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In brief

Mother, son die in house fire in Eastern Kentucky

The Associated Press

JACKSON — Fire officials say a mother and son are dead after a house fire in Breathitt County.

Fire Chief Roger Friley says the woman and boy who died Friday were found in a bedroom of the single-story home in Jackson. Friley says the blaze started about 2 a.m.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports that a teenage boy escaped from another bedroom in the home and ran to a neighbor's house to call the fire department. He was taken to a hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening.

The victims' names were not immediately released.

Former rep takes \$60,000 state job

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Former Rep. Brandon Spencer, who resigned abruptly just three weeks before the start of the 2008 General Assembly

session, has taken a \$60,000-a-year state job in the Transportation Cabinet.

Spencer, of Prestonsburg, left office in December. He was replaced by former Democratic Attorney General Greg Stumbo who had previously

served for 24 years.

Transportation Cabinet spokesman Chuck Wolfe said Spencer started work on Tuesday as a field representative in the Office of Intergovernmental Relations for Eastern Kentucky, work-

ing from an office in Pikeville.

Wolfe said his job duties include meeting with local officials to hear concerns about Transportation Cabinet programs and to help oversee state road projects.

RAISING AWARENESS



Judge R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation on Thursday declaring April to be Child Abuse Prevention month.

photos by Jack Latta

Groups seek to raise awareness about child abuse

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation Thursday declaring April to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Floyd County.

According to the Division of Protection and Permanency, there were 862 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in Floyd County during 2007.

"The effects of child abuse and neglect are realized throughout the community," said Marshall in the proclamation. "Addressing child abuse challenges us to work together to involve the entire community in preventing child abuse and strengthening families."

According to Kentucky Revised Statutes 620.010, "Children have certain fundamental rights which must be protected and preserved. These

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Employees from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services presented Judge R.D. "Doc" Marshall with a t-shirt to support Child Abuse Prevention month.

Meetings to network nonprofits

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is planning to host a series of town hall meetings in April to ensure that Eastern Kentucky's nonprofit voices are being heard on the national level.

Marilynn Payson, with the community development program of CAP, plans to facilitate the first meeting, which will be held in Paintsville.

"This is an exciting opportunity not only for nonprofits to network and collaborate locally, but to be a part of a national effort that is working to strengthen the nonprofit sector throughout the U.S.," Payson said.

According to CAP, Payson oversees the Nonprofit Alliance, a program designed to support building in the area and help provide more efficient service. Payson also acted as one of Kentucky's delegates in the 2006 Nonprofit Congress.

"CAP has long recog-

nized the need to bring together nonprofits in the area so that they can network, support each other, invigorate each other and collaborate in order to better provide their services in the communities they serve," said Payson. "In the past, CAP has worked to support this need with networking opportunities and funding."

CAP officials say the town hall meetings are designed to encourage nonprofit leaders to work together and collaborate in order to act on priorities which exist both at a local and national level in the nonprofit sector.

"The town hall venue is perfect for all non profits in the area, from food pantries to arts organizations, to come together to discuss and address the issues that impact their operations, and by being part of the Town Halls they will not only connect locally, they will be connected with nonprofits throughout the U.S."

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State to promote road work zone safety

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

HAZARD — Transportation officials announced that National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week will begin April 7, in an effort to encourage citizens to drive carefully in work zones.

According to officials, news conferences will be held throughout Kentucky to bring attention to the

dangers posed to both motorists and highway road crews operating in work zones.

Lt. Governor Dan Mongiardo, Transportation Secretary Joe Prather and Labor Commissioner J.R. Gray will be among the state officials to attend the regional events.

According to officials, representatives of the con-

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Massey raises price expectations, increases expansion plans

by TIM HUBER
AP BUSINESS WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Shares of Massey Energy Co. soared nearly 21 percent Friday after the coal mine operator announced it expects to sell coal for far higher prices than expected this year.

Massey originally told Wall Street it expected prices ranging from \$54 to \$56 a ton this year. But now the Richmond, Va.-based company says it

expects between \$61 and \$63 a ton in 2008.

That computes to more than \$3 a share in profit — well above the \$1.97 per share expected by Wall Street, Stifel Nicolaus analyst Paul Forward wrote in a note to investors.

Massey is the nation's fourth-largest coal producer by revenue and operates 19 mining complexes in West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky.

Massey's stock rose \$8.33, or 20.89 percent, to \$48.21, in midafternoon

trading.

Coal prices have shot up in recent months, particularly because of strong foreign demand for metallurgical grade coal used to make coke for steel manufacturing. As of December, federal government figures show met coal prices had risen to \$89.37 a ton from \$83.92 in July. But Massey and other coal companies reported sales at \$150 a ton or more.

"The extremely strong metallurgical coal market is the primary driver of our

average price increase and is putting us on a path for another record-breaking year," Chief Executive Don Blankenship said in a statement.

Massey also increased its price estimate for 2009 to \$65 to \$74 per ton from a previous estimate of \$57 to \$59. In 2010, Massey now predicts average prices ranging from \$75 to \$87 a ton, up from \$64 to \$66.

On the other hand, Massey said its

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Obituaries

Norma Jean Cascaddan

Norma Jean Cascaddan, 73, of Flint, Michigan, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at Hurley Medical Center.

She was born September 2, 1934, in Drift, the daughter of the late Paul and Grace (Castle) Fralay.

She married Robert H. Sheppard in 1953, and later married Howard Cascaddan in 1993. She worked for the Genesee County Parks and Recreation as a maintenance supervisor for 10 years and also loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was well loved by any and all who met her, and will be dearly missed by all.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Robert Sheppard, Twila Ragan, Paul Sheppard and Debi (Kelly) Saunders; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; four sisters, one brother and her very loving dog, Hershey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two husbands, one brother, and several sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, at the Miles Martin Funeral Home, in Mount Morris.

Burial was in Flint Memorial Park.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to the National Emphysema/COPD Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Friends may share a memory with the family at the funeral home, or online, at www.martinfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)



Yvonne Cox

Yvonne Cox, 54, of Garrett, died Thursday, April 3, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born November 13, 1953, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Vertis and Ethel Sparkman Thornsberry. She is a disabled cosmetologist.

She is survived by her husband, Willie Cox.

Other survivors include four sons: Jimmy Daryl Cox of Wayland; Jeffrey Dwayne Cox of Prestonsburg; Iran O'Neil Cox of McDowell; and Charles Rodney Cox of Garrett; a daughter, Norita Collett of Garrett; one brother and one sister: Charles Mack Thornsberry and Greta Faye

Farley, both of Mousie; 10 grandchildren: Christopher, Katie, Kristan, Zachary, Justin, Joshua, Iran Jr., Devan, Jordan and Austin; and one great-grandchild, Arick.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one infant; one brother and one sister: Fred Verlin Thornsberry and Kathleen Howell.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 6, at 1 p.m., at Ball Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, in Mousie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation will be Friday, after 2 p.m., at the church.

(Paid obituary)



Mary Magaline Moore Howell

Mary Magaline Moore Howell, 73, of Langley, died Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at her residence.

Born September 10, 1934, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Jordan and Laura Honaker Moore. She was a retired nurse.

At the time of death, she was married to Troy Howell.

Other survivors include her sons: Glen Slone and Ronnie Slone, both of Hueysville; Bill Slone and Joey Slone, both of Langley; her daughters: Patricia Ann Hagans of Harold; Rhonda Handshoe of Powell, Tennessee; Melissa Gibson of Gunlock, and Tammy Caudill and Allison Slone, both of Hueysville; one brother, and three sisters: Frank Moore of Akron, Ohio; Ethel Elkins of Jacksonville, Florida; and Nell Napier and Evelyn Hill, both of Wabash, Indiana; 23 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sons: Clarence Slone Jr., Emery Jefferson Slone, and Jasper Slone; three brothers and three sisters: Bobby Moore, Lewis Moore, James Moore, Virginia Snowberger, Brenda German, and Barbara Sue Moore; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart Cemetery, in Langley.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

FLOYD COUNTY

Clifford Faxon Baldrige, 82, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 29, at his residence. Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Clifford C. Bradley, 86, of Lima, Ohio, a native of Langley, died Friday, March 28, at St. Rita's Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Chamberlain-Huckerriede Funeral Home.

Myrtle "Patsy" Blevins Bentley Dean, 67, of Kansas City, Kan., formerly of Langley, died Saturday, March 29. She is survived by her husband, John Dean. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Andrew "Andy" Elliott, 78, of Eustis, Florida, formerly of McDowell, died Saturday, March 1, at the Florida Hospital-Waterman in Tavares, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Virginia L. Simmons Elliott. Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Christie Ethel Hagans, 92, of Langley, died Sunday, March 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Kenzie R. Wolford. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Magaline Moore Howell, 73, of Langley, died Wednesday, April 2, at her residence. She is survived by her husband, Troy Howell. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

William Ernest Hurley, 59, of Stopover, died Tuesday, April 1, at Stopover. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Luther J. Johnson, 71, of Zanesville, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, March 27, at the Adams Lane Care Center, in Zanesville. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Kennedy Johnson. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Nathan H. Jude, 96, of Defiance, Ohio, formerly of Burnwell, died Tuesday, April 1, in Ohio. Arrangements, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Roger D. Martin Sr., 60, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 2, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Jean Collins Martin. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Ivel Joe McSurley Sr., 69, of Emma, died Friday, March 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Monday, March 17, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Mirtie Newsome Reynolds, 93, of Ligon, died Wednesday, April 2, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Willa Dean G. Stumbo, 67, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home.

PIKE COUNTY

Dicie Adkins, 86, formerly of Shelbiana, died Monday, March 31. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Clark Funeral Home of Frankfort.

Inez Bevins, 87, of Northwood Drive, Pikeville, died Monday, April 1, at Mountain View Health Care Center, Elkhorn City. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Richard Allan Bivins, 49, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 30, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Donetta Lynn Embry Bivins. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Gary's Funeral Home of Greenville.

Pearl Marie Gooslin Casey, 50, of Phelps, died Monday, March 31, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Robert Casey. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

William Truman "Bill" Chapman, 75, of Huddy, died Monday, March 31, at Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Damron, 71, of Virgie, died Thursday, April 3, at Georgetown Community Hospital. Arrangements, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Patrick "Pat" Damron, 49, of Forest Hills, died Wednesday, April 2, at the Emma Jean Dolen Jones Hospice House, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of West Williamson, W.Va.

Lizzie Mae Hall Goff, 82, of Pikeville, died Sunday, March 30, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of J.W. Call Son Funeral Home.

Danny L. Hall, 62, of Rockhouse, died Wednesday, April 2, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Jean Hall. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of Lucas & Son

Funeral Home.

William Ernest Hurley, 59, of Stopover, died Tuesday, April 1, at Stopover. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

Hayse Lowe, 84, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 2, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were held Saturday, April 5, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

Guy Moore, 86, of Middleport, Ohio, formerly of Regina, died Sunday, March 30, at Overbrook Rehabilitation Center, Middleport. He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Moore. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Alben Fate Mullins, 69, of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, April 3, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Clara Ann Ratliff Mullins. Arrangements are under direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Helen Thacker, 78, of Lorton, Va., formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, March 27, in Lorton. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 1, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

Barney Tucker, 81, of Hopkins Fork, a Pike County native, died Tuesday, April 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Mertie Damron Tucker. Arrangements are under direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

Barbara Sue Varney Waye of Polk City, Fla., a Pike County native, died Saturday, March 1, following a brief illness. Arrangements were under the direction of the Heath Funeral Chapel.

Carolyn Sue Sturgeon Wolford, 61, of Freeburn, died Saturday, March 29, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Kenzie R. Wolford. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY

Chester D. Basham, 63, of Salyersville, died Saturday, March 22, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Julie Howard Basham. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

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Guy Collins, 46, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 20, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Alma Jean Bailey. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 22, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Rosetta Minix Combs, 69, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, March 19, at the Salyersville Health Care Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 22, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Scotty Howard, 50, of Salyersville, died Saturday, March 22, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Loretta Kae Romine Howard. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

Amos Hunt, 71, of Mt. Sterling, died Sunday, March 16, at his residence. Funeral services were held Friday, March 21, with burial in the

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Safety

struction industry, as well as Federal Highway Administration will also be represented.
 Lt. Gov. Mongiardo will be on hand as the keynote speaker at news conferences to be held for Highway Districts 10 (Jackson), 11 (Manchester) and 12 (Pikeville).

According to officials the event will be take place at 10 a.m. on the corner of Main and Memorial in downtown Hazard.
 In the event of rain, the news conference shall be held in the Hazard City Hall at 700 Main Street.

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Massey

costs this year are expected to range between \$45 and \$47.50 a ton, up from a previous estimate of \$43 to \$45. The company did not give estimates for costs in 2009 and 2010.
 Along with the higher prices, Massey said it plans to throw another \$90 million into accelerating production

from its Central Appalachia mines. The announcement comes about five months after the Richmond, Va.-based coal mine operator announced an ambitious plan to add 8 million tons of production by 2010 by opening several new mines and expanding others. Massey had expected to spend \$220 million on expansion

this year, but is upping that figure to \$310 million.
 Massey should have plenty of money. It ended 2007 with \$365.2 million in cash and on Thursday learned that West Virginia's Supreme Court had again vacated a \$76.3 million judgment against the company in contract dispute.

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Abuse

include but are not limited to, clothing and shelter; the right the rights to adequate food, to be free from physical, sexu-

al or emotional injury or exploitation; the right to develop physically, mentally, and emotionally to their potential; and the right to educational instruction and the right to secure, stable family."

Marshall says that residents need to be aware of the potential for child abuse and aid in its prevention within the community, and to offer their support to families in creating a safe, nurturing environment in which to raise children.
 "Effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community," said Marshall.

Officials within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) will also be advocating their Blue Ribbon campaign and encourage the community to take up the cause by wearing the blue ribbons until it "becomes tattered and frayed" to show support for the child abuse prevention organization in Floyd County.

To report suspected neglect or abuse of a child the CHFS says to call their 24-hour hotline at (800) 752-6200.

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Nonprofits

Payson said.
 According to CAP, the Town Hall meetings are an invite created by the National Council for Nonprofit Associations Nonprofit Congress and are being held due to the University of Kentucky's Nonprofit leadership Initiatives Nonprofit Week, April 7-11.

The three Town Hall meetings will take place at the following:
 Country Music Highway

23 Museum, Paintsville, Tuesday, April 8, at 2 p.m.
 Pike County Cooperative Extension Office, Pikeville, Wednesday, April 9, at 10 a.m.
 Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, Mt. Vernon, Thursday, April 10, at 2 p.m.
 There is reportedly no charge to participate in the meetings, and they will be open to anyone associated with a nonprofit or interested in non-

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profit organizations.
 Though registration is not required, it is suggested. Those interested in registering should visit the University of Kentucky's Nonprofit Leadership Initiative website at www.kynonprofits.org.
 For more information regarding the Town Hall meetings call Christian Appalachian Projects Community Development department at (606) 789-9791.

Obituaries

Conley Cemetery, at State Road Fork, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Sally Dyer McFarlin, 90, of Salyersville, died Wednesday, March 12, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Reva Jackson Mullins, 90, of Salyersville, died Thursday, March 20, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 23, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Mary Minix Slone, 61, of Salyersville, died Monday, March 24, on Rt. 30. She is survived by her husband, Romer Slone. Funeral services were held Thursday, March 27, under the direction of Magoffin County Funeral Home.

Jason Slusher, 26, of Salyersville, died Saturday, March 22, at his residence. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25, under the direction of Salyersville Funeral Home.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Alvius E. Arms, 84, of Huntington, W.Va., a Johnson County native, died Monday, March 31, at the V.A. Medical Center, in Huntington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 2, under the direction of the Preston Funeral Home.

James V. Blair, 63, of Warsaw, a native of Denver, died Sunday, March 30, at his residence. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 3, under the direction of Titus Funeral Home.

Sophia Ann Baldwin, 68, of Oil Springs, died Friday, March 28, at her residence. Funeral services were held Monday, March 31, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Penelope S. Gorrell, 62, a native of Paintsville, died Monday, March 25, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 29, under the direction of the Paintsville Funeral Home.

Frances Sue Ratliff Jackson, 65, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. She is survived by her husband, Robert Jackson. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Emalene Mullins, 77, of Meally, died Tuesday, April 1, at Dover Manor Nursing Home in Georgetown. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Dixie Irene Blevins Music, 81, of Wittensville, died Monday, March 31, at

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Springfield Community Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 3, under the direction of the Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

Robert D. Preston, 85, of Lexington, a native of Thealka, died Sunday, March 30. Funeral services were held Thursday, April 3, under the direction of the W.R. Milward Mortuary-Southland Drive, Lexington.

Mary Elizabeth Arms Smith, 73, of Sitka, died Tuesday, April 1, at her residence. Funeral services were held Friday, April 4, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

MARTIN COUNTY

Glenna Jean Crum Booth, 50, of Inez, died Tuesday, March 25, in Inez. Funeral services were held Friday, March 28, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Robert Joseph Horn, 58, of Kermit, died Thursday, March 13. Burial was in the Warfield Cemetery, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family of John Bays Jr., wishes to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our relatives, friends, neighbors, and church families, during the loss of our husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Thanks to everyone for the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, and words of love and comfort. A special thanks to Bro. Gene May, Bro. Johnny Mollett, and Bro. Burnsie Mollett for the beautiful service; Carter Funeral Home for your kindness; and also the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for traffic control.
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Guest View

Lifestyle the major contributor to poor health

A new study by West Virginia University has found that people who live in Appalachia's coal fields are far more likely to have chronic heart, lung and kidney problems. However, that same study concludes that the damage coal mining does to the environment is not the major reason for the high mortality rate.

At least three other factors — smoking, poverty and poor education — lead to far more health problems in the region than coal mining, concludes the study by WVU Associate Professor Michael Hendryx and Washington State University Associate Professor Melissa Ahern.

Their study is based on a telephone survey of 16,400 West Virginians, coal production data and mortality rates in eight coal-producing states, including Kentucky. The findings will be published in April's American Journal of Public Health.

While Hendryx says the environmental impact from coal mining is less a factor in causing the region's health problems than smoking, poverty and poor education, it is "still significant by itself," adding that there still was a higher rate of lung cancer among nonsmokers in coal-mining areas than elsewhere.

The study found the risk of kidney disease is 70 percent higher for people who live in West Virginia mining communities, while the risk of emphysema and similar lung diseases is 64 percent higher. And people who live in mining communities are 30 percent more likely to report high blood pressure.

People have complained about coal pollution harming their health for decades, but Hendryx said no one ever tried to verify those complaints through research, at least not in the United States.

"This is the first study that I'm aware of that's been able to substantiate those claims with a research study," he said. "It is a significant problem."

While the study was limited to West Virginia, rates of premature death suggest the numbers hold true for Alabama, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, the remaining coal states of Appalachia, Hendryx said.

Hendryx said the next research step is looking at air and water quality. However, while the need to limit the impact coal mining has on air and water quality must continue, a greater emphasis is needed on getting people to quit smoking or not take up the habit in the first place.

Smoking, a poor diet and obesity that often go hand-in-hand with poverty, and the lack of education that results in poor lifestyle choices, lead to serious health problems. Pollution caused by coal mining only worsens the problem.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



Rich Lowry Column

William F. Buckley Jr., RIP

The warm tributes to William F. Buckley Jr., the conservative hero who died at age 82, have emphasized all that everyone could appreciate about him: the formidable intelligence, the capacious vocabulary, the otherworldly productivity, the playful wit, the graciousness and deep, wide-ranging friendships.

He was a beloved figure who had entered American lore and, in that sense, belonged to all of us. But in the fond reminiscences, it shouldn't be forgotten what he hated. Buckley was an anti-communist to the marrow of his bones, whose lifelong mission was to crush Marxist totalitarianism. In this, he was uncompromising, relentless and — this is what makes it possible to minimize it now — successful.

Buckley was a master debater who took on (and usually beat) all comers, but he insisted that, with communists, there could be no dialogue. He convinced the Yale Political Union in 1962 to rescind an invitation to the head of the Communist Party U.S.A. "We can no more collaborate with him to further the common understanding than Anne Frank could have collaborated with Goebbels in a dialogue on race relations," Buckley argued.

Buckley's anti-communism had many roots. His father, an oilman who did business in a Mexico roiled by revolution, was a committed anti-communist.

And Buckley's Catholic faith made him a natural foe of atheistic Marxism. But the deepest foundation of Buckley's anti-communism — and his politics generally — was a belief that the individual is paramount and can flourish only in freedom.

This is a man who recoiled at the leveling, deadening conformity of communism and would have died of boredom (or more likely would have been jailed or executed for brave, puckish provocations) within such a system.

Buckley said that communism's "extirpative passion is to eliminate man." How? By eliminating freedom. "Without freedom, there is no true humanity." Even in the darkest days of the Cold War, Buckley realized how difficult it would be to forever extinguish that hardy ember of humanity that is the individual.

Back in 1959, Buckley excoriated the flabbiness of thought that attended an invitation to Nikita Khrushchev to visit the United States. He con-

cluded: "Khrushchev cannot take permanent advantage of our temporary disadvantage, for it is the West he is fighting. And in the West there lie, however encysted, the ultimate resources, which are moral in nature. In the end, we will bury him."

He spoke often of the gratitude we owe our civilizational forebears and regretted that "a country — a civilization — that gives us such gifts as we dispose of cannot be repaid in kind. There is no way in which we can give to the United States a present of a bill of rights in exchange for its having given us the Bill of Rights."

But Buckley did his utmost to repay it in kind. Long ago, he himself entered what he liked to call freedom's House of Lords, and he is now due what he once movingly called for: "We need a rebirth of gratitude for those who have cared for us, living and, mostly, dead. The high moments of our way of life are their gifts to us. We must remember them in our thoughts and in our prayers; and in our deeds." RIP.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The Rich Lowry column



beyond the beltway

McCain seems a bit out of touch

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

Wait a minute. Stop the music. I thought John McCain was supposed to be the candidate with the most experience; the one with the proven ability to stand up to dictators and Dick Cheney. He had gravitas, he had a thorough knowledge of foreign affairs. McCain, we were reminded, is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, been in the Senate longer than his two rivals put together, served on important committees.

In short, he would be ready (you should pardon the expression) from Day One.

So a week or so ago he steps off a plane in Baghdad and tells us that the Surge is working and a good thing it is because Iran is training al Qaeda terrorists and sending them into Iraq against us. In other words the Surge is not only working, it had better keep working or dat ol' debil Iran will get us.

(By the way, isn't the Surge getting a little old to be called "the Surge"? It's beginning to sound like one of those four-hour erections that men should call their doctors about in the commercials. It needs a new name, like "The Long Goodbye.")

As McCain finished his statement, Sen. Joe Lieberman, playing Tonto to McCain's Lone Ranger on the trip, stepped to his side and whispered in his ear.

McCain then stepped back to the

microphone and said he'd misspoke, that it was Shiite terrorists Iran was sending into Iraq, not al Qaeda.

Are you kidding me?

Al Qaeda (in Mesopotamia or out) is basically a Sunni organization. It spends a good share of its time killing Shiites. Iran is a Shiite country. When it finds a Sunni it's first thought is to tie him to the back bumper of a pickup and drag him around for a while.

So it seems that John McCain, that paragon of experience, five years into the war, still doesn't know the difference between Shia and Sunni. He's not the only one, of course. From the very beginning of this mess the Bush people have done their best to confuse the issue of whom we're fighting and why.

It was because Iraq had Weapons of Mass Destruction. No.

Because there were al Qaeda terrorist bases operating there and we had to wipe them out. As it turned out, no. Then because it would be a good thing to have democracy there and the Iraq people were desperate to get it. Not so much.

Now we seem to be there because the Surge is working and since it's the only thing that's worked for us so far, it would be a shame to give up.

McCain is part of that ongoing charade. He was part of it at the beginning and he remains so. That's what experience can do for you. This campaign isn't just about the war, of

course. There's the economy. Republicans (the party of "the markets are never wrong") are throwing money at the varlets who got us into this mess in hopes they'll take pity and not burn us down to the ground.

So they ask McCain, Mr. Experience, what he'd do about it and he answers, in best imitation of Jay Leno, that he'd appoint a committee headed by Alan Greenspan "whether he was alive or dead."

First: Appointing a committee is a weak, lame response; the kind you might expect from a guy who's been around Washington too long. They don't solve problems, they study them.

Second: Alan Greenspan? THE Alan Greenspan, the architect of the disaster we are now facing? It was Greenspan who pooh-poohed the idea of a housing bubble, brushing it off as a mild exuberance. It was he who refused to regulate the exotic credit instruments that set us up for this fall.

And McCain is going to put him in charge of figuring things out. In the meantime Obama staggers toward the Democratic nomination while Hillary clings to his leg like a Gila monster.

Ain't politics wonderful?

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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.

The brave, little flowers that dare take a peck aboveground in weather like this! Saw a peach in bloom this week and thought I could hear the bees humming. But learned it was the wind wailing.

IN APPRECIATION

I often defend today's youngsters, pointing to some of my follies at that age, in a day which was known as the "good ole days," and thus sorter sidle up to the proposition that these brats of today are by comparison, pretty nice youngsters, after all.

Last week I saw and heard a wonderful group of high school youngsters who need no defense. They were the Calvary Teens of Grand Rapids, Mich., brought here by the Rev. Dan Heintzelman. Clean-cut, healthy, attractive American girls and boys who made no pretense of being anything special.

They sang and spoke...stood up in church. What made them so inspiring was they were not ashamed to speak of their joy in the Christian life, and did not hesitate to speak reverently such words as, "God," "country," "home," and "mother," which some have relegated to the vocabulary of us "squares." It all sounded good, because they all were sincere.

I went away with the feeling that if there are enough of such as these in America, we will whip the day-lights out of communism and all other isms, including the civic and moral somnambulism that may be the biggest threat of all.

FINANCIAL LINGO

Speaking of church, we have at hand an anecdote that may or may not be apropos.

This certain woman called her bank to arrange for disposal of a \$1000 bond.

"Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" the clerk inquired.

There was a pause. Finally the bond holder in a confused voice asked, "Am I talking to the First National Bank or the First Baptist Church?"

Editor's Notice

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BSCTC to present 'Celebration of National Poetry Month'

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg campus, will present a series of readings by well received authors during the month of April in celebration of National Poetry Month. Readings will be presented by authors Young Smith, Lisa Williams, Tim Skeen, and Jane Gentry Vance, Kentucky Poet

poems have appeared, or are forthcoming, in Poetry, Beloit Poetry Journal, The Iowa Review, Pleiades, American Literary Review, Arts & Letters, Atlanta Review, The Midwest Quarterly, The New Orleans Review, and various other publications. He is an assistant professor of English at Eastern Kentucky University.

Smith will present his readings on Wednesday, April 9, at 7 p.m., in the Gearheart Auditorium.

Lisa Williams, the author of Woman Reading to the Sea (W.W. Norton, 2008), is also the winner of the 2007 Barnard Women Poets Prize, and The Hammered Dulcimer (Utah State University, 1998). In 2004, she was awarded the Rome Prize in Literature by the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She is currently associate professor of English at Centre College and is a Centre Scholar.

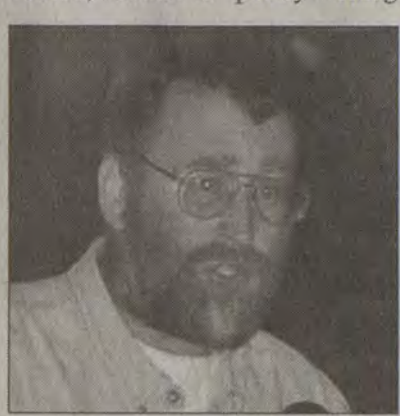
Williams will present her readings on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in the Gearheart Auditorium.

Tim Skeen won the 2001 John Ciardi Prize for Poetry for his book Kentucky Swami which was published by BkMk Press at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He earned a Ph.D. in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1993, and his poems appear in recent issues of The Potomac Review, Prairie Schooner, Rattle, Southern Review, The Southern Poetry Review and elsewhere. He taught at Big Sandy Community and Technical College from 1996-2004; currently, he teaches in the MFA program at California State University-Fresno.

Skeen will also present readings on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m., in Gearheart Auditorium.

Jane Gentry Vance, Kentucky Poet Laureate, was born in central Kentucky where she grew up on a farm at Athens. She now lives in Versailles. Her new book of poems, Portrait of the Artist as a White Pig, came out in late 2006 from

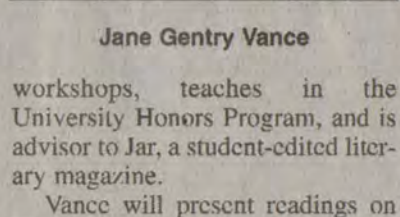
Louisiana State University Press, which also published her previous collection, A Garden in Kentucky, in 1995. In 2005, Press 817 in Lexington, brought out her chapbook, A Year in Kentucky. An English professor at the University of Kentucky, she has won the UK alumni Association's Great Teacher Award, conducts poetry-writing



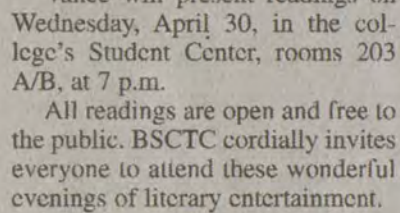
Young Smith



Lisa Williams



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Jane Gentry Vance

workshops, teaches in the University Honors Program, and is advisor to Jar, a student-edited literary magazine.

Vance will present readings on Wednesday, April 30, in the college's Student Center, rooms 203 A/B, at 7 p.m.

All readings are open and free to the public. BSCTC cordially invites everyone to attend these wonderful evenings of literary entertainment.

Laureate.

Young Smith holds a Ph.D. in creative writing and literature from the University of Houston, where he also received the James Michener Fellowship in poetry, a Krakow Poetry Seminar Scholarship, and a Donald Barthelme Fellowship for fiction. He has received grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Kentucky Arts Council. His

Learning on state-of-the-art equipment



Students from Floyd County are using new digital imaging equipment in radiography classes offered at Hazard Community & Technical College. Shown above, from left, are Courtney Reid of Stanville; Courtney Branham of Prestonsburg, Kacie Little of Bypro; and Homer Terry, Radiography program coordinator.

MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON 'Blazing Magnum'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A three-fisted cop employs his highly unorthodox, not to mention extremely violent, crime solving techniques when his sister is poisoned to death on a college campus in this "Dirty Harry-esque" action yarn from the fabulous 1970s.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

It all begins on mute as we witness Louise Saitta arguing with a professor (Dr. Tracer) in front of her dormitory. Later she calls her brother, Captain Saitta, for help, but he can't come to the phone as he is responding to a bank robbery call. He arrives after the fact and pursues the thieves for a brief period before forcing their vehicle into a corner store. He then unstraps his Magnum and casually plugs each crook as they stagger away from the vehicle. Saitta never announces that he's a cop, but then who could hear him anyway over the roar of his hand cannon.

Louise's ex-boyfriend, Fred, strolls up and offers to help her get back at the prof. Cut to a campus party where Louise feigns an attack and Dr. Tracer is called upon to help. He arrives with his trusty medical bag and begins to administer a stimulant but is shocked when Louise comes to and winks at him. He takes the jibe well and stays for a drink, but is called upon again when Louise passes out for real. This time there's no waking her as she is deader than Ralph Nader's chances of ever being elected to the Oval Office.

This brings Saitta to campus and he is not in a good mood. He starts out genteel as he hosts Louise's funeral, but then he begins investigating her death. He targets Dr. Tracer and manages to find out that the two were having an affair by roughing up the effeminate owner of a local motel.

Next he tries to shake down Tracer, but the Doc won't budge and so Saitta opts to hold him for seven days (Canada may have great health care but seven days in jail is a bit steep without being charged with anything).

Since this was made before Michael Moore was doing documentaries, Saitta is confident that Tracer will eventually crumble. Unfortunately, for Saitta, the evidence begins to suggest that plenty of people had it in for his sister.

Saitta follows the clues by beating on anyone who may know something until he learns that his sister was trying to fence a necklace taken from a rich woman who was killed during the burglary. He shakes down a dwarf/stool pigeon and learns of two characters who fence stolen jewels locally.

The first one is a bust but that doesn't stop Saitta from beating on him like a circus monkey just to be sure. The second fence leads him on a

(See LAGOON, page six)

The ugly orchid

by SHELAH BREWER OGLETREE
"CHICKEN SOUP TO INSPIRE A WOMAN'S SOUL"

There it sat, one sad, gangly stem leaning to the left of a plain terracotta pot. I peered closer. Tiny brown pods clung weakly to the lackluster plant. I was puzzled. This was the wonderful gift my daughter and son-in-law had sent all the way from their new home in Hanoi?

I picked up the phone, determined not to mention that my new plant looked as forlorn as I felt.

Katie was enthusiastic. "Now, Mom, for a while, you'll have to keep it in a cool, dark place."

No problem there. This plant was not only an eyesore, but it reminded me of what I had lost: family dinners, meeting the school bus, even helping with homework. When my husband, Jim, had died several years ago, I'd gone straight from being Mrs. Jim Ennis to being "Sara and Michael's Nana." That plant with its bare stem reminded me of what I was now: a widow, mother and grandmother with no one left to nurture. It just wasn't

fair. Plunk! I deposited my gift on a junk table in the basement and switched off the light.

Six weeks later, I was lugging boxes to the basement.

There it was: the most beautiful flowering plant I'd ever seen! Creamy white petals draped themselves delicately around the cherry-red centers. I stretched out my finger but hesitated to touch. The blossoms were fragile, yet so alive. They looked as though they might fly away.

Back up the stairs I crept, cradling the pot in my arms and trying hard not to breathe on the blossoms. Six weeks alone in the basement had been just what this plant needed!

Suddenly it struck me that what had seemed so ugly and useless only weeks before had now shown itself a treasure.

And what a treasure it was! From its wicker stand, my beautiful orchid shined like a beacon of friendship to passersby. The mail carrier and people I had rarely spoken to waved and even came right up onto the porch, always commenting on "the gorgeous orchid."

"Six weeks ago, it was barely alive," I frequently replied, as I

passed iced tea and the orange marmalade cake I was making again after three years.

Each day my orchid gave birth to new blossoms, and I renewed old friendships and formed new ones.

Then one morning, Katie called. Ted had accepted a position at a nearby college. They were coming home!

Now I was the one who was blooming. My once-empty life was filled with joy and friendship.

(See SOUP, page six)



Wheel-bearing replacement best left to a pro

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
My brother-in-law, Sam, thinks our wheel bearings are "going bad" on the right rear. My husband, James, and I don't hear any noises that would suggest a problem. But ever since Sam put the idea into James' head, he's been set on fixing it. We've done fairly simple repairs ourselves in the past, but I don't think we should do this one, for two reasons: (1) I'm not convinced there's anything wrong, and (2) it's too complicated to perform by ourselves with no experience at all in this area. My question: How do we know if the bearings are "going bad," and should we do it ourselves or take it to a professional? — Tegan

TOM: You don't tell us what kind of car you have, Tegan. Some cars' wheel bearings are easy to change, and some are just a little less difficult than building a nuclear submarine in your backyard.

RAY: If you want to tackle it your-

self, here's what you'd do: Assuming it's a front-wheel-drive vehicle, jack up the back end of the car. Then, with the engine off and the front wheels chocked, start by spinning the wheel that Sam suspects.

TOM: If a wheel bearing is gone, you almost always can either hear it or feel it. You might hear a slight growling sound. Or, if you hold on to the coil spring for the strut, you can actually feel the vibration of a bad bearing in your hand. It'll feel like there's grit or sand keeping the wheel from spinning smoothly.

RAY: And if you're not sure, you can compare one wheel against the other to see if one is noisier or grittier. If you conclude that one of the bearings is bad, then you can move on to stage two of Sam's diabolical plan to wreck your car — doing the repair yourself.

TOM: Like we said, some cars are easy, and some aren't. Generally speaking, changing a rear wheel bearing on a front-wheel-drive car isn't

too bad.

RAY: The problem is that you won't have some of the tools you'll need — like a bearing press. But you can still do part of the job yourself. You can remove the disc or drum from the rear axle, and take that to a local machine shop and ask them to remove the bearing and replace it. And then put that brake assembly back on the car yourself.

TOM: What's the worst-case scenario? You misdiagnose it and replace a bearing that doesn't need replacing; you get stuck in the middle of the job and need to buy \$300 worth of tools you'll never use again; and you do the job wrong and the wheel falls off.

RAY: And what's the best-case scenario? You do it all right and you save 100 bucks. So, given the cost-benefit analysis, I'd lean toward letting a professional handle this.

TOM: And I'd recommend taking Sam's car when you go out together from now on. Good luck, Tegan!

How to skid safely

Dear Tom and Ray:

I just read an article on winter driving, and I want to make sure I understand what is meant when they say, "Turn into the direction of the skid." If the front of our car is veering

right, it means the rear is going left, so which direction are you skidding in — right or left? I want to make sure I understand where I'm supposed to turn my steering wheel. It seems that if my front is veering right, and I turn my steering wheel to the right, I'd just end up making a circle. Please clarify. — Sylvia

TOM: If the car starts to slide, and the front of the car is pointing to the right of where it's supposed to be pointing and the back end of the vehicle is moving to the left, that's usually referred to as skidding to the left. In that case, Sylvia, you would turn the steering wheel to the left to try to straighten out.

RAY: Think about it this way. Let's say you plopped your car down on the face of a clock. The front of the car is pointing at the 12, and the back of the car is pointing to the 6. You're going straight down the road, and all is right with the world.

TOM: Now, suppose, all of a sudden, the front of your car is pointing to the 2. How would you get the car pointed straight again? You'd turn left, wouldn't you? You're pointing at the 2, and you want to point to the 12, so you turn left. That's turning into the skid.

RAY: If the car was suddenly pointing to the 10, and you wanted to

be pointing toward the 12, you'd turn the wheel to the right, right? Right.

TOM: But even if you understand the theory, it's best to practice the technique before you have to use it. So if there's a snowstorm and you can find a big, empty parking lot (note: light poles don't count as empty), go out and, at a reasonably slow speed, cut the wheel sharply and put the car into a skid, then try to steer out of it.

RAY: If you're like most people, you'll "over-correct" at first and steer too far into the skid, causing you to skid the other way. So, you want to make quick, small corrections, bringing the steering wheel right back toward the center after each correction to see where you are and if you need to correct more.

TOM: Or better yet, Sylvia, make sure your next car has electronic stability control. Then the computer does all that stuff, and you just point the wheel where you want to go and don't have to worry about reading any more confusing articles about skidding.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or e-mail them by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.



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Odds & Ends

■ **FRANKFORT** — A Kentucky man wasn't around when officers seized reptiles from his home. That's because he was at a hospital having fingers amputated after a snakebite, his wife says.

The state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources seized seven rattlesnakes, a gaboon viper, a king cobra, an iguana, two monitor lizards, two alligators, a boa constrictor and a python.

The 36-year-old Campbellsville man faces 15 counts of transporting wildlife into Kentucky without a transportation permit and 10 counts of possessing inherently dangerous animals.

■ **SPARTANBURG, S.C.** — Authorities say a man robbed a bank in South Carolina after the \$173 check he tried to cash bounced.

Police say the man gave a

teller the personal check on Monday morning, but the teller couldn't cash it because there wasn't enough money in the account.

Authorities say the man told the teller he had to have the cash or someone was going to kill him. He wrote a note saying he was robbing the bank.

Police say the teller gave the man some money and he ran away.

Investigators say they have a suspect, but have not made an arrest.

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — Their goal was an honor code that discouraged cheating and plagiarizing.

However, the wording in a draft by students at the University of Texas at San Antonio appears to match another school's code — without proper attribution.

The student currently in charge of the honor code project said it was an oversight, but cheating experts say it illustrates a sloppiness among Internet-era students who don't know how to cite sources properly and think of their computers as cut-and-paste machines.

"That's the consequence of the Internet and the availability of things," said Daniel Wueste, director of the Rutland Institute for Ethics at Clemson University. "It doesn't feel like what would be in a book. You Google it and here it comes."

Student Akshay Thusu said that when he took over the project a month ago he inherited a draft by earlier project participants, including a group of students who attended a conference five years ago put on by The Center for Academic Integrity at

Clemson.

Materials from the conference, which are used by many universities, were probably the main source of UTSA's proposed code, Thusu said. That's why parts of the Texas draft match word-for-word the online version of Brigham Young University's code.

BYU credited the Center for Academic Integrity, but the San Antonio draft doesn't.

That will change, said Thusu, who plans to include proper citation and attribution when the draft is submitted to the faculty senate.

"We don't want to have an honor code that is stolen," Thusu said.

■ **MUNCIE, Ind.** — William M. Bowen woke up after a night of drinking with friends and realized he was inside a commercial trash-collection truck full of waste.

The driver had just emptied a commercial trash bin into his truck and was about to activate its compactor when he heard Bowen screaming.

"He looked up and this gentleman was standing out the top of our truck," said Larry Green, market safety supervisor for the Rumpke waste disposal company. Green said the only thing Bowen said to the driver was that he was cold.

"This gentleman was extremely intoxicated," he said.

Bowen told police he had been drinking with buddies at a Muncie bar until about 3 a.m. Thursday. But he said he didn't recall how he ended up inside the trash bin, and he wouldn't tell police who his drinking pals were.

Bowen was treated for minor injuries.

"I'm just glad it turned out the way it did," Green said. "We didn't have a body that was dead. We had a body that was talking."

There was no telephone listing for Bowen in the Muncie area.

■ **MAGNOLIA, Ark.** — Blake Icenhower got a one-ton wake-up call.

As the 19-year-old laid in bed Friday morning at a hotel, co-worker Hoby Armstrong went outside to start his Dodge diesel truck. Armstrong said he started the engine and stepped out of the cab.

That's when the lifted truck roared through the motel's brick-and-mortar wall, pushed aside a bed and went toward Icenhower. Icenhower said Armstrong was able to jump back into the cab and stop the truck a foot away from hitting him.

Armstrong suffered a scrape to his arm.

If the truck had struck two brick support beams less than five feet away, the top floor might have collapsed, motel owner Ken Patel said.

■ **LA CROSSE, Wis.** — Police in La Crosse are a little red-faced right now.

They're apologizing after issuing an alert about a woman suspected of using a stolen credit card at a convenience store. They also helpfully issued surveillance video images of her.

Someone who works with the woman saw it and recognized her.

"The woman said her co-

worker was kind of joking around and said, 'I thought I saw you on Crime Stoppers,'" said Officer Drew Gavrilos. "The woman hopped online and watched the video and found it was her."

But she hadn't done the crime.

Gavrilos said the mistake happened when police matched surveillance video with cash register information, trying to identify whoever used the stolen card.

They didn't realize there were two similar transactions about the same time.

"We had two very similar looking people come to the register about 10 to 20 seconds apart," each buying similar things, Gavrilos said. "It was a one-in-a-million type of thing."

They picked the wrong one for the Crime Stoppers information, and the public service announcement ran for three days before the mix up caused it to be pulled.

"We feel horrible about the mistake and want to do all we can to minimize any inconvenience or embarrassment this woman may have experienced," Gavrilos said.

Police sent the woman a personal note of apology and produced a new Crime Stoppers message with corrected information and a public apology, he said.

Police did not release the name of the woman.

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Lagoon

tense seven-minute car chase which is one of the film's highlights. The guy admits that Louise was a thief and tried to get him to sell the necklace.

Saitta eventually tumbles to the fact that a killer is after the thieves and releases Tracer. He even shows up at the school and apologizes for steering the investigation in the wrong direction. He still gets to unload his magnum one more time when the killer strikes again and finds out that Saitta's gun is so big it can bring down a helicopter. This is especially bad news for the killer, as he happens to be making good his escape in said vehicle when he learns this fateful lesson.

This one has plenty of dull patches but it makes the must-see list for an amazing B-movie cast and three inspired set pieces. The car chase and opening robbery alone make this a must-see for action fans, but it is a fight scene midway through that elevates this effort to classic "junk" status. Saitta unleashes his rough style on a trio of transvestites in the big fight and it's a great scene that finds the men in ladies' clothes more than up for a scrap.

They actually pound the snot out of hero for a solid six minutes before Saitta gets in tough again with his machismo and ends the battle with his bullying style. It's probably the best fight scene ever staged between a tough cop and three moderately threatening transvestites.

The cast sells this one and includes the brooding Martin Landau (Oscar winner for his portrayal of Bela Lugosi in "Ed Wood") as Tracer. Landau brings dignity to the role especially when he expresses continued sympathy for Saitta, even after he had been wrongfully imprisoned. There's also a good turn by British actress

Gayle Hunnicut as a college professor sleeping with most of the student body.

The ultimate nod goes to Stuart Whitman as Saitta. He's like "Dirty Harry" after swearing off bathing. He deadpans his way through the film and is particularly good whenever he's roughing someone up. This guy doesn't have a rule book and his preferred method of investigation is to punch people till they talk or pass out. It's a good thing this character wears a watch or we'd probably have endless scenes of fat lips being administered to anyone with a time piece. Whitman actually makes this guy somewhat believable and he wisely stays away from the temptation to soften him up.

All in all this is the best Canadian shot, American cast, Italian crime film of the 1970s.

Best line: "Marjie will sleep with anyone that's not her husband."

1976, rated R.

Soup

Every day was like a precious blossom waiting to unfold. Time without my family had seemed an ugly and useless thing, but without it, would I ever have begun to live again?

I had been wrong about the ugly orchid, and I had been wrong about myself. I wasn't just a widow, a mother or grandmother. I'm all those things and more! I thought gratefully. All I needed was time alone in the darkness to recognize my true potential.

One morning, I grabbed a broom and stepped out onto the front porch. Dried orchid blossoms littered the floor. Why, my orchid was as bare as it was the day it had come! I was still sweeping up when one of my new friends stopped by with an invitation to join her gardening club. "Oh, dear, it's so sad!" she exclaimed upon seeing the bare stem.

"It'll be OK," I said. "You should have seen me six weeks ago!"

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Players, coaches fondly recall Keightley

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — There were days when Ramel Bradley would trudge onto the practice court at Kentucky and just be out of it. No energy, no bounce, none of the confident swagger that defined the scrappy guard's career.

Then Bradley would walk over to longtime Kentucky equipment manager Bill Keightley, and the man who sat on the Wildcats bench longer than anyone in program history — Adolph Rupp included — would tell him to snap out of it.

"If I was upset or feeling some kind of way, when you walked in, he was going to grab you up and hold you real tight and tell you, 'You're my boy, Little Smooth,'" Bradley said. "He made me feel like I was his favorite, and the thing about it is, he made everyone feel like that."

Keightley's nearly boundless energy made his death on Monday night all the more shocking to those who knew him, which was nearly everybody associated with Kentucky basketball since Keightley became involved with the program in 1962.

Keightley passed away in Cincinnati at age 81 from internal bleeding caused by a previously undiagnosed tumor on his spine.

A public viewing and memorial service will be held at Rupp Arena on Thursday, underneath the retired jersey for the man dubbed "Mr. Wildcat" during his 48 years on the bench.

"Bill made a difference in so many peoples' lives on a daily basis," Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie said. "It didn't matter how old you were. It didn't matter how young you were. It didn't matter. He was

something else, and he obviously has touched all of us on a daily basis."

Even as he aged and developed a staff — mostly undergraduate students — of his own, Keightley would still push the laundry cart around the court during practice, picking up discarded towels and shirts.

"He had a great amount of pride, making sure their shoes fit the way he wanted them to fit," Gillispie said. "I mean, you talk about preparing to win, he prepared to win and he



file photo
Floyd County County Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall honored Bill Keightley when he visited Floyd County in October 2007.

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Eagles start spring drills

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Spring practice for the Morehead State University football team started on Tuesday, April 1 and will conclude with a spring game on April 26. MSU is coming off a season in which it finished 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the Pioneer Football League.

Coach Matt Ballard's Eagles finished third in the PFL behind Mid-Major national champion Dayton and San Diego, both of whom had 6-1 league records. MSU handed Dayton its only loss of the season.

Practices are scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday the first week of drills, then Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the remaining three weeks.

On both offense and defense, MSU returns six starters. Returning on offense are guard Jacob Nail (Jr., Louisville), center Nick Schoenfeld (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio), tackle Chris Setters (Sr., Fairborn, Ohio), wide receiver Nick Feldman (Sr., Oconto, Wis.) and halfbacks Erick Fitzpatrick (Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio) and Jerrod Pendleton (Jr., Lucasville, Ohio). Defensively, the returning starters are tackles Derick Steiner (Jr., Mason, Ohio) and Andrew Wilhoite (So., Frankfort), linebacker Wes McDermott (Jr., Louisville) and cornerbacks David Hyland (Sr., Woodstock, Ga.) and Henry Hudson (Jr., Winchester).

Three-year starter Brian Yost vacated the quarterback spot. Last year's back-up, Evan Sawyer (So., Dayton, Ohio), is the leading candidate to replace Yost entering spring practice. Jared Phillips (So., Hamilton, Ohio), who saw action at half-back in 2007, and red-shirt Blake Ayers (Fr., Bowling Green) figure to make it a spirited battle.

Drew Morgan (Jr., Walton), who saw extensive action at half-back before being injured last season, will move to fullback.

"While filling the starting quarterback spot may be the most obvious need, we've got to replace two key starters and identify depth on the offensive line," said MSU Offensive Coordinator Gary Dunn. "We feel good about our running backs with three individuals who have been starters returning at the three spots."

Prestonsburg native John

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FLOYD COUNTY SOCCER

The 2008 spring soccer season arrived last week. Right: Floyd County Warriors midfielder Jacob Moak, who plays soccer for the University of the Cumberlands, battled with a Belfry player as teammate Ethan Filowiat attempted to allow him some space during the team's season opener.

Above: Back on the soccer pitch after an absence of several years, Taylor Clark didn't take long to round back into form. Clark is shown fighting to make an offensive run against a Belfry defender.



Wet winter shouldn't dampen spring hunting

by HAYLEY LYNCH
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's statewide spring turkey season begins April 12. Many hunters are curious about what effect recent heavy rainfall and flooding in some areas of the state may have on this year's turkey hunting prospects.

In areas where flooding has occurred, hunters may need to change their tactics. Steven Dobe, turkey biologist for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, recommends hunting areas known to have food sources that may be outside the flood zone. "Even small changes in elevation can make a big difference when it comes to food availability," he said. "If you hunt flooded bot-

toms, I would certainly recommend roosting turkeys the night before and getting as close as possible the next morning," said Dobe. "Flooding limits the amount of dry ground, so the key to a successful hunt may be as simple as identifying where turkeys will fly down."

Hunters should be careful not to set up where there may be water between them and the birds. "Sometimes even small creeks will cause a turkey to change its route of travel," Dobe said.

For safety's sake, hunters should avoid crossing rain-swollen creeks, especially in the pre-dawn hours.

Dobe said flooding currently is not a concern as far as turkey survival. "All the birds on the ground right

now are almost a year old or older," he said. "Those birds are so mobile that even flooding shouldn't be an issue."

If higher than average rainfall continues into the early spring, it may actually help this year's turkey poults (chicks). Rainfall means early vegetation growth. That's good news for this year's crop of turkey poults, particularly if Kentucky experiences another drought this summer. However, if heavy rains continue into the summer, this could hurt this year's young turkeys.

"Probably the most significant effect heavy rain will have will be seen later on when poults are born," Dobe said. "When young are on the ground, rainfall and cooler temperatures have serious impacts on

poult survival."

For spring turkey hunter success, winter weather trends aren't nearly as important as the weather during the season itself. The 2007 season was a prime example of the role weather plays in hunter harvest.

Last spring's turkey season came on the heels of record warm temperatures in March. The youth-only turkey season coincided with a hard freeze and even snow in some areas. General season turkey hunters contended with heavy rain on opening day. As a result, opening weekend harvest dropped 40 percent from the previous year.

"That was almost entirely attributed to the extremely unfavorable weather conditions we observed," said Dobe. "In inclement

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Keightley also mourned by UK gridiron program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky football coach Rich Brooks is busy with his football team during spring practice, but his primary thoughts coming off the field Wednesday morning were of longtime basketball equipment manager Bill Keightley.

"The first thing I'd like to say is that I'm really sorry about Bill Keightley," Brooks said to the media following the team's first practice since Keightley passed away Monday night. "Whenever I saw him the last two years, he was so happy and proud of what we were doing on the football field."

"He was just a positive gentleman in his life. Everything I've read has been about basketball, but he loved everything at this University. He loved football. He loved the success we had, told me many times. I feel extremely sorry for his family and wish them all well."

Brooks guided the team through a two-hour, 20-minute workout Wednesday at the Nutter Training Facility.

"Practice was good today," Brooks said. "We had more energy, guys were flying around. We looked more like a football team today."

"(Senior cornerback) David Jones has had an outstanding start of spring practice. He's playing better than he's ever played. (Junior linebacker) Mike Schwindel made some nice plays today. Early on, all three of the quarterbacks threw the ball very well (although) the last drill wasn't as efficient. Mosley (redshirt freshman WR Anthony Mosley) went down with a little bit of a 'ding' (minor injury) and Kyros Lanxter's hamstring is bothering him a little bit. Obviously, that impacts what we're trying to do throwing the football."

Kentucky returned to the practice field Friday morning. The team held its first major scrimmage of the spring Saturday.

UK-UofL football game set for Sunday, Aug. 31

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky at Louisville football game has been moved to Sunday, Aug. 31 at 3:30 p.m. and will be televised by ESPN.

This year's game will be the 11th time in 15 years that the contest has been on live national or regional television, including seven consecutive seasons on an ESPN affiliate. Last year's clash between the in-state rivals was the highest-rated program in the history of ESPN Classic.

UK spring football practices are open to media and fans. Practices held at Nutter Training Facility unless noted otherwise. For practices at Nutter, fans should stand behind the ropes in the porch area. Fans may sit in the stands for practices at Commonwealth Stadium.

Practices might be moved indoors to the Nutter Field House in case of bad weather.

The remaining UK practice

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Deadline to join EKJGA announced

New tour to stop at StoneCrest Golf Course

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The deadline to join the newly formed Eastern Kentucky Junior Golf Association (EKJGA) at the \$45 membership rate is April 15.

The EKJGA is open to boys and girls who reside or attend school in the boys' 11th and 12th regions and the girls' 10th and 11th regions as defined by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA).

Applications are available online at www.ekjga.org or by calling EKJGA Executive Director Tom Cooksey, at 606-928-9706.

The first EKJGA tournament will be held at Sandy Creek Golf Course, in Ashland June 9. There will be three EKJGA events in the region — StoneCrest Golf Course, June 23; Raven Rock Golf Course, July 7; and Paintsville Country Club, July 14. Junior golfers under the age of 19 wishing to play in any of the KJGA events must register by the April 15 deadline in order to secure a spot in the events.



photo by Jamie Howell
PRESTONSBURG PITCHER ALEXIS DEROSSETT watched a pitch in during a recent game.

Hansbrough, Beasley lead AP All-America team

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina's Tyler Hansbrough and Kansas State's Michael Beasley were unanimous selections to The Associated Press' All-America team Monday. For the first time, no senior was chosen.

Beasley and Kevin Love of UCLA made it two straight years there were two freshmen chosen. Sophomore D.J. Augustin of Texas and junior Chris Douglas-Roberts of Memphis rounded out the selections, shutting out the seniors.

The AP started choosing All-America teams after the 1947-48 season, and for the next six decades there was at least one member of the senior class on every first team.

Until this group, Hansbrough, a junior and the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, and Beasley, the Big 12 player of the year

and third freshman to lead the country in rebounding, were named on all 72 ballots and received 360 points from the same national media panel that selects the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

"To be one of just two players in the country to receive such an honor is very humbling," said Beasley, who led Kansas State to its first NCAA bid since 1996. "I have never been about individual accomplishments, but about helping my team win games. I wish we were still playing, but I am happy with the success we had this season."

The 6-foot-10 Beasley averaged 26.5 points and 12.4 rebounds for the Wildcats, shooting 53.5 percent from the field including 38.9 percent from 3-point range. He is Kansas State's first All-America since Bob Boozer in 1959.

Hansbrough, a second-team

selection last season, compiled impressive numbers (23.0 points, 10.4 rebounds) and lived up to his "Psycho T" nickname while leading the Tar Heels to a school-record 36 wins and their 17th Final Four. The last North Carolina player to be picked to the first team was Joseph Forte in 2001.

The 6-9 Hansbrough and Beasley joined Jameer Nelson of Saint Joseph's and Emcka Okafor of Connecticut in 2004, and J.J. Redick of Duke and Adam Morrison of Gonzaga in 2006 as unanimous tandem. Hansbrough said he knew his name and Beasley's were linked most of the season by fans and media.

"I think everybody wants to make comparisons about stats and things," Hansbrough said. "To me, I thought he was definitely in a different situation than here. ... He definitely had a good year and has had a lot of accomplishments."

The 6-foot Augustin was

named on 66 ballots and had 346 points. He directed the Longhorns to the regional final, averaging 19.8 points and 5.7 assists in 37.2 minutes. It is the second straight year a Texas player was on the first team as Kevin Durant and Ohio State's Greg Oden became just the third and fourth freshmen to be so honored since 1972.

"It shows if you come here and work hard, ready to learn, great things will happen," Augustin said.

The 6-10 Love led the Bruins to their third straight Final Four appearance, averaging a double-double in their tournament run after getting 17.1 points and 10.6 rebounds and shooting 55.7 percent in the regular season.

Love received 52 first-team votes and 318 points to become UCLA's second All-America in as many seasons as Arron Afflalo was chosen last year. Love said he followed Beasley closely this season.

"That's my guy. I've known Mike since seventh grade. We played against each other so many times," Love said. "He's a great player. He had one hell of a year this year, and I think if he decides to leave he'll be the No. 1 pick in the draft."

Douglas-Roberts, the third member of the All-America team playing in the Final Four, had 52 first-team votes and 309 points. The 6-7 swingman averaged 17.2 points and 4.1 rebounds and shot 44.9 percent from 3-point range for the Tigers, who lost just one game this season and earned the school's second No. 1 ranking.

"It's an honor. I've put a lot of work in, over the summers, during the season and staying after practice just trying to improve. I feel now that I'm finally getting the recognition I deserve," said Douglas-Roberts, Memphis' first All-America since Penny Hardaway in 1993. "But I still say when people look at that

All-American list, it's a motivation because I'm the one that people know the least about."

Notre Dame sophomore center Luke Harangody was sixth in the voting with 211 points, and he was joined on the second team by seniors Shan Foster of Vanderbilt, D.J. White of Indiana and Roy Hibbert of Georgetown, and college basketball's newest star, Davidson sophomore guard Stephen Curry who led the Wildcats to the regional final by averaging 34.5 points in the NCAA tournament.

The third team was senior Chris Lofton of Tennessee, junior Darren Collison of UCLA, sophomore Brook Lopez of Stanford and freshmen Derrick Rose of Memphis and Eric Gordon of Indiana.

Lofton was picked for the second team last season.

The preseason All-America team was Hansbrough, Lofton, Hibbert, Collison and Michigan State guard Drew Neitzel.

Freshman sensation Maya Moore headlines AP women's All-America team

by DOUG FEINBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Connecticut sensation Maya Moore became only the second freshman selected to The Associated Press women's All-America team, an honor her coach hoped would not prove a burden during the NCAA tournament.

Moore was joined on the squad Tuesday by repeat All-Americans Candace Parker of Tennessee and Courtney Paris of Oklahoma and first-timers Sylvia Fowles of LSU and Candice Wiggins of Stanford.

To avoid further pressure, Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma didn't want Moore to know of her selection until after the Huskies played Rutgers in the Greensboro Regional final Tuesday night.

"I think given the circumstances, given the spotlight she

plays under, I just think she's matured beyond her years and I don't know if any kid has had an impact on a team that she's had," Auriemma said. "I think the term 'All-American' back in the day meant more than just a player."

Despite Auriemma's best efforts, Moore did find out before Connecticut beat Rutgers 66-56 to advance to its first Final Four since 2004.

"I actually heard it from my two teammates, Meghan (Gardler) and Jacquie (Fernandes), but I'm just excited," said Moore after scoring seven points in the win. "I don't really think it's set in yet."

Moore helped lead the Huskies to the Big East regular-season and conference tournament titles. She was the first freshman — male or female — to win conference player of the year.

Moore broke the conference

and school freshman scoring record and has averaged 22 points and 10.3 rebounds in the Huskies' first three NCAA tournament games.

"If you look at what she's done for this program, and how she conducts herself, she's everyone's All-American," Auriemma said.

The only other freshman All-American was Paris, a first-teamer for the third straight season. Paris is only the third player to be a three-time All-American, joining Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee and Alana Beard of Duke.

"Wow, that's a special group to be a part of," said Paris, a junior who extended her double-double streak to 92 games this season. "It's a huge honor."

Parker, also a junior, received 250 points and was the only unanimous first-team choice among the 50-member national

media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. The voting was done before the start of the NCAA tournament.

Parker will be graduate in May and most likely will be the first pick in the WNBA draft on April 9.

"I feel like I tried hard to come back and be better this year," she said.

Wiggins and Fowles also will be picked high in the WNBA draft.

"It's a great feeling," said Wiggins, who led Stanford to its first Final Four in 11 years. "I have so much respect for the game, I was honored to be a second-teamer in the past, and now I'm in great company."

Wiggins helped the Cardinal win their eighth straight Pac-10 title and became the conference's all-time scoring leader.

Fowles averaged 17 points and helped lead LSU to its fifth

straight Final Four.

"I am very honored to be considered one of the best players in the country," Fowles said. "These awards mean a lot to me."

Paris had 42 first-team votes and 234 points. Fowles and Wiggins each had 41 and 232, and Moore totaled 37 and 222.

"You put that team on the floor and we would all be fighting over who would be coaching them," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said.

Paris, Wiggins, Fowles, and Parker all played this summer with the U.S. select team. They helped the Americans qualify for the Beijing Olympics and will all be part of the U.S. senior team training camp in April.

"I've known those girls forever," Wiggins said. "Maya's a phenomenal freshman."

Moore was on the under-19 team that breezed through the

world championships last summer.

The second team had an ACC flavor, with conference player of the year Crystal Langhorne and Maryland teammate Kristi Toliver leading the way. North Carolina senior Erlana Larkins, Louisville junior Angel McCoughtry and Oklahoma State sophomore Andrea Riley complete the second team.

The third team included Connecticut teammates Tina Charles and Renee Montgomery. They were joined by Rutgers' Epiphanny Prince, Middle Tennessee State's Amber Holt, and Utah's Leilani Mitchell.

The preseason All-America team was Paris, Parker, Wiggins, Fowles and Langhorne. Joining Paris and Parker on last year's first team was Lindsey Harding of Duke, Ivory Latta of North Carolina and Jessica Davenport of Ohio State.

Spring

Gilliam guides the MSU defense as the coordinator. Gilliam is a veteran coach on the MSU football coaching staff.

Filling the gaps at linebacker to replace Brett Mazzaro and Andrew Sturzenbecker, at the safety spots to replace Bryan Gray and Jordan Shafer and at defensive end for Aaron Diaz will be the prime challenges on defense.

In addition to the returning starters, linemen Caleb Meenach (Sr. Catlettsburg) and Ryan Messer (Sr.,

Bellbrook, Ohio) have experience. Josh Ballard (So., Springboro, Ohio) and Anthony Kamer (Jr., Florence) saw extensive action at linebacker in 2007. Josh Harris (Jr., Dayton, Ohio), Cameron Armstrong (So., Marietta, Ga.) and Derek Harkness (So., Acworth, Ga.) are proven defensive backs.

"We've got to replace two outstanding linebackers and fill voids in the secondary and at defensive end," said Eagle Defensive Coordinator John Gilliam. "You always need to find depth. But, we are confi-

dent that we have a talented group of individuals to battle for the open spots."

The Eagle defense won the Football Championship Subdivision national statistical championship for rushing defense in 2007. Hyland won the individual national statistical championship for interceptions per game.

The special team corps of kicker/punter Mason Webb (Sr., Hamilton, Ohio), long-snapper Meenach, holder Hyland, punt returner Feldman and kick returners Fitzpatrick and Hudson all return.

Keightley

was spending his time when our season was over trying to get ready for next year, he's a champion, no question."

Keightley saw plenty of championships during his time with the Wildcats. Kentucky won 1,113 games with Keightley on the sidelines, including two national championships.

Yet Keightley's importance to the program transcended basketball. His amiable nature

made strangers feel at ease, yet those who knew him best held so much respect for him they referred to him as "Mr. Keightley."

Though Keightley held a healthy dislike for rival Louisville, he remained friends with former Kentucky and current Louisville coach Rick Pitino, attending Louisville's win over Tennessee in the NCAA regional semifinals after the

Wildcats were eliminated from this year's tournament.

"Mr. Keightley has been a confidant to so many coaches that have had the good fortune to sit alongside him," said former Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, now at Minnesota. "That is what it has been, us sitting next to him, not him sitting next to us. No one will ever love Kentucky basketball more than Mr. Keightley."

UK deputy AD among 4 finalists for LSU position

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE, La. — Two of Skip Bertman's associate athletic directors remained in the running Wednesday to replace him when he retires in June, as did Duke's athletic director and a deputy AD from Kentucky.

Duke athletic director Joe Alleva and Kentucky deputy AD Rob Mullens were among the finalists after a search committee removed two of six names on its list Wednesday. So were associate LSU athletic directors Verge Ausberry and Herb Vincent.

LSU System President John Lombardi and interim LSU Chancellor William Jenkins are expected to make a final selection before the end of the week, said LSU Law School chancellor Jack Weiss, who headed the search.

Their choice would be subject to confirmation by the LSU Board of Supervisors, which meets April 25.

Alleva, 54, has led Duke's 26 sports programs since 1998, and received a contract extension last year. He oversaw Duke athletics during the lacrosse team rape allegations in 2006. He also recently hired former Ole Miss coach David Cutcliffe as Duke's new football coach.

Mullens, 38, worked at Maryland and Miami before coming to Kentucky.

Vincent, 47, has been at LSU for 20 years. He is in charge of communications and works with the Tiger Athletic Foundation.

Ausberry, 40, oversees men's basketball and schedules football. He came to the department in 2001.

LSU's athletics department includes 20 varsity sports and a budget of nearly \$70 million. WKU President: Hilltoppers not considering Knight — Western Kentucky University's president is quashing any rumors that Bobby Knight is being consid-

ered to replace former coach Darrin Horn.

President Gary Ransdell told The (Bowling Green) Daily News on Wednesday night that there is "absolutely zero" chance Knight will be named the Hilltoppers' head coach. Ransdell and athletic director Wood Selig say there has been no direct contact between the university and Knight.

Knight is the winningest coach in Division I men's basketball history. He coached from 1971 to 2000 at Indiana University, where he won three national championships. He stepped down from the head coaching position at Texas Tech in February and currently serves as a college basketball analyst for ESPN.

Selig acknowledged that discussions about Knight had taken place within Western Kentucky's administration — they simply never developed beyond that.

Football

schedule is as follows: Friday, April 4: 9-11:20 a.m.;

Saturday, April 5: 10-11:40 a.m., Commonwealth Stadium; Monday, April 7: 9-11:20 a.m.;

Wednesday, April 9: 9-11:20 a.m.;

Friday, April 11 9-11:20 a.m.; Saturday, April 12: TBA; Monday, April 14: 9-11:20 a.m.;

Friday, April 18: 9-11:20 a.m.;

Saturday, April 19: Blue/White Spring Game, 1 p.m. at Commonwealth Stadium.

Hunting

weather, the birds just aren't as mobile. People don't want to get out, either. I think a lot of people just didn't hunt opening weekend."

Weather improved after opening weekend. Hunters matched the previous year's harvest for the rest of the season, making up much of the ground lost during opening weekend. Overall, harvest was down just 16 percent for the season.

"I think that just proves that when it comes to turkey hunting, it's all about the weather," Dobby said.

With that in mind, hunters should prepare for different weather possibilities. A hunting blind can turn a rainy day into a successful hunt, as it keeps both hunters and calls dry. High-pitched box calls cut the wind, carrying sound farther than slate calls. Hunters should also pay attention to

where birds roost during bad weather; they may concentrate in heavy cover for protection from wind and rain.

If the weather cooperates, hunters should have plenty of birds to pursue. Dobby estimates the wild turkey flock at about 210,000 birds statewide. A spotty acorn crop last year means hunters may have a different hunt on their hands, depending on where they are.

Turkeys will be on the move in areas that saw fewer acorns and other nuts. "Birds will just be actively moving in those areas," said Dobby. "Birds will be trying to key on a consistent food source."

In areas that had a good mast crop last year, hunters should key in on areas where they observed nuts on the ground during the fall.

"A lot of acorns could still be on the ground through the winter months and into the

spring," said Dobby. "Where the food is, the hens will be. And where the hens are, the gobblers will follow."

Kentucky's spring turkey season runs April 12 — May 4, with youth-only season April 5 — 6. The season bag limit is two birds, which must be male turkeys or turkeys with visible beards. Only one turkey may be taken per day. For complete licensing information, equipment restrictions and other regulations, pick up a copy of the 2008 Hunting Guide for Spring, available wherever hunting licenses are sold.

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PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES fought off cool temperatures during a home meet earlier in the week.

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Crean knows it will be hard working to get Hoosiers righted

Marquette coach was rumored for UK job last year

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Passion led Tom Crean to Indiana. Success could turn him into a statewide folk hero.

The former Marquette coach jumped right into the high-stakes game of Hoosiers basketball on Wednesday, accepting the challenge of rebuilding the school's tattered reputation and restoring its national appeal despite all the blemishes surrounding the program.

"This place, this university, this program, for as long as I can remember, has stood for class and integrity, doing the right thing and being the right way," Crean said during his introductory news conference. "We're not going to be overwhelmed by the challenges, we're going to embrace them."

To show he was all in, Crean went all out.

Before stepping behind the

podium, he met with his new players, told stories and offered to have more meetings before he heads to San Antonio for the Final Four. The 42-year-old coach, who grew up in Michigan, even took a moment to shake the hand of football coach Bill Lynch.

"I haven't gotten a chance to work with a football coach in a long time," joked Crean, who spent the past nine seasons at a non-football playing school.

Crean also walked over to his family, kissed his wife, Joani, and two of his three children — the 2-year-old ran off to find stickers. Finally, he held up a newly printed T-shirt that read "Crean and Crimson," a play on the school colors, cream and crimson.

Despite Crean's charming wit and enthusiastic personality, the honeymoon will be short.

He must deal with the taint of last season when Indiana's once-impeccable image for playing by the rules was shattered by allegations of Kelvin Sampson making impermissible phone calls. The NCAA accused Sampson of committing five major infractions,

which led to Sampson's resignation Feb. 22.

The university's self-imposed punishment includes the loss of one scholarship next season.

And, of course, he must win.

So Indiana is giving Crean some extra time to clean up this mess.

He agreed to an eight-year deal worth \$18.24 million, an annual average of \$2.3 million — believed to be the largest in school history. It's more than double what Sampson was scheduled to make last year, \$1.1 million, and is a year longer than the contract Sampson signed in 2006. Sampson also accepted a \$750,000 buyout to resign on Feb. 22.

While Crean pleaded for the patience of fans to right things, the coach who took Marquette to the 2003 Final Four acknowledged he will rely on his trademark recruiting skills to sign players who can meet the expectations of a school looking to cleanse its stained image.

"I'm going to look for people who understand why we wear the candy-striped pants

and why we wear Indiana on our jerseys," he said. "Our eyes are wide open right now for Indiana basketball, and we can't wait to get started."

The Hoosiers can't wait to start over, either, after one of the bleakest seasons in school history.

Player suspensions, player dissension, the NCAA allegations and a midseason coaching change overshadowed everything Indiana did on the court — won 25 games; was in contention for the Big Ten title; spent all but one week in the Top 25.

Then came the two-week coaching search.

The combination made players anxious, and they're hoping Wednesday's announcement will finally provide a respite from their turbulent six-month whirlwind.

"I think it helped to find a coach and get everything behind us," forward Eli Holman said. "It's like another chapter to a book."

Despite his enthusiasm, the new coach can't solve every problem.

Indiana is scheduled to have its hearing in front of the

NCAA infractions committee in June, and there is no indication whether the school could face an even harsher punishment when the ruling is handed down.

Two players, starting guards Armon Bassett and Jamarus Ellis, were kicked off the team by interim coach Dan Dakich on Tuesday, before Crean was hired. Athletic director Rick Greenspan said he would let Crean make the decision about possible reinstatement. Players said they were told Crean would meet with both players later.

Still, Crean, a longtime admirer of Indiana basketball, found the job attractive.

He said he made his decision between two phone calls from former college coach Eddie Fogler, who was a consultant to the school's 10-member search committee.

"This was a heart decision," Crean said, his voice cracking. "This was not a business decision or a legacy decision. I'd had other opportunities to walk away, and none of them felt like this. I'm going to miss those people a lot, but I'm excited to be here."

Somehow, though, the hiring of the most prominent employee at Indiana University — men's basketball coach — still got upstaged even in this basketball-crazy state.

Instead of holding the news conference on the Assembly Hall floor, as was the case for Mike Davis and Sampson, it was moved to a room underneath the football stadium because a Hillary Clinton rally was scheduled Wednesday afternoon in Assembly Hall.

The players were just happy it was over.

"It didn't seem quick enough, it's been horrible for us," Jordan Crawford said of the search. "It was a very long season, a lot of stuff happened, so it's good to start it over and have a better season."

The hiring of Crean, Indiana hopes, will make that possible.

"He's very excited about the job," Crawford said. "Indiana is a good job. If you're doing good, everyone talks about Indiana University as a big-time school, and he's very passionate about it. So he's going to work hard to get the job done."

Sutton resigns under pressure as Oklahoma State basketball coach

Steps down after taking over for legendary father

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STILLWATER, Okla. — Only two years into his tenure, Sean Sutton resigned under pressure Tuesday as Oklahoma State's basketball coach following a 17-16 season.

Athletic director Mike Holder met with Sutton on Monday, two weeks after the Cowboys finished their season. Holder said Sutton knew the expectations for a program that reached the Final Four twice with Sutton on his father's staff.

"I think Sean was probably a victim of those expectations," Holder said. "He was put in a tough situation. It's hard enough to follow a legend. But when that legend is

your father, that's probably tough to the third power. Perhaps, in a different set of circumstances, he would have enjoyed more success.

"Life is not fair. Athletics is not fair," he said. "At the end of the day, I feel like it's the right decision."

Holder said he and Sutton agreed on Sutton's decision to resign. Sutton did not attend a news conference at the university Tuesday and did not return messages left by The Associated Press on his cell phone.

"It has been a great experience and I have loved every minute of my time here at OSU," Sutton said in a statement released by the university.

Sutton played two seasons at Kentucky during the 1980s when his father was coaching the Wildcats.

Sutton was two years into a five-year contract worth \$750,000 a year that he had agreed to when he was still an assistant on his father's staff. It

called for him to be the head coach-designate, meaning he would take over when his father left.

Holder declined to reveal specifics of the university's buyout offer of that contract. But university spokesman Gary Shutt said after the news conference that details of the offer still are being worked out by attorneys and should be made public.

Holder said he did not speak with Eddie Sutton about the decision because "Sean's got to stand on his own two feet on this one."

Holder said he has not contacted any other schools to ask to speak with their coaches. Two prominent coaches with connections to either Oklahoma State or the state of Oklahoma, Bill Self of Kansas and Billy Gillispie of Kentucky, have indicated they would not leave their current jobs.

"I do care deeply about my alma mater," Self said Tuesday. "I spent 11 years of

my life at OSU and everything, but nobody there has contacted me from there. If they were to ask me what they should do, I would suggest they go a different direction. I'm not being remotely disrespectful to my alma mater.

"My intentions are to be here at Kansas, period."

Gillispie, a former assistant under Self at Tulsa, coached at Oklahoma State's Big 12 Conference rival, Texas A&M, until this past season, when he went 18-13 at Kentucky. He never has signed a contract at Kentucky, instead working under a two-page memorandum of understanding that details his compensation package.

Sean Sutton's status had been a subject of speculation for much of the second half of the season, beginning when the Cowboys lost six in a row, the program's longest skid in more than two decades.

The Cowboys, who started 1-6 in Big 12 play, regrouped to win five straight games,

including an upset of then-No. 4 Kansas, which has made the Final Four. But Oklahoma State lost its final two regular-season games to finish 7-9 in league play.

Oklahoma State lost 69-53 at Southern Illinois in the first round of the NIT.

Sutton was 39-29 in his two seasons, but his relationship with the program dates much further. After transferring from Kentucky, he was a guard on his father's Oklahoma State teams for two years before serving as an assistant for 13 years, including Final Four appearances in 1995 and 2004.

Four years later, both Suttons are gone.

"I think that Sean will be a successful basketball coach. I think he's a good coach. I just think this was a tough situation for him," Holder said.

Before Eddie Sutton took over the program at his alma mater in 1990, Oklahoma State had made the NCAA tournament only once in the previous 25 years.

Sean Sutton, 39, first served as the head coach of the Cowboys for the final 10 games of the 2005-06 season when his father took a leave of absence following a drunken-driving crash on his way to the airport for a road game.

Oklahoma State went 4-6 in those games, and Sean Sutton got his chance at the helm when Eddie Sutton retired that May.

The Cowboys got off to a 15-1 start in the younger Sutton's first full season as coach, reaching as high as No. 9, but missed the NCAA tournament and lost to Marist in the first round of the NIT to complete a 22-13 season.

Guard James On Curry skipped his senior season to enter the NBA draft, and a turbulent offseason followed. In a three-month span, three Oklahoma State players were arrested. Immediately before the school year began, projected starter Kenny Cooper decided to transfer.

Cueto fans 10 in debut, leads Reds to 3-2 win over Diamondbacks

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Johnny Cueto allowed nothing more than Justin Upton's solo homer in seven innings Thursday, striking out 10 in an overpowering debut while leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The 22-year-old pitcher threw his 96 mph fastball right by hitters who had never seen it, finishing them off with a hard slider or changeup. Pitching in a steady rain, the right-hander struck out eight of his first 13 batters.

His 10 strikeouts were the most by a Reds pitcher in his big league debut since 1900, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The only glaring mistake: Upton led off the sixth with a homer. That was the only hit by a team that batted an NL-low .250 last season.

Arizona's Alex Romero had a sacrifice fly in the eighth, after reliever David Weathers walked the bases loaded. Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his first save since the Reds gave him a \$46 million, four-year deal to fix their biggest shortcoming.

Jeff Keppinger homered off left-hander Doug Davis (0-1), who failed to make it through the fourth inning of an emotional start. Davis was diagnosed with thyroid cancer last week and is to have surgery on April 10.

In every other way, the gloomy day belonged to a newcomer.

No one expected Cueto to be in this position a year ago, when he started at Class A and got on the fast track. He led all Reds minor leaguers in strikeouts last season, and was one of the most impressive pitchers in spring training.

The question was whether he could control his emotions and his best pitch when the pressure was on. In his next-to-last start of spring training, Cueto walked five of the 10 batters he faced.

Pitching in a light, steady rain that turned the 48-degree afternoon raw, Cueto kept his grip. He set the tone by fanning Chris Young on a 96 mph fastball to open the game.

By contrast, Davis struggled through 3-2-3 innings, which was an accomplishment in itself.

The Diamondbacks were crestfallen when Davis was diagnosed with thyroid cancer in the final week of spring training. The 32-year-old pitcher lobbied hard to make his two planned starts leading up to his operation.

The doctors said it was OK, and manager Bob Melvin gave his approval even though he was amazed by the pitcher's forge-ahead attitude. Davis is expected to miss at least a month while he recovers from the surgery.

Davis needed 29 pitches to get through the first inning, working at his usual, unhurried pace in the steady rain. Brandon Phillips doubled home a run, and Gold Glove second baseman Orlando Hudson let a grounder skitter under his glove for a run-scoring error. Keppinger hit a solo homer in the second for a 3-0 lead.

Notes: Hudson made only five errors last season, when he won his third straight Gold Glove. ... Ken Griffey Jr. doubled for his first hit of the season and walked twice. He remains seven homers shy of No. 600. ... According to Elias, Cueto was the first to throw five perfect innings in his debut since Seattle's Ken Clifton retired the first 16 batters he faced on Aug. 9, 1997 against the White Sox.

Horn promises SEC titles, national respect at South Carolina

by SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina's new basketball coach, Darrin Horn, said Tuesday he intends to win the Southeastern Conference and make the Gamecocks a force nationally.

Horn said he'll waste no time in trying to improve South Carolina, which finished last season 14-18, has made the NCAA tournament just once this decade and won its only regular-season SEC title in 1997.

"We're here to compete and to win big and to win championships in the SEC and to be relevant nationally," said Horn, who took Western Kentucky to the regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament this season, the Hilltoppers' best NCAA tournament finish in 15 years.

Horn, 35, could make more than \$1.3 million a year at South Carolina, a substantial raise from the \$157,000 a year he made at Western Kentucky.

Horn will be paid \$800,000 annually. His five-year contract includes incentives for winning that could be worth up to an additional \$335,000 per year. He also will be paid \$50,000 for every 1,000 additional season tickets sold over this season's total of 9,322 tickets.

Horn vowed to fill South Carolina's 18,000-seat arena to capacity.

"We're here to win championships and to not make any excuses, and that's what we're going to do," Horn said.

Horn already has three recruiting appointments inside South Carolina on

Wednesday, the day he officially takes over the post held for seven seasons by Dave Odom, who went 128-104 overall and 41-71 in the SEC in his seven years.

"We are going to put a fence around the state of South Carolina, and the best players in South Carolina are going to be recruited to play at the University of South Carolina," Horn said.

Horn plans to bring his up-tempo style to the Gamecocks.

"We're going to see a team that's fast-paced, that plays extremely hard, that gets after it on both ends of the floor," Horn said.

Sophomore Devan Downey said Horn told his new players he wasn't going to be easy on them.

"He was straightforward. He was honest. He told us it was going to be hard, so get ready," said Downey, who led the team at 18.4 points a game last season.

Horn's Western Kentucky teams improved nearly every year, finishing this season with a school-record 29 wins. The Hilltoppers won the Sun Belt Conference title and advanced to the West Regional semifinals, losing to top-seeded UCLA.

It was their first trip to the Sweet 16 since Horn was a point guard on a team that beat Memphis and upset Seton Hall to make the regional semifinals in the 1993 NCAA tournament.

Horn was an assistant at Western Kentucky, Morehead State and Marquette before becoming the Hilltoppers' head coach in 2003, replacing Dennis Felton, who left for Georgia. Horn went 111-48 in five seasons.

He met with Gamecocks players before talking to the media, and they were impressed.

"I like his attitude toward things. He's very confident in his abilities and the things he feels he is going to get done," junior Zam Fredrick said. "I like that about him — his swagger."

South Carolina athletics director Eric Hyman said he may have been more impressed with what Horn's players did in the classroom than on the court. Every player who completed his eligibility at Western Kentucky earned a degree.

"You're going to have the best of the best reach the primary goal here at South Carolina, and that's to leave here with a degree," Horn said.

Hyman welcomed Horn; his wife Carla, 7-year-old daughter, Caroline; and 4-year-old son, Walker, with several Gamecock hats and other memorabilia.

Horn also showed he is a quick learner, carefully avoiding saying the name of South Carolina's biggest rival, Clemson. "I think to mention the name would be to justify their existence, wouldn't it? We don't want to go there," Horn said. "I think I mentioned we're THE University of South Carolina."

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE 1 Pursuant to Application Number 836-0355

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 1169, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 647.6 acres located 1.3 miles south of Endicott in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.8 miles southeast from KY 194 junction with County Route 3385 and located on Johns Branch of Buffalo Creek. The latitude is 37° 39' 22". The longitude is 82° 37' 28". The proposed operation is located on the Thomas and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 ? minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the area method of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Denzil Allen, Alma Land Company, EJ Blackburn, Cliff

Blackburn, DFM, Inc., Bluebird Collieries, Fraley Heirs, Endicott Heirs, Unit Coal Corporation, CAM Mining, LLC, et al., Bobbie Phillips, et al., and Huntington District of Corps of Engineers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 1346 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0307

Amendment No. 2
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and

reclamation operation, located 2.6 miles north of Emma, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 199.80 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 328.30 acres, of which 164.15 acres overlie area mining area, making a total area of 618.72 acres, within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.70 mile northeast from Sugar-loaf Branch Road's junction with KY 1428, and is located on Dials Branch of Sugarloaf Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd, Tom and Melissa Reynolds, Albert and Janet Ratliff,

Johnny and Patricia Huffman, Taulbee and Renisa Branham, Michael Hunt, Ransom and Betty Hunt, and Maxine Crider. The amendment will underlie land owned by Joe A. and Barbara Burchett, E. L. and Bertha Cline, Malcolm Layne, Rebecca Jarrell, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Wade and Ora Blackburn Heirs, John Dallas and

Vina Sue Branham, Clark Pergrem and Jesse Rudd. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments,

objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED BIDDERS For the Sale of FLOYD COUNTY GAS SYSTEM

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids from qualified bidders for the sale of a NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, owned by Floyd County, Kentucky, by and through the Floyd County Fiscal Court, and operated and managed by East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., pursuant to a lease agreement. The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System, until 4:00 p.m., Local Time, on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

The Floyd County Gas System consists of a natural gas distribution system furnishing natural gas to approximately 770 residential customers and 101 commercial customers residing in the communities of Allen, Dwale, Estill, Garrett, Hueysville, Lackey, Middle Creek, Minnie, and Wayland, and their outlying vicinities in Floyd County, Kentucky. Documentation regarding the sale of the Floyd County Gas System may be examined and copies obtained of necessary documentation by scheduling an appointment with Seldon Horn during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Local Time, Monday through Friday, at the offices of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., located at 320 South Central Avenue, Suite 102, Prestonsburg, Kentucky [Telephone (606) 886-2431; "FAX" (606) 889-9196], and having the mailing address of P.O. Box 408, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

BID PROCESS:

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System at the Office of the Floyd County Judge Executive, located on the 2nd floor of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Suite 9, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 [Telephone (606) 886-9193] until 4:00 pm., Local Time, on Thursday, April 17, 2008. The sealed bids for the sale of the Floyd County Gas System will be opened and an award of the bid made to the highest and best qualified bidder at the Regular Meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Local Time, to be held in the County Courtroom, located on the 2nd floor of Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Any bid received later than the time specified for receipt of bids, or any bid not submitted with the necessary documentation shall not be considered. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids will be returned unopened to the bidders. Submission of a bid shall be construed as evidence and confirmation that the bidder has reviewed all necessary documentation, has made all necessary site visits, and has conducted sufficient due diligence to allow its submission of a bid and bona fide offer for the system.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to waive any formalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

BID PROPOSAL:

The Floyd County Gas System is a public utility regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. A qualified bidder will be required to provide all necessary proof of the bidder's financial, technical, and managerial ability to purchase, operate, and maintain the Floyd County Gas System. An award of the bid and the sale of the Floyd County Gas System shall be contingent upon the approval of the system's transfer by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

All bids are to be submitted with the bidder's understanding and acknowledgment that the bidder will be assuming all debts and liabilities of the Gas Systems.

Due to the public trust owed by the Floyd County Fiscal Court to those citizens of Floyd County, Kentucky, served by the system, a qualified bidder for the Floyd County Gas System must meet strict requirements regarding financial stability, customer service, and pipeline safety. Therefore, please describe your proposal to purchase the Floyd County Gas System, including but not limited to providing the following information:

- Describe and supply documentation for the financial structure you propose for purchasing the Floyd County Gas System.
 - Name of proposed owner(s) and percentage of ownership interests.
 - Copies of owner's articles of incorporation or other documents explaining ownership structure.
 - Method for payment to Floyd County, Kentucky, for purchase of system.
 - Plan for disposition of debt owed to First Guaranty Bank, Kentucky Frontier, Inc., & Governor's Office for Local Development and resulting equity and debt structure.
 - Financial strength of proposed owner(s), with copies of supporting documents.
 - Proposed time schedule for completing purchase of the system.
- Describe your operating plans for the Floyd County Gas System:
 - Number and type of operating employees.
 - Physical locations of main office, maintenance shop, billing department, and customer services department.
 - Plan for performing 24/7 emergency response.
 - Plans for billing and customer service.
 - Plans for meeting Kentucky Department of Transportation (KYDOT) requirements, including operation and maintenance plan, operator qualifications, drug and alcohol testing, integrity management plan, and community education plan.
 - Plans for meeting Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) requirements.
 - Potential effects of new ownership on customer service.
- Provide your financial, technical, and managerial ability references, including addresses and telephone numbers for each reference.
- Note: Additional documentation not set forth in this bid package may be requested through an addendum to the bid package.

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