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Superintendent finalists named

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education met on Monday evening, at May Valley Elementary School, where they received five recommendations for candidate interviews from the superintendent screening committee in their quest to find a new superintendent for Floyd County schools.

The five candidates scheduled for interviews to be conducted on November 20-21, at Jenny Wiley State

- Park, May Lodge, are:
- Dr. Susan E. Compton
 - Dr. James A. Kemp
 - Jeffery D. May
 - Jerry L. Meade
 - Henry L. Webb Jr.

All five candidates are from the state of Kentucky.

Dr. Susan E. Compton currently serves as superintendent for the Russell Independent Board of Education, a position she has held since 2005. Prior, she served in several capacities with the Floyd County school system as a principal, director of federal programs,

and director of instruction. She also served as assistant superintendent for the Woodford County Board of Education from 2000-2005. She is a native of Floyd County.

Dr. James A. Kemp has served as Webster County Board of Education's superintendent since 2002. Experienced in both urban and rural communities, as well as with both state and district level administrative assignments, he has 20 years total experience in the position of superintendent in nine Kentucky school districts.

Jeffery D. May, currently serving as

Lawrence County Schools superintendent, has held that position since 2003. Prior, he served as a consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education and as director of transportation, buildings, personnel, vocational education and pupil personnel for Jenkins Independent Schools.

Jerry L. Meade has held the position of district achievement gap coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Education since 2005. He has served in the Pike County school district in a

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briefs

One killed in Magoffin accident

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A fatal accident in Magoffin County left one dead and three others injured.

According to Kentucky State Police Post 9, Vickie Williamson, 41 was going West on U.S. 460 driving a black 2006 Ford F-150 when she crossed the center line, striking a 1997 Mitsubishi Montero driven by Sandra Conley, 54, head-on in a curve.

The impact of the collision pushed Conley backward over a hill, causing the vehicle to overturn.

The passenger of the Ford, Hazel Beals, 78, was pronounced dead at the scene by Magoffin County Coroner Ryan Parker. An autopsy will be performed.

Williamson was transported to a local hospital, while Sandra Conley and passenger Samuel Conley were transported to Cabell Huntington Hospital, where they are listed in critical condition.

Tpr. Arthur Maynard was assisted at the scene by Magoffin County Fire and Rescue, DWP Ambulance Service and Magoffin County Coroner's Office.

MAKING PLANS



photo by Kathy J. Prater

A representative from Kentuckians for the Commonwealth spoke to local chapter members on Monday evening on strategies to improve membership and increase awareness of their mission.

Reorganized KFTC plans for future during meeting

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The newly reorganized Floyd County chapter of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth held a meeting Monday night at 7 p.m., at St. Martha Catholic Church, located on Watergap Road.

The group, which primarily focuses on the precept that there is strength in numbers, discussed progress made in regard to a few local community issues since their last meeting, as well as formulating plans to meet with local and state officials to discuss some of their concerns in regard to area mining operations.

"There are laws in place to protect people," said Rick Handshoe, a founding member of the local chapter, "it's just a matter of getting the state to enforce their laws ... Grouping together helps us to get that done."

Handshoe said that future

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Council says cable contract not followed

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg City Council voted at Monday night's regular meeting to send a letter to Suddenlink Cable Company, implying a breach of contract regarding service at Stonecrest.

According to city clerk Sharon Schoolcraft, the franchise agreement states that any new facility within the city, after having enough homes, is required to have cable service pro-

vided to it. However, Schoolcraft said that the quota for houses at Stonecrest was met nearly two years ago, and that the majority of people in the area still have satellite service.

A letter addressing the situation was voted to be sent to the company in hopes of obtaining service for the mentioned area.

In other news, new mountaintop projects will soon be underway for the

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Paying taxes with plastic ... priceless

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In hopes of encouraging more people to pay their property taxes, Prestonsburg City Hall has entered the 21st century, according to Brent Graden, city economic development director.

Effective immediately, city hall will be able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American

Express cards for payment on property tax bills.

"We're just hoping this might initiate people to pay their bills a little quicker," said city clerk Sharon Schoolcraft, who added that some credit terms allow extended time for payment, so it won't interfere with Christmas spending.

While at this time only tax bills can be paid via credit or debit cards, after

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Today



High: 69 • Low: 41

Tomorrow



High: 46 • Low: 26

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Preparing to cut down the beehive, Delmer Shepherd is armed with protective gear to prevent stings.

Man adds 75-pound beehive to collection

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PYRAMID — While finding a 75-pound beehive beneath a bush may be considered a stinging situation to some, to Delmer Shepherd, it was a profit.

It was Oct. 16 that Ray Tackett was walking in the woods in Pyramid and found the hive, after his dog was stung. Knowing that Shepherd was a beekeeper, Tackett contacted him to see

if he wanted it.

A Magoffin County native, Shepherd has been involved in the process of making and selling honey for most of his life.

"I guess I started when I was about 10 or so," said Shepherd.

After going to look at the hive, and getting its measurements of 35 inches long and 25 inches wide, Shepherd decided to build a

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This beehive, which measured 35 inches long, 25 inches wide and weighed over 75 pounds, was a perfect addition to Delmer Shepherd's collection.

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Obituaries

David Earl Conley

David Earl Conley, 67, of Garrett, passed away Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care, in Mount Vernon.

He was born February 4, 1940, in Garrett, the son of the late Rebel Conley and Fannie Shepherd Conley. He was a retired air conditioner service and repairman, and was an U.S. Airforce veteran.

Survivors include four daughters: Marla Epling of Atlanta, Georgia, Elizabeth Landers of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Vanessa Smith and Karen; three sisters: Bernice Collins and Eva Huff both of Garrett, and Treva Huff of Dayton, Ohio; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, and a brother, Kendall Conley.

Funeral services for David Earl Conley were conducted Saturday, November 10, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roger Hicks officiating.

Burial was in the Conley Family Cemetery, Rock Fork, Garrett.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Sarah A. Endicott

Sarah A. Endicott, 62, of Homer, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at Ingham Regional Medical Center.

She was born on April 6, 1945, in Endicott, the daughter of John and Virgie (Burchett) Fannin.

On August 25, 1959, Sarah married Tony D. Endicott, and he survives.

She was a homemaker, and a member of Grace Freewill Baptist Church. She enjoyed flowers and reading her Bible.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, Tony Endicott Sr., of Homer, include: two daughters: Teresa (David) Hall of Homer, and Carolyn Sue (Duane) Hall of Litchfield; a son, Tony (Patricia) Endicott Jr. of Horton; five sisters: Lonella Straight of Jackson, Edna Faye Farmer of Homer, Mary Rose and Alice Jarvis, both of Floyd County, and Jean Huff of Arkansas; a half sister, Dorothy McCloud of Homer; a brother, Charles Fannin of Floyd County; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters: Hattie and Laura Jarell, Angie and Maggie Blackburn, and Effie Thompson; and four brothers: Ballard, Braxton, Grover, and Burbon Fannin.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 10, at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan, with Reverend James Snyder officiating.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Homer.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to Grace Freewill Baptist Church, or the American Heart Association. (Paid obituary)

Ann Hall

Ann Hall, age 82, of Ivel, died Sunday, November 11, 2007, at her residence.

Born January 23, 1925, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Evelyn Gibson Slone. She was a homemaker, and a member of Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, William H. Hall.

Survivors include seven sons: James Stanley of Blue River; Henry Hall, Charles Hall, Mike Hall and Art Hall, all of Indiana; and Billy Hall and Rick Hall, both of Illinois; two daughters: Evelyn Spurgeon of Indiana; and Lisa Burchett of Ivel; three sisters: Osie Whitaker of Ohio; Maudie Ford of Indiana; and Margaret Richmond of Fort Wayne, Indiana; 36 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Frankie Hall; a brother, Charlie Slone; and a daughter, Joann Hall; two sisters: Bertha Bradford and Mae Hale.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 14, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Phillip Ramey and Billy Ray Marsillett officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Cemetery, in Blue River, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Geneva June Hall

Geneva June Hall, 72, of Beaver, wife of James K. Hall, passed away Saturday, November 10, 2007, at her residence.

She was born September 25, 1935, in Beaver, a daughter of the late Ervin and Lillie Mae Tackett Hamilton. She was a business owner.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, James, include three sons: James K. (Bertha) Hall, and Stewart (Debbie) Hall, both of Grethel, and Hugh Alan (Kathy) Hall of McDowell; two daughters: Robin Lynn (Doug) Hamilton of Beaver, and Rita Faye (Ernie) Moore of McDowell; two brothers: Ervin Hamilton Jr., of Lexington, and Paul Eugene Hamilton of Danville; three sisters: Virgie Mae Hamilton and Eva Vance, both of Beaver, and Elizabeth Henson of Ivel; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Ray Hamilton and Will Hamilton; a sister, Wanda Mae Hamilton; and two grandsons: James Keith Hall and Ernie Christopher Moore.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 14, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist Ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Ike Roberts Cemetery, in Grethel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Joe E. "Jody" Howard Jr.

Joe E. "Jody" Howard Jr., of Martin, passed away Monday November 12, 2007, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital.

He was born August 25,

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on his birthday, Nov. 12



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We miss you, Ray, Claudine, Family and Friends

1948, in Paintsville, the son of Joe E. Howard Sr., and Georgia Arrington Howard.

He was a retired CSX railroad engineer, where he worked for 33 years. He was a member of the Allen Baptist Church, and John W. Hall Masonic Lodge No. 950. He served many years as Martin City Councilman; and was past chairman of the Martin Community Center Board.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Tyler Howard.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Georgia Howard of Florence; his wife, Jayne Halbert Howard; a son, Shawn Elliott Howard of Gunlock; a daughter, Amy Susanne Hyden of Prestonsburg; and four grandchildren he treasured dearly: Ethan Howard, Luke Hyden, Alexis Howard, and Isabella Hyden.

Masonic services will be held Wednesday Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Chapel in Martin.

Funeral services will be held in the Chapel, Thursday Nov. 15, at 1 p.m., with Pastor Arnold Turner officiating.

Visitation at the funeral chapel, will begin Wednesday, Nov. 14, after 12 noon.

(Paid obituary)

Gypsy Williams Hughes

Gypsy Williams Hughes, age 87, of Ashland, widow of Estill Hughes, died Friday, November 9, 2007, in the Woodland Oaks Health Care Center, Ashland.

She was born June 10, 1920, in Garrett, the daughter of the late Fred and Sally Coburn Williams. She was the former owner of Hughes Gas Company.

She is survived by two daughters: Molly Maddox, her husband Gary, of Catlettsburg; Linda Couch Vest, her husband David, of Ashland; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie Hughes of Carlisle; two grandchildren: Kathy Williams of Lexington, Virginia, and Forrest Hughes of Langley; a great-grandchild, Stephen Hughes; a dedicated caregiver of eight years, Mary Lou Daniels; and two pets, Bear and Precious.

Graveside services were conducted Sunday, November 11, at 1:45 p.m., in the Mimia Conley Cemetery, in Hueysville, with Johnny Riley and David Vest officiating.

Hall Funeral Home, Martin, cared for those arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Billy (Black) Johnson

Billy (Black) Johnson, 48, of Martin, died Saturday, November 10, 2007, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Born August 21, 1959, in Martin, he was the son of Bee Johnson of Hueysville, and the late Eunice Ousley Johnson. He was disabled.

Survivors include a daughter, Amanda Johnson of Inez; his brothers and sisters-in-law: Dickie (Frances) Johnson, and Teddy (Kathy) Johnson, both of Martin, Mickey (Velma) Johnson of Auxier, Wallace (Melissa) Johnson of Minnie, and Jeff (Joann) Johnson of Clay City; his sisters and brothers-in-law: Zola (Charles) Rose and Abigail Johnson, both of Prestonsburg, Janavee (Garner) Crum, and Pauline (Tivis) Adams, both of Martin; and a grandchild.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a sister, Alpha Jean Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 14, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon, and Roger Whitaker officiating. Special singers will be the Soul Searchers and Irvanna Fairchild.

Burial will be in the Johnson Cemetery, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

Jean Spencer Johnson

Jean Spencer Johnson, age 77, of Lexington, formerly of Martin, widow of Fairis Johnson, died Friday, November 9, 2007, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington.

She was born August 14, 1930, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Glover Sr., and Anna Mae Crisp Spencer. She was former owner of Johnson Coal Company, a long-time employee of Columbia Gas, a former school teacher, and attended Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky.

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Card of Thanks

The family of John Clayton Shepherd wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to those who visited with us at the funeral home, and those who sent flowers and prepared food. Special thanks to Pastor Ollie Watts and the Brushy Fork Baptist Church for the songs and comforting words; and also to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their professional service.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN CLAYTON SHEPHERD

Card of Thanks

The family of Luna J. Hopkins Combs 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, and prayers. A special thanks to Clergymen Cluett Hall and Roger Hicks for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF LUNA J. HOPKINS COMBS

Card of Thanks

The family of Leo Lewis would like to extend their appreciation all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Lee Music for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always be grateful for all the love and support that was shown to our family.

THE FAMILY OF LEO LEWIS

Card of Thanks

The family of Barbara Martin would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers or spoke kind words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Clinton Moore for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. All the love and compassion shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF BARBARA MARTIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Estill B. Branham wishes to thank all of those friends, relatives, and neighbors for all the love and support upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Dr. Ken Lemaster for his comforting words, the Allen Christ United Methodist Church for all the love and compassion expressed to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to Tommy Hall and the Staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services. Words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude we will always feel for each of you.

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

Jody Collins to address Jenny Wiley AARP 3528 Tuesday, November 20th
Jody Collins, director of Highland Terrace, will be the speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, to be held Tuesday, November 20, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. The meeting is at 6 p.m., and all members and friends off AARP are encouraged to attend.

Zebulon Lodge 273 F&AM Friend-to-Friend dinner, to be held November 29
Past Grand Master Robert W. Davenport will be the speaker at a Friend-to-Friend dinner to be held by Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM, on Thursday, November 29, at 6 p.m. Members of the fraternity are encouraged to invite their non-Masonic friends, and their wives, to the dinner.

Prestonsburg Housing Authority to hold meeting, Wednesday, November 14
The regular meeting of the Prestonsburg Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., at the Green Acres Office in Prestonsburg.

BSCTC Relay for Life Christmas Bazaar
The Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) Relay for Life Team is hosting a Christmas Bazaar at the Mountain Arts Center, Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, November 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration deadline is November 16. Doors will open for vendors on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. Space donations are \$25.00. For more information about this event, contact Della Pack at

della.pack@kctcs.edu or call 606-886-7343.

Christmas Bazaar
The City of Martin will host a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the gymnasium at the Opportunities Unlimited School. The bazaar will feature arts/crafts, baskets, candles, purses, and baked goods. For more information contact Martin City Hall at 285-9335.

MAC looking for military pics
The Mountain Arts Center is looking for pictures that have been sent home from loved ones who are currently serving overseas - military personnel in such places as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea - those serving our country in some capacity during the upcoming holiday season.

Photos may be emailed (Jpeg) to ann@macarts.com, or mailed to: G. Ann Lafferty, Marketing Director, Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Send along a stamped, self addressed envelope and your photos will be returned. Pictures will be used as part of a slideshow during a special song presentation during the KY Opry Christmas show.

(NASW) Kentucky Chapter to hold meeting, November 26

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Kentucky Chapter recently revised the Eastern Kentucky Chapter and has begun to work in the area to stimulate membership and networking. Further, the NASW State Board Chair, Dr. Ed Wunsch, recently announced the Eastern Kentucky Initiative, designed to re-energize the Eastern Kentucky Chapter. Whether you are an active NASW member or not, you are invited to attend the next East Kentucky Chapter meeting. It will be held on Monday, November 26, at 6 p.m. (with refreshments served at 5:30 p.m.) in the Post Secondary Education Building on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, Room 135. Please contact Deirdra Robinson, East Kentucky Chapter Chair, at 606-233-3400 for more details.

Thanksgiving gospel singing
Featuring: Michael Combs, The Barrett Family, Singing Cookes and Cooke Brothers
Friday, November 23rd—7 p.m., at South Laurel High School gym in London. For tickets or more information, you

may call 606-598-9265.

Recipes are Wanted for PHS Cookbook
Prestonsburg High School Senior Class would like to invite alumni, parents, and community members to contribute favorite recipes for a cookbook.

We will gather recipes, print them with contributors' name, and create a cookbook for all to purchase and enjoy.

Please submit recipes to Karen DeRossett or Sharon Vaughan at 825 Blackcat Boulevard, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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.

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
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet 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.

'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,

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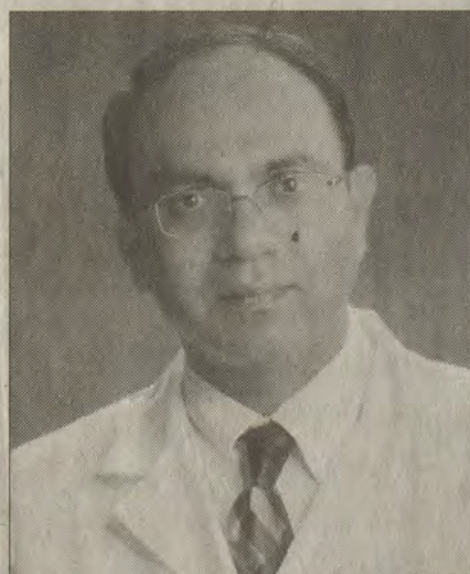
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Worth Repeating ...

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Our View

We get as good as we give

Filmmaker Michael Moore might be considered inflammatory by many, but his latest documentary, "Sicko," serves as the other side of a coin that Kentucky voters flipped last week.

In the film, Moore talks to Americans living in France about their experiences there. They describe a country not only where health care is free to all, but where workers receive a minimum of five weeks of vacation a year, sick time at work is unlimited, new mothers are given nannies to help them settle in to their new roles and newlyweds are given an additional week of vacation for their honeymoons.

Such benefits might seem like a dream to Americans, but in France they are accepted as the norm, and similar perks are given to residents of other European countries. So what is it about life over there that results in their governments and employers being so generous? One of the Americans living abroad gave a succinct explanation:

"The government is afraid of the people."

That's a good point. Every government is composed of people and people are naturally motivated by what is in their own self-interest. People in government are just like the rest of us — they want to keep their jobs so they can continue to pay their bills. So if a government is afraid of the people, it only makes sense that government will seek to serve the people, or else the people who comprise that government risk losing their jobs.

Compare that to the relationship between the government and the governed in Kentucky. Last week, an election was held for the highest offices in our state, and barely 1-in-3 people bothered to make their way to the voting booth. Needless to say, no one could accuse Kentucky state government of being afraid of its people. Why should they be? They won't bother to vote anyway.

And this isn't just a problem in Kentucky. Voter apathy is an epidemic that extends nationwide. As a result, the people have stepped away from their seat at the table, and the government has responded by catering to those who have stepped into the power vacuum — fringe groups and big money.

It is no accident that our two major parties appear to serve the extreme wings of their parties before serving the common man. The common man, for the most part, doesn't bother to vote, so he can be forgotten. The far-left and far-right extremist, however, are motivated voters who show up for every election, and politicians know that they cannot afford to ignore them.

And for all that is said about the need to clean up campaign finance, it simply isn't the biggest problem facing American democracy. The lack of interest by the common man is. To put it quite simply, if voter turnout suddenly climbed to 70 or 80 percent every election, that would do more to improve government in the United States than any single "reform" enacted by Congress or the legislature.

We're not saying that Americans need five weeks of vacation or government-paid nannies in every home, but it would be nice if the government gave a damn what the average person wants or needs. But that isn't going to happen until a larger number of Americans demonstrate that they give a damn by going to vote.

— The Floyd County Times



Letters

Bring back the turkey

My name is Catherine Walker. I am in the first grade at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

I am sad that the huge spider was not put up on the corner like it was every year. I am afraid that they are not going to put up the huge turkey, either.

My friends and I want to see the turkey very much. We really missed the spider.

Please put up the turkey, because it reminds us of Thanksgiving.

Catherine Walker
Prestonsburg

P.S. My Mawie typed this letter for me.

Driven to the point

It's great to have a job and a car these days. That way I can go to work to make enough money to buy

some gas to go to work to make enough money to buy some gas to go to work to make enough money to buy some gas ...

Never mind my hunger pangs. Or that I live in the dark. Or that I can't afford to leave the house to go anywhere but to work. Or that I can't afford to buy anything even if I did leave the house in the first place, other than to go to work.

Or I could get a second job to make enough money to buy food in order to eat, thus avoiding starvation and getting weak and passing out. Or extra money to have the lights turned back on so I can store and cook what little food I might have.

I ain't really there yet, but how soon will we all be driven to that point?

Thomas W. Elam
Pikeville

Tobacco policy a step forward

On behalf of the Floyd-Pike

Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP), I want to congratulate the Floyd County Board of Education, former Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning, Interim Superintendent Sonny Fentress and especially the hard working members of the Tobacco Policy Committee.

The ASAP Board would like to publicly commend the work that the Committee undertook to prepare the policy, the support of Dr. Fanning and the courage and foresight of the Board in passing this important comprehensive policy. The ASAP Board believes that tobacco is a serious drug issue facing today's youth and studies have shown nicotine to be the number one "gateway" drug leading to the experimentation of alcohol and illegal drugs. You have taken a giant step in limiting the accessibility and exposure to tobacco for our young people.

To Chair Jeff Stumbo and his fellow board members, please accept our support and gratitude.

Rosalind Stanley, Chair
Floyd-Pike ASAP

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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.
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 ■ **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."
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cation or more information, call 886-4326.

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 ■ **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 christophercook@hotmail.com.

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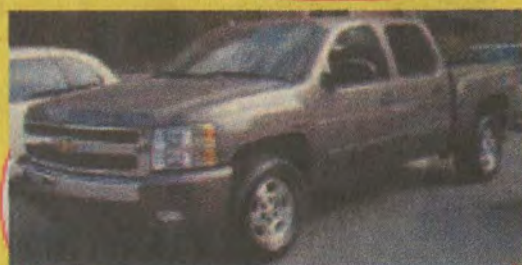


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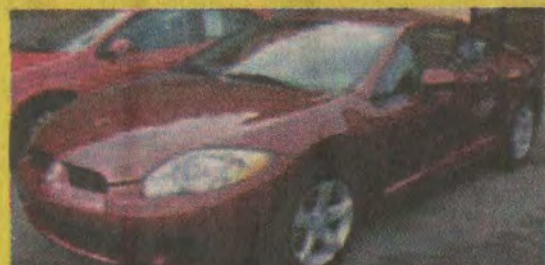
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Obituaries

Survivors include two daughters: Cathy Johnson and Shelia (Burl) McCoy, both of Lexington; a son, James (Linda) Johnson of Switzer, West Virginia; two brothers: Glover Walter (Ruby) Spencer Jr., and Paul B. (Bonnie) Spencer, both of Martin; two grandsons: Basil Fairis McCoy and Joseph Johnson; a brother-in-law, Harry Scalos of Campbellsville; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Scalos.

Funeral services were held at noon, Tuesday, at Kerr Bros. Funeral Home, Main St., Lexington.

Local funeral services will be held at noon, Wednesday, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with visitation from 11 until noon, Wednesday, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Contributions, suggested to Alzheimers Association, 836 E. Euclid Ave., STE 322, Lexington, Ky 40505.

(Paid obituary)

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Ralph King

Ralph King, 58, of Harold, died Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born July 14, 1949, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Burbage and Rhoda Wilburn King. He was a disabled coal truck driver and a self-employed mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Keathley King.

Other survivors include three sons: Alfred Lee King of Harold, and Phillip DeWayne King, and Ralph Anthony King, both of Winchester; a brother, William Carter King of Teaberry; five sisters: Sue Stratton, Kathryn Hall, Donna Marie McKinney, and Carol Johnson, all of Harold, and Irma Hicks of Lexington; and four grandchildren: Justin DeWayne, Willy Joseph, Joshua Lee, and Baylee Grace.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 10, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Church of Christ ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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Alma Reffett Lowe

Alma Reffett Lowe, age 91, of Eastern, passed away Monday, November 12, 2007, at Cedar Creek Assisted Living.

She was born June 4, 1916, in Martin, the daughter of the late William M. and Minerva Skeans Reffett.

She was a retired school teacher, having taught in the Floyd County School System for more than 30 years. She attended the Methodist Church. She was a member of the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association, the Alice Lloyd College Alumni Association, and served as a director and scholarship chairman of the Floyd County Farm Bureau.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Lowe; a son, Palmer Lowe; five brothers: Taylor Reffett, Edwin Reffett, Wayne Reffett, Floyd Reffett, and Ray Reffett; two sisters: Hazel Caldwell and Rhoda Hannan; and two grandchildren: Benjamin Lowe and Daniel Lowe.

She is survived by two sons, Donald L. (Lou) Lowe of Laurel, Mississippi, and A. Burgess (Margaret) Lowe of Canal Fulton, Ohio; a daughter, Claudena (Kenneth) Hamilton of Virgie; and a daughter-in-law, Julie Lowe of Felicity, Ohio; three sisters: Bessie Conley of Hueysville, Velma Echle of Circleville, Ohio, and Bonnie Sipe of Temecula, California; seven grandchildren: Mark Lowe, Laurena Lowe, Denise Taylor, Stephanie Logan, Glenn Hamilton, Sindy Newsome,

and Jessica Lowe. She also had 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Dennis Love and Bobby Isaac officiating.

Burial will follow the service at Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m., until 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 14.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alice Lloyd College Scholarship Fund, Pippa Passes, Kentucky.

(Paid obituary)

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Marna Belle Mitchell

Marna Belle Mitchell, age 37, of Betsy Layne, passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2007, in Harold.

She was born December 17, 1969, in Pikeville, the daughter of Tommy and Thelma Roberts Spears of Betsy Layne.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are two sons: Jimmy Lee Meade III, and Jeffers McKeade Mitchell, both of Betsy Layne; two brothers: Jeffery Len Spears of Kathleen, Georgia, and Thomas Keith Spears of Darmstadt, Germany.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, November 15, at noon, in the Betsy Layne Church of Christ, with Harry Dean Irick officiating.

Burial will be in the Layne Cemetery at Betsy Layne, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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Juanita Mullins

Juanita Mullins, age 78, of Melvin, died Wednesday, November 11, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born March 26, 1929, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Hillard

and Maxie Gibson Tackett. She was a homemaker, and a member of Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Julius Mullins.

Other survivors include a son, Larry (Kaye) Mullins of East Point; three daughters: Linda (Dennis) Holbrook of Wheelwright, Kathi (Keith) Caudill of Prestonsburg, and Jan (Harvey) Tackett of Jenkins; three brothers: Marvin Tackett of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Henry Bob Tackett of Michigan, and Earl Warren Tackett of Huntington, Indiana; a sister, Mary Ann Johnson; eight grandchildren: Chris, Justin, Ryan, Jonathan, Jordan, Jared, Jonah and Kory; and seven great-grandchildren: Haley, Chris, Olivia, JuliOna, Koby, Reece and Cash.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Darvin Tackett; and a grandchild, Brandon.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 14, at 11 a.m., at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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Butler "Tubby" Williams

Butler "Tubby" Williams, 58, of Grethel, died Friday, November 9, 2007, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born February 26, 1949, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Miles and Ethel Evans Williams. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen Williams.

Survivors include a son, Keith Williams of Chucky, Tennessee; six brothers: Ray Williams, Emmitt Williams, Willie Williams, and Hank Williams, all of Grethel, Rex Williams of Lakewood, Ohio, and Denver Williams of Strongsville, Ohio; four sisters: Alice Belles of Lodi,

Ohio, Bertha Hollis of Spencer, Ohio, Judy Collins of McDowell, and Mary Eschuck of Brooklyn, Ohio; three grandchildren: Hope, Chandra, and Joshua; and a great-grandchild, Christian Blane.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Williams; two brothers: Edgel Williams and Tex Williams; and two sisters: Helen Williams and Clara Jarvis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, at 10 a.m., at the Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Evans Family Cemetery, in Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in

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Visitation was at the church.

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Simple Changes owner aims to serve any taste

by JENNIFER LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG

Hoping to bring a simple change to Prestonsburg, Beth Rowe is stressing the importance of networking with local businesses and providing quality home accessories to the public without the travel.

Working and researching on the project for over a year, Rowe was finally able to open Simple Changes, an eclectic, stylish boutique offering top-of-the-line products for nearly every aspect of one's home.

Born and raised in McDowell, Rowe spent from 1986 to 2000 working with her father's construction company and then the next five years traveling with her son, who has participated in motocross sports.

"In traveling, I noticed that there are so many people who are buying homes and going off to college that having nice things in your home is a must," said Rowe. "I knew that if I was getting tired of traveling so far to get them, others must be too."

According to Rowe, many products and brands featured in her store can only be found in places like Lexington and Louisville. However, the store isn't limited only to 400-thread-count sheets, special detergents and soaps, imported Italian bedding, and designer dishes. It also features many items from local business owners and designers.

"It's time for all retailers to finally work together," said Rowe.

As each section in the store is set up to actually portray a home or bedroom setting, to the extent that some even feel the need to take their shoes off before entering, Rowe said it wouldn't have been possible to display such settings were it not for the cooperation of local businesses.

Featuring beds and tables from Home Furniture, lighting from Creative Lights, and artwork from Paula Goble's Photography, the store also features a variety of antiques from collectors all over Eastern Kentucky and will soon offer local embroidery

services.

However, Rowe said she does be sure to view samples of people's work before allowing it to be displayed in the store, being sure that only good quality and reliable designs are featured.

"It's just time to bring business back home," said Rowe. "We have so many talented people and great merchandise in this area, it's time to show it off."

Unlike most stores, Simple Changes isn't just open during normal business hours for everyday shopping. While the store at usual business times, Rowe does her best to go above and beyond the call of retail and be available to people for all of their needs, at their convenience. Staying late for special appointments, scheduling personal and wedding showers, and even hosting book readings are just a few of the ways Rowe reaches out to the public.

Allowing people to explore their own artistic ability and decorating styles, Rowe invites people to bring a focus piece for their room as an inspiration for their decor. Whether it be a throw, pillow or rug, she said it's fun to just lay things out and toss them together, creating beautiful, attractive ensembles for any style decor. The store also has a special section where people can just sit and plan. Exploring through books upon books of fabric swatches, color samples, and furniture options, a simple pre-designed room layout makes it easy for even the most amateur decorator to enhance their home's appearance. Whether it be shabby chic, country, modern or even simple that one is trying to achieve, Simple Changes offers something for everyone, young and old.

"With gas prices they way they are, I just want to bring business back home," said Rowe.

To enhance your home or add a simple change to your decor, Rowe invites everyone to stop in and visit at 561 North Lake Drive. For more information or to schedule an after hours appointment or party call 886-7040.



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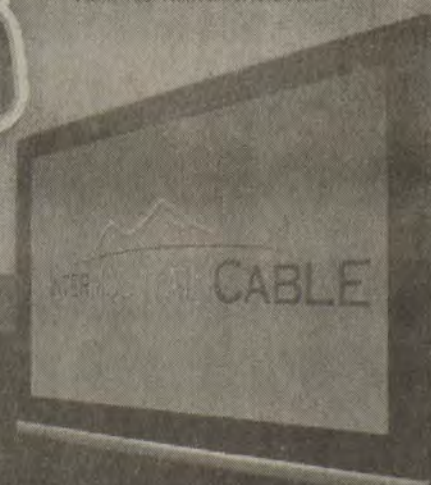
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Beshear hires Preston as senior adviser

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov.-elect Steve Beshear on Monday named a businessman to be his senior adviser.

Thomas L. Preston, who founded a Lexington public relations firm, will report directly to the governor. Preston will also be a liaison between Beshear and state agencies during emergencies and disasters.

"I called upon Tom for advice many times during my campaign and am pleased he is

taking on this new role," Beshear said in a statement.

Beshear, a Democrat, defeated Gov. Ernie Fletcher in last week's election and gets sworn in as governor next month. Since the election, Beshear has been naming officials to his administration.

Preston, 73, founded the Preston Group, Inc. in 1968 and was its board chairman until 1997. He has been involved in state government during his career, including a stint as top assistant to former Gov. Wendell Ford.

Smith-Thorne Wedding



Dani Smith and James Thorne were united in marriage September 26, 2007, at Gano Baptist Church in Georgetown with Harry Hargis officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Doris Leedy, Betsy Layne, and the late Dareld Smith, and the granddaughter of Rena Smith, of Allen. She is a graduate of Morehead State University and employed by Lincoln County School System in Stanford, KY.

The bridegroom is the son of Charlene Thorne, Longview, Texas and the late William Thorne. He is employed by Zachary Construction.

Family and friends will be hosting a reception for the couple at 6 p.m. Saturday, November 17, 2007, at the Martin Convention Center. The couple resides in Nicholasville, KY.

Republicans rally in defeat, call for party unity

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky Republicans called for party unity following Gov. Ernie Fletcher's lopsided defeat this week, and focused on positives as they look ahead to next year's elections.

Fletcher accepted responsibility for his defeat last Tuesday to Democrat Steve Beshear and said he was concentrating on the party's future. The one-term governor told Republicans to do the same and put aside any internal differences that cropped up during his re-election campaign.

"We've had some squabbles as a family, but it's all in the family," Fletcher said to Republicans gathered at a Lexington hotel. "I've always seen it that way."

With Beshear's victory, Democrats seemed to have picked up some momentum in a state where Republicans had been building steam for years. Though the state has more registered Democrats than

Republicans, the GOP had wrested control of the state Senate, the governor's office and its Washington delegation in recent years.

Last week, Democrats regained the state's chief executive office and held on to the attorney general's office, state auditor's office and treasurer. Kentucky Democrats also hold two seats in Congress.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer and Secretary of State Trey Grayson maintained their posts despite a political atmosphere that was troublesome for Republicans.

Fletcher's first term was dogged by a hiring scandal in which he pardoned his entire administration, invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self incrimination and was indicted on misdemeanor charges that were eventually dropped. The probe hinged on allegations that Fletcher's political supporters were improperly given protected state jobs based on their political connections.

In the spring, Fletcher faced

Republican primary opposition from former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup and former ally Billy Harper, a Paducah businessman. Other Republicans, such as Lt. Gov. Steve Pence and Erwin Roberts, a former cabinet secretary in Fletcher's administration, endorsed Northup in her primary against Fletcher.

Still, Fletcher blamed himself Saturday for his defeat, adding that the results were likely more about him than Republicans.

"I can't blame anyone but myself for not being re-elected," Fletcher said.

He urged Republicans to be aggressive in future elections and recruit candidates for every race in an effort to deplete Democratic resources and conserve their own. Fletcher also told Republicans to help U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate Republican leader, win another term in 2008.

McConnell, who called Fletcher a "magnificent governor," said Fletcher had guided the state toward improvements

such as its Medicaid program. Next year's race should focus on "the future and not the past," McConnell said.

"We look forward to the future not with fright, but with optimism," McConnell said. "And I assure you, we will be aggressive."

Republican National Committee Chairman Robert "Mike" Duncan said he was disappointed by the election's outcome and praised Fletcher for what he did as governor.

"From the very first day he had a target on his back," Duncan said. "It was very unfortunate."

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said Fletcher may not have been an adept politician but advanced the state and helped to lower taxes for poor people. Fletcher, however, was burdened throughout his term by "entrenched forces" that sought to "persecute and prosecute" him, Williams said.

While some Republican backers worked hard for Fletcher's re-election, others in attendance had done

"absolutely nothing" on his behalf, Williams acknowledged. Still, Williams called for accord.

Without a "singular purpose" Republicans risk losing control of the Kentucky Senate

and the possibility of becoming politically irrelevant in years to come, Williams said.

"We can bleed ourselves or we can come back together," Williams said. "Now it's time for us to come back together."

Beshear exercises hands-on approach to leadership

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's next governor says he's open to new ideas and bipartisan input — but ultimately, he will make the decisions and stand behind them.

"I'm the one in the end who has to give the direction to this government," said Gov.-elect Steve Beshear, who takes the reins of state government on Dec. 11. "And I've got to set the agenda for this government. That requires a governor who's going to be out front and leading those around him toward the goals that we've set."

Beshear, a former Democratic lieutenant governor, made an unlikely political comeback to win election last week. He hadn't held office in two decades and only ran for governor because he couldn't recruit another candidate. Beshear cruised to a 20-percentage-point victory over Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

He had made leadership a key issue in

the race, and has already begun flexing his gubernatorial muscles.

On Friday, Beshear urged the state Board of Education to reopen a search for a commissioner, saying an uncertain political climate that prevailed during the governor's race may have deterred qualified candidates from applying for the job. Board members are considering his request.

The governor-elect, who takes office on Dec. 11, is a strong leader, but not one who rushes ahead with an idea without listening to the advice of those around him, said Kennedy Helm III, chairman of Stites & Harbison, the multistate law firm that has a Lexington office where Beshear formerly worked as a managing partner.

"He would seek a lot of opinions, but once the time came to make a decision, he didn't hesitate," Helm said. "He is the kind of person who is open to new ideas, open to different points of view, a good listener."

Jim Cauley, the Democratic strategist who served as Beshear's campaign man-

ager and has been tapped to be his chief of staff, said the incoming governor is the kind of leader people enjoy serving under, or, more accurately, alongside.

Cauley said Beshear isn't a topdown manager.

"It's like we all kind of come together and when we walk out the door we're all rolling in the right direction," Cauley said. "He's very good at getting us all kind of pointed, focused in the right way."

Even during the campaign, Cauley said, Beshear resisted the temptation to second-guess his advisers — even on where he and when he would make political appearances.

"There were times with his schedule he would have liked to have micromanaged it," Cauley said. "But he said you all tell me where I need to go and let's go. He was never a micro-manager."

Beshear, a Lexington attorney, had climbed the political ladder in the 1970s

(See BESHEAR, page nine)

Fletcher says he's leaning toward work in private sector

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — It's no secret that Gov. Ernie Fletcher's has been a fighter pilot, ordained Baptist minister, engineer, doctor, congressman and, of course, governor of a state with about 4.2 million people.

With a resume like that, one might think he shouldn't have trouble finding a new gig once he leaves office next month.

"I'm looking at the private side, but that doesn't mean that I'm going to close any doors," Fletcher told reporters after a Kentucky Republican Party meeting Saturday.

In last Tuesday's election, Democrat Steve Beshear defeated Fletcher, who was elected in 2003 as Kentucky's first GOP governor in more than 30 years. Beshear will be sworn in as governor next month.

Fletcher said he's uncertain what he'll do after leaving the Kentucky Governor's Mansion, but is considering a return to medicine.

While governor, he's tried to maintain his medical license, Fletcher said. He's up to date on most of the required continuing education requirements, but might need to attend a conference, Fletcher said.

After not practicing in nearly 10 years, he'd also want

some sort of internship as a refresher before attending to patients, Fletcher said.

"I'm just a little behind," he said.

Fletcher also didn't rule out a return to work in the federal government. He was first elected to Congress in 1998, and then again in 2000 and 2002, before resigning to become governor.

President Bush is planning to travel to nearby New Albany, Ind., on Tuesday to make a speech about the federal budget. Fletcher said he's

planning to greet the president when he lands in Kentucky.

When asked if he'd talk to the president about a job, Fletcher said: "I doubt if I'll talk about that. But I don't know, you know, what is available out there. Right now, we're just making sure we close the loose ends in Frankfort and get things done and we're willing to look at any options anywhere. But we've got some plans that are in the making that are more in the private side of things, frankly."

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Democrats look to keep momentum against McConnell

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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LOUISVILLE — It turned into a reliable applause line for Steve Beshear on the campaign trail, yet had nothing to do with his own campaign for governor.

After promising to defeat Republican incumbent Ernie Fletcher, Beshear told supporters their next task would be to pry four-term U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell from office next year.

Those fighting words always drew loud cheers from Democratic crowds.

Buoyed by their strong showing last week, led by Beshear's lopsided win, rejuvenated Democrats sense an opportunity to topple McConnell, Kentucky's Republican kingpin.

"From the polling I've seen, he's certainly more vulnerable now than he's been in a long, long time," Beshear said last week.

Yet Beshear knows better than anyone how formidable McConnell is, having lost a hard-fought Senate race to him in 1996.

"Obviously, it will be a difficult race because he is the champion of fundraising," said the governor-elect, adding he expects to be involved in candidate recruitment.

No Democrat has stepped forward yet to formally challenge McConnell, though a few are eyeing the race. This time, McConnell has a bigger bull's-eye on his back, due to his stature as the Senate Republican leader.

In that role, McConnell has been a steadfast supporter of President Bush's Iraq war strategy. Outside interest groups have run television ads this year slamming him for supporting the war and opposing legislation to expand a children's health insurance program.

A Lexington Herald-Leader/Action 36 Election Poll last month showed that 46 percent of respondents disapproved of McConnell's job performance and 45 percent approved. In September, The Courier-Journal's Bluegrass Poll found McConnell's approval rating was at 54 percent, while 28 percent disapproved and the rest had no opinion.

McConnell campaign adviser Justin Brasell shrugged off the anti-McConnell sentiments at Beshear rallies. Brasell said it reflected a segment of the electorate that voted against McConnell when the senator got 65 percent of the vote in his last re-election in 2002 — which set a modern-day Kentucky record for success among Republican statewide candidates.

"I don't think it's any surprise that hard-core Democrats support Democrats," he said. "The same thing with conservative, dedicated Republicans support Republicans."

Brasell said the results of last week's election showed that "in Kentucky, it is more about the person, not the party."

Democrats were elected governor, attorney general, treasurer and auditor, while Republican incumbents won new terms as secretary of state and agriculture commissioner.

Not even his sharpest critics doubt the senator's political abilities.

McConnell is considered the mastermind behind the GOP's rise to power in Kentucky in recent years. Republicans hold both U.S. Senate seats, four of six congressional seats and the state Senate. He has compiled a conservative voting record, and carefully cultivated support back home with his assignment on the appropriations and agriculture committees.

A political analyst said McConnell remains the favorite in next year's race, due to his political skills, stature as the top-ranking Senate Republican and fundraising prowess.

"My money's on McConnell and always is because he has so much money," said Larry Sabato, director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "He's the minority leader, and he's as wily as anybody in politics. But I'll bet even he recognizes that he has to be on guard, probably more than at any time since his first re-election in 1990."

McConnell raised more than \$9 million through September and had nearly \$7 million on hand.

Before any Democrat entered the race, McConnell had dipped into his bulging campaign funds for a television commercial debuting last week in the Louisville and Lexington markets. The 60-second ad touts his leadership position and ability to deliver for Kentucky.

Democrats say they see it as a sign that McConnell's worried. Brasell said the timing was part of a strategy put in place some time ago.

"He's going to run a very effective campaign, and he's going to leave nothing to chance," Brasell said.

Despite McConnell's huge fundraising head start, one Democrat pondering the race said there's time for someone to put together a strong challenge, given Democrats' momentum.

"If you mount an aggressive campaign and have strong support behind you, you can put it together very quickly," said state Auditor Crit Luallen, who won re-election last week. "And you can raise money very quickly, especially if you have national support."

Among the Democrats considering the race, outgoing Attorney General Greg Stumbo has formed an exploratory committee. Others pondering a run include Luallen, Iraq war veteran Andrew Home and Louisville businessman Charlie Owen.

Former longtime U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford, a Democrat, said Beshear's election makes it a tougher race for McConnell. For said one thing is for sure — the Democratic nominee can expect McConnell to be on the attack.

"Before you get started, the people will already know who you are, what you are — because he's already framed you," Ford said.

McConnell also is expected to link his Democratic opponent with presidential hopeful Hillary Rodham Clinton if she leads the national Democratic ticket.

"People will think the Democratic nominee's middle name is Hillary," Sabato said.

Brasell hinted just as much, saying that McConnell expects the presidential nominees to largely define the issues discussed in Kentucky.

But McConnell could face a challenge from his own ranks.

Republican Larry Forgy, who barely lost to Democrat Paul Patton in the 1995 gubernatorial election, is considering a Senate run next year as an independent.

Forgy believes McConnell and some other top Republicans abandoned Fletcher, who was indicted during his term on misdemeanor charges that he rewarded politically connected Republicans with jobs at the expense of Democrats. The charges were dropped in a settlement with prosecutors, and Fletcher later maintained the investigation was a witch hunt.

McConnell was silent about Fletcher during the probe and

later when the governor fought off a tough challenge from former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup in the GOP primary.

The senator made a few appearances with Fletcher during the fall campaign, saying the governor had done a fine job and deserved another term. Forgy said the damage was already done, and largely blamed McConnell and a few others for the divisive primary.

Some of Forgy's critics have dismissed him as a "one-man party." Forgy replied that "I'd rather be a one-man party than a party of one man. And the bottom line is McConnell needs some critics. If I am one, then that's the way it is."

Meanwhile, Democrats tried to link McConnell with Fletcher, who could muster just 41 percent of the vote in losing to Beshear. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee released an Internet ad showing McConnell saying he "never met a finer man" than Fletcher.

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Beshear

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and 1980s as a state legislator, attorney general and lieutenant governor. He lost two subsequent elections for governor and U.S. senator.

Now that he has won the coveted position, Beshear said has several primary goals, including expanding medical benefits to some 81,000 children in the state who current have no health insurance. He also wants to improve government benefits to senior citizens so that none has to choose between buying medicine or food.

He has proposed paying for the programs by persuading lawmakers and voters to approve a constitutional amendment that would legalize casinos in Kentucky. By allowing about 10 casinos to open, Beshear said, the state could reap \$500,000 in tax revenues.

Those issues were key in

his campaign, and he has begun putting together a management team to help him implement them. He named current state Treasurer Jonathan Miller as his finance secretary on Friday. Lexington businessman Phil Osborne, owner of a public relations firm, will be his chief communications officer.

"I'm going to surround myself with the best people I can find, regardless of their political affiliation," Beshear said. "I will be a very hands-on governor, but I'm also going to give those people that I surround myself with the ability to perform their duties."

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number of capacities since 1989, including as instructional supervisor for the district and in the capacity of principal for both Shelby Valley High School and Robinson Creek Elementary School.

Henry L. Webb Jr., also a Floyd County native, has served in many roles within the Floyd County school system from 1996. Among which are: teacher of the visually impaired; physical education teacher; social studies teacher; assistant principal; interim

principal; principal, and currently, as director of instruction for the district. He has also served as adjunct professor at Morehead State University.

Compton, May, Meade, and Webb will be interviewed by the members of the Floyd County Board of Education on Tuesday, November 20; Kemp will be interviewed on Wednesday, November 21.

The interviews will be conducted in closed session, in compliance with Kentucky

law.

"These interviews will be the first round," said board chair, Jeff Stumbo. "The board could still decide later to interview more candidates."

Earlier, board members agreed on an objective to attempt to have a new superintendent named by Dec. 1.

Members of the superintendent search committee include Jeff Stumbo, Bernard Shayne Wicker, Keith Smallwood, Zenith Hall, Spencer Dale Hamilton and Stevie Roberts.

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Hive

box to transport it. Building the box, then cutting the limb of the autumn olive bush to allow it to drop, Shepherd was able to safely take the hive home without being stung.

Owning nearly 50 hives, with each containing 30,000 to 40,000 bees, Shepherd said that beekeeping is mainly a hobby, but he is able to sell the jars of honey produced from it.

"This year I sold about 200 quarts," said Shepherd. "That's

the most I've ever sold."

Considering a hive can't be purchased for under \$75, including shipping, what Shepherd came upon was a pretty good thing for a beekeeper.

"I wouldn't take a hundred dollars for it," said Shepherd.

And while the exact profit of the hive hasn't yet been determined, the hive is doing well so far.

"It's home now and work-

ing good and strong," said Shepherd.

Shepherd is also a member of the Bee Association coordinated through the Floyd County Extension Office and often works with Ray Tackett, county extension agent for agriculture and natural resources, coordinating and attending various bee schools. For more information about beekeeping one can contact Tackett at 886-2668.

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KFTC

plans of the local chapter include meeting with Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and Rep. Brandon Spencer to discuss coal related legislation that KFTC is currently working to have introduced in next year's general assembly.

Plans to meet with Greg Howard, state commissioner of vehicle enforcement, is also on the group's agenda.

"One thing we want workers and truckers to know," Handshoe said, "is that we aren't out to take their jobs or create hardships for them. The things we want to see happen will actually help them in the long run, by creating more jobs and by shifting responsibility from workers, like the coal truck drivers, to the coal companies."

Handshoe says that more

jobs can be created by enforcing laws that are already in place.

"It takes more workers to do things right. That's a good thing for people," he said.

Also, Handshoe said, the group feels that coal truck drivers are done an injustice by laws that hold them responsible for overloaded trucks.

"The drivers don't load the trucks," Handshoe said, "the companies do. Instead of holding the drivers responsible and fining them, the companies should be held responsible. We want the drivers to know that we aren't working against them. What we want is actually good for them."

Handshoe encourages coal truck drivers and other workers, as well as all area community members, to attend

upcoming chapter meetings to learn more about KFTC and the objectives of the Floyd County chapter.

The group plans to hold a pot luck dinner at the Maytown Community Center, from 6-8 p.m., on Friday, November 30. All those interested in learning more about Kentuckians for the Commonwealth are encouraged to attend.

The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Martha Catholic Church, at 7 p.m., on December 10.

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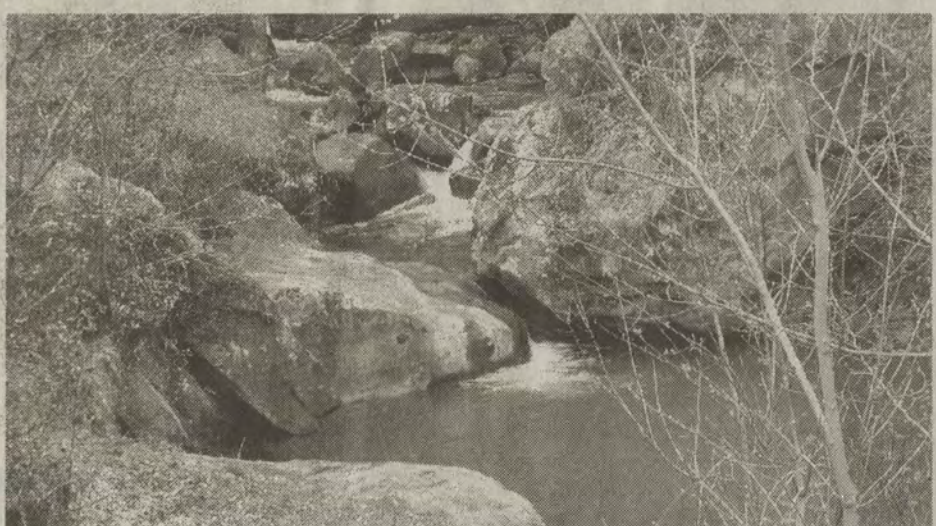
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Political newcomer says he'll run for U.S. Senate

by BRUCE SCHREINER
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PROSPECT — It was a humble start for a little-known political newcomer aspiring to unseat Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Democrat Michael Cassaro was joined by a handful of supporters Tuesday in announcing his plans to seek the seat held by the four-term Republican lawmaker.

Cassaro is the first Democrat to declare intentions of running in next year's race to represent Kentucky in the Senate. Cassaro, 51, is a Louisville-area doctor making his first run for political office. "I owe no political favors to anybody," Cassaro said.

Cassaro said his campaign headquarters right now is a spare bedroom at his father's house. And his announcement was upstaged by a visit from the nation's best-known politician. President Bush flew into Louisville on Tuesday for a midday speech just across the Ohio River in New Albany, Ind.

Yet Cassaro said he was undaunted about running against well-known politicians, and said his experience in private life would be an advantage.

"I've lived real life," he said. "I've experienced what it's like to be a common citizen."

The 2008 election is still nearly a year away, yet the Kentucky Senate race is gearing up. McConnell is seeking re-election and has been running television commercials for nearly a week. The ads compare McConnell to Alben Barkley, a Kentucky Democrat who was Senate majority leader and Harry Truman's vice president.

Another possible candidate, Attorney General Greg Stumbo, said Tuesday he plans to decide by mid-December

whether to enter the Senate race. Stumbo also took aim at potential Democratic rival Crit Luallen, saying voters would be turned off if she launched another campaign right after winning re-election as state auditor.

"I don't think you can take the oath of office for a four-year term one week and turn around and file for another office the next," Stumbo said in a phone interview.

Luallen won another term last week with 59 percent of the vote as Democrats won back the governorship and held onto three other state constitutional offices. Luallen said last week that she's "open to future possibilities" but added she's not close to deciding whether to enter the Senate race.

Responding to Stumbo's comments, Luallen spokesman Jeff Derouen said, "It is very important that Kentuckians have the choice of the best possible challenger to Mitch McConnell next year."

Stumbo opted not to seek a second term as attorney general and instead was the running mate of gubernatorial candidate Bruce Lunsford. They finished second in this year's Democratic primary.

Stumbo, a former longtime Kentucky House majority leader, has formed an exploratory committee but hasn't ruled out staying in state government if offered a job in combating illegal drugs or environmental protection in Beshear's administration. Stumbo said he'll do polling in coming weeks to gauge support for a possible Senate run. "I think right now that my chances in the spring to get the nomination, no matter who's in the field, are exceptionally good," said Stumbo, whose term as attorney general ends in early January.

Besides Stumbo and

Luallen, other Democrats considering a Senate run next year include Iraq war veteran Andrew Horne and Louisville businessman Charlie Owen.

Whoever challenges McConnell will have a lot of catching up to do in fundraising. McConnell had raised more than \$9 million through September and had nearly \$7 million on hand.

At his announcement, Cassaro said he would rely on campaign contributions from supporters.

Cassaro, who treats patients suffering from chronic pain, said if elected he would bring medical expertise to the health care debate in Washington. He said patients are underrepresented in the debate.

"I think I can bring the

insight necessary to the Congress to help turn the tide so we quit taking short-term approaches to the long-term problem," Cassaro said.

Cassaro also talked about providing tax relief to young married couples and cracking down on illegal immigration while welcoming those entering the country legally.

"We need to open our arms to legal immigration, for people that want to come into this country to work and become Americans," he said.

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Little League fields, which will include new concession stands and eventually new bathrooms. As other projects are expected, including additions to the girls' softball field, David Baldrige is expected to present a list to the council regarding upcoming projects that will take place in 2008 so they can be budgeted for in January. It was also agreed that the

council would show its support to Allen Baptist Church, which is investing in a 16,000 square foot facility costing \$1.3 million.

In other business, the council voted to approve the Stonecrest Grill lease and also discussed placement of various speed bumps.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Nov. 19.

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the accounting specifics are worked out, other fees such as parking tickets or building permits could also be paid using this method.

"We're just very happy about this expansion," Graden said. "It allows us to offer more consumer choices."

For those that pay their bills, which were mailed out the last week of October, early payers are eligible for a 2 percent discount before Nov. 30, while those paid in December are at the base rate, and any bills paid after that risk a 6 percent penalty.

Schoolcraft adds that just

because you don't receive a bill, is not an excuse for non-payment.

"We only go on the addresses that we have. I've already gotten about 30 bills returned for having the wrong address," said Schoolcraft. "Everyone should know that they have a bill and it is their responsibility to pay it."

City hall is opened Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, for those that need to come after hours, a secured lock box is hung next to the clerk's office permitting that bills can be paid there and a receipt will be mailed.

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Odds & Ends

■ PEORIA, Ill. — A former bank executive who was said to have "Robin Hood" mentality has been sentenced to 41 months in federal prison for taking money from some accounts and repaying others, as well as pocketing some of the money for himself.

The judge at Friday's sentencing hearing also ordered Thomas J. Mariotti, 37, to repay more than \$691,000 to his former employer and to Tall Oaks Country Club, one of the affected accounts. Mariotti will remain free on bond until he surrenders himself to prison officials next month.

A psychologist who testified at the sentencing hearing said Mariotti had a "Robin Hood" mentality because he took money from the bank to help support bad loans he had made. In one case, he paid off a \$45,000 loan, said his attorney, Ron Hamm.

In June, Mariotti waived indictment and pleaded guilty to one count of bank fraud.

■ SOUTHWORTH, Wash. — A man trying to loosen a stubborn lug nut blasted the wheel with a 12-gauge shotgun, injuring himself badly in both legs, sheriff's deputies said.

The 66-year-old man had been repairing a Lincoln Continental for two weeks at his home northwest of Southworth, about 10 miles southwest of Seattle, and had gotten all but one of the lug nuts off the right rear wheel by Saturday afternoon, Kitsap County Deputy Scott Wilson said.

"He's bound and determined to get that lug nut off," Wilson said.

From about arm's length, the man fired the shotgun at the wheel and was "peppered" in both legs with buckshot and debris, with some injuries as high as his chin, according to a sheriff's office report.

"Nobody else was there and he wasn't intoxicated," Wilson said.

The man was taken to Tacoma General Hospital with injuries Wilson described as severe but not life-threatening.

■ ERIE, Pa. — Police say a 70-year-old man told them he tried to solve his financial problems with a grocery bag, bandanna and a 50-year-old handgun that doesn't work.

Instead, Donald Cesare is in

the Erie County Prison on federal bank robbery charges stemming from a holdup Thursday at the First National Bank in Millcreek Township.

Authorities say Cesare has no criminal record and immediately apologized for the robbery when they tracked him down based on his description. Cesare also wants to apologize to the teller, police said.

Cesare has applied for a federal public defender. Police said they found a gun and about \$6,000 in a bag at his home.

■ ATLANTA — A 20-year-old man was arrested for allegedly selling hallucinogenic mushrooms hidden inside chocolate bunnies and ducks and other drugs, authorities said.

Rockdale County sheriff's deputies arrested the man after a deputy spotted him allegedly selling a sheet of LSD and a chocolate duck containing psilocybin mushrooms for \$650, Sgt. Jodi Shupe said Saturday.

"It appears they were using the chocolate to cover up they were selling drugs, and they had been doing it for a while," Shupe said.

Drug officers found 74 chocolate ducks and bunnies containing mushrooms in a cooler bag in the man's truck, along with \$1,200 in cash in his pants pockets, Shupe said.

■ BRADENTON, Fla. — A man was in jail Saturday after refusing to sign a \$15 jaywalking ticket two days earlier.

Leroy Franklin Cladd Jr. was cited for not using a crosswalk late Thursday night. He balked at signing the ticket, a misdemeanor that landed him in jail. He was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time, police said.

Cladd was being held at the Manatee County jail on \$250 bond.

■ NEW CASTLE, Ind. — A car wash change machine paid off like a Las Vegas slot for one customer, but he turned over his booty to police.

Eldon McCammack put a dollar in the change machine Saturday at the Trojan Car Wash in this city about 40 miles east of Indianapolis. In return, he got 1,042 quarters, or \$260.50.

McCammack, 71, said he

first grabbed a top from a trash can to catch the coins. Another customer found a plastic container for the overflow.

McCammack brought the jackpot to the police station, where officers counted the quarters, put them in an evidence locker and called the car wash's owner.

He went back later and washed his car.

■ MADISON, Wis. — A police officer has been reprimanded for accidentally discharging a Taser, causing an injury — to the police officer.

Madison police released a report Monday on the July 31 incident, without revealing the officer's name or gender. The department said the Taser accidentally discharged during a standard checkout procedure.

According to a summary of the investigation, officers are required to make sure no air cartridges are loaded before

testing the Taser gun at the start of each shift. It's the air cartridges that propel the Taser's prongs, which deliver a jolt of electricity when they strike a target.

The officer's hand was injured, police spokesman Joel DeSpain said.

A letter of reprimand was issued because failing to ensure the air cartridge wasn't loaded was a violation of department policy, the report said.

■ MASCOUTAH, Ill. — Maybe they hugged it out: school officials resolved their dispute with the parents of a 13-year-old girl given detention for hugging her friends.

Melissa and Dean Coulter met with officials of the Mascoutah School District 19 to discuss the two detentions given their daughter, Megan, for hugging friends goodbye for the weekend. School offi-

cialists said the eighth grader violated a policy banning public displays of affection.

"Our whole purpose of the meeting was to get them to talk to us and discuss what changes needed to be made and if (the policy) could be improved," Dean Coulter said. "We scheduled it because we figured it was the right thing to do."

Her parents told her to serve the detentions to avoid getting into more trouble, and had planned to take the issue before the Board of Education at its meeting Thursday.

Superintendent Sam McGowen said in a statement Monday that the Coulters had withdrawn their request to speak at the meeting, and decided instead to meet with administrators.

"I'm grateful they sought this meeting and we could have a level of discussion that helps us both understand each

other's concerns more clearly," McGowen stated.

He said he and Assistant Superintendent Terry Gibbons met with the Coulters on Friday and discussed the policy that led to the detentions.

"We told them that we reviewed it on an annual basis and that's where we left it," he said.

Coulter said McGowen was very receptive during the meeting, and that the family is satisfied with the district's promise to at least look into revising the policy.

"I just feel like we've accomplished what we wanted to accomplish, and that was for them to talk to us," he said.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on November 23, 2007, at 11 a.m., at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky. 2000 Chevrolet S-10 4x4 Pickup, Serial Number 1GCDT14WOYK23 5107. All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees. First Guaranty Bank 39 Triangle Street P.O. Box 888 Martin, KY 41659

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 877-0182

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles northeast of Gunlock and is situated in both Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation will disturb 570.41 surface acres and 22.53 acres of auger area of which 22.53 acres underlie proposed surface area, making a total permit area of 570.41 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork Road's junction with KY 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River.

The proposed operation is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Abe Shepherd Heirs, Abe Shepherd, Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Gladys Shepherd, Clyde Allen Estate,

Rule Reagan, Ruth Ousley, and Kelly Hale Heirs. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepherd and Clyde Allen Estate. The operation will use the area, contour, and auger/high wall methods of mining.

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

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 07-CI-00731 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Willie Prater; Carmen Cita Prater; and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Judgement and Order of Sale,

referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 24th day of September, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$57,769.63, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING a certain tract of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the right of way of Salyers Branch Road, described as follows:

Beginning at a metal stake set at the lower side edge of the garage, said stake being 100 feet from the Salyers Branch Road as followed along a drive or lane; thence with the lower front side line of said garage 24 feet to a metal stake set at the back lower side of said garage; thence from said stake 29 feet along the upper back side of said garage to a point in the back of the ditch line; thence with the back of the said ditch line 96 feet to

a set metal post; thence from said metal post in a straight line 109 feet to another metal post set in the right of way line of Salyers Branch Road; thence along the right of way of said road 111 feet to a point at the lower edge of a drive lane; thence with the edge of said drive land 100 feet up back to the metal stake set at the lower side edge of the garage, the point of beginning. See Also Drawing Of Same Recorded As Part Deed Of Record In Deed Book 418, Page 90, in the Office of the Floyd County, Kentucky, Court Clerk.

Being the same real property conveyed to Willie Prater and Carmen Cita Prater, husband and wife, by Deed without right of survivorship dated 4-14-98, of record in Deed Book 418, Page 90, in the Office of the County Court Clerk of Floyd County.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Castil Williams 219 St. Clair, Ste. 9 Frankfort, KY 40601 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIR-

CUIT COURT DIVISION No. I C.A. No. 05-CI-00308 James Trusty Plaintiff Vs. Linda McKenzie Defendant RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Orders for Sale of Property, entered on the 11th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in connection with the divorce proceedings in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, together with any and all improvements and appurtenances, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1 Thence beginning and starting point, at a Locust tree beside the main Middle Creek stream; thence running with main Middle Creek Stream east approximately 100 feet to a black walnut tree; beside the main Middle Creek Stream; thence running to a large pine tree up the hill to a large poplar tree approximately 10 feet above the old coal banks, thence straight around the hill west running with the old coal mine banks to a white oak tree; thence in a straight line down the hill west to the main hollow stream across the hollow stream approximately 15 feet; thence in a straight line back to the starting point.

Being the same property conveyed to James Trusty and Linda McKenzie by deed dated July 10, 1989, from Lon Slone and Edith Slone, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 329, Page 76, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract 2

Starting at a Walnut tree at the creek then runs up the hill to a Pine tree, then to Poplar ten feet above coal bank to stake, then around the hill to the end of point going down to creek back to Walnut tree joining Lon Slone and Edith Slone.

Being the same property conveyed to Linda McKenzie or James Trusty, by deed dated, July 7, 2003, from Rosanna Watkins Collins, et al., recorded in Deed Book 489, Page 150, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, shall either pay cash or 10% down, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event that a lien holder herein is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the lien holder, and it shall be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Jeffery N. Lovely P.O. Box 82 Salyersville, KY 41465 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 07-CI-00259 LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Ownit Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Loan-Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 Plaintiff Vs. Chandra Ratliff, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 21st day of August, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$63,750.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 8th day of November, 2007, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on the north side of the public road to Garrett and on the west side of the street where it intersects with said

road to Garrett; thence in a north-easterly direction with said street N 16° 57' E 84 feet to a stake; thence in a northwesterly direction N 50° 42' W 38 feet to a stake; thence in a westerly direction S 38° 50' W 75 feet to a stake; thence running with a road to Garrett S 45° 30' E 70 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence. Being the same property conveyed to Chandra R. Ratliff, unmarried, and Ruby J. Colgrove, unmarried, by virtue of a deed dated 12/30/2005, and recorded in Deed Book 520, Page 135, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

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Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Jeffery N. Lovely P.O. Box 82 Salyersville, KY 41465 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 07-CI-00259 LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for Ownit Mortgage Loan Trust Mortgage Loan-Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-3 Plaintiff Vs. Chandra Ratliff, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

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Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Patricia L. Johnson Nielson & Sherry, PSC 639 Washington Avenue Newport, KY 41071-1971 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0350

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc. 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 201.64 surface acres, and will underlie 71.49 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 273.13 acres, located approximately 2.0 miles southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the Harold/Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area, contour and auger/hi-wall mining methods of mining. The surface to be disturbed is owned by Appalachian Land Company, Locust Grove Inc., John H. Kidd, Jeffery and Judith Gayheart, Joe Roberts, Sonny and Linda Gayheart, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. All underground areas to be disturbed are owned by the Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 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, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, by January 16th, 2008. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on January 17th, 2008, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite No. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 16th, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC and Eugene Mullins. The permit area will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC and Eugene Mullins. The operation will use the contour and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The operation will affect an area within 100 ft of a public road, State Route 680. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection

at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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Riverview gang at the Lexington Legends baseball game.

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Eagles fall to Union, Mid-Continent

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team lost two close games last week. ALC traveled to Barbourville on Tuesday night to play Union College. The Eagles led 36-34 at halftime. The Eagles trailed 59-58 with a little over five minutes to play in the game. Turnovers and several missed opportunities at the free throw line resulted in a 69-62 loss for the visiting team.

Rodney Mitchell, Eric

Mullins and Betsy Layne High School graduate Preston Simon each scored 10 points for the Eagles. Freshman center Corey Dixon came off the bench to get nine points and five rebounds. Point guard William Dillard had eight points and four assists for the Eagles. Corey Hairston pulled down eight rebounds for ALC in the setback.

ALC, under the guidance of head coach Gary Gibson, traveled across the state on Saturday to Mayfield to play Mid-Continent University. The Eagles

trailed by double digits early in the game, but fought back to lead 47-46 at halftime. In the second half, the Cougars hit 19-of-28 field goal attempts and 19-of-22 from the free throw line in route to the 103-88 win. Mitchell led five players in double figures with 18 points and two rebounds. Simon had 15 points and seven rebounds, followed by Mullins with 13 points and four rebounds. Hairston (11 pts., five rebs.) and Dillard (11 pts., six assists) were also in double figures. William

Jones (five pts., two rebs.) played his best game since returning from an injury. Michael Lindon chipped in with seven points, three rebounds and two assists.

The Eagles have started a three-game stretch this week. They were hosting UVA-Wise on Tuesday. The ALC-UVA-Wise game ended too late to make this edition. ALC will host Virginia Intermont on Thursday before hitting the road on Saturday for a game against nationally-ranked Mountain State University.



photo courtesy of Beaver Junction Motocross

BRANDON ABOUD, who recently signed with Team Green, is pictured at Beaver Junction Motocross during a heat race in which he won. Abboud is sponsored by Hatfield & McCoy Motorsports.

Cumberlands doubles up Pikeville, 42-21

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Senior tailback Moses Cochran ran for 174 yards and scored four touchdowns and the defense forced six turnovers to lead the University of the Cumberlands to a 42-21 win and in the process the automatic bid from the Mid-South Conference East Division into the NAIA playoffs.

Cochran, a 5-8, 170-pound senior from Thomasville, Ga., scored on runs of 29, 15, 4 and 33 yards to lead the Patriots to the win.

The decision, combined with Union's 28-21 shocker over Georgetown, left Cumberlands in a tie for the MSC East crown with U.Va.-Wise, and thanks to last week's improbable comeback overtime win over the Highland Cavaliers, Cumberlands gets the automatic bid into the playoffs.

Wise, which blew past West Virginia Tech 55-14 on Saturday, is 9-2 on the season. The Cavaliers, ranked 14th in last week's poll, must now wait to see if they will receive the Sunday-morning phone call and an at-large bid into the playoffs.

Cumberlands, ranked 18th, will definitely be in. A team must win its conference or division and be ranked in the national Top 20 in the final poll for the automatic birth.

The Patriots wasted no time in getting on the scoreboard. A muffed punt was recovered by sophomore free safety Brian Abshire at the 29, and Cochran ran in from there on the first play. Hunter Meade made the first of six PATs in the game for a 7-0 lead with 12:19 left.

While the teams would be tied twice, Cumberlands never trailed.

Pikeville (4-7, 2-3) answered with a 74-play drive that took only eight plays and ended when freshman quarterback Dan Wideman ran in from the seven. Kyle Chilton tied the game with 8:58 left. But the Pats methodically took the ball downfield, using 13 plays and 5:33 to go 88 yards for the score, which came on a 15-yard run by Cochran for a 14-7 lead with 3:13 left.

The Bears tied it one final time when redshirt freshman Travis Norris hit freshman tailback Desrick Jones to force a fumble that freshman Anson Cunningham picked up and took 72 yards for a touchdown.

But before the half, Cochran

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)

COUNTY CHAMPIONS



photo by Jamie Howell

South Floyd Middle School claimed the Floyd County A-Team girls' basketball championship. April Bradford guided South Floyd to the A-Team title. Champions in the B- and C-team divisions were also crowned recently. More on each of the Floyd County title games will appear in Friday's edition.

Cumberlands volleyball players receive MSC recognition

Rutherford among three honorees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG – The University of the Cumberlands volleyball team recently ended its season at the Mid-South Conference Tournament where it defeated Pikeville College and fell to Georgetown College. Although the team had a rocky season, several of the players have much to show. Taran Johnson (London), Kaylyn Suttles (Cincinnati), Erika Barnes (Fairfield, Ohio), Lauren Taylor (Villia Hills) and Heather Rutherford (Belfry) all made the All-

Conference Second Team and/or received the Honorable Mention Award.

Johnson is a junior at Cumberlands majoring in Business Administration and is the daughter of Ric and Elizabeth Johnson. This season, Johnson led the team in kills with 299, making 2.49 kills per game. She also holds the record for solo blocks with 95 this season.

Suttles served as the team's libero for the second consecutive year. She is a sophomore majoring in Early Childhood Education and is the daughter of John and Jennifer Suttles. She finished the season as the leader in digs with 569 and accumulated 45 serving aces.

Barnes is the daughter of Jeff and Lynne Barnes. She is a freshman at Cumberlands majoring in Fitness and Sports Management. She carries the record this season for attack percentage at .248. Barnes also came in second with serving aces with 47.

Taylor is a junior at Cumberlands double majoring in Business Administration and Public Health. She is the daughter of Gary and Susan Taylor and served as the team's setter for the majority of the season. Taylor closed the season as the leader in assists and in serving aces with 534 and 55, respectively.

Rutherford is the daughter of Douglas and Donetta

Rutherford. She is a senior and will be graduated from Cumberlands in 2008 with degrees in Exercise Sport Science and Biology. Rutherford had a consistent and solid season all around with 16 kills from back row, 22 serving aces and 257 digs.

"All five of our players nominated were honored Thursday night at the banquet," commented Cumberlands Coach Kara Clemenz. "I know that if we had placed higher in the conference a couple of them would have made First Team. I am so proud of these girls. They must have been doing something right to get recognized by the other coaches in the conference."

Football Wildcats advance in polls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Following the 27-20 win at Vanderbilt, the Kentucky football team has advanced in the national rankings released Sunday, Nov. 11.

– No. 22 in The Associated Press; UK was No. 24 last week and has been in the poll eight of the last nine weeks.

– No. 20 in the USA Today/Coaches; UK was No. 22 last week and has been in the poll for nine consecutive weeks.

– No. 21 in the Harris Interactive Poll (part of the BCS poll); UK was No. 23 last week and has been in the Harris list all eight weeks since the poll began on Sept. 24.

– No. 23 in the Bowl Championship Series poll, which combines AP, Harris, and a computer average; UK was No. 25 last week and has been in the poll four of the five weeks since the poll began on Oct. 14.

Kentucky (7-3 overall, 3-3 in the Southeastern Conference) returns to action Saturday at Georgia, in a game set to begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be televised regionally by Lincoln Financial Sports.

Brooks kicks off Big Blue Crush with blood donation: Coach Rich Brooks kicked off the 20th annual Big Blue Crush blood drive with a donation Monday.

The Big Blue Crush is taking place through Friday (Nov. 16). The event pits University of Kentucky fans against University of Tennessee supporters to see who can give the most blood. The Big Blue Crush helps the Kentucky Blood Center have enough donations to make it through the upcoming holiday season. Now in its 20th year, the competition is tied – Kentucky and Tennessee have won nine times each and there has been one tie.

Fans wishing to donate can call 1-800-775-2522 or visit kybloodcenter.org for donor center details, which are located in Lexington, Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Somerset.

Fans who donate to the Big Blue Crush will receive: A coupon from McDonald's for a free Extra Value Meal; A 20th anniversary Big Blue Crush T-shirt; Entry in a daily drawing for two tickets to the Tennessee at Kentucky football game, and two passes for the Big Blue Zone tailgate party prior to the game.

Kinzer claims runner-up finish in SRRS feature

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

WHEEL, Tenn. – Veteran Dirt Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer claimed a runner-up finish at Duck River Speedway Saturday in a \$3,000-to-win Southern Regional Racing Series feature race dubbed the Hart Hastings/Henry Smith Memorial 50. Byron Michael (Florence, Ala.) won the SRRS event.

Earlier in the year, Kinzer finished runner-up in another SRRS-sanctioned race at Duck River Speedway. The Allen driver competes against some of the nation's top Late Model drivers.

Another Kentucky driver – Johnny Wheeler of Campbellsville – finished outside of the top-10 in the 13th-place position.

A complete rundown of the Hart Hastings/Henry Smith Memorial 50 fol-

lows.

Daniel Miller, Shelbyville, Tenn.; 6. 121

- Anthony Burroughs, Athens, Ala.; 7. 11 David Gentry, Wheel, Tenn.; 8. 1 Ronald Dunn, Corinth, Miss.; 9. 98 Eric Hickerson, Linden, Tenn.; 10. 66 Tony Knowles, Tyrone, Ga.; 11. 49 Jeff Walker, McMinnville, Tenn.; 12. 1A Tony Albright, Clarksville, Tenn.; 13. 48 J o h n n y Wheeler, Campbellsville, Ky.; 14. 17X Jerry Owens, Killen, Ala.; 15. 75 Carnell Parker, Clarksville, Tenn.; 16. 07 Dwayne Waid, Lynchburg, Tenn.; 17. 1 Shannon Davis, Estill Springs, Tenn.; 18. 119
- Billy Mayo, Cleveland, Tenn.; 19. 19 Mark Mears, Decatur, Ala.; 20. 70 Mike Luna, Sparta, Tenn.; 21. 112 Michael Luna, Sparta, Tenn.; 22. 41 Rudder Harper, Lewisburg, Tenn.; 23. 25 Steve Ross, Lexington, Tenn.; 24. 99 Shannon Elrod, Cookeville, Tenn.



BRANDON KINZER

Hart Hastings/Henry Smith Memorial 50 at Duck River Speedway (Saturday, Nov. 10): 1. B17 Byron Michael, Florence, Ala.; 2. 18 Brandon Kinzer, Allen, Ky.; 3. B31 Tony Morris, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; 4. 3 Mike Collins, Council Bluffs, Iowa; 5. 16



EAST KENTUCKY MINERS COACH KEVIN KEATHLEY addressed a large crowd on Saturday during Eagle Madness at Johnson Central High School. Keathley and his team met fans on Tuesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center as part of Miner Madness.

Woodson leads Kentucky to 27-20 win over Vanderbilt

by ANTONIO GONZALEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kentucky is likely headed to a bigger bowl game than last year.

The Wildcats are thinking bigger still.

Andre Woodson threw for 222 yards, Rafael Little had 70 yards rushing before being injured and No. 20 Kentucky beat Vanderbilt 27-20 on Saturday to keep alive its slim hopes of a berth in the Southeastern Conference title game.

"This win puts us in the chase," running back Derrick Locke said. "We can still get to a really good bowl. We can still get to Atlanta."

Kentucky needs plenty of help if it wants to win play for the SEC title.

The Wildcats (7-3, 3-3 SEC) close their season against SEC East rivals Tennessee and Georgia, and have a chance to sneak into the league title game in Atlanta by

defeating both. A South Carolina win over Florida later on Saturday would also be a big help.

"The real key for us whether we win next week or don't win next week, if we're going to have a chance, the ball coach is going to have to do something for us," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks said, referring to South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier. "We can end up tied for it, but it would be tough."

The Wildcats snapped their two-game losing skid and clinched consecutive seven-win seasons for the first time since 1976-77. Kentucky beat Clemson 28-20 in the Music City Bowl last year.

For the Commodores (5-5, 2-5), their hopes of becoming bowl eligible will have to wait a little longer. Vanderbilt hasn't been to a bowl since the 1982 Hall of Fame Bowl.

The Commodores had eight penalties for 65 yards, and Byrant Hahnfeldt missed two field goals and an extra point for Vanderbilt.

Mackenzi Adams threw for 193 yards and two touchdowns for the Commodores, but sailed his final throw on fourth down over the head of Justin Wheeler in the end zone. Adams was sacked on second down by Jeremy Jarmon, and Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson chose to have Adams spike the ball instead of using its final timeout with 17 seconds remaining.

"We knew what the time was and we were using it just the way we wanted to use it," Johnson said. "If we were going to score, we didn't want Kentucky to have a chance to get the ball back. I think it was good clock management by MacKenzi."

"We were making some big plays. We made some fourth-down plays. The sack discouraged me. I was actually watching the receivers trying to get open and I didn't see the sack. That was disappointing."

Kentucky gave Vanderbilt countless opportunities to become bowl eligible.

The Wildcats had a season-high 13 penalties for 123 yards, including a holding call that wiped out a 52-yard reception by Keenan Burton. But Vanderbilt couldn't close out drives.

"Everything looked like it was going pretty good," Vanderbilt defensive end Curtis Gatewood said. "At the end of the game, we had some breakdowns. It's so frustrating."

Earl Bennett had eight catches for 68 yards, and Cassen Jackson-Garrison had 83 yards rushing for the Commodores.

The game was sloppy and marred by penalties and injuries.

Vanderbilt running back Jared Hawkins was carted off the field in the third quarter after suffering a blow to the head on a late-hit penalty by Wildcats safety Ashton Cobb. Hawkins was able to walk onto the cart after about five minutes. His status was not immediately announced.

Kentucky running back Rafael Little was injured on the opening drive of the second half. Locke had 51 yards rushing in his place, including a 4-yard touchdown rush that would serve as the winning score.

A 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty on Vanderbilt's Broderick Stewart in the final seconds of the first half allowed Lones Seiber to make a 48-yard field goal that tied the game 13-13. Seiber also kicked a 38-yarder.

Adams threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to give Vanderbilt a 7-3 lead, as Brooks raced down the sidelines trying to call a timeout. Brooks pleaded with officials after the play that the timeout should have been called, drawing a 15-yard personal foul penalty.

"They were trying to get to six wins, we were trying to get to seven," Cobb said. "There was a lot of emotions out there. There were bowl games being fought for."

Pikeville

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scored for a third time, this time from four yards out, and junior fullback Ricky Walker ran 11 yards for the score for a 28-14 lead at the half.

Pikeville took advantage of a 62-yard kickoff return to start the second half and needed only two plays for what would prove to be its final touchdown of the season. It came on a 17-yard pass from Wideman to sophomore tight end Michael Serafine to cut the deficit in half.

But from there it was all Cumberlands, as Jones scored from 17 yards out later in the third and Cochran put the game on ice with a 33 yard score with 9:17 left in the game.

Led by Cochran, Cumberlands ran for 451 yards in the game. Walker followed with 94 while Rod Mason, a

backup quarterback, finished with 70.

Pikeville had 85 yards on the ground, with Wideman leading the way with 72.

In the air, Pikeville's quarterback combination was 19-of-38 for 230 yards and three interceptions. Wideman was 12-of-22 for 139 with the score and two picks, while senior Chip English finished his career 7-of-16 for 91 yards with an interception.

English ends his career having completed 259 of 517 passes for 3,203 yards with 28 touchdowns and 22 interceptions. All are the career records in Pikeville College football history.

The leading receiver was Serafine who hauled in six catches for 71 yards.

Quarterbacks Mason and

Kyle King were 5-of-11 for 57 yards and an interception. Chris Wallace, with a catch for 32 yards, led the receiving corps.

Norris led the Bears with 10 tackles, eight being solos. His forced fumble gave him six for the season, establishing a new school record for a season and matching the career mark of Michael Shepperd. Jamar Porter, another freshman, had nine tackles, eight of them solos.

It was a difficult season for the Bears on defense, having allowed the most points in school history and surrendering more than 40 points in all seven losses.

Cumberlands had four defenders with four tackles apiece, with Abshire being one of them to go with his two fumble recoveries.

Florida's SEC title hopes depend on Kentucky victories

by JEFFREY COLLINS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Not long after Florida rolled over South Carolina on Saturday, coach Urban Meyer was asked if he was now a big Kentucky fan.

After a brief, quizzical look, Meyer realized the No. 14 Gators' Southeastern Conference title hopes now rest on the Wildcats, who have Georgia and Tennessee left on their schedule — both teams with one less Southeastern Conference loss than Florida, who finished league play at 5-3.

The good news for the Gators is they would win most tiebreakers for the Eastern Division title except if they finish in a tie with No. 8 Georgia, who beat Florida on Oct. 27. Any three- or four-way ties that involve 19th-ranked Tennessee or No. 22 Kentucky would go to Florida, based in part on its 4-1 record in the East.

"The light at the end of the tunnel is still there," Meyer

said. Quarterback Tim Tebow is a big reason the light didn't go out against the Gamecocks. Tebow had to carry the offense because dual-threat receiver Percy Harvin was out with sinus problems.

Offensive coordinator Dan Mullen said when Tebow found out Harvin might miss the game, the sophomore came up to the coach and said: "I'm ready to carry whatever I've got to carry. I'm ready."

"So we gave it to him," Mullen said.

Tebow accounted for all seven Gator TDs in the 51-31 win. The sophomore was 22-for-32 for a career-best 304 yards and ran for 120 yards on 26 carries, accounting for more than three-quarters of the offense for Florida's 537 yards.

Tebow said after the game his bruised nonthrowing shoulder, which had slowed him down as the Gators lost three of four in the middle of the season, was feeling fine.

"We wanted him to carry the

ball. He was asking to carry it more than he did," Mullen said.

Florida wraps up its season with Florida Atlantic next week and the big rivalry game Nov. 24 against Florida State.

But Tebow hopes Kentucky can do the Gators a favor and give them one more date on the schedule — Dec. 1 at the SEC title game against LSU.

"Now we're stuck praying and hoping and rooting for Kentucky," Tebow said.

And while Tebow's head coach called Saturday's game "a Heisman performance," the quarterback would rather see his Kentucky counterpart Andre Woodson have two great games against Georgia and Tennessee.

As for Meyer, once he realized the Wildcats stood between a possible SEC title for Georgia and Tennessee, he let out a sigh and said he was glad because Kentucky and coach Rich Brooks gave his Gators one of their toughest games of the year.

"Oh boy," Meyer said. "I'm going to call Rich."

LSU takes top spot in BCS Standings

by RALPH D. RUSSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Beware of Kansas.

LSU moved into the first place in the Bowl Championship Series standings Sunday and Oregon jumped into second place, a day after previous No. 1 Ohio State was upset by Illinois.

But third-place Kansas is the only remaining unbeaten team in the six conferences with an automatic bid to the BCS and history suggests the Jayhawks will play for a national title if they stay perfect.

An undefeated team from a major conference has never been left out of the BCS national championship game in favor of a one-loss team.

Kansas has a home game against Iowa State on Saturday, then plays Missouri at Kansas City on Nov. 24. Win that one and Kansas goes to the Big 12 championship game, where the most likely opponent will be Oklahoma.

Those games could give the Jayhawks the boost they need in the polls to overtake the Ducks, regardless of how Oregon finishes.

"I think they might even catch LSU," said Jerry Palm, a BCS analyst who runs www.collegebs.com. "Why not? You're

undefeated in a major conference and beat two top-five teams in your final two games."

LSU can rest easier than Oregon. With three games remaining, including the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 1, LSU will likely reach the BCS title game in New Orleans by winning out.

"I don't see LSU doing worse than No. 2 if they win the way they're supposed to," Palm said. "A 10-7 over Mississippi (on Saturday) could change things, because margins matter to voters."

The Ducks also have three games left, but they're past the toughest part of their schedule. The Ducks play at Arizona on Thursday night, have a road game against UCLA on Nov. 24 and finish the season against rival Oregon State at home on Dec. 1.

None of those teams is ranked, so if the Ducks struggle to a victory it could open up an opportunity for not only Kansas, but fourth-place Oklahoma or fifth-place Missouri.

Palm said it will be difficult for the Sooners or Tigers to reach the top two without LSU or Oregon losing.

LSU is No. 1 in both the Harris and coaches' polls and top-rated by the computers. The

Tigers have a BCS average of .980.

"Our guys understand what being ranked is about certainly at this point in the year," LSU coach Les Miles said. "Now, we are highly ranked again. That ranking happens to be No. 1. They understand what it means."

Oregon is No. 2 in the polls, but third in the computer ratings, giving the Ducks a BCS average of .938.

Kansas is ranked fourth in both polls, but second in the computer ratings and has a BCS average of .909. Oklahoma, third in the polls and seventh in the computers, is at .854. Missouri is sixth in the polls and fifth in computers for a .810 average.

Hawaii, the only other unbeaten team in major college football, remained 16th in the BCS standings and still needs to move up four places by the time the final standings come out on Dec. 2 to earn an automatic BCS berth out of the Western Athletic Conference.

The Warriors (9-0) have games left at Nevada and at home against Boise State and Washington.

Boise State was in 18th place, giving the Broncos a shot at getting to a big-dollar BCS bowl for the second straight season.

San Diego upends host Morehead State, 27-14

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Running back J.T. Rogan and quarterback Josh Johnson led San Diego to a 27-14 Pioneer Football League win over Morehead State University Saturday (Nov. 10) afternoon at Jayne Stadium.

Rogan carried the ball 31 times and gained 154 yard and caught three passes for 50 yards. He scored on touchdown rushing and one receiving. Johnson hit 14-of-27 passes for 211 yards and two touchdowns and gained 52 yards on the ground. Torero defensive end Eric Bakhtiari had four tackles for loss, including three sacks.

San Diego raised its record

to 9-1 overall and 6-1 in the PFL. The Toreros and Dayton share the 2007 PFL Championship. Morehead State fell to 7-3 overall, 5-2 in the league.

"We knew they were a great football team coming in," said MSU Coach Matt Ballard. "Today, they proved it on both sides of the football. They out-played us and deserved to win."

"We weren't able to run the ball effectively, and we had problems with pass protection. We game a great effort, our guys always do. But, San Diego was just a little sharper in the execution department."

MSU quarterback Brian Yost hit 13-of-24 passes for 159 yards with two touch-

downs and three interceptions. He also rushed for 70 yards on 17 carries. Halfback Erick Fitzpatrick caught six passes for 95 yards and both MSU touchdowns. Defensively, Eagle quarterback Josh Harris had 12 tackles, include 10 solo and one for a loss, and had a pass breakup.

USD led 10-0 at the end of the first quarter and 24-7 at the half. The Eagles cut the lead to 24-14 at the end of the third quarter, but could get no closer.

MSU will close out the 2007 season at Western Kentucky next Saturday (Nov. 17). Kickoff at L.T. Smith Stadium in Bowling Green will be 4 p.m. CST (5 p.m. EST).



THE DIAMOND GIRLS, official dance team of the East Kentucky Miners, performed during Eagle Madness, an all-day basketball event held Saturday at Johnson Central High School.

NFL: Bengals 21, Ravens 7

by DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — The Cincinnati Bengals used an uncharacteristic approach to earn a tremendously satisfying victory.

Shayne Graham kicked a team-record seven field goals, and the Bengals received a surprisingly efficient performance from their defense Sunday in a 21-7 win over the punchless Baltimore Ravens.

Cincinnati (3-6) owned the league's 31st-ranked defense, was tied with winless Miami for most points allowed and had not yielded fewer than 20 points in any game this season. All that changed against the Ravens (4-5), who committed six turnovers.

"I think it says a lot for our team. Everyone's kind of put us in a hole right now," Graham said. "You have to give a lot of credit to our defense that everyone seems to be bashing right now. For them to get the ball where we had it for the field position says a lot."

Graham connected from 34, 19, 22, 35, 35, 21 and 33 yards. His seven field goals were one short of the NFL record set earlier this season by Tennessee's Rob Bironas, and Graham might have had the chance to tie the mark if the Bengals didn't run out the clock late in the game.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't hoping, but there really wasn't enough time to do it and explain it with an ethical decision," he said. "With where the clock was, it just wouldn't have been right."

Baltimore quarterback Steve McNair struggled in a second straight start, passing for only

128 yards, losing two fumbles and throwing an interception before being replaced by Kyle Boller.

Boller's entrance in the fourth quarter brought cheers from what was left of a sellout crowd, but his first drive ended with an interception. He then engineered a 52-yard march that resulted in a meaningless 1-yard touchdown run by Willis McGahee with 1:56 left.

"Steve was a great quarterback, he still is a great quarterback and he will continue to be a moving force in this league," Ravens guard Jason Brown said. "Everybody has a bad day."

But they have been coming more frequently for McNair, who this season has thrown only two touchdown passes and committed 11 turnovers.

"This is probably the lowest point in my career," McNair said. "What do I need to do about it? I don't know."

Baltimore has lost three straight and has been outscored 59-14 in its last two games. Carson Palmer went 23-for-34 for 271 yards for Cincinnati. Chris Henry, playing for the first time after an eight-game suspension for violating the league's conduct policy, had four catches for 99 yards.

Palmer ordinarily would be embarrassed about failing to produce a touchdown, but he had no problem with it in a winning effort.

"It's good when you win, not so good when you lose," he said. "The Ravens are always tough when you get down into the red zone. ... We were satisfied to get three points every time we went down there."

The Bengals were inside the Baltimore 20 seven times. Cincinnati had gone 1-6

since opening the season with a 27-20 win over the Ravens. The Bengals' main problem was their porous defense, but that wasn't an issue against the offensively challenged Ravens.

"At times this year we've played like we did tonight," linebacker Landon Johnson said. "It's more a question of being consistent, and we were consistent for a majority of the game."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Bengals got a field goal at the end of a 52-yard drive after Baltimore failed to convert a fourth-and-8 from the Cincinnati 32.

On their next possession, the Bengals moved 91 yards to set up another field goal for a 6-0 lead. Palmer was 5-for-5 for 79 yards, including a 50-yarder, to Henry.

Baltimore finally got moving late in the half. After getting to the Cincinnati 2, McNair threw a floater that tight end Todd Heap tipped in the air and was intercepted by rookie Leon Hall.

It didn't get any better in the third quarter for Baltimore. The Ravens had a decent drive going until McNair lost the ball on a third-down scramble at the Cincinnati 30. Dexter Jackson went 15 yards with the loose ball, and a 15-yard run by Rudi Johnson led to another field goal, making it 9-0.

Graham added three more in the fourth quarter, all following Baltimore fumbles.

Notes: The Ravens played without starting cornerbacks Chris McAlister (knee) and Samari Rolle (illness), and CB Corey Ivy left with a concussion. ... Cincinnati has won seven of eight against Baltimore. ... Boller was 6-for-8 for 89 yards.

Johnson wins at Phoenix for fourth straight victory

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AVONDALE, Ariz. — With his 10th win of the season, Jimmie Johnson all but sealed a second consecutive Nextel Cup title.

A defeated Jeff Gordon even conceded.

But Johnson's victory celebration was subdued. He won't take anything for granted, even after Sunday's win at Phoenix International Raceway gave him a commanding 86-point lead with just one race to go.

"I don't want to act like it's our championship yet," he said. "We have a nice margin in the points right now. But 400 miles (at Homestead), that's my goal. I have to run 400 more miles, and we'll get nuts after that."

In winning his fourth-straight race, Johnson positioned himself to become the first driver to win consecutive titles since Gordon did it in 1997 and 1998. His season

win total is the most since Gordon won 13 in 1998.

But Johnson doesn't want to be compared to his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, a four-time series champion.

"I certainly don't want to be called the next Jeff Gordon. I am Jimmie Johnson. I've always done it my way," he said. "If you look at our driving styles, our setups, look at everything we do, we are on opposite ends. We do have some common interests, we are close friends."

"But I am not Jeff Gordon, so let's just get that out of the way."

No, he's not Gordon, but his work on the track makes it impossible not to draw the comparisons.

"They're just unbelievably good," said Matt Kenseth, the 2003 champion. "They're as good as any group I've seen, including Jeff in his heyday when he was winning 10 races a year

and the championship by over a hundred points."

Johnson needs only to finish 18th or better next Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway to win his second championship in just six seasons.

"It's over. It's over," conceded Gordon. "Even if we win it, it's because they have problems. While we'll accept it, we don't want to do it that way."

"Those guys have flat-out killed everybody. And you've got to give credit where credit is due."

Johnson was subdued in Victory Lane, and refused to claim the title.

"Homestead is going to be a stressful weekend. We've got seven more days, I'm just going to try to keep my mind clear and focus on the things we need to do," Johnson said.

"This is kind of where we were last year. We just have to go down there and be smart and see how it shakes out."

Gordon was off all day. He had a tire rub after making contact with Kevin Harvick, and finished a disappointing 10th.

It was a crushing performance on a day when Johnson raced to his fourth consecutive victory. He became the first driver to win four straight in a season since Gordon did in 1998.

Gordon, who hand-picked Johnson to join Hendrick Motorsports when the team expanded to four cars in 2002, marveled at how strong his protege has been during this championship hunt. It's put it nearly out of reach for Gordon, who dominated the "regular season" and opened a lead of more than 300 points before the field was reset for the Chase.

"Unless you lead every lap and beat Jimmie Johnson to win the race, we don't have a shot," Gordon said. "We're just coming up short at a crucial time. Those guys have just knocked it out of

the ballpark, and it would be tough to beat that even if we were hitting on all eight cylinders."

Although it will take a total collapse next week by a team that rarely falters, crew chief Chad Knaus wasn't ready to claim the Cup just yet.

"Obviously we're real happy to extend the points lead," Knaus said. "But going into Homestead, you never know. You never know what's going to happen."

"We could easily have an issue and not finish the race. We just have to stay focused and keep our heads down."

Greg Biffle finished second and Matt Kenseth, his Roush Fenway Racing teammate, was third. Tony Stewart was fourth and was followed by Ryan Newman, Harvick, and Martin Truex Jr.

Kyle Busch, who was trying to become the first driver to win three of NASCAR's national races at the same track on the same weekend,

finished eighth. Busch won the Truck Series race here on Friday and the Busch Series race on Saturday, but never made it all the way to the front in the Cup event after starting 38th.

The race mathematically eliminated everyone but Johnson and Gordon from title contention, so regardless of what happens in Homestead, Hendrick Motorsports will win its seventh Cup title.

But it was Johnson and his No. 48 team that have laid claim to the championship, refusing to play it conservatively and merely chase points. This crew has raced for wins — he went hard after Kenseth in the closing laps for a victory at Texas last week — and did the same thing here.

Not comfortable settling into second place, he passed Martin Truex Jr. for the lead with 24 laps to go en route to the 33rd victory of his career and first at Phoenix.

Cowboys outlast Giants 31-20, take lead in NFC East

by TOM CANAVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Instead of using a Sharpie or running off at the mouth, a more patient Terrell Owens is letting his play dominate games these days.

He's one of the main reasons the Dallas Cowboys are in command in the NFC East and looking like one of the front-runners to challenge for a sixth Super Bowl title.

Owens caught touchdown passes of 25 and 50 yards to break open a tight game in the second half and the Cowboys snapped the New York Giants' six-game winning streak with a 31-20 victory on Sunday.

"This is why I feel Jerry brought me here," Owens said of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "I want to be the playmaker for this team. I brought my level of focus up with this team. I know every play can be a big play. We have teams on their heels a little bit."

The Cowboys (8-1) have

the division reeling after sweeping the Giants (6-3).

Dallas leads New York by two games and has the tiebreaker should they finish tied. The Cowboys also have a three-game edge on Washington (5-4) and a four-game margin on Philadelphia (4-5).

Owens has been a big part of that recently, of course, with the help of Tony Romo. The two hooked up six times on Sunday for 125 yards. It was Owens third straight 100-yard game.

"With this offense, I know we're capable of putting points on the board," Owens said. "Everybody on this team is making plays. I'm a big part of that. I just have to remain patient."

Owens had three catches for 31 yards in a first half that was more noteworthy for some foolish penalties by Dallas that handed New York 10 points.

In the second half, the big plays came Owens' way. He

ran by cornerback Sam Madison on his 25-yard scoring catch to snap a 17-all tie. When New York had to settle for a field goal after losing a TD on a holding penalty, Owens whizzed past safety Gibril Wilson on his 50-yard score.

"Obviously today, we had more penalties than we would like, and we have to eliminate those," T.O. said. "That was everybody's emotions running high. There was a little trash-talking by them. We came here, the game was played and I feel like we made a statement."

Romo was a big part of that statement, too. He completed 20-of-28 for 247 yards, hooking up with Tony Curtis on a 15-yard score and Patrick Crayton on a 20-yarder.

"A win like tonight just adds to your confidence," Romo said. "When you do something like this, you have a chance to do something special."

The last time the Cowboys

started a season at 8-1 was 1995, which also was the last time they won the Super Bowl.

With seven games left, the Cowboys are tied with Green Bay for the best record in the conference. The two will play in Dallas on Nov. 29.

For the Giants, their best hopes for a playoff berth seemingly are a wild-card spot.

"It does put us behind the 8-ball," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "If you ever play pool, I've seen people make shots from behind that 8-ball. That's what we are looking at."

Eli Manning threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Shockey, who tied his career high with 12 catches for 129 yards. Reuben Droughns scored on a 1-yard run and Lawrence Tynes kicked field goals of 40 and 26 yards.

The second field goal came after New York had Brandon Jacobs' potential tying touch-

down run early in the fourth quarter nullified by a questionable holding penalty on guard Chris Snee against Roy Williams.

"I didn't think I held him, but you have to go with the call," said Snee, who originally thought Dallas was being called for a penalty.

Notes: Line judge Jeff Seaman pulled a hamstring in the second quarter and referee Jeff Triplett's crew worked the rest of the game with six officials. ... Corey Webster, who started at cornerback for the Giants in the season opener and lost his job in Game 3, was inactive. ... The Giants are now 1-3 wearing red jerseys. ... Giants RT Kareem McKenzie suffered a bruised back in the second half and was replaced by Guy Whimper. ... Dallas DT Tank Johnson had three tackles, a sack and a penalty in his first action since serving an eight-game NFL suspension for off-field problems.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

Chargers 23, Colts 21: At San Diego, Adam Vinatieri missed a 29-yard field goal attempt with 1:31 left and Peyton Manning was picked off a club-record six times.

Manning had driven the Colts (7-2) to the Chargers 12. Vinatieri, who had won two Super Bowls for New England with last-second kicks, pushed his kick just wide right.

Darren Sproles brought back the opening kickoff 89 yards for his first NFL touchdown. Then he ran back a punt 45 yards for his second score later in the first quarter.

But the Colts scored two touchdowns and a 2-point conversion in 23 seconds early in the fourth quarter to pull to 23-21.

Cornerback Antonio Cromartie celebrated his first NFL start by picking off Manning three times as San Diego (5-4) took sole possession of first place in the AFC West.

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Champion Supports & Services, Inc., took 28 staff and individuals served to Orlando, Florida, for a spectacular vacation! September 29, through October 7, the staff and individuals went to Cocoa Beach, toured Daytona Speedway, visited Universal Studios and Disney Theme Parks, Cape Kennedy, and several other area attractions. It was a magnificent time for everyone, and we are already anticipating next year's trip.

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POISON OAK

Age really is relative

Age sure does change a feller. Ten years ago—even five years ago—I would have never so much as glanced at a particular article I read in the paper a while back. But, I did, and although I didn't intend for it to, I think it made an impression on me.



Clyde Pack

This makes at least twice that I've commented on the article in this column, I suppose that just goes to show how

much our perspective tends to change as we add mileage to our personal odometers; as we come to realize that if we're not living in the autumn of our lives, we're certainly experiencing late summer.

The article discussed how residents in remote areas of North Dakota tend to live longer than folks do elsewhere. Although I've never been to North Dakota, and reading the article won't likely cause me to pack up and move west, at least it did stir a bit of curiosity and proved to be very informative. For example, from an active 91-year-old man, we learned that longevity is really no big deal for these folks. The 91-year-old's father had lived to be 89, his mother 87. But his sister lived to be 100. He had one brother 98 and another 87. A third brother died at 92.

Of course, we are all aware of families, even here in eastern Kentucky, who seem to have a tendency to out-live most folks. My own great-grandmother lived to be more than 100, as did Wilma Jean's great-grandfather. But we consider those people as exceptions. Among the farming communities of North Dakota's Great Plains, however, they seem to be the rule. The article stated in one particu-

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KIM'S KORNER

'I'm a Christian'

"When I say I'm Christian" was shared a few years ago. Written by Maya Angelou, it is beautiful and well worth sharing again. Please enjoy.

When I say I'm Christian
by Maya Angelou

A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not shouting 'I'm clean livin'

I'm whispering 'I was lost, Now I'm found and forgiven.'

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect,

My flaws are far too visible but,

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Kim Little Frasure

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Carey Davis, teacher, welcomes both former and present students to her classroom as community members toured the new building last Thursday evening.

photos by Kathy J. Prater

PES Open House welcomes community, state officials

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Though school has been in session there since last month, the administrative staff of Prestonsburg Elementary School held a formal open house for students, families, and the community this past Thursday evening, November 8.

Welcoming visitors, Principal Gwen Hale-Frazier said, "I have fond memories of the old Clark Elementary and this site, as I was one of the first students to attend that school."

Thanking all those who helped see the new school from dream to reality, Hale-Frazier introduced Floyd County Board of Education member, Linda Gearheart, Attorney General Greg Stumbo, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, and Rep. Hubert Collins, along with interim Supt. Ronald "Sonny" Fentress to the new school as they made welcoming comments to those assembled.

Attorney General Stumbo said that he felt "privileged" to have been a part of "putting this project in the budget." "I feel really good to know that I can claim that I helped build this new school for Floyd County," he said.

Stumbo also said that he had hopes that a full four year college would soon be available in Prestonsburg and that with improvements continuing steadily in the educational arena in Floyd County that



Teacher Debbie Holland leads choral students in a musical presentation featuring a medley of patriotic songs.

"hopefully, when these kids here tonight grow up, they won't have to leave to get an education...they can stay right here and have good lives."

Before leaving the podium, Stumbo had the students raise their hands and pledge to live drug-free lives. As a reward for doing so, he promised the children that each of them would receive certificates and badges naming them as honorary Kentucky Bureau of Investigation agents.

Also speaking was Sen. Johnny Ray Turner who praised Stumbo for his work against illegal drugs in the state. "No one, no matter how rich or how poor...no family, is exempt from falling prey to drugs," he said.

Turner also got on the reward bandwagon telling the students that if they pledged to live drug-free lives that, at his invitation, they would all be welcome "to come to Frankfort and we'll make you an honorary page for the day at the

Capitol." Following a special musical presentation from PES students, conducted by teacher Deborah Holland, all were invited by Principal Hale-Frazier to enjoy a chili dinner in the school's cafeteria and to tour the building and visit with teachers and staff.

The new Prestonsburg Elementary School is located on Middle Creek Road, on the site of the old Clark Elementary School.

CRITTER CORNER

A dog's purpose (from a 6-year-old)

A veterinarian was called by a client to examine their ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle.

Their vet examined Belker and found that he was dying of cancer. He then told the family that he couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in the comfort of the client's home.

While making the arrangements, Ron and Lisa told their vet that they thought it would be good for six-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, the vet returned to the owner's home, feeling the familiar catch in his throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that the veterinarian

wondered if the young boy really understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away under the loving and watchful eyes of his family.

The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. The family and their vet sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are so much shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up. "I know why," he said.

Startled, everyone turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned both the boy's parents and the family vet, who later said he'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

What Shane had said was, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time



The "Dog Days of Summer" are gone, but these Westlies still enjoy their daily stroll around Allen Park with their owners. Many heads are turned when they see dogs riding in strollers! Pictured, from left to right, are: Norma Davis, with "Abby"; Emily Allen, with "Kelly" (owned by Ally Davis); and Glenda Stewart with "Maisie." Cute crew, ladies! (Photo by Toni Boyd)

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YESTERDAYS

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Ten Years Ago

(Nov. 26 & 28, 1997)

Dallas Marsillett, a seven-year-old Floyd County boy who accidentally hung himself on November 15, while imitating one of his TV heroes, is expected to remain in a pediatric intensive care unit for at least two more weeks.

The financial arrangement for Prestonsburg's and Floyd County's 911 system's was a controversial topic, Friday, among fiscal court members and one area resident. In February 1990, Floyd County enacted an ordinance for the collection of 89 cents per month for every telephone line in the county, and the City of Prestonsburg, recently chose to operate its own E-911 system.

Long-time Martin City Clerk, Johnnie B. Stephens, abruptly resigned, Monday, during a city council meeting after Councilman Thomasine Robinson questioned her about budget figures.

Two Indiana fugitives, Tracy L. Patrick, 26, and Tiffany M. Faine, 29, both of Prestonsburg, were arrested by KSP troopers Byron Hansford and Mickey Watson, at the home of Patrick's mother.

Hearings on evidence against the two remaining Floyd County school board members, have been postponed until January. Hearings to oust board members were set to begin December 15 in Frankfort, but state school board members have asked that they be reset for January 21.

Two Floyd Countians had their murder charges reduced to reckless homicide Friday and one man was sentenced to five years in prison. Frankie Newsome of Prestonsburg was sentenced to five years for the November 1996 shooting death of Willie Robert Hatfield, 41. Also, Friday, Michael Watkins of Wayland, was sentenced to five years probation in connection with the 1992 death of Simson Smith, 72, of Turkey Creek.

After an apparently heated closed-door discussion, Monday, about Big Sandy Health Care's executive director, Ellis Buchanan, the board of director's extended the probationary period for another six months.

Floyd County murder suspect Crystal Sturgill said in a statement to police, that 15-year-old Jason Blake Bryant was the only shooter in the murders of the Lillid family

Dr. Deborah Floyd, President of Prestonsburg Community College, was awarded an "outstanding" performance evaluation by a unanimous vote from the college's board of directors. The evaluation made no mention of Dr. Floyd's past difficulties with members of her staff at PCC, or a vote, last year, of "no confidence" by college staffers.

A Floyd County student will go to college for one year because of a hand-stitched quilt. The quilt was part of a fund-raising drive by members of the 1958 Living Memorial Fund, established in 1993, to honor all children who were involved in a bus accident that claimed the lives of 27 children and their bus drivers.

Floyd County Judge John David Caudill ruled, Tuesday, that two area mine operators' willful violations of federal safety standards contributed to the 1989 death of James Slone. Slone, 47, of Inez, was a cutting machine operator at the Todco No. 1 Mine near Auxier, where he was crushed on November 9, 1989 during a roof fall.

Sherry Baker, 36, and her daughter, Michelle Mullins, 19, both of Lackey, were sentenced to serve 90 days of a one-year sentence on drug charges, in exchange for their testimonies against Ervin Printice Ginther, a robbery suspect. They also must testify in another case involving an alleged drug trafficker.

There died: Eva Mae Hazlette Estep, 86, of Paintsville, Wednesday, November 19, at Sayre Christian Village Nursing Home, in Lexington; Eugene Flannery, 67, of Beaver, Sunday, November 23, at her residence; Dollie Newsome Thacker, 71, of Robinson Creek, Friday, November 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Beatrice Hall, 76, of Wheelwright, Saturday, November 22, at UK Medical Center, Lexington; Draxie Hall Hopson, 92, of Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Wednesday, November 19, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Joe Berger, 78, of Bevinsville, Friday, November 21, at his residence; Joan Patton Slavens, West Prestonsburg native, November 20, at her Golf Club Estates home in St. Petersburg, Florida; Clive Akers Jr., 54, of Emerson, New Jersey, Sunday, November 16, in New Jersey; Danny Ray Isaacs, 59, of Louisville, formerly of Floyd County, Wednesday, November 19; Erlan Sturgill, 88, of Betsy Layne, Sunday, November 23, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Marie Osborne Johnson, 76, of Hi Hat, Thursday, November 20, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Leo Moore, 40, of Wayland,

Wednesday, November 19, in an accident on Rt. 80, in Martin; Betsy Louise Tyler Goble, 67, of Lexington, formerly of West Liberty, Friday, November 21, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Elisha "John C." Howell, 70, of Price, November 21; Verlin Shores, 74, of West Liberty, formerly of Endicott, Wednesday, November 19, at his residence; Bessie Miller Webb, 97, of East Point, Thursday, November 20, at his residence; and John Jessie McKinney, 60, of Orion, Michigan, formerly of Harold, Sunday, November 23, at his residence.

formerly of Printer, Monday, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Johnnie Morris Parsons, 73, of Pikeville, Monday, at the Veteran's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

Kenneth Barry Peters, 40, of Martin, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center Harlan Bentley, 63, of Teaberry, Saturday, at his residence.

and Elva L. Akers, 99, of Banner, Saturday, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(November 25, 1987)

Mayor Ann Latta indicated growth and financial improvements in her State of the City report, saying that city workers will receive a five-percent pay raise.

The Floyd County Public Library re-opened with a new look, after extensive renovations.

Two of the county's four magistrates listened to "culvert woes" at the last fiscal court meeting.

A Prestonsburg native, James Arthur Hughes, was credited with assisting the area's economic growth and commercial expansion.

Delmer Parsons, 42, of Allen, lost his life, Thursday, at the Jaco Mining Company, when a highwall collapsed.

A Friday night raid at a Martin home netted a marijuana find at the home of 25-year-old David Watson by Martin City Police.

The Floyd County Solid Waste Program was selected by the Department of Waste Management to host the annual Kentucky Landfill Management School.

There died: Martha Jo Crisp, 62, of Allen, Tuesday, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Alex Mullins, 82, of Betsy Layne, Monday, at his home.

Walter Setser, 44, of West Prestonsburg, pronounced dead at the scene, Saturday, on US 23, by the Pike County Coroner.

Marvin Park May, 61, of Martin, Monday, at Central Baptist Hospital.

Lynda Ellen Hall, 85, of Martin, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Delphia Hamilton Hall, 73, of Galveston, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Patrick Henry Stricklin, 83, of Little Paint, Saturday, at his home.

John Gilbert Mace, 38, of Humble, Texas,

Thirty Years Ago

(November 23, 1977)

A crime wave which swept Wheelwright and vicinity, beginning Friday morning, and continuing through Monday morning, included the dynamiting of a home, the burning of the city hall/fire department building, the theft of four vehicles, breaks into four buildings, and the shooting and wounding of a Knott County man.

Ground was broken, Friday, at the North Lake Drive site here of the \$690,000 Prestonsburg Municipal Building. Special guests at the ceremony were Congressman Carl D. Perkins and Charles Mason.

Two major water distribution projects in Northern Floyd County have been fully funded, and work on both is expected to be underway by early next spring, it was said this week by water district leaders.

Work has begun on a \$3 million South Central Bell project that will provide Prestonsburg residents with the most modern and efficient telephone service available, according to Phill Scott, local telephone company manager.

What may have been the stiffest sentence imposed in the area, for first-degree assault, was handed down in circuit court here, last Thursday, by the jury sitting in the trial of a Hueysville man.

There died: Mrs. Alpha Jean Johnson, 47, of Melvin, dead on arrival, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Finley Case, 47, of Honaker, November 15, at Highlands Regional; Mrs. Lillia Hall, 80, of Hueysville, Saturday, at St. Clair Hospital in Morehead; Cola Salisbury, 59, of Barnett's

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Yesterdays

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Creek, Saturday, at his home; Johnny Lee Oakes, 62, of Weeksbury, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Alex Miller, 75, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, in a Kalamazoo hospital; Melvin Jacobs, 60, of Hi Hat, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles Ray King, 45, of Hueysville, last Thursday, at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville; Mrs. Mildred Patrick, 52, of Lackey, November 15, of a heart attack at Garrett Restaurant; Mrs. Minnie Cook Hall, 67, of Dry Creek, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

new report by a University of Kentucky researcher shows

The Prestonsburg Junior Woman's Club will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade, Saturday afternoon, officially opening the yule season

First of the candidates elected at the Nov. 7, election to take office, is Harry Gordon Allen, new Floyd County tax commissioner

During last week's sessions of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association, Nelson R. Allen, native of this county, was named EKEA president, and Phillip Dingus, principal of Martin High School, was elected president for the one-year term, which will begin with the next EKEA session

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell T. Hopson, of Grayson, formerly of Martin, their second daughter, Alisa Lynn, Nov. 10; at King's Daughters hospital, Ashland

There died: J. S. Reynolds, 75, Wednesday, at his home at Beaver; Samuel Bryan Hale, 71, Sunday, at his home at Harold; Harry D. Goble,

74, formerly of Dwale, and a veteran of World War I, Nov. 11, at Tucson, Arizona; Roe Green, 82, of Town Branch, Monday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Jim Bob Parsons, 71, Monday, at his home at Grethel; Floyd Robinson Sr., 55, Saturday, at home at Lancer; Frank N. Wells, 68, of Bypro, Sunday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Werlie C. Boyd, 77, of Harold, last Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago
(November 21, 1957)

Barring unforeseen complications, Prestonsburg's new water plant will go into operation about Dec. 1, it was said, Wednesday

Body of Denver Crabtree, 67, who apparently died of a heart attack while hunting, was found in the woods on Sang Factory Hollow, Wednesday night

Striking workmen of the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company returned to work, Tuesday morning—exactly one month after they had walked off their jobs

Residents of Floyd County received \$67,393 in October, under Kentucky's four assistance programs

Herbert Hume, superintendent of Mason County Schools, was elected, without opposition, to the presidency of the Eastern Kentucky Education Association, last week, succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Conley, of Wheelwright

Married: Miss Helen Meade of Prestonsburg, and Mr. William F. Osborne of Kenova, W.Va., Nov. 2, at the Church of God, here; Miss Juliana Williams, and Mr. G. C. Perry, II, November 16, at the Louisville Methodist Church

There died: Mrs. Carmel Howell, 87, Tuesday, at her home at Teaberry; Mrs. Sola Hazel Page, 48, of Wayland, Monday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Pollie Nunnery Loar, 82, Thursday, of last week, at her home at Betsy Layne; Miss Tilda Bentley, 77, Sunday, at Ligon; Mrs. Kitty Rice Conn, 79, Friday, at Dana; Mrs. Dixie Blackburn Jervis, 68, of Endicott, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Henry Meade, 64, Friday, at the home of his daughter on Mare Creek; John Matthews Sellards, 75, formerly of Endicott, Friday, at Williamson, W.Va.; Jerry Roger Mullins Sr., 40, Floyd County native, Sunday, at the Pikeville Memorial Hospital; Sol Crisp, 73, Monday, at his home here; John C. McNeil Sr., 67, formerly of Wheelwright, Saturday, in Ohio.

Sixty Years Ago
(November 20, 1947)

Prestonsburg's Dollar Day, linking closely in with the national fight on inflation, gained wide

recognition, this week, through an Associated Press news-story telling of the undertaking here

Added to the growing list of new business structures erected in this county since the war, are two new theatre buildings in the Beaver Creek section at Martin and Drift

Two more of the 128 Floyd Countians who lost their lives during World War II, were buried at home this week, after having been returned from foreign military cemeteries, Sgt. Russell Hale, who at 21, was killed, July 12, 1944, in Germany, was buried, Sunday, at Myrtle; Pfc. Ray V. Lawson, 23, who was killed, Jan. 18, 1945, while serving as a tank crewman in the Battle of the Bridge, was buried, Wednesday, on Stone Coal Creek, near Garrett

The home of Frank Neeley, was completely destroyed by fire, Tuesday morning, on the Abbott road, as was the home of Mrs. Minnie Walters at Ball Alley, near here, Wednesday night

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lafferty, of Lackey, a daughter, Patricia Ann, recently, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin

There died: Homer McKenzie, 54, last Wednesday, at his home at Auxier; Kelly Keathley, 72, Nov. 12, at his home at Osborn.

Seventy Years Ago
(November 25, 1937)

Plans for the consolidation of certain high schools of the county may be a part of the discussion to be held at a meeting, here, Tuesday evening, of H. W. Peters, state superintendent of public instruction with Floyd school officials and citizens

Dedication of the \$41,000 building now being completed at Wheelwright Junction to accommodate high school students of the upper Left Beaver section will be made Monday evening, it was announced this week by Wayne Ratliff, principal of the Wheelwright consolidated school

Norman Hall, 27, Hueysville miner, died Sunday, when trapped inside his pickup truck after it had plunged over an embankment on the Salt Lick road

Fire of unknown origin, early Tuesday night, destroyed three homes at Martin, causing a total estimated damage of \$4,500

Stores in this section report a large increase in the sale of winter underwear

In This Town-That World, this week, this item read as follows: After receiving our farewell salute, Presbyterian Pastor Potter, transferred to Joplin, Mo., admitted that everyone hated to see him go, but the Reverend added, "not enough to come to church"

Married: Miss Marguerite Gorton, and Mr. Carthel H. Smith Sr., both of Prestonsburg, Oct. 16, at Catlettsburg

There died: Mrs. Oma Jordan Howard, 28, of Garrett, Wednesday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey.

Forty Years Ago
(November 23, 1967)

More than 67 percent of the money spent by visitors in Dewey Lake, and Jenny Wiley State Park, last year, was spent by out-of-staters, a

Korner

God believes I am worth it.
When I say... 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of

heartaches, so I call upon His name.
When I say... 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,

I'm just a simple sinner
Who received God's good grace, somehow!
'Til Next Week
God's Blessings

Critter

and being nice, right?" The six-year-old then continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

The moral: Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

And remember, if dogs were teachers, this is what we all would learn:

"When loved ones come home, always run to greet them; Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride;

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy; Take naps; Stretch before rising; Run, romp, and play daily; Thrive on attention and let people touch you; Avoid biting when a simple growl will do; On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass; On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree; When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body; Delight in the simple joy of a

long walk; Eat with gusto and enthusiasm and stop when you have had enough; Be loyal; Never pretend to be something you're not; If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it; When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently; and, Be always grateful for each new day."

Cherish your pets as much as they do you! (And thanks, Jenny, for passing this heart-warming tidbit along!)

Oak

lar year, 51 people died in that county. One woman (the writer of the article's sister) was 100, and a man was 99. The average age of the women who died was 85; the men averaged 80.

So naturally, all this calls for some sort of logical explanation. What would tend to cause ordinary people, in this day and time, to defy such odds? One North Dakotan summed it up this way: "Clean air; going slow; patience; a low-cost, low-stress economy; keeping an eye out for one

another, and long, stable marriages."

If this list accurately reflects the reasons for longevity, it's little wonder that the rest of the country is dropping like flies, including us here in the mountains. Although we're lucky not to have the problems of the big cities, we still don't breathe clean air. Neither do we go slow. Furthermore, we hillbillies are also among the most impatient people in the world. And yes, with gas prices around the \$3 level, we do fret

over the economy. When it comes to our neighbors—at one time, our strong suit in this little game—it's now a "do unto others, but do it first" philosophy.

We don't know how much good it'd do to try to change our lifestyle at this point, and there's no way we could all move to North Dakota. Guess about all we can do is hope we'll end up being the exception. After all, growing old isn't all that bad, when you consider the alternative.

BIRTHDAYS



Tanner is 2!

Joshua Tanner Bays celebrated his second birthday on October 23, 2007, with a "Winnie the Pooh" theme party, held at his grandparent's home in Prestonsburg. Many family members and friends attended the party to help celebrate the special day. Tanner is the son of Sam and Amy Bays, of McDowell. He is the grandson of Cheryl Carter, of McDowell, Freddy Carter, of Kimper, and Sam and Brenda Bays, of Prestonsburg.



Look who's 3!

Erika Faith Tackett, the daughter of Eric and Greta Tackett, of Melvin, celebrated her third birthday on November 11, 2007. Erika invites all friends and family members to join her on Saturday, November 17, at the Wheelwright Family Arcade and Skating Rink, from 4 to 6 p.m., for a "Strawberry Shortcake" theme party and lots of birthday fun! Erika is the granddaughter of Faye Cole and the late Estill Cole, of Melvin; Gary and Katie Tackett, of Weeksbury; Robert Vicars, of Melvin; and Mary Bentley, of Cookeville, Tennessee.



Look who's 1!

Donnie Tyler Stephens celebrated his first birthday on October 19, 2007 with friends and family. He is the son of Donnie and Jamie Stephens, of Blue River. His family wishes him a wonderful year ahead and sends all their best love for each and every day.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

****Special Notice:** Those interested in sponsoring a child for Christmas, please call the YSC at 886-1297.**

- Nov. 19, 26 - The YSC, in collaboration with the Floyd Co. Extension office, will be offering a 6-week exercise/fitness program for students. Focus will be on learning about how to exercise in fun ways and good nutrition. Sign-ups now going on.
- Nov. 27 - Magic Me, 3:30-4:30, weather permitting.
- Nov. 28 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in YSC. Everyone invited.

- Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
- A nurse from the FCHD is currently available at the school to provide services including: School physicals, immunizations, WIC, well-child exams, etc. Call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment. Child does not have to be a student at AMS to receive services.

- The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Services offered to students and families regardless of income. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297.

Allen Central High School

- Nov. 14 - SBDM, 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15 - Distinguished students dinner.
- Nov. 16 - Big Sandy Idol.
- Nov. 17 - TAG trip.
- Nov. 21, 22, 23 - Thanksgiving break - no school.
- Nov. 26 - Board of Education meeting, Duff Elementary.
- 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

- Nov. 27 - Nutrition presentation, 6th grade.
- Nov. 28 - Nutrition presentation, west wing.
- Nov. 29 - Nutrition presentation, east wing.
- Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.
- 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.

Baptist Learning Center

- Now accepting applications for new students. Toddler I class thru Pre-K class. Located in the First Baptist Church, S. Front Ave., downtown Prestonsburg. Call 886-8681.

Betsy Layne Elementary

- Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
- The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.
- Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

- 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

- Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
- Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

- Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
- Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
- Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

- 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

- School Hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.*
- Nov. 14 - Connect with Parents, 12 p.m., conference room.
- Dec. 11 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., conference room.
- REMINDER: The Floyd Co. Health Dept. services previously provided by Clark FRC are still available through the AMS Youth Services Center. Call 886-1297 to schedule appointments for WIC, HeadStart, Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams (age: birth to 18 years).
- 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.

- After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
- Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

- Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
- SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.
- Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
- The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
- All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
- For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

- Nov. 16, 19, 26, 30 - Dental cleanings; 1st thru 4th grades.
- Nov. 15 - Tobacco prevention, 5th grade, 8:30 and 9:20 a.m.
- Nov. 15 - Family Read Night, 6-7 p.m.
- Nov. 19, 20 - "I Care," by Quality Kids.
- Nov. 20 - Respect class, 7th grade girls, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 26 - Respect class, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 28 - Head Start parent meeting; FRYSC, 12:15 p.m.
- Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.
- Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.
- The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

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

- 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; Martin Comm. Ctr.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.
- 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.
- 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.
- Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.
- 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
- Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.
- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
- 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.
- 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
- Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
- Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397
- Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.



Lil punkin

Emily Grace Hall, the infant daughter of David and Stephanie Hall, of Garretts, was recently crowned "2007 Baby Miss Pumpkin Princess" in the 2007 Pumpkin Pageant that was held by Phenomenal Faces at the Kentucky National Guard Armory, in Prestonsburg. Emily was also awarded the titles of "Costume Princess," "Casual Wear," and "Most Beautiful." She also won in the categories of "Happiest Pumpkin," "Cutest Pumpkin," and "Most Creative Pumpkin." Emily Grace is 13 weeks old.



Wins title in RW&B Pageant

Shalyn Taylor Hamilton, the daughter of Frank and Jan Hamilton, of Teaberry, was recently named "Wee Miss Stage Presentation Winner" in the 2007 Red, White & Blue Pageant, held at the Martin Community Center. Shalyn, who was escorted by Hunter Kidd, the son of Dwayne and Julie Kidd, of Grethel, is a student at John M. Stumbo Elementary.



Happy Thanksgiving

The folks at Reno's Roadhouse are rustling up a Thanksgiving spread and would like to invite all of their friends and neighbors!

Join us from Noon until 6:00 PM on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, for a lavish Thanksgiving buffet, featuring hand-carved prime rib, roasted turkey breast, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, and our famous fresh-baked rolls. Start your dinner off with shrimp cocktail, assorted cheeses, and our house salad, and be sure to save room for pumpkin pie or one of our other succulent dessert offerings.

Adults - \$14.99 Children (12 and under) - \$6.99

Reservations recommended, but not required - call 886-0085.

Prices do not include beverages or state and local taxes. A 15% gratuity will be added for parties of eight or more. Regular menu will also be available from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Lounge open until 11:00 PM. Prestonsburg Reno's Roadhouse location only.




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