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briefs

Regents committee wants hike in community college tuition

The Associated Press

VERSAILLES — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents has voted to recommend a tuition hike of \$4 per credit hour.

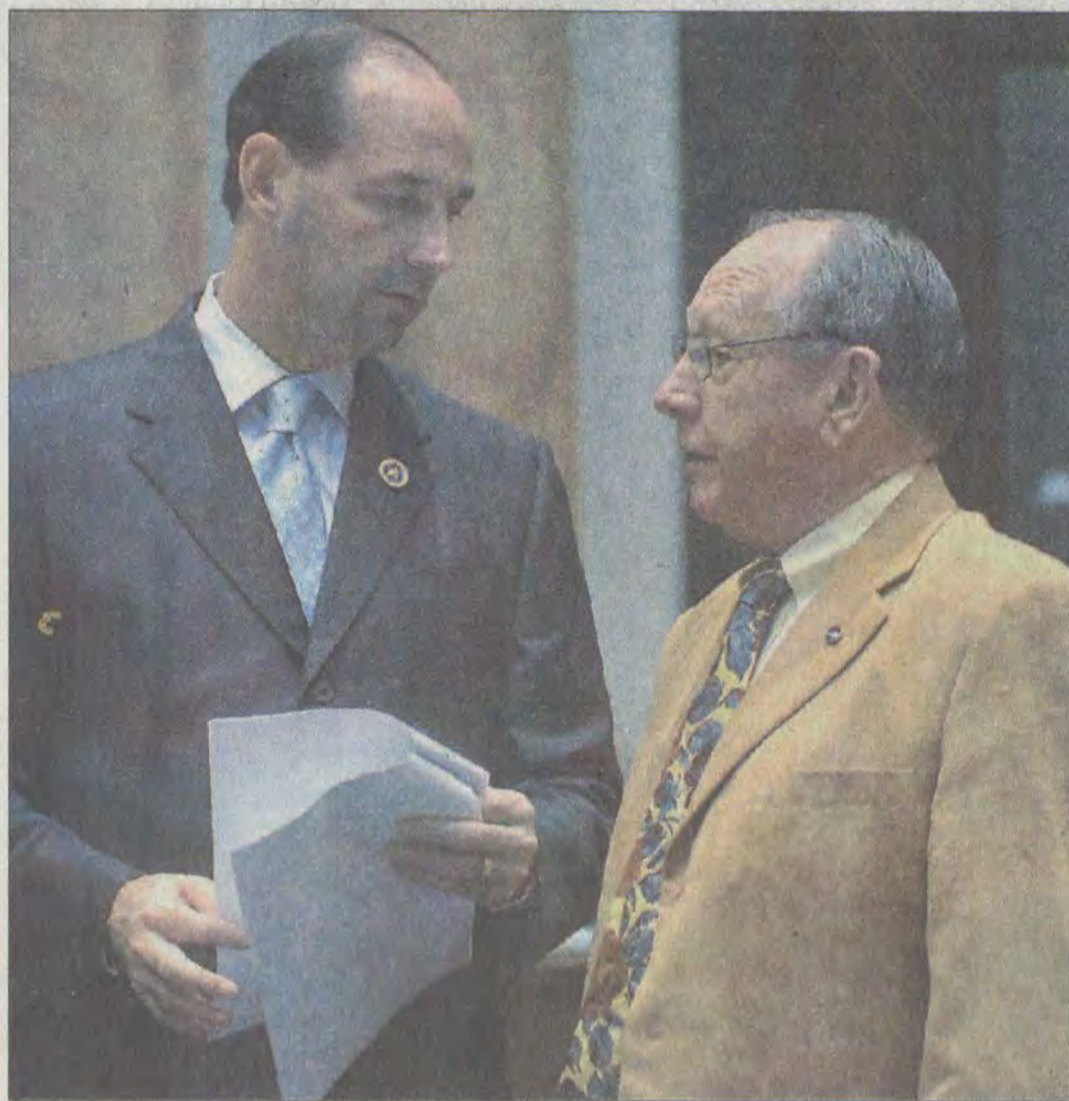
The Regents voted 11-0 with three absent at a special meeting Thursday in Versailles.

If the state Council on Postsecondary Education approves the recommendation, community and tech college tuition would be \$119 per credit hour for in-state students — more for out-of-state students.

Council officials said the body would review the proposal at its Feb. 1 meeting, but a vote on it wasn't scheduled.

The council sets caps on tuition for state universities and community colleges.

MULLING THE NUMBERS



Rep. Hubert Collins, chair of the House Transportation Committee, talks with Majority Leader Rep. Rocky Adkins on the House Floor about transportation issues prior to Gov. Steve Beshear's budget address Tuesday evening.

Beshear offers grim budget proposal to General Assembly

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear proposed deep cuts Tuesday to Kentucky government — stretching from universities to state parks — in presenting an \$18.5 billion two-year spending plan that reflects sluggish revenues mixed with growing demands for Medicaid.

Kentucky's public universities would face 12 percent cuts in the next budget that begins July 1, on top of an across-the-board 3 percent reduction Beshear already imposed this year. A cross-section of state agencies would also be targeted for sharp cuts, and the governor proposed no pay raise for public school teachers, though local school districts could boost teacher salaries.

"I envisioned this first budget address to be a night where I unveiled a plan brimming with bold and creative new programs," Beshear said to a joint session of the General Assembly. "However, that evening will have to wait. Because tonight, we deal with cold, harsh reality."

Beshear's budget plan for Kentucky would include a marginal overall increase from the current two-year spending plan, which is \$18.1 billion. But, with economic forecasters calling for drastically shrinking state revenues, cuts to certain areas such as education were needed to pay for unavoidable hikes in "have-to" areas such as health care coverage for the more than 700,000 low-income and disabled Kentuckians.

Beshear pointed to other states — Florida, Maine, Virginia and Rhode Island — as examples that Kentucky was

not alone in its budgetary dilemma.

For the Bluegrass State, Beshear proposed no cuts in the basic formula for state aid to public elementary and high schools — a big chunk of the overall state budget — and the per-pupil spending would remain intact. The Department of Education itself, however, would face a slight decrease in funding for other agency spending.

"We had to make difficult choices, and we made those choices," Beshear said.

The governor, however, said he was not proposing any changes to need-based financial aid for college students, and acknowledged some universities may consider tuition hikes to offset their funding woes. But, he urged university leaders to find ways of slimming down their own budgets.

"I regret what we're having to propose," Beshear said.

Other areas that would be cut in Beshear's proposal include faith-based initiatives, the Kentucky State Police and public defenders.

Nevertheless, Beshear said his plan was "not a budget of retreat" and felt the state could stay on a pace of progress despite tough financial times. The governor noted that Kentucky's reliance on one-time revenue sources would be cut in half over the next two years.

"This budget will put Kentucky back on firm financial footing," Beshear said.

Beshear said he was proposing no tax increases, although various Democrats in the legislature have said they'd rather pass a cigarette tax hike than allow education funding to suffer.

"Taxes continue to be the last option for me in terms of resolving this situation," Beshear said.

Reiterating a campaign theme, Beshear called on legislators to let voters ratify or reject a constitutional amendment that would legalize casino gambling. Kentucky already allows gambling at race tracks, bingo halls and via a state lottery. By allowing casino gambling, Beshear believes state government could reap an extra \$500 million in revenue and stop Kentuckians from wagering their money in bordering states.

"Do we want Kentucky money continuing to benefit the people of other states, or do we want to bring it home to improve the quality of life of our own people?" Beshear said.

Senate President David Williams, however, said he felt the revenue that would be generated from casino gambling would not be worth the social costs and amount of money problem gamblers might lose.

"I hope we have a free and open discussion in both the Senate and the House and the governor doesn't try to shove this down everyone's throat," Williams said.

Five agencies were in line for spending increases under Beshear's budget, his first since winning election in November. Medicare, the state-federal health insurance program, would consume the largest share of additional spending.

Beshear proposed an extra \$147.9 million for Medicaid in the first year of the biennium, and \$242.5 million in the second year. The governor said that none of the state's current

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Floyd native is new director of Perkins Center

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The newly announced head of operations at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center expects more benefit for local residents in the future.

Thomas Rainey, of Banner, was officially announced as the new Center Director during a ceremony last Thursday.

"I am excited about the opportunity I have been given at the Perkins Center," Rainey said in a released statement. "It is one of my goals as the new Center Director that more local Kentucky residents participate in this program. I look forward to meeting with more of our local leaders in the near future to ensure we reach this goal."



Thomas Rainey

Rainey, a 1991 graduate of Wheelwright High School, received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Pikeville College.

Rainey has worked at the Perkins center since 2002 as finance and administrative director.

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Wrongful death suit filed in truck wreck

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — A local law firm is seeking \$10 million in a civil action that was filed on behalf of the family of a Johnson County man who was killed when the vehicle he was operating was slammed into by an 80,000-pound commercial truck.

According to a press release from Kirk Law Firm, Rosalee Rigsby, on behalf of Seth and Aaron Rigsby, the sons of the deceased, filed a lawsuit this week against George Hamilton, the driver of commercial tractor-trailer, and Akers Magnetite, the Kenova, W. Va., based com-

pany for which Hamilton drives.

Last February, it was reported in The Floyd County Times that at about 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, Joseph Rigsby, 35, of Martha, and one passenger Stacy Quesenberry, 28, of Louisa, were both killed when the silver Hyundai being driven by Rigsby reportedly moved into the path of the tractor-trailer while pulling from the shoulder. A third passenger in the vehicle was seriously injured.

"Because defendant Hamilton's tractor-trailer was 'loaded,' because he was traveling excessively fast and because he was

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Discrimination alleged in Magoffin schools

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A history of sex discrimination was the complaint leveled against Magoffin County Schools last week by three Eastern Kentucky women who filed a lawsuit after they say they were continually passed over for promotions.

According to the complaint, Jill Howard, Kimberly Patrick and Bernadette Carpenter have each and as a whole been passed over for employment opportunities by both the Magoffin County Board of Education and its superintendent, Joe Hunley.

"This certainly could

have been resolved at the [Equal Employment Opportunity Commission] level," said JoEllen McComb, an attorney for the plaintiffs. "We never got any feedback from the board."

Howard, who is currently serving as director of curriculum and instruction for Magoffin County schools, also worked as a teacher for three years, and a principal for six.

Kimberly Patrick is acting director of finance, and before that had been a teacher for three years and a principal of an elementary school for seven.

Bernadette Carpenter

(See LAWSUIT, page three)

3 DAY FORECAST

Today
Rain
High: 40 • Low: 25

Tomorrow
Mostly sunny
High: 50 • Low: 30

Sunday
Mostly cloudy
High: 51 • Low: 36

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Obituaries

Charles Junior Hackworth

Charles Junior Hackworth, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 28, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 9, 1919, in Printer, he was the son of the late Charlie and Lulu Dotson Hackworth. He was a packer for a Paintsville grocery store for 32 years; a WW II veteran of the United States Army; a member of Auxier D.A.V., No. 18; and a member of Chestnut Grove United Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Owens Hackworth.

Other survivors include two sons: Cleveland Ray Hackworth of Harkers Island, North Carolina; and Cledis Hackworth of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Bonnie Ward and Connie Poe, both of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Vernice Hackworth and Elmer Hackworth, both of Stockbridge, Michigan; and Vernal Hackworth of Indiana; a sister, Oma Manns of Akron, Indiana; seven grandchildren: Chuck, Mark, Lee, Seth, Justin, Blake, and Kimberly; 11 great-grandchildren: Michael, Zachary, David, Noah, Christina, Brandon, Tyler, Luke, Abbey, Hannah, and Christopher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Ina Lou Hackworth; three brothers and three sisters: Herman Hackworth, Thurman Hackworth, Wayne Hackworth, Roxie Risner, Maxie Patrick, and an infant sister; and one grandchild, Sherry Lee Penwell.

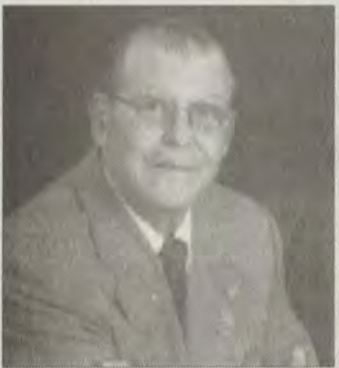
Funeral services were held Thursday, January 31, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Adam Dwayne Marshall officiating.

Military services will be performed by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, DAV.

Burial was in the Owens-Adams-Manuel Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)



Phill Maurice Hall

Phill Maurice Hall, 67, of Wabash Indiana, died Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., at his home.

He was born January 23, 1941, in McDowell, the son of R. Vermon and Melvina "Pef" (Newman) Hall.

He married Connie Kellfaber in Wise, Virginia, on January 9, 1961.

Phill co-owned Wabash Appliance & Electronics since February, 1991. He also worked for McKinney Appliance in Wabash, from 1961-1990. He was a member of the Wabash Lions Club, where he held all offices except treasurer, and received the Melvin P. Jones award for service. Phill transferred his membership to the Richvalley Lions Club four years ago, after the Wabash Chapter disbanded, and was the current president of the Richvalley chapter. He was a guiding light for the newly formed Wabash Community Lions Club. He was also a life member of the Wabash Moose Lodge No. 1195, where he held all offices except trustee and administrator. He was past president of the Legion of the Moose of Tippecanoe No. 96, and past president of the 2nd District of the Moose. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, golfing, and bowling.

He is survived by wife, Connie Hall of Wabash, Indiana.

Other survivors include seven children: Michael (Nancy) Hall, Carl (Sharon) Hall, and Randall (Saralynn

Tyner) Hall all of Wabash, Indiana; John (Nikki Harris) Hall of Elkhart, Indiana; Wayne (Nikki) Hall of Silver Lake, Indiana; Jennifer (Mike) Pernell of Villa Hills, Kentucky; and Andrew (Tiffany Hoagland) Hall of Peru, Indiana; 17 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a brother, Terry (Wanda) Hall of McDowell; five sisters: Eulavene (Hobart) Preston of Lexington, Loretta Bolin, and Debra (Roy) Frazier, both of Pricce; Joyce Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Janet Bowling of Tram.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Carl Hall I, and Eldon Hall.

Funeral services will be held at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, on Saturday, February 2, at 10:30 a.m., with Pastor Forrest Bowers and Rev. Chris Madison officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, Indiana.

Friends may call, 4-8 p.m., Thursday, and 4-8 p.m., Friday, at the funeral home. There will be a Moose Twilight service at 7:30 p.m., Friday, also at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Area Ministerial Association, or Children at Mooseheart.

The memorial guest book for Phill may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com
(Paid obituary)



Etta Rose (Hopkins) King

Etta Rose (Hopkins) King, age 78, of West Chester, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, entered into eternal rest Monday, January 28, 2008, in the Bethesda North Hospital, in Montgomery, Ohio, following an extended illness.

She was born September 7, 1929, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Wilbur J. and Lettie (Shannon) Hopkins.

She will always be remembered by her family and friends as a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her dear husband, Troy Otis King, in 2004; a son, Jackie Calvin King; four grandchildren: Eric Todd Miller, George Anthony Miller, Michael David King, and Daniel Corey Stanley; two brothers: Wilburn Jackson Hopkins and Charles Hopkins; and three sisters: Blanche Gertrude Hopkins, Gladys Opal Hamilton, and Helen Eddith Rhodes.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her children: Carol Lynn Miller (Gordon Ray Stanley) of Wheelwright, Stanley King (Brenda Joyce) of McDowell, Shirley Ann King of Jackson, Michigan, Daniel Mark King of Hyatt, Randy (Jacqueline) King of Oregonia, Ohio, and Barbara Ella Belcher (Roy) of Eaton Rapids, Michigan; one sister, Ella Lenora Roberson of North Shore Hills, South Carolina; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and numerous stepgrandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Friends may call on the family Wednesday, January 30,

from 5:00 p.m., until 8:00 p.m., and again Thursday, January 31, from 10:00 a.m., to 8:00 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 1, at the church at noon, with her grandson, Brother Ezra Troy Miller officiating.

Burial will follow in the Hopkins and Tackett Cemetery, located in McDowell.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting www.stinekilburnfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stine Kilburn Funeral Home, Lebanon, Ohio, 45036, and Hall Funeral Home, Martin.
(Paid obituary)

1929, in Honaker, the daughter of the late Ballard Spencer Sr., and Minnie Clark Spencer. She was a sales clerk, and a member of the Mouth of Mud Church of Christ.

Survivors include a brother, Ballard Spencer Jr., of Bradenton, Florida; and a sister, Norma Mae Spencer of Prestonsburg; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 1, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin.

Burial will follow in the Clark Cemetery, in Honaker, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation, at the funeral home.
(Paid obituary)

Dora Dean Spencer

Dora Dean Spencer, age 78, of Prestonsburg, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at the Riverview Health Care Center, in Prestonsburg.

She was born December 23,



Card of Thanks

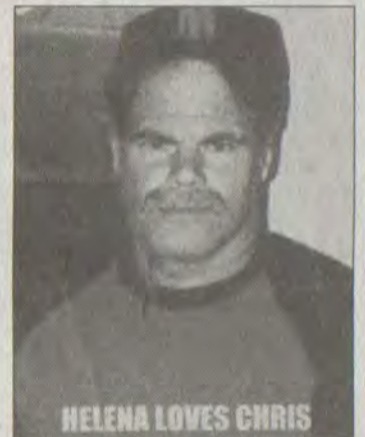
The family of Agan Mullins would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers, who helped to comfort, and were there for our family, during this difficult time. Thanks to everyone who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort. We are especially grateful to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their caring and courteous attention to our needs; to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for assistance with traffic; also a very special thank-you to Prestonsburg Police/Fire and Dispatch, for all of their support and caring. All the thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten, and will always comfort our family.

THE FAMILY OF AGAN ALDO MULLINS

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It has been a year since you left me here, I can't let you go, I still love you so. The days are long and sad, I miss you, oh, so bad, Each day that goes by, I wish you were by my side. You were the love of my life, I will forever be your wife.



Greatly missed by wife, Helena Shepherd Spears, and children Mark Spears, Shelia Shepherd, Cherly Horn, Christal Spears

Highlands honors long-time employees

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center held its annual service awards banquet on Friday, Jan. 25, in the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Highlands honored 75 employees from the hospital, clinics and Highlands Home Health for years of service ranging from five to 35 years.

Harold C. Warman, president and CEO of Highlands, and Burl Wells Spurlock, chairman of Consolidated Health Systems, presented the certificates to each of the recipients. Of the 75 honored, 15 had at least 25 years of service, three had at least 30 years, and one employee, Larry Daniels, was honored for his 35 years of service at Highlands Regional.

"I think it shows real commitment to stay with one employer for that many years," said Warman. "It was great to honor this many employees for long time ser-



Larry Daniels, center, was honored by Consolidated Health Chairman Burl Wells Spurlock, left, and Highlands President and CEO Harold Warman for his 35 years of service to the hospital.

vice."

Highlands, as one of the region's largest employers, currently has over 500 employees. With the recent announcement of expansions to its services, Highlands sees even more employment opportunity for the health care industry.

"We have worked to attract the best nurses and other health care professionals,"

said Susan Ellis RN, MSN, HRMC vice president of human resources. "It is a strategic goal to further develop a workforce culture of excellence, and the employees we honored tonight are a valued part of that."

In addition to the awards dinner and ceremony, employees were given a certificate and gift as recognition for their years of service.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Tara Allen
- Jeanie Arms
- Patricia Burke
- Connie Caldwell
- Patricia Curtis
- Tammie Donley
- Bilena Elkins
- Debbie Endicott
- Regina Flannery
- Regina Frasure
- Robert Gibson
- Amy Hall
- Beverly Helmondollar
- Chris Hoffman
- Tracy Horn
- Zelma Jenkins
- Julia Johnstone
- Jeanne Kelly
- Debbie Mollett
- Ella Newman
- Sheila Rowe
- Tonya Shepherd
- Kathryn Sparks
- Rita Tackett
- Jennifer Tucker
- Leshie Wallen
- Sandra Williams
- Darlene Wright
- Jean Yates

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Deborah Conn
- Benita Dar Howard
- Deborah Johnson
- Jimmy Moore
- Freddie Mullins
- Bonnie Preston
- Karen Sellers
- Tricia Sinne Young

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Brenda Castle
- Golden Lynn Fletcher
- Sharon Hall
- Kathi Hayes

- Lisa Haynes
- Angela King
- Phillip Mills
- Dora Salyer
- Kathy Trimble

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Joell Hall
- Summie Hatfield
- Lisa Meade
- Roxanne Mollett
- Jonni Ousley
- Deloris Patrick
- Lucy Potter
- Mary K. Rubado
- Ginger Spanos
- Teresa Webb

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Maggie Banks
- Rebecca Bentley
- Norcie Blackburn
- Juanita Branham
- Patricia Calhoun
- Gary Cantrell
- Creed Gilliam
- Debbie Howard
- Bonnie King
- Joyce Litton
- Melinda Lyons
- Kathy McGuire
- Yvette Reffitt
- John Salisbury
- Susan Vanhooose

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Betty Addington
- Zina Goble
- Linda McIntire

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Larry Daniels

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Donna Hall, 37, to Patrick Fannin, 35, both of Grethel.
 Gretta Hinkle, 40, to Billy Moore, 42, both of Inez.
 Victoria Lucas, 58, of Lexington, to William Bryant, 59, of Hi Hat.
 Ashley Riffe, 18, to Justin Perry, 22, both of Prestonsburg.
 Samantha York, 18, to Benjamin Martin, 19, both of Drift.
 Deanna Kidd, 32, to Steven Adkins, 40, both of Honaker.
 Marieta Thomsberry, 33, to Jeremy Hayes, 24, both of Langley.
 Carissa Grimm, 21, of Prestonsburg, to William Bentley, 23, of Langley.
 Roberta Castle, 22, of Teaberry, to Joshua Baiden, 24, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Joshua Williams vs. Robert B. Evans
 Oliphant Financial Corp. vs. Kenneth H. Johnson
 Community Trust Bank vs. Janet Lawson, et al
 Zane Sloan vs. Cherokee Insurance Co.
 Elizabeth Vance vs. Devin Newsome
 Black Acre Enterprise, LLC vs. Heather Fields
 Shera Blackburn vs. Ricky Blackburn
 Deborah Sexton vs. Timothy Sexton
 David Layne vs. Malcom Layne, et al
 Lita Nichols vs. Gregory Nichols
 Shane McCown, et al vs. Willie Mudd
 Chase Bank vs. Brian Little
 Lendmark Financial vs. Kristin Scott, et al
 Kathleen Caudill, et al vs. William Ronald Clay, et al
 Melissa Rodgers vs. Carl Rodgers
 Sherry Hall vs. Jessica Ratliff
 Amanda Rose vs. Rodney A. Rose
 Troy Samons vs. Betty Lou Samons
 Unifund CCR Partners vs. James E. Hall
 Green Tree Servicing vs. Thomas Buford, et al
 Allstate Insurance Co. vs. Caroline Bradley, et al

Small Claims Filings

Jason Caudill vs. Tony Hager
 Midland Funding vs. Anzie S. Thacker
 CACH of Colorado vs. Brenda L. Stone (aka Brenda Cole, Brenda Gibson)
 Midland Funding vs. Joshua Harris
 Jamie Blankenship vs. Ronda Meade
 CACH of Colorado vs. James Moss
 Ira B. Potter, P.S.C. vs. Tammy Bragg, et al
 LVNV Funding vs. Crystal Carver

Midland Funding vs. Christine D. Hotelling
 Capital One Bank vs. Shane T. Engle
 City National Bank vs. Crystal Lafferty
 CACH of Colorado vs. Robert Reid
 LVNV Funding vs. Vernon Sturgill
 Ira B. Potter, P.S.C. vs. Anthony Allen
 Capital One Bank vs. Lisa West
 DH Capital Mgt., Inc. vs. Donald Hall
 DH Capital Mgt., Inc. vs. Thad C. Duff
 Cash in Hand vs. Natalie Borders
 Cash in Hand vs. Kelly Dickerson
 Cash in Hand vs. Tammy Keel
 Cash in Hand vs. Tina McCarty
 Cash in Hand vs. Thomas W. Osborne

Charges Filed

Christopher J. Hall, 29, of Kite, criminal trespassing.
 Steven Castle, 45, of Prestonsburg, assault/domestic violence.
 Loretta Castle, 43, of Prestonsburg, assault/domestic violence.
 Vernon Brian Johnson, 37, of Bevsinsville, criminal mischief; menacing.
 Tara N. Howard, 24, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.
 Robin Coleman, 41, of Shelby Gap, theft by deception/cold checks (three counts).
 Lisa Coleman, 33, of Harold, possession marijuana.
 Ryan Hardee, 27, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Shawn Dale Wallen, 38, of Ivel, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Elaine Blankenship, 22, of Pikeville, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Kelsey Edward Bradley, 26, of Dana, alcohol intoxication, public place; assault/domestic violence.
 Mark Paul Howard, 33, of Salyersville, alcohol intoxication, public place.
 Michelle Jones Tackett, 36, of Grethel, terroristic threatening.
 Audrey K. Prater, 46, of Betsy Layne, theft by deception/cold checks.
 Michael Lee Fraley, 46, of Prestonsburg, theft by deception/cold checks.
 Bradford C. Hunt, 33, of Hi Hat, disorderly conduct; resisting arrest.
 Eric Scott Risner, 31, of East Point, public intoxication, controlled substance; controlled substance prescription not in original container; possession controlled substance, drug unspecified.
 Toni Ward, 19, of McDowell, disorderly conduct; resisting arrest.
 Vernon Brian Johnson, 37, of

Bevsinsville, assault/domestic violence.
 Rena Hall Thompson, 28, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking.
 Robbie Allen, 34, of Leburn, assault/domestic violence; alcohol intoxication, public place; assault of police/probation officer; resisting arrest.
 Alexander Hall, 49, of Teaberry, criminal trespassing; theft by unlawful taking.
 Joshua Gregory Shepherd, 25, of David, criminal mischief; terroristic threatening.

Inspections

Save A Lot Martin, Martin, regular inspection. Violation noted: Non Food Contact surfaces not properly maintained. Sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-washing sink. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Light fixtures not shielded as required. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 93.
 Double Kwik, Allen, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Bulk food not stored in product container or package in which it was obtained and without identifying label. Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of effective hair restraints, chlorine sanitizer concentration level for mechanical chemical sanitizing of utensils and equipment less than 50 ppm, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 92. Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Score: 99.
 Speedway 9588, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Where critical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits, walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair, lighting not provided as required. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 96 Retail Comments: Lighting not provided as required. Score: 99.
 Osbourne's Pizza, Teaberry, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Lack of effective hair restraints. Sanitary towel or hand drying machine not provided at lavatory or hand-washing sink. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Score: 94.
 Wayland Quick Mart, Wayland, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Proper waste receptacles not provided. Floors not properly covered. Score: 97. Retail Comments: Proper waste receptacles not provided. Score: 98.
 Campbell's Grocery, Garrett, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food Comments: Lack of

thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Lack of effective hair restraints. Cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution. Floors not in good repair. Employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 95. Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. employees personal items not stored properly. Score: 98.

Property Transfers

James Adams to Ronald Adams; location undisclosed.
 Amanda, Charles, and Tammy Adkins, Jerry and Wilda Collins, Anita and Donnie Elkins, Jennifer and Randall Inis to Naomi and Ronald Adkins; Mare Creek
 Bobby, Denise, Lawton, Ricky, Teresa, Tommy, and Willa Allen to Irvine Allen; Sizemore Branch
 Kay and Phillip Allen to Eastern Properties Inc.; Buckeye Fork of Middle Creek
 John Bevins to Jennifer Daniels; location undisclosed.
 Johnny Burke to Bill Branham, Jean Burke, Mike Flowiat, James Goble, Eleanor Robinson, John Salisbury, Jeff Setser, Roger Spradlin Trustees of the Community United Methodist Church; location undisclosed.
 Carolyn, Michael, unknown

spouse of Michael, Randal, unknown spouse of Randal, and Thomas Christian; location undisclosed.

Citi Group/Consumer Finance, Master Commissioner William Kendrick. Unknown spouse of Steven Reid, Steven Reid, and WM Specialty Mortgage LLC to Doug Hyden; Trimble Branch
 David Coffey to Mathew Castle; location undisclosed.
 Gregory Coleman to Rosanne Coleman; Penhook Hill.
 Community Trust Bank Inc to Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Stumbo Hollow.
 Michael and Sheila Crisp to Steven and Teresa Adkins; Auxier
 Joy and Sam Dunlap, Kathy and Ronnie Emery, Donald and Linda Greer, Jerry, Kenny, unknown spouse of Kenny, Phillip, unknown spouse of Phillip, and Virginia Hall, Master Commissioner William Kendrick, Estate of Esther Lawson, James and Melissa Pauton, Rick and Patricia Underwood to Community Trust Bank; location undisclosed.
 Jerome Greathouse to Barbara and Billy Osbourne; Auxier.
 Melissa and Timothy Hastings to Linda and Ronald Hughes; Richmond Subdivision.
 Regina Johnson to Jonathan and Regina Johnson; location undisclosed.
 Master Commissioner William Kendrick to Secretary of Housing

& Urban Development; Stumbo Hollow.

Mary Lee to Robert Lee Jr, location undisclosed.
 William Marshall to Connie and James Hoover; Goose Creek.
 Jeanie and John Mullins to John and Sheree Wright; Shop Branch.
 Julius Mullins to Kathi Caudill, Linda Holbrook, Larry Mullins, Janet Tackett; location undisclosed.
 Ratha Mullins to Kylie Hall; Caleb Fork of Weeksburg.
 Jonah Newsome to Johnathan Newsome; location undisclosed.
 Johnathan Newsome to Jonah Newsome; location undisclosed.
 William Potter to Dottie and William Potter; Crestwood Subdivision.
 Darrell and Leesa Powers to Consolidated Health Systems Inc. location undisclosed.
 Lowell and Mary Sammons to Curtis and Emily Webb; Prater Creek.
 Jamie and Maria Scott to Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Stumbo Hollow.
 Marcus and Mary Tackett to Katrina Hall; location undisclosed.
 Donna and Michael Temple to Dewey Moore; Arkansas Creek.
 US Bank to Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Stumbo Hollow.
 John and Sheree Wright to Jeanie and John Mullins; Shop Branch.

Lawsuit

presently works as a principal of the Millard Hensley Elementary School, and worked nine years as a teacher and a youth services director before becoming principal. All total, the plaintiffs have 59 years of combined experience in education.

The attorneys argue that in 2006 the position of superintendent of Magoffin County Schools was posted and all three applicants were qualified, by education, training, certification and experience and each submitted applications on time, yet not one of the three applicants were interviewed for the position by either the board nor the screening committee chaired by board Chairman Tim Watkins.

Since 2004 the plaintiffs as a whole have applied 10 times

for positions which they were "duly qualified" the complaint alleges, and of those, nine positions were filled without any of the plaintiffs receiving interviews.

Male applicants filled all of the positions, and according to the complaint filed by the attorneys, all were less qualified than the plaintiffs.

Carpenter, Howard and Patrick first approached the EEOC in December 2006. A response from the commission dated August 2007 said, "that there is reasonable cause to believe that respondent (board) has violated Title VII by subjecting charging party to different terms and conditions of employment, gender discrimination and being paid less based upon her gender."

The attorneys subsequently

asked EEOC for "right to sue" letters after the board refused to resolve the situation.

"This is a case that the EEOC found cause in, and that is very unusual," said McComb.

The three Magoffin County employees are suing the school board and its superintendent, claiming that they have not operated in concert with Title VII, the Federal Equal Pay Act, The Kentucky Civil Rights Act (KRS 344), and the Kentucky Equal Pay Act (KRS 337).

The action calls for at least \$150,000 for each plaintiff for mental anguish and suffering, as well another \$150,000 in punitive damages.

The plaintiffs are being represented by the Lexington Law Firm Brooks, McComb & Fields LLP.

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Gov. Steve Beshear's budget address

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of the Kentucky General Assembly, Lt. Governor Mongiardo, Constitutional Officers, Honorable Members of the Court of Justice, honored guests, including my First Lady as well as Kentucky's, and my fellow Kentuckians.

Last year while running for governor, I envisioned this first budget address to be a night where I unveiled a plan brimming with bold and creative new programs.

However, that evening will have to wait. Because tonight, we deal with cold, harsh reality.

During the last month, I've outlined the problems I've inherited - first, a budget shortfall of about \$434 million for the current fiscal year.

I have already eliminated a major portion of that shortfall by issuing a budget reduction order, and I am recommending the remaining steps to be taken to solve that problem in the revised budget for the current fiscal year I am submitting to you tonight.

But even more daunting are anticipated shortfalls in both years of the next biennium.

Last October, the Consensus Forecasting Group, an independent body statutorily created to estimate revenues upon which my budget, by law, must be based, revised its revenue estimates down for the current year and for the next two years.

On December 18, and then again on January 16 of this year, this group reduced their estimates even further.

To be more specific, projected revenues are now \$580 million less in the first year of the biennium than what we are spending this year, and \$306 million less in the second year.

Budget Director Mary Lassiter has worked on seven state budgets. She says that while our Commonwealth has faced revenue shortfalls before, we are in an unprecedented position - facing revenues in the next two fiscal years far below our spending levels of today.

Now, we are not alone.

Some thirty-five to forty other states are facing shortfalls and budget reductions, too.

Florida, for example, sliced sixty-five million dollars from its public universities in December.

Maine is eliminating seventy million dollars from health and human services.

Virginia has asked its three leading universities to cut seven point five percent of their budgets and Rhode Island plans to remove one thousand state jobs while eighteen thousand people could lose health insurance.

In Kentucky, we are dealing with inherited numbers so dire that were we to allow it, they could cast a deep, dark cloud over this Commonwealth for an immeasurable period.

But dark clouds are for the weak, the timid, the narrow thinkers and those unwilling to roll up their sleeves to work smarter, harder and more efficiently.

This night we do not shrink from the task. Rather, we accept this challenge to lead!

This night we unveil a budget that - albeit austere to the point of pain - will once and for all start us on a path toward financial stability.

Based on projected revenues for the next two years, our spending plan is logical, well-reasoned and strategic.

This is a budget in which state government and all of its organizations must prove that they can be better stewards of the taxpayers' hard-earned money.

A dilemma facing most new governors as they hurriedly cobble together their first spending plan is figuring out where to spend new money.

But for this new governor, there is no new money.

There is less.

Must we severely tighten our belts? Yes. But in spite of that, my friends, this is not a budget of retreat.

In this budget, we have laid the groundwork for regaining our financial footing.

And, although difficult decisions have been forced upon us, we have carefully identified ways to advance, areas in which we can improve the lives of Kentuckians on several levels, often with little spending.

Though limited, such actions can lead to real achievements. As Ralph Waldo Emerson penned, "The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."

Let's take a look at some of the acorns in this proposed budget.

FIRST, K-12 EDUCATION

My commitment to the education of children in elementary and secondary schools remains steadfast. K-12 education is our highest priority, as it should be.

Our founding fathers said exactly that when they constitutionally mandated an adequate system of education for children.

Without providing our children a proper foundation at the elementary and secondary levels, the role of colleges and universities is diminished because of remedial requirements placed upon them.

So, while most of the rest of government will have to make do with significantly less, this budget provides the funding to maintain the SEEK base per pupil guarantee for the next two years.

I fully recognize that protecting the education of our children by sparing SEEK from cuts has serious consequences elsewhere, since it represents thirty-three percent of the General Fund. But it is the right

choice.

Furthermore, although we cannot do all that I would like in the field of early childhood education and development, we must take steps forward.

To begin that process, I will create an early education and care coordination committee.

This committee will bring all providers - the public school sector, the private sector and Head Start - to the table to increase service efficiency, reduce duplication and produce common standards of practice.

As conditions improve, we must expand the availability of early care and education to more Kentucky children.

HIGHER EDUCATION

In postsecondary education, I am deeply disturbed by the agonizing position in which we find ourselves.

I strongly believe in the missions and goals of our colleges and universities, and I regret offering a budget with reductions in this area.

But given severely limited resources, the fact that I have recommended no reduction in the formula which funds K-12 education, and the fact that we must provide for the basic health and human needs of the most vulnerable in our society, we will simply be unable to maintain the current level of increased spending for institutional operating budgets.

I have been warned about the easy option of large tuition increases.

I urge all of the presidents and boards of our universities to scrutinize their own operational costs, as the rest of government has to do.

Now is the time for all of us to discover greater management efficiency and cost containment.

But I also believe that in spite of the necessity of reductions, this budget provides ways to continue the momentum begun by the 1997 higher education reform effort.

In this budget, I recommend that the need-based student financial aid programs be held harmless from budget cuts.

In addition, I recommend funding of the Kentucky National Guard tuition award program.

The men and women serving our nation and our Commonwealth deserve no less.

What we also can do at this time is address some of the capital needs of our universities - both human capital and bricks and mortar needs - in helping meet 20 20 goals of excellence.

I recommend a sixty million dollar bond authorization for a new round of "Bucks for Brains."

This program has attracted and retained some of the brightest faculty and research teams in the nation. In times like these, we simply must invest in the future.

I recommend restoration and funding of all previous vetoed bond projects that have not moved forward. These had the support of both the House and Senate in 2006. Many are on the campuses of our state universities. There should be no debate about moving forward now.

In addition, I recommend that the General Assembly authorize all of the agency bond projects requested by the universities for this biennium.

As you know, these projects require no debt service from the state. Rather, such bonds are paid for by the universities' own revenues.

By authorizing all such requested projects, the universities will have the flexibility they need to choose the ones most important to them.

As you will see when you review my entire recommended capital construction budget, we can authorize all such projects and still remain within our debt capacity policy.

We also must address two university projects that won't cost additional general funds.

Murray State University needs authorization to finish its Chemistry Building with funds previously authorized.

The University of Louisville requires authority to spend private funds to renovate Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. I recommend language which will allow both projects to proceed.

My friends, if and when additional resources become available, higher education should be a top priority for new funds.

HEALTH CARE

The Medicaid program is receiving the largest amount of new funding in this budget.

Why? Because health care costs continue to rise, and new funding is required to simply maintain the program which provides the healthcare safety net for thousands of Kentuckians.

Through this budget, more than 722,000 Kentuckians each year will continue to receive coverage under the Kentucky Medicaid Program.

And we are not cutting eligibility for the program.

However, we must implement a strategy for coordination and improved oversight of many of the components of the Medicaid Program to live within the available dollars. We must manage this program better.

We will continue to implement components of the reforms in the Medicaid program that were contemplated in the last budget.

And, we will have to find ways to reduce expenditures in some areas.

There are other limited areas where we have to find ways to do more.

I recommend additional funding to increase alternatives to institutionalization for individuals so that they may choose consumer-directed program services in community based settings.

This budget adds 150 placements in the first year and 300 placements in the second year for the Supports for Community Living program and implements a new waiver to serve individuals with mental retardation and developmental disability who previously could not access community-based services.

This budget also contains increased funding for a new program of Long Term Care coverage to individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury, and proceeds with the "Money Follows the Person" initiative which allows individuals in a nursing facility or other institutions to return home to the community.

However, we cannot continue spending dollars in the same old way.

We must look across the continuum of the Medicaid program to ensure that we are getting good value for the dollars paid for health care services, and that the program itself is administered in the most cost-efficient manner.

I am committed to continuing the planning process for replacement of Eastern State Hospital. I have asked the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to evaluate options for the planning of, and financing for, the replacement of that facility.

The Secretary will propose a plan by December 2008 for the replacement of the facility.

I recommend issuing bonds to replace the Glasgow State Nursing Facility operated by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The existing facility is deteriorating alarmingly, and will soon be unsafe for use.

JUSTICE

Getting a handle on the soaring expenditures for this state's justice system is among our greatest challenges.

During the past thirty years, Kentucky's crime rate has remained virtually flat, increasing only about three percent.

But our incarceration rate has increased by 600 percent in the same timeframe.

In 1970, Kentucky had 2,838 state prisoners. As of last week, the state's inmate population stood at 22,442.

By the end of the upcoming biennium, that number is expected to easily top 23,000. Kentucky's corrections budget has swelled to nearly \$398 million in general funds. And it is still not enough.

I will appoint a criminal justice task force, comprised of representatives from all parts of the system, to undertake a comprehensive review of Kentucky's penal code, sentencing guidelines and related issues.

Its goal will be to ensure protection of the public and appropriate punishment of offenders, while developing ways to better control the costs of this system.

However, while reforms in this area could reduce the populations in our jails and minimum security facilities where large numbers of less serious offenders are now held, there is unfortunately already a demonstrated need for more space to house serious and violent offenders who cannot be held in those other facilities.

Therefore, I recommend the expansion of the Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Elliott County to accommodate that need.

The rest of the justice system will experience budget reductions.

However, because of their vital role in the protection of the public, I recommend smaller reductions to these areas of government than many other areas.

TRANSPORTATION

Unfortunately, our road fund is not much better off than the General Fund over the next two years.

We do have some revenue growth predicted, primarily due to the increasing cost of gasoline.

The good news for local governments is that the revenue-sharing program will see some growth.

The bad news for state government is that almost all of the revenue growth predicted is already obligated to numerous prior commitments.

In fact, the last two years saw record spending on highway contracts, and when we arrived on December 11th, we found that of the \$65 million that had been placed in the Highway Contingency Fund, all but \$307,000 had already been spent.

The bottom line is there's little new money available for additional projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Refocusing Kentucky's economic development strategies and practices is of the utmost priority.

When our Economic Development Cabinet was created in the 1990s, it was given the task of creating a statewide economic development strategy.

However, over the years that strategy has become more and more limited and dated.

It is time to revitalize our economic development efforts, and as chair of the Economic Development Partnership Board, I will work with the Secretary of that cabinet to review and revise our strategy, giving it a new focus on the entire state and on twenty-first century jobs.

In addition, in tight times more than ever, Kentuckians deserve to know how state dollars are spent on economic development deals.

I have instructed the Cabinet to make all such incentive agreements available through a searchable database.

Finally, an immediate and major new economic development opportunity arises out of the federal government's decision to change and expand the mission of the Fort Knox military facility.

This effort will result in the Commonwealth becoming the beneficiary of hundreds of millions of dollars in federal investment as well as thousands of jobs.

Our response will likely require state investments in roads, schools, and other infrastructure.

But the return is enormous - in tax dollars, spending power, high-salaried twenty-first century jobs, construction benefits and the preservation of Fort Knox.

To be prepared to address these critical needs, I recommend:

Fifty million dollars in economic development road bonds to support pre-construction for road projects needed for the successful build-out of the new federal facilities.

Fifty million dollars in economic development bonds to address other potential infrastructure needs in the area.

I will also appoint an implementation team to move forward and build upon the good work carried out by the initial Base Realignment Task Force. We cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Considerable thought has been given to the appropriateness of issuing debt when we face cutbacks in so many areas. Some will say that now is not the time to invest in infrastructure and other capital needs.

I believe that this is exactly the right time.

Carefully planned investments will allow us to continue the positive momentum we have built in several areas.

Fortunately, if we have to borrow, we can do so by capturing low interest rates. Furthermore, capital investments, where appropriate, have an added advantage of creating construction and related jobs.

My capital investment focus has three components:

Honoring prior commitments.

Investing in critical needs.

And giving the universities flexibility to issue debt that they will repay with their own money, a topic which I have already discussed.

In the area of honoring prior commitments, I recommend the following:

We should issue one hundred million dollars in bonds for the School Facilities Construction Commission.

The initial Offers of Assistance for these projects were authorized in the 2006-2008 budget.

Prior promises to our school districts have been made, and they should be honored.

I also recommend that we authorize an additional 100-million dollars in offers of assistance over the next biennium. We must provide adequate facilities in which our children can be educated.

We should complete the statewide public safety communications network.

We have deployed the system in eastern Kentucky; now we must finish deploying the technology in the western part of the state. This is a critical public safety issue.

Finally, as I have already mentioned, we should restore all 2006 vetoed bond projects that have not moved forward. The time to act on them is now.

In the area of investing in critical needs, I have already mentioned the investment we should make in a Bucks for Brains program, the Fort Knox expansion and realignment effort, the necessity of expanding the Little Sandy Correctional Complex and the need to pursue a replacement facility for Eastern State Hospital.

In addition, I recommend:

■ Additional bond funds for the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, both to match federal funds and to address water and sewer needs in our coal-producing counties - a critical health and safety issue.

■ Funds for flood control matching grants and state-owned dam repair.

■ Replacing the power plant at Morehead State University. It has been patched together and is operating with a very temporary solution.

■ \$3.7 million in agency bonds for infrastructure at Bluegrass Station. Two weeks ago a fire there destroyed a building the state leased to private enterprise. This is the second fire in the last year.

Unfortunately, the infrastructure is insufficient to supply adequate water pressure for fire suppression. This is unacceptable.

■ Although we have looked throughout state government for money to balance the General Fund, I recommend that we respect the integrity of two distinct funds.

First, I feel strongly about keeping our commitment to agriculture as we continue investing in the agricultural economy. We must increase net farm income.

I recommend that we honor the commitment made to the agriculture community to allocate fifty-percent of the Master Settlement Agreement funds to agriculture development.

In addition, restoring and funding the 2006 vetoed bond projects will allow for the expansion of the University of Kentucky

Livestock Disease Diagnostic Center.

The additional space will help to meet the ever-increasing demands for disease diagnosis and research to safeguard the animal population.

Second, coal severance funds should continue to flow to the coal counties.

However, I am recommending two initiatives for use of some of these funds:

The mine safety inspection and training program is critical.

Legislation you enacted in the past two sessions calls for an increase in mine inspections and mine safety training.

Yet, that program has not been funded. I recommend that we fund those requirements from coal severance funds.

And, as I have already mentioned, we must concentrate on the pressing needs for adequate water and sewer infrastructure in our coal counties. Therefore, I am recommending a \$50 million bond pool to address these needs.

■ Another area we must address is our public pension systems. They have large unfunded liabilities.

This problem did not appear overnight, and Kentucky cannot and will not solve it overnight - particularly through some large infusion of cash. Again, right now, there is no cash!

What we can do now is address the increasing costs. These programs are not sustainable at current levels.

Therefore, I will offer a specific proposal on pension reform in the coming weeks and I look forward to working with you as we resolve this critical problem.

Presenting a budget with significantly less resources will force us to become more efficient.

It will force us to rethink how state government operates. And by doing so, we will be on a firmer financial footing.

This proposed budget relies on some one-time money, but not nearly as much as the current budget.

We have used most of our rainy-day fund to balance this budget, and we have identified many sources of non-General Fund money to help balance it.

By doing so, we will be able to bring authorized spending levels back to current levels by the end of the biennium.

But we have decreased our reliance on those one-time funds.

In fact, we have reduced our reliance on one-time funds to support recurring spending by more than fifty percent.

We should strive in the future to reduce that reliance even further, so that we don't find ourselves in this position ever again.

Yes, there will be future downturns in the economy, but our ability to withstand them will be enhanced once we balance our budget with recurring sources of revenue.

However, even when the economy turns around and our revenues begin to rise again, I know that we all want to move forward faster.

We want to more rapidly improve the quality of life for all Kentuckians in areas such as education, healthcare and better jobs.

And to do that, we need a major new source of revenue.

I have said many times that raising taxes is a last resort. But there is another option.

Other states' gaming facilities are on most of our borders, and each year thousands of Kentuckians visit them and spend over one billion dollars of their entertainment money.

Right now, those Kentucky dollars are educating Indiana's kids, providing healthcare for Illinois' seniors, and paving West Virginia's roads.

Do we want Kentucky money continuing to benefit the people of other states, or do we want to bring it home to improve the quality of life of our own people?

While estimates vary, it is safe to say that allowing limited expanded gaming in Kentucky would result in hundreds of million dollars in new tax revenue every year.

Kentuckians have overwhelmingly indicated that they want the right to vote on this issue, and it is time that you allow them to do so.

In the coming weeks, I will be submitting to this General Assembly a constitutional amendment which would allow the people of our state to vote on whether to allow limited expanded gaming in Kentucky.

I call upon you to pass that amendment and place it on November's ballot. I trust the people of this state to make the correct decision. It is time that you also place your trust in them.

So there you have it.

I commend this budget to you for your review and action. I understand that you may have somewhat different priorities, and I look forward to working with you as we finalize our plans for Kentucky's future.

Yes, we are in tough times, and just like Kentucky families who find themselves in a similar situation, we must tighten our belts and balance our checkbook.

But, my friends, if we work together we are going to come out of this in much better shape than we were before.

It is time to get our financial house in order. It is time to chart a new course. It is time that Kentucky once again rises to the top.

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LEGALS

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500 REWARD For information about windows being broken out at the home of T.J. Hoover. Located on Stone Coal. On January 24th. Possibly happened between 6am- 5:30 pm. Contact T.J. Hoover at his home with the information.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0332

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, has applied for a surface/auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located 3.0 miles southeast of Printer, and is situated in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 428.67 surface acres, and will underlie 356.21 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 784.88 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.0 miles southeast from State Rt. 2030's junction with State Rt. 122, and located 0.1 mile west of the

Spurlock Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clayborn Bailey Heirs, Ruby Halbert, Kermit and Doreen Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Estate, Tommy & Sherry Shelton, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Phillip and Ida Ann Meade, Denzil Yates Heirs, and Don Castle. The operation will underlie land owned by Clayton Bailey Heirs, Ruby Halbert, Kermit and Doreen Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Estate, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Phillip and Ida Ann Meade, Denzil Yates Heirs, and Don Castle.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0349

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 295.0 acres and will underlie an additional 433.0 acres, located 1.8 mile southwest of Grethel, in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell

U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Bobby Lawson, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, Greeley Newsome, and Miller Bros. Coal, LLC et al. The operation will underlie surface area owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Stelton & Eugenia Reynolds, Parson Heirs, Thomas Kidd, Palmer Hamilton, Lewis Moore Heirs, Richard Moore, Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, et al. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road, Frasure Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Frasure Branch County Road. The operation will not involve relocation or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this day

approximately 101.13 acres, located at Emma, in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is located approximately 1.2 mile northwest from the intersection of Emma Road and KY 1428, and is located 0.5 mile southeast from Sand Branch of the Levisa Fork. The mine site is located at Latitude 37°38'27" and Longitude 82°43'50". Detonations of explosives are proposed to occur Monday through Saturday, sunrise to sunset, from February 1, 2008, to January 31, 2009. An authorized company representative in radio communication with the certified blaster (flagman), will prohibit access to the blasting area by unauthorized persons at least ten minutes prior to each detonation. The pre-detonation warning signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of long siren blasts, five (5) minutes prior to detonation. The blast signal shall consist of a one (1) minute series of short siren blasts, prior to detonation. The all-clear signal shall consist of a prolonged siren blast, following the inspection of the blast site. All roads leading to or near the blast site will remain closed until the all-clear signal is given. The warning and all-clear signal will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the blast point. Signs will be posted and maintained, which outline the blasting schedule, and the

meaning of the blast warning signals. All blasting will be scheduled from Sunday through Saturday, from sunrise to sunset. If, in the event that unscheduled blasting is unavoidable, then the audible signals described above, will be used to notify all persons within one-half mile of the blasting site. The applicant must document the reason and conditions for the unscheduled blast with any required seismograph report. Events which could lead to blasting at times other than those scheduled, include, but are not limited to rain, lightning, or other atmospheric conditions, which involve personnel, operational, or public safety.

LEGAL NOTICE
Lisa Stumbo, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify the Unknown Spouse of Janet Greer of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about January 22, 2008, in which the above was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number 1 of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action No. 08-CI-00105. The basis of the suit is a Complaint for Default against the Defendants for mortgage on property located at 29 Deer Creek Trail, Martin, KY 41649, Floyd County, Kentucky. The Unknown Spouse of Janet

Greer shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court. Anyone having information concerning the Unknown Spouse of Janet Greer, please contact Hon. Lisa Stumbo at (606) 886-1020. Lisa Stumbo, C.V. Reynolds Law Offices, P.S.C. 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Stephen J. Edler. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is The River Front Entertainment Center LLC, Harold, Ky. The nature of the business will be Night Club/Beer by The Drink 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 February 21, 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 February 21, 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

PUBLIC NOTICE
Dadeos LLC, 135 East Court Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, has declared intention(s) to apply for a beer, wine and liquor license. The business to be licensed will be located at 135 East Court Street, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, doing business as Dadeos LLC. The (owners); principal officers and directors; limited partners; or members are as follows: Doug Brown, 36 Dickerson Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

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FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE 08-001 Amendment No. 1

AN ORDINANCE relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof; Whereas the County of Floyd has requested unbudgeted receipts for the General Fund from the Community Trust Bank. Due to the current financial situation of the County and the certain disbursements of these funds the court hereby declares this budget amendment an emergency. So Therefore, the Court needs to increase the receipts and expenditure accounts that pertain to these funds in 2007-2008 Budget.

Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION ONE: The Budget for the Fiscal year 2007-2008 is amended to:

A. Increase the receipts of General fund by 500,000.00 to include under budgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-4911	Community Trust Bank	\$ 500,000.00

B. Increase the expenditures of the General Fund account:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-7500-603	CTB-Principal	\$ 485,000.00
01-7500-607	CTB-Interest	\$ 15,000.00

SECTION TWO: An emergency exists to add the amounts of the revenue and expenditure accounts in Section One are for Debt Service.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, this the 8th day of February, 2008.

Motion by _____
Seconded by: _____

Robert Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Approved as to Form and Classification this the ____ day of _____, 2008.

State Local Finance Officer

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In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousley Ky; Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3883, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner. Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun. Morning 11:00 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, All Welcome 7 p.m. Pastor Mark Hunt, 606-478-2698; Bro. Jim Smith, 606-874-8077.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Fgpt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patrick and Buddy Jones, Ministers.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Graydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branchham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Grace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truist.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chad Blair, Pastor.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg, Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenier

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assit. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2128.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Phillip Ramey, Pastor.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00

Devotional Spotlight
Graceway United Methodist
Roy Harlow Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Attention Church Organizations, send in a picture of your church, pastor, or youth leaders.

p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday; Father Robert Damron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Vamey, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mitchell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley, Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m., Bill B. Tussey, Jr, Pastor

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bays Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School,

10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sarlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwaie; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459, leave message. Everyone welcome!

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Sacrament Mtg., 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:20 a.m.; Relief Society/Presthood/Primary, 12:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagens, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

Budget

722,000 Medicaid recipients would be cut from the rolls. But the governor said changes are needed to make the system more cost efficient. Beshear proposed \$53 million in extra spending for the prison system over the next two years, a big ticket item reflecting a projected 6 percent

growth in the state's prison population over that period. Currently, the state's prison population totals more than 22,000 inmates, and Beshear estimated there would be an influx of about 6 percent over the next two years. State employees would get 2 percent pay raises in each of

the next two years, an amount totaling \$60 million over the biennium. The state's constitutional offices wouldn't be spared from cuts. Beshear proposed reductions of 12 percent in the governor's office, secretary of state and treasurer's offices. The attorney general's office was targeted for a 9.8 percent reduction, and the agriculture commissioner's office would be trimmed by 8 percent. The state auditor's office would also have less funding to operate.

Other cabinets would also face cuts, but Beshear said his administration was asking the legislature for "flexibility" so agency heads could effectively manage their areas amid tight budget times.

Bob Vance, Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet secretary, said areas such as mine safety should be "taken care of" even though his agency would face cuts of about 18 percent. The agency

would find ways to compensate, and would look to cut personnel last.

"I think we're going to be in fair shape," Vance said.

Beshear proposed using \$189.8 million of the state's budget reserve trust fund to help finance state operations in 2010. That would leave about \$25 million in the "rainy day" fund to deal with any emergencies, such as forest fires or other natural disasters.

Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, the chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said Beshear's budget would be a starting point for lawmakers.

"This is the worst situation that we've faced," Moberly said. "I think the governor has done as good a job as he could have done with the available revenue and the time that he's had to spend on this."

Still, Beshear's budget wasn't all gloom.

He proposed the legislature reinstate more than \$165 mil-

lion in various projects the legislature approved two years ago but were vetoed by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Such projects include \$6 million for a polar bear exhibit at the Louisville Zoo, \$17.5 million for renovations to Kentucky River locks and dams and \$13.5 million for a livestock disease diagnostic center at the University of Kentucky. Beshear also proposed reinstating a \$14 million technology center at the community college in Owensboro, \$5.3 million for a dairy research farm at Eastern Kentucky University and \$9 million for a renovation at Western Kentucky University.

The plan also calls for new projects, such as \$9 million for runway improvements at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington and \$39 million for an expansion of the Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Elliott County. It calls for \$100 million in various road and infrastructure projects

around Fort Knox, which is preparing to accommodate an influx of soldiers and civilian personnel due to base realignment. The plan proposes \$10.3 million for roads around the Kentucky Horse Park leading up to the 2010 World Equestrian Games in Lexington.

Public universities would also be given authority to sell hundreds of millions of dollars worth of bonds to finance various campus improvement projects. It would be up to each individual university's discretion on whether to proceed with such plans, Beshear said.

"We are in tough times, and just like Kentucky families who find themselves in a similar situation, we must tighten our belts and balance our checkbook," Beshear said. "But, my friends, if we work together we are going to come out of this in much better shape than we were before."

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Director

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"Since I arrived at Perkins, I have seen how the center plays a vital role in training Eastern Kentucky's young adults," Rainey said. "So many young men and women have benefitted from this program."

Project Manager C.J. Wurster, from the DESI Corporate office in Phoenix, Ariz., was on hand at the Prestonsburg Center to make the official announcement.

"We are confident in Mr. Rainey's leadership ability and look forward to continuing to serve youth age 16-to-24 through the U.S. Department of Labor Job Corps Program," Wurster said. "We also look

forward to the continued support from the community of Prestonsburg, and the commonwealth of Kentucky, as we continue to operate the center with Mr. Rainey as center director."

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center has been located in Prestonsburg and training young adults for over 25 years. DESI, Dynamic Education Systems Inc., has been operating the Perkins Center for the U.S. Department of Labor since 1999.

For more information about the Perkins Center, contact Lisa M. Moore, business community liaison, at (606) 886-1037, ext. 127.

Wreck

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traveling downhill, he was operating his vehicle in a reckless, dangerous, wanton and willful fashion without proper concern for others upon the roadway," John Kirk said in a released statement.

Kirk says that a reconstruction expert estimates that Hamilton's tractor-trailer, which was hauling approximately 60,000 pounds of magnetite, was traveling 85 miles an hour when he applied the brakes, causing the vehicle to skid. According to Kirk, the impact between the tractor-trailer and the other vehicle was "so violent that Mr. Rigsby was literally 'obliterated.'"

A Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement officer cited Hamilton after the accident because his duty log was not current and he was not in possession of his 7 days prior driver record.

According to KVE Lt. Kevin Henry, "over-the-road drivers who travel 100 air miles have to keep a log book current to their last duty station."

"Drivers are required to carry previous record so we can calculate how many hours they have worked in a week," said Henry, who added that these measures are in place to

prevent driver fatigue.

The lawsuit alleges that at the time of the accident, Hamilton was traveling excessively fast, and was operating the vehicle in a sleep-deprived state.

The lawsuit seeks \$10 million in "punitive damages" on the alleged basis that the "defendants' actions were willful and wanton and done with a disregard for the rights and welfare of others and because defendants' said willful actions were the proximate cause of the death crash," Kirk said.

Additional civil complaints have reportedly been filed against Akers Magnetite and George Hamilton by attorney Eldred "Bud" Adams on behalf of the family of Stacy Quesenberry, and by attorney Keith Bartley on behalf of a third passenger in the vehicle.

Calls to Akers Magnetite were not immediately returned.



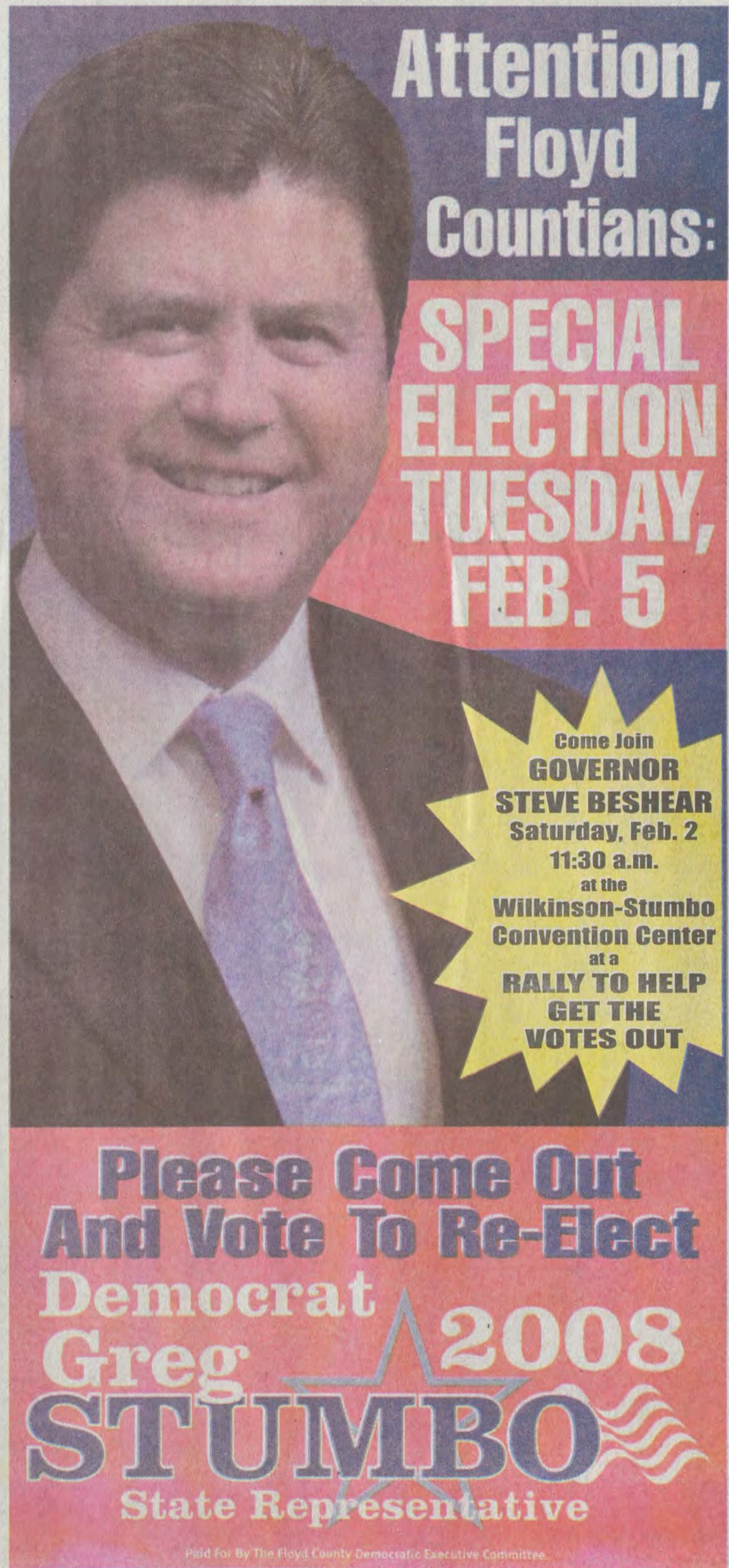
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Sweetheart Skate
Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
at the
Archer Park Skating Rink
The skating rink will be open for public skate during this special event. Tickets will be available the night of the event, but skate availability will be limited.
Buy your tickets early to reserve your skates.
Couples \$10 / Singles \$6
This is a drug-free, kid-safe event.
For more info: 886-6390 / 886-9757

Rules of Sweetheart Skate

- The ticket pays for entrance into the rink. If you don't skate, the price is still the same.
- Sweetheart Dance will be every 15 minutes, with a slow song.
- There will be someone working at the door selling tickets, and someone working the counter.
- Tickets can be bought in advance at the Archer Park office and at the skating rink, to reserve skate size an ensure availability.
- Rules will be posted at the rink. If an individual breaks the rules, they will be asked to leave the premises.
- The use of alcohol or tobacco products is strictly prohibited.



Attention, Floyd Countians:
SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY, FEB. 5

Come Join GOVERNOR STEVE BESHEAR Saturday, Feb. 2 11:30 a.m. at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at a RALLY TO HELP GET THE VOTES OUT

Please Come Out And Vote To Re-Elect Democrat Greg STUMBO 2008 State Representative

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Bears climb seven spots to No. 10 in national poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville College's road to the top of the Mid-South Conference standings has a couple of fierce road blocks this week as the Bears play teams ranked second and 15th in the country.

But those opponents, Georgetown College and Campbellsville University, respectively, are no doubt thinking the same thing after this week's NAIA Div. I poll saw the Bears leap seven spots to No. 10.

The lofty position in the polls is Pikeville's first time in the Top 10 since the poll dated Jan. 21, 2003, some five years and nine days ago. In their next game, Jan. 25, the Bears lost to No. 11 Mountain State 100-91 and fell out of the Top 10 after spending three straight weeks there.

"We're in a good position right now," said

Coach Kelly Wells. "But now we have to go out and show we deserve it. We'll get every opportunity to do just that this week."

On Thursday night at 8 p.m., two of the four longest win streaks in the country were on the table as Pikeville took a 14-game streak to Georgetown, holders of the NAIA Div. I's longest win streak at 21-0. The game ended too late to make this edition.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, the Bears will come home to play Campbellsville, ranked 15th in this, its first week outside the Top 10 since being 11th in the preseason poll released Oct. 31.

By the numbers the Bears are deserving of a spot amongst the leaders in the ratings. The Bears are in the national Top 10 in 13 different team categories, including steals per game where they average 15.19 per game. In individual stats, the Bears have nine players in the Top

20. Junior Xavier Yates leads the country in steals, averaging 3.86 per game.

Mountain State University in Beckley, W.Va., is still atop the poll and this week picked up all 11 first-place votes for the first time this season. Georgetown is followed by Concordia (Calif.) University, Lee University (the other unbeaten team at 18-0) and LSU-Shreveport, which suffered its first loss of the season last week.

The second five are Robert Morris (Ill.), Oklahoma City, Westminster (Utah), Lambuth (Tenn.) and Pikeville.

Two other MSC teams are getting votes in this week's poll, and they will be Pikeville's foes next week. Cumberlands is getting six points in the poll while Lindsey Wilson is taking one. They are among the 20 teams getting votes outside the Top 25 this week.



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DIAMOND GIRL SPOTLIGHT: Prestonsburg High School graduate Tiffany Campbell is a member of the Diamond Girls Dance Team.

Sports fans have many choices this time of year

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

It's a great time to be a sports fan. It seems there's something for everybody right now; you'd have to have pretty eclectic taste to not have something going on you enjoy.

The All "A" Classic has lost much of its luster, but it's still a statewide tournament not dominated by the big-city schools, so it's got that going for it. Locally, the All "A" used to feature all but about four or five schools. Now it barely has more than that, as consolidation has done a number on the field.

Statewide, many people bemoan the event because some of the "bigger" schools are in it now. That's something of a misnomer, but a point well taken. The governing body of the All "A" simply hasn't adjusted its enrollment-based criterion of 425. Many schools who qualify play Double-A in football, because of the way the KHSAA breaks down its classification.

Instead of a minimum number, the KHSAA takes the number of schools playing football and divides it by the number of classes. As a result, schools playing a higher class of football often have fewer than 425 students.

Is it the fault of the schools? Certainly not. But it does take away some of the quaintness of the event.

This week, we have three teams locally for which to cheer, Shelby Valley, of course, played in the girls' draw on Wednesday night. It's not difficult to argue that Rodney Rowe is a winner, and he's taken his magic back to the female side. He won the regional without the player many considered his most talented. The experience they've gotten through this process will certainly pay off down the road.

Paintsville's Tigers won a double-overtime thriller over Pikeville to advance to Richmond. This is certainly not Bill Mike Runyon's first rodeo. For years his team was among the favorites to win the event; that never happened, but in 1996 he did win the Sweet 16, so I'd guess he's ok with it all.

The other team locals will have an eye on in Madison County this week is University Heights Academy. Randy McCoy's club entered the event 17-4 on the season, and by March

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THE PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL boys' basketball team will host Breathitt County Saturday night in a Homecoming game. The 2008 PHS Basketball Homecoming Court is pictured: Seniors—Julianne Frye; Charolette Hale; Ali Hackworth; Andi Johnson; Whitney Caudill; NaKessa Maines; Tiffany Caudill; Brittany Phillips; Brittany Collins. Juniors—Breanna Lewis; Alyssa Allen; Laura Absher. Sophomores—Nikki Bradley; Hannah Honeycutt; Amanda Mullins. Freshmen—Courtney Foley; Kalan Wells; Kaitlyn Minix.

Rebels outlast East Ridge in overtime

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK – Senior guard Aaron Crum hit five three-point field goals and paced Allen Central with a game-high 27 points Tuesday night as the Rebels survived an overtime game versus East Ridge. The Rebels outscored East Ridge 12-8 in the extra session, winning 66-62.

Crum led a quartet of Allen Central players in double figures scoring. Alex Hammonds followed

with 11 points for the Rebels. Logan Crowder and Hunter Crowder each had 10 points for host Allen Central.

Mike Rowe sent the game into overtime for East Ridge when he converted on a putback.

The Warriors edged Allen Central 16-15 in the first quarter. But the Rebels grabbed a lead in the second quarter, outscoring East Ridge 16-8 en route to a 31-24 halftime lead.

"We weren't sharp and never could get a rhythm to

the game," commented Allen Central Coach John Martin. "(Mike) Rowe always plays well against us. He came up big with the putback that sent the game into overtime."

East Ridge outscored Allen Central 16-9 in the fourth quarter to force the game into overtime.

Allen Central enjoyed its biggest lead when the margin was out to eight points. In a close game, Allen Central took control in overtime, playing well down the stretch.

The Rebels finished 21-for-30 from the free throw line.

Kasey Fields led East Ridge with a game-high 21 points. Mike Rowe was close behind Fields in the East Ridge scoring column. Rowe netted 20 points for the Warriors.

Andrew Belcher narrowly missed double figures for East Ridge. Belcher tossed in nine points.

Dustin Looney posted six points while Joel Meade and Cody Williams scored three apiece.

Lady Tigers defeat Prestonsburg, 54-41

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE – Host Paintsville established an early lead and held Prestonsburg to 10 or fewer points in each of the last three quarters Tuesday night en route to a 54-41 win over the Lady Blackcats.

Paintsville jumped out in front early on, leading 28-18 at the end of the opening quarter.

Brittani Chaffins paced Paintsville with a team-high 20 points. Amanda Jarrell, Paintsville's leading three-

point shooter, followed with 14 points for the Lady Tigers.

Laura Carroll finished one field goal shy of reaching double figures in the scoring column. Carroll collected eight points for the Lady Tigers.

Paintsville (9-7) entered halftime out ahead 38-21.

Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 21 points. Fields was the only Prestonsburg player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Hannah Fitzpatrick narrowly missed

double figures, ending the 15th Region matchup with nine points.

Prestonsburg tightened up defensively in the second half, outscoring Paintsville 20-16.

Falling behind in the opening quarter hindered Prestonsburg's progress. The three-point effort in the second quarter was a season-low for the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg, however, remains a contender to make it back to the 15th Region Tournament as one of two representatives

(winner and runner-up) out of the 58th District.

The Lady Blackcats slipped to 5-14 following the loss.

PAINTSVILLE 54,
PRESTONSBURG 41
PAINTSVILLE (9-7) – Collins 1, Hughes 3, Frye 7, Fitzpatrick 9, Fields 21.

PAINTSVILLE (9-7) – Adams 2, VanHoose 6, Russell 4, Jarrell 14, Carroll 8, Chaffins 20.

P'burg..18 3 10 10-41
P'ville..28 10 8 8-54

Patroons stun Miners, 109-108

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – Host East Kentucky won each of the first three quarters Wednesday night before falling to a shorthanded Albany team. Albany, playing without leading scorer and rebounder Amal McCaskill, pulled off a hard-fought win at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Chad Timberlake, one of seven Albany players, banked in a jumper with 6.4 seconds remaining to lift the Patroons to a thrilling 109-108 win on Appalachian Wireless Night.

McCaskill, one of the CBA's top players, left the Albany squad Tuesday night. The former NBA player reportedly accepted a deal to play overseas.

East Kentucky led by as many as 16 points in the American Conference matchup. The Miners edged Albany

28-26 in the opening quarter and took a 57-54 lead into halftime.

East Kentucky's lead over Albany swelled in the third quarter as the Miners outscored the Patroons 33-24. Albany, however, played its best basketball in the final quarter.

The Patroons won the quarter points 4-3. The Vincent Askew-coached Albany team outscored East Kentucky 31-18 in the fourth period.

Albany, thanks to the win, maintained its second-place spot in the conference standings. The Patroons improved to 16-11 overall after claiming the victory over East Kentucky.

Nat Burton led Albany with a game-high 26 points. Five of Albany's seven players reached double figures in the scoring column. Timberlake and Rashaad Powell added 23 points apiece for the

Patroons.

Jason Williams contributed a near double-double for Albany, exiting the contest with 15 points and nine rebounds. Lucious Jordan added 12 points for the victorious Patroons.

Timberlake led Albany defensively, recording a game-high six steals.

Jason McLeish led East Kentucky with a team-best 22 points. James "Boo" Jackson followed with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the host Miners.

Josh Pace pushed in 16 points, Mike Crain scored 14 and Mike Dean added 12 for host East Kentucky.

Pace was a defensive leader for the Miners. The Syracuse product blocked three shots.

The Miners committed 21 turnovers in the setback. East Kentucky fell to 16-16 overall following the loss.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
Forward Marcus Heard went up for a layup for the Miners in a game versus Albany earlier in the season.

Lady Eagles defeat UVA-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. – After a Shandi Edwards jumper to take a four-point lead, the UVA-Wise women's basketball offense hit a nine minute drought and Alice Lloyd College took advantage with a 25-0 game-changing run. The Eagles rode the big run the rest of the game to take a going away 80-57 victory.

Kaylan Richardson led all scorers with 22 points for Alice Lloyd (9-10). Taran Cody added 14 points while Lindsey Mahon contributed 10 tallies and grabbed nine caroms.

The freshmen inside duo of Adrienne Womack and Meghan Rutherford paced the Lady Cavs (4-19) with 16 and 12 points. Womack added seven rebounds and six assists while Rutherford snatched six boards and blocked two shots. Brittany Maxwell chipped in nine while Kim Norris and Edwards had eight points apiece.

After being down 44-24 at the half, UVA-Wise cut the difference to 15 points, 68-53, with 6:39 from as many as 29 points in the opening three minutes of the second half. The Lady Cavs could get no closer than the same 15 points margin two more times before suffering the debilitating setback.

Lady Rebels level June Buchanan

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Host Allen Central built up an early lead and rolled past June Buchanan Monday night. The Lady Rebels outscored June Buchanan 14-2 in the opening period and coasted to a 63-47 win.

Sara Johnson led Allen Central with a team-high 18 points. Amber Shepherd joined Johnson in double figures for the Lady Rebels. Shepherd finished with 15 points. Brandi Brown narrowly missed double figures for the Lady Rebels. Brown finished with nine points.

Allen Central carried a commanding 30-9 lead into halftime.

"It was a solid win for our girls – June Buchanan is a good ballteam" commented Allen Central Coach Mark Martin. "Despite our record, our girls have continued to work hard and improve."

Allen Central made the most of a quick, successful start.

"I felt our intensity in the first half enabled us to get some good shots," Martin confided.

The Lady Rebels played well – both offensively and defensively.

"Our defense has come along and I think the leadership again by our seniors is making a big difference," Martin added. "Offensively, we are still trying to get everyone going to the right spots. Our girls made some good decisions offensively. We are playing better, but we still have a good way to go."

Allen Central led 50-24 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Kim Biliter scored five points, Jaimie Mullins tossed in four and Shea Spurlock added two as Allen Central prevailed.

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ALC picked third in pre-season KIAC baseball poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — Indiana University Southeast was picked by Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference baseball coaches to win the conference's regular-season title. IUS won with 23 points over Brescia University's 21 total. IU Southeast also received three of the five first place votes, while Brescia gained the other two. Alice Lloyd College finished

with 15 points in the voting, while Berea gained 10. Asbury's reinstated program is projected to open up in fifth place. The 2008 season will open with Brescia going on the road to Lambuth University on Saturday.

The 2008 KIAC Preseason Baseball Coaches' Poll (1st place votes in parentheses): 1. IU Southeast, 23 pts. (3); 2. Brescia, 21 pts. (2); 3. Alice Lloyd, 15 pts.; 4. Berea, 10 pts.; 5. Asbury, 5 pts.

EKU's Molden picked for All-Star game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Senior football player Antwaun Molden will strap on the EKU helmet one more time this weekend when he participates in the second annual Texas vs. the Nation Collegiate All-Star Bowl in El Paso, Texas. The game will be televised nationally by CSTV on Saturday, Feb. 2, beginning at 5 p.m. EST.

Molden, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is regarded as one of Eastern Kentucky's top professional prospects heading into this spring's

NFL draft. The corner back led the Colonels with nine pass break-ups in 2007 while finishing fifth on the team with 70 total tackles. Against Eastern Illinois on Oct. 6, Molden held Micah Rucker, a 2006 third team All-American and 2007 first team All-OVC pick, to just two catches for 13 yards. Molden started every game as a senior while recording interceptions in wins over Southeast Missouri (Oct. 13) and Tennessee State (Oct. 20).

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UVA-Wise turns back ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — Trailing 51-40 midway through the second half, UVA-Wise went on a 15-4 run over four minutes to swing the momentum and take Alice Lloyd on Tuesday evening. Freshman Adam Hood pumped in two three-pointers of his game-best 21 points in the spurt where the Highland Cavaliers rode the tide to a 74-63 win over the Eagles.

Hood made three triples total and six of seven free throws for his 21 points. The Cavs (10-13) saw four other players post eight points apiece in Bryan Sexton, Jarred Soles, Eric Swords and Daniel Adams. Swords added five assists and Travis Willis grabbed a team-best seven rebounds.

William Jones and William Dillard lead Alice Lloyd (8-15) with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Seth Gibson hit a short 10-footer to pull the Cavs back to within a point, 37-36, in the first four minutes of the second half. The Eagles answered by scoring 14 of the next 18 points for the game's largest difference of 11 points, 51-40, with just over 11 minutes remaining.

After Swords made one of two free throws, UVA-Wise took advantage of two Alice Lloyd turnovers by seeing Hood drain a three-pointer, two free throws by Soles and another Hood triple to make it 51-49. The home team kept battling until Adams laid in a putback to tie it at 55-55 with 7:07 on the clock.

The Eagles led 61-60 but the home momentum took over for a second time with a key 9-0 spurt capped by two Hood free throws for a 70-61 score with just 1:02 left. UVA-Wise made two more set of foul shots in the final minute to claim the non-conference victory.

Reds enter negotiating agreement with Goodyear, Ariz. for spring training

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds and the city of Goodyear, Ariz., have entered into a 75-day, exclusive agreement to negotiate a lease on a facility that would serve as the club's future Spring Training site.

Under the agreement, the sides cannot negotiate with outside parties until the middle of April. The exact date will be announced when the documents are executed.

"The proposed facilities in Goodyear will be the best in baseball," said John Allen, the Reds' former chief operating officer who is leading the search for a new Spring Training site. "Ultimately, our job is to find a facility that will best benefit our team in terms of getting it prepared to play baseball in April."

The Reds' current lease at the City of Sarasota Sports Complex in Sarasota, Fla., expires in October, though the team could remain there through 2011 by exercising three one-year options. The club has trained in Sarasota since 1998.

The plans for the facility in Goodyear already include the Cleveland Indians, who are scheduled to move there in February 2009. If an agreement is reached, the Reds are not expected to move to Goodyear until 2010.

Goodyear is located 20 minutes west of downtown Phoenix. In 2007, nine Major League teams trained in the greater Phoenix area, and three trained in Tucson.

Spring soccer registration set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration for the Spring 2008 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Prestonsburg McDonald's. Volunteers will be at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2 p.m. The registration fee remains at \$40 per child.

All children at least four (4) years of age, but less than nineteen

(19) years of age on August 1, 2007, are eligible to participate in recreational soccer. Parents may be asked to provide a birth certificate or other record for verification of the child's birthdate. Players in the Under6 and Under8 divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the Under10 division and older also play teams from surrounding counties. Last spring, over 200 boys and girls from Floyd County participated in youth soccer. For more information, contact Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, at 886-9562.

Pikeville College bowlers enjoy successful weekend

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College women's bowling team remains atop the latest USBC Collegiate polls thanks to a strong showing in their most recent tournaments.

The Lady Bears won the Open Division of the Greater Ozark Women's Invitational, while another group of Pikeville bowlers finished second in the Hoink Bearcat Classic in Cincinnati.

The Greater Ozark tournament pitted the top USBC teams and the top NCAA squads in the country under one roof, and the Lady Bears more than held their own. After the Baker games were played, Pikeville was third overall and the top USBC club.

In the tournament, Pikeville beat two teams from McKendree College 4-0 to win the championship.

Senior Jennifer Wright took medalist honors, averaging 203.57, while senior Kayla Bandy, last year's national player of the year, averaged 196.71 to make the all-tournament team.

Meanwhile in Cincinnati, Pikeville's two women's entries finished eighth and ninth overall, but the team that made the eight-team tournament nearly pulled the upset. They knocked off top-seeded Martin Methodist 3-2 in the opening round before scoring a 3-1 win over Penn State, the club that eliminated Pikeville from last year's national tournament.

In the finals, Lindenwood took Pikeville down 3-1. Junior Kristina Hutterer averaged 198 and freshman Lauren Stoffel was at 197.

For the weekend, the women were without freshman Ashly Galanti, who was at the Team USA trials

in Las Vegas and not able to be at either tournament.

In the men's draw in Cincinnati, Pikeville struggled and finished 14th.

The Lady Bears wrapped up the 2007 portion of the schedule with consecutive second-place finishes in Las Vegas.

In the Collegiate Shootout, Pikeville placed all three entries in the top six of the 16-team field. Pikeville A was second with an average of 972, while Pikeville B was third at 920. Pikeville C came in sixth at 887.

In the Las Vegas Invitational, the Lady Bears had two of the four teams to make the match-play portion. Fresno St. beat Pikeville A 3-2 while Wichita State handled Pikeville B 3-1. Both Bandy and Galante made the five-player all-tournament team, while sophomore Jennifer McDaniel fell just shy with a sixth-place finish.

On the men's six, the Bears finished the Collegiate Shoot-Out with two of the Top 15. Pikeville B tied Illinois for 10th with an average of 945, while Pikeville A was 13th. In the Las Vegas Invitational, Pikeville came in 11th. Sophomore Kyle Barnes made the all-tournament team.

PC BOWLING UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Feb. 2 at McKendree Baker Challenge (Fairview Heights, Ill.)

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Feb. 16 at Hoosier Classic (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Feb. 17 at Hoosier Classic (Indianapolis, Ind.)



Martial artists pictured are Master Jim Blevens, Master Michael Gambill, Zac Key, Julie Scoggins, Tanner Keathley, Jason Hall and Grand Master Len Kirschbaum. Key, Scoggins, Keathley and Hall received their 1st Dan Blackbelt Sunday.

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Maris Hoyee paced June Buchanan with a game-high 26 points. Kelsie Jacobs followed with 11 points for the Lady Rebels.

Allen Central hit five three-point field goals in the game.

Cody Centers and Megan Griffin scored four points

apiece for the Lady Crusaders in the setback. Kayla Short rounded out the Allen Central scoring, exiting the non-region matchup with two points.

Allen Central and June Buchanan are rivals from bordering counties.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Sara Johnson, Allen Central Girls' Basketball

Aaron Crum, Allen Central Boys' Basketball

Fans

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should be tournament tested: After yesterday's game with St. Henry in the opening round of the state tournament, 15 of McCoy's 22 games this season have been played in a tournament or as part of a special event.

Meanwhile, one of Kentucky's most successful teams this winter plays just up the road. Pikeville College headed to Georgetown last night with a 14-game win streak and the nation's No. 10 ranking.

The Bears are home tomorrow afternoon to play No. 15 Campbellsville. Now I ask you, how many times do you have a top-10 team for which to cheer right here in your backyard? How often do you get to see two top-15 teams play without driving to at least Lexington?

Should be a big crowd at the Pikeville College Gym on Saturday.

And then there's Kentucky, who is finally playing a little better. Now that everybody's healthy, it appears the cupboard wasn't all that bare after all.

Of course, if basketball isn't your game, there's still a lot out there for your liking.

Sunday is the Super Bowl, and while many of us were hoping to see Brett Favre get one more chance at a ring, it still should be a great game. Only four weeks ago the Giants played the Pats to the bitter end as Eli Manning threw four touchdown passes.

Contrary to what you're hearing and reading everywhere, Eli isn't having a great postseason. I'm sorry, but four touchdowns in three games just is not fantastic. But what he is doing is eliminating turnovers. Says here there's little difference in the job Eli's doing and the one Trent Diller did a few years ago for Baltimore when "experts" the world over said he was doing a nice job of managing the game but not playing spectacular.

The same could be said for Eli. Of course, you must remember one other thing — Diller led the Ravens to the Super Bowl title. Perhaps Eli isn't done thrilling us yet.

I'm not sure who will win — something keeps telling me to not discount the Giants just yet — but either way it'll be one to remember.

Baseball has had a busy off-season and it figures to keep right on rolling with congress refusing to back down on the steroids issue. I think we're all interested in how the Roger Clemens thing shakes out, but with rumors going around that Andy Pettitte will tell them the two of them discussed HGH during one offseason, it surely doesn't look good for ol' Rog.

And finally, we're starting to hear rumblings from Daytona, which means NASCAR will soon be cranking up. It's amazing how many people claim to be fans of car racing, and probably no more than five percent could tell you what the acronym stands for.

It's a great time to be a sports fan. We should enjoy it while we can. It's rare that this many sports can be in the news at one time.

Colonels defeat UTM, 74-60

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN, Tenn. — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team hit a season-high 14 three-pointers and cruised to a 74-60 win over host UT Martin Tuesday night in the Elam Center. With the win, the Colonels (10-10, 7-5 OVC) completed the season sweep over the Skyhawks (10-13, 6-7).

Adam Leonard spearheaded the Colonel three-point barrage as the sophomore equaled a program record with seven tripectas. The Kansas City, Mo., native finished with a career-best 23 points. Three other EKU players posted double figure points including junior Mike Rose who added four three-pointers for 18 points. Senior Jamaal Douglas came off the bench to chip in

with 11 points and season-high nine rebounds.

For UT Martin, Marquis Weddle led all players with 25 points and netted seven three-pointers as well. Lester Hudson, who entered the game as the nation's second leading scorer, was held to 15 points. This was just the fourth time all season Hudson was held under 20 points.

Eastern Kentucky never trailed in the contest as the Colonels recorded 11 of the first 13 points. A Leonard three-pointer gave EKU its largest lead of the first half with 3:09 remaining, 36-22. Weddle hit a buzzer-beater three-pointer right before intermission, but Eastern Kentucky still clung to a 39-31 advantage at the break.

UT Martin responded with

six straight points early in the second half to cut the deficit to three points, 44-41. However, Eastern regrouped with a 15-2 run, where the Colonels netted four long-range shots, to end any thoughts of a Skyhawk victory.

The Colonels committed just five turnovers on the evening and none in the first half. As a team, Eastern shot a season-high 48.3 percent (14-of-29) from behind the arc. Meanwhile, senior Darnell Dials became the 25th Colonel to register 500 career rebounds thanks to hauling in six boards against the Skyhawks.

Eastern Kentucky concludes its three-game road swing Saturday, Feb. 2 at Tennessee Tech. That game will be televised nationally by ESPN beginning at 2 p.m.



SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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Memphis is the lone unbeaten as Kansas falls to rival K-State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memphis is pursuing perfection all by itself now.

As the top-ranked Tigers improved to 20-0 with an 89-77 victory at Houston on Wednesday night, No. 2 Kansas took its first loss of the season against Kansas State in Manhattan.

The Jayhawks hadn't lost in the Little Apple in 24 years, but Michael Beasley, who wasn't even alive when Kansas began its 24-game winning streak on K-State's homecourt, scored 25 points and led the No. 22 Wildcats to an 84-75 victory.

Kansas, two victories short of matching the best start in its storied basketball history, lost on its rival's homecourt for the first time since 1983. The 24-game streak in an opponent's gym came up one short of tying the NCAA Division I record, which UCLA set against California from 1961-85.

"We weren't going to run the table," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "As much as I wish we could, that wasn't going to happen. So this could be a good thing for us in the long run. But certainly it stings."

Kansas State freshman guard Jacob Pullen had 20 points and freshman forward Bill Walker had 22, making

sure that Beasley, who had guaranteed a Kansas State victory, did not have to eat his words.

"I knew my team was capable of beating anybody," Beasley said. "And we showed it tonight."

Always double- and sometimes triple-teamed when he touched the ball inside, Beasley was held to only eight points in the first half but scored six in a row in the first few minutes after intermission and Kansas (20-1, 5-1 Big 12) never caught up.

Beasley was 4-for-4 from behind the 3-point arc as the Wildcats (15-4, 5-0) took over first place in a Big 12 conference they've never even competed in, let alone won.

"It doesn't sting because of the streak," Self said. "It stings because it's our rival. I could care less about the streak. But I do care about beating our rivals. So, yeah, this one stings more than what most would sting."

Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 30 points and Joey Dorsey grabbed a 22 rebounds, matching a career high, as Memphis equaled the best start in school history.

Robert Dozier scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and the Tigers (20-0, 6-0 Conference USA) overcame a season-high 22 turnovers to extend their regular-season winning

streak to 39 games. Memphis matched its best start since 1985-86 and won its 15th consecutive road game.

The Tigers countered their turnover total by shooting 58.5 percent, outrebounding the smaller Cougars 49-29 and scoring 44 points in the paint.

"We turned it over a few too many times, but we played well," Calipari said. "What you saw was one of our best efforts."

Dion Dowell scored 23 points and Robert McKiver scored 20 for the Cougars (15-4, 4-1), who dropped to 2-10 all-time against the No. 1 team. Houston coach Tom Penders was also denied his 600th career victory.

Penders was more resigned than disappointed afterward, conceding the Cougars were simply overmatched.

"They're just a great team," Penders said. "You're going to have to play an extremely strong, efficient game, and hope they're not playing at their highest level, to knock them off."

No. 6 Georgetown 74, St. John's 42: At New York, sophomore reserve Vernon Macklin scored a career-high 18 points and Georgetown handed St. John's its worst Big East loss ever.

The Red Storm (7-12, 1-7) finished 10-for-47 from the field (21.3 percent) in losing their sixth straight

overall and eighth in their last nine games. St. John's previous worst conference loss was also to the Hoyas, 72-42 on Jan. 6, 1982, also at Madison Square Garden.

Roy Hibbert added 11 points and Jessie Sapp had 10 for the Hoyas (17-2, 7-1), who shot 52.8 percent (28-for-53) led by Macklin's 8-for-10.

No. 8 Michigan State 51, Illinois 41: At East Lansing, Mich., Drew Neitzel scored nine of his 15 points during a key stretch in the second half and Michigan State improved to 19-2 for the first time in school history.

Mike Tisdale and Calvin Brock each scored seven points for Illinois (10-12, 2-7).

Raymar Morgan and Goran Suton scored 10 points apiece before fouling out for the Spartans (7-1).

No. 23 Texas A&M 80, No. 10 Texas 63: At College Station, Texas, Josh Carter scored 19 points and Texas A&M cruised to an easy win.

Carter has scored at least 10 points in 15 straight games and helped A&M (17-4, 3-3) break a three-game winning streak for rival Texas (16-4, 3-2 Big 12), continuing a four-year tradition of the home team winning in this series.

Texas never led in the game and trailed by as many as 22 points in the

first half.

Dexter Pittman and D.J. Augustin lead the Longhorns with 14 points apiece.

No. 18 Pittsburgh 69, Villanova 57: At Pittsburgh, Sam Young and Tyrell Biggs led a game-changing rally in which Pittsburgh turned a one-point deficit in the second half into an 18-point lead.

Young scored 15 points and Biggs came off the bench for 14 points for Pitt (17-4, 5-3 Big East). Freshman DeJuan Blair had 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Scottie Reynolds scored 26 points for Villanova, which lost its third in a row.

No. 24 Mississippi 74, No. 19 Vanderbilt 58: At Oxford, Miss., Chris Warren scored 20 points, Eniel Polynice added 18 and Mississippi's freshmen had one of their best games of the season.

Led by Warren, freshmen scored 18 of Ole Miss' first 26 points in the pivotal opening minutes of the second half.

The Rebels (16-3, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) snapped a two-game losing streak and sent the Commodores (17-4, 2-4) to their fourth loss in five games.

Shan Foster scored 14 points for

UConn edges Big East rival Louisville, 69-67

by PAT EATON-ROBB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. — Playing for the second time in three days without two key players, Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun implored his remaining Huskies to find ways to rest on the court.

For this game, he said, it was OK to put hands on knees during foul shots or relax for a moment in a zone defense.

A.J. Price scored 20 points and Connecticut found enough in the tank to hold off Louisville, 69-67.

"We were trying to coach them every way possible to try and have them conserve as much energy as we can," Calhoun said. "I didn't know who could play five minutes at the five minute mark."

The win is the fourth in a row for the Huskies (15-5, 5-3) and snaps the Cardinals' three-game winning streak.

Juan Palacios, who missed a 3-pointer that would have won the game, led Louisville (15-6, 5-3) with 16. But he was just 3-of-9 from behind the arc, and Terrence Williams hit just 2-of-eight. The Cardinals hit just 11 of 33 attempts as a team.

"We had a lot of shots that were right there, and if you can't make this 3-point shot in college, you're in trouble," coach Rick Pitino said.

Stanley Robinson had 16 points and 10 rebounds for UConn and Jeff Adrien also had a double-double, with 12 points and 10 boards.

The Huskies were playing their fourth game in eight days, and their second straight without leading scorer Jerome Dyson and guard Doug Wiggins. The two 20-year-old sophomores were suspended indefinitely from the team Friday after campus police ticketed them for having alcohol.

With the shortened bench, four UConn starters played over 30 minutes, and the Huskies seemed to run low on gas midway through the second half.

Trailing 58-48, the Cardinals went 13-3 run, and

after Robinson hit the front rim on a 3-point attempt, Terrence Williams tied the game at 61, hitting a 3 from the right baseline.

But A.J. Price hit two shots, including a wild runner in the lane, and an ally-ooop dunk from 7-foot-3 Hasheem Thabect with 2:06 left gave the Huskies a 67-63 lead.

After David Padgett hit a free throw, Craig Austrie was fouled by Preston Knowles and hit both foul shots for UConn.

A 3-pointer by Jerry Smith with 36 seconds left pulled Louisville within two.

The Cardinals then tied up Austrie in the frontcourt with 23 seconds left, giving Louisville the final possession. But Palacios' shot from the top of the key missed badly and Thabect tipped the ball away as time ran out.

Robinson, who played 36 minutes, said he was cramping up for much of the second half, even though the Huskies had switched from their trademark man-to-man defense to a 2-3 zone for much of the game.

"When it came to the point where I couldn't walk on the court, I had to get a minute (on the bench)," Robinson said.

Louisville, which has held 11 opponents under 40 percent shooting, kept Connecticut scoreless for more than four minutes to start the game, and was up 10-2 early. But the Huskies responded with an 8-0 run.

The teams went into half-time tied at 30.

In the second half, the Huskies led 41-40, before going on a 17-8 spurt. The run was sparked by a 3-point play on a fast break that saw Thabect out-jump 6-9 Derrick Carter and throw the ball in the basket despite a hard foul.

"We work too hard not to win games," Thabect said. "We're going to keep working hard and make sure we win the games that are winnable."

Calhoun said he has not decided the fate of Wiggins and Dyson, but would have more to say before Connecticut hosts No. 18 Pitt on Saturday.

Gameday headed back to Louisville

ESPNU's College Gameday will make a visit to Louisville's Freedom Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9, with the Cardinals' game against Georgetown as the centerpiece for the telecast.

Doors will open to Freedom Hall at 9:15 a.m. ET Saturday morning for fans to attend the event. It is open to the public and there will be a specific area reserved for U of L students. Free donuts and beverages will be available. Entertainment and contests, including awards for best dressed and best banner, will be provided within the arena from 10-11 a.m. and the ESPN College Gameday show will air live from 11 a.m. ET until noon.

The first 2,000 fans will receive rollabannas sponsored by State Farm. One lucky student will have the opportunity to shoot a half-court shot to win \$7,500. The arena will be cleared immediately following the completion of the program at noon.

Fans are encouraged to park and enter the front entrance of Freedom Hall due to another scheduled event in Broadbent Arena. There is a \$5 parking fee at the Kentucky Exposition Center, however, U of L students can pick up a voucher for free parking while supplies last at the U of L ticket offices located near Gate 2 of Papa John's Cardinal Stadium or at the Student Activities Center.

Students may also ride to the event on one of the free shuttle buses that will pick up at three locations: Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, the bus stop near the Student Activities Center and near Community Park at Fourth and Brandeis Streets. The shuttle service will begin at 9 a.m. and will operate after the Gameday program is completed at noon.

The show will also air live in the evening from 8-9 p.m. ET prior to the game. U of L fans with tickets to the game that evening are encouraged to arrive early for the live telecast. Doors to Freedom Hall will open at 7:30 p.m. ET for

the sold-out contest. The set, which will be manned by Rece Davis, Jay Bilas, Digger Phelps and Hubert Davis, will be located courtside in Freedom Hall for the morning show and at the top of section 116 in the northwest corner of the arena in the evening.

Freedom Hall last served as the site for ESPN College Gameday on Jan. 21, 2006 when third-ranked Connecticut faced the Cardinals.

Bradley, Patterson win SEC weekly awards: University of Kentucky men's basketball players Ramele Bradley and Patrick Patterson were named the Southeastern Conference's Player and Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

It is only the third time since the league began a Freshman of the Week honor in 2005-06 that a school has swept the weekly honors, and the first time since Tennessee did so on Dec. 25, 2006.

Bradley, who was named the SEC Player of the Week for the first time in his career, helped spark the Cats to a 2-0 record on the week, averaging 21.0 points, 8.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists. Bradley had his streak of six consecutive 20-point games snapped against Tennessee, but answered with 26 points against South Carolina. The 6-2 senior went 8-for-8 in the final 1:30 to help seal UK's win over Tennessee and has made 29 of his last 30 free throws. Bradley also helped pace the Wildcat's win over South Carolina with his second career double-double. He has played 214 of 215 possible minutes in Kentucky's five league games this season.

Patterson received his second SEC Freshman of the Week honor this season after averaging 21.0 points, 8.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.5 blocks last week. The 6-8 freshman recorded his seventh and eighth 20-point games of the season, including a 20-point effort in UK's win over third-ranked Tennessee. He also grabbed a game-high eight rebounds and tied his



BETSY LAYNE players applied defense last week during a 15th Region All 'A' Classic game versus Shelby Valley.

Eagles down Tenn. Tech

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Leon Buchanan had 24 points and Jamyrion Steward added 19 points to lead Morehead State University to an 80-68 Ohio Valley Conference win over Tennessee Tech Tuesday (Jan. 29) evening in Johnson Arena.

With the win, MSU evened its overall record at 10-10 and remained in third place in the OVC standings with an 8-5 league mark. The Eagles raised its 2007-08 home record to 8-0, MSU's best start at home since the 1972-73 team won all nine of its home contests.

MSU also got career-high totals of 13 points and 14 assists from Nikola Stojakovic and 12 points and a team-high eight rebounds from Demonte Harper.

Tennessee Tech fell to 9-14 overall, 6-7 in the OVC. The Golden Eagles were led by Anthony Fisher who scored 18 points. Amadi McKenzie had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Will Barnes had 14 points and a team-high four assists. Daniel Northern had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"I thought we were very efficient offensively," said MSU Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "We had 20 assists and only nine turnovers, and we shot 56.1 percent from the field, 43.8 percent from three-point range. That's a nice game on offense."

"Defensively, I felt like we were solid, not great, but Tech shot the ball poorly from behind the arch and that helped us a great deal."

The Eagles led by as many as 13 points in the first half and by seven, 42-35, at halftime. Tech scored the first basket of the second half to cut the lead to five points, but that was as close as the Golden Eagles would get. MSU stretched the lead to as many as 15 points and led by at least 10 points for the final 8:54 of the contest.

MSU hit 32-of-57 field goal attempts (56.1 percent), including seven-of-16 from three-point range, and nine-of-15 from the free throw line. Tech hit only 20-of-47 from the field (42.6 percent), two-of-17 from long range. The Golden Eagles went to the free throw line 37 times and connected on 26 of their attempts.

Tech won the rebound battle, 31-to-29. The Golden Eagles had 13 turnovers to MSU's nine.

Steward hit his first six field goal attempts, including five three-pointers, and scored 17 of his 19 points in the first half. Buchanan scored 16 of his 24 points after intermission.

MSU will step outside of the conference and host Kentucky Christian for a 7 p.m. EST game on Saturday (Feb. 2). Tennessee Tech will return home to play Eastern Kentucky at 1 p.m. CST on Saturday.

KHSAA NOTEBOOK: Sweet 16 draw show scheduled for Friday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The draws for the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments will be conducted this Friday, Feb. 1. WKYT-TV27 in Lexington will again air the draws live beginning at 1 p.m. Insight of Northern Kentucky, Louisville and Bowling Green will also air the program.

Satellite Information for the telecast: Satellite - AMC 03 (KU Digital).

Transponder - 18-Ch. 807, Orbital Slot - 870 West Longitude, D/L Freq. - 12064 (V), Symbol Rate - 3.9787, Data Rate - 5.5, FEC - 3/4, Test - 12:45 - 13:00, Program - 13:00 - 13:30.

Brackets will be posted on the Rihert's/KHSAA scoreboard at the conclusion of the program. Jeffersontown boys' basketball coach penalized: Jeffersontown boys' basketball coach Jeff Morrow has been

penalized for violation of KHSAA Bylaw 10 (Recruitment). Morrow made improper contact with an athlete that was a student at another school that subsequently enrolled at Jeffersontown High School.

Morrow was reprimanded and is suspended from coaching for four games (Jan. 29 vs. Central Hardin; Feb. 5 vs. Nelson Co.; Feb. 8 vs. Ballard; Feb. 12 vs. DuPont Manual). In addition, the boys' basketball program is placed on probation for the remainder of the 2007-2008 year and on probation for the 2008-09 season.

Harrison County wrestling coach reaches milestone: Harrison County wrestling Coach Russ Riegel picked up his 800th career coaching win over the weekend at the Montgomery County Duals. With over 500 wins coming as a coach in New Jersey, Riegel's 800 wins rank No. 1 in the NFHS Records book.

National City Trophy Tour kicks off: For the fifth consecutive year, National City as title

sponsor of the Boys' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament will again tour the championship trophy at selected games.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 22. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of the winning trophy tour stops: Feb. 1-Ballard at Eastern; Feb. 9-Danville at Boyle County; Feb. 11-Rose Hill at Ashland Blazer. Back for a second year is the website (www.sweet-16.org) cre-

ated around the Sweet 16. This site, aimed at reaching the high school market, allows students to post photos, videos, view past scholarship winners, download a scholarship application, check scores and will include student blogs during the Sweet 16.

Cardinals KO South Floyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HI HAT — Sheldon Clark handed South Floyd its second straight loss Tuesday night at Raider Arena, defeating the host team 90-65.

The Cardinals set the tone early on, outscoring South Floyd 34-8 in the opening quarter. Sheldon Clark entered half-time out in front 50-29.

Three different Sheldon Clark players reached double figures in the scoring column. Thirteen Cardinals provided scoring in the non-district game.

Sheldon Clark improved to 6-11 after posting the win.

Wes Akers led South Floyd with a game-high 28 points. Tyler Mitchell followed with 16 points for the Raiders.

Eight different South Floyd players broke into the scoring column.

The Raiders dropped to 1-19 after suffering the setback.

Panthers edge Johnson Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Gatlin Clark hit a buzzer-beat to send Pikeville past host Johnson Central Tuesday night. Pikeville defeated the Golden Eagles 56-54.

Six-foot-10 junior center Deven Adams led Pikeville with a double-double of 19 points and 12 rebounds.

Pikeville won, despite being

outscored in each of the last three quarters.

The Panthers used an explosive start to get past Johnson Central. Pikeville outscored Johnson Central 18-5 in the opening quarter and owned a 28-21 halftime advantage.

Ian Welch led Johnson Central with a game-high 26 points. Welch was the only Johnson Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Cody Park pushed in eight points and Joe Whitaker netted six for the Golden Eagles.

Pikeville managed to hold on late thanks to the play of more than one player.

Matt Clevenger added 13 points for the Panthers. Tim Honaker had nine points and Clark finished with six in the 15th Region meeting between two familiar foes.

The Panthers improved to 12-7. Johnson Central, a team under the direction of first-year head coach Tommy McKenzie, slipped to 9-12.

Brady believes in his team's high-scoring offensive ways

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — 23-17.
Just 17 points for the potent Patriots.

A certain MVP quarterback thinks that's a Super-sized diss.

Tom Brady scoffed when told Wednesday that New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress guaranteed New York will beat Brady's undefeated New England team in Sunday's Super Bowl.

"We're only going to score 17 points?" Brady said before chuckling about it. "OK. Is Plax playing defense? I wish he had said 45-42 and gave us a little credit for scoring more points."

Considering the Patriots set an NFL record by scoring 589 points, Brady's 50 touchdown passes were the most ever for one season, and Randy Moss broke Jerry Rice's mark with 23 TD catches, Burress might have been a bit chintzy.

The last time the Patriots played the Giants, in the season finale, New England rallied from 12 points down in the third quarter to win 38-35. The Patriots have not scored fewer than 20 points in their 18 victories, and the last time they put up only 17 was Dec. 10, 2006 — a 21-0 loss at Miami in their last regular-season defeat.

Even if the Giants' defense per-

forms at its peak, it's still doubtful New England will score only 17 points.

"I know they have confidence. They should have confidence," Brady said. "They are the NFC champions."

"I learned a lesson early in my career: No matter what you say during the week — and God knows we say a lot this week — we're going to be focused on going out and winning this game. We're confident, but I don't think we share our thoughts with everybody."

Burress did. And when he showed up 33 minutes late for the Giants' media session Wednesday morning, there was speculation the wide receiver was trying to avoid the spotlight.

Turns out Burress was spending time with his 1-year-old son and family at breakfast, claiming he was unaware so many people wanted to interrogate him about his prediction.

Nor was he aware, he said, that a hefty fine comes with missing a Super Bowl week media session.

"I don't understand what the fuss is about," Burress said, surrounded by at least as many TV cameras, microphones and notepads as Brady was two hours earlier. "Nobody wants to lose."

"All this is entertainment," added Burress, who was held out of practice Wednesday because of an ankle injury that has plagued him all season. "It's

sports, and sports are entertainment. So 23-17 is the prediction I made, but the game still has to be played."

Told about Brady's reaction to that score, Burress said he wasn't disrespecting anyone.

"I'm not taking anything away from what those guys accomplished," he said. "They set all the records you could possibly imagine. They have a great quarterback, the MVP, who threw for a record (50) touchdowns. Randy set a TD record for catches. They had two receivers with over 100 catches."

"The numbers don't lie about what they have done."

Nor do the numbers 23-17 lie about what Burress thinks.

"Hey, look how much fun everybody is having with it," he said. "It makes national, international headlines. But the game still has to be played."

Giants coach Tom Coughlin couldn't have been pleased with Burress, but declined to say very much about him.

"I will speak with Plaxico in a private way, and that's where it will remain," he said.

New England played two games this season that were preceded by an opposing player's prediction. Pittsburgh's Anthony Smith guaranteed a win in Week 13 at Foxborough; the Patriots routed the Steelers 34-13.

And after Brady threw an early TD pass over Smith, he verbally confronted the Steelers safety.

Days before the AFC title game, San Diego defensive end Igor Olshansky said the Chargers were unstoppable. New England stopped them, 21-12.

"We don't make predictions. We just let our play do the talking," Brady said matter-of-factly.

"Plaxico is a hell of a player. If he feels that way, I think that's great. I'd hate for him to think he's going to lose this game. It's obvious nobody does."

Burress was entitled to his opinion, Moss said, "but the only thing about a prediction is that you have got to make it happen."

"I think the pressure is more on them now, since they've guaranteed this victory. We've prepared very hard for the last week and a half, and we still have got a couple more days to get out there and tone some things up. But making a prediction that you are going to go out there and make it happen are very tough words to back up."

Not that Burress is backing down. He's done his Joe Namath impersonation off the field, and now he has to come through in similar fashion to what Namath and the New York Jets achieved in 1969: the biggest upset in Super Bowl history.

"Well, 23-17 was the first thing that came to my head," Burress said.

Then Burress looked at the numbered placard at the table where he was holding court.

"No. 23," he said. "How do you like that?"

NFL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 5
Seattle 35, Washington 14
Jacksonville 31, Pittsburgh 29
Sunday, Jan. 6
N.Y. Giants 24, Tampa Bay 14
San Diego 17, Tennessee 6

Saturday, Jan. 12
Green Bay 42, Seattle 20
New England 31, Jacksonville 20
Sunday, Jan. 13
San Diego 28, Indianapolis 24
N.Y. Giants 21, Dallas 17

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 20
AFC: New England 21,
San Diego 12
NFC: N.Y. Giants 23,
Green Bay, 20, OT

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 3
Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs.
N.Y. Giants, 6:17 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 10
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, TBA (FOX)

Bengals have Palmer brothers at quarterback

by JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Jordan Palmer was packed for Phoenix, ready to take his career to the Arena Football League, when he got a most unusual offer.

The Cincinnati Bengals wanted to know if he would like to try to earn a spot as his brother's backup. They didn't have to wait long for an answer.

He signed a two-year deal Wednesday that will give him a chance to play behind his brother, quarterback Carson Palmer. Although brother tandems have been common in the NFL, it's rare that two of them get to throw passes for the same team.

"Someday we'll look back and laugh about it and think it was pretty cool," Jordan said, in a phone interview.

It's certainly unusual. There have been dozens of brother tandems on NFL teams. Akin and Remi Ayodele in Dallas, Chris and Nic Clemons in Washington, Jake Reed and Dale Carter in New

Orleans, Andre and Kevin Dyson in Tennessee are recent examples.

Having two brothers at quarterback is rare. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, no brothers have played quarterback for the same team during the Super Bowl era. Koy Detmer was an injured reserve for Philadelphia while his brother, Ty, played for the Eagles in 1997.

The Bengals have had two sets of brothers play at the same time: Jim and Ross Browner in 1979-80, and Ray and Archie Griffin from 1978-83.

So far, Carson Palmer has had the more accomplished career, winning the Heisman Trophy at Southern California before becoming the No. 1 overall pick in the 2003 draft. He led the Bengals to the playoffs in 2005 before a severe knee injury temporarily set him back.

Jordan Palmer, five years younger, set school records at Texas-El Paso by throwing for 11,084 yards and 88 touchdowns. Washington drafted him in the sixth round last year,

and he played in one preseason game before being waived Sept. 1.

He stayed in shape and hoped to get another chance in the NFL. When that didn't come, he signed with the Arizona Rattlers and was about to head there when the Bengals made their offer.

Cincinnati already has a No. 2 quarterback: Ryan Fitzpatrick, obtained from St. Louis in a trade on Sept. 1. The third-string quarterback is Jeff Rowe, a fifth-round pick from Nevada last season.

Like other teams, the Bengals add a fourth quarterback for minicamps and training camp, giving them someone else to throw the ball during practice. If Jordan Palmer does well, he could win the No. 3 job or improve his chances of going to another NFL team instead of the Arena League.

"We both understand that this is a job," Jordan Palmer said. "We need to keep it very professional. The fact that we're brothers is something for on the side. My job is trying to make the team, which is different from his job as the starter."

The two of them understand there could be some awkward moments now that they're reunited in Cincinnati.

"If you've got two brothers and something happens on the team that's not positive, from not playing enough to getting cut or having an issue with somebody, you don't want it to spill over into their relationship with each other," their father, Bill Palmer, said in a phone interview. "You don't know how the other two quarterbacks will feel about it, both of whom Carson has a good relationship with."

"Jordan is just going to have to go in there and be cool about it. He's pretty good about it, though. He knows how to handle himself in that situation."

Besides spending time with his brother, Jordan Palmer figures he'll get to learn from one of the best.

"I know I'm biased, but I think pretty highly of him as a player," he said.

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Miners back at Expo for six-game homestand

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — There's no place like home. East Kentucky — one of four Continental Basketball Association (CBA) expansion franchises — started a six-game homestretch Wednesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Miners hosted the tradition-rich Albany Patroons Wednesday and Thursday inside their home arena in two of six consecutive home games. The two games were pivotal American Conference matchups.

East Kentucky dropped two games last weekend in Yakima, Wash., falling to the almost perfect Yakama Sun Kings. The defending CBA champion, Yakama has only dropped one regular-season game in the 2007-08 campaign. The Miners faced the tough chore of taking on Yakama after the Sun Kings hosted the CBA All-Star Classic.

East Kentucky standout Josh Pace leads the Miners and the CBA in scoring. Pace is averaging 23.2 points per game.

Mike Dean (4th, 21.5 ppg) and James "Boo" Jackson (7th, 20.1 ppg) reside with Pace in the CBA Top 10 scoring list.

East Kentucky will welcome Great Falls for a pair of games Feb. 4 and 6. The Miners and Explorers have not met during the East Kentucky franchise's debut season.

Minot will visit the Expo Center Feb. 9-10 for a two-game series.

Miners activate Crain, waive Horton

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners activated guard Mike Crain Thursday prior to beginning a two-game road series versus Continental Basketball Association (CBA) frontrunner Yakama. East Kentucky — in another roster move — waived guard Ed Horton.

Crain went on the injured reserve prior to the CBA All-Star Classic in Yakama. He has been a proven performer for East Kentucky, one of four CBA expansion teams.

Crain is averaging 11.2 points per game and has made 23 of 51 three-point field goal attempts. The former Valdosta State University standout has played in 26 games for the Miners, making 22 starts. Crain is expected to make a speedy recovery and quick return to the East Kentucky lineup.

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NINE PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS will vie for the title of PHS Basketball Homecoming Queen Saturday night.

Kentucky Speedway adjusts July event weekend dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SPARTA — Kentucky Speedway has adjusted its 2008 schedule and will now play host to its ARCA RE/MAX Series Kentucky 150 and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers events July 18 and 19.

The events were originally scheduled July 11 and 12. Dates were changed to best accommodate NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series broadcast agreements with SPEED Channel.

"This adjustment provides us a great opportunity to place our July ARCA RE/MAX Series and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series events in an even stronger national spotlight as the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series will not compete that weekend. We thank Ford, the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers, NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series, ARCA RE/MAX

Series and SPEED Channel officials for partnering with us to help gain the maximum exposure for our July race events," Kentucky Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager Mark F. Cassis said.

All single-event and season tickets previously sold for both July races will be honored on the new dates. The ARCA RE/MAX Series Kentucky 150 will take the green flag at 8:00 p.m., July 18 and the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Built Ford Tough 225 Presented by the Greater Cincinnati Ford Dealers will begin at 7 p.m., the following evening.

"We're pleased to cooperate with Kentucky Speedway, the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Speed Channel in moving our event date to July 18," said ARCA President Ron Drager. "We have great relationships with all three entities and this kind of lead time allows everyone associated with the ARCA

RE/MAX Series to plan for July 18."

The six-weekend Kentucky Speedway season will open May 10 with the ARCA RE/MAX Series Drive Smart. Buckle-Up Kentucky 150. The 150-mile street stock Frank Kimmel Enduro Nationals II Presented by Harley-Davidson of Cincinnati and the Thoroughbred Harley-Davidson Shop of Florence Kentucky will be held May 24 and will be followed by a June 14 visit from the NASCAR Nationwide Series for the Meijer 300 Presented by Oreo. The July race weekend will precede the Aug. 9 Meijer Indy 300 and Indy Pro Series Kentucky 100 events. The season will come to a thunderous close Sept. 20 when the Major League of Monster Trucks races its high-horsepower machines side-by-side through an obstacle-filled, custom-designed dirt track on the speedway infield. Each main event will include a concert with a nationally-known artist.

The concert schedule will be announced a future date. The track also will play host to Fanfest events June 13 and Aug. 8 during which fans will be able to tour garage areas, participate in race-related family activities and receive autographs from their favorite competitors.

Single-race tickets are on sale now and can be reserved online at <http://www.kentuckyspeedway.com> or by phone at 888-652-RACE (7223). Fans also can visit any Meijer store or the Kentucky Speedway ticket offices at 200 Buttermilk Pike, Suite 100 in Ft. Mitchell, Ky., next to Montgomery Inn or the speedway Fan Center off of I-71 Exit 57 and Ky. Hwy. 35 in Sparta, Ky. Season race plans also are available now and can be reserved by phone at 859-578-2300, online through the Kentucky Speedway Web site or through track ticket offices.

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www.kentuckyspeedway.com

NASCAR recognizes BMS as one of Top 10 safest tracks

Food City 500 set for March 16

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The fans' well-being and safety has long been the top priority at Bristol Motor Speedway and NASCAR has now reaffirmed that effort.

NASCAR officials at a recent security summit held in Charlotte, N.C. named Bristol Motor Speedway as one of the series' top 10 safest and most secure facilities.

NASCAR Director of Security Gary Gardner said the tracks named had exhibited the best effort for both

security and safety in 2007.

"NASCAR places a high value upon ensuring the security and safety of our fans and competitors," said Gary Gardner, NASCAR Director of Security. "This requires extensive planning involving a close collaboration between the public and private sectors. After evaluating all the tracks during the season, based upon numerous criteria involving security, safety, customer service, access control, planning, preparation, training, command and control, the Top Ten tracks were identified."

"In appreciation for the extraordinary efforts put forth this past season, NASCAR recognized those tracks and their public safety partners that exhibited compliance of

best practices in Security and Safety for 2007", said Gardner.

BMS president and general manager Jeff Byrd was honored to be named among NASCAR's safest facilities.

"Our fans and their safety and security are always number one here at Bristol Motor Speedway and we very much appreciate this recognition from NASCAR," said Byrd. "We work very hard to make sure every precaution is taken and Dede Hash (vice president of administration at BMS) and our entire security team do a tremendous job. We have a number of local and national law enforcement agencies who work around the clock to make sure our fans can come here and know they're in a

safe environment."

Bristol Motor Speedway's first NASCAR events of 2008 are scheduled for March 14-16 with the Spring Cup Series Food City 500 taking place on March 16, preceded by the Sharpie MINT 300 Nationwide Series event on March 15.

Petty to wave the green flag for 50th Daytona 500: Seven-time Daytona 500 Champion Richard Petty, who's father Lee won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, will serve as honorary runner for the historic 50th starting of the Daytona 500 on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Petty will drop the green flag at Daytona International Speedway to get the historic event underway at 3:30 p.m. ET on FOX.

"We are so honored and proud to have Richard Petty drop the green flag to get the most anticipated event in racing history underway," Speedway president Robin Braig said. "Richard and the Daytona 500 are synonymous with NASCAR's biggest, richest and most prestigious race and we're thrilled to have him get the 50th spectacle underway."

Over the course of 32 years driving on the Cup circuit, along with his record seven Daytona 500 wins, "The King" has a record 200 victories; won seven Cup championships; recorded 27 wins in 1967; was named the circuit's "Most Popular Driver" nine times and was the Series rookie of the year in 1959.

Petty continues the tradition of high-profile celebrities, politicians and athletes that have served as honorary starter for the Daytona 500. Former NASCAR driver Phil Parsons was the honorary starter in 2007. Olympic snowboard medalists Hannah Teter and Greichen Bleiler, who led the United States to a 1-2 finish in the women's halfpipe, served as co-honorary starters in 2006.

Actor Ashton Kutcher waved the green flag for the 2005 Daytona 500 and comedian Whoopi Goldberg started the 2004 edition of "The Great American Race." Singer Mariah Carey sang the national anthem and served as the honorary starter for the 2003 Daytona 500.

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THROUGH MY EYES

The nitty gritty of it all

I spent some time earlier this week with Pete Grigsby and a hefty handful of other representatives from around the Floyd County school district in a meeting of the school district's bullying committee. Much talk swirled about the



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Lifestyles editor

room in regard to what sort of behaviors are defined as bullying, in addition to lots of open discussion on possible ways by which to end, or at least minimize, bullying in our county schools.

In addition to the board reps, a smattering of students were at the discussion table, along with a few parents, as well. A few of the students had been victims of bullying and were there to tell their stories. Got my mind to going back to a certain period of time during my middle school years when I was the victim of bullying myself...

Seems that, for some reason, during my seventh grade year at Prestonsburg Elementary, that a

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DINNER DIVA

Try new veggies — O to Z

by LEANNE ELY

Sorry about the glitch last week, but here comes the rest of the "Try new veggies" list, O thru Z! We're looking at different veggies you may not necessarily be buying due to not understanding what those veggies are. But once that you know differently, you can do differently and purchase something exciting and new on your next grocery trip.



Leanne Ely

Anyway, here is the remainder of the listing, O thru Z:

O is for okra. Well known in the South, but obscure elsewhere in the world. Okra is a deliciously mild veggie, used in gumbos, soups and stews. Generally, the younger the okra (as in, the smaller the okra), the less glutinous it will be. The nutritional value of okra? Well, it's high in fiber, vitamins A & C and contains a smattering of B vitamins, as well. So, enjoy!

P is for parsnip. It looks like a white carrot, but the taste isn't as

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AT LEFT: Keith Whitley, picture here performing, deserves to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame, says Floyd County native Bonnie Hill. Hill is spearheading a movement she hopes will get Whitley the honor fans say he deserves. ABOVE: This bronze statue of Keith Whitley can be found in his hometown of Sandy Hook, near the Laurel Gorge Cultural Heritage Center which houses an impressive collection of the late singer's memorabilia.

HONORING A FALLEN STAR

Floyd native happy to work toward Whitley induction into Hall of Fame

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Born July 1, 1954, in Sandy Hook, Jackie Keith Whitley learned to play guitar at the tender age of six years old. By the time he was eight, he was appearing on a regional television show. A few years later, a teenage Whitley had joined forces with another multi-talented local teen, Ricky Skaggs, now a major country music star.

From humble beginnings, both Whitley and Skaggs have helped put eastern Kentucky on the map. Discovered by bluegrass legend Ralph Stanley who took notice when the two performed a litany of Stanley Brothers songs as an opening act for the Clinch Mountain Boys, both went on to become country music superstars. But while Skaggs' star is still shining, Whitley's light went out much too soon in his short-lived, but illustrious, career.

Struggling with years of alcoholism, Whitley succumbed to the evils of the disease when he died

from alcohol poisoning on May 9, 1989. The day after his death, Nashville's Music Row was lined with black ribbons in his memory.

Almost 19 years later, fans have still not forgotten. One fan in particular, Bonnie Hill, a Floyd County native, is currently on a mission to have Whitley inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. "I've been told that Keith hasn't been dead long enough," Hill said. "But I don't agree...Keith has fans the world over, new ones and old ones. People are still discovering his music," she said.

Hill, who maintains a website devoted to the singer, is asking Whitley fans the world over to log onto the site (www.petitiononline.com/jkw71543/petition.html) and sign her petition to the hall of fame board members asking them to grant Whitley the honor of induction. The petition may also be found on Hill's tribute site dedicated to Whitley's memory: www.myspace.com/kentuckybluebirdjkw.

"I have one hundred percent sup-

port from the Whitley family," Hill said. "It's been 18 years since Keith passed away and I believe it's time he received this long overdue honor...Keith has thousands of fans," she said.

Whitley's career ended with his death in early 1989 just on the heels of celebrating major success with three No. 1 singles from his final album "Don't Close Your Eyes" - "When You Say Nothing At All," "I'm No Stranger to the Rain," and the title cut - topping Billboard Magazine's country music charts in the fall of 1988 and the winter of 1989. "I'm No Stranger to the Rain" also earned Whitley his first, and only, Country Music Association award.

"Keith's death was tragic," Hill said, "but his fans still remember and his music has proven timeless. My petition is getting about 100 signatures per week. This shows what an impact Keith still has today."

Hill, who says she will send a photo of Whitley to anyone who contacts her requesting it because she

thinks "every fan should have a photo," also says that her work toward gaining Whitley acceptance into the Country Music Hall of Fame is "very time consuming." "It's a lot work, it's a job, actually. But I love it. I'm such a big fan of Keith Whitley that I don't care. It's actually a blast. I've talked to people from Japan, Germany, all over the world. Keith has a worldwide fan base," she said.

In the upcoming weeks, Hill plans to continue her work through radio broadcasts in an effort to increase awareness of her quest to gain Whitley the recognition she feels he is so deserving of.

"I welcome anyone to contact me about Keith and the work I'm doing," she said. A link to the online petition can be found on the MySpace tribute site. In addition, Hill welcomes contact through the mail; the address is: Bonnie Hill, P.O. Box 1113, Owingsville, KY 40360.

"I want to involve as many people as possible in this process," she said. "Keith's music isn't going to stop playing."

FLY LADY

Never give up!

by MARLA CILLEY

This morning I woke up with these words on my mind: Never Give Up! What I have noticed over the years is that we give up before we ever get started. This has me thinking about why we do this. I am just going to write till I figure this out. I am not going to give up on you. The answer lies within each of us and all we have to do is figure out this little puzzle.

We have been beaten down for years because of our personalities. We are

creative, spontaneous lovers of life. We don't fit the "born organized" mode. Yet we were probably raised by someone who wanted to make us conform to their way of thinking. That was never going to happen but that didn't stop them from trying.

In their efforts to make us fit their ideal of how we should think they called us names and punished us. We were told we were lazy and were day dreamers. We were accused of being stupid for not thinking like them. If the truth were really known; we are proba-

bly much more intelligent than those who tried to beat us down and they were afraid of our creativity and joy. I can't even imagine being scared to have fun! I think you can understand this deep down in your soul. In fact, I feel sorry for them. How sad that they did not realize that it takes all of us to make this world revolve!

If all of us thought alike there would be no diversity; no new ideas. Just the same old boring thing, day after day; no smiles just stress. Now the tears are starting to come. Those precious little children were told that they were not worthy of being loved unless they fit into that mold. This was not said out loud but we all knew that if we didn't

perform to "their" standards, we would be punished. In the scientific world this is called conditioning. In pet terms we were being trained to follow their commands even when they didn't say what they really wanted.

All we ever wanted was to feel loved. If we could not be loved for who we are we would settle for any kind of attention. They told us if we couldn't do it right, then don't do it at all. We were forced to repeat task after task until it was right. Even then it probably was not good enough for them and we were left feeling unloved and punished.

All these years of conditioning have



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Family Medicine

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Daughter probably has infectious pinkeye, needs antibiotics

Q My child got sent home from daycare with "pinkeye" and was not allowed to return until she had been seen by her doctor. He gave her an eye ointment. What causes pinkeye, and what can I do to keep her from getting it? Can I get it from her? I didn't.

A Well, I am glad that you did not get pinkeye, but you could have. It is easily spread from person to person. Pinkeye is a form of conjunctivitis - which refers to any infection or inflammation of the mucous membrane lining the inner surface of the eyelid. This membrane is called the conjunctiva.

Technically, the term "pinkeye" refers only to conjunctivitis that is caused by an infection. Sometimes, though, you'll see the phrase used more broadly to refer to any inflammation of the eye. Infectious conjunctivitis can be caused by viruses, bacteria and fungi. Non-infectious conjunctivitis can be caused by irritants such as allergens, chemicals, or rarely, by parasites.

Both adults and children can develop infectious conjunctivitis. However, pinkeye due to bacterial infection is more common in children. This is probably what your daughter had. The primary symptoms of infective con-

junctivitis are redness and inflammation of one eye. The eyelids may be swollen, and there may be a discharge from the eye.

If the pinkeye is due to a viral infection, the discharge is usually watery. Typically, the eye is not "stuck shut" in the morning upon awakening.

However, when a bacterial infection is the cause of the conjunctivitis, the symptoms may be a little different. The discharge - instead of being clear - may be yellow or green. The sufferer may also complain of eye pain, have swelling of the eyelids and exhibit the classic redness in one eye. It's not uncommon for a child with bacterial pinkeye to wake up in the morning panicked because one eye is glued shut by the discharge.

Treatment of bacterial pinkeye is usually an antibiotic eye drop or ointment. I'll bet this is what your doctor prescribed for your daughter. Sometimes, an upper respiratory

infection is also present that may require an oral antibiotic. Viral pinkeye will resolve on its own in about seven days.

Non-infectious conjunctivitis is caused by allergens, or other irritants such as household chemicals, industrial pollutants and environmental contaminants. With allergic conjunctivitis, there is usually itching of the eyes and tearing, and it commonly affects both eyes. Your doctor may need to prescribe allergy medications.

If the eyes are pink from a chemical irritant, then the eyes need to be promptly washed with large amounts of water to get the chemical flushed out. Sometimes a trip to the hospital emergency department is needed to best treat an eye that has come into contact with a chemical irritant. Some chemicals can be very damaging to the eye. When in doubt, contact the nearest poison control center for advice. Infectious conjunctivitis is spread

by direct contact with infected people. It can be highly contagious among young children. This is why your daughter was excluded from daycare. Good hand washing and general decontamination of household objects - like the phone and the remote - can help keep other household members from getting pinkeye.

Family Medicine is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine-news.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions. Past columns are available online at www.familymedicine-news.org.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Feb. 7 - 4-H Project Club meeting, 3:15 p.m., in YSC. New members may still sign up.

•"Get Moving AMS" is a student exercise program coordinated by AMS Youth Service Center and the Floyd County Extension Office. Students will learn about benefits of exercise and good nutrition. Call the YSC for more information or to sign up.

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

•The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

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

Allen Central Middle School

•Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

•Feb. 7 - Career presentation, 8th grade.

•Feb. 11 - Tobacco presentation, 6th grade.

•Feb. 12, 19 & 26 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

•Feb. 20 - CPR training, 8th grade.

•Feb. 20 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m.

•Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

•Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

•Feb. 18 - No school. President's Day.

•Feb. 19 - Lola Ratliff, Floyd County Schools, will conduct a Parent meeting on "Nutrition & Exercise," at 1 p.m., in the FRC. All parents/guardians urged to attend.

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

•GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

•Feb. 8 - Valentine Dance: 6-7:30 p.m., K thru 2nd; 7:30 to 9 p.m., 3rd thru 5th.

•Feb. 12 - SBDM monthly council meeting, 6:30 p.m., school lunchroom.

•Feb. 13 - "Time Out for Parents" meeting, 12 p.m., conference room. HeadStart through 5th grade parents all invited.

•Feb. 26 thru March 7 - Book Fair.

•Feb. 27 - Classroom group pictures.

•March 4 - Family Read Night, 6-7 p.m., in library.

•March 8 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the MAC. Floyd County expectant parents and parents of children up to one year old invited to attend.

•April 10 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the MAC. Parents/guardians of students enrolled in Floyd County Schools invited.

•The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

•School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community. Reminder: The Floyd County Health Dept. offers services through the AMS Youth Services Center. Call the AMS Center at 886-1297 to schedule appointments for WIC, HeadStart, Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams from birth to 18 years.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•Feb. 9 - 2nd Annual Miss Sweetheart Pageant and 2008 Prom Dress Preview Show, sponsored by Village Boutique, Prestonsburg. To be held in SFHS gym at 3:30 p.m. Newly crowned Miss Kentucky Teen USA, Shannen Reil, will present all awards. Many age divisions and categories. Call Mrs. D. Isaac at 452-9600 (day) or 377-0469 (evening), or see a South Floyd cheerleader for more information.

•Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

•Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

•The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as

well as students.

•All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

•Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.

•Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

•The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow

Junction" Family Resource Center

*NOTICE: Nominations now being taken for 2 parent representatives and 1 staff member to serve on FRC Advisory Council.

Nominations will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1.

*Healthy Floyd County 2010 Oral Health/Dental Initiative Program: Hygienist scheduled to be at Osborne Elementary on Monday's and Friday's throughout Feb. and March to provide dental treatment for participating students.

•Feb. 4 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 6 p.m., in resource center. Public welcomed and encouraged to attend!

•Feb. 5, 19 - Parent meeting (KYPIRC), 10 a.m., in library. Please plan to attend!

•Feb. 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

•Feb. 18 - No school!

•Feb. 19 - Head Start meeting, 9 a.m., in library.

•Feb. 19 - Parent meeting, 9:30 a.m., in library, with Lola Ratliff.

•Feb. 20 - Paul O'Kelley; Positive Attitudes (school assembly program, 9:30 a.m., in gym).

•Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.

•The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or

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Eyes

Prestonsburg Elementary, that a rather rough newcomer, a female, decided to target me as the one for whom she was going to make life miserable.

I don't remember this girl's name today. Most likely because she was at my school for what turned out to be a rather short time period. In many cases, I have learned, it is the newcomers to a school that are targeted for bullying but not so in my case. In my case, I was the veteran PES student while this new girl was the one looking for someone to victimize.

This girl was much taller than me, and much larger physically. She loomed above me as she glared down into my face to tell me that she was "gonna whip" me. I was completely bewildered. I had tried to be nice to her, for pete's sake. She had asked me for notebook paper, which I had happily provided. She had asked me for pencils, which I had also provided (okay, maybe not so happily but still...). She had asked, repeatedly, to share my textbook, to be shown on what page and in what section we were being instructed and to be provided with the answers to "question number 1, 5, or other."

All I had done my best to be accommodating with.

However, on the early winter afternoon that my arm was poked in the middle of a test and a husky voice whispered, "What's the answer?", I knew it was time to stop accommodating.

I wasn't mean about it. I simply glanced in her direction, shook my head and placed one finger against my lips. We were taking a test for heaven's sake! Did she not understand the rules of test-taking?

Well, perhaps not, but one thing she certainly did seem to understand was that I had, without any intention on my part, insulted her. And with that, the gauntlet had been thrown.

What followed were some of the very worst days of my entire young life.

Each day, this girl was either sending messages through my circle of friends that she was going to "fight me" or she was looming over me among the library's tall shelves, or waiting for me in the hallway by my locker to tell me herself. Other times, she was passing me scribbled notes filled with threats or staring at me during classtime with the most evil of eyes.

What, I asked myself each and every day, was I ever going to do? Like most victims of bullying, I was a quiet, shy child. Studious and eager to please, I was not the type to stir up trouble. I had done nothing to this girl, except for the fact that I

refused to talk to her during a classroom testing period. Didn't she understand that was against the rules?

The days dragged on and this girl, instead of forgetting about it all, just seemed to grow more determined each and every day that she was "gonna beat my butt."

I was living in abject fear.

I didn't want to go to school. I didn't want to go to my locker. I didn't want to go to lunch. I wanted the impossible — I wanted to disappear.

Finally, the situation came to a full blown head. I was informed, via a friend, that I was going to be "beat up" that very afternoon - downtown.

My friends and I had a habit of going downtown each day after school for an hour or so. We'd stop by Fountain Korner Drug or maybe Rose's Drugstore for a coke and some fries and then browse awhile in the old Ben Franklin Five & Dime or Hobb's Department Store. Apparently, this girl had taken the time to become familiar with my habits and had decided that on that day, she was not taking her usual bus home. No, on that day, she was going to find me downtown and mop the streets with me.

What in the world was I going to do? Well, I suppose I could have simply decided to not go downtown that day. I could have just walked the two blocks home and been done with it, but my friends were telling me that I couldn't do that. Why, they said as they pulled me along, should this girl stop me from enjoying an afternoon with my friends?

So, it was downtown I headed, with an ever watchful eye out for my tormentor.

It wasn't long before I spotted her, either. Tall, heavyset, with an oversized coat flapping open in the brisk wind, she came toward me, calling out my name and telling me to stop.

Stop? Was she crazy? I wasn't stopping so she could knock my teeth out of my head! I wore braces, after all, and I wasn't at all interested in knowing what her fist smashing against my mouth would make all that metal do to the inside of my tender lips.

As my friends and I raced in one store and out another, doing our best to dodge this Amazon of a girl, my heart raced and my cheeks flushed and I just wanted to find a safe passageway home.

Looking to hide in a nearby alley, my moment of truth came upon me. She had seen us duck aside into the back parking lot of an adjacent building. And here she came - like a roaring Tasmanian devil. I was trapped.

"I'm gonna fight you," she bellowed from above as her hot

breath flooded into my anxious face.

As I prepared myself for slaughter, I heard one small word slip from my lips - "why?"

One small word, but with it enough impact to stop my tormentor mid-attack.

Perplexed, she looked at me quizzically. "Huh?"

Sensing that I was onto something here, I quickly repeated my question, "Why? Why do you want to fight me," I asked.

I guess I figured if I was going to home with a bloody mouth and black eye, I might as well be prepared to tell my mom why.

However, the question caught my would-be attacker off guard. Apparently, she hadn't really given the situation too much thought because she had to pause for several moments before answering.

Finally, she spoke. And what she said completely astounded me.

"Because you're a rich kid," she said.

A rich kid? Hardly. My dad struggled daily to meet the needs of four children and my mom was a stay-at-home mother. We lived in a small, white, wooden house with the most humble of furnishings and quite often suppers consisted of soup beans, fried potatoes and corn bread. Where this girl had gotten the idea that I was a "rich

kid" was certainly beyond me.

I looked at her and I saw that her hair was stringy and unwashed, her teeth needed brushing and the coat flapping around her in the wind was thin and though loose around her body, was much too short in the sleeves.

My family wasn't rich, but my mother did take care to keep her children clean and as well dressed as possible. Maybe somehow my mother's good care of my daily grooming said "rich" to her.

"We aren't rich," I told her. "My mom doesn't work, I have two brothers and one sister and our house is not big or fancy in any way."

"Really," she asked as her demeanor began to soften. "I thought you was a rich kid. I only wanted to fight you because I thought you thought you was better than me."

Because I was shy and quiet, perhaps? Did she misinterpret this part of my personality for snobbishness? Perhaps so, to this day, I am not really sure.

But, I am happy to report, that my butt didn't get beaten that day and only because some part of me, way down deep inside, had the courage to utter that one small word, "why."

And I'm thinking today, that if we can determine the "why" of the bullying going on in our schools, that maybe, just maybe, we can ultimately determine the "how" of stopping it.

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Floyd County native receives AARC award

Jonathan "Brady" Scott, RRT, Respiratory Care Clinical Supervisor at Duke University Hospital, was recently honored at the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) International Congress, in Orlando, Florida.

The AARC, consisting of 42,000 members, presented Brady with the Adult Acute Care Section's 2007 "Practitioner of the Year" Award.

Brady is a native of Floyd County and a graduate of Allen Central High School. He and his wife, Kristin, reside in Durham, North Carolina.



Jonathan "Brady" Scott

Brady is the son of Harold and Donna Scott, of Garrett.

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call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

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 •WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
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 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
 Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
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Birthday Girl!

Alexis Nacole Blair will turn three years old on Saturday, February 2, 2008. She will celebrate her special day with a party at her home, on Cow Creek, to be held Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. Friends and family are cordially invited. Alexis is the daughter of William and Jamie Blair. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Esther Blair, and A.J. and the late Rose McCoy.

Diva

sweet and there is more of an "earthiness" to it. Used in stews and soups, parsnips can also shine on their own as a side dish. Simply steam them up, toss in a little butter, thyme and salt and pepper for a deliciously different side dish.

Q is for quinoa, a grain you aren't going to find in the produce department, but I thought I'd throw it at you. anyway; after all, it's something worth seeking out! Quinoa is an ancient grain high in amino acids, creamy in flavor, nutty, slightly crunchy and a great side dish diversion from the usual rice and potatoes. Check it out and give it a try!

R is for radish. Not the common red radishes we all grew up with, but black radishes. They're much bigger than the red ones (about the size of a turnip) and the flavor is just as pungent as a red radish, but the flesh a little drier. Great grated into your salad!

S is for shallots - one of my favorite veggies. I like to think of these cute little onion like tubers as the love child of garlic and onion. Shallots have a sweet fla-

vor, yet its complexity and deep flavor are favored by chefs all over the globe. Chop some up, sauté them in a little olive oil and then do your skillet chicken. You'll be surprised at the punch these little gems can deliver to your food!

T is for tomatillo. The lovely tomatillo looks like a green tomato in its own brown paper packaging. Tomatillos are prized by Hispanic cooks for their tart, distinctive flavor. Green enchiladas and chile verde are both made with tomatillos.

Upland cress is also known as watercress. Watercress is prized in Europe more so than in the United States. The delicate, peppery taste makes for a wonderful soup, a nice addition to salads and a lovely garnish. Watercress is a good source of B vitamins, beta carotene and calcium.

Vidalia onions are sweet onions grown primarily in the South. These lovely onions earn high marks in flavor and are best used in dishes where they are raw and can shine. Nothing like a Vidalia onion in your potato salad!

Wasabi is Japanese horseradish. More

commonly seen in a powdered form, this root is grated to make a paste that accompanies sushi and sashimi. However, it is also delicious made into sauces and used on grilled meats, poultry and fish. Yum!

X, Y, and Z - well, there is zucchini, right? You know about that. Why not try a different type of zucchini this week? The round yellow zucchini have often been called scallopini zucchini. They are dense, seedless (just about, anyway) and layer beautifully with your pounded chicken breasts, drizzle them with butter and capers. You'll love this zucchini!

That's it folks, that's all I've got in the veggie dept. Stay tuned - I'll be giving you some more new foods to look at in the fruit section!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2008; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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Fly Lady

gotten us to where we are today; deflated before we ever get started. The negative thinking that was put in our heads was by people who thought they were doing what was right because this was how they were taught. This is why I feel sorry for them. We can learn to be organized because we can make it a game and have fun with it. We have the ability to keep changing things with our creativity so we don't

have to get bored. We don't have to push for perfection when good enough is good enough.

I am your cheerleader. I don't want you to give up before you get started. Let's think of this in computer terms: Your operating system has been corrupted by negative thinking. All you have to do is a virus sweep of those bugs that have been causing you to not have fun. When you elimi-

nate the bugs, you can accomplish more than you ever dreamed possible!

When I got up this morning, the words to a Ryan Shupe song were running through my head. I looked up the words to "Never Give Up" online and listened to them on my "Dream Big" CD. This whole CD is SO inspiring. Please, whatever you do, don't give up!

Never Give Up!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net, or her book, *Sink Reflections*, published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, *Body Clutter*, published by Fireside. Copyright 2008; Marla Cidley. Used by permission in this publication.

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