinson, Jerry Justice, Patrick Shepherd, and Brent Martin. (Paid obituary)



Marie Bradley Slone

Marie Bradley Slone, age 93, of Wayland, widow of Kermit Slone, passed away Monday, April 30, 2007, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

She was born June 10, 1913, in Dema, the daughter of the late Butler Bradley and Mary Collins Bradley Huff. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Lancer Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons: Keith (Irene) Slone of Somerset, Ray Slone of Dayton, Ohio, Johnny (Debbie) Slone of Jupiter, Florida, and Scott Slone of Wayland; three daughters: Linda Ward of Hager Hill, Sandra (Wendell) Martin of Prestonsburg, and Mary (Roy) Franklin of Prestonsburg; a sister, Lena Hopkins of Wayland; 14 grandchildren, Crystal, Teddy, Angelana, Dr. David Martin, Tim, Anna Maria, Thommy, Larry G. Jr., Nevan, Scotty, James, Byron, Nathan, and Brian; and eight great-grandchildren: Kyle, Josh, Brady, Logan, B.J., Eric, Alex and Byron Jr.

In addition to her husband, and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Kermit Edsel Slone.

Funeral services for Marie Bradley Slone will be conducted Thursday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Jack Howard officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bradley Cemetery, in Wayland, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for arrangements.

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



Emma Alice Thomas

Emma Alice Thomas (better known as Alice Thomas), died Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

Born August 2, 1918, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Mont and

Sarah Shepherd Collins. She attended the Prestonsburg Grade School, and graduated from Prestonsburg High School. She graduated from Huntington, West Virginia, School of Business, and then served in the U.S. Navy for three years.

Alice married Gerald Lyle Thomas (affectionately known as Jerry Thomas), February 9, 1946, and moved to Kansas City, Missouri. They attended college together under the "G.I. Bill" and graduated June 1950, from the University of Kansas. Alice worked 11 years for McDowell Tire Company as an accountant, and 23 years as office manager and assistant secretary of the Public School Retirement System of the School District of Kansas City, Missouri. She was a member of the Overland Park Presbyterian Church, Beatrice Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star, a life member of the American Legion No. 370, a life member of WAVES National, AARP, and the Shepherd Center of Shawnee Mission.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father, mother, and brother. There are no close survivors.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, May 3, with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m., at the Overland Park Presbyterian Church, 8029 Overland Park Dr., Overland Park, Kansas, 66204.

Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri.

Arrangements are under direction of McGilley & Hoge Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the Overland Park Presbyterian Church or the Shoe Fund of the Kansas City Missouri School District, 1211 McGee, Kansas City, MO 64106. (Paid obituary)

The Largest Selection of **Memorial Day Flowers** in Eastern Kentucky at **E.P. Grigsby Store** Main St., Martin, 285-3025

Now Arriving



Card of Thanks

The family of Nellie Adell Curry Deaton would like to thank this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Randy Osborne and Larry Adams for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF NELLIE ADELL CURRY DEATON

Card of Thanks

The family of Henry Reffett would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF HENRY REFFETT

Card of Thanks

The family of Stephen Salisbury wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to Elder Richard Salisbury for his comforting words, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF STEPHEN SALISBURY

Internet Access

Serving Prestonsburg!

Only **\$9.95/mo.** Add SpeedStream and Surf up to 6X faster! just \$3 more

Invoice Billing Available! Internet Since 1994

- FREE 24/7 Live Technical Support
- Unlimited Hours, No Contracts!
- 10 E-mail Addresses
- FREE Spam Protection

www.core.com 1-877-267-3266 CORECOMM



DO YOU SEE A BATTLEFIELD?
THEN YOU SEE THE POWER OF COMMUNITY COALITIONS.

They help community groups organize resources and fight to keep kids away from drugs. Contact a community coalition and find out what your group can do.

www.helpyourcommunity.org or 1-877-KIDS-313

YOU GET MORE WHEN YOU GET TOGETHER

Office of National Drug Control Policy Ad Council

Early Times \$18.99 1/2-gal. Doral Cigarettes Carton \$19.99 + tax

J & J Liquors
Betsy Layne • 478-2477

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

Sunshine Grow Shop
"The Little Plant Place"

- Annuals
- Knock Out Roses
- Double Knock Out Roses
- Homerun Roses
- Perennials
- Shrubs
- Trees
- Hanging Baskets
- Proven Winners

MANY OTHER PLANTS AVAILABLE

Located on U.S. 23 South, between Big Lots and Walters Toyota
(606) 433-0934



VIDEO + INTERNET + PHONE = WOW!

KICK BACK, RELAX & SAVE A "BUNDLE!"

Become an Inter Mountain Cable **V.I.P.**

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? **START SAVING OVER \$100 A MONTH** WHEN COMBINING DIGITAL CABLE, HIGH SPEED INTERNET AND UNLIMITED LOCAL CALLING WITH INTER MOUNTAIN CABLE!

1.800.635.7052

NOW AVAILABLE: INTER MOUNTAIN "V.I.P BUNDLES"

- *Digital Cable (150+ channels)
- *Unlimited Nationwide Calling
- *6+ Meg "Ultra-Fast" Cable Internet
- *Home Security & Monitoring

UPGRADE YOUR CURRENT BUNDLE WITH NO UPGRADE CHARGE!

*Several options to choice from, savings may vary.

6+ MEG INTERNET IS HERE! CALL TODAY AND SIGN UP!



BSCTC employees and students are 'Hammerin' in the Hills'

Saturday marked the kick off for the latest project for Big Sandy Community and Technical College. More than 50 students, faculty and staff from BSCTC and one little hammerer named Jonathan McKenzie (son of Keithen McKenzie), gathered on a mountaintop in Pike County, on a cool spring morning, to build a house for Sue Ann Branham and her two boys.

Novice and experienced, male and female, the diverse crowd faced the challenge with smiles on their faces and hammers in hand. Working shoulder to shoulder were faculty members from carpentry, math, masonry, air conditioning, and information technology departments as well as a librarian, workforce development staff and administrators. Students from Phi Theta Kappa, Student Government, information technology, nursing, carpentry, electricity, electronics, air conditioning, and masonry donated time as well. Rounding out the mix of volunteers were a few husbands and children of employees. Although the crowd of approximately 50 volunteers began the build on Saturday, in actu-



Volunteers from Big Sandy Community and Technical College "Hammerin in The Hills."

ality there will probably be twice that number before the house is finished. Many hours have already been logged by students and teachers in the prep work for the site, foundation build, wiring and other work that has to be done before the first hammer sings it's tune.

Ms. Branham and her boys labored alongside professors, students and administrators and the smile never left her face. She said, "I can not express how much this home means to me and my family and I want to thank everyone

who has come out to help build this house. I am so grateful to Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Habitat for Humanity be able to have a home of my own."

Dr. Nancy B. Johnson, BSCTC Provost, thanked the volunteers for donating their time and labor on the project. She said, "I am so proud to be a part of this project." She went on to say that the Habitat for Humanity project is one that the college hopes to continue to participate in and would like to be a part of in each of the counties served by

BSCTC.

The project is expected to conclude by May 20th. A ceremonial handing over of the keys will take place when it is finished. An announcement will be forthcoming on that event.

Marriage Announced



Elisabeth Whitney Slone and Thomas Jared Smith were married on New Year's Eve, on the beach, in Whitehouse, Jamaica.

Whitney, the daughter of Ronnie M. Slone and Benita Joy Riley of Prestonsburg, is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She attended the University of Kentucky and graduated from Make-Up Designory in Burbank, California. She is a make-up artist. Jared, the son of Frank and Nita Smith of Lexington, is a graduate of Lexington Catholic High School and the University of Kentucky. He also graduated from the New York Film Academy in New York City. He is employed as a film producer.

After a Caribbean honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Smith are residing in Lexington, Kentucky, and Los Angeles, California.

Early Times \$18.99 1/2-gal. Doral Cigarettes Carton \$19.99 + tax
J & J Liquors
 Betsy Layne • 478-2477
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

Choose Health Choose Healthful Foods
 American Heart Association
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

For All Your Financial Needs-

Contact James, Chris, or Drema at First Financial Credit

Chris Kidd, Asst. Mgr, Drema Buchanan, Administrative CSR, Jim Jarvis, Mgr.

501 University Dr. Prestonsburg 606.886.7833

County Line Motors

You Have a Choice

Special of the Week! 2003 Dodge Ram
 61k miles, Hemi, auto., nice. **\$11,995**

2002 CHEVY VENTURA
 35k miles, like new.

2004 FORD EXPLORER
 Loaded!

2002 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS
 V6, auto., sunroof, 27k miles.

2003 FORD ESCAPE
 V6, auto., 4WD, sharp.

2002 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER LT
 4WD, one owner.

2005 CHEVY CAVALIER
 4-cyl., auto., 20k miles.

2006 PONTIAC G6
 V6, auto., 24k miles, factory warranty.

2004 PONTIAC GRAND AM
 V6, auto., super nice.

Bad credit, don't sweat it!
 If you have been turned down for a vehicle because of:
 • Bad Credit • No Credit • Divorce • Bankruptcy • Repossession
 Don't give up on your vehicle!
 County Line Motors now offers first time buyer programs, open bankruptcy programs and more.
 Let our finance team put you in a vehicle today!
 Call ahead for pre-approval!
 Not responsible for typos • All prices are plus tax, title, & fees.

(606) 478-3500

The LightSpeed CT Scan Saved My Life

Better health at the speed of light

Paul B. Hall
 Regional Medical Center
www.pbhrmc.com

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Amendment 1

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

Guest View

Marketing death

Federal records show that in 1998, the year major tobacco companies reached agreement with 46 states to reimburse the states for health care costs stemming from tobacco use and to halt Big Tobacco's marketing assault on children, the cigarette makers spent \$6.7 billion advertising and promoting their products. By 2005, that marketing megamachine had mushroomed to \$13.4 billion. According to the calculations of one anti-tobacco activist group, that is \$36.6 million a day, every day, for 365 days. Or \$44.33 for every man, woman and child in the country. Just on marketing. And it is more than 22 times the \$597.5 million spent collectively by the states on tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

That is free speech in a free society. Tobacco is, after all, a legal, if deadly, product.

But it also shows what health advocates are up against in combating the leading preventable cause of death in the country, one that is responsible for more than 400,000 deaths every year. Indeed, the latest survey of high school smoking by the Centers for Disease Control showed a slight but troubling increase in teen smoking after years of steady decline.

This challenge is compounded by Big Tobacco's remarkable creativity in finding ways around the restrictions in the 1998 settlement. Like candy-flavored cigarettes, or advertising suggestions that "low-tar" or "light" cigarettes are somehow healthier than regular cigarettes. And then, of course, there is the ruling last summer by federal Judge Gladys Kessler that tobacco companies had defrauded the public for decades regarding the health risks of smoking and the companies' marketing practices - and that they continued to do so even after the 1998 settlement.

All of which makes a compelling case for legislation establishing the authority of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to regulate tobacco.

The Senate passed such a bill in 2004, but it was blocked from coming to a vote in the House. It has been reintroduced by key Democrats and Republicans in both houses this year, and it is believed to have a good chance of finally passing.

The legislation would prohibit the FDA from banning cigarettes or other tobacco products outright and from ordering a reduction of nicotine levels to zero. But it would enable the FDA to require full disclosure of the contents of cigarettes and other products.

And, perhaps most important, it would give the agency broad authority to curtail the marketing practices considered to have the most appeal to children and teens.

Finally, it would for the first time give states limited authority to also regulate tobacco marketing.

A recent scientific poll commissioned by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids showed that an astounding 77 percent of the country's voters supported giving regulatory authority over tobacco to the FDA. It was supported by Republicans, Democrats and independents, by voters in all sectors of the country, and even by 70 percent of smokers. Even the country's No. 1 cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, supports the bills.

The Senate could begin action on its bill as early as next month, though it will be anything but a slam-dunk in the House. But it should be.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

BERTRUS Boulder Camera # 42767
COPY NEWS SERVICE
bertrus@aol.com

For the sake of the office, and in the best interest of the people he serves, should resign.

- Paul Wolfowitz
- Alberto Gonzales
- Karl Rove
- Dick Cheney
- George W. Bush
- All of the above

Letters

Branham responds

"Labeled and defamed." These are serious accusations tossed at the City Council members of Prestonsburg by a firm that is doing business with the city. These are types of accusations that I would welcome the opportunity to defend in a court of law. I guess if one is to question how money is spent by the City of Prestonsburg, then it shall be deemed a "slandorous thought." If one asks why, what, where or when funds of the taxpayers are being spent then that is to be libeled a "libelous act."

No one from the City Council intentionally libeled or slandered anyone from Abbott Engineering. The process and billings for annexation work were questioned to the Mayor, whom the officials of Abbott Engineering get direction from according to their letter, and upon each question the Mayor stated either... "there is no annexation" or "I'm not sure." Further, and in addition with this was where, in open council, a specific transaction that was noted and discussed. The Mayor again could not enlighten the council as to why this charge was listed. But, we are the ones that allegedly libeled and slandered them?

This left us as a council without answers to the questions presented. What avenues do we have to protect the monies of the city? Well, we have the right to investigate any and all activities that deal with city business as allowed under KRS 83A.130 (13). Let me ask you that if you received a bill from a company and no one in your household could or would explain those charges, then I'm sure you would do some follow up and research as to what and why you received the bill. Therefore, we as a council, voted unanimously to "investigate" the invoices.

The letter also takes issue with my inquiry as to why we, as a city, were doing business with a company outside of the city limits when there are agencies in Prestonsburg that are offering the same services. The letter tried to explain this away by noting that at least they live in Floyd County and Mr. Howard pays property taxes as a resident of the city. The letter further stated that the owners don't even

live in Floyd County. Their argument has shaky reasoning in reference to my questioning. I simply want to offer the business the city's support. Those are the companies that locate and do business within city limits and pay taxes also. If Abbott so desired, they could have already requested to be included as a business in the city, but they have chosen not to be a part of the city. They do choose to do business with the city and then the mayor promotes this type of trade by awarding them contracts. My thoughts are that we should try to do more business with our industry that pays city taxes and employ people that also pay city taxes and also want to be part of this city.

The letter further advances to question of how they were awarded the contract and quoted KRS.45A.100 (a) and stated that projects under \$10,000 do not require a bid. What they left out in this statement was that the statute actually states up to \$10,000 per project for "construction". These were not construction projects and therefore the letter misrepresented this statute.

The model and procurement process is way too long for me to hit every point from KRS.45A, but I will highlight a few areas that concerned members of this council and myself. This particular contract falls within the guidelines set forth for what is called a "Negotiated Process of Kentucky Statute and City Ordinance 06-2000.

■ Under the negotiated process (of which engineering services fall under) the Mayor is to negotiate and prepare record of such negotiation that shows the items and the quantities, the name(s) of the suppliers, the cost, and the date of contract.

(There is nothing on file. Nor is there even a written contract between the City and Abbott Engineering)

■ Under this same statute/ordinance, the best negotiated proposal shall be submitted to the legislative body for approval and awarded.

(Not even mentioned to this council nor a previous council. The Mayor unilaterally has done all professional services without Council's approval as required by law. We, as a council, want to make sure that taxpayer's money is spent efficiently and effectively, so this will not happen while

we are in office.)

When we spoke of these processes, not once did, we as a council, imply any unlawful activity on Abbott's component, as this was all procedural problems arriving from the Mayor's unilateral action.

The letter that Abbott sent further goes on to call the investigation, not much of an investigation, and that accusations should be thoroughly investigated before being aired in a public forum. Well, we made attempts to get information from the Executive overseeing the work by directly asking questions of the Mayor and he offered no definitive, or only vague answers. Also, we as a council, must do our speaking in a public forum, as law requires and, we as council members, cannot conceal ourselves behind closed doors and scheme our actions. We have been open and vote on how we are going to proceed over actions. Public actions such as a letter directed to Abbott that went before Council to examine offering to allow Abbott Engineering to produce detailed and explicit substance to the invoices questioned.

I do want it understood that I do not believe, as the letter inferred, that certain members of Council are trying to impugn their company. As a insuance of fact, I personally know all three owners and I can unequivocally state that Ronnie Warrix, Tim Howard, and Don Hughes are all fine people with exemplary character. It is my belief that the whole council feels much the same way.

But, myself as a council member, elected by the citizens of the city, will always follow up on any issue that I don't receive a response to when it involves how the City's funds are spent. If the Mayor would have answered the questions asked by Councilman Nunnery with definitive answers, then all of this posturing could have been avoided. And they would not have to publicly "slander" the council for acting on behalf of the citizens of Prestonsburg.

I will, therefore, not offer any defense on my vote to utilize the statutory authority vested in the City Council as a way to look after the funds of our taxpayers.

C. Shag Branham
Prestonsburg City Council

FLOYD COUNTY The Times

Published Sunday, Wednesday and Friday each week

263 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE
PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653
Phone: (606) 886-8506
Fax: (606) 886-3603
www.floydcountytimes.com

USPS 202-700

Entered as second class matter, June 18, 1927, at the post office at Prestonsburg, Kentucky, under the act of March 3, 1879. Periodicals postage paid at Prestonsburg, Ky.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES PER YEAR:
In Floyd County: \$59.00
Outside Floyd County: \$76.00

Postmaster: Send change of address to:
The Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

PUBLISHER
Joshua Byers
jbyers@heartlandpublications.com

MANAGING EDITOR
Ralph B. Davis
web@floydcountytimes.com

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Kim Frasure
advertising@floydcountytimes.com



Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP To Sponsor Frankfort Trip
Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, is sponsoring a trip to the Gubernatorial Forum, which will be held in Frankfort on Tuesday, May 8th. Cars will leave from the 1st Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. There is no charge for the trip, which includes lunch. Call John Rosenberg at 886-8851 or Lou McCray at 889-9870 to participate. The Forum is being co-sponsored by AARP Kentucky.

Goat Farmers Cook-out Thursday, May 3
A goat farmers spring cook-out will be held at the Floyd County Extension office, 921 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg on Thursday, May 3, at 6 p.m.
All goat farmers and their families are invited to attend! We will supply the meat and drinks and you can bring a covered dish. Ken Andries, Kentucky State Animal Science Specialist, will be joining us to talk about the best wormer combinations and how to reduce feed costs as much as possible.
Please call 886-2668 to let us know that you are coming and the number of family members you are bringing so we will know how much food to prepare.

PHS Class of '97 Ten year reunion
10 year class reunion to be

held Saturday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Cost will be \$50 per couple/\$25 for individuals. This will cover food, taxes, gratuity, and entertainment. Money needs to be in no later than June 14. Payment will not be able to be accepted at the door — deposits must be made and head count verified. Make your check or money order out to "Prestonsburg High Class of 1997" and mail to: Prestonsburg High School Reunion, 464 Newbury Way Lexington, KY 40514.

Prestonsburg Elementary Kindergarten Registration
Prestonsburg Elementary kindergarten registration for the school year 2007-2008 will be held May 8 and May 9, from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the school auditorium.

Spring recital
Piano students of David Leslie will present their 27th Annual Spring Recital on May 22, at 6:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Mountain Arts Center, in Prestonsburg. The public is invited to attend.

Allen Central Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion
The ACHS class of 1977 will have a 30-year reunion, September 22, at Best Western, 7-12 p.m. \$25 single, \$40.00 couple. Contact E-mail: class77ACHS@hotmail.com Debbie Bailey, 405 Turkey Cr. Rd., Langley, KY 41645, Lynn Isaac, 1327 Prater Fk. Rd., Hueysville, KY 41640.

Motorcycle ride to benefit the American Cancer Society
When: Saturday, May 5.
Rain Date: Saturday, May 12.
Location: Community Trust Bank Operations Center, (Old Pikeville Wal-Mart Parking Lot).
Registration: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ride begins: 11:05 a.m.
Cost: \$20 per driver; \$10 per passenger.
Poker Run \$5 per person.
All street legal motorcycles welcome!

Poker Run 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes.
Door prizes and lunch!
All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. For more information, or to pre-register, contact Amanda Collins, at 606-433-4884, or 1-800-422-1090.

PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion
The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently planning their 20th reunion. Please e-mail your contact information to phsclass87@bellsouth.net.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

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.

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.

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Invites interested professionals and businesses to join them for lunch each Thursday, at 12 p.m., in the Student Grille Conference Room, on the BSCTC campus.
Each weekly program is devoted to community service and its application to the Rotary Motto: "Service Above Self."
"Lunch is served at noon and programs begin promptly at 12:40. Contact Mike Vance

(See CALENDAR, page six)

Early Times \$18.99 1/2-gal. Doral Cigarettes Carton \$19.99 + tax
J & J Liquors
Betsy Layne • 478-2477
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

STRAND TWIN
Absher Enterprises
PRESTONSBURG, KY • 606-886-2696
<http://showtimes.hollywood.com>
Wall-to-Wall Screens, Dolby Sound, and Cupholders!

STRAND 1 STARTS FRI., 5/4  disturbia PG-13 MON.-SAT., 7:00, 9:00; SUN. (1:30), 7:00, 9:00	STRAND 2 STARTS FRI., 5/4  SPIDERMAN 3 PG-13 MON.-SAT., 7:00, 9:20; SUN. (1:30), 7:00, 9:20
--	--

MIDNIGHT SHOWING OF SPIDERMAN ON THURSDAY, 5/3
SUNDAY MATINEE — Open 1:00; start 1:30

RIVERFILL 10 • PIKEVILLE
<http://showtimes@hollywood.com>
94 Pike Street, Pikeville, Ky.
606-432-2957
Tickets may be purchased in advance for any show on the date of purchase. Bargain Matinees Until 6 p.m.

5/4/07 - 5/10/07

Cinema One • R HELD OVER  VACANCY Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15), 7:00-9:15	Cinema Six • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 5/4  LUCKY YOU Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20
Cinema Two • R HELD OVER  THE CONDEMNED Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:55-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55-9:15	Cinema Seven • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 5/4  SPIDERMAN 3 Mon.-Sun. 7:45; Fri. (4:45), 7:45; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:45), 7:45
Cinema Three HELD OVER  ARE WE DONE YET PG—Mon.-Sun. 7:05; Fri. (4:30), 7:05; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30), 7:05	Cinema Eight • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 5/4  SPIDERMAN 3 Mon.-Sun. 8:30; Fri. (5:30), 8:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:30-5:30), 8:30
Cinema Four • PG-13 HELD OVER  NEXT Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:15-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:25), 7:15-9:25	Cinema Nine • PG-13 HELD OVER  DISTURBIA Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 6:55-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:25), 6:55-9:25
Cinema Five • R HELD OVER  FRACTURE Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20	Cinema Ten • PG-13 HELD OVER  BLADES OF GLORY Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25), 7:10-9:25

MIDNIGHT SHOWING OF SPIDERMAN ON THURSDAY, 5/3

Prestonsburg High School Music Department
Presents
MOVIES THAT ROCK
Featuring the Honor Choir and Band
Friday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m.
at the
Mountain Arts Center
Tickets are \$5.00, and sold exclusively by Music Students.
Contact Greta Hicks at 886-2252, for more information.

HOLD THE PHONE, Don't Sign Yet! Let Ed Quote You.

PLEASE LET ME PRICE YOU THE SAME HOME BEFORE YOU GIVE AWAY YOUR MONEY!












SAVE SOME MONEY, GET AWARD WINNING SERVICE

The Home Show
Feel Right At Home.

*Silver customer satisfaction award from Clayton Manufacturing. Ask your dealer to show you their customer satisfaction rating to compare.

Ed May • 1-877-353-6444 • Ed May
SOUTH WILLIAMSON LOCATION ONLY
CALLED ED WITH YOUR BEST PRICING ON A SINGLE WIDE OR DOUBLE WIDE.
WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO GIVE YOU A BETTER DEAL!

Discount Auto Brokers

 2006 Chevy 2500 LT Crew Cab Duramax Diesel, Auto., Leather, 11,000 Miles. Factory Warranty.	 2004 Ford F-250 Diesel Harley Davidson Edition, Leather, Sunroof. Local Trade!	 2005 Ford F-150 STX 4x4 Auto., Sharp! Check This Out!
 2007 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 , Alloy Wheels! Great SUV! Ask for Cleve or Jimmie!	 2004 Lexus 470 2 To Choose From! 4x4, Nav., DVD, 3rd Row Seat. Local Trade!	 2006 Lexus RX330 Leather, Sunroof, Alloy Wheels, Very Low Miles! Loaded!
 2001 Toyota Celica Automatic, Power Windows and Door Locks, Alloys! Loaded!	 2006 Chevy Uplander Power Windows & Locks! Loaded!	 2007 Hummer H3 4x4 Automatic, Low Miles, Two to Choose From!
 2002 Ford Mustang Auto., V6, AC, Low Miles, Local Trade! \$8,995	 2001 Ford Ranger Auto., V6, AC, Low Miles, Local Trade! \$7,900	 2000 Volkswagen New Beetle Auto., Diesel, Sunroof, Local Trade! \$5,995

U.S. 23 South, between Prestonsburg and Allen
874-6844
Check Us Out Online at: www.discountautobrokers.net

Calendar

at 226-2075; David Kraus at 886-3082; or Nancy Johnson at 886-1156 for more info.

UNITE

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

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

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

Free Body Recall classes

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

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon, thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville,

on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

Special interest groups:

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

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th

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

Looking for a Support Group?

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

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

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group

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

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by call-

ing Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

Early Times Doral Cigarettes
\$18.99 1/2-gal. Carton \$19.99 + tax
J & J Liquors
Betsy Layne • 478-2477
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

BOYD BRANCH REUNION
Saturday, May 12, at 10 a.m.
at Archer Park
(in park, near swimming pools)
Please bring a covered dish and your favorite pop or water.
478-2172 — 874-2080

Twin Brothers Celebrate Birthdays



Twin brothers Charlie and Thomas Crumpton turned two on April 23, 2007, while their twin brothers Jake and Will Crumpton turned one on April 25, 2007. Yes, you read this correctly - 12 months and 2 days apart - two sets of twins. The parents of these fine young boys are Chris and Ashley Crumpton of Holly Springs, N.C. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Brenda Wills of Winston-Salem N.C. Maternal great-grandparents are Chester and Faye Patton of Winston-Salem N.C. They are the nephews of Dr. Jay Wills and Dr. Rebecca Wills of Apex N.C. Friends and family celebrated these birthdays on April 21, 2007, with a big Elmo Party. Attending the party was Sharon and Susan Mims of Mooresville, S.C., formerly of Cow Creek.

The Breast Center at Paintsville Clinic has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Mammography as a result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology. The ACR, headquartered in Reston, Va., awards accreditation to facilities for the achievement of high practice standards after a peer-review evaluation of the practice. Pictured above from left to right are Melissa Biery, Director of Radiology, Colleen Cornette, Breast Center Coordinator, Estalene Slone, Mammography Technologist and Gina Horn, Mammography Technologist.



The Piarist School

Be Prepared For College!

- 100% acceptance to 4-year colleges, many with scholarships
- Various sports and club activities
- Lasting friendships
- Free transportation from Prestonsburg, Harold, Betsy Layne
- TUITION FREE


IT'S FREE




The Best Kept Secret in Eastern Kentucky AND IT'S FREE!!!

A free entrance examination will be given on **Saturday, May 5th, at 9 a.m.**

For more information, please contact:
Rev. Thomas Carroll, Sch.P.
The Piarist School
Hwy. 80, Box 870 • Martin, KY 41649 • (606) 285-3950
email: piarist@bellsouth.net www.geocities.com/piarist



THE CITIZENS CHOICE HOME EQUITY LINE OF CREDIT

The choice is yours!

- Finance home improvements
- Consolidate high-interest debt
- Even buy a new car!

Use the equity in your home to manage your money smarter!

And for a limited time only, you'll receive a

\$50 LOWE'S Gift Card upon closing!

Rates as low as **2.99% APR*** for the first 3 months

Click www.cnbonline.com
Call 866.462.BANK

Citizens NATIONAL BANK
The bank for your life

BOYD, CARTER, FLOYD, GREENUP, JOHNSON, MAGOFFIN & PIKE COUNTIES

*Lines offered for amounts from \$5,000 to \$150,000. Up to 100% loan to value. Upon credit approval. The 2.99% fixed introductory APR is available with any new Home Equity line of credit and Citizens National Bank checking account. 3.99% fixed introductory APR without Citizens National Bank checking account. When opened, the Introductory Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is 2.99% APR for the first three months. Beginning with the fourth month, variable APR is as low as Prime + 0.00% and is currently 8.25% as of 03/14/07. Interest rates may vary and are indexed to the Prime rate as published on the last business day of the month in the Wall Street Journal. Property insurance and, if applicable, flood insurance required. Applicable interest rate varies depending on your credit qualifications and loan to value ratio from a variable APR of Prime + 0% (currently 8.25% APR) to Prime + 4.00% APR (currently 12.25% APR). Closing costs on draws less than \$5,000 may range from \$188.00 - \$568.00. The maximum APR will not exceed 20%, or the state usury ceiling, whichever is less. \$20 annual fee is waived for one year with \$5,000 draw at closing. Terms and conditions are subject to change without notice. Consult your tax advisor regarding interest deductibility. One free \$50 Lowe's® gift card upon closing. Offer valid through May 18, 2007. Lowe's® and the GABLE MANSARD DESIGN are registered trademarks and service marks of LF, L.L.O. Lowe's® is not affiliated with Citizens National Bank. 7003-3/07

Abortion

Continued from p1

seeking a second term, said his "convictions are pro-life." An ordained Baptist preacher, the Republican governor said he's worked during his first four years to reduce abortions in Kentucky.

"I have worked to create a culture of life in Frankfort, by working to protect all children, both born and unborn," Fletcher, who is also a physician, said in response to the AP questionnaire.

Fletcher is facing challenges from two of his past political comrades, former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper.

Seven Democrats, meanwhile, are seeking the nomination in the May 22 primary. They are: former Lt. Govs. Steve Beshear and Steve Henry, demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr., Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, state Treasurer

Jonathan Miller and House Speaker Jody Richards.

On the GOP side, Fletcher and Northup both used the term "pro-life" to describe themselves and have endorsements from the Kentucky Right to Life Association.

Fletcher said he supports "informed consent" laws that would require women seeking an abortion to have a face-to-face meeting beforehand.

Northup held a similar view.

"The value of all lives are precious and that includes the lives of the unborn," Northup said. "I am pro-life, and I support any measure that preserves the sanctity of life."

Harper said he opposed abortion, except in rape or incest cases, or when an expecting mother's life is at risk.

House Speaker Jody Richards, a Democrat to whom the Right to Life Association gave high marks,

shared the same opinion as Harper.

Lunsford, however, said he supports "a woman's right to choose."

"I believe it is a personal, private matter between a woman, her family, her doctor and her beliefs," Lunsford said.

Not all Democrats, however, were as clear in their responses.

Beshear said the state can help reduce the number of abortions through education, health care and with new jobs. "Studies show that as the financial status of women improve, the number of abortions decrease," he said.

Henry, who is also a physician, said he did not personally support abortion and would never perform one. "I do not believe governor's have the right to place their personal beliefs or make decisions on this issue for the people of Kentucky," Henry said.

Miller also said government can play a role in decreasing the number of abortions by reducing unwanted teen pregnancies. This could be done through teaching sexual abstinence, education, reducing poverty and promoting adoption, he said.

"We must partner as government, parents, concerned citizens, clergy, as a community to reduce the number of abortions in Kentucky and the country," Miller said.

Women are allowed to have an abortion, but should be informed about the consequences, Galbraith said.

"I am against abortion. Who isn't?" Galbraith said. "I believe women seeking abortions should be fully informed about its medical consequences and educated about what they are really doing which is ending a baby's life."

Hensley said in an interview that he hates abortion, but would not favor banning

the procedure. Nevertheless, Hensley said he would create a panel consisting of people on different sides of the issue to address abortion.

"The abortion issue works to divide us, both within our state and nationally," Hensley said. "We must begin to take steps to resolve this issue."

Martin Cothran, a spokesman for the Lexington-based Family Foundation, said that a candidate's view on the issue is important in Kentucky.

"A lot of people consider a person's view on abortion to be what you would call a disqualifying issue," Cothran said. "People feel pretty strongly about it, and if they take a position on it that they don't agree with, they simply look around to see who else there is."

Margie Montgomery, executive director of Kentucky

Right to Life Association, said abortions in the state have dropped from about 10,000 in 1991 to about 3,500 last year.

A governor who opposes abortions can help push proposals through the legislature such as requiring women to have face-to-face meetings before undergoing an abortion, Montgomery said. There are also appointments the governor can make to boards and commissions, he said.

"It's an extremely important issue," Montgomery said.

Amanda Kreps-Long, the director of the Reproductive Freedom Project for the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said abortion is not only a federal issue but one that state governments can influence as well.

"They set the tone for what issues are important," she said.

Guilty

same purpose.

A search of her residence revealed various amounts of currency, vehicles, firearms, ammunition and other equipment which had been purchased with drug proceeds. After her arrest, Justice and an acquaintance, Tina Mills, officer at First Guaranty Bank in Martin, allegedly improvised a scheme to prevent government seizure of the assets. Justice applied for a loan with Mills at

First Guaranty Bank. Mills produced a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$25,000 and sent an appraiser to Justice's home in order to provide the bank with a property appraisal. Mills proceeded to submit the loan application to the bank's Board of Directors.

The maximum punishment for count one is not less than 10 years and not more than life

imprisonment, a fine not to exceed \$4 million and not less than a five-year sentence of supervised release. As for count 16, the maximum term is no more than five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and three years supervised release. Justice must also forfeit her interest in all assets.

The plea agreement also states that Justice will cooperate fully with the United States

in regards to any further investigation and prosecution related to the indictment and will also testify in all proceedings.

Justice is scheduled to be sentenced in U.S. District Court on August 6.

Continued from p1



William (Neal) Clevenger

William (Neal) Clevenger, 68 years of age, passed away, Thursday, April 26, 2007, at his residence.

Born October 2, 1938, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Aubert and Pheoba Gibson Clevenger.

He is survived by a son, William Ray Greene of Paintsville; two daughters: Sina M. Hannah and Connie Lynn Kestner (Paul Ray), both of Paintsville; two brothers: Clifford Clevenger of Pierceton, Indiana, and Carl Clevenger of Leesburg, Tennessee; three sisters: Ruth Ann Alt of Salyersville, Helen Freeman of Bardstown, and Debbie Amador of San Angelo, Texas; seven grandchildren: Sherry Lynn Hitchcock, Samuel Kevin Hannah, Randall Jesse Hannah, Kristi Nichole Thomas, Andrew Scott Kestner, Alex Jordan Kestner, and Jeremy Dakota Greene; and five great-grandchildren: Alexis Paige Hitchcock, Caleb Paul Hitchcock, Taylor Ann Leshia Hannah, Chloe Grace Hannah, and Luke Austin Thomas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Jeana Maxine Clevenger; three brothers: James Clevenger, John Clevenger and Joe Wallen; and a grandchild, Stephanie Leighann Kestner.

Funeral services were Monday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Jim Smith officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

Creek

Continued from p1

nity to assist in identifying problematic areas and participate in the efforts to improve water quality in the area. A coordinator with the Kentucky Division of Water and a representative from the Big Sandy Watershed Watch group will attend the meeting.

The second meeting will be held at the same location on May 18 and will focus on brainstorming strategies to deal with the water quality problems the area is facing. A follow up meeting will be scheduled for a later date.

Debate

Continued from p1

debate in Appalachia.

Jefferson County Attorney Irv Maze, who is running on Miller's ticket, was the only participant to oppose this form of coal mining, which involves using explosives and heavy machinery to take off mountaintops to remove coal.

"We're very much aware of what coal means to this community and Kentucky," he said, but added that regulations over mountaintop removal

need reform and the current practice is jeopardizing the region's landscape and water supply.

Richards, Beshear and Galbraith stressed the importance of enforcing safety guidelines and saw no need for additional regulations. Stumbo, whose Floyd County home sits on reclaimed mine land, and Hensley, who lives near strip mines, agreed.

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOCAL BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Floyd County Board of Education has scheduled a local Board public hearing on the proposed District Facility Plan for Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at May Valley Elementary School, at 6:00 p.m. The District Facility Plan lists the pending capital construction and/or renovation projects that the school district may undertake, and the priority order, if applicable, that projects will be initiated. Copies of the proposed District Facility Plan are available for examination by interested individuals at the Board office, 106 N. Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. through May 16, 2007. Questions may be directed to Paul Fanning at 606-886-2354. Those individuals who would like to comment on the proposed District Facility Plan may present oral or written comments at the local Board public hearing. The local Board of Education, after due process, will forward the approved District Facility Plan to the Kentucky Department of Education for ultimate approval by the State Board of Education.

The local Board public hearing is being scheduled in accordance with KRS 157.620, and regulated by 702 KAR 1:001.

THINK OF IT AS AN OWNER'S MANUAL FOR YOUR MONEY.



The free Consumer Action Handbook. In print and online at ConsumerAction.gov, it's the everyday guide to getting the most for your hard-earned money. For your free copy, order online at ConsumerAction.gov; write to Handbook, Pueblo, CO 81009; or call toll-free 1 (888) 8 PUEBLO.

A public service message from the U.S. General Services Administration.

business loans

from Community Trust Bank

We will tailor a financing plan to fit the needs of your business regardless of your size. We want to help you develop and sustain your business by offering financing for a variety of business needs.

Call or stop by one of our 79 convenient locations!
1-800-422-1090



www.ctfb.com

Member FDIC

CONGRATULATE YOUR GRADUATE

Send congratulations to your graduate. Your advertisement will be published in the 2007 Graduation Edition, May 23, 2007.

Congratulations!
JOSHUA "BUBBA" BANKS



Class of 2007
You have made us so proud!
Joe & Josey Banks

1x3 - \$17.50

Congratulations

MONICA MASON
Prestonsburg High School



We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jacob & All Your Family

2x3 - \$25.00

Mail your photo with information to: The Floyd County Times, Graduation Ad, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. If you want your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please allow at least 2 weeks for delivery.

Graduate's Name: _____
School (On 2x3 Ad): _____
Message: _____
Your Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Choose one: 1x3 \$17.50 () or 2x3 \$25 () Amount Enclosed _____

DEADLINE IS MAY 11

Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor to debate

by **JOE BIESK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor defended their own records and some took turns during a Monday night debate criticizing Gov. Ernie Fletcher for his administration's state hiring scandal.

Six of the seven lieutenant governor hopefuls appeared on a live Kentucky Educational Television debate from the station's headquarters in Lexington.

They generally agreed on most issues — albeit with some exceptions — on issues ranging from allowing voters to decide the issue of legalized casino gambling to permitting

universities to control whether employees should have domestic partner benefits.

But their reactions to the problems that plagued Fletcher's first term may have foreshadowed what the governor could be up against if he wins the GOP nomination and makes it into the November election.

"I'd like to try him on every street corner, in every restaurant and every barber shop across Kentucky because I believe that I can prove him guilty in the court of public opinion," Attorney General Greg Stumbo, whose office handled the Fletcher investigation, said during the debate.

Seven slates are competing in the May 22 Democratic pri-

mary, while two are challenging Fletcher for the GOP nod.

The Democratic gubernatorial candidates are former Lt. Govs. Steve Beshear and Steve Henry, demolition contractor Otis Hensley Jr., Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, Louisville businessman Bruce Lunsford, state Treasurer Jonathan Miller and House Speaker Jody Richards.

Beshear's running mate is state Sen. Daniel Mongiardo of Hazard, Henry's is Fayette County Property Valuation Administrator Renee T. True, Hensley's is veteran coal miner Richard Robbins of Evarts, Galbraith's is former state Transportation Cabinet employee Mark Wireman of Jackson, Lunsford's is

Stumbo, Miller's is Jefferson County Attorney Irv Maze and Richards' is former Secretary of State John Y. Brown III.

Robbins did not appear at the debate.

Fletcher faces former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and Paducah businessman Billy Harper in that party's primary.

Kentucky is one of three states holding a race for governor this year.

For more than a year, a Franklin County special grand jury investigated Fletcher and his administration on allegations that protected state jobs were improperly steered to the governor's political supporters. During the investigation, Fletcher issued a blanket pardon to everyone in his administration except himself for any charges that could result from the investigation.

Fletcher, who has claimed the investigation was politically motivated, was charged with three misdemeanors stemming from the probe. The charges, however, were eventually dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Wireman said he hoped that if Fletcher comes out of the primary as the nominee that the focus of the fall election would be on "the unvarnished truth." Fletcher "hid behind pardons and the Fifth Amendment," Wireman said.

"I would hope that the election would come down to that," he said.

Maze, in a reference to

Fletcher, said the governor promised to "clean up a mess only to leave a bigger mess."

If Miller were elected, Maze said, administration officials convicted of a crime would not be eligible for a pardon.

Mongiardo also said that he and Beshear wanted to limit the scope of gubernatorial pardons. By pardoning folks before they stood trial, the public did not get all the information that was available, Mongiardo said.

"We just think that's wrong," Mongiardo said.

Stumbo said that as a member of the General Assembly he sponsored a House bill that would have limited gubernatorial pardons.

"I just don't think that it ought to be all in the hands of one man," Stumbo said.

When asked about his own background, including a paternity case, Stumbo said his philosophy is to "take responsibility" and "move forward."

Meanwhile, True defended Henry's \$162,000 settlement with federal prosecutors in 2003 regarding allegations he overbilled Medicare and Medicaid. Henry has denied any wrongdoing.

"There has not been any proven laws broken," True said. "There have been solutions and payments made in order to make sure that there is no allegations of wrongdoing."

Brown said that he and

Richards have been involved in state government without "a hint of scandal."

"There's no reason to think there would be in the future," Brown said.

Fletcher headlines turn up in Northup TV ad

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A GOP challenger to Gov. Ernie Fletcher has folded some newspaper headlines from the past year into a political ad.

"Fletcher Indicted," one says.

"Grand jury blasts Fletcher," says another.

Former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville sandwiched the headlines into a TV spot in which she discusses her concerns about the status of education and the economy in Kentucky.

"With scandals and a weak administration, nothing is getting done," she says as the headlines appear on screen.

The headlines refer to Fletcher's indictment last year on charges that he illegally rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs after he took office. The indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but a special grand jury later issued its findings in the case, saying Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

Fletcher calls the special grand jury's investigation a political witch hunt. He claims that Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who is the running mate of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford, pursued the charges for political gain.

Adam Bozzi, spokesman for the Lunsford campaign,

said Stumbo is confident he did the right thing to protect state employees.

Challengers will likely use headlines from the scandal to dog Fletcher throughout the primary and, if he wins the Republican nomination, into the general election, said Paul Beck, a political scientist at Ohio State University.

"I think those kinds of ads can be just devastating," he said.

Marty Ryall, Fletcher's campaign manager, said he wasn't surprised by Northup's latest TV spot.

"It's what desperate candidates do at the end, when they're trailing badly in the polls," Ryall said. "They try to tear down their opponents."

Northup campaign manager Barry Peel didn't disagree with the Fletcher camp's characterization of the TV spot as an attack ad.

"Our only response is this: Since all elements of the ad are factually correct, viewers may characterize it as they wish," Peel said.

Eastern Kentucky University political scientist Kendra Stewart said any attack ads Fletcher faces in the primary race would likely intensify if he wins the GOP nomination and faces a Democratic challenger in the general election.

"We know people say they don't like that kind of campaigning, but negative ads do work," Stewart said.

And repeating newspaper headlines, Stewart said, is an oft-used political tool.

"You can't beat repeating something that has already been written," she said. "If they're showing what's been reported, they're not saying it themselves, or, at least they can claim that."

3 finalists chosen for economic development secretary

FRANKFORT — Candidates for state economic development secretary have been narrowed to three.

The Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board submitted the names to Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Tuesday, the Cabinet for Economic Development said in a release. The candidates were chosen with the help of a national consultant group, the release said.

The finalists were identified as Richard A. Anderson, a former vice chairman and president at BellSouth; John Hindman, a retired vice president of strategic communications and public affairs for UPS Airlines; and Patrick T. Murphy Jr., a real estate sales and development agent at the Hart Corp., in Marietta, Ga.

Fletcher has the option of giving the job to one of the three or asking for a new list of candidates.

The position has been vacant since the end of January, when former Economic Development Secretary Gene Strong retired. Gene Fuqua has been serving as acting secretary since Strong left.

The Cabinet for Economic Development is the primary state agency responsible for creating new jobs and new investment in Kentucky.

FAMILY COUPON \$1.00 OFF PER PERSON \$1.00 OFF

Little Paint Putting Greens
ALL NATURAL TURF

MINI GOLF

Just off Rt. 23 at Little Paint Road
500 yds. south of Highlands Hospital Exit

ADULTS.....\$4.00 2ND ROUND 1/2 PRICE
STUDENTS.....\$3.00
CHILDREN.....\$2.00 OPEN MAY 1
UNDER 12

TUES - SUN 10 A.M. - 9 P.M. COUPON

CASH ONLY PLEASE COUPON GOOD MAY 1 - 31

It's That Time Again...

HENSLEY NURSERY AND LANDSCAPING

RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

- Landscaping
- Trimming
- Sod & Seeding
- Fertilizing
- Mulch

Licensed by The State of KY for Ornamental & Turf Pest Control
Licensed and Insured
PRESTONSBURG
606 886-8761

BOB
FREE ESTIMATES
48 Years In Business

Clayton HOMES
of Harold, Ky.

Would like to welcome
Clayton Tackett to our sales team.

Clayton would like to ask all his friends, family and neighbors to come see him for the **BEST DEAL** when buying a new home.

Clayton Homes is the #1 Retailer in America.

We **BUILD, FINANCE & SERVICE** Our Homes.
Remember to ask for Clayton @ Clayton Homes
(606) 478-9246



General Assignment Reporter

The Floyd County Times is currently accepting applications for a full-time or part-time general assignment reporter. The ideal candidate will possess strong writing skills, dedication to the principles of journalism, strong people skills and a go-getter attitude. Experience is preferred and the ability to work flexible hours is a must.

You may submit your resume and writing samples to:

Managing Editor **Ralph B. Davis**,
The Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
or via email to:
web@floydcountytimes.com

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Floyd County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 7 through May 21, 2007. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2007, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2007 will be due about September 15, 2007.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall **not** be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Connie Hancock
Property Valuation Administrator
Floyd County

Injured

By A Careless Driver?

KIRK Law Firm

Prestonsburg • McDowell
Paintsville • Catlettsburg
Pikeville • Inez
Winchester

Will help you:

- Get Lost Wages
- Get a Rental Car
- Get Paid for Doctor
- Get Paid for Injuries
- Get Paid for Suffering
- Get Medical Treatment

Remember,
We Do *Not* Represent Insurance Companies.
886-9494; 377-7785
This is an advertisement

Early Times \$18.99 1/2-gal. Doral Cigarettes Carton \$19.99 + tax

J & J Liquors
Betsy Layne • 478-2477

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

The Times

CLASSIFIEDS work for you!

sell — buy — rent — hire — find

Over 18,000 Readers every issue!

Local Rates Include Online

only \$5.50 for the first three lines, \$1.00 each additional line
Bargain Basement - Items under \$100 - 3 lines, half price
Yard Sale Ads - 1 Day \$5.00 - 3 days \$12.00 (30 words or less)

"For Sale Special"
 3 lines/
 3 days only

\$16

5 Easy ways to place your ad:

1. Call: (606) 886-8506, LeighAnn Williams
2. Fax: (606) 886-3603
3. E-mail: classifieds@floydcountytimes.com
4. Stop by: 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg
5. Mail: P.O. 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Our hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

DEADLINES:
 Wednesday's paper @ Mon., noon
 Friday's paper @ Wed., 5 p.m.
 Sunday's paper @ Thurs., 5 p.m.

Visa - MC - Discover
 Check

The Best Way To Write An Ad:

- Begin with a key word (item for sale, etc.)
- Use descriptive words to identify your items
- State your price or terms
- Include a phone number and/or e-mail address

NAME _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE #: _____

Write your ad here:

(approximately 18 letters per line)

CREDIT CARD:

Our CLASSIFIEDS Will WORK For You!!!

The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

AUTOMOTIVE

Boats

FOR SALE
 Ranger Boat 390V, 200 H.P. Johnson, new 80lb. Minn Kota. Livewells, rod box, storage boxes, tandem trailer, with brakes, cover, hot foot, on board battery charger. 1989 model, great shape. Asking \$10,000. 889-0039.

Wheels/Misc

HICKS AUTO SALES DAVID ROAD
 April Special!!
 '98 Cherokee Classic, Light damage \$2,600 4.0, automatic.
 '99 Grand Cherokee Laredo \$4,995.
 '96 Toyota Avalon, 140,000 miles. Extra sharp. \$4,200.
 '02 Ranger 4 cylinder 5 speed, \$4,295
 '98 4x4 Nissan Frontier 5 speed air. \$4,500.
 2001 Ford Tarus SES 80,000 miles. \$4,495, Moonroof.
 92 Pathfinder, automatic, \$2,295
 2001 Impala 75,000 miles LS \$5,395. 97 Camry, Moon roof, 4 cylinder. \$1,995.
 '97 S-10 Automatic, 4.3. \$1,995.
 886-2842
 886-3451.

FOR SALE
 1998 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 Ext. cab. V-6, automatic, A/C. 190,000 miles and new tires! Runs great, perfect work truck. \$5,800.00. Call 789-8747 or 367-1779 or 367-1551.

FOR SALE
 '96 Chevy Suburban good condition, leather interior. \$4,500 call 886-6591.

FOR SALE
 2005 25 Foot Dutchman Travel Trailer. Complete kitchen bath, queen bed, TV/satellite/Stereo MANY EXTRAS! Priced to pay off \$11,000. Call 606-478-9905 leave message.

FOR SALE
 Submergible deep well Meyer pumps. Half 3 quarter and 1 horse power. Call 358-2000.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding

Job Listings

JOB OPENING
 Heavy Equipment steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid drivers license and up to date surface mining papers. Mine emergency tech is a plus. Call Mon. thru Friday 9a-5p. 606-886-1759. If no answer leave message.

JOB OPENING
 Minimum experienced loan officer minimum of 2 years experience necessary. Please send resume to: Bank of Hindman. Attn: Valerie Bartley PO Box 786 41822.

JOB OPENING
 Now hiring at Best Western Inn for housekeepers. Apply in person. Ask for Rhonda.

JOB OPENING
 Data collector: Position available with Cowork Staffing Services. Position is responsible for collecting retail pricing in grocery, office, pet and mass retailer's locations. Prior grocery, merchandising, inventory or mystery shopping experience helpful. For more details concerning number of hours and pay please call 1-866-744-9447 ext. 27153.

JOB OPENING
 Driver/Greeter needed for Veteran's Outreach Program. Must have a car and be willing to travel. Must also enjoy the public. Toll free 888-283-8638 or 866-212-5592.

JOB OPENING
 Part time office position available. Computer skills a must! Please mail your resume to Po Box 390 Prestonsburg, KY 41653 Attn: LeighAnn.

Inside Yard Sale Thursday-Friday-Saturday 3,4,5 9am-? 1 Mile up Turkey Creek Lots of new items! clothes-Girls 18 months. 285-9212 Wanda

JOB OPENING
 Truck Driver needed with class A and B CDL. Call 606-836-2942

JOB OPENING
 Help wanted! Delivery Driver needed for Fat Boys Pizza and Grill. Call 285-1000

JOB OPENING
 Otter Creek Correctional Center is currently accepting applications for Correctional Officers. Must possess High School Diploma/GED certification or equivalent. A valid drivers license is required. Otter Creek Correctional Center is also taking applications for a Health Service Administrator. Must be licensed in the state of employment. Three years of professional experience, which includes one year in a supervisory position required. Otter Creek Correctional Center is accepting applications for a Maintenance Supervisor. Must possess a High School Diploma, GED certification or equivalent. Must have an additional four years of technical education, experience and or training in the operation, maintenance and repair of mechanical and electrical systems to include at least one year of supervisory experience. Extensive knowledge of building construction and the operation of building systems preferred. A valid driver's license is required. Interested applicants may apply at 327 Correctional Road, Wheelwright, KY 41669 or online at www.correction-scrcorp.com Otter Creek Correctional Center is an equal opportunity employer. M/F/D/V.

JOB OPENING
 Wanted: LPN'S, RN'S or licensed Resp. Therapist to work in casual environment with elderly lady. Call 226-6243 or 226-1324. Also,

LOOKING FOR HELP
 cleaning house, general house work. Located at Dwale. Prefer female 40 years or older. Call Russell 874-2512.

Wolff Tanning Bed
 for sale.

JOB OPENING
 Prestonsburg Health Care Center has an opening for LPN'S or RN'S; full time and part time positions are available. We offer competitive wages and excellent benefits. If interested please stop by or send resume to 14 North Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Beside of Prestonsburg Elementary) or call 886-2378.

Please send resume to: don.downs@cdpeh.s.com or fax to: 502-695-1777 Attn:Don Downs

JOB OPENING
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts-Day and Night. Apply in person only.

JOB OPENING
 Network Service Technician Eastern KY. area. Must have excellent customer support skills setup/configure/troubleshoot servers, PCs, printers and associated network equipment in a Microsoft 2003 Active Directory

JOB OPENING
 Fund-Raiser: \$\$ for yourself, school, church, organizations. Host photo shoot! Easy, fun, profitable! 1-800-892-7604

LOOKING FOR HELP
 cleaning house, general house work. Located at Dwale. Prefer female 40 years or older. Call Russell 874-2512.

JOB OPENING
 Wanted: LPN'S, RN'S or licensed Resp. Therapist to work in casual environment with elderly lady. Call 226-6243 or 226-1324. Also,

AAA Real Estate Services, Inc.
 141 Hibbard St. Pikeville, KY
 Let Us Bring You Home

NEW LISTING


HAROLD
 BEAUTIFUL 1.5 STORY Cherry Hardwood Floors in kitchen & dining room, cherry cabinets, minutes from Pikeville! Call today! \$189,900 MLS# 15401

PRESTONSBURG
 TWO HOUSES SIDE BY SIDE (Left) 3 BR, 1 Bath, recently remodeled, 1+/- acre. \$89,900 MLS# 15154 (Right) 3 BR, 1 Bath, minutes from town. \$59,000 MLS# 15153

ALLEN
 RANCH STYLE HOME Hardwood flooring in living room, carpeted bedrooms, deck, nice deck, garden space. \$79,500 MLS# 14598

Call for an appointment today!
 Now Open on Saturdays! 10am-3pm
 Shirley Blackburn - Principal Broker/Owner
 606-433-9700 ~ 1-800-433-8661
 www.LISTWITHAAA.com

*** JOB ANNOUNCEMENT *** Youth Trainer

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is seeking a Youth Trainer for the WIA Program in Floyd County. Duties include but are not limited to: assisting with recruitment and planning of youth activities, providing employment/academic training for youth, workshops, seminars, home visitation, assessment, determination of eligibility, and documentation for career plan development and case management services. Additional duties include assessing physical, psychological and social service needs of youth.

Bachelor's degree in Counseling, Social Work, or related field is required, as well as experience working with youth in a leadership capacity.

The successful candidate must possess the ability to communicate and work effectively with a wide range of people and have knowledge of community resources and available services. The position will require travel throughout the five-county service area.

Qualified applicants may submit a resume and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc.

ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Friday, May 4, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. An equal opportunity employer.

call 886-2378.

JOB OPENING
 Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts-Day and Night. Apply in person only.

JOB OPENING
 Network Service Technician Eastern KY. area. Must have excellent customer support skills setup/configure/troubleshoot servers, PCs, printers and associated network equipment in a Microsoft 2003 Active Directory

Please send resume to: don.downs@cdpeh.s.com or fax to: 502-695-1777 Attn:Don Downs

Services
COMPUTER REPAIR! \$40.00 FLAT FEE! 1/2 price of competitors price. Call 226-1654.

HISTORICAL SAMMUEL MAY HOUSE North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg is available for weddings, receptions,

business meetings, and family reunions. Ample parking restroom and kitchenette, HandiCap accessible. Call Sam Hatcher 432-3528

for rates and dates.

MERCHANDISE
 Kays Wallpaper 205 Depot Rd. Paintsville, KY.

Driver-\$1000 Orientation Pay!
 (Flatbed O/O's only)
 This is YOUR chance to drive for CRST MALONE, the TOP destination for Flatbed Drivers in the Country.
 •Avg. \$1.77gross/loaded mile & over \$.33 cpm Fuel Surcharge.
 • Flatbed Trailers Available. 6 months OTR exp. required.
\$0 DOWN LEASE PURCHASE
 866-713-2778
 www.malonecontractors.com

Jerry's RESTAURANT
 Prestonsburg
HELP WANTED: Waitresses, dishwashers/busboys, cooks. Paid vacation, health insurance available. Uniforms furnished.
 No phone calls, please!
 Apply in person.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms
 available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. in Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER

Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

HOME FOR SALE
 2 1/2 Miles on Abbott, at 111 Creekside. Maple Cabinetry, carpet, 2 BR, fireplace. Recently remodeled. Call 886-0893.

Storage Units for rent
 10x10 \$40.00
 10x20 \$60.00
 10x30 \$80.00
 Located on 1428 Old Allen Rd. Call 874-4511.

SWIMMING POOLS
 Lay-A-way Now for spring and receive FREE Case of Chlorine and Gal. Algaecide and FREE Solar Blanket With Purchase ANY Deluxe Kit
 15' Round\$875
 24' Round \$1514
 12x24 \$1799
HOLIDAY POOLS INC.
 HUNTINGTON, WV • 429-4788

Save on auto insurance.

At Nationwide®, we go the extra mile to save you money. That's why we offer a variety of auto premium discounts, including our multi-car discount, our safe driver discount, airbag discount and more. Call us and start saving money today.
 Nationwide Is On Your Side®
 Kimber McGuire
 303 University Drive
 Prestonsburg, Ky.
 (606) 886-0008 (Office)
 (606) 886-9483 (Fax)
Nationwide Insurance & Financial Services
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and affiliated Companies
 Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215-2220
 Nationwide® is a registered federal service mark of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

REGENCY PARK APARTMENTS
 One, Two and Three Bedroom Units
 Kitchen Appliances Furnished
 Water, Sewer & Garbage Paid
 Located on U.S. 321 (below hospital)
 For Applications, call or write:
 Regency Park Apartments
 61 Regency Park Dr., Box 17
 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
PHONE:
 606-886-8318
 or 1-800-686-4447
 (TDD for speech & hearing impaired 711)

-Quality wall covering all under \$10.00. New hours M-F 3-6. Sat 12-4. Call 789-4127. You may call after 10am for service other than regular hours

FOR SALE
Feed for sale and flea market items for sale. Call 452-9651. Located near Wheelwright off 122 on Buckingham.

Animals

FOR SALE
AKC Registered German Shepherd and Boxer pups. Excellent Blood lines. \$350 each. Phone 606-298-3783 after 5:00pm or leave message, will return call.

FOR SALE
2 Male Jack Russell Dogs. Call 886-6495

Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

Yard Sale

YARD SALE
At the home of Bill Jack Compton Spurlock RD. Prestonsburg. Across from mountain arts center, RT 122. Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th.

YARD SALE
5 Family yard sale, 63 Branham Village, Prestonsburg. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 3, 4, 5. Baby and children clothing, house hold items.

YARD SALE
458 Trimble Branch, Friday May 4 8-6. Saturday May 8-2.

YARD SALE
Friday May 4, 7:30 AM -3:00PM, 18 South Riverview LN., Mayo Addn. Furniture, tools, quilts, crockery, household, clothes, misc. items.

YARD SALE
Trimble Chapel F.W.B Church at intersection RT 80 and US 23, Water Gap, KY. May 4th and 5th. Time 9-4. Call 886-9032 or 874-2324

YARD SALE
5 Family yard sale May 5th to 8-12 at Community Trust Bank parking lot Prestonsburg, KY. Girls- 18 mos thru 4t Boys 4-6 young women 5-7-9, young men 30,32,34 pants Med-Large shirts, ladies clothing, Misc. household items, toys, baby items.

YARD SALE
4 FAMILY! 1 Mile past Thunder Ridge on RT. 3 on the right at Morrison Drive, watch for signs and balloons. Tues-Thurs 8-12 items include small bath-

room cabinet, 4 pc resin lawn furn, 4 mp digital camera, home interior, color tv, desk, baby stuff, photo printer, 1400 psi power washer, patio umbrella, toys, VHS movies, self propelled lawn mower, books on tape, pressure washer, mens and women's clothing and lots more. Don't miss it!

YARD SALE
RAIN OR SHINE Friday and Saturday May 4-5 in front of Home Furniture.

YARD SALE
Fri, May 4, 7:30AM-3:00PM, 18 South Riverview LN, Mayo Addn. Furniture, Tools, Quilts, Crockery, Household, Clothes, Misc. Items.

YARD SALE
RAIN OR SHINE One day only, May 3rd 1 mile off Mt. Parkway on David Rd. (Jct. 404) lots of great bargains.

YARD SALE
2 Family yard sale May 5th and 2nd. Brick house at State Road Fork.

YARD SALE
3 Family yard sale Playstation 2, video games, DVD movies, dresses, comforter set, young women clothing, young men clothing, ect. Name brand clothing, American Eagle, Abercrombie and Fitch, Express, Levis. Rt. 404 across from the new David Fire Department. C. Nelson Dr. David Road. May 2-5

YARD SALE
May 2 and 3 at Caff Creek near Emma on Rt. 1428. Lots of brand name clothing, furniture, home interior, and much more. Call 874-2470.

YARD SALE
4 Family yard sale May 4, 5 US 23 across from Drains unlimited. Blue house on hill. Brand name boys & girls clothing, crib bed, baby saucer, toys, house hold items, and ect..

YARD SALE
Saturday May 5th 8-2, Allen, KY behind Allen Fire Department on Right. Little girls clothing 18mo-4t and toys.

YARD SALE
Saturday May 5th 8-2, Allen, KY behind Allen Fire Department on Right. Little girls clothing 18mo-4t and toys.

YARD SALE
May 2,3,4 early to late, rain or shine! Kenmore Gas Dryer, some furniture, JBL tall speakers, complete Culligan water softener, lots of Misc. items at Betsy Clark Br. between Martin and Allen.

YARD SALE
3 Family Yard Sale May 4,5 at 1134 Riverside Drive, Prestonsburg. 8:30-? Clothing, women's plus, toddler girls, house hold.

YARD SALE
Huge yard sale. Women's, JR cloth-

ing and shoes, boys, baby clothing and other items. Queen size mattress and box spring, hockey table and many other items. 1/2 mile on right at Mays Branch behind Pizza Hut. Saturday May 5th only. 9-3

YARD SALE
In basement May 2-5 1.5 miles on Abbott Creek Road. DVD, CDS, VCR, Movies, clothes, shoes, computer, toys box spring + mattress Full, lawnmowers and much more.

YARD SALE
Car port sale rain or shine. May 1,2,3 at 366 North Highland Prestonsburg.

YARD SALE
Abbott Creek Rd. VCR, Chain Saw, TV, Wall mount, 2 baby strollers, boys 2-3T clothes, toys, mens and women's clothes, shoes, books.. ect.

YARD SALE
Rain or shine, May 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 from 9am to ? at Floyd-Magoffin line on 114 to 1427 come 1.6 miles to Holbrook Hollow Rd. Follow signs. Misc items, clothes, house hold items, furniture, and ceramics

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE
3 PC living room suite. Blue floral. Good condition. \$300 Call 886-6490.

FOR SALE
Laz-y Boy Sofa and love seat. \$200 886-8717

ITEMS FOR SALE
King size bed for sale with frame and head board! 100 CD Jute box. Full size Pin Ball Machine. Call 606-226-6010

FOR SALE
Great business opportunity! A 15x15 Ninja jump inflatable bounce house. Two years old. Can be rented all year round, used for personal use, or for church events (VBS). Comes with the electric blower and patch kit. \$1200!!! If interested, call 874-5157, leave a message.

ITEMS FOR SALE
Shot Gun, 1925 asking \$500, free fire wood cut! Apartment size refrigerator for sale, \$100. Colonial rug for sale, \$20. Call 285-3704

WOLFF TANNING BEDS NEW & USED. Monthly payments, free delivery within 100 miles of London. Parts - Lamps - Services. 1-888-554-0058.

LOT FOR RENT
Located at Old Allen Road. \$200 per month. City sewer available. 874-2421 and 259-1844.

REAL ESTATE

Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE
2 story house, new construction, all electric, central heat and air. 3 BR, living room with electric log fire place, big kitchen with cherry cabinets, stove, refrigerator, dish washer, Florida sunroom, utility room with W/D, office with computer hookup and desk. City water and garbage pickup. Located on Rt. 23 (4-lane) Floyd County, lvel. Shown by appointment only. Call 606-437-6507 or 434-9008.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Auxier, small house, excellent condition. Asking \$49,900. Call 886-1416 or 886-3680

HOUSE FOR SALE
3.5 acres 3 BR 2 bath, attached 2 car garage with work shop or 1/2 acre lot for sale. Prestonsburg, meadows branch area. Call 889-0149.

HOUSE FOR SALE
4 BR Brick house apx 1500 sq. ft. 2 baths, living room, family room, kitchen, utility room, large deck, double carport on nice corner lot. Hardwood floors in living room, kitchen, family room and one bedroom. New carpet in 3 bedrooms. Also has Gas log fire place, electric. heat pump. Located 2 miles up Abbott Rd. on Frasure Hill Dr. - Prestonsburg, KY. 606-886-6778. Shown by appointment. www.sharphome.com

HOUSE FOR SALE
3 BR 1 bath, newly shingled, carpet, laminate flooring, central heat and air, fenced in yard. Paved drive way. \$75,000. Call 886-6591.

HOUSE FOR SALE
2,600 Sq. Ft. 4 BR brick 2 1/2 bath. ADT security system. Out of flood plain in Prestonsburg. 606-886-1624.

PRICE REDUCED MUST SELL NOW!
Two houses!!! One is 4 BR, living room, dining room, kitchen, bath. The other house is 2 BR, living, big kitchen, bath, built over garage work shop and laundry room, 2 outside storage building. Natural gas, paved parking, chain link fenced yard. 7/10 acre lot. Very livable move in condition. All for a very reasonable price of \$42,000. **NO LAND CONTRACTS.** Salyers Branch, Hueysville area. Call 606-358-9346

HOUSE FOR SALE
3 BR brick home with detached 1 car garage, 2 bats, 12 acres of land in the Hueysville area up Salyers Branch, city water, blacktop road. Call 606-358-9498

HOUSE FOR SALE
3 BR 2 bath house completely remodeled inside and out. South River view lane. Prestonsburg. 886-8991.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Newly constructed house for sale located at Abbott Creek. Vaulted living room ceiling, 3 BR, bonus room, fireplace, with cherry hardwood floors and cabinets with spacious attached garage. Located 4 miles from us 23. Panoramic view located in new subdivisions. \$210,000 asking price Seller willing to help with closing costs! Call 606-285-0054 606-791-0719, evenings 606-377-6042

HOUSE FOR SALE
Commercial property 12 acres next to Walmart & McDonald's in Prestonsburg. 886-3023 after 5pm.

HOUSE FOR SALE
Beauty shop equip with 3 stations and tanning bed. Would consider renting for commercial use other than beauty shop. Rt. 122 1 mile South of Martin across from Garth Technical School. Must have references. 285-9112.

FOR SALE
Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Painstville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FOR RENT
1 BR apt near college. Extremely nice, suitable for one person. No pets please. House of Neeley. 886-3565.

FOR RENT
2 BR Duplex, total electric. Central heat and air, newly built. Located on US 23 North of Prestonsburg. No pets, call 889-9747 or 886-8003.

FOR RENT
Now Renting Park place Apartments. Rent starting at: 1BR - \$280, 2BR - \$304. All electric HUD accepted. Call 886-0039 Equal Housing Opportunity

FOR RENT
2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. Unfurnished, nice, quiet neighborhood. Deposit and references required. Call 358-9123 Leave message.

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. 2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR MH available in Martin call 285-3980

FOR RENT
2 BR MH for rent, \$350 per month. Plus Security deposit and utilities. Located on Cow Creek. References required. Call 606-874-2802.

FOR RENT
2 BR trailer located on Johnson-Floyd line. No HUD, no pets. 886-3151 after 5:00pm.

FOR RENT
Mh for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH lot 4.5 miles West of MAC on Rt. 114. Call 886-2288.

FOR RENT
1 BR apt for rent, all utilities paid. \$450 per month, call 886-6061.

FOR RENT
1 BR apt near college. Extremely nice, suitable for one person. No pets please. House of Neeley. 886-3565.

FOR RENT
2 BR Duplex, total electric. Central heat and air, newly built. Located on US 23 North of Prestonsburg. No pets, call 889-9747 or 886-8003.

FOR RENT
Now Renting Park place Apartments. Rent starting at: 1BR - \$280, 2BR - \$304. All electric HUD accepted. Call 886-0039 Equal Housing Opportunity

FOR RENT
2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. Unfurnished, nice, quiet neighborhood. Deposit and references required. Call 358-9123 Leave message.

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. 2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR MH available in Martin call 285-3980

FOR RENT
2 BR MH for rent, \$350 per month. Plus Security deposit and utilities. Located on Cow Creek. References required. Call 606-874-2802.

FOR RENT
2 BR trailer located on Johnson-Floyd line. No HUD, no pets. 886-3151 after 5:00pm.

FOR RENT
Mh for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH lot 4.5 miles West of MAC on Rt. 114. Call 886-2288.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
1 BR apt for rent, all utilities paid. \$450 per month, call 886-6061.

FOR RENT
1 BR apt near college. Extremely nice, suitable for one person. No pets please. House of Neeley. 886-3565.

FOR RENT
2 BR Duplex, total electric. Central heat and air, newly built. Located on US 23 North of Prestonsburg. No pets, call 889-9747 or 886-8003.

FOR RENT
Now Renting Park place Apartments. Rent starting at: 1BR - \$280, 2BR - \$304. All electric HUD accepted. Call 886-0039 Equal Housing Opportunity

FOR RENT
2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. Unfurnished, nice, quiet neighborhood. Deposit and references required. Call 358-9123 Leave message.

FOR RENT
2 BR apt for rent. 2 BR 1 BATH. Stove, refrigerator, W/D hook up. City limits at 23 and 80. \$485 per month, \$300 deposit. No pets. 1 year lease. 606-237-4758

FOR RENT
2 BR MH available in Martin call 285-3980

FOR RENT
2 BR MH for rent, \$350 per month. Plus Security deposit and utilities. Located on Cow Creek. References required. Call 606-874-2802.

FOR RENT
2 BR trailer located on Johnson-Floyd line. No HUD, no pets. 886-3151 after 5:00pm.

FOR RENT
Mh for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH lot 4.5 miles West of MAC on Rt. 114. Call 886-2288.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

utilities. Must have references. 791-1790

HOUSE FOR RENT
3 BR 2 Bath Log Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covereddeck, Large storage barn. Acres of privacy, \$980.00 month. 850-222-2226. Leave message. See pix at www.washington-publishers.com/For Rent/index.htm

FOR RENT
MH for rent at Banner, 3 BR, NO HUD. Call 874-0267

FOR RENT
Newly remodeled MH. 3 BR 2 Bath. Central heat and air, 2 inch metal top for insulation. Water, sewage, and garbage furnished. Located 2 miles from the new Food City. No pets, no HUD. Must have 2 years of good rental records. \$475 per month, \$350 deposit. 874-2162

FOR RENT
2 BR MH available in Martin call 285-3980

FOR RENT
2 BR MH for rent, \$350 per month. Plus Security deposit and utilities. Located on Cow Creek. References required. Call 606-874-2802.

FOR RENT
2 BR trailer located on Johnson-Floyd line. No HUD, no pets. 886-3151 after 5:00pm.

FOR RENT
Mh for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH lot 4.5 miles West of MAC on Rt. 114. Call 886-2288.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

FOR RENT
MH for rent. No HUD. Call 889-0363.

Kentucky 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-5467 to add an operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is the permittee. The additional operator will be Bubba Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 13, Beaver, KY 41604. The permit is approximately 1.85 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, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional

Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Salltick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Martin and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the area mining method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Nelson Prater, John Henry Hale, and Jerry Banks.

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

Creek Road, KY 41502, intends to transfer permit number 836-5482 to Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, 25 Clydean Drive, Leburn, KY, 41831. The new permit number will be 836-5520. The operation disturbs 92.6 surface acres and underlies 853.9 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer.

2) The operation is located 2.3 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.04 mile east from KY 1929's junction with Hoods Fork Road and located in Hoods Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg regional office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located near Craynor of Floyd County. The amendment will add 162.77 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 187.86 acres making a total area of 1162.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.5 miles south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Evan and Audie Howell, Carmel and Marie

Clark, F.W. Newsom Heirs, Blaine and Zella Slone Heirs, James McKinney, Joseph C. Akers, Glen and Willa Jean Tackett, Maggie Howell, et. al., and Evan Howell. The amendment will underlie land owned by Olivia Hamilton, Darvene Hamilton, Arnold Turner, Jr., et. al., F. W. Newsom Heirs, Carmel and Marie Clark, and Joseph C. Akers and Richard Hamilton et al. The operation will use the contour, auger, and area method of surface mining.

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

Service

IS OUR BUSINESS

J&M
Seamless
Guttering, Siding
and Metal Roofing
Located at
Weeksbury, Ky.
14 Years Experience

Free estimates, call anytime
226-2051
606-452-2490, 606-424-9858

**TRI-STATE
SCHOOL OF
PHLEBOTOMY
NOW OFFERING
PHLEBOTOMY
CLASSES 1 DAY
PER WEEK FOR
8 WEEKS
8:30AM-4:30PM
BEGINNING MAY
9, 2007
CALL 606-928-
1530**

Cobra Cleaners
Heavy Equipment
Mining Equipment
Commercial & Residential

CHIP WARD
BRAD WARD
Owners

Phone (606) 285-4710
Brad (606) 226-6388
Chip (606) 226-4432

**THE
ELECTRIC
WORKS**

Residential • Commercial
Installation & Maintenance

• Free Estimates •
James Warrix (Licensed)
(606) 874-9123

J & L

Electrical Contracting
Residential & Commercial
Electrical Services
Home Improvements and Repairs

Free Estimates • Reliable

Ph: (606) 886-2785
Pager: (606) 482-0229
John K. Lewis, Master Electrician
Licensed: ME8643, CE8644

**Mine Safety &
First Aid Training**
Newly Employed
24 hr. Class (surface)
40 hr. (underground)
8 hr. refresher
(surface & underground)
Also Drug Testing
285-0999
Train at your convenience.

B & T
Home Repair
and Construction

Everything from remodeling to new construction. Concrete, drywall, siding, decks, metal roofs, and much, much more. No job too big or too small. Over 15 years experience.

Free Estimates!
Call 606-793-1077

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5520 Transfer

1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0303, Amendment No. 3

In accordance

Be an Angel.

Become a Kentucky organ & tissue donor.
For information contact:
1-800-525-3456, or
www.trustforlife.org

SHEPHERD'S PLUMBING
Residential & Commercial

- Gas Lines
- Roto-Rooter
- Install Septic Tanks
- Small Excavating

24-Hour Service
886-0363

Professional Carpet Care
Deodorizing
Spot Removal

We Move Furniture!!
We Do Cars!!

606-886-0637
859-420-4141

TRIPLE S CONSTRUCTION

No Job Too Big or Too Small!
RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL
606-265-3336 or 606-265-4678

New Construction • Remodeling
Vinyl Siding • Window Replacement
Hardwood Flooring
Shingle/Tin Roofing
Decks/Porches/Garages
Concrete Work

FREE ESTIMATES

Yard Sale

Attention Readers

Huge yard sale held by Floyd County Times Employees! RAIN OR SHINE!
Clothing of all sizes, shoes, toys, misc. items-
Too many items to mention.
Come by and see us on Saturday May, 5th in the Floyd County Times Parking lot. (Across from Ray Howard Furniture)
Don't miss this awesome sale!!!

Let it stand for all Americans still

DISTRESSED
by poverty

Once, she needed care. And Americans united to restore her as a symbol of freedom. Today, nearly 35 million Americans are still working to stand tall and free themselves from poverty. You can help light the way and rekindle a spirit of community with those in need. Find out how at www.povertyusa.org.

Poverty in America
WE CAN END IT.
www.povertyusa.org

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
1-800-946-4243

Be A Disaster Relief Hero

Victims of the recent hurricane need help immediately. The American Red Cross is on the scene—providing shelter, food and counseling. But your help is urgently needed. Your contribution will help the victims of the recent hurricane and thousands of other disasters across the country each year.

Make a financial contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund.
Please contact the Red Cross at
1-800-HELP NOW
redcross.org

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life



Melody Combs
Med Tech / Lab
Whitesburg, Kentucky

People You Know

What makes a hospital the best place to work?

*Growth & Development, opportunity, technology, respect,
people you know*

"I am a Med Tech from Whitesburg, Kentucky and I drive 54 miles to get to work each day. Our department is well staffed so we can provide the excellent care our patients deserve. I wouldn't think of working anywhere else."

Melody Combs

**Pikeville Medical Center ... The Region's
Medical Leader**

**PIKEVILLE
MEDICAL
CENTER**
Equal Opportunity Employer

**For Employment
Opportunities
Contact**

**Brian Mullins
Pikeville Medical Center
(606) 218-3504**



www.pikevillehospital.org

Sports Editor
Steve LeMaster
Phone: (606) 886-8506
Fax: (606) 886-3603

Members:
Associated Press
Kentucky Press Association
National Newspaper Association

FLOYD COUNTY Sports

SECTION

B

INSIDESPORTS

- PC Baseball • page B4
- Jeremy Slone wins • page B4
- Turkey hunting • page B4

ALC NOTEBOOK • B3

INSIDESTUFF

- Lifestyles • B5
- Classifieds • A section

www.floydcountytimes.com

"The BEST source for local and regional sports news"

Email: sports@floydcountytimes.com

P'burg looks to turn to turf

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Touchdown Club is currently conducting a fundraising effort to acquire the needed funds to put synthetic turf on the football field at Prestonsburg High School. Cost of the project is estimated to be \$500,000. The second meeting of a committee was held Sunday night at the Prestonsburg High School Fieldhouse.

During the meeting, Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett addressed the 30-plus people who were in attendance. The veteran Prestonsburg football coach hopes to get a synthetic turf surface in as soon as possible. Pikeville, Belfry, Shelby Valley and Letcher County Central high schools are currently home to turf football fields. Neighboring Johnson Central is also looking to put down a turf football field.

"We've had two outstanding meet-

ings," said DeRossett. "We want everyone to get behind this and make it happen. This is something that will benefit everyone. Twenty or 30 years down the road, we can all look back and say this was something we were directly a part of and helped to make possible. We want everyone to come out and get involved. The surface will greatly benefit all students and members of our community."

(See TURF, page two)



Prestonsburg High School Coach John DeRossett addressed those on hand during Sunday's turf committee meeting at the PHS Fieldhouse.

photo by Jamie Howell

Rebs defeat P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — After a lengthy layoff, Prestonsburg and Allen Central returned to play on Friday for a key 58th District/Floyd County Conference baseball matchup. In another commanding pitching performance, Allen Central junior Scott Little remained undefeated. Little pitched a complete game

(See REBELS, page three)

Lady Rebs edge Betsy Layne, 2-1

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT — The Allen Central softball team won its second game in three outings on Saturday, beating 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Betsy Layne 2-1.

Allen Central posted the win over Betsy Layne just one day after falling to Prestonsburg in another 58th District/Floyd County Conference matchup. Prestonsburg defeated the Lady

(See LADY REBS, page two)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



COMPETING

Special Olympians from several Eastern Kentucky counties competed in Prestonsburg on Saturday as part of this year's Area 3 Games. Blackcat Stadium and Josh Francis Field have become home to the Special Olympics area event. Those athletes who competed in Saturday's area meet earned the right to move on to the state competition. The State Summer Games will be held in June on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

photos by Jamie Howell



Lady Blackcats too much for AC

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

GARRETT — Being out of action for nine days didn't hurt the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats. Behind the pitching of eighth-grader Alexis DeRossett and the hitting, running and defense of several players, Prestonsburg upended host Allen Central 9-5 on Friday in an all-important 58th

(See P'BURG, page two)

Sportsmanship banquet set for Sunday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The 2007 First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet is set for Sunday (May 6), beginning at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. This marks the 11th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship.

KHSAA member schools each select one boy and one girl as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners are then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl will be selected as the state winner and receive a one-

(See SPORTSMANSHIP, page two)

Bears ends season with loss to Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — Marty Wiesler needed to be darn-near perfect to keep his team's season alive. He was very nearly just that.

The Pikeville College baseball team, which managed a mere two hits over nine innings, simply could not solve the mystery of the side-winding right-hander and were eliminated by the Golden Bears of the West Virginia University's Institute of Technology 3-1 at Wilson Field on day two of the 2007 Mid-South Conference Tournament.

As they had done most of the season, the Bears got on the board in the first inning, albeit with some help from their opponents. Senior leadoff hitter Donald Tardy started things off by reaching on an error.

Next up was fellow senior Adam Collins (Paintsville), who executed a perfect sacrifice bunt. Wiesler, however, threw the ball into right field, allowing Tardy to score with

the game's first run. The crafty righty would work out of the inning, though, thanks to a botched squeeze play and two Pikeville strikeouts.

Bears senior starter Tony Preston looked solid in the first two frames but got into trouble in the bottom of the third. Following a leadoff walk and a sacrifice bunt, Tech's Justin Maynard drove a single to left-center, scoring Gabby Santiago to tie the game.

After a flyout to left Preston lost control, walking Demetrios Merenos and plunking Jeremy McCoy to load the bases.

With the sacks full and two outs, Preston then walked Danny Flores to force in the go-ahead run.

The senior southpaw gave way to freshman reliever A.J. Elliott (Independence), who promptly got a groundball to second. But second baseman Nathan Free could not handle it, and Tech scored its third run of the

(See BEARS, page two)



HEADED TO THE NEXT LEVEL: Betsy Layne High School senior Ryan McKinney signed with the Pikeville College soccer program on Friday afternoon during a ceremony held inside the BLHS Library.

Bears

inning. Elliott managed to strike out the next man to end the inning, but the damage had been done.

Down 3-1 and facing elimination, the Bears grew anxious at the plate, which only helped Wiesler. As the game pro-

gressed, the right-hander pitched with more and more confidence, striking out the side in the top of the seventh and carrying a no-hitter into the eighth inning.

Yet with Tardy on base with a leadoff walk in the top of the

eighth, the Bears appeared to break through. Collins managed to pick up an infield single and junior John Williamson (Canada) followed with a soft-lined single to left, loading the bases.

In stepped sophomore

catcher Josh Adams (Pikeville), who quickly laced a fastball through the middle of the infield. It seemed as if the Bears would finally tie the game, but second baseman Marty Kaetzel made a diving catch just behind the bag at second and quickly scrambled to his feet to double up Collins, who had strayed too far from the base.

Suddenly the Bears had runners at the corners and two men down, and Wiesler had a huge weight off his shoulders. The load grew even lighter when the next man popped out easily to left field, ending the Pikeville threat.

Wiesler went back to the mound in the ninth for Tech, looking to pick up his club's first victory of the year against

the Bears, who swept the Golden Bears earlier this season. The submariner made quick work of the Bears on only six pitches, closing the book on Pikeville's season and giving Tech another day to play.

Wiesler's stats said it all: nine innings, no earned runs, two hits, and 10 strikeouts. Tech leadoff hitter Nathan Himes paced the offense with a pair of singles.

Preston (4-6) suffered his second loss in 24 hours, going 2-2/3 innings and giving up three runs, two of which were earned.

Elliott, meanwhile, was stellar in relief of Preston, throwing 5-1/3 innings of shutout ball, while only giving up two hits and striking out

six. The season-ending defeat was indicative of Pikeville's play over the last few weeks. After sweeping Tech, the Bears lost 12 of their final 14 games, including their last six of the season, dropping them to 19-28-1 for the year.

While the loss of five seniors will be felt next season, Pikeville can take solace in the large number of underclassman who will return, as well as one of the most impressive recruiting classes in the Mid-South Conference.

"We may not have finished the way we would have hoped," said first-year head coach Don Ashby, "But we have a lot to build on. We competed, and we will continue to compete next year."

Continued from p1

Sportsmanship

Continued from p1

time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of First Corbin Financial Corporation. Selection criteria includes: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications.

Each regional winner will receive a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a windbreaker and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of First Corbin.

Following are the regional winners: Region 1 - Samantha Workman (Hickman County); Michael Gossum (Graves County); Region 2 - Tredene Davis (Madisonville-North Hopkins); Zack Wright (Trigg County); Region 3 - Ashley Prince (Owensboro); Brad Bilbro (Muhlenberg North); Region 4 - Erika Murphy (Cumberland County); Marcus Steele (Warren Central); Region 5 - BreAnna Milby (Green County); Troy Meno (Ft. Knox); Region 6 - Kathleen Thompson (Bullitt East); Nicholas George

(Pleasure Ridge Park); Region 7 - Haley Kilgore (Jeffersonton); Jared Stafford (Christian Academy-Louisville); Region 8 - Rachel Sipp (South Oldham); Joshua Shipp (Grant County); Region 9 - JoAnn Vrabel (Covington Latin); Nathan Dilts (Dayton); Region 10 - Katie Robertson (Bourbon County); Collin Jones (Montgomery County); Region 11 - Kristina Kirk (Woodford County); Cory Kays (Madison Central); Region 12 - Donald Walker (Mercer County); Ashley Dollins (Rockcastle County); Region 13 - Ariel Robinson (Williamsburg); A.J. Jusino (Williamsburg); Region 14 - Tabitha Crane (Estill County); Matthew Williams (Hazard); Region 15 - Olivia Harris (Pikeville); Aaron Warren (Belfry); Region 16 - Clerrinda Walker (West Carter); Chris Harris (Raceland).

UPCOMING KHSAA EVENTS
May 6 First Corbin/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition

Banquet, Lexington

May 14-15 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington

May 14-19 Regional Tennis Tournaments

May 19 KHSAA Slow Pitch Softball State Tournament

May 21-26 Regional Track Meets

May 21-26 District Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments

May 24-26 Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' State Tennis Tournaments, Lexington

May 28-June 2 Regional Baseball & Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments

June 1-2 State Track & Field Meet, Lexington

June 6-8 Semi-State Baseball Series

June 8-9 Fast Pitch Softball, Jeffersonton

June 13-16 Fifth Third/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament

June 19 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Scramble (for 2008 Class)

Lady Rebs

Continued from p1

Rebels 9-5 in a game in which the Lady Blackcats led throughout.

Allen Central eighth-grader Shea Spurlock claimed another win from her pitcher's position.

"I think we need to continue to grow and focus on getting better," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke.

"One game we hit good but defense is down and the next it is reversed. Youth has its problems but we will be alright in the end. As I have told the girls, we play for the last game not the first or middle but it is important how you finish the season. I think we will be in good shape by the district tournament."

Allen Central went out in

front 1-0 in the second inning after scoring its first run. The Lady Rebels added another run in the second inning and led 2-0 before Betsy Layne answered. The Ladycats scored their only run in the top half of the sixth inning.

Amanda Thacker was Allen Central's most produc-

tive batter, finishing two-for-three. Sarah Kinney and Megan Jones each drove in one run for the Lady Rebels.

Allen Central was playing on the road Tuesday at Betsy Layne. Results from the Allen Central-Betsy Layne softball game were unavailable at press time.

P'burg

Continued from p1

District/Floyd County Conference game. The Jack Pack-coached Lady Blackcats never trailed in the latest conference game. With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the district. The Lady Blackcats entered the week with the fewest losses of any 15th Region team.

Friday's win completed a regular-season sweep for the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg outlasted Allen Central 18-15 when the two teams met earlier in the season on April 12.

After being held scoreless in the first inning on Friday,

Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard with a lone run in the second frame. Lady Blackcat cleanup hitter Alisha Mayfield crossed home plate for Prestonsburg's first run.

The Lady Blackcats scored four runs in the third inning and two in the fourth. Prestonsburg plated one run in both the sixth and seventh innings, leading 9-0 before Allen Central could answer.

Mayfield, Brittany Collins and Linsey Fields each had two runs for the Lady Blackcats. Erica Meade added one run for visiting Prestonsburg.

Allen Central, looking to mount a rally, scored all five of its runs in the seventh inning during its final at-bat.

Elizabeth Dingus, Shea Spurlock, Sarah Kinney, Sarah Hall and Megan Jones each scored once for the Lady Rebels.

Spurlock, an eighth-grader, suffered the loss for the Lady Rebels.

Prestonsburg was back in action at home Tuesday evening against Knott County Central. Results from the Prestonsburg-Knott County Central game were unavailable

Turf

Continued from p1

Prestonsburg football players and coaches will be handing out information on the turf project at various locations each of the next two Fridays. The turf committee is holding a meeting every Sunday night at 9 p.m. at the PHS Fieldhouse. The Prestonsburg football program, due to having limited practice space on the riverbank behind Blackcat

Stadium, has often had to conduct drills on Josh Francis Field, its game field. Heavy rain has often forced the Blackcats to conduct practice on the track or indoors in the Prestonsburg High gym.

The Prestonsburg Touchdown Club will host a free pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 12 at the PHS Cafeteria. The breakfast will

consist of pancakes, bacon, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee

A turf account has been set up for donations. Donations can be mailed to: "It's Time for Turf Account" Attention: Greg Wilson, Committee Member,

First Commonwealth Bank, 311 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007 AT 2:00 P.M.
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT
418 CEDAR ESTATES - PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a ranch style home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and laundry room. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property has not been determined at this time.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Prestonsburg Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 2:00 pm., at the property site, at 418 Cedar Estates, Prestonsburg KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$59,001.68 principal, plus an interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$2,373.36, plus interest in the amount of \$7,128.20 as of September 25, 2006 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$12.5401 per day from September 25, 2006, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 4.95% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 06-169 GVT on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on December 5, 2006, in the case of the United States of America vs Terry L. Mullins, n/k/a Terry L. Innis, Billy Innis, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 418 Cedar Estates, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated May 17, 1995, and recorded in Deed Book 386, Page 661 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of \$1.83 per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquires should be directed to:

Peggy T. Meade, Rural Development Manager
Rural Development
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
Telephone: 606/886-9545

BEIGE, BROWN & WOODGRAIN WINDOWS ALSO AVAILABLE

White Vinyl Welded Double Hung Replacement WINDOWS

Window World, inc. VISIT OUR SHOWROOM

Any Size! \$189

Simply the Best for Less!

INSTALLED TOLL FREE 888-874-3004

DOUBLE PANE INSULATED GLASS

Call For A FREE In-Home Estimate! www.windowworldinc.com

6509 Rt. 1428 - Allen, KY 41601 606-874-3004

Serving The Floyd County Area Since 1958



The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad

Will be holding its

Annual Bass Fishing Tournament

At Dewey Lake (Jenny Wiley State Park)
on Saturday, May 12, 2007, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
at the Swimming Pool Hollow

Over \$7,000 in cash, plus door prizes Guaranteed!

1st Place Prize will be \$3000

2nd \$1500

4th \$750

3rd \$1000

5th \$500

GUARANTEED!!

For more information, call the hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
606-886-8114 or 606-886-7053.

Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat
Limit 100 boats

Pre-registration will be held Friday, May 11, at Swimming Pool Hollow, under the tent from 7 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. Draw for position will be at 8:00. If you cannot be here, pre-register and we will draw your position for you. All other entrees will start according to first come on Saturday Morning.

ALC NOTEBOOK

Alice Lloyd baseball, softball teams head to tourneys

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The final week of the regular-season ended last week for the Alice Lloyd College baseball team. The Eagles finished on a positive note over the weekend, winning two of three games against Berea College. In the first game of a doubleheader on Friday, the Eagles lost a tough game, falling 2-1. Timmy Taylor pitched a very good game for the Eagles, giving up only four hits in the loss. Kyle Potter led the way with three hits, followed by Tyler Turner and C.J. Lynn with two hits apiece. Adam Adkins had the only RBI for

the Eagles. Alice Lloyd fought back to win the second game, prevailing 14-6. Travis Slusher was the starting and winning pitcher. The Eagles pounded out 19 hits, led by Potter and Justin Jacobs with four hits each. Lamar Williams, J.T. Coleman, Jason Bowling, and Lynn each had two hits. Williams had three RBIs for the winning teams.

The Eagles won the final game of the series on Sunday afternoon, winning 14-6. It was also Senior Day as each senior was presented with a jersey enclosed in a case. Berea jumped out early, scoring five runs in the top of the third inning, but ALC scored

eight runs in the bottom of the same inning and five more in the last portion of the fifth to secure the win. Jason Bufka was the winning pitcher in relief. The Eagles had 16 hits in the game, three each by Potter, Kevin Slone, and Turner. Slone and Potter also had three RBIs each. Williams added a hit and two RBIs.

This week, Alice Lloyd will play in the first round of the double-elimination KIAC Conference Tournament at Berea. The Eagles will play Berea today at 6 p.m. in an opening round game.

Softball: The Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles played at Berea

on Tuesday of last week and hosted Indiana University-Southeast on Friday in the final week of the regular season. They lost the doubleheader at Berea, 12-3 and 14-6. Holly Burton had two singles. Misty Wells had a single and an RBI and Lauren Combs had a double and an RBI in the first game. In the second game, Taran Cody had a single

and a double, Krista Hardy had three singles. Kendra Ratliff, Jessica Music, Nicole Slone, and Combs each had a hit in the game. Ratliff, Slone, Hardy, and Cody had RBIs in the game.

On Friday, the Lady Eagles hosted IUS, losing both games, falling 15-0 and 11-0. Kendra Ratliff had the only hit in the first game. Alison

Gannaway, Krista Hardy, and Cody had hits in the second game.

This week, the Alice Lloyd softball team will play in the KIAC Tournament at Midway. The Lady Eagles will play Indiana University-Southeast at 1 p.m. on Thursday. The conference softball tournament is also double-elimination.



photo by Jamie Howell

P'BURG LITTLE LEAGUE: Evan Bays, pitcher for the Prestonsburg Little League Yankees, eyed a batter during a recent game.

Rebels

Continued from p1

en route to claiming his fourth win of the season. Allen Central prevailed 10-4 over Prestonsburg at the Sportspark as Little struck out 13 batters, walked seven and allowed four runs in seven innings.

Allen Central encountered a fired-up Prestonsburg team playing just its second game on a new field. The Rebels were successful, beating Prestonsburg and snapping a four-game Blackcat win streak.

"We could tell right from the beginning that Prestonsburg came to play," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "They knew this was a must win game, and were motivated by that factor along with playing only their second game on the new facility. Their players and their fans were loud. After the first inning, I gathered my boys together and told them that we have to match their intensity, we don't have to be loud, but our toughness has to outdo theirs. This is the perfect time to stand tall, toe-to-toe, with your opponent and give it all you have. We answered the call. I'm really honored by our boys - the majority being only freshman - by how they fought hard in this game. We're really going to have something special with this group in the time to come."

With the win, Allen Central improved to 3-0 in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference.

"This was a big win for us," Johnson added. "Now, if we can get some good wins over South Floyd and Betsy Layne, we can capture our second straight regular season championship. That's a big accomplishment for our very young team. If we can finish 6-0 in the district after the loss of upperclassmen we had last season, then our boys have really made a statement."

Bobby Hughes paced Prestonsburg versus the Rebels.

Allen Central dropped a pair of games on Saturday, falling to both Letcher County Central and Lee County. Letcher County Central defeated the Rebels 13-3. Lee County, one of the 14th Region's most tradition-rich baseball programs, downed Allen Central 12-4. The Rebels exited the weekend 5-12.

DR. JULIO REYES

General Surgery



is now accepting new patients at the
PAINTSVILLE MEDICAL PLAZA
 830 S. Mayo Trail, Paintsville, Ky.
606-789-4099



BEHIND THESE WALLS

THE REGION'S MOST ADVANCED BREAST CARE CENTER

IS TAKING DIAGNOSTICS TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Inside is the sophisticated diagnostic technology of one of the nation's top hospitals. And within this new Center For Advanced Imaging, specialists at King's Daughters Breast Care Center are using advanced digital mammography to find the smallest tumors with the highest degree of accuracy. If there's a problem, King's Daughters has a panel of experts that reviews each case and plans a course of treatment.

There's even a nurse navigator to help guide you through the process. This comprehensive approach to cancer care has earned King's Daughters "accreditation with commendation" from the prestigious American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. For women, it's good to know they can choose a hospital with a whole team of experts working together to make a difference in their lives.

To schedule your next mammography screening, call 1-877-304-1935 or (606) 326-2742.



KING'S DAUGHTERS
 MEDICAL CENTER
 Taking Medicine Further™

Georgetown edges Pikeville in MSC opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GEORGETOWN — Talk about a classic.

On a day when the first two games were won by a combined score of 22-3, the Pikeville College baseball team and the Georgetown Tigers treated fans at Wilson Field to a classic pitchers' duel to conclude the opening day of the 2007 Mid-South Conference Tournament. The starting pitchers held hitters to

a combined nine hits, and, in the end, the Tigers came through with a walk-off base hit to pick up the 2-1 win.

For the Bears, the opening round loss was their 11th in their last 13 games and their fifth straight.

Pikeville junior starter Jordan Compton and Georgetown starter Anthony Williams were brilliant. Compton held the Tigers hitless through the first 12 batters, while Williams countered

by retiring nine of the first 10 Bears he faced.

But Pikeville would finally break through in the top of the fourth when junior John Williamson (Canada) drove an opposite-field double to start the inning. Up next was sophomore catcher Josh Adams (Pikeville), who promptly drove a base hit to center field, scoring Williamson with the game's first run.

Still, the Tigers would claw back into the game in the bottom of the fifth against Compton. With one out, Andrew Apro hit a double to left-center. Two batters later, Colin Wilkerson brought Apro home with a single down the left field line, but he was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double.

From there the two moundsmen settled in, as each retired the next six batters he faced.

Both teams threatened, however. The Bears got the leadoff man on in the top of the eighth but could not get him in. Likewise, the Tigers managed to get runners on the corners with two men out in their half of the eighth, but a lazy fly ball to center ended the threat.

Yet in the top of the ninth it looked as if the Bears would finally retake the lead. With one man out, Adams ripped a single and later moved up to second on an error. One out later, freshman designated hitter Kory Darby (Worthington) walked, which finally chased Williams from the game.

On came reliever Nick Apro, whom the Bears tagged for three runs just two weeks ago. But Apro won this round, getting a flyout to center to end the inning.

Compton, having thrown more than 100 pitches, gave way to senior southpaw Tony

Preston (Louisville) in the ninth. Preston promptly retired his first batter, but Jason Frilling ripped a single through the hole between third and short.

Still, Frilling was soon retired when Preston induced a fielder's choice from Andrew Apro. With a runner at first and two outs, Preston walked Jake Gamsky, putting the winning run in scoring position.

In stepped Wilkerson, who hit a bleeder between first and second. Bears first baseman Maverick Barnhill (Grayson) managed to keep the ball in the infield, but the bases were loaded, and the Tigers' top hitter, leadoff man Chase Armstrong, was walking to the plate.

On a 1-1 pitch Armstrong, who had been 0-4 on the night, drove a fastball to the warning track in center field, and Apro walked home with the winning run.

The win went to Nick Apro, who earned the victory with his 1/3rd of an inning of relief for Williams, who went 8-2/3, and gave up only one run on four hits, while fanning six. Meanwhile, it was Nick's brother Andrew who led the Tiger offense, going two-for-four with a pair of doubles and scoring both of his team's runs.

The tough loss fell to Preston (4-5), who gave up one run on three hits in 2/3rd of an inning of relief of Compton, who pitched an impressive eight innings, giving up just one run on five hits and striking out a season-high eight batters.

Adams, meanwhile, paced the Pikeville offense, going 2-4 with an RBI.

With the loss, the Bears (19-27-) fell into the loser's bracket for West Virginia University's Institute of Technology.

Slone pitches Herd past Houston

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University baseball team claimed the rubber match of a three game set with the 28th-ranked Houston Cougars, 10-4, Sunday afternoon in Conference USA action.

Marshall's win on Sunday marked the second consecutive C-USA series win after the Herd took two out of three against Memphis last weekend in Memphis.

With the win, the Herd improves to 19-23, 4-10 in league action, while the Cougars fall to 24-19, 10-5 in Conference USA.

Herd starter Jeremy Slone (Paintsville) pitched a masterful game on Sunday, pitching eight and one-third inning, giving up three earned runs on seven hits to get the win and move to 3-2 on the season. Houston starter John Touchton, who pitched four complete and also gave up three earned runs on seven hits, took the loss and dropped to 4-4 for the year.

Marshall was propelled by a six-run fifth inning that blew open a 3-1 game. The Herd had 14 hits and the ten runs scored by Marshall was the third time this season MU has scored ten or more runs in a Conference USA game.

Houston jumped on the board first in the top of the inning, scoring a run Jimmy Cesario's sacrifice fly to left field, which scored Ryan Lormand. Lormand led off the game with a single, advanced to second when Herd starter Jeremy Slone walked second batter Zak Presley, and advanced to third on a Slone wild pitch.

Marshall squandered a good opportunity in the bottom half of the first to counter the Cougars. The Herd loaded the bases with no outs, but came away with no runs after Houston turned a double-play to get the first two outs of the

inning. The double play occurred with Brendan Murphy flied out to shallow right field, and Nate Lape was caught off of third base attempting to tag up. Cougar starter John Touchton then coaxed a ground out to second by Marshall's Josh Valle to end the MU threat.

The Herd added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth when Tommy Johnson doubled in Josh Valle, who earlier singled, and then Blake Sanders grounded out to second to score Brit Vincent, who also singled.

Marshall opened up the game in the bottom of the fifth after the Herd scored six runs on five hits. Barry Laird came into pitch for Cougar starter John Touchton, and Marshall immediately jumped on the Houston reliever. Nate Lape began the inning with a walk, stole second, and scored on a Brandon Casamassima bunt single. Then with the bases loaded, Josh Valle singled to right field and scored Jeff Rowley, who earlier singled. Casamassima then scored on a wild pitch. Vincent then came to the plate with Murphy and Valle on second and third, and doubled down the left field line to plate the two base runners. Blake Sanders then capped the Herd's scoring in the inning with a single, knocking in Vincent. The Herd took a 9-1 lead into the top of the seventh inning.

Houston added a run in the top of the seventh when Felix Fanaselle hit a homer over the right field wall that landed across Morris Street into the Family Dollar parking lot.

Marshall added an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth inning after Mason Chapman tripled with one out, and then Chapman scored on a passed ball from Houston pitcher Brian Tully.

Houston added two runs in the top of the ninth to make the final score, 10-4.

Hagans gets first gobblers of spring season

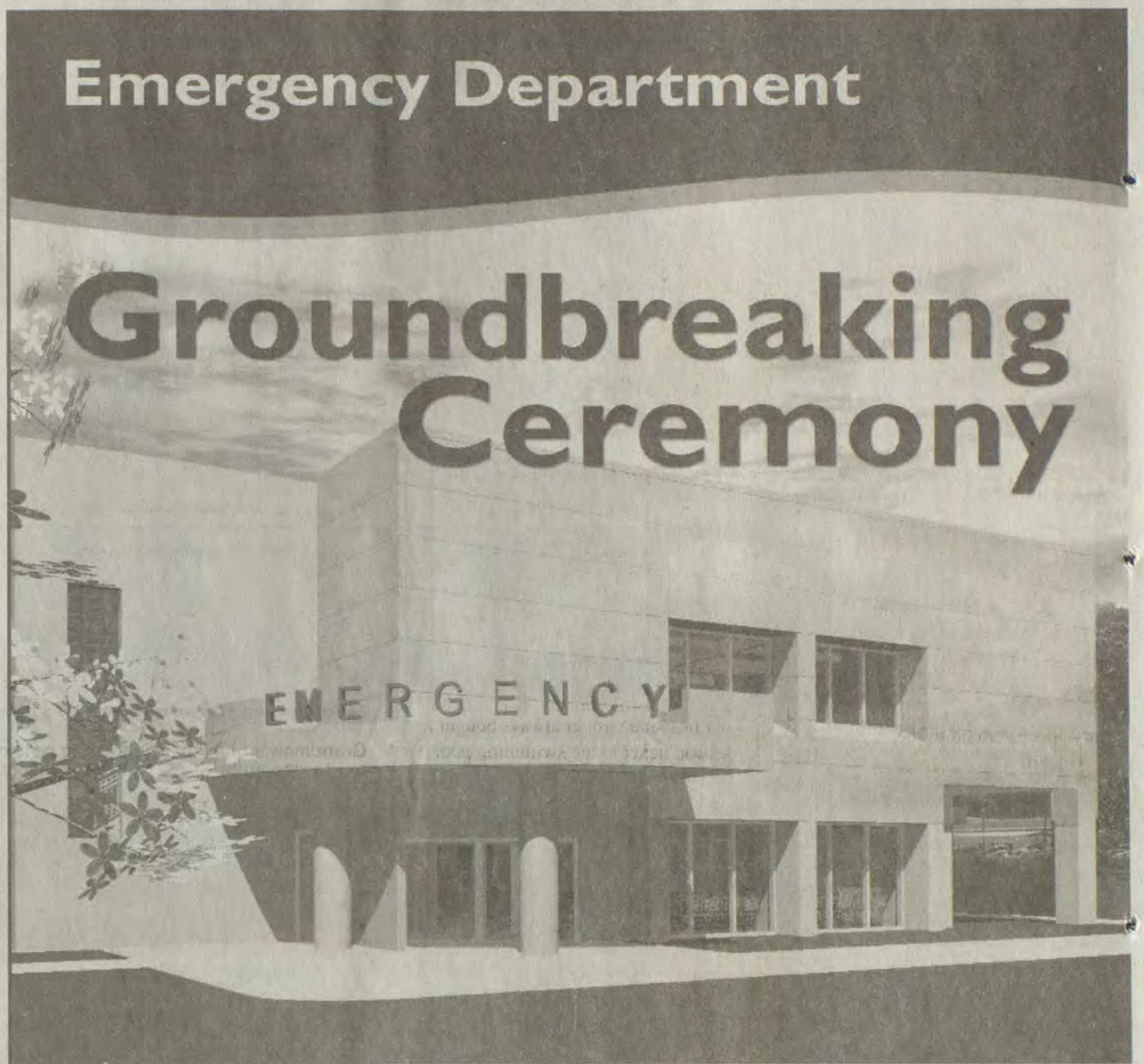
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Chapter President/Kentucky State Board member, Paul Hagans, harvested his first turkey on the first day of hunting for the 2007 season, Monday, April 16 at 7 a.m. The Hagans-harvested turkey weighed 20.6 pounds, had a 9-1/2 inch beard and 3/4-inch spurs. The next day proved to be an even better hunt for Hagans. He called in five adult gobblers from about 200 yards away and harvested his second bird at 10:35 a.m. The gobbler weighed 21.1 pounds, had a 10-3/4 inch beard, and 1-1/8 inch spurs. Both birds were taken with a muzzleloader. Since Hagans began turkey hunting, he has taken 21 birds with his muzzleloader and numerous others with modern firearms. He has



Floyd County hunter Paul Hagans is pictured with one of the two turkeys he took during a recent hunt.

a hunt scheduled this May in Wyoming in hopes of completing his Grand Slam with a muzzleloader.



Emergency Department

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Highlands Regional Medical Center is growing to better serve our communities! Join us for a groundbreaking ceremony for our Emergency Department Expansion on Friday, May 11th at 11 AM. The ceremony will take place outside the entrance to the Emergency Department, with a reception immediately following. Join us to commemorate this exciting new addition to our community hospital. Call 886-8511 or log on to www.hrhc.org for details!



For more information, call 886-8511.

11:00 AM

May 11, 2007

Robert Chaney
ATTORNEY AT LAW

1-800-DIVORCE
CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE

\$275 plus cost, for non-contested divorced

This is an advertisement.

Features Editor
Kathy Prater
Phone: (606) 886-8506
Fax: (606) 886-3603

Members:
Associated Press
Kentucky Press Association
National Newspaper Association

FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles

SCHOOLNEWS

- Allen CMS • page B6
- Clark Elem. • page B6
- May Valley Elem. • page B6

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years ago.) page B6

INSIDESTUFF

- Five generations • page B7
- New Arrivals • page B8
- Wedding • page B8

www.floydcountytimes.com

"The BEST source for local and regional society news"

Email: features@floydcountytimes.com

KIM'S KORNER

Be a Blessing

By: Kim Little Frasure

Last week was one of those weeks where you find yourself wishing the time away for it was one day after another full of heartache, turmoil and strife.

Thing is, it wasn't just one of those weeks for me, but for several. There were days I heard people asking, "Is there a full moon or what?"

It was as if all were at the end of their ropes - ready to pounce and growl. And then there was Mom's surgery right in the midst of it all.

Having added her to our online prayer chain, I received some of the most precious emails and prayers from people all around the United States and it truly blessed my soul.

One in particular that I just have to share was from a very dear friend, Jim Holbrook. For years now, Jim has never failed to send me email messages after reading this column.

I've grown quite accustomed to relying on his feedback each week. As you continue reading you will find it easy to see why Jim has become a very special friend to me.

He writes:
Kimberly, I know you have a lot on your mind right now, but maybe this story might help answer your prayers.

(See KORNER, page seven)



Kim Little Frasure

POISON OAK

And the distortions continue

by Clyde Pack

Here we go again.
A story in the paper, last Friday, said Gov. Fletcher was a bit upset because a segment of



Clyde Pack

"American Idol," last week, had made parts of Kentucky look like some sort of impoverished third-world country.

Sort of like the Columbia University professor a few weeks ago, who spoke of "Appalachian inbreeding and retardation," while speaking of a tribe in the Amazons.

Sort of like Jay Leno did a while back, with his "Got teeth?" comment.

Sort of like "City Confidential," and the story about a murder that had something to do with Pikeville.

Sort of like CBS did nearly two decades ago on "48 Hours," with the story of a place called Muddy Gut.

Sort of like, what will happen next week, next month, or next year, on some other national broadcast of some other TV show.

Let's face it. We might as well have a sign taped to our backs saying, "Please kick me!"

Whether we like it or not, everybody in this part of the country is perceived as backwoods, illiterate, and the product of some sort of incestuous union. Unfortunately, to many people, perception is reality.

And judging from efforts of others in the past who've tried, at this point—and in this culture—there's probably not a thing on earth we can do about it.

Most likely, when the documentary film makers point their expensive cameras at some ramshackle house sitting beside the road, or some junk car rust-

(See OAK, page seven)

The big blue coffee pot

By Ralph Hall

I loved the days at grandmaw's house when the coffee was hot and the pot was blue. She had this big coffee pot which was blue with white dots speckled on it. Coffee was boiled in this gallon pot - the coffee was put right into the water, a filter was never used. So we drank coffee and picked the grounds out of our teeth. What days those were when we all sat around the fireplace with the open grate. Drinking coffee as we talked about our lives on the farm as well as in the village. We told stories about coon hunting in the winter, fishing and farming in the summertime.

I had lots of aunts and uncles as well as many cousins, so the stories were many. I don't know which was better, though, the stories about coon hunting or the hot cup of coffee. Coffee was rationed in the 1940's, during the war years. Getting a fresh cup of coffee was like a blessing from heaven. Some people in our village, when they ran out of coffee, made and drank a type of coffee from the seed of a bitter tree they called the Kentucky coffee tree.

I remember well my first cup of coffee. I was a little fellow when I drink my first. Grandmaw asked me afterwards, "How did you like your coffee, Ralph?"

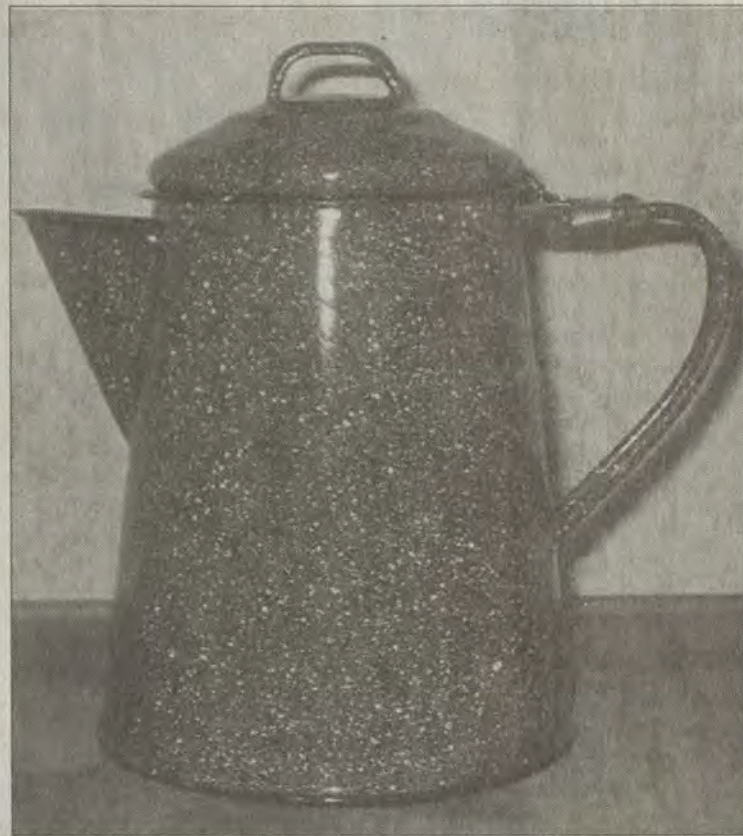
"Grandmaw," I said, "that cup of coffee even made your fried apple pie taste bad, and I mean real bad." I didn't like the coffee but sure loved the fellowship with my family. We were a close family. I never wanted for attention, my uncles and aunts saw to it that my life was always filled with fun. Aunt Stella and her husband Grover always bought me a season ticket to the swimming pool over in the coal camp at Wheelwright.

Each one of my uncles and aunts played a major role in my life. Me and L.A. took care of the family horse, Old Maudie, and took her out for joy rides up the holler. Uncle Virgil was my protector so no one bothered me when he was around. Uncle Sylvian was my hero because he was off in basic training, getting ready to go overseas and fight in a war. Uncle Ira was away in Michigan working. Little James, being two years younger than me, always said that I was his hero. Aunt Stella was mother's closest sister and being only three years difference in their ages, they were good friends. My Aunt Thelma died with T.B., she died from a treatment they gave her at a young age. She had two small children, their names were Larry and Carie. It was hard for me with her being sick and all, but oh, how I loved her. Next came my Aunt Vercie, she was like my second mother even though she was only a few years older than me.

The last of my aunts was Beulah who we all called "Boot." Boot was more like a sister to me than an aunt. She was always there to pick me up when I fell down and to dry my eyes when I cried. I was blessed to be a part of a wonderful family like the Johnson's. And I certainly can't leave out the Hall's. I loved them just as much. But our age differences were so far apart. My dad was the youngest child in the Hall family and he was born in 1910. So my aunts and uncles on his side of my family were much older than me, though I loved them, anyway. The Hall's made sure I knew who I was, though. They always told me about my Grandpaw Anthony who came over from England. I never had any doubt about who I was, I WAS A HALL.

Well, to get back to the big blue coffee pot. Once Grandmaw boiled the coffee on the coal cook stove, she would dip off as many of the

grounds as she could. Then we would all sit down at her homemade table with the long benches as we drank our coffee and talked. One day, we were all sitting on the front porch drinking a cup of coffee when Aunt Boot cried out, "IT'S SYLVIAN COMING UP THE ROAD!" We all jumped up from the swing and rocking chairs that lined the front porch and took off on a run down the holler road to meet him. He had been allowed to come



Grandmaw's blue speckled coffee pot brewed up many a memory for the author's Floyd County family.

home on a fifteen day furlough before they sent him overseas to fight in the war.

Grandmaw ran to him first with outstretched arms crying, "Sylvian, Sylvian my beautiful boy." He was also crying, "Mommy, oh, my mommy! How I have missed you!" He dropped his duffel bag and reached out to her as they hugged. I could feel my heart as it broke in two within me. We all hugged him, me being small and all, I couldn't hug him so I just hugged his legs. Uncle Sylvian was so handsome in his uniform. He looked more like a general to me than a buck private. L. A. picked up his duffel bag and the rest of us held on to him all the way to the front porch. He sat down in the first rocking chair he made it to. We were all telling him how much we loved and missed him while he was away. He just answered, "Thank God I'm home. It's a long way from Fort Benning, Georgia," he said. We all sat on Grandmaw's front porch and listened as he told stories of boot camp and the train ride home. He talked of places I had never even heard of.

His stories made me wish I could have been on the train with him. When he told how mean the old army sergeant was, I said, "I'll go back with you and hit him right in his nose." For some reason, they all laughed, but as for me, no one was going to do my Uncle Sylvian that way and me not hit them! Grandmaw and the girls all got real busy making supper for everybody. I could smell the saurkraut and taters as they cooked on the coal stove, but it was the scent of the strong coffee that filled the air. After about twenty minutes, Grandmaw come out on the front porch with a big cup of coffee. She said, "Here, Sylvian. I brought you a cup of coffee. Anyone else who wants a cup can go get their own."

As he took a deep sip of coffee he looked over

at me and said, "Ralph, it sure is good to be home." Then he said, "Come over here and give your old uncle a big hug." He hugged me so tightly that I knew then that that moment would always be some place in my mind. We all sat on the porch again after supper and talked until dark. Sylvian finally said, "Mommy, I'm tired. Where am I going to sleep?" Grandmaw had made him a bed all for himself. She made a bed on the floor for me, Mutt, and little James with her featherbed. It was the best and happiest day in all my life that I had lived thus far.

When I awoke the next morning, the whole house was filled with the aroma of fresh boiling coffee. I could hear Sylvian and Grandmaw as they talked in the kitchen. I just lay there on the featherbed, though, and listened to my uncle's voice. It was a voice I always loved so much to hear. His voice was so rich and clear that the sound of it was like music ringing in my ears. I don't think any of us ate much breakfast that morning, we were all too busy looking at him.

After breakfast, my uncle said, "Mommy, I think I'll walk over in the holler to the spring for a little while." Right away, I asked, "Can I go with you?" He said, "Some other time Ralph. Today I want to go by myself." "Okay," I answered back, "but watch out for snakes." He laughed and said, "Okay, I will!" as he walked away. While he was gone, Grandmaw had us all sit around the long benches in the kitchen. She said, "While Sylvian is here, we must all be real good to him. When he leaves here in a few days we may never see him again. He could get killed in the war."

I asked Grandmaw, "Why do they have war?"

"I don't know, son," she replied. "I just don't know."

When Sylvian came back from the spring, he said, "That water is so clean and cold that it tastes real good going all the way down."

"Your Grandpaw Kool Johnson dug out that spring many years ago," Grandmaw said. "He called it living water that runs down Johnson's Mountain," she said.

Well, the days passed by real fast and one morning Uncle Sylvian put on his uniform and said, "Well, it's time for me to go if I'm going to catch the train on my way to Texas," he said. "I don't know where I'll go to after that."

Many pots of coffee had been made and drunk in those last fifteen days that my uncle had spent visiting. L.A. picked up his duffel bag and Virgil carried his hat as the three of them walked down the holler road on their way to the platform to catch the train.

I watched them as they turned the little bend that lead into the Beech Bottom and then they were out of my sight. Grandmaw and everyone else was crying. I was having a hard time dealing with my own feelings. I walked into to the kitchen and looked around. I noticed the big blue coffee pot setting on the coal stove. I said, "Old blue coffee pot, don't get too cold because Uncle Sylvian will be home again."

Grandmaw made us all some lunch and as we sat down to eat Grandmaw asked, "Ralph, do you want a cup of coffee?"

"Sure do, Grandmaw, sure do," I said. I will always remember this day when the coffee was hot and the pot was blue. Seems like Grandmaw was always saying to me in those days, "Ralph, do you want a cup of coffee?" There was nothing better than to live in a family where we could share our feelings and a cup of coffee made up in Grandmaw's old blue coffee pot.

CRITTER CORNER

CAT QUOTES

No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens. — Abraham Lincoln

Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made slave of the leash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat it would improve the man, but it would deteriorate the cat. — Mark Twain

The smallest feline is a masterpiece. — Leonardo da Vinci

With their qualities of cleanliness, discretion, affection, patience, dignity, and courage, how many of us, I ask you, would be capable of becoming cats? —

Fernand Mery

I have studied many philosophers and many cats. The wisdom of cats is infinitely superior. — Hippolyte Taine

Everything I know I learned from my cat: When you're hungry, eat. When you're tired, nap in a sunbeam. When you go to the vet's, pee on your owner. — Gary Smith

I'm aloof, I like to run around outside, but I also like to curl up in warm spots. I eat fish. — Megan Coughlin on why she'd make a good cat

(See CRITTER, page eight)



This ferocious looking feline is "Taunts," owned by David, Emma and Jennifer Shepherd (her "staff" Jennifer writes). Taunts was just awakening from a nap when she opened her eyes and noticed that one of her staff persons was trying to take a candid photo of her. "Needless to say," said Jennifer, "I don't think she was very happy about it." In a couple of weeks, we'll run another pic of Taunts in a more friendly pose. Thanks, Jennifer!

School Happenings

*****Floyd County Schools 2007-2008 Kindergarten registration packets are available at local schools. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their schools and pick up a packet.*****

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Exercise class for adults now in session. Classes conducted by Floyd County Health Dept. staff. Those interested may contact the center for more information.
 ■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

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

Allen Central Middle School
 ■ Sign ups for Parent SBDM Council now going on.
 ■ May 8 - Parent SBDM Council Election, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
 ■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary
 ■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.
 ■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
 ■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please con-

tact the center at 478-5550.
 ■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary
 ■ Dairy Queen coupon cards for sale - \$10 each. Contact any Clark student or call Family Resource Center for information.
 ■ F.I.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.) Focus on physical exercise and nutrition.
 ■ ***Fridays are "School Spirit" days!** (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!
 ■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.
 ■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.
 ■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary
 ■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
 ■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary
 ■ May 10, 11 - Kindergarten registration. Requirements: physical, original immunization certificate, eye exam, birth certificate, social security card. May begin registration process without having all items completed but items need to be complete before student's entry into school. Call 285-0883 to schedule a registration appointment if the above dates are not convenient.
 ■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
 ■ Floyd County Health Dept.

Mountain Christian Academy
 ■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.
 ■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 ■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center
 ■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
 ■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

Prestonsburg High School
 ■ May 4 - Honor Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Mountain Arts Center.
 ■ May 8 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony/Banquet, 7 p.m., school gymnasium/cafe.
 ■ May 17 - Awards Night, 6 p.m., gymnasium.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center
 ■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.
 ■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center
 ■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
 ■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
 ■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
 ■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://fiiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.
 ■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.
 ■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.
 ■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
 ■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 ■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

W.D. Osborne

■ May 20 - Baccalaureate (optional), 6 p.m., Community Methodist Church (Blackbottom).
 ■ May 21 - Senior Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., gymnasium. (Students only)
 ■ May 21 - Graduation, 7 p.m., gymnasium.
 ■ Note: All fees must be paid in full before a student can graduate/receive diploma!
 ■ ****Principal Ted George invites everyone and looks forward to seeing all at our special senior activities!**

South Floyd Youth Services Center
 ■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
 ■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://fiiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.
 ■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.
 ■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.
 ■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
 ■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 ■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

W.D. Osborne

"Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center
 ■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.
 ■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.
 ■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.
 ■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School
 ■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 ■ For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College
 Adult Education and GED
 ■ Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
 ■ Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments
 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.
 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.
 ■ Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.
 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
 ■ Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.
 6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.
 ■ Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.
 Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant
 Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

Wesley Christian School
 ■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 ■ For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College
 Adult Education and GED
 ■ Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
 ■ Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments
 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne FRYSC; BSCTC.
 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.
 ■ Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC.
 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
 ■ Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC; BSCTC.
 6-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.
 ■ Also, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Drug Court.
 Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant
 Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (May 7, and May 9, 1997)

Ten-month-old Sarah Lafferty, daughter of Pauletta and Bennie Lafferty of Daniels Creek, died peacefully in her mother's arms Saturday, after a lengthy battle with leukemia...Floyd County School Board members apparently violated the state's Open Meetings Law again, Monday, when they met without giving notification to the public or press. Board members met, for due process hearings for three central office administrators who are being demoted from their jobs...An attorney representing two Floyd County school employees, who are being demoted will appeal the school board's decision, to deny due process hearings for his clients...Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers spoke with several Floyd County residents, Monday afternoon, following a town meeting at the Mountain Arts Center. Among topics discussed at the town meeting were the budget deficit, welfare reform, eastern Kentucky highway projects, and the Prestonsburg Recreational Project...Wheelwright City Commissioners voted, Tuesday, to authorize a settlement in a lawsuit filed by a woman who accused the police chief of sexual harassment. In a 3-1 vote, the commission voted for attorney C.V. Reynolds to negotiate a \$5,000 settlement with Tonya Farmer. Farmer filed a federal lawsuit against the city and police chief Tommy Engle, alleging Engle sexually harassed her...Officers with the Kentucky Education Association and the Floyd County Education Association have issued a challenge to Floyd County school officials to work with them to come up with a balanced budget for the next school year...After more than a year on the run from local authorities, Gary Thomas Allen of Lee City, was taken into custody, Monday afternoon, and returned

here for a sentencing hearing, and to face new charges...A Kentucky t-shirt, signed by students in Jan Dings' primary class at Clark Elementary, hangs on a fence along Northwest 5th Street, in Oklahoma City, at the site where a Ryder Truck, thought to contain the explosives that destroyed the federal building in April, 1986, where 168 men, women and children died, was parked...Within a few hours after new traffic signals were switched on at the intersection of Routes 23 and 1428 in Prestonsburg, Wednesday, a two-car collision sent two people to the hospital. The lights were installed at the intersection as a safety precaution. Eleven people have died in accidents at that intersection since the four-lane Rt. 23 by-pass opened in December 1992...A report suggesting that Floyd County has a number of teachers teaching out of their fields has prompted Superintendent Gene Davis to plan corrective action...According to a report released by the state's Teacher Certification Office, there were 17 teachers working out of their fields this year, and one teacher that had an expired teaching certificate...A Lackey convenience store was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday evening by two men, but investigating officials say they are looking for four suspects. The armed robbery occurred at the Mi-Dee Mart in Lackey around 2 a.m., Wednesday...Residents of Ligon and Clear Creek, will have access to cleaner water in less than a year. A million dollar project, extending water lines from the Beaver Elkhorn Water District, up Routes 122 and 979, to the Ligon/Clear Creek area, has been approved by the Division of Abandoned Mines and Lands (AML). The project will provide clean water access to 200 households...There died: Ruth Gunnells Griffith, 76, of Langley, Saturday, May 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Glenn Roberts, 83, of Harold, Monday, May 5, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Sarah Renee Lafferty, ten-month-old daughter of Bennie Michael Lafferty and Pauletta Smith

Lafferty, of Banner, Sunday, May 4, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Mary Belle Sturgell, 70, of Harold, Monday, May 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Betty Jean Ritchie, 48, of Louisville, Friday, May 2, at the University of Louisville; Gram Lewis, 83, of West Prestonsburg, formerly of Banner, Monday, May 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rev. James Reed 84, of Garrett, Thursday, May 1, at Our Lady of the Way, Martin; Fred Blackburn Jr., 69, of Lake Cumberland, Mich., Wednesday, April 30, at the W.A. Foote Memorial Hospital, in Jackson, Michigan; Carness "Tiny" Leedy, 34, of St. George, Georgia; Willie Earnest Moore, 86, of Louisville, formerly of Melvin, Thursday, April 29, at his residence; William C. Robinson, 61, of Tekonsha Michigan, Saturday, May 3, at his residence; Constance Kelley, 41, of Fairfax, California, Friday, May 2, at Petaluma, Valley Hospital in Petaluma, California; Myrtle Moore, 72, of Wheelwright, Thursday, May 8, at her residence; Fred Tussey, 79, of Madison Heights, Michigan, Wednesday, May 7, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan; Velvia Jewell, 86, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, May 3, at her home.

Twenty Years Ago (May 13, 1987)

One of the three school administrators whose positions were slated for elimination in a cost-cutting move by the Floyd County Board of Education, last month, will get to keep his job as the result of a due process hearing. Two other administrators were not so lucky...Prestonsburg water system, which in the past six years, has invested \$3.6 million in a plant expansion, and has taken over three rural water districts, has agreed to buy the \$1.05 million Prater Creek Water District system, now in

the final stages of construction...Prestonsburg Mayor Ann Latta announced that Prestonsburg received a grant of \$16,300 to build a firefighters training facility, which city administrator Fred James said will be built on city property, near the Cliff bridge...Residents of Right Beaver Creek seek the removal of an abandoned railroad trestle that hasn't been used in 30 years. The trestle acts as a dam when the water runs high...Reo Hamilton, 38, of Teaberry, was charged with murder following the shotgun slaying of Teddy Howell Jr., 26, of Meta. The shooting took place the evening of the Blue Grass Festival on Ned's Fork, near McDowell...Denturists and their supporters from across the state converged on Prestonsburg, to picket the Court Street office of dentist Dr. Garland Godsey, who is a member of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, and opposes the legalization of denturists...There died: Rev. Ashland Shepherd, 77, of David, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Glen Clark, 80, of Prestonsburg, May 5, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Kathleen Johnson Hogsd, 86, of Martin, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Martha Hall Jones, 94, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Alma Wells, 72, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary Howell McKinney, 70, of Craynor, Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Andrew J. Reed, 61, of Prestonsburg, May 5, at his residence; Taulbee Holt, 73, of Grethel, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Bernice Patton Arnett, 67, of Langley, May 5, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Robert Lee Sammons, 55, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland; Elzia Hicks Turner, 66, of Langley, May 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Burnie Centers, 76, of Hueysville, Friday, at his residence; Poca Ann Barnett, 68, of Martin, last

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

Yesterdays

Thursday, at her residence; and Rose Carol Hall, 43, of Martin. Thursday, in Huntington, West Virginia.

Thirty Years Ago
(May 11, 1977)

Six schools—Auxier, Betsy Layne, Allen, Drift, Harold, and Martin—went to Saturday classes, last week, for three consecutive Saturdays, and every day of class-work for all schools of the county have been extended by an hour and 12 minutes...Congressman Carl D. Perkins announced, Tuesday morning, in a telephone conversation with County Judge Henry Stumbo, that the Economic Development Administration has set aside \$1,125,000 for expansion of the Prestonsburg water treatment plant...In its final report to Circuit Judge Hollie Conley, last Wednesday, the grand jury called on the Floyd Fiscal Court for a series of actions, and concluded with the recommendation that, "in the event the fiscal court does not carry out the above-stated recommendations, each member be asked to come before the September grand jury and explain why"...A 16-year-old David youth, who last Friday, reportedly climbed a power pole to ascertain if the power line carried any charge, was electrocuted and fell about 30 feet to his death...Billy Reed, columnist for The Courier-Journal, will be the speaker at the 12th annual commencement exercises of Prestonsburg Community College, tomorrow at 7:30 p.m...The Chessie System (C&O) has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to change the course of

Johns Creek, in four separate locations, for a distance of 1,600 feet to make room for a railroad line along the left side of the creek, the source of Dewey Lake in this county...among the 30 indictments reported by the grand jury, last week, 21 alleged crimes of violence, which included murder, manslaughter, armed robbery and assault...There died: Floyd Risner, 87, of Betsy Layne, May 3, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Dr. Frank T. "Tip" Rogers, 69, prominent radiologist and former Prestonsburg resident, May 5, at his home in Knoxville, Tn.; Walter Little, 62, formerly of Wheelwright, May 6, at Morgan Center Hospital, in Laurinburg, N.C.; Curtis Ousley, 71, formerly of Hippo, May 1, at Hardin Memorial Hospital, Elizabethtown; Josephas VanHoose, 75, native of Johnson County, May 8, at Lima, O.; Anna Bentley, 75, formerly of McDowell, May 6, at University Hospital, Columbus, O.; Billy Jo Hall, 22, of Greensprings, O., son of Floyd County natives, May 3, in an auto accident at Clyde, O.; Edgar Boggs, 69, of Little Paint Creek, May 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Phyllis Reed, 41, formerly of Hueysville, May 8, in an auto accident in Kendallville.

Forty Years Ago
(May 11, 1967)

Floyd County had a population gain of 600, last year, on the basis of births and deaths, data released last week, by the Floyd County Health Department shows...Floyd County will share with seven other counties in training 234 men as skilled workers under the Manpower Training Act, it was announced, Monday...The

Floyd Fiscal Court made short shrift, last Thursday, of any notion of a time change. It voted unanimously to retain Eastern Standard Time...The Floyd County Board of Education accepted, Saturday, final plans for the eight-room addition to the McDowell Elementary School, and set May 27, at the date for opening of contractors' bids on the job...Twenty Floyd County students will be awarded associate degrees, and 21 will receive certificates of college studies at the second graduation exercises of Prestonsburg Community College, on Friday, May 12...Married: Miss Nell Jo Fugate, of Drift, and Mr. Phillip Glenn Spark, of Sandy Hook, April 14, at Drift; Miss Carolyn Lynn George, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Rudy Gene Robinette, of Banner, April 7, at the First Church of God, Prestonsburg...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Archer Ford Childers, of Louisa; a son, Charles Archer, May 2, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital...There died: Perry Sexton, 73, of Drift, Tuesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Gomer Bates, 54, of Halo, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Gladys Meade, 32, last Thursday, at the home of her parents at Drift; Mrs. Maggie Ousley, 72, of Abbott Creek, Sunday, at the Mountain Manor Convalescent Home, here; Raymond Miller, 64, of the Rough and Tough Fork of Middle Creek, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago
(File missing)

Sixty Years Ago

(May 8, 1947)

The Big Sandy River waterway was one of 13 rivers and harbors flood control projects recommended by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, last week. The Big Sandy Association says if this development is made, the territory immediately adjacent to the Tug and Levisa Forks will become great industrial centers...Coolness of veteran pilot, Charles Meadows, saved himself, and passenger Bill Cunningham, as his plane crashed recently...A murder indictment against two Floyd men and three voluntary manslaughter bills against one resident of the county, were brought in during the last three days of the recent grand jury session...A crowd of 400 saw the Prestonsburg Reds open the new Porter Field, here, Sunday, to Eastern Kentucky League play, with a 9-7 victory over Elkhorn City...Among Kentucky Derby goers were Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Patrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Mandt, Mrs. Mary D. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Meade, Judge E. P. Hill Jr., Jarvis Allen, W. G. Biggers, all of Prestonsburg; Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ryan, of Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. John May, of Langley...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Feedback, a daughter, Phylora Jane, in Newport News, Va...There died: Mrs. Bathsheba Webb Dings, 73, widow of D. C. Dings, at her home near Martin, the Rev. Mosie Maynard, 79, of Pikeville, Saturday; Freddy Stilton, 20, of Tram, as a result of gunshot wounds sustained at the Welcome Inn, six miles south of here; Mrs. Joe Wilburn Bowling, 39, at her home here; Mrs. Viola Boyd Allen, 32, of Coal Run, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville...Marriage licenses: Delmer

Allen, 21, and Lurla Ousley, 18, of Hippo; Albert Mullins, 22, Estill, and Helen Clark, 19, Lackey; James O. Hill, 19, and June McGuire, 18, Hi Hat; Claude Mitchell, 18, and Carmel Jean Caudill, Ligon; Tom Branham, 19, Prestonsburg, and Mildred George, 18, East Point.

Seventy Years Ago
(May 7, 1937)

The special grand jury session, which was called to deal with what is described as a "crime wave" in the county, adjourned, Thursday. Their report laid the present crime conditions at the feet of operators of road-houses, and places of public entertainment...Six men were wounded, Sunday, in a gun battle on the middle fork of Quicksand Creek, in Knott County...The County Board of Education is requesting bids on the Betsy Layne School building, recently destroyed by fire...A series of "Play Day" programs are being conducted under the supervision of Mrs. Edith F. James. The programs will be in the style of the "May Day" festivities, but featuring folklore, songs, and dances...Chester Patton is valedictorian, and James Prater salutatorian for Prestonsburg High this year...Born: a daughter, Billy Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Frazier, of Martin...There died: Gladys Dempsey Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Dempsey of Tram...Marriage licenses: Stella Osborne and Freddy Tackett; Vina Tackett and Ed Moore; Lula Sloan and Ernest Hall; Vilda Howell and Clifford England; Inez Elswick and Edgar Elswick; Annie Jones, and Lonnie Morris.

Oak

Continued from p6

ing away in a weed patch, just outside the eye of the lense, is a half-million dollar home or a nice clean blue-collar neighborhood, filled with SUVs and happy, literate children.

But what network would buy a story about a proud, hard-working, God-fearing people, who get up every morning and go to work, send their children to public schools and private colleges, and get teary eyed when our country's flag passes?

Know what? Those poor, uniformed souls who fall for all the baloney the networks serve up are the ones to be pitied, not us.

I suppose, though, as the highest elected official in the state, the governor has some sort of moral obligation to attempt to rectify all the wrongs that have been unjustly bestowed upon us by the national media. But you and I know that history tells us he's wasting his precious time, and is sadly mistaken, if he thinks a letter or scolding or whatever he ends up doing, is going to change the way we're viewed in other parts of the country.

For all the good it will do, he might as well let them rant and rave about our poverty and ignorance. Besides, if some of these folks really knew about the existence some of us enjoy—especially now that the lushness of the mountains have arrived for the season, and summer breezes are beginning to spread the aroma of honeysuckle up and down these hollers—they might want to live here, too.

But being the kind-hearted folk we are, we wouldn't want them to end up getting all upset the next time a big-city film crew shows up to film and sell their distortions, now would we?

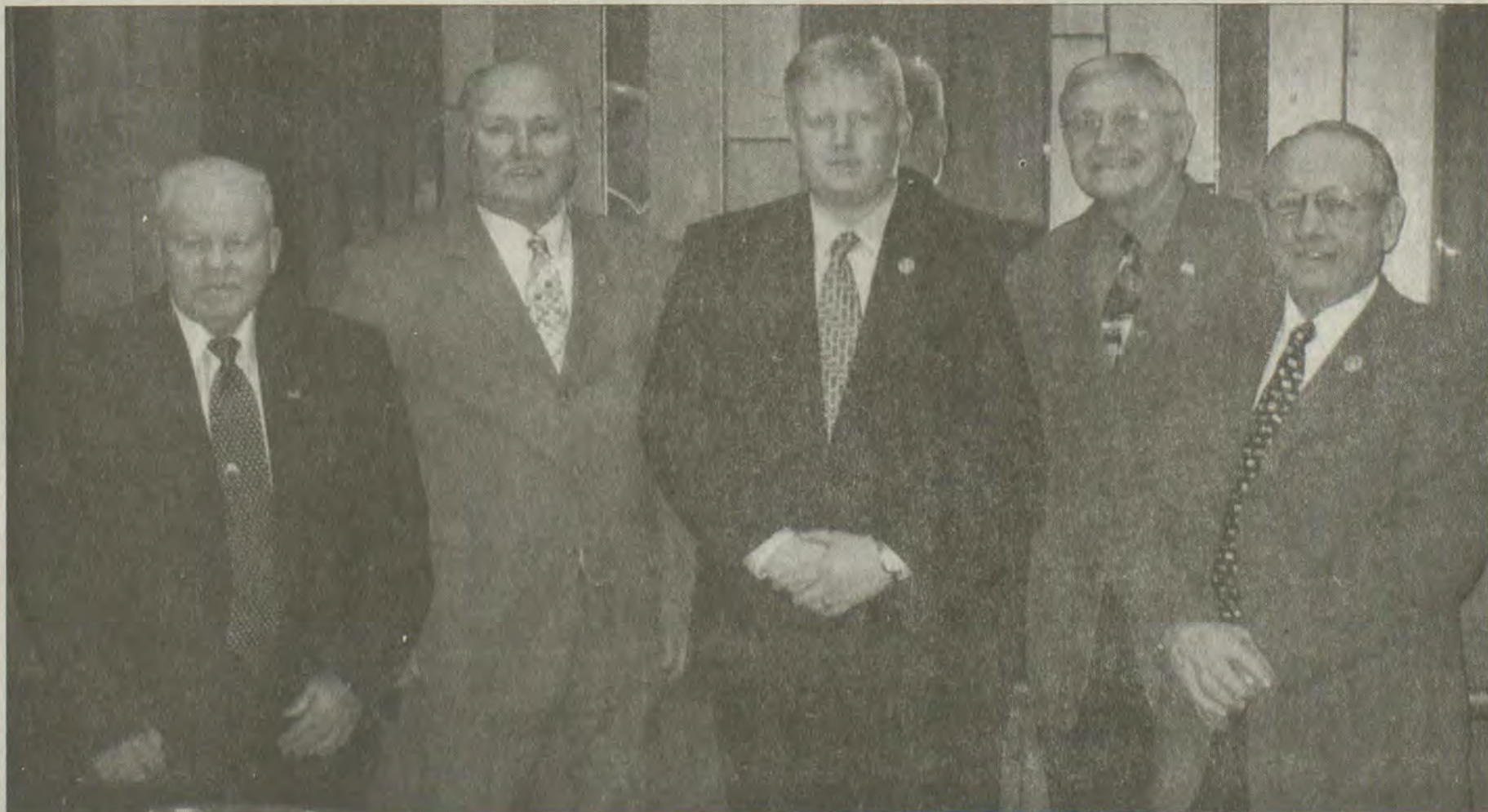


Five Generations

Blessed to enjoy the togetherness of five generations of their family, pictured here are (from left): Grandmother, Barbara Mitchell, of Cow Creek; great-great grandmother, Elsie Burchett, also of Cow Creek; new arrival baby Hannah Faith Mitchell; father, Billy Mitchell, of Grethel; and great-grandfather, John Kenneth Burchett, of Cow Creek.

Floyd County Schools Local Planning Committee Forum and Meeting

The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a PUBLIC FORUM on May 3rd, 2007 at 6:00PM at the May Valley Elementary School, 481 Stephens Branch, Martin, Kentucky 41649. This meeting is an informal gathering to encourage local participation through community suggestions relative to future utilization of existing school facilities and construction of new school facilities. These community suggestions or recommendations will be closely monitored by the Local Planning Committee in the Schools. This meeting will be immediately followed by a meeting of the Floyd County Schools Local Planning Committee.



Farm Bureau board meets with local legislators

The Floyd County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently held a legislative meeting at May Lodge with elected officials to discuss the legislative session in Frankfort, as well as many local issues. Pictured are (left to right): Board President Eddie Akers, of Harold, Senator Johnny Ray Turner, Rep. Brandon Spencer, County Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, and Rep. Hubert Collins. Some of the issues discussed included the state budget, agriculture issues, the state retirement pension fund, local water and sewer projects, roads and highways, and renewable fuels for energy.

New Arrivals

Wedding



Gift from God

Hannah Faith Mitchell was born February 10, 2007, at Saint Joe's East Hospital, in Lexington, to proud and blessed parents Billy and Kristal Mitchell, of Grethel. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. She is the maternal granddaughter of Michael and Donna Newsome, of Grethel. Her paternal grandparents are Bobby and Barbara Mitchell, of Cow Creek. Hannah is the great-granddaughter of John Kenneth and Lucille Burchett, also of Cow Creek, and Kelma Tackett, of Grethel. Hannah's parents, grandparents and entire family are overjoyed to welcome this newest of God's little angels.



New Arrival

Carigan Grace Blackburn was born to Fallon Monique Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, on Jan. 14, 2007, at Pikeville Medical Center. Her arrival is a welcomed and blessed event to her family.



Musick-Allen

Jimmy Musick, of River, and Reta Musick, of Wittensville, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal, to Bennett Allen, the son of Brent Allen, of Eastern, and Linda Allen, of East Point. Crystal is the granddaughter of Mary Henderson and Jay Rowe, both of Pikeville, and the late Jim and Sally Musick. Bennett is the grandson of Martha Robinson, of East Point, and the late Earl Robinson, and Volney Allen, of Langley, and the late Joyce Allen. The bride-elect is currently employed by First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg. The prospective groom is employed by KY-WV Gas Company, in Prestonsburg. The couple will exchange wedding vows on Saturday, July 7, 2007, at six o'clock in the evening, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The romantic beach ceremony will be shared with family and friends. The couple will reside in East Point.

Korner

Continued from p1

May the Good Lord bless and touch your mother and heal her sickness, may He also bless you and the rest of your family for a safe trip and return you to us. This you might also want to use in your column. Take care, love ya, Bro. Jim

A Prayer Before Surgery

My 9-year-old's last-second request surprised his doctor and taught me a valuable lesson about sharing the gospel. Tina Blessitt

Last fall, my 9-year-old son, Austin, had his tonsils removed. Before the surgery, Austin's anesthesiologist came to start an IV. He was wearing a cool surgical cap covered in colorful frogs. Austin loved that "frog hat."

The doctor explained that he had two choices. He could either try to start the IV then, or he could wait until Austin was up in the operating room. In the operating room, the doctor would give Austin some "goofy" gas, and start the IV when he was more relaxed.

"So, Austin," he asked, "which do you want?" Austin replied, "I'll take the gas."

But when the doctor started to leave, Austin called, "Hey, wait."

The doctor turned, "Yeah, buddy, what do you need?"

"Do you go to church," my son asked.

"No," the doctor admitted. "I know I probably should, but don't."

Austin then asked, "Well, are you saved?"

Chuckling nervously, the doctor said, "Nope. But after talking to you, maybe it's something I should consider."

Pleased with his response, Austin answered, "Well, you should, 'cause Jesus is great!"

"I'm sure He is, little guy," the doctor said, and quickly made his exit.

After that, a nurse took me to the waiting room. Someone would come and get me when Austin's surgery was done.

After about 45 minutes, the anesthesiologist came into the waiting room. He told me the surgery had gone well and then said, "Mrs. Blessitt, I don't usually come down and talk to the parents after a surgery, but just had to tell you what your son did."

"Oh boy," I thought to myself. "What did that little rascal do now?"

The doctor explained that he'd just put the mask on

Austin when my son signaled that he needed to say something. When the doctor removed the mask, Austin blurted, "Wait a minute, we have to pray!"

The doctor told him to go ahead, and Austin prayed, "Dear Lord, please let all the doctors and nurses have a good day. And Jesus, please let the doctor with the frog hat get saved and start going to church. Amen."

The doctor admitted this touched him. "I was so sure he would pray that his surgery went well," he explained. "He didn't even mention his surgery. He prayed for me! Mrs. Blessitt, I had to come down and let you know what a great little guy you have."

A few minutes later a nurse came to take me to post-op. She had a big smile on her face as we walked to the elevator.

"Mrs. Blessitt, I couldn't wait to tell you something exciting that your son did."

With a smile, I told her that the doctor already mentioned Austin's prayer.

"But there's something you don't know," she said. "Some of the other nurses and I have been witnessing to and praying for that doctor for a long time. After your son's surgery, he tracked a few of us down to tell us about Austin's prayer. He said, 'Well girls, you got me. If that little boy could pray for me when he was about to have surgery, then I think maybe I need his Jesus, too.'"

She then recounted how they joined the doctor as he prayed to receive Christ right there in the hospital. Wow! Austin had played a small part in something wonderful. But then, so did the nurses who had prayed and witnessed to this man.

I thought about John's words in his Gospel, "One sows and the other reaps" (John 4:37).

Austin's experience taught me that although we never know which role we may be called to play, in the end it doesn't matter. What's important is that we remain faithful in sharing the gospel.

(Tina Blessitt, a freelance writer, lives with her husband and four children in Kentucky.)

"Don't tell God how big your troubles are—tell your trouble HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS!"

Til Next Week...
Be a Blessing!



New Arrival

Kaylee Brooke (Newsome) Hackworth was born April 16, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents Leanne Newsome and Jeremy Hackworth, of Prestonsburg. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 18 and one-half inches long. She is the maternal granddaughter of Johnny and Patricia Newsome, of Prestonsburg. Her paternal grandparents are Homer and Lydia Hackworth, also of Prestonsburg. Kaylee's family is honored to thank God for the very special blessing of her arrival.

Critter

Continued from p1

When I play with my cat, how do I know that she is not passing time with me rather than I with her? — Montaigne

After scolding one's cat, one looks into his face and is seized by the ugly suspicion that he understood every word and has filed it for reference. — Charlotte Gray

A dog will flatter you but you have to flatter the cat. — George Mikes

You can keep a dog; but it is the cat who keeps people, because cats find humans useful domestic animals. — George Mikes

One is never sure, watching two cats washing each other, whether it's affection, the taste or a trial run for the jugular. — Helen Thomson

Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this. — unknown

A cat sees no good reason why it should obey another animal, even if it does stand on two legs. — Sarah Thompson

Cats are kindly masters,

just so long as you remember your place. — Paul Gray

Dogs come when they're called. Cats take a message and get back to you later. — Mary Bly

There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life. Music and cats. — Albert Schweitzer

I have noticed that what cats most appreciate in a human being is not the ability to produce food which they take for granted, but his or her entertainment value. — Geoffrey Household

If a dog jumps into your lap it is because he is fond of you, but if a cat does the same thing it's because your lap is warmer. — A. N. Whitehead

I love cats because I enjoy my home, and little by little, they become its visible soul. — Jean Cocteau

No amount of time can erase the memory of a good cat, and no amount of masking tape can ever totally remove his fur from your couch. — Leo Dworken

Like a graceful vase, a cat,

even when motionless, seems to flow. — George F. Will

A meow massages the heart. — Stuart McMillan

Cats are the ultimate narcissists. You can tell this by all the time they spend on personal grooming. Dogs aren't like this. A dog's idea of personal grooming is to roll in a dead fish. — James Gorman

If we treated everyone we meet with the same affection we bestow upon our favorite cat, they too, would purr. — Martin Buxbaum

Cats always know whether people like or dislike them. But they don't always care enough to do anything about it. — Winifred Carriere

If a cat does something, we call it instinct. But if we do the same thing, for the same reason, we call it intelligence. — Will Cuppy

Cats' hearing apparatus is built to allow the human voice to easily go in one ear and out the other. — Stephen Baker

Prowling his own quiet backyard or asleep by the fire, he is still only a whisker away from the wilds. — Jean Burden

The mathematical probability of a common cat doing exactly as it pleases is the one scientific absolute in the world. — Lynn M. Osband

How we behave toward cats here below determines our status in heaven. — Robert A. Heinlein

As anyone who has ever been around a cat for any length of time well knows, cats have enormous patience with the limitations of the human kind. — Cleveland Amory

Two things are aesthetically perfect in the world - the clock and the cat. — Emile Auguste Chartier

Kittens are born with their eyes shut. They open them in about six days, take a look around, then close them again for the better part of their lives. — Stephen Baker

A cat has absolute emotional honesty. Human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not. — Ernest Hemingway

You can't own a cat. The best you can do is be partners. — Sir Harry Swanson

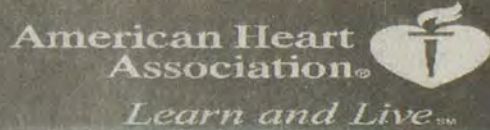
(Editor's Note: Thanks, Bonnie and John!!)

American Heart Association Tributes

Celebrate Life

Mark special events in the life of a friend, relative or colleague—and continue the fight against heart disease—with an American Heart Association Tribute.

For more information please call 1-800-AHA-USA-1 or visit us online at americanheart.org



Learn and Live™