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### In brief

## Prather named transportation secretary

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov.-elect Steve Beshear selected former state legislator Joe Prather as his transportation secretary Friday.

Prather, 67, who served in the General Assembly in the 1970s and 1980s, promised transparency in the cabinet and said he welcomed public and media scrutiny of the vast agency.

He also promised efficiency, saying the cabinet under his leadership will "get a dollar's value for a dollar paid" for salaries and contracts.

He also promised a fair process for contractors wanting to do business with the state.

"All who want to do business with the state, if what they're asking for is a level playing field, then I'm their man," Prather said. "If they've come to us and want just what they want, then we have problems."

Prather also asked for patience to give him "time to get my arms around what's going on in that cabinet."

Like Beshear, Prather returns to state government after a long hiatus. He served three terms in the Kentucky House beginning in 1967. He was elected to the state Senate in 1973 and served through 1986.

Prather, of Elizabethtown, is also a former chairman of the state Democratic Party and a former member of the Democratic National Committee. He also served as finance secretary early in former Gov. Brereton Jones administration.

Prather also has been a Real estate agent and auctioneer and is a former chairman of a Hardin County bank.

# Officials have high hopes for Beshear

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Charles Wright appeared Friday before the Floyd County Fiscal Court, asking once again for the county to do something to make his road safer.

The unpaved Woodland Hills Road presents a danger to motorists, Wright said, especially school buses. Along

one stretch, a nearby creek frequently covers the road. At another, there is nothing to prevent a vehicle from plunging down a 70-foot dropoff.

Wright and other residents along Woodland Hills had sought the county's help last year, and county officials say they tried to get the state's help to pave the road. Last fall, Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens said, they were told the road would be blacktopped

first thing this year. Despite that assurance, however, nothing has been done.

The Woodland Hills problem is one officials say they've faced frequently during the past few years while Gov. Ernie Fletcher has been in office.

In the wake of Fletcher's defeat in the Nov. 6 election, Floyd County officials are reacting with one emotion: They're ecstatic.

"We've got a new day coming,"

Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said during Friday's fiscal court meeting. "I'm looking forward to our new governor, and I believe our lieutenant governor will help."

As an overwhelmingly Democratic county, officials say Floyd County has suffered a dearth of funding under a Republican administration. Owens said

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## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



photos by Ralph B. Davis

Park worker Bill Justice hung decorations Friday, preparing Archer Park for its annual Christmas display.

# Park dresses up for season

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Archer Park.

Park workers were busy Friday, plugging in lights and setting up decorations for the park's annual transformation into a winter wonderland.

While the decorating was well on its way to being complete Friday afternoon, the park will wait until Nov. 24 to turn on the lights.

Park Director David Baldrige said Santa Claus will visit the park on the weekends of Dec. 7-8 and 14-15 to give out candy to youngsters. Santa will appear beside the caboose from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each night.



Workers completed decorating the park Friday afternoon. Santa will appear next to the caboose on the weekends of Dec. 7-8 and 14-15.

# Magistrate says he isn't getting timely info

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — What is normally a routine item on the fiscal court's monthly agenda became somewhat heated Friday, as one magistrate said he has not been receiving the information he needs to adequately review the county's finances.

When it came time to approve transfers of funds, Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens interjected that he had not had the opportunity to review the request.

"I got this," Owens said, holding up a blank sheet of paper.

County Treasurer David Layne acknowledged that magistrates had not received advance details of the transfers, but said the problem was a matter of timing.

Layne noted that he did not receive a full list of claims until the day before the meeting, and therefore couldn't provide all of the information to magistrates ahead of the meeting. He then said he is working to streamline the process in order to get the information to magistrates sooner, perhaps by setting a cutoff for claims one week prior to fiscal court meetings.

Layne then explained that the transfers proposed in Friday's meeting called for moving \$100,000 from the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund to the jail budget.

That explanation did not appear to satisfy Owens,

however, who voted against the transfers. The measure passed 3-1.

Minutes later, Owens objected to not getting full information again, this time during a proposal to bring Parley Flanery Lane — a road in his district — into the county road system.

Owens said he had not been given advance notice of the proposal in time to review the road himself.

Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said he had reviewed the road, which is at Bucks Branch, and it appeared to be in order. But Owens said magistrates were customarily given the opportunity to review road requests prior to action being taken, and he asked the court to table the request to give him time to do so.

That request was granted.

In other news, the fiscal court:

■ Approved paying \$6,643.54 for improvements at Elkhorn Educational Park, using funds from the Local Government Economic Development Fund.

■ Paid a semiannual bond interest payment of \$55,751.25 for Southern Water.

■ Approved applying for a \$34,000 grant to replace golf carts at the Paul Hunt Thompson Golf Course in Allen.

■ Approved paying Westcare \$14,271.39 for drug treatment services at

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# Times are trying for nurses walking the picket line

by SAMIRA JAFARI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARLAN — Jerry Blevins has stood for weeks on a picket line with his fellow nurses, thinking about his mortgage, his tearful wife, his four children.

Pam Pace has been called names and listed on the "wall of shame" posted outside her hospital for crossing the picket line and continuing to work. Last week, her tires were slashed. "Someone's got to stay in here and take care of the patients," she said.

It's been a stressful seven weeks for the 750 registered nurses at Appalachian Regional Healthcare, the

region's largest hospital system, which has nine facilities in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Six hundred nurses have refused to cross the picket line.

Some, like Blevins, have put their livelihoods on the line since Oct. 1, saying their goal is to ensure better care for patients. Others, like Pace, say they either cannot afford to walk off their jobs or don't want to abandon their patients.

After weeks of stalemate, negotiators on both sides of the bargaining table indicated this week that some progress has come from talks with a federal mediator and state officials. Negotiations resumed Friday.

"I am willing to do what it takes,"

Blevins said recently while bottle-feeding his baby boy on the picket line. He insists that nurses at ARH hospitals are overworked, which jeopardizes patient care.

However, the strike has taken an emotional and financial toll on his family, he said.

"I did have that moment of, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?'" Blevins recalled.

ARH President and CEO Jerry Haynes, a native of the Harlan County mountain region, said he appreciates the conviction of those on the line.

"We are a stubborn people," he told The Associated Press. "Unfortunately, that doesn't always serve us all well.

There is a strong culture in Appalachia that's grounded in the coal mining industry. You have a strong culture of unions. You have a lot of heritage and history here."

Labor strife is as familiar in these Appalachian hills as poverty and poor health. Blevin's own Harlan County, home to several century-old coal-mining communities, has a history of violent labor fights. Attempts to organize miners in the 1930s drew national attention to "Bloody Harlan."

The hospital system that became ARH was established by the United Mine Workers' union in 1956 to help

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# Regional Obituaries

## FLOYD COUNTY

David Earl Conley, 67, of Garrett, died Wednesday, November 7, at the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care, in Mount Vernon. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 10, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Geneva June Hall, 72, of Beaver, died on Saturday, November 10, at her residence. She is survived by her husband James K. Hall. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Ann Hall, 82, of Ivel, died Sunday, November 11, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Joe E. "Jody" Howard Jr., 59, of Martin, died Monday, November 12, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Gypsy Williams Hughes, 87, of Ashland, a Garrett native, died Friday, November 9, in the Woodland Oaks Health Care Center in Ashland. Graveside services were conducted Sunday, November 11, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Jean Spencer Johnson, 77, of Lexington, formerly of Martin, died Friday, November 9, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, at Kerr Bros. Funeral

Home. Local funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Billy (Black) Johnson, 48, of Martin, died Saturday, November 10, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Alma Reffett Lowe, 91, of Eastern, died on Monday, November 12, at Cedar Creek Assisted Living. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Marna Belle Mitchell, 37, of Betsy Layne, died on Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, in Harold. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home.

Juanita Mullins, 78, of Melvin, died Wednesday, November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Julius Mullins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Edith Horn Price, 93, of Auxier, died Wednesday, November 14, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 17, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

James Calvin "Bub" Reynolds, 62, of Ligon, died Wednesday, November 14, at his residence. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 17, under the direc-

tion of Hall Funeral Home.

William Robert "Bird Dog" Richardson, 76, of Hardy, died Saturday, November 10, in the Logan (W. Va.) Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Juan Antonio Rodriguez, infant son of Juan and Colita Burchett Rodriguez of Weeksbury, died Sunday, November 11, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Community Funeral Home of Zebulon, is in charge of arrangements.

Wallace "Dod" Slater, 73, of Slater's Branch, and longtime Florida resident, died Thursday, November 8, at the Williamson W.Va. (Memorial) Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, November 12, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Home.

Shadery Watson, 75, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, November 13, at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. He is survived by Betty Watson, his wife of 56 years. Funeral services were held Friday, November 16, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Butler "Tubby" Williams, 58, of Grethel, died Friday, November 9, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## PIKE COUNTY

Victor Eugene Adkins, 71, of Lexington, a Pike County native, died on Tuesday,

October 30, at the St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, under the direction of the Community Funeral Home.

Bessie Maria Dennis, 82, of Raccoon, died Sunday, November 11, at her residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Thacker Funeral Home.

Roger "Fred" Dotson, 58, of Ransom, died on Thursday, November 8. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Dotson. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 12, under the direction of the R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Dirk Calvert Johnson, 55, of Charleston, W.Va., formerly of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, November 8, in Charleston. He is survived by his wife, Billie

Sue Salyer Johnson. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 11, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

James "Pete" Kelly, 89, of Pikeville, died on Saturday, November 10, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Lewis Kelly. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 11, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Dona Bryant Kiser, 98, of Robinson Creek, died on Tuesday, November 13, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Eugene Milam, 83, of Virgie, died Saturday, November 10, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife

Elaine Milam. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, under the directions of the Hall and Jones Funeral Home.

Willie Prater, 80, of Freeburn, died on Friday, November 9, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, under the directions of the Phelps Funeral Services.

Kernie Richard Sammons, 29, of Steele, died Friday, November 2, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Stiltner Sammons. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 7, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Larry Joe Stone, 57, of Elkhorn City died on Sunday, November 11, at his residence.

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## Obituaries

### Bert Dye

Bert Dye, 78, of Prestonsburg, formerly of McDowell, died Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at his residence.

Born August 11, 1929, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Kennel and Nancy Ann Sword Dye. He was a retired coal miner; and a member of Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was twice married, first to Joanne Gayheart Dye, who preceded him in death; and later to Bertha Paige Dye, who survives.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Cleveland and Doris Dye, and Billy Gene Dye, all of McDowell; and Danny Ray and Sharon Dye of Georgia; his daughters and sons-in-law: Roberta and Ed Thompson of Staffordsville; Hazel Louise and Mark Boatwright, and Patty and Tyrone Morris, all of Prestonsburg; Vicki and John Ward of Salyersville; Patricia and Bob Schlick of Dunnellon, Florida; Betty and Stan Huff of Pippa Passes; and Joanie and Willie Barrowman of Willisburg; his brothers: Phinas Dye of Sandy Hook; Rabon Dye of Harlan; Paul Dye of Ohio; and Jay Dye of Grethel; four sisters: Clersy Mollett of Thelma; Christine Howell of Orkney; Deborah Findley of Prestonsburg; and Jewell Hill of Hager Hill; 28 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his first wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Laryl Dean Dye; three brothers: Woodrow Dye, Kennis Dye, and Russell Dye; and a sister, Versie Spears.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 17, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Greenberry Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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### Kizzie J. Halbert

Kizzie J. Halbert, age 73, of McDowell, died Thursday, November 15, 2007, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born June 1, 1934, in Hi Hat, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Eddie Thacker Justice. She was a disabled nurses' aide, and was a member of the Church of Christ, in Printer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Famer (Fub) Halbert.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Luke and Sharon Halbert, Famer Jr., and Lorene Halbert, Penny Darrell and Teresa Halbert, and Regie Halbert, all of McDowell, Dennie Lee and Anna Ruth Halbert of Jenkins, and Keith and Vonda Halbert of Wayland; daughters and sons-in-law: Kathryn and Dean Frasure of Lanesville, Ohio, and Chaddie and Charles Martin Jr., of Wilkesville, Ohio; a brother, Nathaniel Justice of Clyde, Ohio; her sisters: Dorothy Moore of McDowell, Rebecca Dye of Orkney; 17 grandchildren, and 30 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Noah Justice and James Justice; a sister, Mary Moore; two grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 17, at 1 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Church of Christ ministers, and First Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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### William Hager Wright

William Hager Wright, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 15, 2007, of a sudden illness.

Born November 18, 1938, in Doek, he was the son of George and Susie Wright.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Wright; his wife, Alice Wright; and a brother, James Wright.

Survivors include his mother, Susie Wright of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Dorothy Ratliff and Phyllis Elliott, both of Martin; four brothers: Johnny Wright of Prestonsburg, Arthur Wright of Leslie, Michigan, Ronnie Wright of Onondaga, Michigan, and Raben Wright of Munith, Michigan; two daughters: Cathy Craft and Phyllis Craft, both of Jackson, Michigan; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted, Saturday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial was in the Wright Cemetery, Spurlock Fork, in Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Jack Sowards, 73, of Pikeville, died Thursday, November 8, in Pikeville. He is survived by his wife Grace Rowe Sowards. Funeral services were held Monday, November 12, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Juanita Spears Stiltner, 86, of Breaks, Va., a Pike County native, died on Friday, November 9, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 12, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Ronald F. Belhasen, 74, of Staffordsville, died Saturday, November 10. He is survived by his wife, Alice Hitchcock Belhasen. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 13, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Carl Blanton, 77, of Oil Springs, died Monday, November 5, at Paul B. Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Jackson Blanton. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 7, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Wayne Cordell Blevins, 95, of Paintsville, died Sunday, November 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

June Long Blevins, 89, of Simpsonville, a Johnson County native, died Wednesday, November 7, at Crestview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Shelbyville. Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 10 under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Sally A. Chaney, 60, of Paintsville, died Friday, November 9, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Chaney. Funeral services were held Monday, November 12, under the direc-

tion of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Norma Jean Branham Curtis, 55, of Flat Gap, died Wednesday, November 7, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Robert Curtis. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 10, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Virgil D. Daniel, 89, of Monroe, Ohio, a Thelma native, died Tuesday, October 30. He is survived by his wife, Carol Morris Warren. Memorial services were held Saturday, November 17, at noon, at the Monroe Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were under the direction of the Wilson-Schramm-Spaulling Funeral Home.

Helen Faye Castle Frazier, 75, of Paintsville, died Sunday, November 11, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 14, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Elder Hobert Pack, 73, of Williamsport, died Sunday, November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Mollett Pack. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Neoma Fay Tackett, 27, of Denver, died Saturday, November 3, at her residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 8, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville.

MARTIN COUNTY

Walker Preece, 77, of Debord, died Sunday,

November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Olive Newsome Preece. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Tommy "T. Tom" Bailey, 52, of Salyersville, died Saturday, November 3, in Salyersville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 7, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Wanda Gaye Lovely Cole, 67, of Salyersville, died Tuesday, November 6, in Salyersville. Funeral services were held Friday, November 9, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Joyce Jean Davis, 74, of Salyersville, died Friday,

November 2, in Salyersville. She is survived by her husband, Robert Davis Jr. Funeral services were held conducted Monday, November 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sue Avonell Miller Joseph, 72, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 2, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by his wife, Buck Joseph. Funeral services were held Monday, November 5, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Mataline Miller, 72, of Salyersville, died Friday, November 2, at Central Baptist Church in Lexington. Funeral services were held Monday, November 5, under the direction of the Magoffin County Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Richard Patrick, 76, of Inez, died Wednesday, November 7, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Sally Stacy Patrick. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 10, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

Walker Preece, 77, of Debord, died Sunday, November 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Olive Newsome Preece. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 14, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Clinton B. Wells, 31, of Inez, died Friday, November 9, in Charleston, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 13, under the direction of Richmond-Callaham Funeral Home.

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# expression

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— Felix Frankfurter

## Guest view

### Reaching across party lines

For the first time in many months, Lt. Gov. Steve Pence has something meaningful to do. Ironically, it was Gov.-elect Steve Beshear, a Democrat, who gave the Republican lieutenant governor a new assignment.

In naming his transition team Thursday, Beshear named Pence, the state's first Republican lieutenant governor since 1946, chairman of the Justice Cabinet. In that role, the governor-elect said Pence will work with outgoing members of the Fletcher administration to determine upcoming deadlines and other pertinent information to keep state government flowing.

Pence already knows quite a bit about the Justice Cabinet. That's because for the first two-and-a-half years of the Fletcher administration, the lieutenant governor doubled as secretary of the Justice Cabinet. However, when Pence announced in June 2006 that he would not seek re-election as lieutenant governor as part of the Fletcher ticket in 2007, the governor immediately removed Pence as justice secretary.

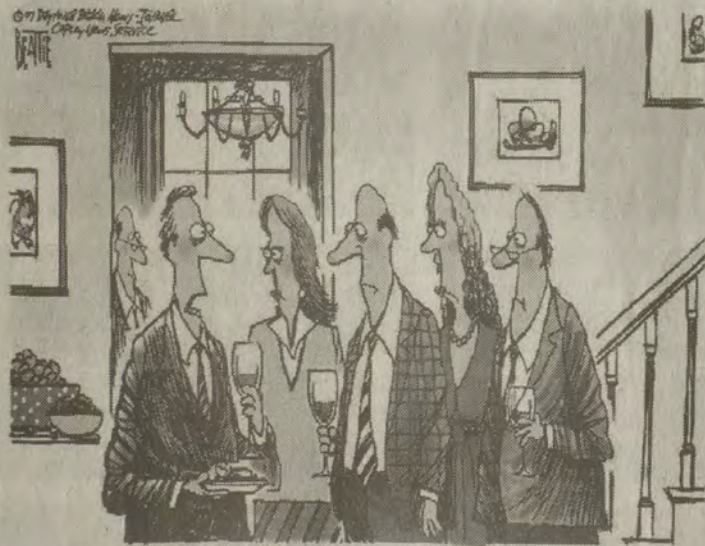
Since then, Pence has been practically invisible in Frankfort, and his split with the governor was to the detriment of the Fletcher administration. Pence served well as justice secretary, working closely with Attorney General Greg Stumbo and other Democrats to successfully advance his proposals.

But since his split with the governor, Pence has been drawing a full salary for doing little or nothing as lieutenant governor. Overnight, Pence went from being a real bargain by doing two jobs as lieutenant governor to drawing a high salary for doing nothing. As evidence of how little he has had to do, the last postings on the lieutenant governor's Web site were in 2006.

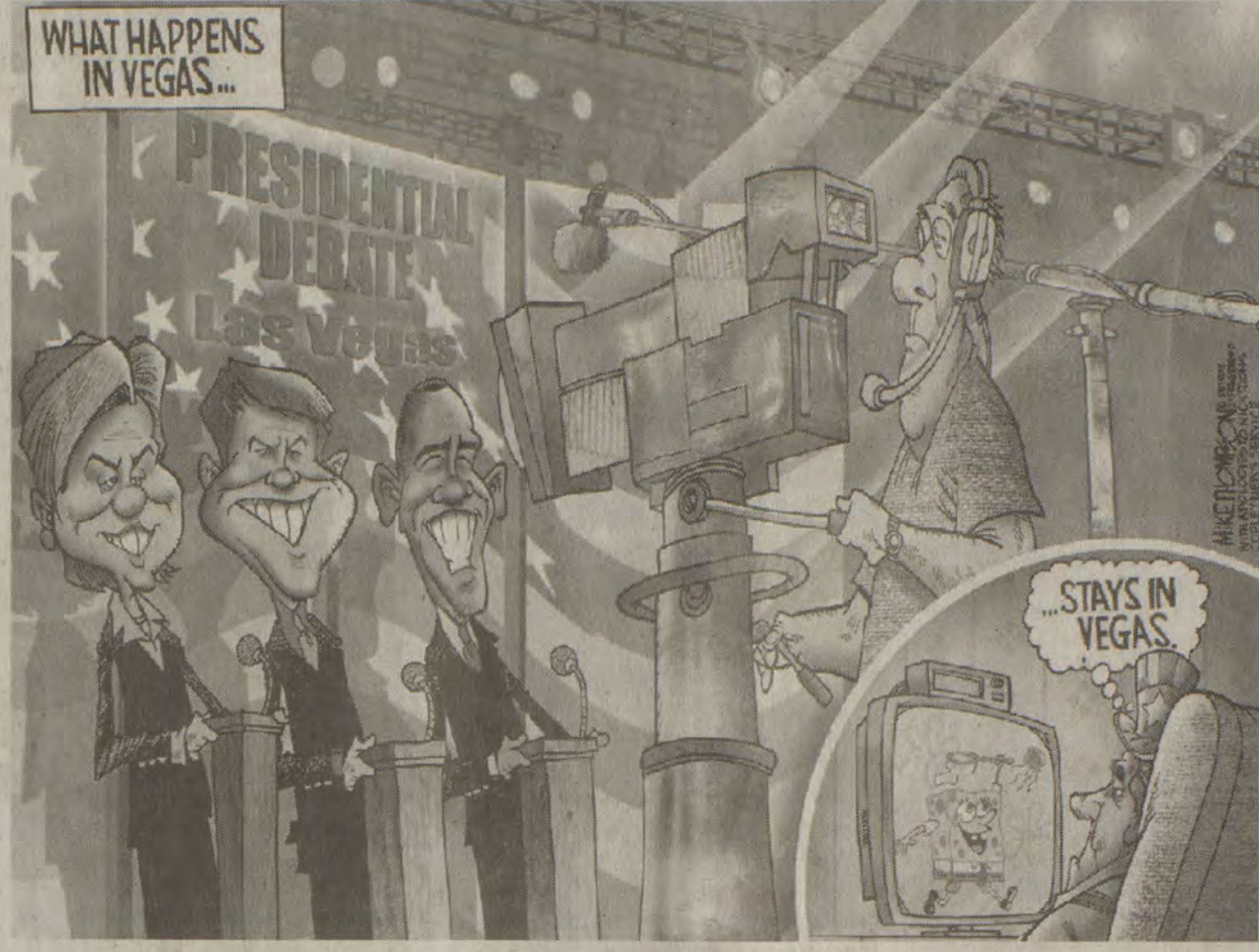
Pence is not the only well-known Republican to be named to Beshear's transition team. Former state representative Steve Nunn — the son of the last Republican governor before Fletcher — was named chairman for the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. Nunn, who lost to Fletcher in the 2003 Republican gubernatorial primary, endorsed Beshear during the fall campaign and has widely been rumored as playing a key role in the Beshear administration.

Beshear promised to reach across political boundaries in his administration, and he immediately picked two good Republicans to help fulfill that promise. Whether Pence and Nunn will have just a temporary role in helping the new governor form his cabinet or they will take on larger, more permanent roles in the new administration remains to be seen. But both Pence and Nunn would be assets to the new administration.

— The Daily Independent



"I can't decide if I should worry more about Iranian nukes that don't exist ... or Pakistani nukes that do."



### Rich Lowry Column

#### The children's crusade — socializing medicine

Democrats are altogether too modest in the claims they make for the SCHIP children's health-insurance program. They talk only about what it does to cover needy families with uninsured kids, but never about all the wondrous things it can do for middle-class families with their own private insurance.

President Bush vetoed the Democratic re-authorization of the bill as too profligate. The House upheld his veto, but not without Democrats gleefully portraying the president as an enemy of children's health.

At bottom, the argument is about whether the government will extend public coverage further up the income scale — including to families already with their own insurance — in a push toward national health insurance. All children below the poverty line (\$20,650 for a family of four) are eligible for Medicaid. So the argument over SCHIP is not about "poor kids." Congress enacted the program in 1997 to help cover kids whose families aren't poor, but still can't afford insurance, basically in the income range of up to 200 percent of the poverty line.

The Congressional Budget Office says that the rate of uninsured among

these kids fell from 22.5 percent in 1996 to 16.9 percent in 2005. Many of these children, if uninsured, would get publicly funded health care anyway, through public clinics and the like. For them, SCHIP makes sense.

The problem is that, as families earn more, they are more likely to have private insurance, and SCHIP lures them from private insurance onto government insurance. The CBO estimates that for every 100 children enrolled in SCHIP, 50 children are dropped off private coverage.

The technical term for this phenomenon is "crowding out"; the non-technical term is "socializing medicine." Since the federal government picks up two-thirds of the tab for state-administered SCHIP programs, states have an incentive to expand coverage — for every \$1 they spend on the benefit, the feds pony up \$3.

And expand they have. Fifteen states cover kids and families above 200 percent of the poverty level. New Jersey covers kids up to 350 percent of the poverty level. New York wants to go to 400 percent. By throwing an additional \$35 billion at the program throughout the next five years, the

Democratic bill guarantees the program will grow well beyond its original purpose of insuring "near-poor" kids.

Of children in families between 200 percent and 300 percent of poverty, only 9.8 percent were uninsured in 2005. There are less-sweeping means — like tax credits — to help these families get coverage in the private health-insurance market.

Meanwhile, there are 5.5 million poor or near-poor kids — roughly 60 percent of all uninsured kids — who are eligible for public insurance now, but aren't enrolled. These kids are likelier to come from single-parent or no-parent families and families where all parents are unemployed. The focus should be on them rather than families with the wherewithal to fend for themselves.

Few things are as destructive of good public policy as outraged invocations of the "children." Democrats probably will benefit politically from their ploy on SCHIP, and advance a goal that goes far beyond low-income kids.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



The Rich Lowry column

### beyond the beltway

#### The joys of running for president

by DONALD KAUL  
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

They billed it as a debate between Democratic presidential candidates in Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, but what it turned out to be was an ambush.

The male candidates jumped out from behind their rocks and began whacking Hillary Clinton, the front-runner, like a piñata.

They accused her of being untrustworthy, duplicitous, sneaky and unable to brush after every meal. If the debate had gone on for much longer, they'd have accused her of kidnapping the Lindbergh baby.

John Edwards, quite obviously the best lawyer of the group, led the way. "Senator Clinton says...she will end the war, but she continues to say she'll keep combat troops in Iraq and continue combat missions in Iraq....

"I think the American people, given this historic moment in our country's history, deserve a president of the United States that they know will tell them the truth, and won't say one thing one time and something different at a different time."

Silky smooth Barack Obama sang the same tune, in a minor key, accusing Clinton of "changing positions whenever it's politically convenient" on issues like the North American Free Trade Agreement, torture and the Iraq war.

"Now, that may be politically savvy, but I don't think that it offers the clear contrast that we need," he said.

Even old Chris Dodd cranked himself up to challenge Clinton's "electability."

"...there are 50 percent of the American public that say they're not going to vote for her...I don't necessarily like it, but those are the facts."

Nor did the debate's moderators, Brian Williams and Tim Russert, take it easy on the lady. After spending most of the night rolling out softballs on UFOs or Halloween costumes, they got after Hillary on her alleged support of a proposed law to allow illegal immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses.

She answered it one way, then went back the other way, finally accusing her interrogators of playing a game of "gotcha" with her. (What in the world did she think the game was, beanbag? To add to that sense of victimization, her post-debate spinmeisters made an unfortunate attempt to characterize the event as boys ganging up on the girl, as she herself did not, incidentally.)

Except for that part she stood up to the grilling pretty well, parrying the thrusts with vague answers and a steely smile. Still, if Hillary, like most politicians, really wants to have things both ways she needs to get better at it.

Some say Democrats shouldn't go after each other like that. They're wrong. It was good training for the front-runner. Should Hillary make it to the nomination, she will look upon the Philadelphia debate as fondly as she would time spent with the marshmallow-throwing Larry King.

I fully expect the Republicans, no matter who their candidate, to attack her as viciously as any presidential candidate has been attacked in recent history. They will attack her political record, her personal history, her looks, her husband and her daughter. They will attack her underwear. The Internet and the right-wing radio will be filled with ugly rumors, nasty innuendo and Ann Coulter.

It will be brutal and she'd better get ready for it.

We've developed a curious way of picking candidates for the presidency. These political "debates" we keep having are really more game show competitions than debates.

We line up the candidates and say: "Tell us your plan for reforming Social Security, Medicare and the tax code. You have 30 seconds." It makes gibberish of our political dialogue.

If a foreigner, totally unfamiliar with any of the candidates, had walked in on the Philadelphia debate, he'd have had no problem picking out the most qualified candidate. It was, without question, Joe Biden.

Biden, who has been around the block 143 times, simply knows more about government, particularly foreign affairs, than any of the others. Naturally, he has no chance.

I swear, if I wake up one morning and Rudy Giuliani is president I'm moving to Canada. Northern Canada.

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## This Town, That World

**Editor's Note:** For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

It's Thanksgiving Day, in the mornin', and I'm duly thankful.

But don't pin me down. I know there are so many things we all should be thankful, eternally thankful, for; but when trouble looms in every direction, you look, and when folks about you are unhappy and express their dread of things to come, it becomes hard indeed, to rattle off, with wonted glibness, all your blessings.

Blessings we do have, many of them, even if they are hard to sort out of the mess we've made of things. I suppose the best way to count them at times such as this, is simply to think what life would be like if we were deprived of what we have.

### COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

To Mrs. D. B. Harris, a former Floyd Countian, now residing on Route 2, Patriot, Ohio, we are indebted for the following, which may be the only bit of brightness we'll be able to drum up this week.

Women today, whose most difficult washday chore may be getting the soap sarton open, can get some idea of how far things have improved since great-grandma's day, from the following item out of the past.

It's an authentic Kentucky "recipe," in its original spelling for washing clothes, contributed by a reader to the Colorado Interstate Gas Company magazine:

1. bild a fire in back yard to heat kettle of rain water.
2. set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes, if wind is pert.
3. shave one hole cake soap in bilin' water.
4. sort things, make three piles, one pile white, one pile cullord, one pile work briches and rags.
5. stur flour in cold water to smooth then thin down bith bilin water.
6. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile, rub cullord but don't bile—just rench and starch.
7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle then rench, blew and starch.
8. hang old rags on fence.
9. pore rench water in flower bed.
10. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
11. turn tubs upside down.
12. go put on cleen dress—smooth hair with side combs—brew cup of tee—set and rest and rock a spell and count blessins.

### SCHOOL DAZE

Remember the good, old days when teacher laid down ironclad rules? Remember how much fun it was to break them? I recall one which forbade any "scholar" to climb "higher than his head," but it didn't work. The boys pointed out that their heads always remained higher than the point to which they climbed.

The following is a partial list of punishments in effect, back in 1948, at an academy in Stokes County,

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# Climbing Mountains, Chasing Stars

## BSCTC students work to realize dreams

by SANDRA SAAD  
BSCTC FACULTY

"Mom, I'm pregnant."

It was a routine, mid-winter shopping trip to Wal-Mart in 1997 when Benetta Patrick of Magoffin County noticed that her 95-pound, high school sophomore was going to the bathroom – a lot. Her 16-year-old daughter, Myra Ann, and her daughter's 16-year-old boyfriend, Jeremy Howard, had been dealing with the issue in a two-fold manner – they had responsibly visited the health department for a check-up and prenatal vitamins, but they just didn't know how to tell their families. At six months pregnant, however, Myra Ann couldn't hide the truth any longer. When she finally admitted the pregnancy to her mother, there in the middle of Wal-Mart, Benetta was so shocked by the news that she abandoned the shopping trip, cart and all, and headed to the car and home with her daughter in tow.

One month later, Myra Ann and Jeremy were married and two months later they were new parents. The 16-year-olds took their responsibility seriously. They both dropped out of school, Myra Ann to care for the newborn and Jeremy to take a job in construction in order to support his young family financially.

Myra Ann began the process to secure her GED but it was going to take a while. Five months after giving birth to her first child, she found out she was already pregnant with her second. Myra Ann, however, never abandoned her educational goals and, whenever possible, she pursued her studies at the Mayo Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. There she obtained her Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) credentials in 2002, just before the birth of her third child. Together, she and Jeremy managed to make things work. Myra Ann worked nights at an area nursing home, working six nights on – two off, while Jeremy worked days in a trucking job. Between the two of them, they always managed to be there for the start and end to hectic school days for their three children, homework, housework, meal preps, and after-school activities.

Despite her busy schedule and full-time job, Myra Ann still had other educational aspirations. She had always wanted to be a nurse. With Jeremy working day shift and all of her kids in school, Myra Ann enrolled in college classes at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. During the 16-week fall and spring semesters she carried a 12-hour, four course load and during the summer months she took classes during the four-week and eight-week summer sessions. Myra Ann notes, with a grimace and shudder, that two of her toughest courses were taken during the summer: 16-weeks worth of medical microbiology taken during an eight-week summer session and 16-weeks worth of Developmental Psychology taken during an intensive four-week summer session. Her expression changes into a serene smile, however, when she notes that she got As in both classes.

The truth is that Myra Ann has gotten As in most of her classes. With a 3.5 grade-point average, she is an example of what can be accomplished with dedication, determination and a tremendous amount of hard work. In addition to her course work, she completed training in phlebotomy and was selected as the Magoffin County Head Start Parent of the Year in 2007. She was also named a National Science Award winner.

Myra Ann gives her husband a lot of credit for helping to make her accomplishments possible. "Jeremy's awesome," she said. "If I'm vacuuming, he's washing dishes," and they both sit down with their children after dinner to help them with their homework. Myra Ann did most of her studying after the kids were in bed, but if she had a hard test coming up, then Jeremy took care of the kids himself, freeing up time for his wife to focus on her studies. "If that's what you want to do, don't stop," Jeremy advised her when times were tough.



Myra is pictured here with husband, Jeremy, and their three children, Quentin, age 9, Morgann, age 8, and Trevor, age 5.

Myra Ann also had the support and encouragement of a special mentor on the Mayo Campus. Linda Dyer, who works in the testing center at Mayo, was appointed as Myra Ann's mentor when she took an introduction to college course. Even after the course was over, Dyer stayed in touch, serving as Myra Ann's personal support and resource if she was unsure about anything during her educational pursuits.

In turn, Myra Ann has been an inspiration to her family as she persisted in her studies. Her two oldest children, Quentin, 9, and Morgann, 8, students at Salyersville Grade School, recognize and appreciate their mom's hard work in pursuing her education, while five-year-old Trevor is just focused on his own career goal: He wants to be a cowboy. With her own success, Myra Ann also repeatedly encouraged her husband to pursue his GED. He resisted her urgings for years, but finally gave in only to pass the GED pretest and test with ease. Now he is contemplating future educational possibilities for himself as well.

At this point, Myra Ann has completed all of her required coursework, including nursing prep classes and taking the ACT. She is now submitting all of her documentation for application to the nursing program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. After years of hard work, she is finally prepared to enter into the field of study that has always been her passion.

Despite her successes, Myra Ann readily admits that it has not been easy. One of the toughest things she deals with now is when people say, "I can't believe you're still in school!" without understanding all of the effort and sacrifices that have gotten her to this point. "When the kids are sick, you're working and you have your studies to do, it's hard," Myra Ann admitted. But, she quickly follows up, "it will be worth it when the time comes. You have to work for what you want," she continues, "and you have to realize that it's going to take time and decisions are not always easy. The good comes with the bad."

Pursuing a nursing degree is not an easy task. It too will carry its own challenges and require its own sacrifices. But if the decade since Myra Ann made that desperate confession to her mom in the middle of Wal-Mart has shown anything, it has proven that Myra Ann Howard – wife, mother, employee, school volunteer AND student – has the vision, intelligence, patience and dogged determination to accomplish any goal.

To find out how Big Sandy Community and Technical College can help you in your quest toward higher education and a better life, contact the school at (606) 886-3863, visit online at www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu, or visit the Prestonsburg, Paintsville, or Pikeville campuses.

## MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

### 'The Candy Snatchers'

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Three amateur thieves (and budding psychopaths) perfectly execute a kidnapping but run into a brick wall when it comes to collecting the ransom in this gritty crime thriller that waited over 30 years for a home video release.

The story begins on a cheerful note, with young Catholic high school student Candy being escorted off the school grounds by an elderly nun. Things get ominous in a hurry as we spy a trio of lowlifes observing this scene in a van. It is obvious that they mean her harm, though their fake nose and glasses disguises inspire a chuckle.



Tom Doty  
Times Columnist

They have an easy time of it when Candy opts to hitchhike home and walks right into their hippie-mobile. She is quickly trussed up and tossed into a pit that is then covered with plywood and dirt. The threesome (which consists of a brother and sister, Alan and Jessie, and a hulking Vietnam veteran named Eddy) immediately proceed to step two, which involves calling Candy's jewelry store manager father, Avery, and threatening him with the teen's death if he doesn't clean out the store's diamond supply and meet them on a remote road.

Meanwhile Candy gets a visit from a young boy who watched the whole burial from the safety of some nearby underbrush. He drops some peanuts down the pipe that was inserted into the makeshift grave for an air supply, before hopping home.

It turns out that the initial snatch was the only thing destined to go right as Candy's dad opts to skip the rendezvous and instead heads home to slip a mickey to his alcoholic spouse before going to meet his secretary/mistress.

The kidnapers are left to their own devices and assume Avery had car trouble. They soon conclude that harsher measures are in order and decide to tape Candy's screams as they threaten to cut her ear off. They then buy an ear from Jessie's friend at the morgue and that guy turns out to be a real character who sings most of his dialogue as he jacks up the price of a human ear to \$50.

Meanwhile, we learn that the boy who witnessed everything is named Sean. Unfortunately he can't speak and his parents (consisting of a deranged mom, named Audrey, and an ineffectual dad, named Dudley) are unwilling to follow him up into the hills behind their house, as they have dinner plans with the boss (man, nobody ever ignored Lassie when Timmy was in some ditch).

The gruesome threesome now decide to steal a truck to drop off the tape and the ear. Phase one of this assignment goes poorly when the

(See LAGOON, page six)

## Mommy of the board

by PAMELA HACKETT HOBSON  
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WORKING MOM'S SOUL"

Although I loved my job at a top Wall Street bank, I jumped at the chance to work for a financial-services company located much closer to my home. With a young son just starting kindergarten, a chance to reduce my two-and-a-half-hour daily commute and have more time with my family was an opportunity that was too good to pass up.

My new employer was embarking on a period of tremendous growth and expansion. The employees, the chair-

man of the bank and the newly elected board members were energized by the possibilities. I was pleased to learn that one of the founding members of Ms. Magazine had recently joined the executive board to help steer the organization in the right direction. Senior management was anxious to demonstrate to their newest board member that their commitment to hire and promote qualified women was more than just words. Although only a junior officer, I was asked to be the first woman to make a presentation to the board to explain many of the new programs and policies we had recently introduced. Suppressing a gulp, I accepted the challenge.

The morning of the presentation was a typical day in my incredibly

busy household. I woke early to shower and dress, put on makeup, throw in a load of laundry, take the meat out to defrost for dinner, study my notecards, wake my son, get him dressed and fed, check his backpack, remember to sign yet another permission slip, check the family calendar to see what the after-school activity or playdate arrangement was for the day, drop my son off at school, rush to the train and spend a few quality minutes alone with my husband (read: remind each other about the need to schedule doctor/dentist/school appointments) and speed walk from Grand Central Station to the executive offices just off Park Avenue.

Entering the executive suite, the president of the bank greeted me and

asked if I was ready to meet with the board. I assured him that I was definitely all set and followed his instructions to wait outside the boardroom until called. Senior management was almost as nervous as I because no one at my level had ever made a presentation to the board before. A lot was riding on this meeting, and we all wanted it to come off without a hitch.

Just minutes before I entered the room, I performed a last-minute

check to be sure my corporate gray suit was presentable. Smoothing my jacket pocket, I found what was disrupting the clean line of my designer suit. Reaching inside the pocket, I found the culprit and smiled. My son's favorite miniature car was idling in my pocket, just waiting for the moment when I would pick him up later that day. I carefully placed the car back inside my suit pocket, opened the door to the boardroom and with my son's presence firmly by my side, drove his car full speed ahead.





# A few things you should know about batteries

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:  
Summing up my Saturday:  
Me (the boyfriend) to Her (the girlfriend): "Your car's not starting right; your battery may be going out."  
Her to Me: "When you have time, can you maybe fix it, please?" (Translation: "Before you even think about doing anything fun this weekend...")  
Clerk (at auto-parts store) to Me: "Yep, your [Autolite 84] battery's almost shot."  
Me to Clerk: "But I put it in new ... just two years ago. Doesn't the big '84' on the battery mean '84 months' ... as in '84-month (7-year) warranty'?"  
Clerk to Me: "Sure, but car batteries never last more than two or three years; that's why the manufacturer prorates them so heavily."  
Me to Clerk: "Oh, sure, I knew that. Just give me another one." (Translation: I'm way too cool to admit I have no idea (A) what's occurring here, and (B) if I'm getting

taken.")  
So, my question to you on behalf of guys everywhere is: Why do car-battery manufacturers promote batteries as being "84-month batteries" if they seldom last more than 24 to 36 months? And if car batteries aren't going to last more than 24 to 36 months, what are boyfriends paying extra for when they buy their girlfriends "84-month" batteries rather than less-expensive "72-month," "60-month" or "48-month" batteries?  
— Gary  
RAY: Well, the numbers on the batteries relate to their warranties, Gary. So an "84-month battery" is one that's warranted for 84 months. If it fails before 84 months, it'll be replaced.  
TOM: There's a "free replacement period," where the battery is replaced for nothing during the first one to three years (depending on how good your particular battery's warranty is). After that, they'll prorate it, which means they'll give you some money back, depending on how old the battery is when it dies and how much

time is left on the warranty.  
RAY: And while batteries do vary, in our experience batteries sold by reputable retailers generally last about as long as their warranties suggest they'll last. So a seven-year (84-month) battery usually lasts about seven years. That's because those longer-life batteries have more lead plates in them.  
TOM: Almost all replacement batteries sold in the United States are made by three big companies: Johnson Controls, Exide and East Penn. Retailers like Sears or NAPA specify exactly what they want in a battery, and one of those three manufacturers makes the batteries to those specifications.  
RAY: Generally speaking, the reputable retailers will order up batteries of sufficient quality to make good on their longevity claims. If you buy a Fred's Battery, Fred may be counting on the fact that by the time his cheap battery dies, you'll have sold the car, forgotten where you bought the battery or been abducted by aliens.  
TOM: Now, there are reasons why

even a reputable battery may fail sooner than anticipated. A faulty charging system could contribute to early battery failure. But more commonly, frequent short trips, especially with accessories turned on, don't give the charging system enough time to keep the battery properly charged. That can kill a battery before its time.  
RAY: And then there's age. An 84-month battery might be new to you, but it could have been sitting on some gas station's shelf for a couple of years.  
TOM: That's why it's best to buy a battery from a place that sells a lot of them and turns over its inventory frequently. You also can check for yourself. There are codes on most batteries that tell you the date of manufac-

ture. There's a letter (A = January, B = February), and then a number (7 = 2007). You want a battery that was made no more than six months ago.  
RAY: So, you ARE doing the right thing, Gary, by buying your girlfriend the biggest, baddest battery that will fit in her car. You just have to make sure it's from a retailer you trust, that it hasn't been sitting on the shelf collecting dust, and that you're not running your plasma TV off her cigarette lighter every time she's in the store shoe shopping.  
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## Lagoon

three run into the toughest telephone installer in all of Southern California, who gives them a righteous beating until Jessie manages to sneak up behind him with a hunk of wood. It turns out to be a wasted effort since Avery is not impressed with the ear and relates that the group has done him a favor. Eddy stares at him in stunned silence as Dad explains that he's actually a step-dad and that he only married Candy's mother to get his hands on a \$2 million dollar inheritance that she'll receive when she's 21.  
The group starts to come

apart now, with the siblings wanting to kill Candy while Eddy refuses to allow it. They come up with the mother of all bad ideas by deciding to pay Avery a visit at home. They find his wife there drunk but Avery has decided to stay with his mistress for the night.  
They get a break when said mistress throws him out and a dejected Avery slinks home. He decides that it is okay to steal diamonds for the unholy three when they hold a gun to his head, so it's off to the jewelry store where, he has hidden a gun. A messy shootout ensues and most of the cast is

dead within minutes.  
Meanwhile, Sean gathers tools to dig up Candy, but his plans are thwarted by his unstable mother who, in a decision that should cost her any shot at mom of the year, decides to put him down for the day with a Valium so she can have a little peace and quiet, which is all that awaits Candy, still bound and gagged in a pit with no one alive now to come looking for her.  
This is grim stuff, but it all works thanks to a credible script which mercilessly depicts most everyone involved as maladjusted and

greedy. The trio are born losers who all appear to teetering on the brink of normalcy and, most likely, the offspring of terrible parents. The parents in the film are also a weary lot who are more concerned with their own comforts than that of their children.  
What especially works here is the side story of Sean and the harsh light it shines on his unstable mother. She obviously is not fit to be a parent and the movie doesn't shy away from her cruel treatment of Sean, which includes a heart-breaking moment in which he tries to hide in a corner of his room as she relentlessly pursues him and then drags him off camera for a thrashing that we are, thankfully, not shown.  
Despite all of the heavy-handed situations, there is also some dark humor on display, as when Eddy and Alan get their heads handed to them by the macho phone guy.  
There is also some good acting here by a cast of people

who you mostly won't recognize. Avery should be familiar, however, to fans of "The Blues Brothers," who will recognize him as the customer in the restaurant scene that John Belushi insults by eating like a pig and then offering him money for his children.  
This one stayed in a hole

too long and deserves its DVD resurrection, though its nihilistic ending will not appeal to film fans who demand tidy conclusions.  
Best line: "I've killed 12 people. I think the world record is 279, but I'd be happy to break a hundred."  
1973, rated R.


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## Allen

North Carolina, according to The School News, issued for the Floyd County Board of Education:  
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2. Quarrelling—the same.  
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6. Misbehavior to girls—10.  
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AND THIS FOR DEAR TEACHER  
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## Visiting Virginia Intermont upends Alice Lloyd men

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Akeen Price turned in a double-double effort of 38 points and 22 rebounds Thursday night as Virginia Intermont defeated host Alice Lloyd 79-75 in a non-conference matchup. Alice Lloyd fell, despite leading 41-30 at half-time.

Price was one of two Virginia Intermont players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Jamaal Clark added 11 points for

Cobras.

The Cobras were 29-of-70 from the field. Virginia Intermont hit 10-of-24 three-point field goal attempts. The visiting team knocked down 11-of-15 charity shots.

Virginia Intermont outrebounded Alice Lloyd 45-28.

Starting center Rodney Mitchell paced Alice Lloyd with 29 points. Mitchell was one of three Eagles to post double digits in the scoring column. William Dillard netted 11 points for the Eagles. Corey Hairston followed with 10 points for

the host Eagles. William Jones tossed in eight points and Daniel Day added five for the Eagles.

Alice Lloyd hit 28-of-60 field goal attempts. The Eagles were 6-of-22 from beyond the arc. Alice Lloyd knocked down 8-of-18 free throws.

The Eagles blocked five shots. Alice Lloyd's assist-to-turnover ratio was 14-7.

Defensively, Alice Lloyd forced Virginia Intermont into 10 turnovers. The Eagles committed seven turnovers.



THE EAST KENTUCKY MINERS will make a much-anticipated home debut today when the Pittsburgh Xplosion visits the Expo Center in Pikeville for the second regular-season game for both CBA teams. Pittsburgh defeated the Miners 123-118 in overtime Friday night in a season-opener. Tip-off for today's game is set for 4:05 p.m.

## Hunting safety paramount in light of recent fatalities

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – Five hunters have died in Kentucky since September, including three fatalities reported Tuesday.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officials are urging hunters to follow safe firearms handling rules and to always hunt with safety in mind. While specific details of the incidents are not being released due to pending investigations, preliminary evidence suggests nearly all could have been prevented. Four of the five deaths involved firearms.

"It's a matter of going back to the basics," said Sgt. John Anderson, with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Law Enforcement Division. "Of all the incidents I've heard about, they all could have been avoided by following the basic safety rules."

Those rules include the basics of safe gun handling, laws that require hunter orange clothing during firearms deer and elk seasons, mandatory hunter education requirements and tree stand safety. These rules, when followed at all times, make hunting a safe sport for all participants.

"Almost all hunting incidents involve a lapse in following safety rules," said Bill Balda, hunter education program supervisor for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

Basic gun safety rules include the following:

- Always point your firearm in a safe direction.
- Keep the firearm's action open and the firearm unloaded until you are ready to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Know your target. Do not shoot at sound or movement.
- Know what is beyond your target. Make sure there is a safe background that will stop your bullet behind the target.
- Do not hunt or shoot after drinking alcohol or taking drugs. Some prescription medications warn against operating machinery after taking them and should not be used when handling a firearm.

Kentucky law requires hunters to wear unbroken hunter orange clothing visible from all sides on the head, back and chest when hunting during a gun deer or elk season. Hunter orange clothing makes hunters more visible and

(See HUNTING, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg earned another district football championship Friday night, defeating Shelby Valley 38-0.

## DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

Blackcats blank Valley a second time

by JAMIE HOWELL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG – After grinding out a hard-fought win over Shelby Valley just three weeks prior, Prestonsburg entered the second round of the playoffs expecting another tough battle. That would seem to be the case throughout the first half on Friday as the Blackcats led only 7-0 at halftime. But a strong second half saw the Blackcats put up 31 points on their way to a 38-0 shutout win. The first quarter ended scoreless, as both offenses sputtered over the first 12 minutes. Shelby Valley would put together a drive early in the second quarter that would take the football to the Blackcat 6 yard-line. After having a first-and-goal from the six, Valley would come up short on a fourth-and-goal from the four yard-line. Prestonsburg would take over and proceed to march down the field, capped by a 10-yard touchdown scamper from junior tailback Allen Craynon. Clay Jamerson's extra point gave the cats a 7-0 lead with three minutes remaining in the first half. The turning point of the game took place early in the third quarter, as junior Austin Gearheart blocked a Shelby Valley punt attempt and the Blackcats would recover at the Valley 11-yard line. Prestonsburg would need only two plays to add to the lead, as Craynon rumbled in from five yards out giving the Blackcats a 14-0 lead with 9:10 left in the third quarter. After a Shelby Valley fumble that was recovered by Austin McKinney, the Blackcats would add to the lead on a 22 yard field-goal by Jamerson. Prestonsburg built a 17-0 lead with



5:01 left in the third quarter. Craynon's third touchdown of the night – a 61-yard run – put the Blackcats in front 24-0 after three quarters. Junior Seth Setser tacked on another score from three yards out, giving Prestonsburg a 31-0 lead midway through the fourth quarter. Senior defensive back Taylor Clark picked off a Tyler Johnson pass at midfield and returned it for a score, giving

Prestonsburg a 38-0 lead with 6:58 left in the game. The Prestonsburg offense piled up 31 second half points. The story of the game, however, was the Blackcat defense. Prestonsburg held a potent Shelby Valley offense scoreless for eight quarters this season en route to a 14-0 win and a 38-0 victory. McKinney and seniors Nathaniel Stephens, Dalton Taylor and Darrin Lawson anchor a Prestonsburg defense that has only given up one touchdown in the first two weeks of the

playoffs.

Prestonsburg will travel to Louisville on Friday to take on Louisville Desales for the regional title. Desales was a 24-14 winner over Louisville Christian last week. Sophomore quarterback Michael Burchett continued to play well, replacing injured Blackcat quarterback Bobby Hughes. Jonah Justice led Shelby Valley in rushing on the night. Prestonsburg improved to 9-3 on the season, while Valley fell to 6-6, ending its season. A regional championship preview will appear in Friday's edition of The Times.

## Woodson a finalist for Unitas Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – University of Kentucky Andre Woodson has been named a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award for the nation's top senior quarterback.

Woodson is one of five finalists for the honor, which is presented by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation of Baltimore, Md.

Woodson has completed 63.6 percent of his passes for 2,653 yards, 29 touchdowns, and only seven interceptions this year. He leads the Southeastern Conference with 265.3 passing yards per game. Earlier this season, he set an

NCAA record with 325 consecutive passes without an interception. He has won three National Player of the



ANDRE WOODSON

Week honors this year, following victories over Louisville, Florida Atlantic, and LSU.

Woodson has led Kentucky to a 7-3 record.

The Wildcats' win over Louisville was the first victory over a top-10 ranked opponent in 30 years and the triumph over LSU was the first over a No. 1-ranked opponent since 1964. During the season, UK has been ranked in the nation's top 10 for the first time since 1977 and has been listed in the BCS rankings for the first time in school history.

Woodson is a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award for the National Player of the Year. He also is a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award for the nation's top quarterback and on the Manning Award watch list for the same honor.

## Lady Bears drop opener in Gatti's Classic

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College allowed first-half runs of nine and 11 points and turned it over 16 times before the half and lost to Martin Methodist College 91-71 on Friday night in the opening game of the 2007 Gatti's Classic.

The Lady Bears slipped to 0-5 following the setback.

Senior Nina Robinson scored the first two buckets off the offensive glass and when senior Lorraine Sutton nailed a three, it was 9-0 with 17:34 left in the opening period. The second run began at the 10-minute mark when junior Crystal Poindexter sank a three. Sutton had three straight baskets, and when junior KC Kile sank another three, it was 26-10 with 8:08 left.

Pikeville shot a mere 39.7 percent for the game, going 23-of-58, but got 33 free throws and sank 22 (66.7 percent).

The Lady Bears were led by freshman Lakia Bailey's 18 points. Bailey, a freshman from Abbeville, S.C., was 6-of-10 from the field and 6-of-7 from the line. Whitney Hogg, a junior from Whitesburg, had 13 points and four assists to go with three steals.

Martin Methodist (3-1) had four players in double figures, led by junior Vashun Wilkins with 17. Sophomore Whitney Robison had 16 to go with six boards and three steals, while Poindexter tossed in 15 and Sutton 12.

Sutton also had five steals for the Lady Redhawks, who shot 52.3 percent from the field and as 18-of-25 (72 percent) from the line.

## Thanksgiving Classic altered, moved to PC Gym

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Changes have been made to next week's Thanksgiving Classic at Pikeville College.

Ohio Christian University, one of the three teams scheduled to compete in the men's basketball event, withdrew from the event on Wednesday, leaving only Campbellsville and Cincinnati Christian to join the Bears.

As a result, games, game times and the site have been changed.

"The timing of this is regrettable but out of our hands," said Kelly Wells, men's basketball coach. "We have exhausted all possibilities to replace them, but at this late date, we were really put in a tight spot."

"We also begged them to reconsider, but they feel like they're in a position where playing next week is not possible. We regret it for us and for our fans, as well as for Campbellsville."

Each team may make application to the NAAIA to receive a forfeit for the games to be played against Ohio Christian. For Wells, that only slightly fixes the issue.

"We need to play," said Wells, in his second season as head of the Bears. "We were already a game shy on our schedule and only had 29 regular-season dates. This makes it even worse. We needed to play the game more than simply get credit with the victory."

The Classic, originally scheduled for the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center, will now be played at the Pikeville College Gym. "We just didn't feel it was feasible to play there with us now being down to only one game per night. We're very thankful to the Expo Center for understanding our situation and letting us come off the obligation."

On Tuesday night, Cincinnati Christian will play Campbellsville at 6 p.m. On Wednesday, CCU will play the Bears, also at 6 p.m.

## WYMT to carry Miners' first home game live

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – WYMT-TV – a CBS affiliate viewed in homes throughout Eastern Kentucky – will broadcast today's Continental Basketball Association (CBA) game pitting the host East Kentucky Miners versus the visiting Pittsburgh Xplosion live. Tip-off for the East Kentucky professional basketball team's home opener at the East Kentucky Expo Center is set for 4:05 p.m.

WYMT's Jeff Archer will handle play-by-play duties during the East Kentucky pro basketball team's historic first home game. Jim Frasure will join Archer on the broadcast, providing color commentary throughout.

Hazard-based WYMT is owned by Gray Television. WYMT is a sister station to WKYT-TV, Lexington's CBS affiliate. The Eastern Kentucky TV station is an area leader in news and sports coverage.

Tickets for East Kentucky's home opener today against the Xplosion and all other games remain available. For more information on tickets, call 606-437-9715.



# Johnson, Gordon competing furiously on track, still fast friends

by MIKE HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Rusty Wallace has a lot of respect for Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson. But this whole friendship thing between the title-contending teammates baffles the retired NASCAR champion.

"I think that's one thing to how they respect each other, but I personally think that this year's been pretty darn trying to both of them," Wallace said. "How do you treat your teammate nice and with respect, because you're wanting to kick his butt?"

Somewhat, four-time champion Gordon and reigning champion Johnson have been able to draw the line between their on-track rivalry and the friendship that helped put Johnson in an elite ride at powerful Hendrick Motorsports.

It was Gordon, already established as a top star in NASCAR, who raised

Johnson's name with Rick Hendrick when the car owner became serious about starting a fourth Cup team in 2001.

"The reason why I suggested Jimmie to Rick Hendrick is because he impressed me before he was ever in a Cup," explained Gordon, the co-owner of Johnson's No. 48 car with Hendrick. "I really thought if you put him in the kind of quality equipment I'd been in for all the years that he could have the same type of success that I'd had."

"It's pretty awesome to see it come from way back then to where it is now and see how he's matured."

The other half of this mutual admiration society said, "I've always, throughout my career, had someone to look up to and to learn from. At Hendrick Motorsports, Jeff is certainly that for me, and I feel

that it's been good for me ... for the last five years, I've been studying Jeff and his driving styles at different tracks and, obviously, you can learn a lot from that."

The culmination of all this happy talk will come Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway when one of the two buddies will walk away with the Nextel Cup.

Johnson goes into the season-ending Ford 400 with a big edge — four straight wins and an 86-point lead over Gordon. If Johnson finishes 18th or better, he wins the title, regardless. If Gordon finishes 15th or worse, he cedes his friend the trophy.

The two met with the media Thursday as NASCAR tried to build a little more hype for a finish that may not be as scintillating as it would like. Johnson pointed out that the

friends drove to the press conference together, chatting about how well they get along despite the obvious pressures each faces.

"We are human," Johnson said. "We go through emotions and we are frustrated. We have moments where we didn't agree with what was going on out on the track, but we've always been able to talk through it, have that respect."

Wallace, the 1989 Cup champion, said it isn't really surprising how well the two native Californians get along, considering their similarities.

"They're both close to the same age," said Wallace, now an analyst for the ABC/ESPN NASCAR races. "They hang out together all the time, they have fun together, they vacation together. And they've got a great, great calming influence in their car owner that's with them all the time. This guy's at the shop all the time. I think they really, really

respect Rick. And the things they like are almost identical."

So, do the two champions ever get annoyed with one another?

"The only thing he's irritated me with is that four (wins) in a row here lately," Gordon said, laughing. "I mean, I've got a 5.2 (finishing) average (in the Chase for the championship) and I'm 86 points down going into the final race. That irritates me."

Johnson looked a little sheepish when asked to reply to the same question.

"I really can't think of anything about Jeff that irritates me," he said, shrugging. "It is complicated and it is tough a times. But having someone you know so well and have so much respect for, I think has made it easier in our situations."

"We both have shown that we're willing to race hard and aggressive with one another." That was most apparent in

the spring race on the half-mile oval at Martinsville, where Johnson and Gordon waged a battle for the top spot over the final 53 laps, with Gordon slamming hard into Johnson's rear numerous times trying to pass before his friend held on for a narrow victory.

That kind of a duel isn't likely Sunday on the considerably faster 1.5-mile Homestead oval and Gordon has mixed emotions about trying to take the championship away from Johnson.

"We want to end the season on a positive note," Gordon said. "But the only way we're going to have a real chance is if Jimmie has a problem. We don't wish that upon anybody, and certainly not our teammate."

"I'm just proud of Hendrick Motorsports and the fact that the championship is going to come home to Rick Hendrick."

## Kentucky Afield Outdoors: venison processing tips part two — avoid the myths

by HAYLEY LYNCH  
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Ask 10 different hunters how to process a deer, and you're likely to get 10 different answers. Like many things in hunting, opinions vary and conventional wisdom is sometimes a little closer to myth. I asked a couple of expert deer processors to help hunters figure out fact from fiction.

One myth that perseveres in some hunting circles involves removing a deer's scent glands. These glands are located on the inside of the hocks on the back legs. Bucks urinate to spread their scent during the rut, and together with the glands' own secretions they give off a strong smell. Some hunters say that if you don't cut the glands out, the meat will have an off or "gamey" taste. Meat processor and Anderson County Conservation Officer Sgt. Rex Burkhead disagrees.

"Most people do more

damage by putting a knife into those things and proceeding to process than they would if they'd just leave them alone," he says. "If you're going to skin the deer anyway, why contaminate your knife?"

Burkhead recommends carefully skinning the deer from the inside out so you don't rub hair all over the meat. Don't touch the glands and you won't risk contaminating the meat.

Burkhead also hears a lot of hunters say you shouldn't rinse off deer meat with water. "When you get it hung up, clean the meat. Use water to rinse all the dirt, dried blood and hair away," he says. "The cleaner it is, the better it will be preserved. Bacteria will assist in decomposition."

Another point of contention among hunters is whether or not you should leave a deer hanging overnight. Some hunters hang their deer to help age and tenderize the meat. Taylorsville Lake Wildlife Management

Area foreman Bill Mitchell says the age of the deer itself has more to do with meat tenderness than how long it hangs before processing.

"My thinking is the age of the animal will dictate tenderness," he says. "I subscribe to the theory that the quicker you get the meat cooled, the better."

For hunters without access to a walk-in cooler, hanging a deer for days and allowing the meat to go through temperature changes during the day and night can do more harm to the meat than good. Particularly with Kentucky's fall temperature shifts, hunters are often better off cooling down the animal quickly and butchering it the same day of the hunt.

Just because a deer isn't a six-month-old fawn doesn't mean the meat has to be tough. "I hear hunters say 'a big buck's no good — it's gamey,'" Mitchell says. "I consider that to be a myth. A large, rutting buck, handled

properly, is a good-tasting deer."

In addition to proper field dressing and quick cooling, Mitchell recommends adjusting your methods of preparation and cooking to maximize the tenderness of older deer. You may want to turn more of the deer into processed meat like burger, summer sausage or pepper sticks. But don't rule out a good steak or roast. "Put him in a crock pot," says Mitchell. "That can tenderize a tennis shoe."

For step-by-step instruction on processing your deer from the field to the freezer, you can purchase the popular "Kentucky Afield" TV deer processing DVD on the Internet at fw.ky.gov.

### Deaths of endangered bats currently under investigation

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLIVE HILL — State and federal wildlife authorities are investigating the deaths of more than 100 federally endangered Indiana bats at Carter Caves State Resort Park near Olive Hill.

Vandals entered a cave at the park and struck a hibernating colony of Indiana bats with rocks on two different occasions in late October. Some bats were crushed, while others died after being knocked into a stream. Authorities believe the first incident occurred between Oct. 21-24, while the second incident was reported Oct. 27 and may have occurred the previous night. The cave is not being identified to prevent further harm to the remaining bats or other vandalism.

Indiana bats first received protection under the Endangered Species Act in 1966. Until recently, their numbers have decreased steadily. The caves at Carter

Caves State Resort Park harbor the largest hibernating population of Indiana bats in Kentucky.

Violations of the Endangered Species Act can result in a maximum penalty of a \$100,000 fine and a year in prison. Anyone with information about the bat deaths should contact Special Agent Bob Snow of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 1-502-582-5989.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources manages, regulates, enforces and promotes responsible use of all fish and wildlife species, their habitats, public wildlife areas and waterways for the benefit of those resources and for public enjoyment. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, an agency of the Commerce Cabinet, has an economic impact to the state of \$4.8 billion annually. For more information on the department, visit our web site at fw.ky.gov.

## Lady Eagles hold off VI

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Host Alice Lloyd withstood a hot-shooting Virginia Intermont team in the second half Thursday night and prevailed 77-65 in a women's basketball matchup between two longtime rivals.

Alice Lloyd center Camille Cook scored 16 points and pulled down seven rebounds as the Lady Eagles improved to 4-0.

Cook paced a balanced Lady Eagle scoring attack. Kaylan Richardson and

Lyndsey Mahon scored 12 points apiece for the ALC women's team. Sierra Wynn narrowly missed double figures for the Lady Eagles, ending the game with nine points.

Cassie Whitaker chipped in eight points for an Alice Lloyd team that won its fourth straight game.

Taran Cody and Nicole Lutes each had seven points and Whitney Frazier added five for the Lady Eagles.

Alice Lloyd owned a 36-22 lead when the game entered halftime.

One of the Kentucky Interscholastic Athletic

Conference's top teams, Alice Lloyd shot 50-percent (29-58) from the field. The Lady Eagles hit 5-of-13 three-point attempts. Alice Lloyd connected on 14-of-21 free throw tries.

The Lady Eagles, under the guidance of head coach David Adams, outrebounded Virginia Intermont 45-43.

Kendra Newman netted a game-high 19 points for Virginia Intermont. Newman also hauled in a game-high nine rebounds. Autumn Arney scored 12 points and Sheena Chesney contributed 10 in just over 20 minutes.

### Hunting

ensures they are not mistaken for game. It also makes hunters visible in the background beyond someone else's potential target.

The law also requires adults to accompany at all times kids under the age of 16 who hunt deer, elk or turkey with a firearm. The adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the child's firearm at all times. Adults may not accompany more than two youth hunters at the same time.

Additionally, adults must accompany kids under the age of 12 hunting for any species with any equipment, if the child has not yet passed a hunter education course. Accompanying adults must remain beside youth hunters, in a position to take immediate control of the child's bow or firearm at all times, and must meet Kentucky's hunter education law.

"All too often, what we'll see is an adult taking a child hunting, but the adult wants to hunt himself, so he takes up a position within sight but some distance away," said Sgt. Anderson. "When hunting with a child, the child has to be the priority."

Statistics show that hunting is one of the safest sports people can participate in. "In the last 15 years since hunter edu-

cation became mandatory, we average 4 ? incidents per 100,000 participants each year," said Balda. This compares to a national average of more than 2,000 incidents per 100,000 participants in both football and basketball and more than 1,000 each in soccer and baseball. "The problem with accidents in hunting is a higher proportion of fatalities," said Balda.

Up to one-fourth of hunting incidents involve the use of tree stands, and many of these are fatal. Hunters should always wear a safety harness to minimize risk.

"It takes extra effort to be safe going up into a tree stand," said Balda. "You need to be tied off going up, tied off while you're in it, and tied off when you're coming down."

Balda admits that many hunters do not go to those lengths when using a tree stand. But taking the time to do so could save a hunter's life.

"If everyone tied off going up and down a tree stand, and everyone made sure of what they were shooting at, hunting would be even safer than it is — and it is one of the safest sports you can take up," said Balda.

More than 300 hunter education courses are offered throughout Kentucky each year. The courses teach

firearms and tree stand safety, hunting ethics and more. Hunter education is required for all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, except kids under 12 and hunters who are license exempt. A one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available for \$5 online at fw.ky.gov, which allows hunting for one year from the date of purchase without a hunter education card. All hunters who take advantage of the exemption permit, even if they are adults, must be accompanied by an adult who meets Kentucky's hunter education law. Hunter education is strongly recommended for all hunters, even for those not legally required to take a course.

Following safety rules at all times can prevent hunting incidents and save lives. For more information on safe hunting and to study Kentucky's official hunting safety course, visit www.hunter-ed.com. For information on hunting regulations, including full details of Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law and rules for adults hunting with kids, call 1-800-858-1549 or pick up a copy of the 2007-08 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever licenses are sold.

## Morehead State signs Georgia high school standout Devon Carter

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Devon Carter, a 6-8, 205-pound forward from Rome High School in Rome, Ga., has signed a national letter-of-intent to play basketball for Morehead State University.

Carter averaged 13 points and seven rebounds per game in 2006-07 as a junior.

"Devon is a very hardworking, athletic post player who has a very big upside," said MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He will be a great

addition to our front line. He's not only a very good player, he is a great kid from a phenomenal family. We are excited to have Devon in our program."

Carter helped lead Rome High School to the elite eight of the Georgia state tournament last season.

"When I visited Morehead, I just really felt comfortable with the coaching staff and the players," said Carter. "The system that Coach Tyndall runs is a lot like what I am familiar with, and I believe I can contribute right away."

Carter also played AAU basketball for Coach Bo Bell and the Georgia Stars, one of the most elite AAU programs in the country.

"Devon is a great kid," Bell said. "He's athletic and a very unselfish player with an incredible upside. His best basketball is definitely ahead of him."

Tyndall indicated that he expects additional signees during the November signing period.

## National Collegiate HoF to honor Rupp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky's Adolph Rupp is one of four "Founding Fathers" who will be honored tonight at the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame induction celebration at Kansas City's new Sprint Center.

Rupp, who finished his career as college basketball's all-time winningest coach with 876 victories, still holds the best winning percentage (.822) among coaches with at least

500 career wins. He led Kentucky to four national championships (1948, 1949, 1951 and 1958) and 27 SEC titles between 1931-72.

The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame opened in 2006. Its founding class included all coaches, players and contributors who have been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. Rupp joined that Hall of Fame in 1969. Other UK members of the Hall of Fame include Cliff Hagan (inducted

1977), Frank Ramsey (inducted 1981), Dan Issel (inducted 1993), broadcaster Cawood Ledford (inducted 1994) and C.M. Newton (inducted 2000).

The other "Founding Fathers" to be honored along with Rupp are Phog Allen, Henry Iba and John McLendon. Those four will join Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Austin Carr, Dick Barnett, Dick Groat, Norm Stewart, Lefty Driesell, Guy Lewis and Vic Bubas in being honored tonight.



PRESTONSBURG BLACKCAT FOOTBALL FANS supported the home team Friday night despite the cold temperatures. photo by Jamie Howell

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## Fancy receivers in Cardinals-Bengals matchup could hinge on the down-and-dirty

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — So, which set of receivers is better?

Is it Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin, a pair of Pro Bowl pass catchers who make everything look so easy?

Or would it be Cincinnati's Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, a pair of complementary players who can change a game as readily as they speak their minds?

"Aw, come on guys! I think we're the best," said Houshmandzadeh, who leads the NFL with 68 catches. "Why would I think any different? But I like the Cardinals receiving corps, not just because we're playing the Cardinals. If I didn't, I would tell you I don't think they're that good."

These guys are all very

good. In fact, they're the best thing going in a reunion of teams that don't get together very often. The Cardinals (4-5) and Bengals (3-6) haven't played since 2003, when Fitzgerald was still in college and the other three were just getting started in the pros.

They've all come a long way. Even Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, who disdains the look-at-me mind-set of so many modern-day receivers, had to concede that these guys are something to behold.

"It'll probably be the prettiest group of wide receivers, on both sides of the football, that you'll see in the NFL," Lewis said. "We need our guys to come out and be the best group."

The Bengals need a lot more than that. The game likely will hinge not on the fast-and-fancy, but on the down-and-dirty. Will the Bengals be able to run the ball?

For the last two weeks, they haven't. They managed only 28 yards on 17 carries in a 33-21 loss at Buffalo that essentially scuttled their season, and followed that with only 70 yards on 34 tries in a 21-7 win at Baltimore. Cincinnati had to settle for seven field goals against the Ravens because they couldn't run when they got inside the 20-yard line.

It was so bad that Lewis suggested the Bengals "got our butt kicked" when they tried to run the ball — the ultimate challenge for a blocker.

"We're going to have to move guys," left guard Andrew Whitworth said. "Anytime you get called out by the coach, there's something to prove."

Arizona remained one game out of first place in the NFC West by making Detroit's running game go in reverse during a 31-21 victory

last week. The Lions ran the ball eight times and lost 18 yards, the worst modern-day showing in the NFL.

Very impressive. "I'm surprised when people talk about good defenses, they don't bring up the Cardinals," Houshmandzadeh said. "Because when I watched them on tape, it was, 'Wow.'"

If the Bengals can get any semblance of a running game going to keep that defense from locking in, it could turn into the type of game those four receivers love. The Bengals lost in Cleveland 51-45 in the second week of the season, and the Cardinals wouldn't mind going the same route.

"Every game to me should be a track meet," said Fitzgerald, who leads the NFC with 58 catches. "If we throw the ball 60 times a game, you wouldn't hear any complaints

from me."

Everyone except the Ravens has been able to move the ball on a Bengals defense that has ranked near the bottom of the league for years. One of its worst days came in 1999, when Kurt Warner had a perfect passer rating of 158.3 while leading the St. Louis Rams to a 38-10 victory in Cincinnati.

That was his only career start against the Bengals, who will get to see a Cardinals offense just now rounding into form.

Warner is starting to feel comfortable with the brace he wears to protect a torn ligament in his left arm; he went 26-of-36 for 259 yards and three touchdowns against Detroit. Boldin has been limited to 36 catches and five touchdowns because of a sore hip.

"Kurt is starting to feel better with his elbow and become

a little more efficient," coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "So I'm excited that at this time of the year we have a chance to grow as an offense and get a little bit better, which we did last week. Hopefully we can continue with that."

Cincinnati's offense hopes to become more than the Shayne Graham show this week. Even with No. 3 receiver Chris Henry back from his eight-game suspension, the offense couldn't make much headway when it got close to the goal line in Baltimore.

Henry had four catches for 99 yards, including a 50-yard reception when he simply ran past two defenders to catch Carson Palmer's pass.

"Hopefully I'll be better this week than I was last week," Henry said. "It would be good to get into the end zone."

It would be a breakthrough.

## Joe Nuxhall, Reds broadcaster and baseball's youngest player dies

by JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Joe Nuxhall, who was the youngest player in major league history and the beloved "old left-hander" on Cincinnati Reds radio broadcasts, died overnight following a bout with cancer, the team said Friday. He was 79.

Nuxhall's health problems multiplied in recent years but couldn't keep him away from the game or the broadcast booth for long. He had surgery for prostate cancer in 1992, followed by a mild heart attack in 2001.

The cancer returned last February, when Nuxhall was preparing for the Reds' spring training in Sarasota, Fla. The broadcaster called some games last season even though his left leg was swollen by tumors. He was hospitalized again this week.

He retired as a full-time radio broadcaster after the 2004 season, the 60th anniversary of

his historic pitching debut.

Nuxhall and play-by-play announcer Marty Brennaman described the Big Red Machine's two World Series titles in the 1970s, Pete Rose's return as player-manager and then banishment for gambling in the 1980s, and another World Series championship in 1990.

Nuxhall's place in baseball lore was secured the moment he stepped onto a big-league field. With major league rosters depleted during World War II, he got a chance to pitch in relief for the Reds on June 10, 1944.

No one in modern baseball history has played in the majors at such a young age — 15 years, 10 months, 11 days old. He got two outs against St. Louis before losing his composure, then went eight years before pitching for the Reds again.

"When you think of all the individuals that played at the major league level and you're the youngest in the history of the game and in the Guinness Book of Records, it does make

you in awe of it," Nuxhall said on the 50th anniversary of his debut.

He got the chance purely by chance.

Nuxhall grew up in nearby Hamilton, Ohio, and was still too young to shave when the Reds were looking for wartime replacement players. They came to see his father, Orville, who pitched in a Sunday league in Hamilton.

"My dad could throw hard," Nuxhall said. "They were really scouting him. Almost by accident, they found me."

Nuxhall was big for his age — 6-foot-3, around 190 pounds — and could throw 85 mph. The Reds offered a contract, and Nuxhall's parents let him join the team when junior high classes let out in 1944.

He spent most of the time watching from the bench, assuming he'd never get into a game. The Reds were trailing Stan Musial's St. Louis Cardinals 13-0 after eight innings on June 10, 1944, when

manager Bill McKechnie decided to give the kid a chance.

Nuxhall was so rattled when summoned to warm up that he tripped on the top step of the dugout and fell on his face in front of 3,510 fans at Crosley Field. He was terrified when it came time to walk to the mound.

"Probably two weeks prior to that, I was pitching against seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders, kids 13 and 14 years old," he said. "All of a sudden, I look up and there's Stan Musial and the likes. It was a very scary situation."

Nuxhall walked one and retired two batters before glancing at the on-deck circle and seeing Musial. Nuxhall unraveled — Musial got a line-drive single, and the Cardinals scored five runs as the young pitcher lost his ability to throw a strike and failed to get another out.

"Those people that were at Crosley Field that afternoon probably said, 'Well, that's the

last we'll see of that kid,'" Nuxhall said.

The Reds sent him to the minors. Eight years later, he was back with the Reds, picking up on a career that eventually got him into the team's Hall of Fame. He spent 15 of his 16 big-league seasons with the Reds, going 135-117 before his retirement in 1966.

A year later, Nuxhall started doing radio broadcasts, describing games in a slow-paced, down-home manner that caught on with listeners. Brennaman became the play-by-play announcer in 1974, and the "Marty and Joe" tandem spent the next 28 seasons chatting about their golf games, their gardens and some of the biggest moments in franchise history.

Brennaman made the broadcasters' wing of baseball's Hall of Fame with his blunt, outspoken style; Nuxhall rarely produced controversy with his folksy manner.

They had one high-profile moment together. Both were

summoned to commissioner Bart Giamatti's office in 1988 because of their on-air comments after Rose bumped umpire Dave Pallone and was ejected. Angry fans threw debris on the field for 15 minutes as Brennaman harshly criticized the umpire.

Nuxhall became more critical as his broadcasting career wound down. He created a stir in 2001 by suggesting on the air that Barry Larkin was no longer capable of playing shortstop. Larkin, the team captain at the time, replied that he was hampered by injuries.

Just as Brennaman is known for his "This one belongs to the Reds" proclamation after a win, Nuxhall developed a signature signoff. He concluded postgame interviews by saying, "This is the old left-hander, rounding third and heading for home," a saying that is illuminated across the top of the Reds' administration building.

## Louisville inks three signees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Three impressive high school products have each signed a national letter-of-intent to continue their basketball playing careers at the University of Louisville, ranking this Cardinal group among the nation's top five recruiting classes.

The list of stellar signees includes: Terrence Jennings, a 6-10, 225-pound forward/center from Sacramento, Calif. who will play this season at Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg, Mass.; Samardo Samuels, a 6-8, 240-pound forward from Trelawny, Jamaica who will play his senior season at St. Benedict Prep in Newark, N.J.; and Jared Swopshire, a 6-7, 195-pound forward from St. Louis, Mo. who attends IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. The trio has the Cardinals' recruiting class currently ranked second in the nation by The Hoop Scoop, third nationally by Rivals.com, and fifth by Scout.com.

"Like two years ago, this is one of the better recruiting classes we have had," said Louisville Coach Rick Pitino. "We wanted to have a top ten recruiting class and felt we needed to do so with the players we will be losing this year. We will probably still add at least one more player to complete this class."

Terrence Jennings: Jennings is ranked as the No. 15 player in the class of 2008 by Rivals.com, No. 20 among SLAM Magazine's Fresh 50, 39th by USA Today recruiting analyst Rob Harrington. He is second in Scout.com's post-grad rankings and is fourth nationally among The Hoop Scoop's top fifth year players.

"Terrence is an Amari Stoudamire or Ben Wallace type of basketball player," said Pitino. "He runs well, dunks, blocks shots and is very fast up and down the court. He's a terrific shot blocker who plays above the rim. He's very long and a different type of player than Samardo."

Jennings, who hails from Sacramento, Calif., finished up last season at Mt. Zion Christian Academy in Durham, N.C.

Jennings originally committed to Maryland and also considered Connecticut, Virginia, and West Virginia before signing with the Cardinals.

Samardo Samuels: Samuels averaged 19 points and 12 rebounds as a junior for St. Benedict's, which finished 24-1 and was ranked fifth nationally in the final USA Today poll, losing only to No. 2 St. Patrick's.

"Samardo is extremely physical," said Pitino. "He has really improved dramatically from his sophomore season to now, becoming one of the premier

players in the country. He is physically overpowering in the low post, has an improved jump shot, passes very well out of the low post and is extremely long. He's a very tenacious basketball player and is extremely hungry to be the best he can be."

Samuels is ranked as the No. 2 prospect in the nation in the ESPN 150 and the Scout.com Class of 2008 rankings, No. 4 by CSTV's Hodge 100 and in SLAM's Fresh 50, fifth by USA Today recruiting analyst Rob Harrington, seventh by Rivals and 11th nationally by The Hoop Scoop.

Samuels came to U.S. from Trelawny, Jamaica in 2004. Samuels was named MVP of the NBAPA Top 100 Camp in Charlottesville, Va., in June after leading his Spurs club team to the Gold championship game of the event. His St. Benedict team will face Oak Hill Academy (Va.) on Dec. 13 in a game televised by ESPN at 9 p.m. (at Marshall County).

Samuels selected Louisville after also considering North Carolina, Connecticut, Florida and Georgetown.

Jared Swopshire: Swopshire averaged 20.4 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.8 blocked shots last season for IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., which produced a 19-3 record. He is averaging 21 points and 11 rebounds through the first two games of

this season.

"Jared is an extremely skilled three," said Pitino. "He shoots the ball, passes it and uses both hands extremely well. He really understands how to play the game and is a versatile athlete."

A top 100 player nationally in the Class of 2008, Swopshire is ranked as the No. 88 prospect in the nation by Scout.com; No. 91 by USA Today recruiting analyst Rob Harrington; No. 94 in the ESPN 150; and is 147th nationally in the Rivals 150. He was an all-tournament selection in the 2006 Pepsi Shootout in Naples, Fla., when he was also named the ESPN Player of the Game for his performance in the event.

"Jared does a little bit of everything for us," said IMG Coach Vince Walden. "He has a great knack for the game, has good movement and can really shoot the ball well. He's a real competitor."

Swopshire will make an appearance in Freedom Hall on Dec. 7 as his IMG team faces American Christian of Aston, Pa. in the All-American Shootout.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Swopshire played his freshman and sophomore years of high school at Fort Zumwalt West High School in O'Fallon, Mo. He chose U of L after also visiting Marquette, Cincinnati and Clemson.



photos by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG didn't have any trouble getting past visiting Shelby Valley Friday night. The Blackcats owned a 7-0 halftime lead and went on to defeat the visiting Wildcats 38-0. Sophomore Michael Burchett (10) helped the Blackcats to the win.



## FRONT OFFICE MOVE: Reds COO John Allen resigns

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Reds President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Castellini today announced the resignation of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer John Allen, effective December 31.

Allen will not be replaced. His duties will be reallocated within the existing organizational hierarchy.

"John has been the backbone of this organization for 13 seasons and did great things for the Reds and for the city of Cincinnati," Castellini said. "He left his imprint here in countless ways. We, and Reds fans everywhere, appreciate his contributions to our team's legacy."

He added, "For the past two years, John has proved to be invaluable to me. It is an understatement to say that I will very much miss his effective hard work and the loyalty he extended to this franchise and to me personally. This was a decision made solely by John. He and his

wife, Anna, have opted to move back to their home state of Kansas, where they have many activities and much family that is dear to them. I have asked John, and he has agreed, to stay with the Reds as a consultant to direct our Spring Training location efforts."

Allen, 58, joined the organization as controller in May 1995, was named managing executive in August 1996 and was named chief operating officer in October 1999. He was responsible for all business and ballpark operations of the team and reported directly to the majority owners, first Marge Schott, then Carl Lindner and now Castellini.

Under Allen's guidance, the Reds moved into Great American Ball Park in 2003. He was involved in all aspects of the development and construction of that facility and served as the team's liaison on the 1995 sales tax issue, Issue 11 for the location of the ballpark and lease negotiations.

Allen returned focus to the organization's rich history with the inclusion of the Reds Hall

of Fame and Museum as part of the new ballpark's design, the addition of statues at the Crosley Terrace entrance of the ballpark and the uniform jersey retirement ceremonies of some of the team's greatest players.

He engineered the development of the Reds Community Fund and reached out to fans by implementing the popular Redsfest and Winter Caravans.

Allen began his career in baseball in 1990 as an intern with the Columbus Clippers, the Yankees' Class AAA affiliate. He worked as that club's director of business operations for five seasons before joining the Reds.

### Reds, 700 WLW Radio announce extension

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds and 700 WLW Radio have agreed to terms on a 5-

year contract extension through the 2012 season. The previous contract expired after the 2007 campaign.

WLW Radio has been the club's radio rightsholder since 1969. The Reds Radio Network is one of the largest in professional sports, with 46 affiliates in 6 states, and each season broadcasts a minimum of 18 spring training games and all 162 regular season games.

"WLW Radio and the Reds have been linked together for almost 40 years, and our fans are passionate about both," said club President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Castellini. "We're excited about continuing one of the best broadcast partnerships in sports."

Under the new agreement, the Reds will sell all but 1 minute of the in-game, 1 minute of the pre-game and 1 minute of the post-game advertising. WLW and the Red will split the inventory for Hot Stove League shows.

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**FOR SALE: Prom & Pageant Gowns.** Brand-Exclusives, color-royal blue halter with split on the side, beaded size6. Brand-Femme-paris, color Aqua, size1 straps with pearls beaded at the top and bottom. Also brand-xcite color-royal blue size6 one shoulder strap. Beaded from top to bottom. For more info call 886-2692 or 791-2692.

**Attention Hearing Aid users** FLOYD COUNTY Appalachian Hearing Care "Service Center" 1st-3rd Mondays 1887 US HWY 23 North. The Prestonsburg Inn. Call 606-857-2200.

### REAL ESTATE

#### Homes For Sale

**Estate 3 Bd House w / carport & Unf basement.** 1088 sq ft ground level living space. Out skirts of Martin on 0.07 Acre on Rt 1428. Asking & appraised at 34,000. Call 606-474-8243 or 285-3101.

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**For Sale: 4Br** house. 2 acers of land on 979 between the old and new post office at Teaberry. With large living room. Also has a barn and carport. A very nice location. Call 587-3141.

**House For Sale** 1/4 mile on Abbott Creek Rd. 3Br 2 bath swimming pool. 1 acre of flat land for more information call 886-3508 or 791-4433. Asking \$130,000.

**MOVE IN READY 3 / 4 BR HOUSE FOR SALE**  
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**HOUSE FOR SALE** Located on Front Street at Wayland. Third house above Castels store on right on Front Street. Central heat and air. 5 BR 2 bath

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

**FARM FOR SALE**  
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### Rentals

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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**

**Pursuant to Application Number 836-5524, Transfer**  
In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 intends to transfer permit number 836-5423 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560. The new permit number will be 836-5524. The operation disturbs 397.72 surface acres and will underlie 3,241.47 acres. No new acreage is affected by this transfer. The operation is located approximately 3.6 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from KY Route 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road and is located along Poplarlick Fork and Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7

1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County:  
Matt Co., Inc. 836-0307 10/11/07  
Mason Coal Inc. 836-5465 10/16/07  
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