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briefs

Woman killed in Pike wreck

Times Staff Report

PENNY ROAD — A two-vehicle collision along Penny Road in Pike County resulted in the death of a Floyd County woman on Friday, Nov. 28. Alicia C. Caudill, 29, of Melvin, died after the driver of a 1997 Chevrolet pickup truck she was traveling in, Billy Ward, crossed the center line and struck a 2005 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by Johnny Spears Jr. Caudill was transported to Pikeville Medical Center where she was later pronounced dead by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts.

The wreck occurred at approximately 5:30 p.m., police said.

Ward was flown from the scene of the accident to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington where police say he is currently being treated for injuries sustained in the accident.

The occupants and driver of the 2005 Chevrolet pickup, who were not named by police, were also taken to Pikeville Medical Center where they were treated for minor injuries.

The accident remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum.

Officer suspended pending probe

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Police Department is conducting an internal investigation into one of its officers following a complaint from a citizen stemming back to October.

The department suspended Officer Danny Martin, who was also a former police officer for the city of Wheelwright, last month following a

complaint from 44-year-old Donnie Colley.

Colley has claimed that Martin choked him and slammed him into a window during booking procedures at the Floyd County Detention Center shortly after his arrest.

Martin arrested Colley at approximately 1 a.m. on Oct. 4 and charged him with public intoxication and disorderly conduct after reporting that the two exchanged words outside a hotel in Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg Director of Public Safety Mike Ormerod confirmed Martin's suspension Tuesday, saying that the issue had been directly dealt with as recently as the day before at Martin's request.

"We held a closed meeting yesterday (Monday) at his request," Ormerod said. "His suspension will remain in effect until the outcome of the investigation."

Citing personnel protocol, Ormerod could not divulge any

details of the closed meeting, but said that the investigation, though internal, would require a number of steps before a final decision is made.

Colley has said the alleged altercation at the jail took place after he asked what he had been charged with and then became abusive.

Due in court Wednesday to face the charges brought against him, Colley has maintained he has no intentions of pressing charges against Martin.

OVERFLOWING GENEROSITY



Milco Glasbergen and Beth Jarrell sorted through a warehouse stacked with hundreds of garbage bags towering some 15 feet high at the Prestonsburg's Goodwill store Tuesday. Workers say that by Feb. these items will be gone. Those interested in donating items can stop by the Prestonsburg location or any other in their area.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Cocaine conspirator sentenced

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

LONDON — Elio Lopez, the 30-year-old Chicago man named as a co-conspirator of a regional cocaine trafficking operation spanning Floyd, Pike and Magoffin counties, was sentenced yesterday in federal court to 12-and-a-half years in prison.

In total, a dozen people were indicted in the drug ring, which has led to numerous prison sentences for local residents.

Two of those residents — Floyd Countians Darrell Triplett and Pam Justice — were handed down prison sentences in federal court this past January. Justice was given 10 years in prison, while Triplett received a 12-year sen-

tence. Justice was reportedly a former campaign treasurer for state Rep. Greg Stumbo and state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner.

Lopez has acknowledged, according to federal prosecutors, that he supplied some 40 kilograms of cocaine to Justice and Triplett.

Also in January, Wheelwright resident Roy Branham and Van Lear residents Terry and Kathy Branham were convicted in connection to the cocaine ring.

The operation lasted for four years, from 2002 until 2006, federal and state officials said, and profited \$1 million for Lopez alone. He was ordered to forfeit this

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Pike teen dies after shooting

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

BELFRY — A Belfry High School student was fatally shot at the home of his grandparents Sunday along Pond Creek Road in Huddy.

Police said Raymond Christian Rice, 16, a sophomore at Belfry High School, was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting by Pike County Deputy Coroner Mike Hall at approximately 2:16 a.m.

Sunday morning.

According to Kentucky State Police spokesman Mike Goble, Rice was at the residence with two other boys, one of them his stepbrother.

The three boys had decided to go hunting and were at the home looking at various firearms when one of them was apparently startled by a sound in the room of the house, at which time the rifle discharged.

Rice was standing near the muzzle of the rifle and was

fatally shot in the head, Goble has said.

Despite this preliminary understanding of the general circumstances surrounding the incident, an investigation continues and Goble said there is no definite answer yet. Detectives are still attempting to determine exactly what occurred.

Those involved with that investigation include several

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Man arrested for threats, imprisonment

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Wayland man was arraigned on numerous charges Tuesday in Floyd County District Court, after it was alleged he held a woman against her will, forced her to cut herself and threatened to shoot her son.

Todd Michael Gayheart,

23, of Stamper Branch in Wayland, pleaded not guilty to terrorist threatening, fourth-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree unlawful imprisonment Tuesday.

The charges are the result of a complaint filed by the woman on Monday,

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Food City makes donation to church food bank

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

A Prestonsburg church now has the means to provide needy families with food for the holiday season, thanks to a donation from Food City.

Fitzgerald First Baptist Church received a check for \$1,788.60 from Food City on Tuesday, with Pastor Tommy Reed picking up the donation at the store in Prestonsburg.

"We will give this to the people that really need it," Reed said. "We are very blessed to have this donation from

Food City."

Mike Gilliam, director of advertising for Food City, presented the check to Reed.

"We knew that the Fitzgerald First Baptist Church would use the money to give food to those who need it," Gilliam said. "That's why they were selected."

Gilliam said that he will be traveling to various Food City locations in Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee to present other organizations with

(See **DONATION**, page eight)



Fitzgerald Baptist Church of Prestonsburg received a check for \$1,788.60 from Food City on Tuesday to be used for food items to be donated to the needy. Pictured left to right are Tammy Mullins, manager of the Prestonsburg Food City, Tommy Reed, pastor of Fitzgerald Baptist Church, and Jamie Vaughn, district manager of Food City.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Mostly sunny
High: 54 • Low: 36

Tomorrow
Morning showers
High: 38 • Low: 20

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2 Buttermilk Biscuits and Gravy	(3) Country Gravy



Obituaries

Hollie "Dick" Barnett

Hollie "Dick" Barnett, age 72, of Martin, passed away Saturday, November 29, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born November 2, 1936, in Martin, a son of the late Will "WJ" Barnett and Ella Mae Stephens Barnett. He was a retired surveyor, and attended the Spurlock Bible Church.

Survivors include one sister; Alka Mae Barnett of Canton, Ohio; three nieces: Virginia Barnett, Shirley Wright and Keesha Barnett; seven nephews: Nelce Barnett, Steven Wright, Frank Barnett, Donald Barnett, Byron Staton, Edgar "Bucky" Wright and Billy Barnett.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 2, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Jim Stephens and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial was in the Barnett Cemetery, in Martin, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Imogene B. Caldwell

Imogene B. Caldwell, age 88, of Prestonsburg, widow of Kenneth Caldwell, died Tuesday, November 25, 2008, in the Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

She was born December 5, 1919, in Woods, a daughter of the late Glen and Ollie Burchett Burchett.

She was a retired teacher and a member of the retired teachers association, a member of the Cow Creek Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, and the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, Prestonsburg.

Survivors include three sons: Jim and Carletta Caldwell, Bill Frank and

Linda Caldwell, and David Kenny and Wanda Caldwell, all of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Judy and Jimmy Charles Curnutte, of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren: Lorna, Jim Morgan, Ramona, Chad, Adam, and Jordan; five great-grandchildren: Grant, Shonda, Hannah, Zachary, and Matthew; and one great-great-grandchild, Carston.

Funeral services for Imogene B. Caldwell were conducted Saturday, November 29, at 11 a.m., in the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial, Prestonsburg, with Jerry Workman officiating.

Burial was in the Burchett-Caldwell Cemetery, Cow Creek Rd., Prestonsburg, with Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Jim Morgan Caldwell, Chad Caldwell, Adam Caldwell, Jordan Caldwell, Grant Honeycutt, Wes Stevens, Gerald Clark, Greg Clark, and Robert R. Allen II.

Honorary: Delmas Saunders, Ira McMillian, Robert R. Allen, Woodrow W. Burchett II., William E. Burchett, Barkley Sturgill and William Kendrick. (Paid obituary)

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Alicia Claude Keens Mullins Caudill

Alicia Claude Keens Mullins Caudill, 29, of Melvin, died Friday, November 28, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born May 2, 1979, in McDowell, she was a daughter of Buck and Ruth Hall Keens of Melvin. She was a mother, daughter, a sister and a homemaker.

Survivors, in addition to her parents, include six sons: Alex Mullins, Byron Caudill, and Chase Caudill, all of Melvin; Dakien Caudill, Devon Caudill of Lexington, and

Zachary Ward of Melvin; a daughter, Dezirae Caudill of Melvin; a brother and sister-in-law: Tony and Tracy Keens of Melvin; two sisters and a brother-in-law: Brenda and Billy Anderson of Prestonsburg, and Sheila Keens of Lexington; and nephews and nieces: Justin, Brandon, Jeremiah, Toni, Shatasha and Courtney.

She was preceded in death by an infant son.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Keens Family Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Janie Hamilton

Janie Hamilton, 71, of Banner, died Thursday, November 27, 2008, at her residence.

Born June 9, 1937, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late James Jackson and Pochantas Bentley Lewis. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, homemaker and a member of Rising Son Ministries in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Leo Hamilton.

Other survivors include three sons: Tony Hamilton of Allen, and Roger Hamilton and Leo Hamilton Jr., both of Banner; two daughters: Katherine McKinney of Martin, and Brenda Pennington of Prestonsburg; a brother, and a sister: Jim Lewis of Greensburg, Ohio, and Jeanette Marcum of Ft. Wayne, Indiana; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Jackie Lewis Jr., Jessie Lewis, Jerry Lewis and Johnny Lewis.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Danny P. Curry officiating.

Burial was in the DeLong Cemetery, Gunnels Branch, in Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Kevin Foley Hicks

Kevin Foley Hicks, 28, of Garrett, died Wednesday, November 26, 2008, at his residence.

Born April 4, 1980, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Carl and Joyce A. Boling Hicks. He was a disabled laborer.

In addition to his parents, survivors include two brothers: Carl Ray (Lovella) Hicks and James Carlos (Zona) Hall, both of Garrett; a sister, Diane Hicks (Chuck) Bentley of Indianapolis, Indiana; his grandparents: Dora Isaac of Lima, Ohio, and Gorman and Hester Scott of Mousie; seven nieces and nephews: Lydia L. Bentley, Carla Diane Hicks, Paul R. Bentley, William Shane Hicks, Dwayne Ryan Hicks, Jordan Tyler Hicks and James Carlos Hicks.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dwayne Hicks; his grandparents: Foley and Lillian Hicks; and Claude and Ollie Bolen.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ted Shannon and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial was in the Claude Bolen Cemetery in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Ruby Lafaye (Bamer) Hughes

Ruby Lafaye Bamer Hughes, age 72 of Garrett, went to sleep in the arm of Jesus, Friday, November 28, 2008, in Highland Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born November 30, 1935, in Garrett, the daughter of the late Stanley and Blanche

Bamer.

She was a salesperson, and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

She was survived by her beloved son, Steve Hughes; his companion, Lois of Garrett; one brother, Bill Bamer, his wife, Janie Bamer of Maytown; and one niece, Suzanne Smith of Maytown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Don Hughes.

Funeral services were conducted under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Graveside services were conducted Monday December 1, at 1:00 p.m. at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with Pastor Randy Osborne officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Clarence Hughes, Jimmy Hughes, Kevin Hughes, Randall Hughes, Goble Allen, Mike Howard, and Darrell Chaffins. (Paid obituary)

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Mildred Johnson

Mildred Johnson, 86, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, November 27, 2008, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 1, 1922, in Ligon, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Nora Vance Akers. She was a retired cook at Melvin Grade School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Johnson.

Survivors include a son, Ralph Edward (Treva) Jones of Cummings, Georgia; two daughters: Shelby Jean (Bobby) Johnson of Weeksbury, and Anna Ruth (Garland) Thornsby of Weeksbury; a stepson, Jimmy Don Johnson of Roanoke, Virginia; a stepdaughter, Betty Stoots of Johnson City, Tennessee; six grandchildren: Randall, Rhonda, Ashley, Kenny, Steven, and Michelle; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Randall Ray Jones; two brothers: Noah Akers and Eugene Pete Akers; and one sister, Thelma Smith.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, at noon, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin,

with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, in Weeksbury, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was in the church, with services nightly, at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Bobby Jay Meade

Bobby Jay Meade, age 57, of Hi Hat, passed away Monday, December 1, 2008, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born October 8, 1951, in Hi Hat, the son of the late Cecil Meade and Edna "Sweety" Mullins Meade.

Survivors include his guardians: Michael and Frieda Mullins; a special aunt and uncle, Herman and Mildred Mullins; and special cousins, Denise Meade, Mary Jenkins and Diane Adams.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and a brother, Billy Ray Meade.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 3, at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation, after 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home, with special singing service at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church. (Paid obituary)

In Memory of Stephen Lawrence Patton

3/3/94 - 11/28/07



*A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two shining eyes at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He takes the very best.*

*Little did we know that morning,
The sorrow the day would bring,
The end was sudden, the shock severe,
We never knew death was so near.*

*When days are sad and lonely,
And evening shadow fall,
We hear your voice, your memory is with us all.*

*God knew you had to leave us,
But you didn't go alone,
For part of all of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

**We Love You,
We Miss You.
Uncle: James and
Aunt: Nancy**

Card of Thanks

The family of Eula Robinson wishes to thank everyone for their love, compassion, and support during our time of need. Our family and friends really came through for us in such a difficult time. We want to thank Pastor Mark Justice and the Johns Creek Community Church for their very special services. Eula was a member of the Johns Creek Community Church and they loved her as much as she loved them. She especially loved to hear the children sing. They were there for us unconditionally.

We want to thank Roland Gray and his family, and Alpha Poe for their special support; the Nelson-frazier Funeral Home for their kindness, friendship, and support at a most difficult time; and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance.

We wish to thank Dr. Stumbo and Dr. Sidker and their staffs for their compassion and good care they have given to Eula through a very difficult time.

We thank Eula's pallbearers: nephews, Paul, Mark, and Greg Lafferty, and Braid Dasner, Kyle and Justin Robinson. We thank everyone for all the beautiful flowers and all the food.

**We miss her so much,
The Family of Eula Lafferty Robinson**

Card of Thanks

The family of Diane Shepherd Bailey would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergymen Roger Bolen and Bill Tussey Jr., for their comforting words; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF DIANE SHEPHERD BAILEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Pauline Watson Gilbert would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Pastor Heiko Giese for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "thank you," and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF PAULINE WATSON GILBERT

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Maxine Conley Reed, would like to sincerely say "thank you" to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss; to Chester Varney for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we thank you. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF MAXINE CONLEY REED

Card of Thanks

The family of Greg "Google" Shepherd would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who came to our side after the passing of our loved one. If you sent flowers, food or just dropped by to share our sorrow, we say "thank you." A special thanks to Clergyman Ted Shannon for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Hall Funeral Home for the kindness at a time when it meant the most. For those who helped in any way, if only a gentle handshake, we say, "thank you, and God bless."

**THE FAMILY OF
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TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

The 2008 Gas and Oil Taxes are now due and payable.

The collection schedule is as follows:

2% Discount	12/1/08 - 12/31/08
Face Amount	01/1/09 - 01/31/09
5% Penalty	02/1/09 - 02/28/09
21% Penalty	Thereafter

The 2008 Omitted Gas Taxes are now due and payable.

The collection schedule is as follows:

Face Amount	12/1/08 - 01/31/09
21% Penalty	Thereafter

Please be sure to bring or mail your tax bill when making payment. The tax bill is needed to give you faster service. When paying by mail, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want a receipt. If you have any questions concerning your taxes, you may call my office at 886-8965.

SHERIFF JOHN K BLACKBURN
Floyd County

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Annual Santa Claus Run Sunday, December 21
12:00 Across from Drift Ball Park; 12:30 Left Beaver Creek Townhouse;
12:45 McDowell ARH;
1:15 Left Beaver Fire & Rescue
Station No. 2
1:45 Pilgrim Rest Church, Hi Hat
2:00 Little Nancy Church, Hi Hat
2:15 foot of South Floyd High School Hill
2:30 Old Bud Reynolds Store Ligon

Rummage Sale
There will be a rummage sale at the Annex Building, Community Freewill Baptist Church, Goble-Roberts Addition, Prestonsburg, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Holiday Gift Wrapping
Let the Spay and Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg (SNOOP) wrap your Christmas gifts for you this year. Members of SNOOP will be at the Prestonsburg Food City on Saturday, December 6, from 11 until 3. Cost is a donation which will be used to provide spay and neuter certificates to local low income dog and cat owners.

Auxier Community Center
Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Attention! Attention!
Another year for the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department Station No. 1 (the old fire department) to have our clothes, etc., give-away to everyone in need. The days are Friday, December 5, from 4 p.m. til 9; Saturday, December 6, from 9 til 5; Monday, December 8, from 9 til 5; and Thursday, December 11, from 3 til 9.
Then on Saturday, December 13, from 12 til 6, Santa will be here, and that is when we are giving out the gift bags with toys, etc., this year. Everyone is invited. Hope to see you, there.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting
Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of

Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

VFW Post 5839, available for meetings, celebrations
The VFW Post can be rented for birthday parties, wedding receptions, anniversary parties, meetings. We have a good sound system. For more info, call 606-297-5666, ask for Paul or 606-226-0187, ask for Larry.

Free Bible Lessons
Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?
The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

Need help with addiction?
Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:
Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The

David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.
"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.
Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

'Earn While You Learn'
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.
Senior employment program
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and liv-

ing expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?
If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.
GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

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

School Library.

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

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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Cinema 5—Held Over
ROLE MODELS (R), Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.
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Cinema 7—Held Over
FOUR CHRISTMASSES (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 8—Held Over
TWILIGHT (PG-13), Mon.-Sun. 6:55-9:25; Fri. (4:15) 6:55-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:15) 6:55-9:25.
Cinema 9—Starts Friday, Dec. 5
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

It took me 15 years to discover that I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous.

— Robert Benchley

Amendment 1

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

Guest View— Environmental rules erased at the midnight hour

George W. Bush may be the undisputed champion when it comes to presidential vacations, but his staff is working overtime. As the clock ticks down to Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, the Bush administration is working feverishly to dismantle at least 10 major safeguards of the nation's air, water, endangered species and national parks.

Most of the damage took place before Nov. 15, 60 days before Inauguration Day. That's because most new federal rules take effect 60 days after being published in the Federal Register. Once in effect, they are more difficult and time-consuming to undo.

In recent weeks, the Bush administration has:

- Opened up 2 million acres of Western land to the development of oil shale, one of the dirtiest fuels on the planet. Another 360,000 acres — including large swaths of public land near Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park in Utah and Dinosaur National Monument on the border of Utah and Colorado — were opened to oil drilling.

- Exempted large factory farms and mountaintop mining operations from parts of the Clean Water Act. The prohibition against dumping mining waste into rivers and streams dates back to the administration of President Ronald Reagan, who was not exactly an environmental radical.

- Loosened clean-air rules to make it easier to build power plants, refineries and chemical plants near national parks. It also changed rules to make it easier for coal-fired power plants to avoid installing pollution controls or clean up soot and smog emissions.

- Changed rules to prevent Congress from blocking uranium mining on claims filed near the Grand Canyon. Higher prices for uranium have prompted hundreds of new mining claims on federal land. In June, a House committee ordered that about 1 million acres of land near the Grand Canyon be exempt from mining. The rule change would block that.

And several days ago, the Washington Post reported that a new rule that is close to being finalized would prevent federal agencies from taking climate change into consideration when they make decisions about imperiled animals and plants. That's apparently being done because polar bears were added earlier this year to the list of species in jeopardy. The administration reportedly believes that the move could serve as a pretext for imposing a cap on carbon emissions.

The Bush administration previously had eliminated rules that require independent scientific reviews of federal agency decisions that could harm protected plants and animals. The effect of that change, for all intents and purposes, is to institutionalize conflict of interest by allowing agencies that propose new projects to avoid the complications that would ensue if other federal agencies asserted that those projects would harm endangered animals or plants.

Many of the proposed rules changes, such as the Clean Air Act rule on coal-fired power plants, would accomplish things the administration tried and failed to win in Congress.

Bush seems determined to cement his place in history as the Great Deregulator.

Given the amount of damage he's doing to popular environmental protections, it seems more likely he'll be remembered as the Great Despoiler.

— The St. Louis Post-Dispatch



"This toy costs more than a share of stock in the company that makes it."

Letters Holiday wishes

During this holiday season, filled with the never-ending task of buying presents, fixing and eating all the holiday goodies, the Floyd County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to wish you and your families the best during this season and during the New Year.

We have appreciated the opportunity to serve, meet, and assist everyone that has worked with us this year and encourage those who did not get a chance, to take the time in the upcoming year to call (889-9800) or visit our office to find out about the many programs we offer.

Thank you for being involved in our programs and for taking the time to care about our lands and especially our people. We wish you the best in the upcoming year.

Tony Grubb
Floyd County Conservation
District Office Manager

Doll should be marked

Recently it came to my attention that a doll has been marketed by the Fisher Price Corporation which not only makes the baby sounds as adver-

tised, but it also says in its last utterance, "Islam is the light." I have heard it myself, as have my many friends and acquaintances, and they too have confirmed the utterance.

The doll in question is called "Little Mommy Real Loving Cuddle and Coo Doll." Should you or any one of your readers be interested, you can look it up on the internet, as there is already a huge controversy concerning this doll, while the Fisher Price Corporation says that the wording is a distortion in the "cheap" parts used to manufacture the speaker in the doll. But, should you listen to it personally, you will determine that it is no distortion, but a clear and purposed voice that says, "Islam is the light."

It has been pulled from the shelves in two states, but mostly ignored elsewhere. When it is mentioned to store managers (at Wal-Mart, Big Lots, Kmart, Magic Mart, etc.), they will not acknowledge that the doll says such a phrase, but say they will "look into it," but they stay on the shelves.

Were it labeled appropriately as a religious doll, with the saying of the doll on the packaging, I would have no problem with it. People of other religions have the same right for their religious expressions. Christians have dolls that sing "Jesus Loves Me," say the Lord's prayer, etc., with one exception — the wordings are always noted. I am staunchly a Christian and an American who does defend the rights of free religious expression. But

the only thing that is labeled on this doll's packaging as saying is the word, "Momma." It is evident that this was not a mistake, or a faulty distortion on the part of the engineer who recorded this, nor Fisher Price, which has taken a very "devil-may-care" attitude whether they do anything with the complaints or not.

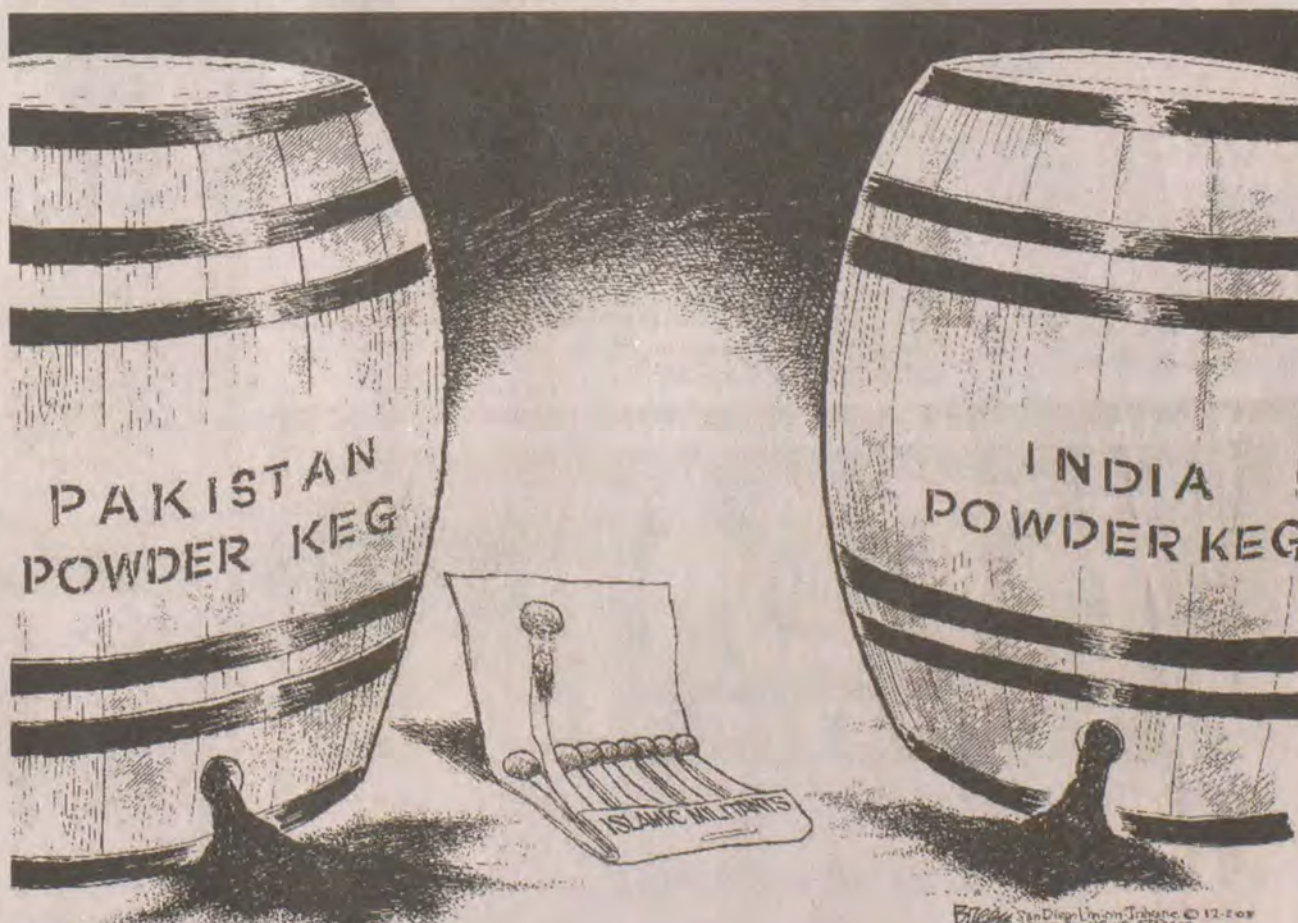
Can you even fathom what would happen if this doll had said, "Jesus is Light," without it being acknowledged on the packaging?

The real question is, what will we do about this attempt to spread a religion in such a deceitful manner? Fisher Price carries toys that are well liked by children, and generally well constructed. Are we willing to do without them and purposefully search for another brand? Are we bold enough to stand and say that we have the right to purchase toys without having to worry about any hidden agenda by a corporation?

Again, this is not a complaint about people's rights to freedom of religion. But it is all about the rights of us, the consumers, to not purchase toys that are deceptively trying to indoctrinate our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for the privilege to express my freedom of speech that we all hold dear to our hearts.

Pastor Ellis J. Stevens
Trinity Chapel Pentecostal
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Paintsville to hold Christmas parade on Saturday

PAINTSVILLE — Members of Paintsville Main Street met Sunday evening at the Johnson County Library to discuss the plans for the

parade. This year's theme for the Christmas Parade is Christmas, Country Style...holly, horses, and hillbillies...

The Grand Marshal will be Jim Caldwell, WYMT television station's weatherman.

The parade will be called by Ronnie Blair from Hometown TV along with Dave Kritzer of 98.9 WSIP. The regional community is encouraged to participate on Dec. 6 at 5 p.m.

The list of the participants is growing. The local Masonic lodge voted to join the celebration with the entrance of the Big Sandy Shriners go-cart and mini-bike squads, as well as the Hillbilly No.2 truck and Santa. Doe Farms will be back with Prince, the Percheron

Draft Horse. Pointe of Joy Dance Troupe, Mountain Homeplace, David May and his horse and carriage, Ross Miniature Horses, the Wilderness Road Reindeer Girl Scout troops, the Paintsville Fire Dept with Santa, and the 4H saddle Club, Bill Garland, Jessie Bush, and David Rice will be on hand from the Gearheads Car Club

Youngsters can have their photos taken with Santa and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa before the parade at the Odd Fellows Lodge on Court Street. Photos will start at 3 p.m., with Robin Blanton

Photography and the "best Santa in town." Eloise Delzer will be on hand to sign her new cookbook *Cooker Woman*, full of local recipes including Chick's famous onion rings.

Four classes are set to win cash awards at Christmas Parade.

The classes — school

bands, school teams, church groups, and clubs — are set to be the categories that will compete for cash awards.

Viewers of the Paintsville Christmas Parade, will be able to see the parade along the Main Street and out Euclid to the Little League ballpark, where the parade ends.



Citizens National Bank President and CEO Dennis Dorton, left, and Executive Vice President Mark Wiete, right, recently presented the Highlands Foundation Director Kathy Rubado with a check for \$100,000 to support the foundation's "Hope for Life" campaign.

Citizens makes donation to Highlands Foundation campaign

PRESTONSBURG — Citizens National Bank, headquartered in Paintsville, recently made a gift to the "Hope For Life" capital campaign to benefit a new emergency department at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Citizens National Bank President and CEO Dennis Dorton and Executive Vice President Mark Wiete recently presented the Highlands Foundation Director Kathy Rubado with a check for \$100,000.

"What a wonderful gift from a community leader that continues to embrace the importance of relationships with their neighbors," said Kathy Rubado. "We appreciate the support of such a caring

organization". Citizens National Bank is the second largest independently owned and operated community bank in Eastern Kentucky, with 14 branches serving seven counties throughout east and northeast Kentucky.

The expansion of the emergency department has now entered into phase II of construction. As construction progresses, the new state-of-the-art emergency department at Highlands Regional Medical Center should be completed by spring of 2009.

If you would like to join Citizens National Bank in supporting this project, contact the Foundation at 889-6271 or visit the web at www.highlandsfoundation.com.

Calendar

gible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying

home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

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'04 Jeep Wrangler: 4x4, Auto! NOW \$11,995 or \$225/mo.!	'0 Ford Mustang: 5 Speed, Leather, Loaded! \$8,995	'02 Grand Prix GT: Loaded, New Tires, Local Trade! \$4,990	'02 GMC Sierra: Was \$12,995, 4x4, Auto, Loaded! \$9,975

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Nine fatalities on Kentucky roads during Thanksgiving holiday period

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that nine people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roadways during the Thanksgiving holiday enforcement period, Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 30. Last year, there were 10 fatalities during the same time period.

Seven of the fatalities involved motor vehicles and four of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Two of the crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol. Two of the holiday fatalities involved pedestrians.

Through Nov. 30, preliminary statistics indicate that 738 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2008. This is 63 fewer than reported for this time period in 2007. Of the 563 motor vehicle fatalities, 356 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 87 motorcycle fatalities, 52 were not wearing helmets.

Twenty-four people have been killed in ATV crashes and 22 of those were not wearing helmets. Fifty-four pedestrians have been killed. A total of 155 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the

suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.



Debate and deliberation was the focus of an insightful exchange between representatives for both the Democratic and Republican parties at the National College Pikeville Campus on Oct. 29. Students gathered together to hear the pros and cons of each political view within a debate forum. Faculty members Samuel Hatcher, far right, and John Perry, far left, agreed to disagree by defending the views of their candidate of choice for the 2008 presidential election. Student Justin Maynard, center at podium, assisted Hatcher in conveying ideas of the Republican Party, while the Democratic views were expressed by John Perry. Student Services Representative Chris Riley, center left, was moderator for the event, asking questions on health care, the war in Iraq and the economy. Each political side was given a question with a few minutes to respond. Likewise, the other political party gave a rebuttal, challenging the previous statements from the opposing party. Students listened attentively as both sides explained their conclusive remarks as to why their candidates policies would be in the best interest of the country. Interestingly enough, a mock election was held at the end of the debate to demonstrate the process and procedures of voting. John McCain won over Barack Obama by nearly a 2-to-1 margin of the 30 to 40 students surveyed. As we now know, Obama won the 2008 Presidential election for the Democratic Party. Noteworthy fact: Maynard is planning to run for the State House of Representatives of Kentucky in 2010.

Crum-Music to Wed



Jimmy and Karen Crum of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brittany Renee Crum, to Dallas Lee Music Jr., son of Dallas Lee Music Sr., and Nickie Endicott, of Paintsville.

Brittany is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and a student at BSCTC, pursuing a career in nursing.

Dallas is a graduate of Johnson Central High School and is employed by Pilgrim Mining in Martin County.

The couple will wed Saturday, December 6th, 2008, at 3:00 in the afternoon, at the Catlettsburg Wedding Chapel.

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Rogers to present ARC mini-grants at strategy and planning summit next week

HAZARD — U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), will present a new round of federally funded mini-grants to several communities within the Fifth Congressional District during a strategy and planning summit in Hazard, Ky. on Dec. 10. The funding will advance local economic and community development plans.

Recipients of these Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) mini-grants will be announced at the "Developing and Implementing Community Strategies Summit." The event will be Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. in Hazard, Ky., at the Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center (RULETC), a national training center for law-enforcement agencies located next to The Forum on Hwy. 15. The summit is free and open to elected officials and community leaders across the region.

The funds assist local governments in the creation of a strategic plan or implementation of priority community development projects identified in existing community-based strategic plans. Grant amounts range between \$5,000 and \$20,000. This year marked the first time communities have been able to apply for funding to develop a strategic plan.

"The ARC strategy funding will catapult ideas into formalized plans. It gives reality to economic development visions that some of our rural communities cannot afford to even explore," stated Congressman Rogers. "Along with resources at The Center for Rural Development, these community leaders are gaining

access to fundamental necessities for success."

The program responsible for disbursing the grants is funded by the ARC and administered by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Ky. The program provides support to local governments in 32 federally designated distressed counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The Dec. 10 event will also serve as a forum for elected officials and community leaders to learn how strategic planning can be an effective tool for successful community development.

Representatives of four communities that received a total of \$66,000 in ARC mini-grants earlier this year will share updates on the progress of their grant-funded strategic plans and economic development projects. Those commu-

nities include the cities of Inez and Corbin, along with McCreary and Bell counties.

"The funding support received from ARC provides an excellent platform for The Center to emphasize the importance of a community strategic plan to successful community development, while providing a powerful incentive for forward-thinking communities to develop one," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development.

Registration is free for the Dec. 10 event, but pre-registration is required. Lunch will be provided for all registered attendees. To register, please e-mail your name, organization or company name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to Sharon Dodson at sdodson@centertech.com, or call (606) 677-6000.



St. James' Preschool
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Wee Care — St. James' Preschool is now accepting enrollment for children ages 2 to 5 years old.

If you enroll before January 15th, you can receive a holiday discount for free registration and supplies. Wee Care also offers a discount for staff or students at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and for anyone participating in Partner Perks.

For more information contact
Lisha Yates or Jennifer Salisbury at 886-8046

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Tour SEKY holds annual conference



Congressman Hal Rogers and Courtney Norvell (Miss Redbud 2008) honor Lindsey Wilson College students.

SOMERSET — The eighth annual Tour Southern and Eastern Kentucky Caucus was held Monday, Nov. 24, at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

Tour SEKY orchestrated an enlightening and motivating day for tourism professionals, business leaders, elected officials and volunteers. This year's theme was "Don't Let Tourism Puzzle You". Highlights of the day included keynote speaker Congressman Hal Rogers and his outlook for tourism in 2009.

During the "Puzzling Lunch" The APEX (Achievement Professionalism Excellence Xtraordinary) award for tourism excellence, was awarded to Cliff and Sherry Cantrell from Wolfe County; along with the "Shining STAR" Customer Service Trainer of the Year, awarded to Sharae Myers of Corbin, and "The Hal Rogers Governmental Tourism Impact Award" was honored to Mayor David Thompson of Barbourville.

The program was unbeatable this year with a number of impressive speakers. Secretary Marcheta Sparrow of The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; Mr. George Duvall, national motivational speaker, trainer and comedian; Mr. Berkeley Young, Young Strategies; and Debbie Geiger, Geiger & Associates, Inc.

Tour SEKY is an initiative

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Educators should save receipts for tax deduction

INDIANAPOLIS — The Internal Revenue Service is advising teachers and other educators to save their receipts for purchases of books and other classroom supplies. They will be able to deduct up to \$250 of such expenses again this year, following recently enacted legislation.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008 reinstated the educator expense deduction, which had expired at the end of last year. The deduction has been reinstated for tax years 2008 and 2009. Expenses incurred any time during 2008 may qualify for the deduction, not just those since the Act was signed on October 3.

"Many teachers dip into their own pockets for classroom supplies," said Jodie Reynolds, IRS Spokesperson. "The reinstatement of this deduction gives educators a tax break this year and next year, and we want them to have the records they'll need to claim it on their returns."

The deduction is available to eligible educators in public or private elementary or secondary schools. To be eligible, a person must work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide.

An educator may subtract up to \$250 of qualified out-of-pocket expenses when figuring adjusted gross income (AGI).

This deduction is available whether or not the taxpayer itemizes deductions on Schedule A.

Qualified expenses are non-reimbursed expenses paid or incurred for books, supplies, computer equipment including related software and services, other equipment, and supplementary materials that are used in the classroom.

The IRS suggests that educators keep records of qualifying expenses in a folder or envelope with a label such as "Educator Expense Deduction," noting the date, amount and purpose of each purchase. This will help prevent a missed deduction at tax time.

KCTCS president declines salary increase, bonus

VERSAILLES — Kentucky Community and Technical College System President Dr. Michael B. McCall announced Monday he has communicated to the KCTCS Board of Regents that he will decline a salary increase and bonus as part of his 2009 compensation package that will be decided on Friday during their regularly scheduled meeting.

"These are difficult financial times for both our state and postsecondary education, particularly for KCTCS," said Dr. McCall. "Therefore, I choose to join all our faculty and staff in receiving no salary increase this year and will decline any bonus I am eligible for."

KCTCS' state appropriation was reduced \$13.5 million during the 2008-09 academic year and as a result of decreases

in staff, faculty, programs and services did not experience an increase in fall enrollment for the first time in the organization's 10-year history.

"The KCTCS budget has been reduced six times for a total of \$31.5 million since 2001 which has made it increasingly difficult for us to accomplish our mission of being the place where higher education begins for most Kentuckians," stated Dr. McCall. "However, because of the incredible efforts of our dedicated employees we have been able to weather these cuts and, until this year, still meet the growing demand for our programs. In fact, since 1998 we have experienced a 79.7 percent increase in enrollment."

Last week Governor Beshear requested that all of the state's public postsec-

ondary institutions prepare a report on the impact of another possible reduction in state funding. If enacted, the estimated four percent would equate to another \$8.8 million reduction in funding for KCTCS.

"I believe KCTCS will play a primary role in transforming the lives of Kentuckians and the state's economy," stressed Dr. McCall. "And with the continued support of the gen-

eral public and state lawmakers we will be able to weather this downturn by becoming more focused and innovative."

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Money worries don't have to hinder nutritious meals

When she goes grocery shopping, Maria G. Boosalis keeps her eyes open for "manager specials."

"These are generally fresh foods like meats that are nearing their expiration dates. They get marked down, but you need to cook them prior to the marked expiration date, eat and/or freeze them for meals down the road," Boosalis said.

Boosalis is director of the division of clinical nutrition in the University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences — but she's also a homemaker who feels the pinch of the economic anxieties afflicting America today.

So her field of professional expertise is coming into play as much in mapping out her family's meals and buying strategy.

Her goal — to make sure her family enjoys good-tasting, healthy and less expensive meals — is one shared by everyone. But she knows it can be tempting to scrimp too much at the supermarket.

"There may be a tendency not to buy some items because they seem a bit too expensive. But it's still important to get a varied and balanced intake," Boosalis said.

"You need food from all the primary food groups — grains, vegetables, fruits, lean meats, fish and/or beans, as well as a source of calcium like fat-free/low-fat dairy products," she said.

Boosalis suggested that grocery shoppers make themselves familiar with food prices. "That way, you'll know when you see a good deal or

bargain," she said.

It's also a good strategy to stock up on items when they're on sale. But that strategy only works if you're able to safely store the food and your family will eat it.

"You're saving money when you buy several of the same kinds of items you usually eat that are on sale, but only if you can freeze or store them safely," she said.

Boosalis recommends "shopping the perimeter" of the supermarket — that is, begin with the produce areas to find fresh, in-season fruits and vegetables, then go to the dairy section, on to the breads or other grains, the meat section, and even the frozen food section to seek bargains, such as frozen vegetables, preferably those without added sauces or

salt.

Nutrition experts recommend including whole grains like 100 percent whole grain breads and pastas, and/or brown rice, she noted.

After getting the necessary foods, Boosalis suggested "surgical strikes" in the aisles to find other bargains.

"I think it's smart to reduce spending on items that aren't providing the nutrients you and your children need, like snacks that are high-fat, high-salt and/or high-sugar like sweetened beverages. Usually these types of items provide primarily calories and not the other necessary nutrients."

She also urged shoppers to take their time and study nutrition labels on packaged food.

Still, homemakers need to be aware of what their families

will eat. While raw whole carrots that you need to peel are usually less expensive than pre-cut and peeled mini carrots, they will be a waste of money if children balk at eating them.

"It's always good to go to the supermarket with a list, but if you see something that you normally eat that's on sale and a good nutritional value, buy it, even if it isn't on the list. Be flexible to recognize bargains," Boosalis said.

Shoppers armed with coupons also can reduce their grocery costs, especially on items they ordinarily buy, she said.

The anxiety of belt-tightening times also offers a chance for greater creativity in the kitchen, Boosalis noted. For instance, adding cooked/canned beans to your favorite ground meat recipe may be a way to increase the number of servings from the meat.

Preparing meals can be fun, not just another chore added onto to an already busy schedule, she said. And cooking smart meals has another benefit.

"The more you prepare food on your own, generally the less expensive it is," Boosalis said.

State Rural Development chief retiring

LEXINGTON — Kenneth Slone, appointed as state director of USDA Rural Development in Kentucky by George W. Bush on March 12, 2001, has announced his retirement, effective Jan. 3.

During Slone's tenure as state director, nearly \$6 billion dollars was obligated for rural communities throughout the

Commonwealth. These funds were used to create or save jobs; upgrade or install new water and wastewater systems; provide assistance for health care, public safety, and public services (such as hospitals, medical clinics, fire stations, fire trucks, police stations and vehicles, jails, community buildings, courthouses, day

care centers, etc.); assist public schools with distance learning and telemedicine grants which will allow their curriculum's to become competitive with other urban schools and communities; and provide single and multi-family housing to families, along with housing repairs to remove health and safety hazards.

"I have enjoyed my 32 years of Federal Service working with USDA Rural Development and leave my appointment knowing the great employees at Rural Development will continue to work for the betterment of rural Kentuckians," Slone said.

Kentucky Heart & Vascular Physicians to sponsor screening in Prestonsburg

PRESTONSBURG — A free heart and vascular screening is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 6, at Kentucky Heart & Vascular Physicians, Prestonsburg.

The event, beginning at 9 a.m., will take place at 5000 Ky. Rt. 321, Suite #4102. This

screening is for those age 50 and older and includes lipid panel (fasting required), glucose, blood pressure, blood oxygen, and ankle brachial index.

Cardiologist Vaughn Payne, M.D., will review patient

results at the screening. Dr. Payne specializes in electrophysiology and peripheral vascular disorders. He recently was appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Governors of the American

College of Cardiology. Additional screening guidelines may apply to allow those most at risk for cardiovascular disease to be seen first. Space is limited and appointments are required by calling (888) 377-5362.

Teen

detectives from KSP Post 9 in Pikeville. The lead investigator at this time is Det. Gary Sykes, but Sykes was assisted at the scene and with early work by Trooper Donnie White and Trooper Derek Sturgill.

Rice's body has been sent to the Kentucky State Medical Examiner's office Frankfort for an autopsy.

Belfry High School Principal Rod Varney has spoken out about the incident,

saying counselors and others within the framework of the school itself were to be on hand to discuss any issues students may have about Rice's death.

Varney has said that because the incident did not take place at the school, he felt it could be handled more readily by those closest to student who may seek discussion. However, Varney also added that if any students appeared to require further

help than was on hand at the school that he would seek outside management of those concerns, an avenue often taken with events actually taking place on school grounds.

Visitation was held for Rice on Tuesday and will be held again today at Souls Harvest Church in Sharondale at 6 p.m. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. tomorrow at the church.

Charges

Dec. 1, which says that on Nov. 24, Gayheart held her against her will by holding a gun to her head.

The complaint further alleges that Gayheart grabbed the woman's hair and forced her to cut herself with a razor during this time and also threatened to put the gun in her son's mouth to make her stay with him.

Gayheart was arrested on a criminal summons Tuesday, the day after the complaint was filed, at his home on Stamper Branch.

A criminal background check of the 44-year-old revealed that he was found guilty in Floyd County of first-degree burglary in January 2006. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison with seven

years probated and five years of supervised probation, in addition to 200 days of credit for time already served.

Gayheart is currently being held at the Floyd County

Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond and has been ordered to stay at least 1,000 feet away from the alleged victim or her family.

Donation

checks to be used to purchase food items that will be handed out to those in need.

Since 1992, Food City has conducted an annual Food For All holiday campaign to raise funds for local non-profit hunger relief organizations.

"Hunger is a serious problem in America," said Steve Smith, president and CEO of Food City. "Food City and our co-sponsors are proud to be a part of the relief effort."

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 The celebrity is Curtis Mullins. Mr. Mullins has been part of the administrative staff of the animal shelter for eight years. Also, Mr. Mullins has been instrumental in the shelter having the highest adoption rate in the region. Curtis is holding Sammy, a six-week-old male beagle and dachshund mix, who will be a very small and very friendly four legged friend.
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Sentence

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money as part of his sentence Monday.

Though the timeline has been placed at four years for the operation, in the months leading up to the convictions in January, some defendants reported buying cocaine from other defendants on a monthly basis for at least five years, investigators said.

"This conspiracy lasted a long time," said Assistant U.S. District Attorney Stephen, who represented the United States in the case. "However, this sentencing shows that if you're distributing drugs, sooner or later we will find you and you will be spending significant time in prison."

The investigation into the drug ring was a joint effort of the FBI and Kentucky State Police and kicked off after state police officers found Justice and Triplet in possession of roughly two kilograms of cocaine during a routine traffic stop.

During the investigation, officers tapped into two phone calls in 2006 revealing conversations Justice had with other defendants about moving the cocaine. Numerous undercover buys followed that same year that saw Terry Branham alone sell 42 ounces of cocaine to one officer.

Smith was quick to give credit to these efforts in a statement the day after Lopez's sentencing.

"Again, this was a lengthy investigation," Smith said. "These individuals would not be behind bars right now without the persistence of the FBI and Kentucky State Police during the investigation of this case."

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Raiders rout Riverside Christian, 103-30

South Floyd shows much promise in season's first game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd cruised past visiting Riverside Christian 103-30 Monday night in a season-opener. The Raiders led from start to finish in the first game of the 2008-09

season.

Shannon Turner recorded a double-double of 20 points and 10 rebounds for the host Raiders.

Dylan Langdon scored 16 points and Brandon Marson pushed in 11. Everyone on the South Floyd bench enjoyed an extended amount of playing time as the Raiders won easily.

South Floyd (0-1) led 33-9 at the end of the first quarter. The Raiders owned a 39-18 lead at the break.

This isn't the South Floyd team of last season. These Raiders are much-improved.

"Riverside defeated us last year and we really did not know what to expect from them of us," said South Floyd Coach Barry Hall. "We know that this was the first time in six years that we scores over 100 points in a game and everyone played at least a quarter. That is hard to do with 15 players.

Hall liked what he saw from his team Monday night.

"This appears to be the most unselfish team that we've had at South Floyd in a very long time. I like that more than anything. They made the extra

pass all night, we are still going to have to overcome some of the past seasons and I think we will. By the time the 58th District Tournament is here we should be tough to deal with. This is going to be a fun year. We are still young – and we're setting goals, which is always a good thing. We know that the only way we can compete with this region is by hard work. We've had just about enough of the hard knocks."

Sophomore guard Jared Robinson led Riverside Christian (0-1) with nine points.



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FORMER BETSY LAYNE BOBCAT PRESTON SIMON-SPRADLIN is a senior guard for Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team.

Johnson named MSC player of the week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – His numbers got progressively better as the week went on, he was named all-tournament and, on Monday, he was honored by the Mid-South Conference.

Haakim Johnson, a 6-7 senior from Passaic, N.J., was named men's basketball player of the week in the conference after finishing three games away from home with an average of 21.7 points, 5.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists.

In addition, the guard had four steals and a blocked shot while shooting 68.3 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from the arc. He did struggle from the free throw line, sinking only 41.2 percent.

Johnson began the week with 12 points and three rebounds on 5-of-7 shooting from the field in an 88-76 win at Alice Lloyd on Tuesday night. In the Currence Classic at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, W.Va., he tossed in 22 points, pulled down eight rebounds and dished out three assists in Pikeville's 103-90 loss to Bluefield (Va.) College on Friday.

But on Saturday he had 31 points, five rebounds and three assists to lead the Bears to an 88-79 win over homestanding Bluefield College. He was 13-of-17 from the field in the win.

For his efforts, Johnson was named all-tournament.

On the season, Johnson is averaging 14.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game for the 6-3 Bears. In addition, he has 22 assists, 13 steals and seven blocked shots. His scoring is eighth in the Mid-South Conference, while his 51.9 percent shooting is fourth in the league.

Pikeville will be at home twice this week, playing host to Alice Lloyd on Thursday night at 8 p.m. and entertaining Temple Baptist College on Saturday at 4.

INSIDE:
Lady Bears fall to Union

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photo by Jamie Howell
Corbin kept the Prestonsburg defensive unit on its heels Friday night. The Redhounds remain perfect at 13-0.

Redhounds outlast Prestonsburg, 20-7

Blackcats conclude campaign 11-2

by JAMIE HOWELL

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

CORBIN – After knocking off Middlesboro in the second round of the playoffs, Prestonsburg entered Friday's regional championship game versus Corbin expecting to pull off another win in week three. The only problem facing Prestonsburg was the fact that it was taking on a 12-0 Corbin team that also owned the home field advantage. Corbin features two of the state's top running backs. One of those is bruising full-back Michael Campbell. Campbell had already rushed for well over 1,000 yards before Friday night's kickoff. Corbin is well-known throughout the state as a punishing ground team on offense, but on this night it was the Redhound defense that stepped up and made the big plays. Corbin made the most on offense and defense, defeating Prestonsburg 20-7 and eliminating the

Blackcats from the Class 2A Playoffs.

After the teams exchanged punts on their first drives of the night, Corbin would get on the board first at the 3:22 mark of the first quarter. A 4-yard touchdown run from Campbell put the Redhounds in front 7-0. After the Blackcats had taken the football to the Corbin 25 yard-line, a penalty set the Blackcats back and forced another punt. The Prestonsburg defense looked to have forced another Redhound punt midway through the second quarter, but Austin McKinney came close to blocking the Corbin punt forcing Campbell to take off with the pigskin.

The Blackcat defense ran Campbell down but after a 35-yard gain. The Redhounds would then grind the clock and score again with only :29 remaining in the first half to take a 14-0 lead.

The second Corbin touchdown came through the air on a 10-yard touchdown pass. Corbin would add two Michael Campbell field goals in the second half (32 and 26 yards) to take a 20-0 lead.

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GRADE SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAMS have hit the hardwood. Host Allen was matched up against Paintsville Monday night in the annual Shag Campbell Tournament.

Lady Tigers too much for Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville successfully defended its home gym floor Monday night, defeating visiting Betsy Layne 57-30 in a season-opener.

Paintsville – playing a Betsy Layne team that was without the services of floorleader Megan Hamilton who is out of competition following an accident – dominated at times.

Paintsville outscored Betsy Layne 14-11 in the first quarter. The Lady Tigers were able to stay out in front of Paintsville throughout the game.

Britt Chaffins led Paintsville with a game-high 20 points. Laura Carroll scored 14 points for 15th Region All "A" title championship contender Paintsville. Leah VanHoose added 12 for the Lady Tigers.

Paintsville outscored Betsy Layne 17-6 in the fourth quarter.

Lindsey Martin led Betsy Layne in scoring with nine points. Taylor Hott scored eight points and Andie Meade netted six or the Ladycats, Amby Tackett and Faith Reynolds rounded out the scoring with five and two points, respectively.

The Ladycats (0-1) will begin play in the Queen of the Mountains Tip-off Tournament Friday at Perry County Central.

Lady Blackcats drop opener to Pikeville

Fields, DeRossett lead P'burg in first game of 2008-09 campaign

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Jackie Day Crisp opened his second stint at the helm of the Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball program Monday night on the road in Pikeville versus the Lady Panthers. Host Pikeville didn't want to let the Lady Blackcats open the season in the win column at its expense. The Lady Panthers built up an early lead and didn't falter late, despite being outscored 14-6 in the final quarter. Pikeville rolled to a 68-49 win over the Lady Blackcats.

Christina Johnson, one of the 15th Region's top girls' basketball players, poured in a game-high 22 points. Johnson was one of three Pikeville players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Lauren Lawson scored 13 points and Lindsey Isner added 11 for the Lady Panthers.

Senior Linsey Fields was the leading scorer for Prestonsburg, finishing with 20 games. Alexis DeRossett enjoyed a successful sophomore debut for the Lady Blackcats, pushing in 13 points.

Prestonsburg (0-1) will return to action Friday on the road at Sheldon Clark. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Sheldon Clark game is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Blackcats

Prestonsburg got on the scoreboard midway through the fourth quarter.

A one-yard touchdown plunge from senior Seth Setser made the final score.

Senior tailback Allen Craynon finished the game with 30 yards on 10 carries. Setser added 17 yards on seven carries.

Senior wideout Austin Gearheart finished his final game in a Blackcat football uniform with 73 yards on five

catches.

Matt Sword hauled in two catches for 18 yards. McKinney caught one pass for 62 yards.

The Prestonsburg defense was led by Gearheart, who finished with a game-high 11 tackles. Jon Blair picked up 10 tackles and McKinney added eight stops. Clay Jamerson finished the game with seven tackles. For the game, Prestonsburg totaled 10 first downs compared to Corbin's

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14. The Redhounds finished the game with 260 yards rushing compared to 64 for the Blackcats. Corbin gained 282 total yards of offense. Prestonsburg finished with 212 yards of total offense in the season-ending setback.

Blackcat quarterback Michael Burchett went 11-of-23 through the air for 148 yards.

Prestonsburg finished the season as district champion and region runner-up.

Morehead State clamps Central Florida in Cancun.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CANCUN, Mexico — Maze Stallworth led a balanced Morehead State University scoring attack as the Eagles defeated UCF (University of Central Florida) Sunday (Nov. 30) afternoon in the Cancun Challenge in Mexico.

MSU, now 1-6 on the season, also got 16 points each from Leon Buchanan and Demonte Harper and 12 points, a team-high eight rebounds and a game-high five blocked shots from Kenneth Faried. UCF, now 3-3, was led by Jermaine Taylor who scored a game-high 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Tony Davis had 12 points and grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

"I am so proud of my team," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "They are a great bunch of kids who have battled through this extremely tough schedule, all away from home, and today beat a very good Conference USA team in UCF."

"We may not have put together a complete 40 minutes, but we're getting closer. We were outstanding defensively, holding them to 31 percent shooting. We hung close with a very big, physical team on the boards, and kept our turnovers down until the final few minutes."

MSU shot 45.3 percent from the field (24-of-53) to 30.8 percent (20-of-65) for the Knights. The Eagles hit eight-of-19 three-pointers to six-of-

28 for UCF.

The Knights won the rebound battle, 40-35, and had 14 turnovers to 16 for MSU.

The Eagles led by eight points at halftime, 34-26, and by as many as 14 points in the second half before UCF rallied to cut the lead to two points, 65-63, with 41 seconds left. But Cecil Brown and Stallworth each hit two free throws down the stretch, and Buchanan got an "exclamation point" dunk with six seconds left to close out the scoring.

"We open conference play against two of the top teams in our league in UT Martin and Murray State," Tyndall said, "and we need our fans to come out and support our teams this week."

MSU women knock off UT Arlington in home game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University women's basketball team shot only 30 percent Sunday against visiting UT Arlington, and the Eagles didn't score a field goal in the final 3:45, but a couple of late clutch three-pointers by sophomore Chynna Bozeman and some tough defense in the end proved to be the difference as MSU knocked off the Mavericks, 70-65, to win their seventh straight home game. The Eagles improved to 4-2, outscoring UTA 43-28 in the final 20 minutes.

The Eagles trailed by 10 (37-27) at the half and didn't take the lead for good until 2:48 left. Bozeman, who led all players with 19 points, hit a three-ball with 5:07 left to push MSU ahead 59-57. With 3:45 left, Bozeman drained another trey to knot the game at 62. That would be the last field goal for the Eagles, but MSU forced the Mavericks into five missed three-pointers in the final 3:45, and MSU converted 7-of-8 free throws in the final 1:18 to stay ahead. UTA was 1-of-5 from the line in the final two minutes.

"Chynna has not shot it

well this year, but she is a great shooter. She is a clutch player and near the end we put the ball in her hands a lot," said MSU Coach Mike Bradbury. "We got beat up on the boards a little bit - in the first half - but we continued to turn them over and that was the equalizer. We got some transition baskets out of that. Our kids deserve all the credit. We kind of let them punch us in the face, if you will, in the first half and didn't punch back. We came out the first possession of the second half, and we were determined to attack the basket and get to the free throw line. Five of our first seven shots were layups, and we were attacking the basket. That was the difference."

MSU forced 23 UTA turnovers and committed only eight itself. The Eagles opened the second half on a 19-6 run, capped by a three-pointer from Tiffanie Stephens, at 14:05. MSU never allowed the Mavericks to take more than a five-point lead the rest of the game.

The Eagles did get out-rebounded 52-41, but junior Brittany Pittman collected her fourth double-double of the year with 11 points and 12 rebounds, including seven

offensive boards and eight total in the second half. She also added five blocked shots before fouling out with 1:05 left. She moved into sole possession of second place on the MSU career blocked shot chart, passing Shelly Johnson. Pittman now has 160 blocks in 36 career games in Morehead.

Junior Tiffany Hamilton reached double figures for the fifth straight game with 15 points. MSU hit nine three-pointers.

UTA was led with a monster effort from Erin Dixon with 17 points and 19 rebounds. Candice Champion totaled 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Shalyn Martin had 11 points, eight boards and eight assists in 40 minutes.

The Eagles shot only 25 percent in the first half and shot only 29.9 percent for the game (20-of-67). They were 9-of-23 from three-point range. The Mavericks shot 40 percent (25-of-62) during the entire 40 minutes. MSU also had a 21-8 scoring advantage at the free throw line.

MSU open will Ohio Valley Conference play on Thursday when UT Martin visits for a 5:15 tipoff.

Late run lifts Colonels over Akron as part of Legends Classic

Rose nets 20, leads Eastern Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HACKENSACK, N.J. — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team scored 15 unanswered points late in the contest to pull away from Akron for a 69-57 win Saturday night. This game was part of the 2008 Legends Classic produced by the Gazelle Group. EKV moves to 4-2 while the Zips fall to 3-2.

For the fourth time this season, senior Mike Rose reached the 20-point plateau. Junior point guard Dayvon Ellis added a season-high 11 points to go along with five assists. Junior Papa Oppong tied for the team lead with eight rebounds as the Colonels out-

rebounded the Zips, 32-22.

Akron reserve Brett McKnight came off the bench to connect on 8-of-12 field goal attempts on the way to 16 points. EKV held Akron's leading scorer and rebounder, Nate Linhart, to just six points and four boards.

Eastern Kentucky used a 12-0 run early in the first half to build a 26-14 lead. Sophomore Justin Stommes capped the run with a three-pointer followed by a lay-up. Akron cut the deficit to single digits at the half, 32-25, thanks to a trifecta by Anthony Hitchens 19 seconds before intermission.

McKnight scored the first 10 points of the second half for the Zips to help Akron creep within three points, 38-35. A three-pointer from Linhart on Akron's next possession then leveled the game at 38-all.

From there, the game went back-and-forth with three more ties. The last tie came with 4:17 remaining when

McKnight recorded his final points of the night to make the score, 54-54.

EKV then took control of the game down the stretch with 15 straight points. Junior Josh Taylor gave Eastern the lead for good with two free throws. Following an Ellis lay-up, Rose converted a four-point play to extend the lead to eight points, 62-54. Rose netted his third three-pointer of the game and was fouled during the shot, allowing the senior to finish the rare four-point opportunity.

Oppong put the game out of reach with his only trifecta to make the score, 65-54, with 1:46 left.

This was the first meeting between the two schools since 1987. Akron was a member of the Ohio Valley Conference from 1978-87. EKV leads the all-time series, 13-6.

The Colonels will next return home to begin OVC play against preseason favorite Murray State Thursday. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m.



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Eastern Kentucky falters 2nd half versus Richmond

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND, Va. — The Eastern Kentucky University football team played host Richmond to a 10-all tie in the first half, but the Spiders responded with 28 unanswered second half points to tally a 38-10 win in the opening round of the 2008 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs Saturday afternoon at UR Stadium. The #21 Colonels conclude their season with an 8-4 overall record.

The No. 7 Spiders (10-3) advance to the FCS quarterfinals and will play at No. 2 Appalachian State (11-2) next weekend.

Eastern Kentucky took a 10-7 lead late in the first half when senior quarterback Allan Holland found junior wide out Garnett Phelps for a 48-yard completion down to the Richmond one-yard line. On the next play, Holland ran into the end zone for a one-yard touchdown. The Spiders quickly answered with a 27-yard field goal on the last play of the first half to make the

score 10-all at halftime.

Two EKU turnovers early in the third quarter led to 14 Richmond points. The Spiders opened the half with a six-play touchdown drive to go ahead, 17-10. On Eastern's first possession, Richmond linebacker Patrick Weldon stepped in front of a Holland pass and returned the interception to the Colonel 20-yard line. A few minutes later, Tre Gray caught a 14-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 24-10.

The Colonels looked poised to answer on their next drive, but Holland was sacked and fumbled on the Richmond 47-yard line. Richmond recovered the fumble and proceeded to march right down the field again before Gray caught his second touchdown pass to make the score 31-10.

Spider quarterback Eric Ward finished 16-of-23 for 245 yards and three touchdowns. The Colonels held running back Josh Vaughan to 16 yards in the first half, but he bounced back to tally 90 rushing yards and two scores.

Holland, a Perry County

Central High School graduate, concluded his EKU career by going 20-of-35 for 181 yards. Sophomore Cody Watts led the Colonels with 35 rushing yards.

This was the second straight year Eastern Kentucky and Richmond met in the first round of the playoffs. The Colonels have made 19 playoff appearances, most in the nation, but have not won a playoff game since 1994.

Kentucky QB Cobb undergoes surgery

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON— University of Kentucky freshman quarterback/wide receiver Randall Cobb underwent arthroscopic surgery on Tuesday to repair cartilage in his left knee, Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

Cobb sustained the injury during Saturday's game at

Tennessee. His status for Kentucky's upcoming bowl game will be determined following the surgery.

Cobb has started the last four games at quarterback. For the season, he has completed 52 of 99 passes (52.5 percent) for 542 yards and five touchdowns. He has rushed for 316 yards and seven touchdowns. At wide receiver, he has caught 21 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. He also is returning punts, averaging 8.4 yards per return.

Bowl game ticket applications due Dec. 7: The deadline for the University of Kentucky Athletics Ticket Office to receive advance bowl-game ticket applications from UK season-ticket holders is Sun. Dec. 7.

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OVC honors MSU players Hamilton, Lumpkin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — For the second consecutive week, the Morehead State University women's basketball team earned two of the three Ohio Valley Conference weekly awards. On Monday, Tiffany Hamilton earned her second straight OVC Newcomer of the Week accolade, while point guard Courtney Lumpkin collected her first-career OVC Freshman of the Week award.

Hamilton, who was the Newcomer and Player of the Week last week, averaged 13.0 points, 6.5 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 2.0 assists. She scored 15 points and pulled down six rebounds in a 70-65 win over UT Arlington and added 11 points and seven boards at Marshall. She also hit three-pointers this week.

Lumpkin scored a career-high 13 points at Marshall and came back with eight points and six rebounds in the UT Arlington contest. She also had four assists and three steals at Marshall Wednesday.

Murray State University guard Amber Guffey was the Player of the Week.

The Eagles open will Ohio Valley Conference play on Thursday when UT Martin visits for a 5:15 tipoff.

UK guard Jodie Meeks named SEC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON— University of Kentucky junior Jodie Meeks has been named the SEC Player of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

The 6-4 Norcross, Ga. native helped lead Kentucky to the Las Vegas Invitational championship and was named the tournament MVP after averaging 28.5 points in the two games in Las Vegas. He posted his second 30 point

effort this season with a 37 point explosion against Kansas State, including a career high for points in a half with 24 in the first 20 minutes.

He followed up with a 19 point effort against West Virginia in the championship game, including going 12-12 at the free throw line. He has shot 90 percent (27-30) from the charity stripe in his last three games.

He finished the week, which also included a 17-

point effort against Longwood, averaging 24.3 points, 4.3 rebounds and 1.3 assists.

The award is the first of the season for the Wildcats, but it is Meeks' fourth career weekly honor for the SEC. He was named the league's freshman of the week three times in his rookie season in 2006-07.

Kentucky will host Lamar Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Rupp Arena. The game is being televised on Fox Sports South.

EKU football banquet to be held Dec. 14

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Fans can celebrate the 2008 football championship season with OVC Coach of the Year Dean Hood and his Colonels at the annual football banquet. This year's event will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, in the Perkins Building Quads beginning at 1 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 through Denise Estes in the football office at 859-622-2146. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tickets can also be bought at the banquet for \$20.

The EKU football team concluded the 2008 season 8-4 overall while earning the program's 20th Ohio Valley Conference title and 31st consecutive winning season.

Union ends' Lady Bears win streak, prevails 80-70

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College saw its season-opening win streak end on Saturday with an 80-70 loss in overtime to Union College.

Pikeville had won its first eight games before falling on an afternoon it hit only 38 percent from the field and 57 from the line.

Union (6-3) shot poorly as well, hitting 35.4 percent from the field. The Lady Bulldogs hit only 60 percent from the line, but shot 35 free throws compared to Pikeville's 21. Union was also the better team from outside, hitting half of its 26 three-point shots while the Lady Bears were only 6-of-18.

Pikeville led most of the way and led by nine twice in the second half, including 56-47 with 6:11 to play. After

sophomore Lauren Potts sank a layup with 2:13 left, the lead was 62-57.

The lead was still four before junior Jessica Baker hit two free throws with 28 seconds left. Pikeville was fouled but senior Alice Daniels only hit one of two, clearing the way for a game-tying three-pointer by junior Ashley Lunsford with 15 seconds left.

Pikeville missed a layup in traffic at the horn to send the game to overtime.

Union scored the first five points in overtime and after freshman Kara Pile hit a three with 2:07 left, the Lady Bulldogs hit 7-of-9 from the line and limited Pikeville to only two field goals in the extra from to pull out the win.

Lunsford led four Lady Bulldogs in double figures with 17 points. She added six

rebounds and five steals. Senior Susanna Todd added 15, while Pile came off the bench for 14. Junior Brooke Smith followed with 12 to go with nine rebounds.

Potts led the Lady Bears with 17 points. The guard also had six rebounds. Senior Alice Daniel followed with 15, while sophomore Natiera Hinton and freshman Megan Mosley added 11 each. Mosley contributed seven assists.

Senior Kristal Daniels had only two points but pulled down 11 rebounds in 18 minutes of playing. She led the Lady Bears to a 50-46 edge on the glass.

Pikeville will next travel to Illinois to play in the CCAC Classic. The Lady Bears will play Friday night against host Olivet Nazarene.

Kentucky wins Turkey Classic

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BROOKLYN, N.Y. - The University of Kentucky women's basketball team overcame poor shooting to defeat host-team Long Island 46-43 and win the Courtyard LaGuardia Turkey Classic Saturday afternoon in the Wellness Center. Senior center Eleia Roddy (Columbus, Ohio) led the team in scoring and rebounding with 12 points and nine rebounds. Junior guard Amani Franklin (Stone Mountain, Ga.) followed with eight points while senior point guard Carly Ormerod (Louisville), who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, added seven. Sophomore point guard Amber Smith (Winter Haven, Fla.) also was named to the All-Tournament team after scoring 17 versus Yale in the first round.

One day after shooting a season-high 55.6 percent from the field and tallying a season-best 87 points against Yale, the Wildcats (4-1) struggled to find their offensive groove, netting a season-low 27.9 percent (17-of-61) from the floor. The Cats also were outrebounded for the

first time this season as Long Island (3-3) won the battle on the boards, 46-41.

"It was a tough day shooting the ball," UK Coach Matthew Mitchell said. "LIU packed it in and our confidence was shaken early and we were really never able to regain it."

Despite the poor shooting, Kentucky found a way to win with their defensive prowess. Trailing by three points, 41-38, with 53 seconds remaining in the game, Smith intercepted a pass by LIU's Jade Brown and hit a driving layup to pull the Cats within one point (41-40) with 50 seconds to go in the game. On LIU's next possession, Victoria Dunlap (Nashville, Tenn.) stole a pass by Ashley Palmer and was fouled on her shot attempt. She hit one of two free throws, tying the game at 41 with 39 seconds left. Dunlap later hit a layup and Franklin made two free throws to help the Cats pull ahead by four, 45-41, with 20 ticks left. However, LIU's Connie James answered with a layup with four seconds remaining in the game. The Blackbirds ran out of time, however, and were forced to

foul. Ormerod hit one of two free throws to seal the win.

"Those two steals were huge by Amber and Victoria," Mitchell said. "That is called finding a way to win. We are definitely happy to win this game and this tournament."

LIU's zone defense caused offensive struggles for the Wildcats in the first half. UK shot just 32.3 percent (10-of-31) from the field, including 1-of-9 from beyond the arc. Ormerod led UK with five points while Roddy led the rebounding effort with five. UK was outrebounded 20-18 in the opening stanza. For the game, UK shot 10.5 percent from the three-point line (2-of-19) and 55.6 percent from the charity stripe (10-of-18).

LIU was led by Palmer's 15 points and 12 rebounds and James' 13 points and 12 rebounds.

UK is now 83-36 all-time in regular-season tournaments. This marks UK's 27 tournament titles and the first since winning the Wells Fargo New Year's Classic in San Antonio, Texas in 2006.



photo by Jamie Howell

PRESTONSBURG fell to Corbin Friday in a regional championship game. The Blackcats ended the 2008 season 11-2.



Annual junior high tourney to tip off Saturday at PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The annual Pikeville College Middle School Tournament will begin on Saturday with eight games surrounding the Bears' game with Temple Baptist College.

The tournament will continue through next Friday night's championship with all 15 games played at the Pikeville College Gym.

Action begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with Wesley

Christian meeting Belfry. At 10:15, Hindman will take on Mullins. That game will be followed by Johnson Central playing Dorton at 11:30, with the upper bracket finishing up when Elkhorn City plays Herald Whitaker at 12:45.

Lower bracket action commences at 2 p.m. when Johnson County's B Team plays A.B. Combs.

The tournament will take a break for Pikeville's 4 p.m. meeting with Temple Baptist College, before resuming at 6

p.m. with Whitesburg playing Martin County, followed by Betsy Layne and Millard meeting at 7:15. Opening round play finishes at 8:30 with Adams playing Virgie.

The upper-bracket quarterfinals will be played Monday night at 6 and 7:15, with the lower-bracket quarters on Tuesday at the same times. The semifinals are set for Thursday night with the championship game slated for Friday night, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

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NOTICE OF SALE

On the 10th day of June, 2008, the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, adopted an Ordinance directing the sale, at public outcry, of a city electric power franchise. The Ordinance is in words and figures as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-01

An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, Providing for the Advertisement and Sale of a Franchise Authorizing the Owner Thereof to Own, Maintain, Construct and Operate Electric Power Transmission and Distribution Lines Upon, Along, Over and Under the Streets, Thoroughfares, Alleys, Sidewalks, Bridges, Public Ways and Other Public Places of Said City.

WHEREAS, the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is incorporated under the provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, and desires to grant a franchise for an electric power company to own, maintain, construct and operate its electric power transmission and distribution lines upon, along, over and under the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a public necessity for adequate service of electric power and energy to the citizens of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is in the interest of the public that a franchise be advertised and sold, granting and entitling the grantee to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of lines for the transmission and distribution of electric power to the citizens of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, and to persons, firms and corporations beyond the limits of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky.

THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAYLAND, FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That there be sold at public auction, to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, lines, poles, and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all necessary or desirable appurtenances for the purpose of supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power, and other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now and may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across said City.

SECTION 2

Said lines and appurtenances shall be constructed so as to interfere as little as possible with the traveling public in the use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges and public places.

SECTION 3

The franchise, privilege, right and authority shall be in full force and effect for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of the passage of the ordinance granting it.

SECTION 4

The grantee of this franchise shall save the City harmless from any and all liability arising, in any way, from negligence of the grantee in the erection, maintenance or operation of said lines and appurtenances.

SECTION 5

The grantee of this franchise shall have the right and privilege to take up such portion or part of any pavement and make such excavation in the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City of Wayland, as may be deemed necessary for the construction and maintenance of its lines, wires, or cables, but whenever the grantee of the franchise shall begin the erection of any lines or other equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.

SECTION 6

Wherever in this franchise, either the City of Wayland, or the grantee thereof is referred to, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors and assigns of either, and all rights, privileges and obligations contained in this franchise shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of said City, and said grantee whether so expressed or not.

SECTION 7

The grantee of this franchise may make such rules and regulations covering the furnishing of said electric energy as may be fair and reasonable and consistent with the standard practice of the grantee. Said grantee may charge such rates for electric services as shall be fair and reasonable. The said grantee shall render service under said franchise of like quality that is adequate, efficient and reasonable to that now being rendered in said City.

SECTION 8

The consideration paid by the successful bidder for the franchise, privilege, right and authority provided for herein shall be complete compensation and consideration for said franchise, privilege and right, and for the use and occupancy of the streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways, and other places of the City in lieu of any street or alley rental, or to the charge for the use or occupancy of said streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, thoroughfares, public ways or public places of said City and in lieu of any pole tax or meter tax.

SECTION 9

Sharon Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, is hereby appointed Special Commissioner to sell said franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby ordered sold, and said Special Commissioner is directed to offer said franchise for sale at public auction and shall sell same to the highest bidder at the front door of the City Building in Floyd County, Kentucky, at 10 o'clock a.m., on Dec. 4, 2008, after she has advertised the time, terms, conditions and place of sale, pursuant to law, by inserting a Notice of Sale in the Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a newspaper of general circulation in Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of said sale, said advertisement to include this Ordinance.

SECTION 10

Bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise, privilege, right and authority hereby granted shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor upon the date and at the time fixed by the Special Commissioner in said advertising for receiving bids. Thereafter, the Special Commissioner shall report and submit to the City Commission at the time and place of its next regular meeting said bids and proposals for its approval, and said City Commission reserves the right for and on behalf of the City of Wayland to refuse any and all bids for said franchise, privilege, right and authority. In the event the bids reported by the Special Commissioner shall be refused by the said City Commission, it may direct, by resolution or ordinance, said franchise, privilege, right and authority to be again offered for sale from time to time, until a satisfactory bid therefor shall be received and approved. Each bid shall be accompanied by a deposit, and each bidder shall post bond in accordance with the provisions and requirements of KRS 96.020. However such deposit and bond need not be made by a corporation or person already owning in or adjacent to the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this Ordinance.

SECTION 11

Each bidder for said franchise, privilege and right shall file, as part of his bid, a certified copy of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of Kentucky, issued under the authority of KRS 278.020(3).

SECTION 12

The ordinance granting this franchise shall be accepted by the grantee thereof within sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

Approved this 11th day of November, 2008.

TOMMY ROBINSON, Mayor

ATTEST:
SHARON ANDERSON, Clerk

Introduction and First Reading, June 10, 2008.
Second Reading, November 11, 2008.

Pursuant to the direction of the City Commission of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, as set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, the undersigned will, on the 4th day of December, 2008, at the front door of the City Building in the City of Wayland, Floyd County, Kentucky, at City Hall, offer for public sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder, an electric franchise on the public streets and thoroughfares of the City of Wayland, Kentucky, which electric franchise shall be in terms set forth in the foregoing Ordinance, and said sale shall be made, in all respects, in accordance with the Ordinance set forth above, and all bidders will be required to comply with the terms of said Ordinance.

WITNESS, Sharon Anderson, City Clerk and Special Commissioner, this 11th day of November, 2008.

SHARON ANDERSON, City Clerk and Special Commissioner

COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 24th day of October, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$118,279.64, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 4th day of December, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, in Hunts Branch, a Tributary of Prater Creek, which is more particularly described as follows:
Tract I: Unless otherwise noted any monument referred to herein as an "Iron Pin" (set) is a one half inch rebar at least 18 inches in length, with an Orange Plastic Cap stamped "ASI LS 3388." All Bearings hereon are based on a Magnetic bearing of subdivision of the Gwen Gaile/Linda Howell Property as being of record in the Floyd County Clerk's office in Map File No. 894, dated 5/19/1994. Commencing at an "Iron Pin (set)" on the east side of Liberty Layne and on the line of the second call of property now owned by Linda G. Howell as being of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 379, Page 046, said point being the

POINT OF BEGINNING; thence leaving said Howell Property N72 deg 58' 22"W a distance of 30.02 feet to a "PK Nail (set)" on the southeast corner of Lot No. 13 of subdivision of Gwen Gaile/Linda Howell property, platted by Reed Engineering, as being of record in the Floyd County Clerk's office in Map File No. 894; thence with the line of lot 13 N 15 deg 58' 02" E, a distance of 36.77 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)", thence N20 deg 43' 01" W, a distance of 83.00 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)", thence N63 deg. 17' 45"W, a distance of 58.95 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)" at the Corner of Lot 12; thence with the line of Lot 12 N53 deg 25' 51"W a distance of 102.10 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)" at the corner of Lot 11; thence with the line of Lot 11 N 44 deg. 54' 42"W, a distance of 112.80 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)" at the southeast corner of a 30.00 feet wide Road

Easement as described in deed for Diana Boyd as being of record in the Floyd County Clerk's office in Deed Book 483, Page 491; thence N 15 deg 56' 46" E a distance of 44.12 feet to the northeast corner of said easement being witness by an "Iron Pin (set)" 1 edge of Diana Boyd's yard, bearing S 15 deg 56' 46" W a distance of 14.70 feet, thence leaving said easement with said Boyd property up the hill same course N 15 deg 56' 46" E a distance of 224.23 feet to an "Iron Pin (found)" 1/2 inch rebar with cap labeled ASI LS 3388; thence continuing same course N 15 deg 56' 46" E a distance of 64.92 feet to an "Iron Pin (found)" 1/2 inch rebar with cap labeled ASI LS 3388; thence same course N 15 deg 56' 46" E a distance of 108.14 feet to an "Iron Pin (found)" 3/4 inch rebar with cap labeled LLS 1998; thence same course N 15 deg 56' 46" E a distance of 2.07 feet to an No. 8216 Iron Pin (found)" 1/2 inch rebar with cap labeled ASI LS 3388 being a corner of property now owned by Clarence Hays, Et alas being record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 231, Page 416;

thence leaving said Boyd property with said Hays property around the hillside N 87 deg 40' 00" E a distance of 500.00 feet to an "Iron Pin (set)" on the west side of small drain, at corner of property now owned by Linda G. Howell as being of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 379, Page 46, being N 0 deg 52' 22" E a distance of 1.32 feet from as "Iron Pin (found)" & 190 inch rebar with cap labeled LLS 1998; thence leaving said Hays property with said Howell property down and proximity to same small drain S 27 deg 32" W, a distance of 547.45 feet to an "Iron Pin (found)" & No. 190; inch rebar with cap labeled LLC 1998 in an old dirt road; thence S 36 deg 51' 55" W, a distance 82.41 feet to an "Iron Pin (found)" & No. 190; inch rebar labeled LLC 1998; thence S 17 deg 04' 45" W, a distance of 192.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 5.49 acres as shown on Appalachian Surveying, Inc. Drawing File name 07 019 Master. For further reference set Plat No. 1222 recorded in Floyd County Clerk's Office; and TRACT 2: Beginning at 12 inch diameter Beech at dilapidated fence corner, thence N 20 deg 49'



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13" W a distance of 114.31 feet, to a point on dilapidated fence; thence, N 14 deg 49' 24" W a distance of 88.50 feet, to 18 inch diameter Beech on dilapidated fence; thence, NE to 14 inch diameter Hickory (center of point); thence down center of point N 25 deg 46' 57" W, a distance of 189.81 feet; thence S 19 deg 20' 27" E, a distance of 638.81 feet to center of branch; thence SE following center of branch to the point to beginning. For further reference see Plat No. 1223, recorded in Floyd County Clerk's Office, and Being the same property conveyed to Michael Ray Howell, a single person, from Steven Hall, a single person, by Deed dated July 3, 2007, and recorded July 21, 2007, in Deed Book 537, Page 505, in the Office of the Floyd

County Court Clerk.
Terms of Sale:
 (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
 (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.
 (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to

28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
 (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
 Any announcements made on date of sale take

precedence over printed matter contained herein.
 Hon. William S. Kendrick
 Floyd Master Commissioner
PUBLIC NOTICE
 Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Wendy Tackett. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Marlow's. The nature of the business will be Music and Dancing. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has

been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than December 18, 2008, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.
 Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for December 18, 2008, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in

opposition to the granting of the permit.
 Hon. Keith Bartley
 Floyd County Attorney
NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE
 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, KY 41649, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on Increments No. 1 and 2 of Permit No. 836-0340, which was last issued on August 3, 2007. Increment No. 1 covers an area of approximately 15.85 acres, and Increment No. 2

covers an area of approximately 28.92 acres, and is located 5.70 miles southwest of Harold, in Floyd County. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company.
 The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY State Route 2030's junction with Little Mud Creek Road, and located along the right side (ascending) of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek.
 The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a surety in the amount of twenty three thousand and one hundred dollars (\$23,100.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond

amount of \$23,100 is included in this application for release.
 The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a surety in the amount of nine thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$9,900.00). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$9,900 is included in this application for release.
 Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching. It was completed in October 2008.
 Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director,

Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 2, 2009.
 A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 2, 2009.

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THROUGH THE LENS

Many moons

by ERIC THOMAS

Last week at the end of my article, I wrote briefly about NASA's plan to return to the Moon. This week I'd like to stay on the topic of moons and talk a little about the moons around other planets in our solar system. But first, what is a moon? Astronomers define a moon as a natural satellite of a planet or other smaller body such as a dwarf planet or asteroid. Currently, there are over 300 objects in our solar system that are classified as moons.

One hundred sixty-five of these moons orbit six of the eight planets in our solar system (Mercury and Venus have no moons). The dwarf planets (where Pluto is now classified) have six moons, and there are 104 asteroids which also have moons. The remaining 58 moons

orbit bodies that astronomers refer to as Trans-Neptunian objects or objects (that are not dwarf planets) that orbit the sun outside the orbit of Neptune.

Our Moon is the only naturally occurring satellite of our planet. While I want to save a more detailed coverage of our moon for a future date there are some interesting things I can point out. For instance, how about the name "Moon," all of the other satellites around the other planets have

(See LENS, page four)

POISON OAK

More than half a century later

by CLYDE PACK

Smelling musty from having been long stored in the darkest corner of my closet my 57-year-old high school yearbook—being needed for some research for a newspaper article I was preparing—was dug out recently. Sure

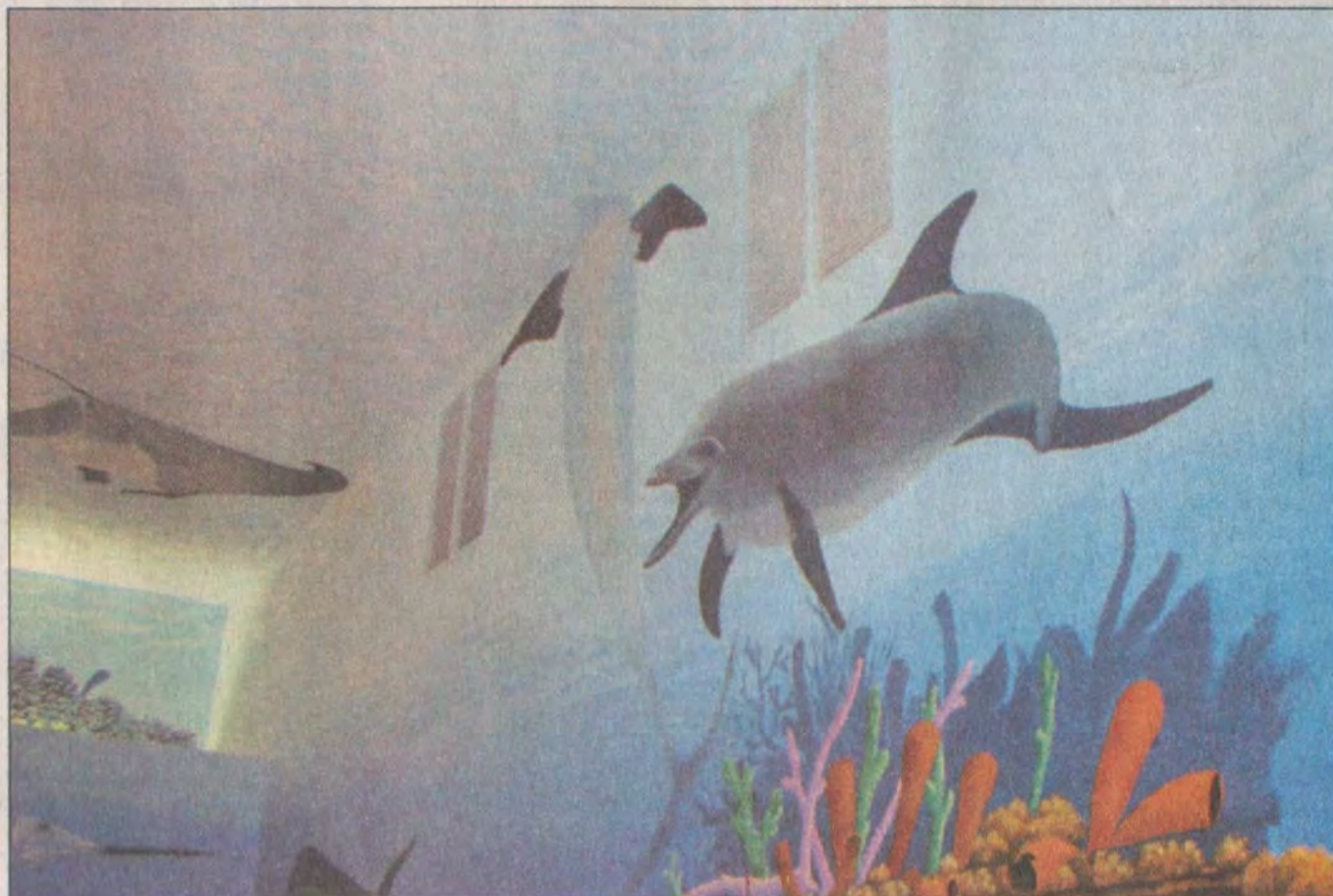
enough, like an old friend you can depend on. I quickly found the information needed. But perhaps even more importantly, I also discovered that those pages also conjured up some long forgotten

memories, memories of days when worries were few and the future stretched before us like an unmarked highway, just waiting to be traveled.

It was August 1953, I was 14 years old and scared to death as I stepped for the first time onto the big yellow school bus driven by Curt Meade and bound for Tutor Key, River, Offut and Williamsport, site of Meade Memorial High School. Ordinarily, the bus would have been pointed in the opposite direction when I boarded it, but the route during my first year in high school ran backward, because the bridge that spanned the Big Sandy at Greentown had collapsed about a year earlier, killing the driver of a truck hauling some sort of heavy equipment.

Anyway, the kids who caught the bus at the mouth of Boyd Branch had finished the eighth grade at the H.S. Howes Community School at Muddy

(See OAK, page three)



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

Local artist adds color to pediatric dentist's office

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — The new pediatric dental office of Dr. Lee Boyd, located in Allen, doesn't look like anything too out of the ordinary from the outside, but once the door is opened, it's a different story.

The office's walls and ceilings are alive with underwater scenes painted by Prestonsburg artist Randy Lawson. Colorful fish swim with large sharks and dolphins, large waves crash, and a wrecked ship welcome patients and visitors to the facility.

"I started on this project around this time last year," Lawson said. "It takes me about two weeks to do one of the wall pieces. The whole building probably won't be finished until this time next

year. I have a big project ahead of me where I am going to use 16,000 glass tiles to cover the front desk area, and I am looking forward to that. With the size of this new office, the more you do, the more you can do."

Lawson originally painted a castle mural in Boyd's old office nine years ago.

"That was one of my first mural projects," Lawson said. "I've kept a steady schedule since then."

The staff at the office believe that Lawson's paintings provide a calming effect for the children that come there for dental work.

"The kids love it," said Sabrina Boyd, with the dental office. "It's the most calming thing. When Randy is in here painting, they will watch him instead of watching television or playing video

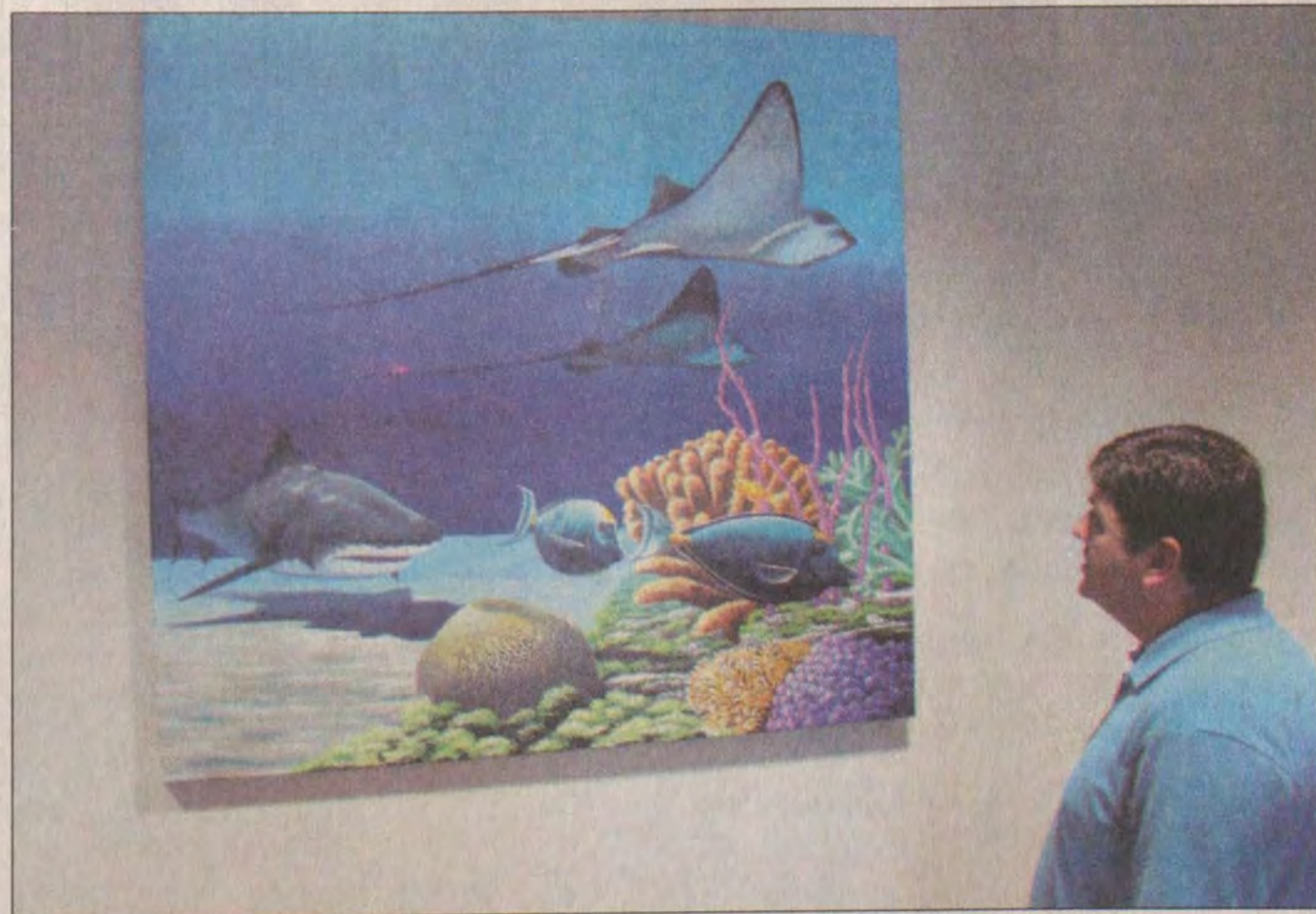
games. It's really nice to work in an environment like this."

Lawson said that working on paintings in an ocean setting was a great learning experience for him.

"I probably wouldn't have painted ocean life if it hadn't have been for Dr. Boyd's office," Lawson said. "It's great to work on unique things like that."

Dr. Boyd and his staff spent 12 years in their old location before growing too big for the building, and he was quick to contact Lawson when the plans were in motion to relocate.

"I just think it's awesome," Boyd said. "It reminds me of scuba diving. The kids can come and enjoy themselves, and it keeps them from being scared."



photos by Jarrid Deaton

Prestonsburg artist Randy Lawson looks at one of his paintings at the pediatric dental office of Dr. Lee Boyd in Allen.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 4 and 9, 1998)

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale has signed an executive order prohibiting all outdoor burning in the county. The order cites "current and predicted weather conditions and the extreme danger of forest fires" as the reason for the proclamation.

The Honor Choir of Prestonsburg High School will present its "Christmas Countdown Show" on Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center.

Hospice of Big Sandy is having a memorial service on Thursday, December 12, at 6 p.m., to remember family members of friends who have died. Participants will light a candle to commemorate the loss.

Santa Claus gets around this time of year, and on December 13, 19 and 20, he's hanging out at Jenny Wiley Theatre at the state park of the same name.

How did Floyd County schools do on the latest round of KRIS testing? It depends on whom you talk to, and how you interpret the figures. "It's a mixed bag," said Phil Paige, assessment coordinator for the school system.

The death in Arkansas of the owner of NDE relates to Floyd County's 911 system. It means further delay in mapping the county for the Enhanced 911 system, which, when operative, will give dispatchers, immediately, the location of emergency callers.

The construction of a new spillway for Dewey Dam will require the closing of a portion of a scenic road around the lake at Jenny Wiley State Park.

Completion of the new Prestonsburg Post Office near the intersection of KY 114 and U.S. 23, is just a few months away, and already other businesses are joining the post office at its new location. Frank Fitzpatrick, who is overseeing the development, said he has just signed a lease with the Bank Josephine, which plans to construct a building on the site.

Millard Conn of Auxier, was sentenced recently to five years in prison by Knott County Judge John Robert Morgan, according to a report in the Troublesome Creek Times.

Progress will take a curve at Middle Creek to preserve a chunk of Floyd County's Civil War history. Speaking Tuesday in Frankfort, Johnnie Ross, an environmental coordinator with the State Transportation Cabinet, announced that the site of the Civil War battle at Middle Creek will be protected when the State Transportation Department builds a four-lane highway from Prestonsburg to Clark Elementary.

A visitor needs only to look around and to sniff the air to know what goes on at the Ferguson Cemetery at Harold. The site is apparently an all-hours, no cover charge nightclub for some people, and a no-license, no-limit hunting preserve for others.

The 1998 Floyd County Grand Jury ended its term of service, Monday, with a final presentation of indictments to 18 persons. In his report, Gary D. Johnson, jury foreman, said that since April the group returned 103 indictments against 103 individuals with a total of 256 counts. Jurors also considered around 80 cases that did not result in indictments.

Amid discussions about rescinding an earlier motion to close a road and how to deal with a dog problem, the Allen City Commission listened to a request, Monday evening, from a citizen to exclude part of the city from the corporation limits.

Putting off paying your property tax bill will cost you more this year than before. Property owners who delay paying tax bills could end up paying almost 30 percent in compounded late charges if they wait until next spring to pay.

Some people came to the meeting skeptical and a little testy, but most left somewhat hopeful that KY 302 on the north side of Dewey Lake will not have to close. The US Army Corps of Engineers invited the public to a forum, Monday night, to discuss its plan to build an auxiliary spillway for Dewey Dam to empty into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy at Auxier.

There died: Alex Hyden, 80, of Auxier, formerly of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, December 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; David Watson, 70, of Martin, Tuesday, December 1, at his residence; Lois Slone Powers, 64, of Auxier, November 29, in Richmond; Commodore P. Griffith, 85, of Pikeville, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Brady Caudill, 71, of Southgate, Michigan, Tuesday,

October 20, in Springhill, Florida; Vivian M. Stumbo, 78, November 6, at Rose Medical Center, Denver, Colorado; Hazel Music Baldrige, 86, of East Point, Friday, December 4, at Riverview Nursing Home; Paul M. Vanderpool, 70, of Garrett, Thursday, December 3, at his residence; Otis Ratliff, 83, of Lackey, Saturday, December 5, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Jay Conley Jr., 70, of Mousie, December 6, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Michael D. George, 46, of Jackson, Sunday, December 6, at his residence; Everett E. Hall, 84, of Wheelwright, Friday, December 4, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Rev. James H. Grayson, 70, at the Leestown Veterans Center, Lexington, Friday, December 4; Artie Bowling Marks McKinney, 91, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, December 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Orga Newsome, 75, of Teaberry, Wednesday, December 2, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Eva Hall Combs, 98, of Garner, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Sie Bennett Hamilton, 29, of Grass Lakes, Michigan, Sunday, December 6, following an auto accident; Verle Hamilton Parrish, 88, of Houston, Texas, a native of Alliance (Floyd County), died Sunday, November 22.

Twenty Years Ago

(December 14, 1988)

The Floyd County Board of Education received a double dose of bad medicine in the form of two reports, a much-lauded curriculum audit found the district has virtually no curriculum coordination or planning, in addition, the district may face a deficit of \$325,000 at the end of the current fiscal year.

When Allen Fire Department firefighters arrived at the home of James "Jimmy" Settles in Ivel, just before 7 a.m., Tuesday, they found two rooms at the back of the house ablaze, with flames shooting out of the downstairs windows.

Residents of the Wheelwright area had running water in their homes by last Thursday, a privilege they had missed for more than a week.

About two dozen persons crowded into the tiny hearing room of the Kentucky Department of Surface Mining, here, Thursday, to witness the charges brought against local miner and developer Gary Branham.

A family outing turned into a tragedy for a Grethel family, when Roy L. Adams, 43, was killed in a head-on collision that injured seven people.

The news is good in Prestonsburg, these days; the city is fiscally sound, the police department is doing well, the fire department has little business, several streets have been repaved and Archer Park is undergoing a continuing facelift.

There died: Roy L. Adams, 43, of Grethel, December 10, at Harold; William Scott Brown, 12, of Langley, December 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Bill Calhoun, 55, of Water Gap, November 29, at his residence; Maxine Hamilton, 44, of Teaberry, December 9, at the Methodist Hospital; Grace Helton George, 70, of Martin, December 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Girlie Moore, 93, of Minnie, December 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Chadwick Salisbury, infant son of Danny and Joetta Slone Salisbury, December 12, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; and Charles Homer Salisbury, 62, of Melvin, December 8, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 13, 1978)

The roof of the Prestonsburg High School is almost completed, according to contractors.

Flood waters, the result of nearly three days of steady rain, surround the Garrett gymnasium.

The Community Church of Wheelwright sits on top of a graveyard.

About \$8.6 million is available in Kentucky to aid families who cannot pay utility bills and other emergency costs this winter.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Joe Reynolds, of Allen, a daughter, Andrea Jill, Wednesday, Dec. 6.

There died: Gypsy F. Collins, 79, of Town Branch, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Charles Douglas Hayes, 47, of Brainard, at his home; Lula Katherine O'Dell, 56, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Floyd County, in Gross Point, Mich.; Virgil Albert Oiler, 62, of Galveston, Saturday, Dec.

9, at St. Mary's Hospital; Jimmie Crager, 66, of Hindman, at his home; Alice W. May, 78, of Langley, in Martin; Bessie Arnett, 79, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Margaret Elizabeth May, 66, of Floyd County, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; James Adam Bradley, 48, formerly of Floyd County, in Columbus, City, Ind.; Jesse Rowe, 74, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

(December 12, 1968)

Owners of Prestonsburg places of business have been notified that enforcement of the state Sunday closing law will begin with next Sunday. Mayor

George P. Archer said this week that the law has been violated here for years without protest, and that any effort on the part of the city to enforce it now will be without partiality.

The Floyd County Board of Education at its Saturday meeting here, set Jan. 10, as the date for asking bids for construction of phase I of the Right Beaver High School at Eastern. Its estimated cost is \$900,000.

Formation of a sewer district for the town of Allen, and vicinity, was planned at a "town hall" meeting of residents of Old Allen and the board of trustees of the town, this week.

Approximately 50 Prestonsburg high school students staged a walkout, Wednesday morning, claiming the school's heating system was inadequate. Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross was near closing.

(See YESTERDAYS, page four)

King Crossword

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- 1 Poke
- 4 Aries
- 7 Sick and tired
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- 13 "— lazy river ..."
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- 15 Hobbyist's abbr.
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- 52 Cover
- 53 Farewell
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- 58 Morning moisture

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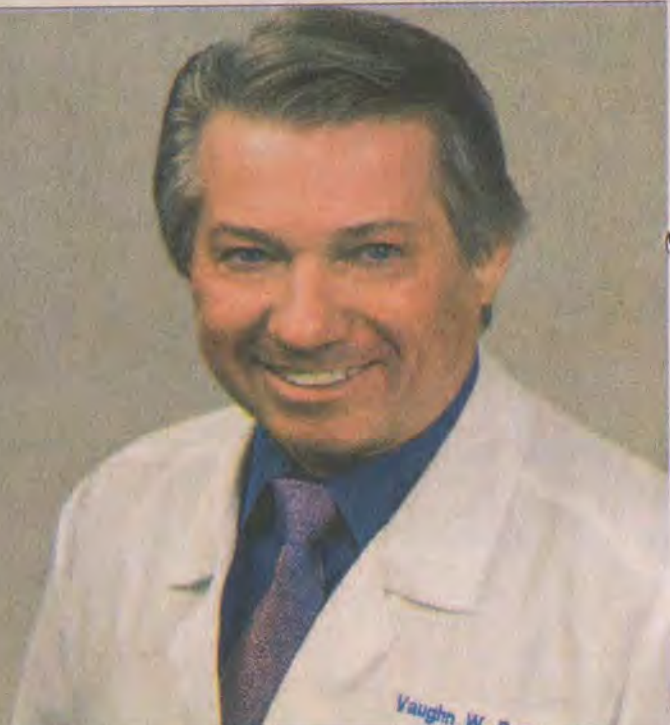
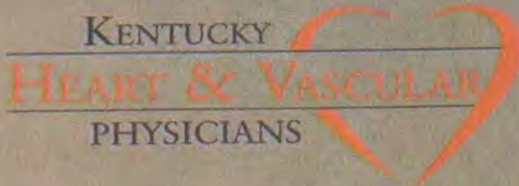
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Local health care providers, employees give 'thumbs up' to new medical coding consortium

by SHAWN HOPKINS
EKCEP, INC.

Health care providers and their employees are saying they are pleased with the way a new consortium is bringing to much-needed medical coding training to the area's health care industry.

While medical employees can get coding training through other avenues, the training is often expensive and time consuming. The health care consortium is changing that by delivering the training at no cost to the participating employers and their employees.

The consortium was organized and funded through a collaboration between the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (Big Sandy Area CAP) and Big Sandy Community and Technical College (Big Sandy CTC).

Ancil Lewis, CEO of Big Sandy Health Care, said being invited to become a part of the consortium was an offer too good to pass up.

Lewis said he is also impressed with the consortium's structure. He said having several different companies in the same field pooling their employees to meet a shared training need is a new and worthwhile idea for the area.

"I think it's unique," Lewis said.

Pat Bentley, director of Health Information for St. Joseph Martin Hospital, said the training program is something her company needed.

Although many employees there have coding experience, the hospital's physician billing department and rural health clinics lack employees with the necessary coding experience, Bentley said.

Employees were "very



Alisha Shell, left, and Paula Tackett consult a medical coding textbook during a recent coding class at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Mayo Campus in Paintsville. The coding class is part of a collaborative effort between Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program Inc., Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, and Big Sandy CTC to meet the workforce training needs of a consortium of nine participating local healthcare providers.

interested" in participating in the program because it allows them to earn a certification that will help them in their current job, and will be a major resume selling point should they choose to seek employment at another health care provider, she said. Employees were even willing to take the classes after work hours, she added.

Bentley said she feels area health care providers should work together on such projects, since a better-trained workforce means better health care for the area's residents.

"Even though we are competitors, we really are working toward the same goals," she said.

EKCEP hopes to organize future health care consortia. Bentley said other providers should take advantage of those

opportunities when they become available.

"I think we can work together to make this area better economically," Bentley said.

Belinda Cook, nurse coordinator for McDowell ARH Home Health Agency, agreed that the consortium has been a positive experience for her company and its employees.

"I think it's a great thing," Cook said, adding that for health care providers, the training helps meet "a great need that all of us had."

Deana Holbrook, Business Services representative with Big Sandy Area CAP, explained that three coding classes are currently scheduled as part of the consortium, and all offer different certifications.

The most basic certifica-

tion, Certified Coding Assistant (CCA), features an entry-level class for employees with little or no coding experience. The second certification, Certified Coding Specialist (CCS), is generally for those working in hospitals and requires prior coding experience.

The third certification, Certified Coding Specialist-Physician (CCS-P), is an expert certification for people with advanced coding and medical experience, and is for those working in a physician's office or similar setting.

The CCS class recently got underway with 33 students.

Employees in the first class said coding experience is so valuable and useful that they were willing to take the class even though they had to travel and take it after business

hours.

"I thought it would be interesting," said Kenneth Addington, a radiologic technologist for Big Sandy Health Care.

Addington said that he already helps nurses with coding duties when things are slow at work. And it "couldn't hurt" to have a coding certification on his resume, he said.

Paula Tackett already works as a coder at St. Joseph Martin Hospital, but said she took the class so she could get certified in CCS hospital-based coding. She already has the CCS-P certification necessary to code for physicians.

"It means a lot to have that

(hospital-based) certification," Tackett said. "It looks very good on a resume to have the credentials."

Tackett said she is learning a lot from the classes, and it is nice to get to know people from different companies. The cooperative nature of the class is worth supporting, she said.

"I just think it's a really good thing for the community," Tackett said.

For more information about Big Sandy Area CAP and EKCEP's Business Solutions Services, contact Joyce Wilcox at 606-886-2948 or Crawford Blakeman at 606-436-5751.

Oak

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Branch, and like me, were continuing their education at Meade. The bus trip itself would prove to be a kind of adventure, as every day that we went to school, we'd have to get off the bus at River and walk across the old rickety swinging bridge and get on another bus on the Offut side. The bridge that we walked was replaced a few years ago by a more modern one.

I remember vividly how on the last day of school, some of the older students, as they crossed the swinging bridge for the last time, donated their textbooks to the fish below. In those days, students had to buy their own books, preferably second-handed. So, in many cases, the books they threw into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River were so tattered and worn that they couldn't have been resold anyway.

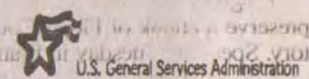
The first time I walked inside Meade Memorial School, which sat near the confluence of Greasy and Two-Mile Creeks, I marveled at its vastness...its cavernous hall-

ways lined with freshly-painted lockers and large photographs of former Red Devil basketball teams. It was the largest building I'd ever been in, and even though I was terrified, I was filled with pride in knowing that I'd soon be an official member of its student body.

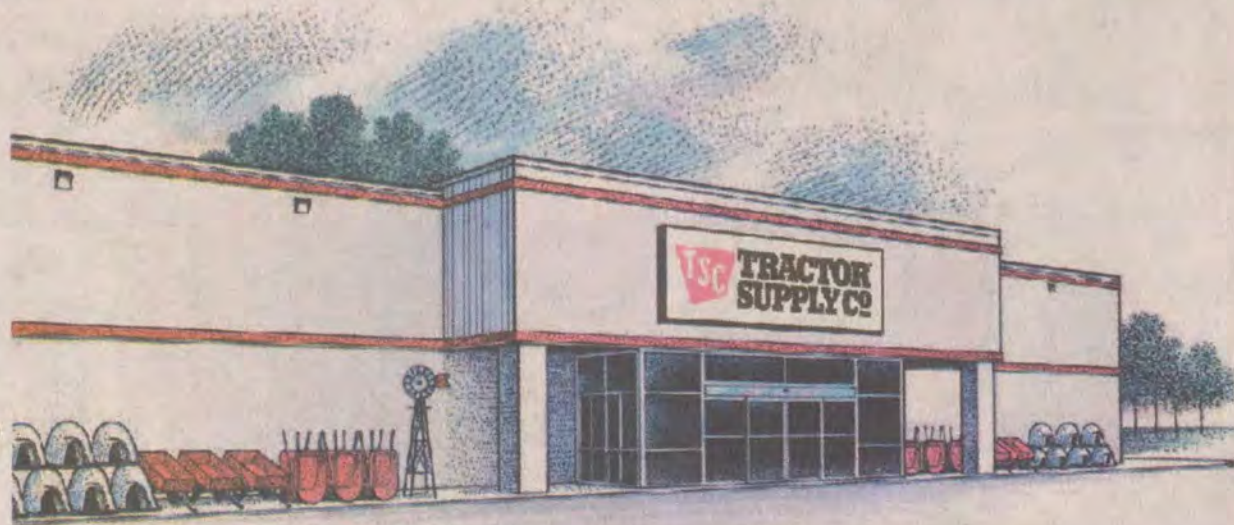
I guess those old yearbooks (when did we stop calling them "annuals?") hold more than just pictures of pimply-faced kids with funny haircuts. It seems there's also a memory or two locked inside every page.

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Yesterdays

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ing this week, and unless financial support from local sources is found, it will be closed. The Red Cross has spent more than a million dollars in Floyd County flood relief since 1957.

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith of Ypsilanti, Mich., December 11, a daughter, Sherry Lynn. Her paternal grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith; to Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Mayo, of Martin, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, Dec. 12, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

There died: Press Hall, 83, at his home at Melvin; Willard Mullins, 80, retired miner, of Hi Hat; Mrs. Leatha W. Roache, 82, formerly of Garrett, at the Pantial, Mich., General Hospital; Henry Castle, 50, of Thealka, Johnson County, brother of Howard Castle, Prestonsburg; Arthur Vanhoose, 82, of Estill, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 11, 1958)

The \$134,643 road project from Dewey Lake boat dock to the Stanton Branch recreation area was halted this week by the state, when it was discovered that the state Highway Department had not procured from the federal government, rights-of-way for the project.

The Prestonsburg Ground Observers Corps, organized six years ago, is being discontinued Jan. 31.

Discussing complaints from citizens concerning

the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors in "dry" Floyd County, Sheriff Hershel Warrens said, "The people who are complaining, in most instances, will not make the necessary effort to stop the bootlegging."

New figures throw the first light on just how Floyd County held up during the 1957-58 recession. The answer, in a nutshell, is—better than many communities.

Contracts ordering \$2,000,000 worth of work have been awarded by the State Highway Department this year for Floyd County roads and bridges.

A coal, gas and oil research and development facility in eastern Kentucky, linked with the Atomic Energy Commission and the Bureau of Mines, was discussed in Washington today.

U.S. Senators Morton and Cooper announced in a joint statement Tuesday, that the Housing and Home Finance Agency had approved a workable program for urban renewal at Martin.

Eagle Scott Joe David Martin, of Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley N. Martin, has been selected as the Lonesome Pine Council representative to present the report of Kentucky Boy Scout Councils to Governor Chandler on Feb. 17, during Boy Scout week.

Kentucky's ratio of physicians to population is one of the lowest in the nation and sectionally, the Hazard and Pikeville area fare worse than any other parts of the state.

There died: Conway Pigman, 57, native of Floyd County, at Newport News, Va.

Dally Hall, 66, of Bevinville, Thursday, at home; Ballard Webb, 58, Dwale, at the C.&O. Hospital, Huntington; Coonie Conley, 77, of

Handshoe, son of Jack and Masis Smith Handshoe; Mrs. Margie Hunter, of Harold. She was a daughter of the late Bob and Rebecca Kidd Fife.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 9, 1948)

Distribution of approximately \$13,000,000 among the 120 counties of the state for an expanded rural road program will bring Floyd County next year, \$173,038.06.

Claims of parents that their children were wasting their school lunch money on pin ball machines led the city council to enact an ordinance forbidding any owner of such machines to permit any person under 16 years to play.

County Superintendent Palmer Hall, Tuesday, proposed in a joint session of the County and City Boards here, a settlement of the partnership operation of Prestonsburg and Floyd County High School on a buy or sell basis.

The Kiwanis Club's minstrel show, "King Coal," was so successful this week, it may go to other towns in the county. A highlight of the show was the baton-twirling act of James Camicia, "as good as you'll see anywhere."

"Set" Branham, of Prestonsburg High School, is named All-State halfback.

There died: Mrs. Byrd Callihan May, lifelong resident of Prestonsburg in a Lexington hospital; Harry F. May, 71, prominent Maytown man, of a heart attack; Nathaniel Carroll, 84, at the home of Hiram Salisbury,

Hunter; Sgt. Norman Bailey, of injuries in Naples, Italy, was buried at Handshoe on Salt Lick; funeral was held at Allen for Sgt. Arnold Bentley, 22, who was killed in France, Oct. 31, 1944; funeral for Pat Richmond Bradford who died in Italy Feb. 21, 1944, at Goodloe; Mrs. Christy Mae Howard, 41, native of Banner; Sam Noe, 47, at his home at Wayland.

Seventy Years Ago

(December 8, 1938)

With Congressman A.J. May of Prestonsburg, one of the principal speakers, approximately 150 persons representing the Big Sandy Valley, met in Louisa, Monday, to discuss ways and means of completing the "missing link," of the Mayo Trail, between Prestonsburg and Paintsville.

To be filed with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky by the Southern Public Service Company, Jan. 5, is a schedule of gas rates for Prestonsburg, which affects every local consumer.

The first hunter ever convicted in Floyd County of hunting with a ferret has been fined \$15 and costs by County Judge E.P. Hill.

James Dotson last week purchased from Bob Hughes, the second-hand clothing store opened several weeks ago opposite the courthouse by Mr. Hughes.

There died: Mrs. Rosie Robinson, 60 years old, at home in Alpharetta. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Meek; Sam A. (Squire) Collins, 57, of Garrett; William Hamilton, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lackey Hamilton.

Lens

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really neat names like Titan, Io, Miranda, or Callisto, but what do we call our moon? Moon! But it is Moon with a capitol M. All other moons or just moons in general get a lower case "m" in the word moon.

Also, although Pink Floyd would like you to believe it, there is no "Dark Side of the Moon". However, there is a far side of the moon we do not see from Earth, but no dark side. Our moon rotates once on its axis with every orbit around the earth. This synchronized rotation keeps the same side of the moon always facing us. The result of which is that any one spot on the moon's surface sees almost 15 days of sunlight and almost 15 days of night.

Our Moon is also responsible for some regular events here on earth we take for

granted. For example ocean tides. It is the gravitational attraction between the moon and the earth that causes tides. Here in Eastern Kentucky we don't really experience tides but I'm sure many of you have visited the beach in the summer and have seen the tide come in and out lately.

Our Moon also plays a part in eclipses, both solar and lunar. Solar eclipses occur when the moon comes between the Earth and the Sun and the Moon shadow falls on the surface of the earth. Lunar eclipses occur when the moon passes behind the earth and moves through the air shadow. But eclipses of the sun and moon are not regular events here on earth, they actually happen only a few times each year. If the moon's orbit were perfectly lined up with the Earth's equator we would have

a solar and lunar eclipse once every month. However the moon's orbit is inclined by about 5° to fierce equator. It is this tilted orbit of the moon around the Earth that limits when eclipses can occur. But enough about the Moon for now, let's move on.

Mars has two Moons, Phobos and Deimos. Phobos meaning Fear or Panic and Deimos mean Terror or Dread were named so after the sons of Ares the Greek God of War who according to mythology accompanied the god into battle. Looking closely at these two moons we notice they are rough, cratered, and irregularly shaped. It is because of their shape that astronomers believe these two are most likely asteroids that were captured by Mar's gravity and settled into orbit around the planet.

Just like our Moon the

moons of Mars are synchronized in their orbit around the planet always presenting the same place towards the surface. Unlike our Moon though, Phobos actually orbits Mars faster than the planet rotates on its axis. This presents a problem for Phobos because the immense forces acting on it are steadily decreasing its distance from the planet. At some point in the future Phobos will get close enough to the planet that the gravitational interaction will eventually rip the moon apart and Phobos will be no more.

At after the solar system we next come to the asteroid belt, that region between Mars and Jupiter where a large portion of small rocky bodies reside. It is here where we can see a classic example of an asteroid with a moon. In 1993 the

Galileo spacecraft was able to image the asteroid Ida and the discovery of its small moon Dactyl was discovered confirming the thoughts of astronomers that asteroids could have moons. At roughly 33 miles long by 9 miles wide Ida is not a very large body. It is however sufficiently large enough to generate enough gravity to keep tiny Dactyl in orbit. Dactyl is tiny indeed measuring only about 8/10 of a mile across.

On the other end of the spectrum are Patroclus and Menoetius. The asteroid Patroclus is roughly 75 miles in diameter while its moon Menoetius is about 69 miles in diameter. These two objects being similar in size orbit about each other. Preceding Jupiter in its orbit around the sun these bodies are part of a group of objects classified as

Trojan Asteroids. While Ida and Dactyl are smaller rocky bodies, recent studies indicate Patroclus and Menoetius are icy objects. This suggests they may have originally been comets whose orbits now coincide with that of Jupiter's.

This is a good place to take pause in our look at the moons of our solar system. I Hope you've enjoyed this brief tour of the moons of the planets of the inner solar system. Next week in part two this segment, we will look at the moons of the outer planets and the new group of objects astronomers have labeled dwarf plants.

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