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## MINERS NIGHT

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### briefs

## 2 killed on icy roads in Johnson

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE — Icy roads were being blamed for a crash Tuesday morning that killed an emergency official and a pregnant woman in Johnson County.

Paintsville EMS Director Christa Burchett, 30, was helping a pregnant woman injured in a car accident when a coal truck skidded and struck both women, killing them, Johnson County Judge-Executive Tucker Daniel said.

Daniel said the accident occurred off U.S. 460, about 5 miles west of Paintsville, where the roads were slippery with light snow and slushy ice. He said Burchett was helping Erica Brown, of River, whose car had skidded off the road, into an ambulance.

Daniel said the coal truck was coming over a hill and braked, but slammed into a police cruiser and ultimately the two victims. Brown died at the scene and Burchett, who also served as assistant fire chief, was pronounced dead soon after at a nearby hospital.

No other serious injuries were reported.

# Magistrate's family spared from layoffs

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There was a heated exchange between magistrates Friday after Magistrate John Goble questioned Magistrate Jackie Owens on his wife's county vehicle.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted last week to park all county vehicles and not allow county workers to take their vehicles home. According to Goble, "I guess Jackie thought it wouldn't apply to his wife."

On Tuesday the Judge-Executive's Office confirmed that Owens' wife had

in fact turned her vehicle in.

Magistrate Owens' wife, Hattie Owens works as an administrative assistant/crew leader, and according to Mike Jarrell, county road foreman, works primarily with FEMA cases and is an "excellent employee."

Jackie Owens Jr., Magistrate Owens' son, is also an employee of the county and works in the road crew department hauling water from the landfill pond at Garth to Martin. Both Jackie Owens Jr. and Hattie Owens survived the fiscal court's 60 percent workforce layoffs.

Magistrate Owens said that his wife had been employed 15 years with the

county, and that his son, was hired under the commissioner system.

Owens lost his seat in the commissioner election of 1998 to Larry Foster and then was reelected in 2002 when the county returned to the magistrate system.

"All four magistrates voted on that list (list of employees laid off), it wasn't just me," said Owens when asked about his family members still being employed after the layoffs. Owens added that neither his wife nor son work for him in District 2.

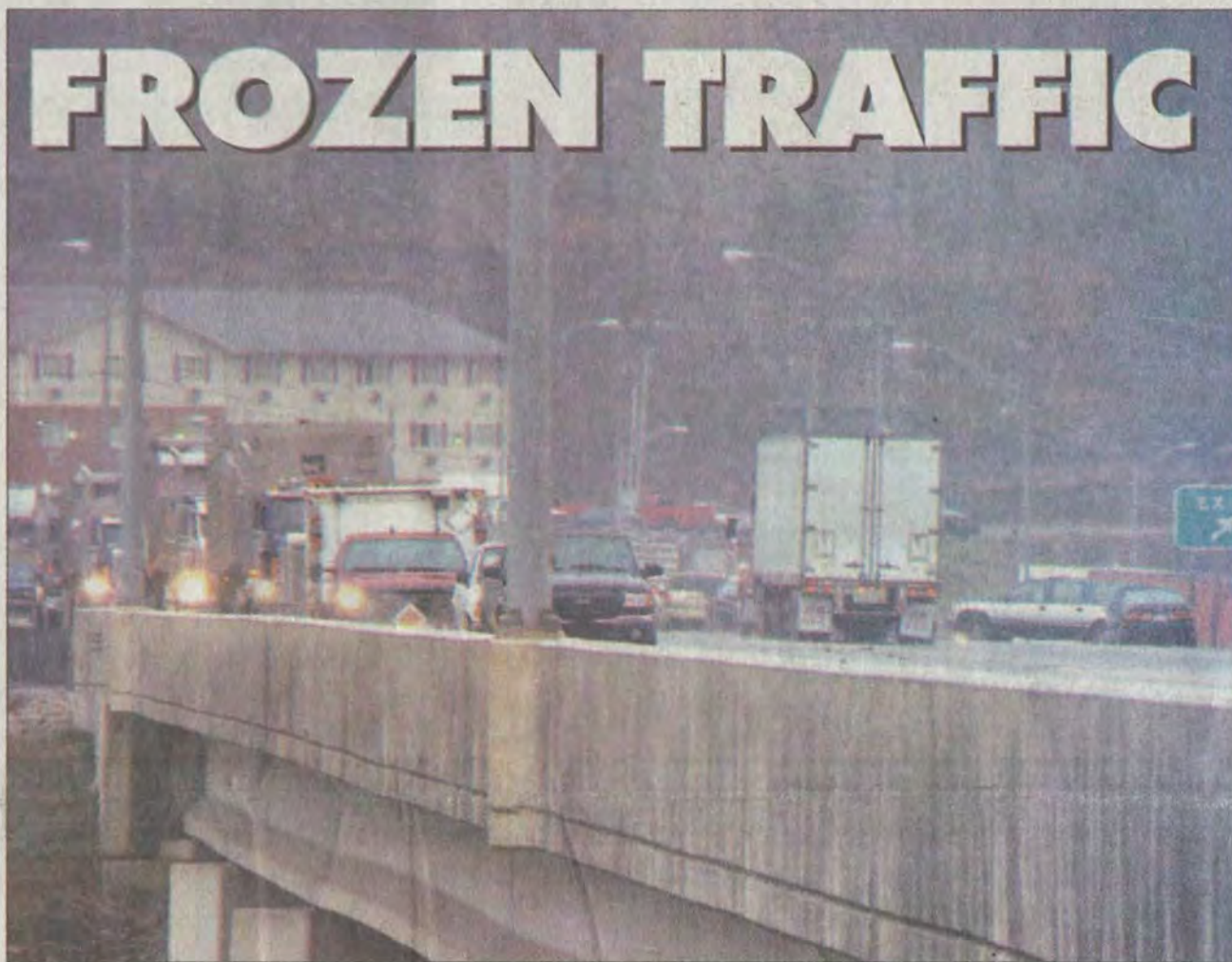
Magistrate Owens had been singled out during Friday's regular meeting

when some fiscal court members donated a portion of their salaries back into the general fund.

Ronnie Akers, District 4 magistrate, said that, "Due to our financial situation I want the treasurer to reduce my salary by \$5,000 for the year."

A motion was made and quickly seconded by Donnie Daniels, who said he would also ask that \$5,000 dollars be deducted from his salary. Magistrate John Goble and County Attorney Keith Bartley also added \$5,000 from their own salaries.

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Quickly deteriorating road conditions brought traffic to a standstill on U.S. 23 during Tuesday's early morning ice storm. photos by Jack Latta

## Freezing rain disrupts morning commute with countless wrecks

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

The limits of Prestonsburg and Floyd County emergency workers were tested during Tuesday morning's ice storm that turned road conditions into a regional slip-and-slide.

"That was the most collisions that we have responded to, in that timeframe, in 25 years," said Mike Ormerod, chief of police with Prestonsburg Police Department.

Between 7:30 and 10 a.m., Prestonsburg Police reported answering calls on 25 accidents around the city of Prestonsburg. According to Ormerod, because of the road conditions, response was slow and some vehicles were gone by the time they arrived.

The number of accident calls coming in forced "911 dispatch to prioritize the accidents, starting with injury, followed by accidents in high-traffic areas, then secondary roads, and lastly parking lots," Ormerod said.

One accident on a U.S. 23 and Route 114 offramp led to a multiple vehicle pileup when a coal truck slid into a guardrail, followed by a Sandy Valley Transportation bus sliding into the coal truck. Another truck trying to get around the accident slid into both, compounding problems. Mike Hall, Constable of District 1, responded to the accident and also ended up sliding into the guardrail.

As road conditions worsened, Ormerod said, "A lot of people did the right thing and pulled over." U.S. 23 was completely iced over, bringing traffic to a standstill between Heritage House Hotel and the mouth of Abbott Creek for about an hour.

Poor road conditions and traffic delays led the driver of a vehicle carrying a woman in labor to seek assistance

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Icy conditions caused three vehicles to pile up on an offramp at the junction of U.S. 23 and Route 114.



The icy roads caused one motorist to lose control of her vehicle and upend it along Route 1428 near Goble Roberts. All total Prestonsburg City Police, alone, received 25 accident calls in two hours during Tuesday morning's ice storm.

## Highlands buys clinic properties

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center announced plans last week to acquire property near Highlands Plaza to expand their health care services in Prestonsburg.

"The hospital has purchased the Hometown Family Care medical clinic and the Archer Clinic," said hospital spokesperson and chief operating officer Chris Hoffman in a released statement. Hoffman added that the need for additional space prompted the hospital to acquire the selected property.

Highlands has been working with doctors in the community to improve health care services.

"The hospital is not employing physicians, just providing services," said Bud Warman, Highlands Regional CEO. "We just want to provide better access

(See **HIGHLANDS**, page eight)

## Otter Creek employee kills self at work

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — According to a Corrections Corporation of America press release, an Otter Creek Correctional Facility employee died from a self-inflicted injury in an apparent suicide early Tuesday morning at the facility.

"We are very saddened by what has occurred this morning," said Kevin Myers, CCA's division managing director of operations. "Our condolences go out to the family, friends and coworkers of this employee."

"We will continue to work closely with investigators and our customers while also ensuring that we provide the needed support to our employees," Myers added.

CCA said it would not release the name and title of the employee or any further details regard-

(See **SUICIDE**, page eight)

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# Obituaries

## Melvina N. Akers

Melvina N. Akers, age 75, of Grethel, widow of Jake Akers, passed away Friday, January 18, 2008, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 15, 1933, in Grethel, a daughter of the late William and Martha Hamilton Newsome. She was a homemaker, a member of the Mud Creek Senior Citizens, and a member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel.

Survivors include two sons: Tivis Eugene (Jenny) Akers of New Bloomington, Ohio; and Zachary Dale (Bonita) Akers of Grethel; two brothers: William Newsome Jr., of Stanville; and Billy Ray Newsome of Grethel; five sisters: Fannie Hall of Peebles, Ohio; Mearl Clark of Harold; Sola Akers of Grethel; and Emogene Hall and Pauline Green, both of Ivel; three grandchildren: Tosh Brandon Akers, Shane Eugene Akers and Sheena DeSha Spradlin; and three great-grandchildren: Zachary Brance Akers, Kendal Shay Akers, and Blaine Douglas "Ike" Akers.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers: Tolva, Doc, Duran, Anthony Charley and Andy Newsome; and five sisters: Cora Moore, Martha Newsome, Goldie Tackett, Mina Newman, and Pearl Newsome.

Funeral services for Melvina N. Akers were conducted Tuesday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Martin-Newsome Cemetery, in Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Sunday, at the funeral home; and Tuesday, at the Church.

(Paid obituary)

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## Maudie Irene Hughes

Maudie Irene Hughes, 66, of Longwood, Florida, died Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Winter Park, Florida.

Born July 21, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Elsie Younce Pennington. She was a member of the Baptist faith; and was a disabled health care giver.

Survivors include one son, Charles William Hughes of Greenacres, Florida; four brothers: Harm Pennington of Paintsville; Johnny A. Pennington, James Pennington, and Rudy Pennington, all of Prestonsburg; seven sisters: Jackie Salyers of Deltona, Florida; Rema Perry of Paintsville; Maggie Jackson of Warsaw, Indiana; Linda Ousley of Ashland; Elizabeth Pennington of Longwood, Florida; and Beatrice Music

and Faye Goble, both of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Emily Wallen and Lincy Belle Prater.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, at 2:30 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Gary Blair officiating.

Burial was in the Pennington Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

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## Eva K. Robinette Layne

Eva K. Robinette Layne, age 91, of Harold, wife of the late Porter A. Layne, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2008, in the Pikeville Health Care.

She was born January 23, 1916, in Harold, a daughter of the late George Preston Robinette and Mary Ann Amburgey Robinette. She was a member of the New Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in Harold, and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Porter Preston Layne, his wife, Glenda, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; two daughters: Marietta Layne Elliott, her husband Gus, of Dayton, Ohio; Katherine Mae Clark, her husband, Hershell of Pikeville; two half brothers: David George Robinette of Pikeville; and Samuel Robinette of Grayson; one sister, Georgia R. Allen, of Allen; one half sister, Teresa Justice of Lexington; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Georgia F. "Pat" Naylor and Judy Love; two brothers: Carl L. Robinette and Orville S. Robinette; and one half brother, Arnold Robinette.

Funeral services for Eva K. Robinette Layne were conducted Tuesday, January 22, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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## Ellis Slone

Ellis Slone, 94, of David, died Friday, January 18, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born October 12, 1913, in David, he was the son of the late Jack and Ethel Tussey Slone. He was a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Shepherd Slone.

Survivors include one son, Bobby Slone of David; three daughters: Josephine Slone

Muncy of Prichard, West Virginia; Jolene Slone Bradford of Prestonsburg; and Evelyn Slone Shrock of Elkhart, Indiana; two brothers: Robie Slone of David; and Herbert Slone of Warsaw, Indiana; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three sons: Billy, Ellis Jr., and Russell Slone; three brothers: George, Ervin, and Jim Slone; and three sisters: Lily Shepherd, Ocie Slone, and Darcus Howard.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, in Blue River, with Eugene Cook officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church.

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(Paid obituary)

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## Howard C. Stickler

Howard C. Stickler, age 84, of Drift, husband of Betty Jones Stickler, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard.

He was born May 9, 1923, in Printer, the son of the late Edward Stickler and Mary Salisbury Stickler. He was a former bookkeeper for Turner

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In addition to his wife, Betty, survivors include a son Eddie (Beverly) Stickler of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Kathy Stickler of Lexington; like daughters: Misty Powers of Paintsville, and Shirley Gunnell of Martin; a special friend, Thurman Hamlin; five grandchildren: Misty Dawn, Amy, Matthew, Cory and Carissa; and three great-grandchildren: Sam, Max, and Conrad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Stickler; and a sister, Helen Blackburn.

Funeral services for Howard C. Stickler will be conducted Friday, January 25, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home

Chapel, in Martin, with ministers of the church officiating.

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

Visitation is from 5-9:00 p.m., Wednesday; and from 2-10:00 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

In Lieu of Flowers: Donations may be made to the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, or Hospice of Bluegrass, in Hazard.

(Paid obituary)

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## Emogene Whitt

Emogene Whitt, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 19, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 25, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Hiram and Laura Wills Baisden. She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Whitt.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters: Franklin Eugene Whitt, Larry Michael Whitt, Christine Blair, and Melissa Felty, all of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one step-grandson, and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters: Leroy Baisden, Troy Baisden, Stella Baisden, and Eliza Tussey.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Shawn Blair officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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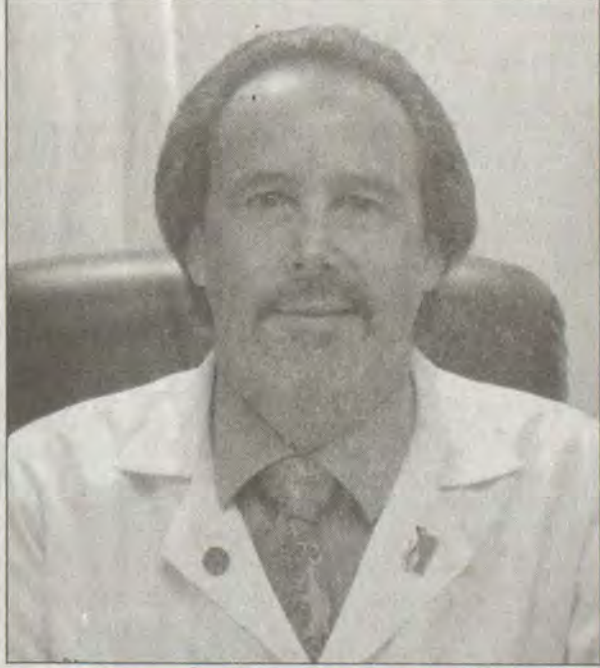


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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### Family reunion

The descendants of Bud and Tannie Johnson, Ab and Lendie Bryant, and Green and Mary Johnson will have a family reunion Saturday, May 24, at the Weeksbury Community Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Paul W. Johnson, 1274 Alexandersville Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. Phone: 937-866-7937.

### Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

### Grocery bill high?

Receive help through Angel Food Ministries via Prater Creek Baptist Church Hands of Hope Ministries, located at Banner, Prater Creek Baptist is the official host site for Angel Food Ministries in this area. For \$30, you can purchase top quality groceries valued at approximately \$70. There are no income qualifications to meet and no applications to complete. For current menu/additional information, log on to www.pcbaptist.org and click the link "Food Distribution." You may also contact Roger at 606-285-9447 or e-mail to prbarnette@bellsouth.net.

### Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

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

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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Quilting: Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

Classes begin March 10! Space is limited, pre-registration required. \$30 for 8 weeks. More info., call 886-0709.

Free GED classes offered at the center three days a week. Call for details.

### Prater Creek Baptist Church

Host site for Angel Food Ministries, will take food orders on Feb. 9, from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. \$30 will purchase groceries valued at approximately \$70. Orders will be taken at the church. Payment due as orders are placed - cash, money orders and food stamps accepted. Sorry, but no personal checks. For more info., visit www.pcbaptist.org, or call Roger at 606-285-9447. You

may also email to: prbarnette@bellsouth.net.

### Floyd County Schools to host public forum

The Floyd County School System will host a public forum on Wellness, Health, and Nutrition, on January 28, at 5 p.m., at May Valley Elementary. Community members strongly encouraged to attend.

### Pageant to be held at South Floyd High

The 2nd Annual Miss Sweetheart Pageant and 2008 Prom Dress Preview Show will be held on February 9, at 3:30 p.m., in the South Floyd High School Gym. 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. Pageant sponsored by Village Boutique, in Prestonsburg.

### AARP Tax-Aide Training

Training for the AARP 2007 tax season for AARP Tax-Aide Program Volunteers will be held Jan. 16-18, at the Floyd County Library, located on Arnold Avenue, in Prestonsburg. Training sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 1-3 p.m.

### FCCD to award \$1,000 scholarship

Deadline to apply, Jan. 31. The Floyd County Conservation District will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Floyd County High School senior with plans to major in Agriculture/Conservation of Natural Resources. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, three Letters of Recommendation, and a 1-page typed essay outlining reasons for choosing Agriculture/Conservation as major. All entries must be post-marked by January 31. For more info, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

### Second chance

A Volunteer Organization supporting organ and tissue

donation meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17, at the Mountain Arts Center. For more information, contact Den Willis (606) 886-2552.

### Help planning for college

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be hosting a workshop, entitled College Goal Sunday, on Sunday, January 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., on the Prestonsburg campus in the Student Center Atrium. The purpose of this workshop is to provide assistance to students who are applying for financial aid for college. Financial aid professionals from Kentucky colleges and universities will be on hand to assist college-bound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. For more information about financial aid and this event, contact the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Financial Aid Department at 606-880-4794.

### Support dancing classes!

The Hill County Dancers are starting new Classes, Thursday, February 7, at the Hambley Athletic Center in Pikeville. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and see what square dancing is all about. We have a lot of fun doing this and we want to share it with you. We meet every Thursday and this is a great way to meet new people; and make new friends. So come and check it out. First night is free, and there is no obligation, you can leave at anytime. For more information, call 791-0336 or 432-2722.

### Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break

free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

### HRMC Community Calendar

January 24: Kiwanis; Board Room, 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 30: Living Well With Diabetes Support Group; Meeting Room A & B, 5 to 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

### UNITE

The UNITE coalition of

Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

### 'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929;

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## The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The man pictured is our Celebrity of the Week, Nick Ratliff. Nick is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom for two tours.—January 2003-May 2003, and September 2004-April 2005.

He is shown here with Pebbles, a 5-month-old male Aussie mix.

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| Face                     | The Simpsons       | Hairspray            |
| Shrek the Third          | Mr. Bean's Holiday | Chuck & Larry        |
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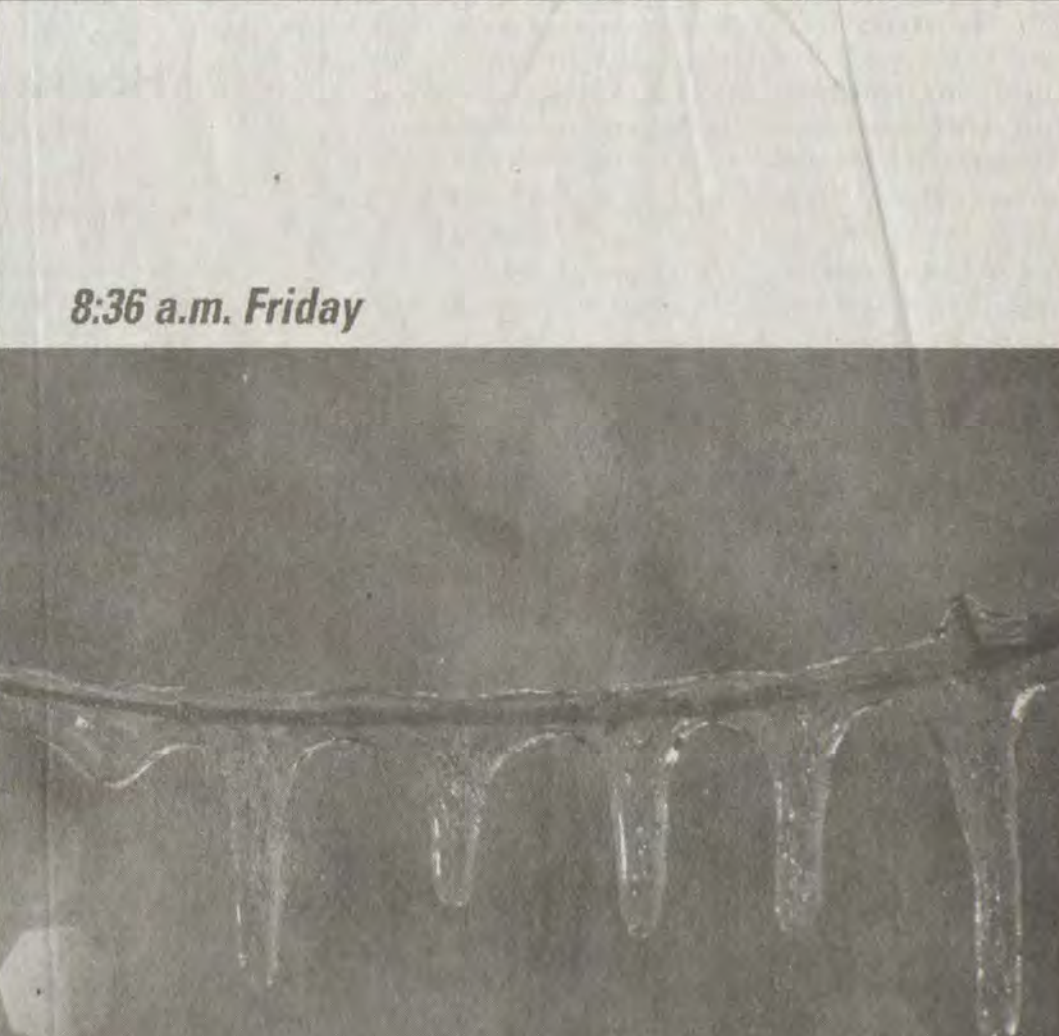
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# Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

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## Guest View

### Not a good start to ethics overhaul

How ironic that the inauguration of Gov. Steve Beshear, staunch advocate of ethics in government, was financed in large part by donors who might be perceived as standing to gain advantage from the policies of his administration. Kentucky Registry of Election Finance records show the new governor's inaugural committee raised \$766,662 for the Dec. 11 celebrations connected with his swearing-in. It has been reported that some of the bigger donors were affiliated with the casino and horse industries, with obvious interest in Beshear's initiative to expand gambling in Kentucky and perhaps coordinate it with the state's race-tracks. Of course, the governor insists those who contributed to his day of glory won't receive any favors from his administration as a result.

In fairness, the Capitol's new regime did not originate the system by which the bills for inaugural festivities are paid in Frankfort, any more than it created the fundraising process that helps achieve success for political campaigns. Suggestions that politicians should be forced to rely on public funding for their campaigns are challenged in some circles as an infringement on free speech. (Money really does talk.) Perhaps a more modest proposal would be to let candidates keep on taking donations from private concerns for their campaigns but require public funding of the rituals that occur after they take office. Then it really would be the people's party. That notion might be a little difficult to sell when Kentucky is facing a budget shortfall, but it ought to be considered. Once office-seekers get elected, it is only fitting that the public decide how much adoration is appropriate and fund it accordingly.

If taxpayers picked up the tab for the inaugural parade, reception and balls, the extravaganza might indeed be somewhat more restrained. And why not? The fervor has been fading in recent decades, anyway. Some longtime observers said crowds at the 2007 parade were the lightest they could remember. Apparently the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the event by big spenders did little to improve attendance even though the weather was unseasonably warm and dry this inauguration day.

The era of huge outlays to feed the vanity of election victors is, or should be, past. It's time to shed the myth that masses are waiting to line the streets of Frankfort to cheer a governor's triumphant march to the Capitol every four years. Certainly, Kentucky should inaugurate its leaders with dignity and respect, but that celebration should be organized without turning to special interests for financial support.

— The State Journal, Frankfort

### Tracking the national debt

U.S. national debt increase from Dec. 11, 2007 through Jan. 9, 2008

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■ The national debt is debt owed by the federal government. It is made up of debt obligations such as Treasury bills, Treasury notes and Treasury bonds.

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SOURCE: U.S. Treasury Department



## Letters

### Church offers thanks

The members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends, neighbors and businesses that helped to make the ninth annual "Christmas for the Children" of the McDowell and surrounding area held on Dec. 16 the biggest and best ever.

With the help of these individuals and businesses, the church was able to make Christmas just a little brighter for many children. Approximately 325 children were given the opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a gift and

fruit. Christmas really is for the children, but the grownups really enjoyed seeing the children have such a wonderful time. Many were so excited to see Santa and receive the gift and fruit that they just couldn't wait to open their gift.

Thanks again for all the help and support, but not just the monetary donations. We especially want to thank our friends who generously gave their time to come and help wrap these gifts and fruit and come back on Saturday to help give them out to the children. We really appreciate you all. We couldn't do it without you.

Members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association

Clinton Moore, moderator  
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Rick "Santa" Akers

### Thanks store staff

I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere appreciation and thanks to the special people at Cardinal Mart (now Marathon) who have been so very good to me.

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Perry Jones  
Route 80

## Guest Column

### House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Bills that would strengthen ethics standards in the Executive Branch, require public schools to adopt anti-bullying policies and give public colleges and universities more financing options were among the first to be passed out of House committees this session during this second week of the 2008 Regular Session in Frankfort. Now before the full House, this legislation is among a growing number of bills and resolutions that are expected to be brought to a vote on the House floor in coming days.

The ethics changes proposed in House Bill 250 were unanimously approved by the House State Government Committee on Thursday. Some of the proposed changes include expanding the state's Executive Branch ethics code to cover all salaried boards and the state's 75 policy making and regulatory panels, prohibiting public servants from using their position with the state to find other employment, and better disclosure of contributors to public officials' legal defense funds.

The anti-bullying measure (House Bill 91) is similar to bills that have passed the House in past sessions yet stalled in the Senate. It was passed by the House Education Committee on Tuesday, along with House Joint Resolution 6, which would require a state work group to design school courses on the Jewish Holocaust for use in public schools. Should HJR 6 pass into law, the new curriculum would be available to teachers by the 2009-2010 school year.

The importance of public schools and higher education in Kentucky was recognized by Gov. Steve Beshear in his State of the Commonwealth address last Monday, although he

admitted that the current budget crisis will impact the state's ability to make "major new investments" in some areas. Part of the problem, he said, is that Kentucky is not adequately prepared to compete in the global economy.

By making state government more efficient and "re-engineering" the state economy from within, the governor told lawmakers gathered in the House chamber, more revenue will become available for education, job training, health care and even the state retirement systems, which now face an estimated \$20 million in unfunded liabilities.

A revenue source some say could bring an estimated \$500 million into the state's coffers each year was not mentioned by the governor as a solution to the current budget crisis — even though he campaigned for governor on the issue: expanded gaming. The governor is expected to unveil a proposed constitutional amendment on the issue later this month, however, which would require a statewide voter referendum on forms of gaming like slots and blackjack at various locations. A special House subcommittee has been appointed to study the issue, and is already at work.

A clearer understanding of our budget situation will emerge later this month when Beshear presents his proposed spending plan to the General Assembly. Work on the budget bill, which must originate in the House, will begin in earnest soon after we receive his budget proposal.

We remain hopeful we can craft a budget that protects funding for both elementary and secondary education, as well as postsecondary education, as much as possible. Some lawmakers are even looking at different options for funding at the postsecondary level specifically steps that would give our public colleges and universities more financial flexibility to meet their needs. Doing so, they believe, could lessen the ill effects of the budget crunch on higher education, and make

it possible for universities to carry through with projects that might otherwise be put on hold.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee approved two bills last Tuesday that would help accomplish this. House Bill 111 would allow colleges and universities to issue revenue bonds for capital projects if they cover all the bond costs. The second bill, HB 177, would allow the schools to undertake capital projects funded with cash-restricted funds approved by the schools' governing boards and the state without prior state legislative approval.

Bills similar to HB 111 have passed the House in past sessions only to stall in the Senate. It is possible that the current budget situation will give lawmakers in both chambers more incentive to consider the legislation — as well as HB 177 — but of course that remains to be seen.

The full House also passed its first bills of the 2008 session this week, including a financial literacy bill that would require public postsecondary institutions to provide materials on management of credit card and other debt to new undergraduates. That legislation, HB 51, passed by a vote of 91-0 and was sent to the Senate where hundreds of other House bills will be considered by session's end.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, you can call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. I look forward to serving you in Frankfort during this busy 2008 budget session.

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Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

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

Special interest groups:

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly

at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call

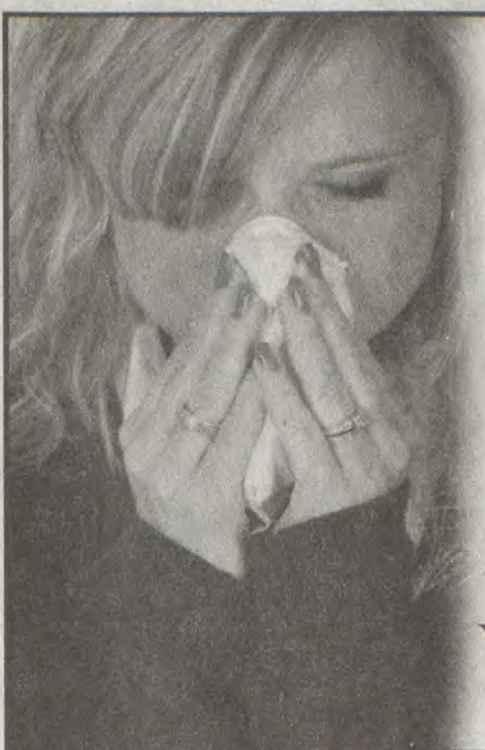
Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous


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## Turner urges Congress to amend Social Security Act

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, filed a Senate Resolution Friday urging the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination provisions.

"The Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination provisions have inequitable effects on many teachers, firefighters, police, postal workers, and others who have struggled their entire working careers to supplement family budgets and retirement savings with part-time and summer jobs where they paid into Social Security," said Turner, a former educator.

The Government Pension Offset provision reduces public employees' Social Security spousal or survival benefits by up to two-thirds of their public pension.

The Windfall Elimination provision greatly reduces the earned Social Security benefits of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by Social Security.

Kentucky is one of the 15 states most impacted by these provisions.

The National Education Association estimates that 300,000 individuals are losing an average of \$3,600 a year due to the Government Pension Offset provision.

Turner said the Windfall Elimination provision impacts the teaching profession because people are less likely to leave other careers in which they earn Social Security benefits to become educators.

The Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination provisions have the severest effect on widowed lower-income women who have worked hard for years and can least afford reduced benefits.

"The amount lost due to such provisions can make the difference between self-sufficiency and poverty," Turner said.

Turner, who has served in the State Senate since 2001, represents the 29th District, which includes Floyd, Breathitt, Knott and Letcher counties.

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# InHarmony women's community chorus begins new year

PRESTONSBURG — All Eastern Kentucky women ages 13 and older are invited to join the Big Sandy Community and Technical College community-based female singing group InHarmony as they begin a new semester of rehearsals and performances.

The first rehearsal will take place Monday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building, Prestonsburg Campus.

Choir Director Laura Ford Hall welcomes everyone to join.

"We welcome our students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us," Hall said. "We have a wonderful women's chorus, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and fun."

InHarmony will be singing a variety of music this semester including pop, country, oldies and gospel. Songs include "Angel," as made popular by Sarah McLachlan, "Queen of Soul: Aretha Franklin Medley," "Big Girls

Don't Cry," "Blue Bayou," "I'll Fly Away: Hymn Medley" and "Bless the Broken Road," and much more.

"Any lady can join InHarmony," Hall said. "We would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in between."

The choir serves the BSCTC campuses of Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville, so all Eastern Kentucky residents are welcome. However, those wishing to join should be 13 or older.

The choir is accompanied by Alicia Hughes, pianist for the Kentucky Opry Orchestra, with Tim Cooley serving as technical director.

The group will meet every Monday at the same time until the final performances during April and May. Music will be provided for each member and there is no fee to join. Questions can be directed by emailing Hall at [laura.hall@kctcs.edu](mailto:laura.hall@kctcs.edu).



InHarmony, the community-based female singing group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College will begin a new semester this coming Monday, Jan. 28, and any lady in the community is invited to join. Pictured are the 2007 members before performing their Christmas Concert in December.

## Rogers Scholars, ELI applications due by Jan. 31

Time is running out to apply for Rogers Scholars or Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

High school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky are eligible to apply if they meet the program requirements, but they must act quickly. The deadline to file applications for both programs is Thursday, Jan. 31.

Applications are available online at The Center for Rural Development website, [www.centertech.com](http://www.centertech.com), and Rogers Scholars website, [www.rogersscholars.com](http://www.rogersscholars.com), and must be submitted by the filing deadline to be considered for a limited number of spaces in the summer leadership programs. Rogers Scholars and ELI are sponsored by The Center and held at its headquarters in Somerset.

### Rogers Scholars

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer session for rising high school juniors from The Center's 42-county service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Sophomores with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 are eligible to apply. The program, named after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, emphasizes technological skills development, fosters an entrepreneurial spirit, leadership development and encourages commitment to rural Kentucky.

"We are trying to light a spark where students, if they do have to leave home to get an education, will want to come back and establish their homes in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," said Jessica Melton, youth programs coordinator for The Center for Rural Development.

Rogers Scholars will offer two one-week sessions on June 22-27 and July 6-11. Thirty students will attend each session. One student will be selected from each county in the 42-county service area and 18 students will be picked

at-large, based on highest scores, to participate in each of the sessions.

Students will enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities, interact with state and national speakers and work with top quality instructors. During the week, students will select a "major" in one of three areas - video production, information technology or engineering - and concentrate on developing those skills. Their finished products will be showcased in a student-produced program at the graduation ceremony.

Graduates have the opportunity to qualify for scholarships with partner colleges and universities. Several institutions across the region have made scholarship opportunities available to Rogers Scholars helping achieve one of the primary goals of the program - and Congressman Rogers' signature motto — that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future." Approximately 539 students have completed the Rogers Scholars program since it was started in 1998. Melton said many of the graduates become Rogers Scholars Ambassadors and serve as mentors for the younger students.

### Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute

ELI focuses on developing future business leaders and entrepreneurs. Sophomores, juniors and seniors from The Center's service area are eligible to apply. Thirty students will be selected to attend a one-week session on June 8-13.

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# Coal producer agrees to \$30M settlement for extensive pollution

by H. JOSEF HEBERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The country's fourth-largest coal producer, Massey Energy Co., has agreed to a \$30 million settlement with the government over allegations that over seven years it routinely polluted hundreds of streams and waterways in West Virginia and Kentucky with sediment-filled waste water and coal slurry.

Under the agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, Massey Energy, headquartered in Richmond, Va., will pay \$20 million in civil penalties and invest an additional \$10 million in pollution control improvements at its 44 mines and coal facilities in the two states and in Virginia, the EPA and Justice Department were announcing on Thursday.

The agreement settled a complaint filed by the EPA in May 2007 alleging that the company violated the federal Clean Water Act on at least 4,500 occasions between January 2000 and the end of 2006 by discharging mining waste and sediment — including hazardous metals — into hundreds of streams and waterways and failing to control spills of coal slurry during its mining operation.

Some of the waste water discharges were more than 10 times the amounts allowed by state permits, the EPA said.

In one instance, a coal slurry pond failed, dumping more than 300 million gallons of black goo on communities near Inez, Ky., in one of the South's worst ecological disasters. The Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources estimated that 1.6 million fish were smothered in the molasses-like substance that broke through the bottom of a mountaintop impoundment on Oct. 11, 2000, gushing in torrents through an underground coal mine and down a mountainside outside of Inez. Lawns were buried up to 7 feet deep in sludge.

Massey officials announced the agreement Thursday, noting that it would allow the company to avoid costly litigation and resolve questions about its liability for the damage. "We believe this agreement will benefit the environment as well as our shareholders," said Baxter F. Phillips Jr., the company's executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

The maximum penalties facing the company for the thousands of violations and days when permits were exceeded could have been as high as \$2.4 billion, according to the EPA.

The pollution "destroyed streams, destroyed fish habitat. There was definitely an environmental impact here," Granta Nakayama, the assistant EPA administrator for enforcement, said in an interview. "We thought it was very serious."

The \$20 million civil penalty is the largest ever for violations of the Clean Water Act, said Nakayama. "This is a landmark settlement for the environment, and raises the bar for the mining industry."

As part of the agreement, Massey promises to invest \$10 million to develop and implement new procedures and tracking systems to prevent waste water discharges and slurry spills, and allow third-party audits of its pollution prevention program. The company also agrees to set aside 200 acres of riverfront land in West Virginia for conservation and protection against future mining.

Ronald Tenpas, head of the Justice Department's environment and natural resources division, said the measures agreed to by the coal company "represent a significant step forward in the way that mining facilities currently address Clean Water Act compliance."

The new pollution prevention measures are expected to keep an estimated 380 million pounds of sediment and other pollutants from Massey's mining operation out of the three states' waters each year.

"The settlement concludes an EPA investigation of more than two years of Massey's mining operation. The complaint filed last May alleged that Massey routinely released metals, sediment and acid mine drainage into streams and rivers at amounts 40 percent or more than allowed by state permits.

And investigators found that Massey's operations failed to control spills of coal slurry, containing sediment and metals, allowing it to clog streams and harm fish habitat.

Massey, which reported \$89 million in profits on revenues of nearly \$1.7 billion for the first nine months of 2007, is the largest coal producer in the Appalachia region, operating 19 mining complexes — 33 underground and 11 surface mines as well as processing facilities — in southern Virginia, southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

The company has been embroiled in a string of legal and environmental disputes from complaints about its hill-top mining practices and pollution of waterways to mine safety and high-profile contract disputes.

Currently its president and chairman, Don Blankenship, is at the center of conflict of interest allegations involving the chief justice of West Virginia's supreme court. Photographs surfaced with Blankenship and the justice, Elliott Maynard, socializing together on the Mediterranean last summer — four months before the court in a 3-2 decision with Maynard in the majority reversed a \$76.3 million judgment against Massey in a dispute brought by a bankrupt coal company. Other problems facing Massey include a \$219.8 million jury verdict awarded to Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. in a contract dispute and a record \$1.5 million in fines by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration for safety violations involving the deaths of two miners in a January 2006 mine fire. The fire at the Aracoma Alma No. 1 Mine in Logan County, W.Va., also is the subject of a federal criminal investigation.

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## Herman Porter

Born: February 15, 1905

Died: January 2, 2008

Written by:  
Brenda Porter  
Cockerham



Herman Crittenden Porter, aka "Papaw" to many, was an innovator, a mover and shaker, and a part of what made Eastern Kentucky what it is today.

He was born on February 15, 1905, in Alphetta, Kentucky, 1 mile from Martin. Before cars, airplanes, trains, telephones, television, electric, unemployment or welfare, He saw some of the best of times—the invention of all these things and then some. He also saw some of the worst of times—the Spanish and American War, the war in Mexico, WWI, WWII, the Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the current war in Iraq. Herman stayed well versed in current affairs.

In a time when there were few jobs, he created them. When there were problems, he helped solve them, and when there were needs, he helped meet them.

One of his greatest assets was his wife of almost 70 years, Berniece Webb Porter. A woman of sound judgment and impeccable character, she provided good management and support towards all of his accomplishments. It must be true that behind every successful man is a good woman. The two were quite a team.

They had four children together, Paul, Katherine, James Henry, and Tom. Being raised in hard times, the two worked together to survive. They made it through the great fire of the 20's that destroyed the entire town of Allen, the Great Depression, the floods of '57, '77, and '84. 1957 was the worst flood. The water was so high that people riding the boats to and from their homes had to duck to get under the stop light in Old Allen.

He was innovative and hard working. He helped his father run a telephone company (the first in Allen). At an early age, his parents secured a hotel that was near the train station after selling the telephone company. Herman's job was to sell newspapers and supply each room with water. He said that he saved so many coins from newspaper sales, that the bottom of the trunk he stored them in fell out. The son/father team then began selling Allen's first electric light systems referred to as Delco Light Plants. (This system was based on a generator and 32-volt battery). Armed with the first lights in town, the hotel served for a while as a place for doctors to operate. It was after one such operation that Herman observed the power of ether. He decided to try it out on all the chickens. One at a time, he rendered each chicken lifeless through the administration of this powerful chemical. He then ran and told his parents that all the chickens had died. When they all rushed out to see what had happened they were appalled at the ghastly sight. Herman laughed while they all came back to life, one by one.

Business was good and the family was able to buy the first Model T Ford the town saw. It was in this vehicle that the young Herman learned one of his first lessons in science, not to mention a good rule to live by. "Don't check the level of the gas in the tank with a match...it will blow" and it did. It blew off the top of the car as well as the seat. Until Herman could trap enough muskrats to sell to Sears and Roebuck Company to replace the seat and roof, they had to use a bale of hay to sit on. The hotel burned down sometime during WWII, when the whole town of Allen did, and they did not replace it. They did, however, continue with the Delco Light Plant.

Soon, the family team (as it was beginning to grow with Paul, James Henry, and Tom) began distributing the first refrigeration system for the town—Frigidaire.

Henry and Katie Porter (Herman's parents) built a brick house overlooking Allen (they were tired of the floods and fires). Herman had married Berniece by that time, in 1925, and the four children soon followed. The two families lived together until Herman and Berniece built their own home where it is today—on Beaver Creek right before it merges into the Big Sandy (at the end of Railroad Street in Old Allen). All but Tom were born in Henry Porter's brick house that overlooked Allen.

He spent a short time in helping his father in the Porter Elkhorn Coal Mine. It was at this time he built the first water plant for the town of Allen. When he constructed the tall round tower that still stands as testimony to his efforts; the engineers of the time told him it wouldn't work. Brick by brick, and layer by layer, tons of concrete were poured in between the two walls that created the tall tower that still stands—almost 70 years later.

As television came into being, Herman was on the forefront once again, initiating the first cable T.V. for the small city; this led him into television repair as well. He later sold the company which became Allen Cable and that was sold and became the current Gearheart Communications.

One of his sideline passions was the Short Wave radio. Talking with others across the miles was an enjoyable sport. New things were always intriguing to him and nothing was too complicated to try. For example, he built his own color television set while he lived at Allen. Can you imagine assembling around 2000 parts and making it work? He also tried his luck, one year, in growing watermelons in the rich soil on the Beaver Creek bank below his house. He had a very productive year, but someone began stealing the crop. He masterminded a trap that to this day three mischievous teenagers will never forget. It was so impactful (complete with tripwires and explosives) that his Grandson, Greg, selected electrical engineering as a career from that point forward. Greg reached his goal, in fact, he told the story in his interview with AT&T and was hired because—well I guess it made a good story.

Herman enjoyed videography and traveling the nation. He and Berniece built a home in Florida on property previously owned by Jim Webb—Berniece's Father. At this time he officially became "Retired," planting fruit trees, garden produce and woodworking, while Berniece/Mamaw made wonderful quilts and pillows for gifts.

He was a Mason, an entrepreneur, a father and a husband. His four children married and the family grew to include 12 grandchildren "plus Andy" (as Mamaw always said), 30 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren, totaling 62, direct descendants at the time of his death. (This does not include spouses or others connected by marriage; that number exceeds 100).

Herman inspired others in their vocations. He passed his ingenuity, innovation and the fearlessness to try just about anything on to his children who also launched successful entrepreneurial businesses. He helped in supporting activities of many of his family members such as starting businesses, buying homes, securing assets—(with repayment at a modest interest rate, of course!). He assisted in numerous ventures that influenced and had impact on the entire Porter family. He and Berniece strived to instill in others a good work ethic and respect for God and family as well as the appreciation for life. He was known as a kind and honest man of integrity. He was not without a healthy sense of humor and streak of "ornary-ness," however. Numerous accounts have been reported as to the shenanigans Herman schemed. One account rendered by one of his grandchildren: "I remember kneeling at the edge of the bed after the devotional that Mama read, to say our prayers, when I was startled with a blood curdling scream. My cousin, Loniece (who must have had her eyes open during prayer) lurched toward the windows, finding a pair of glasses lying in the sill. 'There was someone there' she exclaimed as Mama muttered 'Herman' under her breath. Three of us leaped to our feet and raced to Papaw's bedside where he was supposed to be sleeping. Sure enough, there he lay...with the window mysteriously open. I never did figure out how he jumped so high and moved so fast that night. He just snickered and rolled over—denying everything—but he wanted his glasses back."

He was a member of the Masons. He received a 50-year award and was acknowledged for being the oldest living Mason in Zebulon Lodge in 2005 (I think). The Masons stand for honor in work ethics and respect the authority of God. It's an organization that builds character according to one member. Herman never spoke much of his faith, but after the death of his child, Kathrine Grace, he was said to have re-dedicated his life to Christ in 1957.

The Biblical character that comes to mind who would be most similar to Herman, is King Solomon (the son of David). Solomon was knowledgeable, curious about life, and committed to living life to the fullest. Solomon was filled with wisdom that transcended time. He wrote the book of Proverbs which is read by millions, even today. In fact, four of the Old Testament books were contributed by this great King. He made some contributions to the book of Psalms, and the Song of Songs (or some call it Song of Solomon—which was basically about his love life). His nuggets of wisdom are recorded in the book of Proverbs, and the story of his life is recorded in the book of Ecclesiastes.

In Proverbs, Solomon stated "Do not be wise in our own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8.

Other excerpts from these books were:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and discipline."

Solomon didn't always heed his own wisdom but in the end he recognized some simple truths:

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins."

"There is a time and season for every activity under Heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...a time to sow and a time to reap, and so on" (There is a song about this chapter named: Turn, Turn, Turn).

Herman was like that—He made time to play, work, love, learn, and was certainly always ready for a new adventure.

Solomon said: "The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

After all of Solomon's travels, experiences and adventures, he concluded: "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for these are the whole duty of man: Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Herman (Papaw), like Solomon, saw much, accomplished much, loved much, and lived life to the fullest. He, unlike Solomon, however, was unable to speak and convey his thoughts easily, towards the end of his life. The events he experienced from the past few years of living would certainly bring him to the same conclusion as Solomon's, though—Life without God is meaningless. Applying the guidelines God has provided enriches life, giving it fullness and meaning.

Papaw entered this life with love, gave love completely while he was here, and left with abundant love from all of his family. Now, almost 103 years later, he has been returned to the hand of God.

In the words of one Kentucky pastor, "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather, to skid in sideways, chocolate in hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming—Yahoo!! What a Ride!...that's exactly what Herman did.

After his first stroke, he used unusual expressions. I heard him tell someone "Have a safe journey—a safe passage" instead of goodbye, like he usually said. I realized that is an expression they used almost 100 years ago—and he remembered that.

So Papaw, we now say to you—Have a Safe Passage.

He will be missed.

Anyone wishing to tell their own story is invited to do so. Please call a family member!

SOME PAPA "NUGGETS OF WISDOM" ARE:

- Eat right, exercise, and try not to go into debt. If you do, pay it off fast." (interview at 100 yrs.)
- Everything in its place—and don't move it! (He always insisted on order)
- A teaspoon on whiskey in your coffee everyday goes a long way, they now know the value of this medicinally.
- Sometimes you've got to get a little tough with them: (a comment made at age 101 about security guards trying to keep him in a hospital...they didn't)
- What's the matter with you, are you sick? (Stated after climbing three flights of stairs at age 96, to a granddaughter and daughter-in-law, he wondered why they didn't keep up)
- You are never too old to exercise—I was 10 when he beat me up the hill to check the lines—he was 60. Report from a grandchild
- It's never too late to try—he began some of his most successful business ventures after age 50
- Go ahead and have an adventure!—Upon taking a motorcycle trip with a motorcycle club to Florida in the 20's—before hotels and restaurants and good roads! They took a boat over into Cuba and slept under the stars. One night they woke up with alligators all around them. I guess that's when they came back home.
- Be creative—"Once Papaw came to me with his broken partial. They were made of metal. You couldn't weld, solder, or repair them, so I had to tell him I couldn't help. He came back to me with them patched up with a product called JB Weld—it worked." Andy Elliot-Dentist
- Be persistent—He ran a backhoe when he was 96, to bust up a rock in his yard that he wanted out of the way.
- You're never too old—He was seen fixing his roof at age 98.
- If you've got a problem—fix it—he chopped a stump of a large tree out of his yard (with the help of Loniece and Paul) at age 101.

The PORTER FAMILY greatly appreciates the prayers, flowers, visitation, and words of LOVE AND KINDNESS extended by OUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, COMMUNITY, COUNTY, AND OUR ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY, during the LOSS of our LOVED ONE—HERMAN PORTER on January 2, 2008.

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# Proposal to test welfare recipients for drugs proves unpopular

by ROGER ALFORD  
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FRANKFORT — Welfare recipients would be tested for drugs and those found positive would lose their benefits under a proposal that is encountering strong opposition in Kentucky.

State Rep. Melvin Henley, D-Murray, said he filed legislation to require the drug tests in response to concerns raised by working-class constituents in his western Kentucky district.

"It makes sense to a person who has to work for a living and has to undergo drug testing and who sees people on welfare who don't have to

abide by any rules," Henley said.

Critics contend the legislation is unconstitutional and that it would have unintended victims — children.

"Welfare is for the children, and so if you're doing such a thing, you're punishing the children," said John Rosenberg, former head of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund in Prestonsburg. "I don't think that's what we really want to do."

Michigan briefly required drug tests for welfare recipients in 1999 but was ordered by a federal judge to stop just weeks into the program when the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit. After a federal appeals court in Cincinnati ruled the law unconstitutional in 2003, Michigan officials

reached an out-of-court settlement with the ACLU, agreeing to stop the drug-testing program.

Henley said he wanted to pursue the issue in Kentucky even though it failed in Michigan.

"I've gotten a number of complaints from constituents wondering why they have to be drug tested to maintain a job and people on public assistance are free to do as they please," he said. "They don't feel that it's fair, and I tend to agree."

The measure is languishing in the House Health and Welfare Committee. Committee Chairman Tom Burch, D-Louisville, said he doesn't intend to call it up for consideration.

"I don't think it's a good bill, and I don't think the intention behind it is good," Burch said. "Let's get treatment for the person rather than penalize the whole family."

Vikki Franklin, spokeswoman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said her agency is still reviewing the bill and hasn't taken a position for or against it.

Graham Boyd, director of ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project, said Kentucky would become the only state in the nation that requires drug testing as a requirement to receive welfare benefits. He said Michigan is the only state that attempted it.

"The courts have ruled that it would be illegal," Boyd said. "Every

other state has rejected it as too costly. And studies have proved that it's not effective in reducing drug abuse."

Opponents also say if such a measure passes, it could cause innocent children to go hungry, perhaps even putting parents in such hardship that they have to surrender custody of their kids to the state.

Henley argues that children would likely be better off in drug-free foster homes than with a parent who is an addict.

He said he hasn't given up all hope for the bill.

"It's difficult to get a controversial bill through the legislature," he said. "But you never know. We'll just have to wait and see."

## Ice

When he found an officer parked along the side of the road. According to emergency officials, when Officer Brian Hall ascertained the seriousness of the situation, he flagged down an ambulance to transport the woman to Highlands Regional

Medical Center. Emergency officials later said both mother and child were fine.

Ormerod cautioned motorists about ice storms, saying, "If you don't have to be out, wait until the roads clear, and if you are already out, pull over."

"The major difference between operating a vehicle on ice versus snow, is that on ice, you can get no traction," Ormerod said.

Fortunately only two of the accidents were with injury, and those injuries were minor.

According to Ormerod, no city emergency vehicles were involved in accidents and the city had enough officers on duty without being forced to call in off-duty officers.

The Floyd County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Department had not totaled the number of countywide accidents they had responded to as of press time.

## Suicide

ing the circumstances of the incident, pending proper notifications of relatives and an ongoing investigation by Kentucky State Police.

A Critical Incident Stress Management team has been dispatched by CCA to help provide any counseling and support to facility staff.

According to CCA, Otter Creek is on lockdown status at this time, meaning "inmate movement is restricted to their housing areas."

Otter Creek is a 656-bed female prison owned and operated by CCA. The facility houses adult female inmates for the state corrections systems of both Kentucky and Hawaii.

photo by Kathy J. Prater  
Chelsea Samons, a Brownie Girl Scout from the Prestonsburg area, visited the office of Mayor Jerry Fannin last Friday afternoon to give him the opportunity to be the first to place his order for a few boxes of "America's Favorite Cookies," thereby officially kicking off the 2008 Girl Scout Cookie Sale in the Prestonsburg area. Orders are now being taken from local scouts for favorites such as Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Shortbread and this year's new Cinna-Spins. Proceeds from the cookie sale help to fund trips and activities for local troops.



## Magistrate

Judge-Executive R.D. Marshall said that his salary was mandated by the state, but that he would look into whether or not he could donate a portion back into the general fund.

The motion passed unanimously with Owens voting for the others donating their

money." Owens himself, did not offer a donation.

"None of the other magistrates had discussed that with me at all," said Owens on Tuesday. "I didn't feel like I caused the problem."

Owens pointed out that in a July 2007 issue of the Floyd County Times, "I said then that

the county was going broke."

The latest financial crisis forced the Floyd County Fiscal court last week to layoff 32 employees from the county workforce. County officials are hopeful that by July they will be able to rehire some of the laidoff employees.

## Scholars

neers. We help encourage them to capture the entrepreneurial spirit," said Melton.

The week-long institute includes classroom instruction, guest speakers and tours of local businesses. Students will be divided in teams and compete in daily "Apprentice-like" competitions.

The program will conclude with a team business concept competition where students will compete for recognition at the annual Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards. For the last two years, the winning teams received presidential scholarships to Eastern Kentucky University in

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For more information on Rogers Scholars or ELI, contact Melton at 606-677-6000, or e-mail to jmelton@centertech.com.

## Cap

for patients and better business opportunities for our physicians too."

Highlands plans to acquire an additional property and then begin construction soon.

"We will set up temporary space on site while we construct new buildings," said Warman. "Patients will continue to come to the same location for care."

Plans for a new emergency department at the hospital are already moving forward.

"The hospital is definitely on the move," Hoffman said. "We have made a commitment to improve access to care for the community."

According to Hoffman, Highlands hopes to have some of its planned expansions completed as early as December.

## Confederate Forces are Converging on Prestonsburg

On January 10th 1862, Confederate forces withdrew from Prestonsburg, following the Battle of Middle Creek. One hundred thirty-six years later they have returned in the form of a re-enacting company. The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry has authorized the creation of a new re-enacting company in Prestonsburg, that will serve Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin and Martin counties.

The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry is a family-based organization, rooted in Christian values, and dedicated to the preservation of Civil War history. We encourage the participation of all family members who are interested in living history.

If you are interested in preserving history, or are curious about re-enacting, come join us at the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Saturday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m., for our monthly meeting.

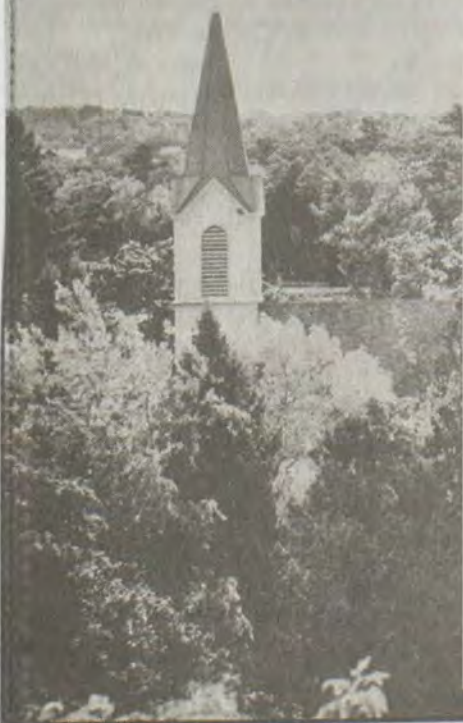
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# We Need Stories

Heartland Publications and the Floyd County Times have launched a new project called Faith and Family, a faith-based Christian magazine to be distributed throughout Floyd County.

If you have a testimonial story, life-changing event about yourself or even a poem that you would like to share in this magazine, please email it to: [web@floydcountytimes.com](mailto:web@floydcountytimes.com) Limit your story to 500-750 words. It must be received by January 30 to be eligible.

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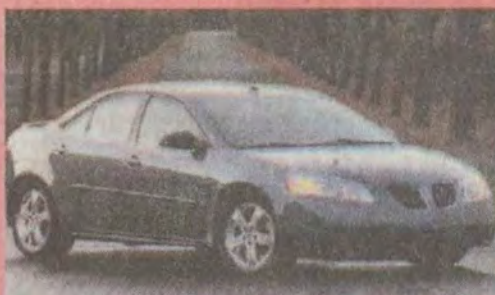
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# EVERYTHING MUST GO!

# Perfect Patriots, improbable Giants headed to Arizona for Super Bowl

by DENNIS WASZAK Jr.  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New England Patriots' path to perfection has one last hurdle: a New York team of road warriors hoping for a Giant upset.

"We'll try to elevate our game for one last performance," said Tom Brady, the Patriots' dimple-chinned, record-setting quarterback with the model girlfriend.

Brady and the Patriots (18-0) will try to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only teams to complete an undefeated season when they face Eli Manning and the Giants on Feb. 3 in the Super Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.

"I think you enter the season and you're hoping to put together a bunch of great wins and you realize there's challenges every step of the way," Brady said after beating San Diego 21-12 in the AFC championship game Sunday. "To not have a letdown like most teams have — we had a few letdowns or times where we didn't play our best, but we overcame them."

Standing in the Patriots' way are the Giants (13-6) and Manning — Peyton's little brother, whose moxie and leadership abilities no longer can be questioned.

"We haven't been given a shot, but we're here," Manning said of his Giants, who have won 10 straight on the road — including a 23-20 overtime win at Green Bay in the NFC title game. "I think we're deserving of it."

Las Vegas oddsmakers might think differently. They installed New England as a 13½-point favorite in the big game, in which New York will

get another shot at destroying the Patriots' path to perfection.

New England won 38-35 in its final game of the regular season, rallying from a 12-point second-half deficit against the Giants. The teams also played in the preseason finale, when New England won — with Brady sitting that one out.

Brady and the Patriots are playing in the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven years. A win in this one would rank the Patriots as perhaps the greatest champion in NFL history — Spygate a long-forgotten speedbump.

In that scandal, the Patriots were fined \$250,000 and coach Bill Belichick \$500,000 for violating league rules by training a sideline camera on New York Jets coaches in their season-opening win. New England was stripped of its first-round draft pick next season, but the team stood by its coach.

And the Patriots never wavered.

"I think there's special guys on this team that have stepped up all year when they needed to," Brady said.

Maybe none more than New England's record-breaking — and heartbreaking — quarterback.

Brady started this special season by becoming a father for the first time as his ex-girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, gave birth to their son. Brady's now dating former Victoria's Secret model Gisele Bundchen, making them gossip fodder around the world.

When the football-hurling heartthrob got back to business, he became a cover story for other reasons.

Brady threw an NFL-record 50 touchdown passes in the regular season, with 23 of those to Randy Moss, who topped Jerry Rice's record. Brady was also the league's Most Valuable Player in helping New England score an NFL-record 589 points.

"They played great all year," Belichick said. "I'm very lucky to coach this team."

Linebacker Junior Seau quickly returned the compliment: "Bill is definitely the best coach ever."

And the Patriots are on the verge of making NFL history.

"Now we can look ahead," Belichick said.

They sure can. And they'll see a familiar foe in the Giants, whose run through the playoffs into their first Super Bowl since 2001 was jump-started by their valiant effort against the Patriots in the last week of the regular season.

"That got us going, momentum," Manning said.

This is the same New York team that gave up 80 points in its first two games and had fans calling for coach Tom Coughlin to be fired. Those same fans also wondered whether Manning, acquired in a draft-day deal in 2004, would ever become a franchise-type quarterback like his brother.

Little brother is now in the Super Bowl with a chance to bring home a title of his own.

"It's exciting, but it's not about me," Manning said in his typical aw-shucks manner. "It's about this whole team."

Sure, Manning had a big hand in the Giants' success, especially when the games took on greater meaning. He has been flawless in the post-season, completing a number

of clutch throws without a turnover.

"It's just a matter of getting hot at the right time," Manning said. "It feels good because this is what you work for."

New York became the first NFC wild-card team to reach the Super Bowl since Dallas in 1975. And the Giants did it the hard way, winning all their road games after dropping their season opener at Dallas.

"We're going on the road

again," Coughlin said. "That's good."

New York visited Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay in the playoffs and went home winners. Next up is the biggest game of them all and a chance to make history by ending New England's attempt at football immortality.

"We have a lot of faith and trust in ourselves," Manning said.

At least neither team will

have to worry about a frigid forecast in Arizona. On Sunday, New England beat San Diego in 23-degree temperatures at Foxborough, Mass., while New York edged Green Bay in subzero conditions at Lambeau Field.

"I'm glad it's warm weather," Brady said, flashing that familiar smile. "Weather won't be a factor. It should be exciting."

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## Memphis moves to No. 1; Drake and Baylor make rare Top 25 appearances

by JIM O'CONNELL  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Memphis replaced North Carolina as the No. 1 team in college basketball Monday, the Tigers' first appearance in 25 years at the top of The Associated Press poll.

Kansas, the nation's only other undefeated Division I men's team, moved up to No. 2 while the Tar Heels dropped to fifth after their loss to Maryland. Drake and Baylor were two new entries to the rankings, joining the Top 25 for the first time in a long time.

Memphis' only other appearance at No. 1 was as short as possible — a one-week stint in 1983.

"We've got one extra day than the last time," Memphis coach John Calipari said. "That team went to No. 1 on a Monday and lost that night. We get to enjoy Monday and Tuesday and until we play at Tulsa on Wednesday night."

North Carolina was ranked No. 1 in preseason and for the first 10 polls of the regular season. The Tar Heels lost 82-80 to Maryland at home on Saturday and Memphis (17-0) moved up one spot with 49 first-place votes and 1,777 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Kansas (18-0) advanced from third to second with 23 first-place votes and 1,751 points. Tennessee and Duke moved from sixth and seventh to third and fourth. They were followed by North Carolina (18-1).

Drake, which came in at No. 22, is ranked for the first time since the final poll of the 1974-75 season, while No. 25 Baylor was last in the rankings in February 1969.

Although this is Memphis' first No. 1 ranking since that 64-56 loss at Virginia Tech on Jan. 10, 1983, Calipari had his teams at Massachusetts there for a total of 14 weeks over the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons.

"My 1995 team had the same camaraderie and synergy this team has but this team has it with more guys because we'll play 10, 11 guys where that UMass team was basically five guys," Calipari said. "It'll matter to these guys. I've coached at UMass and here and at those kind of places, non-BCS schools, most of those guys were not silver-spooned not McDonald's All-

Americans and they take pride in it because it's a notch in their belt to be able to say 'You guys, didn't think I was that good.'"

Calipari was honest that there is a bigger target for him than being No. 1.

"For me as a coach the only rating I worry about is April 7," he said, referring to the date of the national championship game. "If you said to me I could have the No. 1 ranking or a No. 1 seeding, I'd

take the seeding every time. For your players and the school, though, this is huge."

This week's poll is the first major shuffling of the season as 15 ranked teams lost a game last week and three of those — Texas A&M, Marquette and Miami — lost twice.

Washington State moved up two spots to sixth and was followed by Indiana, UCLA, Georgetown and Michigan State.



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### POISON OAK

## Readers are a curious lot

Wilma Jean and I were fortunate enough to sit in on a session, last week, with a "reading group" that congregates monthly to discuss that month's book selection.

Our being there was because my latest book, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People: Rural Americans At Their Best," was to be the topic of discussion.



Clyde Pack

But it's pretty well-known that readers are a curious group, else they probably wouldn't be readers. Therefore, many times—like a little eastern

Kentucky creek, looking for the river—discussion during the evening found its way to a few wandering tributaries.

To be perfectly honest, I don't know when I'm enjoyed myself more. But instead of imparting what I may have learned about writing, publishing, or even about the folks of whom I wrote in the book, I think I came away with far more than I gave.

Seventy percent of this little group were women, which, I suppose, was one of the things that surprised me about how much they knew—and we're willing to share—about the Appalachian staples of bootleggers, moonshiners and rooster fighters.

In their defense, it was pretty obvious their knowledge was gained as

(See OAK, page seven)

### KIM'S KORNER

## The Camouflage Christian

Christian Camouflage was shared with me back in December via email by a very dear friend who obediently sends these types of daily messages. Though they all are touching there are those that stand out at times and



Kim Little Frasure

Christian Camouflage was definitely one of them. Composed by Ron Hutchcraft, it is one of those writings well worth sharing. May you be touched by the following words.

Some of you may know an avid hunter; one that loves the sport so much that he's been known to skip church occasionally during duck hunting season. He's well known in the church, so the pastor notices when he's not there. With a twinkle in his eye, this one hunter explained recently how he's prepared to handle pastoral questions like, "Where were you on Sunday?" He said he's named the duck blinds where he hides to hunt those birds. One is named "The Word." The other is named "Prayer." So when he's asked where he was on Sunday, he can simply answer, "I was in 'The Word,'" or, "I was in 'Prayer.'"

Obviously, this is a hunter who understands the value of camouflage, as in the value of hiding behind some wonderful spiritual words. While his words are meant to be more whimsical than deceptive, they illustrate a deeper and more dangerous issue that's rampant among us church folks. We know how to use all the right Christian words and have just the right Christian look.

We put it on every time we walk in

(See KORNER, page seven)



Local Girl Scouts participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring servicemen and women this past December. Jasmine Skeens, far left, was presented with a flag to display while her father is away in Afghanistan.

## Girl Scouts — more than just cookies!

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Yes, it's time for "America's Favorite Cookies," and Girl Scouts across the county urge one and all to place their orders for favorites like Carmel DeLites, Shortbread, Thin Mints, and more, but Mary Reffitt, leader, Troop #427 wants to spread the message that Girl Scouting is about much more than selling cookies.

"Cookies are great," Reffitt said, "But we're about much more than that. Girl Scouts provides the opportunity to learn and grow in many ways."

Local Girl Scouts participate in many community service projects. One of their most recent projects involved participating in the nationwide "Wreaths Across America" event this past December 13. The wreath-laying ceremonies are held concurrently each year at Veteran's cemeteries and at memorial services honoring those who have served, including those held at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia.

Locally, Girl Scouts from Troop #427 held a wreath-laying ceremony in front of the Veteran's Memorial, located on the grounds of the old Floyd County Courthouse. Over the years, the

troop has participated in many patriotic ceremonies such as in observances of Flag Day, Veterans Day, and 9/11 memorials.

At the December 13 ceremony, Girl Scouts honored one of their own by presenting Girl Scout Jasmine Skeens with a service flag to be displayed at her home while her father is away serving in Afghanistan. Jasmine's father will be deployed to active service in February.

"As stated in the Girl Scout Promise, 'to serve God and my country,' I try to put a lot of emphasis on patriotism and show the girls that our freedom is, in large part, because of our soldiers and so it is important to let them know that we support them," Reffitt said.

As such, local Girl Scouts are participating in Operation Cookie Drop, a service project whereby scouts collect boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies to present to local soldiers just prior to deployment. The scouts will present the donated cookies to local soldiers at the local National Guard Armory before they are deployed to Afghanistan in the next few weeks.

"Anyone can participate in Operation Cookie Drop," Reffitt said. "Just place an order for an extra box of cookies when you order your own

cookies and let the Girl Scout you order from know that you want to participate by donating that box."

In addition to Operation Cookie Drop, local Girl Scouts also participate in area service projects such as Operation UNITE Drug Awareness march and events; Operation Clean Sweep, held annually at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park; Adopt-a-Road highway clean-up program; and One Warm Coat, a program in which coats are collected and then given away to those in need.

"Even after all the community service projects," Reffitt said, "We still find plenty of time for fun and adventure such as camping, rock climbing, bicycling, Girl Scout Olympics, sleepovers and trips to places like the state Capitol, the Kentucky History Museum, the Kentucky Horse Park, the Knoxville Zoo, and the East Kentucky Science Center. We've also gone to the Ringling Brothers Circus, and visited the mall to stop by the Build-a-Bear Workshop and Club Libby Lu. We have a great time and we encourage every girl to join Girl Scouts."

To find out more about Girl Scouts or any of the community service projects they are involved in, you may contact Mary Reffitt at 285-3776.



Among their favorite activities, Reffitt says her troop enjoys camping trips and learning about nature and wildlife.



Learning proper flag handling procedures.

### CRITTER CORNER

## A happy 'tail'

Daniel McCarty is nearly 4 years old, but a rare bone disorder forces him to live in a baby's body.

His family doesn't seek out sympathy for him. They want him to learn and interact with people as often as he can. They call Central Kentucky home now after recently moving to Danville, in Boyle County, from New England.

Daniel was born on Nov. 29, 2002, in Rhode Island with a condition known as osteogenesis imperfecta, a skeletal dysplasia also known as brittle bone disease.

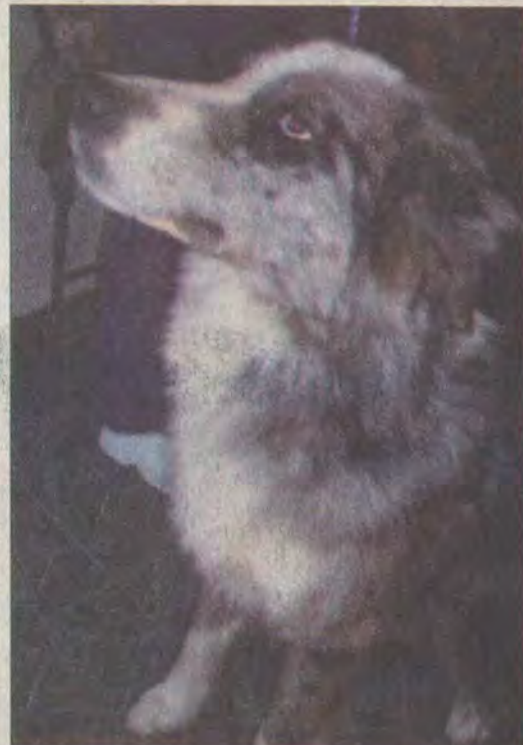
"He's 26 inches long and weighs 22 pounds, about the size of a 1-year-old at most, a size he will be as long as he lives," Nicole McCarty said. "We're not sure how long we

will have Daniel, but we want him to have as good a quality a life as he can."

Daniel came into the world with 20 broken bones, including bones in both arms and both legs and eight ribs. This rare disorder results in constant bone breaks and pain.

"He can suffer a break simply by turning over in his bed, or sometimes without even moving," his mother said. "He has had at least 200 breaks since he was born, and he will be having them for the rest of his life. He is unable to walk, or even crawl. He can roll over and wiggle. That's about it. He uses a wheelchair, but he spends a lot of

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This beautiful animal is "Scout," an Australian Shepherd who was once housed at the Floyd County Animal Shelter. According to Bonnie Faulkner, a member of the shelter's board of directors, Scout was placed in a "forever home" in November, 2006, through a coordinated effort conducted between shelter staff and an Australian Shepherd rescue group. Read Scout's story in today's Critter Corner.





WEDDING



Shepherd-Ward

Christa Lynn Shepherd, 32, of David, and Trenton McKaye Ward, 34, of Martin, were joined in marriage on December 28, 2007, in Prestonsburg. Christa is the daughter of David Shepherd and Sharon Shepherd. Trenton is the son of Buddy Ward and Judy Ward. Celebrating this joyous union with the happy couple are their children, Trinity Faith Ward, Christopher O'Brian Bentley and Tiffany Nicole Bentley. The newlyweds look forward to a happy life together and plan to reside in David.

BIRTHDAYS



Look who's 1!

Alexandria Jaye Willis turned one year old on December 23, 2007. Alexandria celebrated her big day with friends at a McDonald's birthday party, and later with family at another party at home. Alexandria is the daughter of Terry and Shirley (Wise) Willis, of Richmond. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Valerie Wise, of Dwale, Virginia Willis, of Wasco, Oregon, and Terry Willis Sr., of Pocatello, Idaho.



Look who's 2!

Madeline Grace Walton turned two years old on January 13, 2008. She celebrated her special day with a "Mickey Mouse" theme party held at her home. Madeline is the daughter of Gary and Sheena Walton, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Lowell and Rita Brock, of Prestonburg, and Don and Brenda Knuckles, also of Cincinnati.

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