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Massey cited for fatal accident

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Massey Energy is in trouble over a fatal West Virginia coal mine accident.

The Office of Miners' Health Safety and Training cited Richmond, Va.-based Massey for violations investigators say contributed to Dixie resident David Neal's death.

The 57-year-old miner was repairing a conveyor belt at a Kanawha County mine and fell approximately 39 feet when the belt started unexpectedly. Neal died 10 days after the Dec. 4 accident.

Inspector Clarence Dishmon says Massey was cited because an alarm designed to sound when the belt starts was broken and Neal wasn't using a safety harness. Massey also was cited because the power to the belt wasn't turned off and because there was no way for a non-electrician to shut it off.

Massey had no immediate comment.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 62 • Low: 35

Tomorrow

High: 53 • Low: 33

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STATE OF THE COUNTY



Mayor Jerry Fannin discussed Prestonsburg's downtown sewer project during the State of the County address Tuesday. Fannin says construction on the project should begin in the next few weeks.

Officials give updates on Floyd County's present, future

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Wheelwright's downtown restoration and the Prestonsburg sewer project were among the topics discussed Tuesday when officials from around the region gathered at the Mountain Arts Center to address the current and future state of Floyd county.

The state of the county, emceed by Prestonsburg Economic Development Director Brent Graden, featured several speakers, the first of which was, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who said the county, city and school board are all working together at unprecedented levels.

"We're trying to solve problems in the county," Marshall said.

Marshall discussed the county's budget concerns, saying that the budget was made to be flexible, and that at this time there are no plans to increase taxes to account for budgetary shortfalls.

"I certainly don't want to raise taxes," Marshall said.

Current projects that Marshall spent time discussing included the city of Martin redevelopment, the Eastern sewer project near Allen Central High School, the Elkhorn Education and Recreation Park on Route 680, a system of horse trails that would link Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Pike counties, and a proposed Veteran's Cemetery near Allen Golf Course.

"I envision this cemetery as the Arlington of Floyd County," said Marshall, adding that he had received a lot of positive feedback on the project he referred to as a "wonderful opportunity."

Additionally a community park being created near Garrett is receiving lighting that will improve the fields for children, but according to Marshall, will also provide a landing zone for



Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall was the keynote speaker Tuesday during the State of the County address at the Mountain Arts Center.

first responder aircraft.

Marshall went on to note the new salt building which will house the county's salt which is used to deice roads during wintery conditions. The building will reportedly hold 300 tons of salt.

"This is an investment to protect the people's tax dollars," Marshall said.

Marshall also spoke of the achievements of previous Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson in expanding the water coverage of Floyd County to approximately 94 percent, and said that was a project he would like to see continued.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin was also on hand to speak and said that the city, like the county, has no plans to raise taxes to account for budget woes at this time.

The biggest announcement from the city was in regards to

the construction set to begin in downtown Prestonsburg on the sewer system. Fannin spoke bluntly with regard to the immediate impact the city will feel from the sewer construction — "It's going to be a mess."

The funding is in place, and Fannin expects the work to begin in the next few weeks.

The former Prestonsburg Elementary School was brought up by Fannin, who sees future potential for the buildings as a community center, a school of music and using its auditorium as a place to hold year-round community theater.

According to Fannin, the city is working with the school board in an attempt to reach an agreement on the best uses for the facility. The ownership of the property has been in question between the city and the

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State approves P'burg purchase of Auxier Water

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission has approved the city of Prestonsburg's purchase of the Auxier Water Co., Inc., which serves about 1,100 customers in Floyd and Johnson counties.

In an order issued March 14, the PSC ruled that Prestonsburg has the financial, technical and managerial ability to serve Auxier's customers. The PSC determined that the sale is in the public interest only if two conditions are placed on the transaction:

That the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission charges Auxier's customers its out-of-city rate, which is lower than their current rate.

That Auxier refunds to customers, with accrued interest, any deposits it is holding. The refunds may be as a check or as a credit on the final bill.

Prestonsburg is paying \$2.65 million for Auxier and is financing the purchase with a 20-year low-interest loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure

Authority.

The transaction will not change the water supplied to Auxier's customers. Auxier, which has a service territory adjacent to Prestonsburg's, is a water distribution system only; it purchases its treated water from Prestonsburg. Once the transaction is completed, Auxier will no longer fall within the PSC's jurisdiction.

Prestonsburg may ask former Auxier customers for a deposit in order to continue service.

The order and related case files are available on the PSC Web site, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2007-00488.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Public Protection in the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

Wireless service to be unveiled Thursday

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Although the city's wireless internet service has been in place for several months during a test phase, Thursday will mark the official launch of the service.

Prestonsburg currently offers free wireless internet connectivity within a two square mile radio of downtown, as well as the

Mountain Arts Center, Archer Park and Stonecrest. Over time, Prestonsburg Economic Development Director Brent Graden expects that area to expand.

Graden said the project has already reaped dividends for the city in the form of positive exposure to the rest of the nation.

Yesterday afternoon, Graden was fielding calls from media outlets, as well

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In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Irish folk music was provided by local balladeer Johnny Spurlock and his ukulele Monday at Country at Heart. The downtown Prestonsburg eatery celebrated the Irish holiday by providing some traditional fare, such as corned beef and cabbage, Irish lamb stew and bread pudding with whiskey sauce.

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Obituaries

Loran Davis

Loran Davis, 87, of Ashland, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Woodland Oaks' Health Care Center.

Born June 3, 1920, in Paintsville, he was the son of the late Clarence Davis and Exer Davis. He was a former coal truck driver for Little Elkhorn Coal Company.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Akers Davis, on March 3, 2000.

Survivors include two daughters: Octavia Jane Estep of Prestonsburg; and Shirlene Conley of Clearfield; a son, Jason Davis of Prestonsburg; granddaughters: Connie McGuire of Prestonsburg, Tina Conley Kiser (Steve) of Pikeville; a grandson, Anthony Conley of Morehead; a great-grandson, Patrick McGuire; a brother, Bill Davis of Paintsville; and a sister, Freida Castle of Paintsville.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 16, at 3 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Rev. Harley Sexton officiating.

Interment was in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Linzie Hale

Linzie Hale, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born September 19, 1931, in Blue River, he was the son of the late James M. and Mary Marsillett Hale. He was a retired carpenter and jack-of-all-trades, former constable and Deputy Sheriff of Floyd County, and a member of the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial).

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Hatfield Hale.

Other survivors include two sons and seven daughters: Lenzie Jr., (Vicki) Hale of Van Lear; James Anderson (Carolyn D.) Hale of Maytown; Kathy McGuire of Prestonsburg; Barbara S. Hale of Lexington; Mary S. (Dokey) Joseph of Prestonsburg; Gracie Hale of Lexington; Virginia A. (James K.) Spears of Prestonsburg; Pamela (Roger) DeRossett of Prestonsburg; Marjorie L. (Steve) Slone of Prestonsburg; a sister, Emma Reffett of Claypool, Indiana; eight grandchildren: Sharon and Paul Stocker, Ricky and Sarah Joseph, Jessica E. Hale, Selena DeRossett, Jon Anderson Hale, Madison N. Spears, Skyler Hale, and Hayley E. Slone.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Bertha Hicks and Polly Prater; and four brothers: Richard Hale, Will Hale,

Orville Hale, and Henry Hale.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Workman officiating.

Burial will be in the Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Dorothy Hamilton

Dorothy Hamilton, age 79, of Drift, the wife of the late Kelly Hamilton, passed away Saturday, March 15, 2008, at her residence.

She was born July 2, 1929, in Bevinville, the daughter of the late John C. Huff and Mary Johnson Huff. She was a former nurses' aide and cook.

Survivors include four sons: John Hamilton of Minnie; Terry Hamilton of Wayland; Clarence Hamilton of Drift; and Claude Hamilton of Akron, Ohio; a daughter, Kenda Fleck of Ravenswood, West Virginia; a sister, Gloria Cook of Barstow, California; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gloria Ann Hamilton; and a grandson, Jerry Hamilton.

Funeral services for Dorothy Hamilton were conducted Tuesday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jimmy Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Wallace Johnson, Kevin Rainwater, Larry Robinson, Ezekiel Elliott, Michael Shepherd, Michael Madox, Jeremy Shepherd, Terry Hamilton, and Tyler Misick. (Paid obituary)



Janice Houston Pelphrey Johnson

Janice Houston Pelphrey Johnson, 69, wife of Bobby Johnson, died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at Central Baptist Hospital.

Born in Paintsville, she was the daughter of Imogene Houston of Mealy, and the late Ernest Houston. She was a self-employed real estate agent, and a member of Southern Acres Christian Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband and mother, include a son, Paul (Kristina) Pelphrey of Paintsville; three daughters: Teresa (Kent) Gibson of Jamestown; Connie (Robert) Shifflett of Midlothian Virginia; and Pum (Gary) Mosier of Ozark, Missouri; eleven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren; a step-daughter, Natalee (Tony) Bays of Midway; three brothers: Les (Diane) Houston of Albuquerque, New Mexico;

Donald Ray (Sandy) Houston of East Point; and Ralph (Karen) Houston of Auxier; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Harrodsburg Rd., with Bruce Carpenter officiating.

Burial was in Lexington Cemetery.

Visitation was 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, March 11.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 1504 College Way, Lexington, Ky. 40502. (Paid obituary)



Danny Ray Pigman

Danny Ray Pigman, 55, of Lexington, formerly of Knott County, died Monday, March 3, 2008, at the UK Medical Center.

He was born in Knott County on December 11, 1952, the son of Everett Pigman and Wanda Collins Pigman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Everett Pigman; a brother, Jerry Pigman; and a sister, Mary Elizabeth Pigman.

He is survived by his mother, Wanda Jo Pigman Layne; two brothers: Everett (Dixie) Pigman and Leonard Stanley (Karen) Pigman; three sisters: Sandy (Paul) Gunnell, Linda (Jack) Fifield, and Ellen (Tony) Cortez; two nieces: Robyn Pigman and Jamie Gunnell; two nephews: Wesley Pigman and Michael A. Cortez.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., on Friday, March 7, at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Lawrence Baldrige, Clyde "Bud" Wicker, and Earl Slone officiating.

Burial followed in the Pigman-Slone Cemetery, at Raven. (Paid obituary)



Terry David Walk

Terry David Walk, 58, of Wabash, Indiana, died Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 3:07 p.m.

He was born March 21, 1949, in Martin, the son of the late Ray R. Walk Sr., and Margaret H. (Spencer) Frank.

He married Jane Lawson in

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Gate City, Virginia, on June 18, 1991. He worked at Thermafiber, in Wabash, for 41 years. He was a member of the Washington Street Wesleyan Church in Wabash. He enjoyed cooking, fishing, and especially enjoyed his job at Thermafiber. His greatest pleasures in life were playing with his grandkids, and helping people. He volunteered at the Lighthouse Mission by playing Santa, and handing out gifts and food baskets. He had lived in Wabash since 1967, coming from Martin.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Walk of Wabash, Indiana; five children: Carla (Tim) Waters of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Gina Gray, Carla (Kenny) Kime, Doyle Gibson, and Melanie (Mike) Dyson, all of Wabash; 13 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter; a brother, Larry (Julie) Walk of Wabash; two sisters: Julie Ann (Gene) Howell of Fairborn, Ohio; and Carol E. Parson of Wabash; and his faithful companion, Allie.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ray R. Walk Jr.

Funeral services were held at Washington Street Wesleyan Church, 480 Washington Street, Wabash, on Tuesday, March 18, at 10:30 a.m., with Rev. Steve Hudson and Rev. Dan Boone officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, Indiana.

Visitation was Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash, and one hour prior to service, Tuesday, at the church.

Preferred memorial is Washington Street Wesleyan Church.

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

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Angela Dawn Whitaker

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Angela Dawn Whitaker, 19-year-old daughter of Marlene Joann Whitaker and the late Roger Whitaker, was called home after a tragic accident on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

Angela was a life-long resident of David, Floyd County, Kentucky, where she graduated with honors from Prestonsburg High School in 2006. She attended Prestonsburg Community College, where she was pursuing a degree in education.

Angela's heart was filled with love and laughter in days spent with her family members, young and old, whom she adored. She enjoyed being outdoors, fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, shopping, and traveling.

Angela will be remembered by all, in the eternal spring of her life. Her beauty will not fade, nor will her compassion for others die. Her life will be forever young with the promise of a better tomorrow and the joy of life fulfilled.

Angela is survived by her mother, Marlene Joann Whitaker; fiancé, Kevin Ryan Ousley; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Christy and Robert King and Rogetta and John Lyons, Angela was the proud aunt of Kelsey Dawn and Aiden Clay King, and Payton Riley and Nicholas Grant Lyons. Other survivors include maternal grandparents, Robie and Doris Slone, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Angela will join her father, Roger Lee Whitaker; her twin sister, Ashley Nicole Whitaker; and paternal grandparents, Allen and Arminie Whitaker, in eternal life.

Angela was laid to rest in the Wireman Family Cemetery in Waldo, Ky., on March 5, 2008, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

The family would like to thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; Glen Slone and the Slone Family Singers; LouAnn Calhoun; and Josh Shepherd.

Thanks to everyone who sent flowers, food or prayers, in our darkest time.

THE WHITAKER FAMILY

Special
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Sunday Morning, March 23rd
10:45 a.m.

1st Assembly of God
Martin, KY

Special Speaker: Joe Girdler
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Card of Thanks

The family of William L. Baldrige would like to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness of friends and relatives who helped in any way during the loss of our loved one.

A special thank-you to minister Bobby Joe Spencer for his kind and comforting words. Also the Preston Funeral Home for their professional and caring service.

A special thank-you to the many Masonic brothers who paid their respects to Bill; and also a special thank-you to the Salyersville DAV for the military rites held at the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville, Ky.

Betsy, Carolyn and Sandra Baldrige

Card of Thanks

The family of Berton Bailey would like to say thank-you to all relatives, friends, and neighbors, who helped in any way during the recent loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, cards, food, all the prayers and comforting words; a special thanks to pastors, Bethel Bolen and Larry Patton; all the singers; Kenny's Florist for a wonderful job. A special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kindness and professionalism. Thanks to the sheriff's department for their work. Thanks to the grave-diggers; and special thanks to doctors, Sonja and Keith Webb; and others at H.R.M.C. Hospital at Prestonsburg, who took care of our loved one.

Thanks to pallbearers: Tom Slone, Shawn Dean, Keith Bailey, Jason Bailey, Corey Watson.

THE FAMILY OF BERTON BAILEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Andrew Elliott would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort, and were there for our family, during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. The many prayers and support will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF ANDREW ELLIOTT

Card of Thanks

The family of Maurice L. Williams would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Tommy Spears and Dennis Ballard for their comforting words; the Betsy Layne Church of Christ for all the love and support shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts of kindness during this time, will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF MAURICE L. WILLIAMS

Card of Thanks

The family of Frank Michael Baldrige would like to express their heartfelt love and thanks to friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, and out-of-town guests during the passing of our loved one. The food, flowers, prayers, cards, and kind words strengthened us during this trying time. We were humbled to see the many people who shared their love and support. We would especially like to thank Jack Howard, minister of Wayland Methodist Church; Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service; the Sheriff's Department for traffic control; former friends and co-workers who came from out-of-town, and the Marathon Environmental Group, for their prayers and visits. The love and compassion shown for our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF FRANK MICHAEL BALDRIDGE

Card of Thanks

The family of Sadie M. Hayes wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers, to our family. A special thanks to Clergymen Earl Waugh and Arnold Turner Jr., for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF SADIE M. HAYES

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.

Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Master Mason Degree
Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held Saturday, April 19. The first session of the degree will be conferred at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served; and the degree work will continue. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

Book of Life play at Betsy Layne church
The Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church will present the play, "The Book of Life" on April 4, 5, and 6, at 7 p.m. each night. "Is your name written in the Book of Life? Where do you plan to spend eternity?" Nursery provided each night. Viewing of play not recommended for small children as realistic scenes of hell will be portrayed. All invited to attend.

Revival, Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church
Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church will hold a revival beginning Wednesday night, March 19, through Sunday morning, March 23rd. Night services at 7 p.m.; Sunday morning service at 11 a.m. Evangelist: Brother Larry Tackett. Special singing by Unity. Donnie Patrick, Pastor. Everyone welcome.

Maytown Center Upcoming Events
Tuesdays & Thursdays - Martial Arts classes. \$40, all ages, call John Vaughn at 886-2254.
March 19 - Easter Dinner & Egg Hunt, 6 p.m., FREE!, but children must be accompanied by an adult.
See maytowncenter.org for complete listing of upcoming activities, or telephone Dan Chauncy at 285-0539.

Help Judi's Place help kids
Join Judi's Place for Kids for a 5K Run/Walk against Child Abuse on April 12. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m.; race will begin at 8 a.m. \$15 registration fee includes free t-shirt. To register, call 437-7447. During the race, there will be lots of fun, free

activities in the Pikeville City Park that the entire family can enjoy:

JBS accepting applications
The June Buchanan School, a K-12 private, college-preparatory institution located on the campus of Alice Lloyd College, still has openings for certain grades for the 2008-2009 school year. If interested in applying, contact the Office of the Headmaster at 606-368-6108 or 1-888-280-4252 for further information about The June Buchanan School.

Free Health Screenings
KYHealth Choices, the Floyd County Health Dept., Diabetes Center of Excellence, and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals will host a free health screening for adults, age 18 and over, on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Wilkinson Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Park. Screenings will include blood pressure check, weight, cholesterol and glucose checks, educational materials, counseling, and free t-shirt for each completed screening. For more info., call Libby at 422-0077.

Piarist School Reunion
The First Annual Piarist School Reunion, featuring the Class of 1998's 10-Year Reunion, will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Music, dancing, dinner and silent auction. All former students and faculty cordially invited to attend. For more info., please contact Ann @ 859-626-2171 or email to: piaristalumni@yahoo.com.

MADD to meet
MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will conduct a meeting on April 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Big Sandy Area Development District Agency (110 Resource Court). For more information, contact the Regional Prevention Center at 889-8902. All community members encouraged to attend.

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

4th Annual Home and Garden Expo to be held Sat., March 29

The 4th Annual Home and Garden Expo will be held Saturday, March 29, at the

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Jenny Wiley Convention Center from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Home and Garden Expo features various sections with on-going home and garden presentations and demonstrations. There will be an area showcasing products and services of area businesses and questions and answer booth with free literature on many topics. You and your family can also have fun with "hands-on" youth and family activities. There are free herb, vegetable, and flower seeds available to all participants. Come enjoy, have fun, and learn!

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.

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-

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 '05 Jeep Wrangler: 8 Cyl., Alloys, 4x4, Sharp, Low Miles, AC!	 '06 Jeep Liberty: 4x4, Trail Rated, Loaded, Sharp!	 '05 Jeep Grand Cherokee: Leather, Sunroof, Alloys, Towing Pkg., Loaded!	 '07 Toyota 4Runner SR5: 4x4, Sunroof, Spoiler, Factory Warranty, Sharp!
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 '07 Toyota Camry LE: All Power, Factory Warranty, Sharp!	 '07 Toyota Avalon XLS: Leather, Sunroof, Alloys, Factory Warranty, Loaded!	 '07 Ford Mustang: V6, Auto., Spoiler, Alloys, Factory Warranty, Sharp!	 '07 Mitsubishi Eclipse: Auto., Alloys, Rear Spoiler, 3 To Choose From!
 '06 Chevy Tahoe: Z71, Sunroof, 3rd Seat, Loaded!	 '07 Chevy Z71: X-Cab, 4x4, 6.3 V8, 100,000 Mile Warranty!	 '07 Toyota Highlander: 4x4, Sunroof, Loaded, Factory Warranty, 3 To Choose From!	 '04 Ford F250: Power Stroke Diesel, 4x4, X-Cab, Sharp!
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Anthony

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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

Worth Repeating ...

A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.

— Doug Larson

Guest View

Big Brother's big week

Americans learned last week that, whatever the law says, they shouldn't assume that their private communications are private. It was a big week for Big Brother, with but a single, small ray of hope at week's end.

■ The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that the National Security Agency, which is supposed to spy only on foreign targets, now "monitors huge volumes of records of domestic e-mails and Internet searches as well as bank transfers, credit card transactions, travel and telephone records." The NSA has created, in effect, a back-door version of the controversial "Total Information Awareness" program that Congress thought it killed in 2003.

■ The Boston Globe reported Friday that last month President George W. Bush quietly changed the rules governing the authority of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. The board, a group of private citizens, is supposed to provide oversight of intelligence agencies. In an executive order issued Feb. 29, Bush stripped the board of its power to report suspected unlawful activity to the Justice Department. So if the intelligence agencies are doing something illegal, they'll just have to turn themselves in.

■ On Friday afternoon, the U.S. House of Representatives passed an extension of the so-called Protect America Act that will allow the warrantless surveillance program to continue. But Bush, who says the program is essential to the nation's security, has threatened to veto the bill anyway if it reaches his desk because it doesn't grant immunity to telecommunications companies for any illegal acts they already committed in cooperating with the government. The Senate version of the bill does. The House version also would set up an independent commission to investigate the surveillance program, an absolutely splendid idea.

Bush's actions stem from Vice President Dick Cheney's belief that the executive branch gave up too much of its inherent power in the post-Watergate reform era. When the president acts as commander in chief in the war against terrorism, the specious Cheney theory goes, there are no limits to his executive authority.

So after 9/11, Bush authorized the NSA to ignore certain provisions of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. They no longer had to seek warrants from special FISA judges to eavesdrop on suspected terrorists in this country. The NSA, with the cooperation of U.S. telecommunications companies, began mining electronic communications through computers and telephone switching stations in the United States.

After The New York Times revealed the warrantless wiretapping program, and the fact that communications involving U.S. citizens were being caught in the NSA's drift net, Bush belatedly went to Congress and got permission to do what he'd already been doing. Under intense White House pressure, Congress last year passed the Protect America Act, a revision of the 1978 FISA act, but put a six-month expiration date on it. The law expired Feb. 17.

Since then, the battle to renew it has focused mainly on the provision to give telecom companies a free pass for any past bad acts. Some 38 pending lawsuits were filed by citizens who are angry that the companies gave up their private communications without valid warrants ordering them to do so. The administration argues that allowing the lawsuits to proceed would endanger national security and adds that it would make lawyers rich. Critics suggest that the administration is more worried that the lawsuits will reveal the flimsy legal pretexts used to justify spying on citizens without first getting court warrants.

Bush says the expiration of the law three weeks ago has made the country less safe. But he and his supporters consistently have refused to cite specific instances in which the law has resulted in credible intelligence against actual threats. It's one of those "we could tell you, but then we'd have to kill you" kind of things.

Bush has substituted fear-mongering for facts, even as he weakens his own watchdogs and allows the NSA to cast its electronic nets farther and wider. The Senate, worried about "soft on terrorism" charges in the fall election, caved under the pressure. To their credit, most House Democrats and a few Republicans held firm.

They must continue to do so in negotiations with the Senate and in the face of Bush's veto threat. In this instance, gridlock is not a bad thing. If, between now and the November elections, intelligence agencies have to get judicial warrants to do their spying, so much the better.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Guest Column

Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

For the past two legislative sessions, the General Assembly has sought ways to deal with the Kentucky Retirement Systems' seriously underfunded pension plan. This week, we passed the Senate Committee Substitute to House Bill 600 that makes a firm commitment to preserve the retirement plan for all current and retired employees. This does not make any changes to the current employees' plan. However, in order to protect those already in the system, all concerned agree -- there has to be changes in future employee benefits.

If no action is taken to reform our retirement systems within the decade, the retirement systems could be flat broke. This would create an enormous debt that state government could not overcome, thus creating an inability for the state to honor our obligations to Kentucky retirement fund members.

House Bill 600, as amended by the Senate, will now go back to the House of Representatives for their consideration. I will work in a bipartisan way

to further improve this bill, which I suspect will end up in a conference committee where it will gain its final draft. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Besides the pension plan, we also addressed a host of other issues this week, including the safety of children. Senate Bill 120 would require children under the age of 7 and shorter than 50 inches to use a booster seat when riding in a car, or the driver would face a \$30 fine. In lieu of paying a fine, violators could show proof they bought a booster seat. Our goal is not to punish parents. We just want to make sure all children are safe when out on our roads.

We also want children to feel safe at school. For many years, we have worked to make sure all school districts take adequate steps to prevent bullying in our schools. We were pleased that House Bill 91 passed the Senate and look forward to seeing the bill get stronger as it goes back to the House for further consideration.

We also want to protect innocent animals, and we took a step in that direction with Senate Bill 58. This bill would upgrade the punishment for torturing a dog or cat to a felony. Currently, the first offense is a misdemeanor, but research shows light punishment has not been effective against people who would treat our faithful

companions so ruthlessly.

Senate Bill 182 would allow Kentuckians to list their emergency contact information when they renew their driver's license. The information would not be printed on the license, but it would be available to officials, including law enforcement, in case of an emergency such as a traffic accident.

Finally, in our ongoing efforts to show veterans our respect, we approved House Bill 227 to create a fund to pay for the burial of veterans whose families cannot afford a decent service. These brave men and women sacrificed a great deal for our freedom and human rights, and this is a small but important way to show that every last one of them are appreciated, right until the end.

It has been a long session already, but our toughest work is still before us. As the nights get longer, it is more important than ever to stay informed. Follow us online at www.lrc.ky.gov, and if you have an opinion on any bill, call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or you can e-mail me at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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Senator Johnny Ray Turner represents Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.

Letters

Volunteers sought for PRIDE Spring Cleanup

Another spring is unfolding across Southern and Eastern Kentucky. As the Redbud trees begin to blossom, I urge all citizens to help in removing unsightly trash from Floyd County's roads, streams and hillsides during our annual PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 5-19. Recruit your friends, family and neighbors to help.

You can help by volunteering for cleanup events already scheduled by your local PRIDE coordinators. A listing of activities near you can be found at www.kypride.org. Or, contact PRIDE Coordinator Lon May at 886-0498, Brent Graden in Prestonsburg at 886-2335 or Tommy Robinson in Wayland at 358-2316.

If the road or stream you want to clean is not on the current schedule, contact your PRIDE coordinator to plan your own cleanup event. Your coordinator will provide the trash bags and arrange for them to be collected. Free T-shirts will be given to PRIDE Spring Cleanup volunteers, while supplies last.

For the past 11 years, you have taken PRIDE in your region. Just look

at what Floyd County officials, residents and students have accomplished together since PRIDE began in 1997:

- 4,362 volunteers have worked 12,779 hours.
- 20,708 bags of trash have been collected.
- 1,595 junk appliances have been recycled.
- 61,250 old tires have been recovered.

Thank you for continuing to step forward to make a difference. Have PRIDE today for a brighter tomorrow!

Karen Engle
President/CEO
Eastern Kentucky PRIDE
Somerset

Like father, like son

Is this the case with our new superintendent, Henry Webb, of the Floyd County school district?

When Paul Fanning was superintendent of the Floyd County school district, he always told me that I was not a qualified applicant nor a suitable candidate for a teaching position with Floyd County schools. It looks like Henry Webb is following suit and carrying on the tradition handed down by Paul Fanning.

In a letter dated Feb. 8, Mr. Webb responded to my substitute teaching application. He concurred with former Supt. Fanning, in that I was not a qualified applicant nor a suitable candidate for a position with Floyd County schools.

What's the matter, Henry? Can't you make decisions for yourself? You are supposed to do your own thinking, making good, intelligent decisions for the citizens of Floyd County. Make Floyd County citizens proud to have a superintendent from this county. But it look like you can't make your own decisions. You have to go by former Supt. Paul Fanning's thinking.

Paul Fanning went by an admonishment (warning) to say I'm not qualified. So it looks like that you will do the same. While at the same time, eight other teachers (statewide) who were admonished for CATS test violations get to continue to teach, don't lose their jobs and don't get their reputations stained like I did!

Agreeing with Paul Fanning would be a slap in the face toward your assistant superintendent, cohort and friend, Pete Grigsby, and the citizens of Floyd County.

I'm sorry. I can't support someone who thinks like an outsider, Paul Fanning.

John Hicks
Hueysville

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Adopt-a-Highway groups poised to 'spring clean' roadsides

FRANKFORT — Volunteers will be out in full force next week to spring clean Kentucky's roadsides.

The Transportation Cabinet last week announced that the Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean Week will be March 23-29.

"The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the effort put forth by all Adopt-a-Highway groups in keeping our highways and communities beautiful and litter-free," Transportation Secretary Joe Prather said.

Nearly 1,100 groups now participate in Kentucky's Adopt-a-Highway program, which the cabinet established in 1988. Volunteers clean approximately 8,000 miles of roadsides annually and set an example of responsible environmental stewardship.

"The increase in new groups enrolling in the program shows that Kentuckians place a high importance on maintaining and improving the

scenic beauty of our state," Prather said. "Through their participation they are sending a message that littering is simply unacceptable in our commonwealth."

By reducing litter, the Adopt-a-Highway program promotes public environmental awareness and makes it easier to promote tourism. The program also creates a partnership between citizens, community and government, and establishes a sense of pride in our Bluegrass State. The Transportation Cabinet salutes all participants and thanks them for their tireless efforts.

GET INVOLVED

How can you contribute to your community, make a difference, send a message and educate others — all while having fun with friends and family? Join Kentucky's

Adopt-a-Highway Program. By taking personal responsibility for one of your area roadways, you will be setting an example for your community.

The environment is everyone's responsibility. Adopt-a-Highway provides the opportunity to be a part of the solution. Each year, the KYTC spends about \$5 million and 200,000 worker hours to remove 96,000 bags of litter from Kentucky roadways. As an Adopt-a-Highway volunteer, you will save thousands in taxpayer dollars and demonstrate to others that a clean environment is important.

Any permanently established business, association, community or public organization, or government entity can adopt a stretch of highway. A wide range of groups throughout Kentucky now participate,

including homemaker clubs, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, high school organizations, service clubs, veterans, college fraternities and sororities, sports teams and church groups, among others.

Volunteers adopt two-mile sections of highway under a two-year, renewable contract with the Transportation Cabinet.

Adopt-a-Highway coordinators can explain the fundamentals of the program to volunteer groups, work with group members in locating an available highway, and keep them notified of news and upcoming events.

Litter pickups are held at least four times per year or as many times as necessary to keep the area reasonably litter-free. The Cabinet coordinates three annual clean-up efforts throughout the year.

HOW TO JOIN

Groups interested in becoming members of the Adopt-a-Highway Program can find details and district coordinator information at <http://adopt-a-highway.ky.gov/>. Safety guidelines are provided to volunteers and should be reviewed prior to each cleanup.

Your Adopt-a-Highway coordinator will help you get in touch with your county's maintenance crew superintendent to arrange warning sign placement on the date of your pickup. Trash bags and safety vests can be obtained at each state maintenance facility, and litter removal is provided by the state highway crews.

For more information, visit our Website, www.transportation.ky.gov, and follow the links to Adopt-a-Highway. For questions or comments, contact Miranda Thacker, 502-564-3419, or e-mail Miranda.Thacker@ky.gov.

IRS announces economic stimulus payment schedules, provides online payment calculator

The Internal Revenue Service announced today that it will begin sending more than 130 million economic stimulus payments starting May 2. The initial round of weekly payments will be completed by early July.

Stimulus payments will be made by direct deposit to people who choose to receive their 2007 income tax refunds through direct deposit. All others will receive their economic stimulus payments in the form of a paper check.

"To receive an economic stimulus payment, people just need to file their tax returns as they usually do," said IRS Acting Commissioner Linda E. Stiff. "The payments will be automatic for the vast majority of taxpayers. Some lower-income workers and recipients of certain Social Security and veterans benefits who don't normally need to file a tax return will need to do so in order to receive a stimulus payment. IRS.gov has all the information people need to help them obtain a stimulus payment."

Stimulus payments will be sent out in the order of the last two digits of the Social Security number used on the tax return.

Because the IRS will use the Social Security number to determine when checks are mailed, taxpayers may receive their checks at different times than their neighbors or other family members. On a jointly filed return, the first Social Security number listed will determine the mail-out time.

The IRS expects to make about 34 million payments within the first three weeks after the payment schedule begins May 2. With more than 130 million households expected to receive stimulus payments, more than 25 percent of the payments will be made in the first three weeks.

Taxpayers who choose direct deposit on their federal income tax returns can expect

to receive their economic stimulus payments between May 2 and May 16 provided their returns were received and processed by April 15. For taxpayers who did not choose direct deposit on their tax return but whose returns were processed by April 15, the paper checks will be in the mail starting May 16, with the initial mailings completed by around July 11.

The IRS has also announced the availability of an on-line calculator on IRS.gov to help taxpayers determine if they are eligible to receive an economic stimulus payment and if they are, how much they can expect. Anyone who has prepared a 2007 income tax return can use the calculator. It will ask taxpayers a series of questions, so they should have their 2007 tax returns handy. After answering the questions, the calculator will provide the projected dollar value of the payment.

Below are the schedules for economic stimulus payments related to tax returns processed by April 15.

Direct Deposit Payments

Below are the dates economic stimulus payments will be deposited, based on the last two numbers of the primary tax filer's Social Security number:

- 00-20 — May 2
- 21-75 — May 9
- 76-99 — May 16

Paper Check

Below are the dates economic stimulus payments will be sent in the mail, based on the last two numbers of the primary tax filer's Social Security number:

- 00-09 — May 16
- 10-18 — May 23
- 19-25 — May 30
- 26-38 — June 6
- 39-51 — June 13
- 52-63 — June 20
- 64-75 — June 27
- 76-87 — July 4

88-99 — July 11

A small percentage of tax returns will require additional time to process and to compute a stimulus payment amount. For these returns, stimulus payments may not be issued in accordance with the schedule above, even if the tax return was processed by April 15.

All or part of an economic stimulus payment may be applied to back taxes or certain other debts of the taxpayer, such as delinquent child support and student loans. In such cases, the IRS will send a letter to the taxpayer explaining the offset.

To accommodate people whose tax returns are processed after April 15, the IRS will continue sending weekly payments. People who file tax returns after April 15 and receive a refund can expect to receive their economic stimulus payments in about two weeks after receiving their tax refunds, but not before the date they would have received their payment if the return had been processed by April 15. To ensure taxpayers receive their stimulus pay-

ment this year, they must file a tax return by Oct. 15.

Two bureaus of the Treasury Department are involved in making the payments. The IRS will calculate the amount of each economic stimulus payment based on the tax year 2007 income tax returns it receives. The IRS will then forward the information to the Financial Management Service (FMS), which is the bureau of the Treasury Department that makes federal payments such as Social Security benefits, federal income tax refunds and, now, economic stimulus payments.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that they can get their stimulus payments faster by using direct deposit when they file their tax return.

In addition, the IRS urges taxpayers to file electronically. For people who normally don't need to file a tax return, the IRS and Free File Alliance have a special program set up to allow for free electronic filing. IRS Free File -Economic Stimulus Payment is available at IRS.gov.

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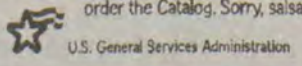
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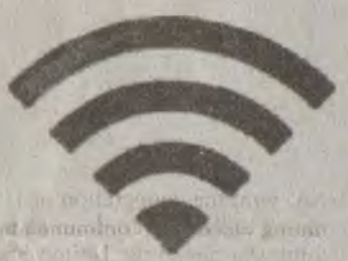

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Beshear avoids e-mails, prefers verbal communications

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — E-mail exchanges proved especially troublesome for members of former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration, fueling a grand jury probe of alleged illegal patronage that led to the one-term Republican's political downfall.

In its wake, some Kentucky politicians have become wary of using government e-mail accounts, the contents of which are subject to disclosure under the state open records law.

Gov. Steve Beshear, who replaced Fletcher in December, doesn't have a government e-mail account. He said he prefers his official communications to be in person or by telephone.

"Just his nature of communication, he's just not that wrapped up in e-mails like most people are," said spokesman

Dick Brown.

Although e-mails have become a popular way to communicate throughout society, many politicians who have felt or witnessed the sting of public disclosure either avoid them or have tried to find ways to keep them private.

In most states, including Kentucky, e-mails are treated like paper documents and are subject to disclosure under open records laws. But some states have developed legal means to keep some e-mails private. That, some open records advocates contend, gives elected officials an avenue to operate in secret.

Some Kentucky lawmakers pushed unsuccessfully for a bill two years ago that would have specifically excluded their e-mail from the state open records law. Kentucky Press Association President David Thompson opposed the legislation, saying the official cor-

respondence of government officials, including their e-mails, should remain public records.

If, like Beshear, public officials don't use government e-mail, the question is moot, Thompson said.

Beshear said he decided not to use government e-mail in part so that he wouldn't be exposed to the possibility of mixing personal and official communications.

"You've always got to be careful not to step over that line, and the easiest way from an e-mail standpoint not to step over that line is to not even have a government e-mail," he said.

In Kentucky, government e-mail was part of the evidence a special grand jury used to build misdemeanor cases against Fletcher and more than a dozen of his associates in 2005 and 2006 for allegedly violating state hiring laws in a scheme to reward politi-

cal supporters with state government jobs.

Fletcher was indicted for alleged criminal conspiracy, official misconduct and violating a prohibition against political discrimination. The charges were eventually dropped in a negotiated settlement with prosecutors.

Fletcher, meanwhile, stopped using a state-funded e-mail account and began relying on one paid for by the state Republican party.

State Rep. Rob Wilkey, D-Scottsville, sponsored the 2006 legislation that would have exempted the e-mail of legislators from public disclosure. He said he doesn't intend to bring the measure back for consideration. "Quite frankly, we feel it's not necessary," he said.

Wilkey said communications between lawmakers and constituents already are constitutionally protected

from public disclosure.

Restrictions on open government are the focus of "Sunshine Week," a national initiative to raise public awareness of the importance of open government and access to public records. "Sunshine Week," spearheaded by the American Society of Newspaper Editors, runs from Sunday through March 22.

Thompson said he sees nothing wrong with Beshear's avoiding government e-mail.

"I can't think of any reason to question that," he said. "He's always been very approachable and loves to actually talk to people as opposed to sitting down and respond by e-mail."

Brown said the Beshear's decision not to have government e-mail was made "because of the number of e-mails and requests that would likely come to him."

State suspends more than 180 dentists, angers health advocates

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Oral health advocates in Kentucky are fuming over what they call "a bureaucratic nightmare" that led to the temporary suspensions of more than 180 dentists.

The suspensions are espe-

cially troublesome in a state that struggles with poor dental health, said Dea Riley, head of the Appalachian Roundtable, an advocacy group for residents of the state's impoverished mountain region.

"There seems to be very little logic in this maneuver," said Riley, who was angered that dentists in some rural coal

towns had to close their offices until paperwork was processed to restore their licenses. "They need to be allowing these doctors to practice dentistry, not make it more difficult for them."

Riley said the move by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry wouldn't have been so irksome if Kentucky didn't

already rank among the worst states in the nation in toothlessness. A study by the Kentucky Institute of Medicine last year found that 37 percent of Kentucky adults were missing at least six teeth.

Despite those dismal statistics, the dental board ordered the suspensions of dentists who missed a Dec. 31 deadline

to submit paperwork and pay a \$230 fee. Lisa Turner, the dental board's interim executive director, said 187 practicing dentists were affected. All have since returned to work.

Turner said the problem arose when the dental board changed the way it notified dentists about the need to renew their licenses.

In past years, letters of

reminder were mailed to the state's more than 2,300 practicing dentists to remind them that their licenses were set to expire on Dec. 31. Last year, the dental board simply printed a notice in its fall newsletter.

"Apparently a large percentage failed to read the

(See DENTISTS, page seven)

Calendar

8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

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

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.

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The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday,

10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Stone 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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Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

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

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

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

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KCTCS board considers budget options

VERSAILLES — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents discussed today during their regular quarterly meeting the various options that will need to be considered depending on the outcome of the 2008 legislative session.

Given the state's current budget climate, the board examined possible options available if cuts are required including: fewer class offerings; caps on enrollment; elimination of faculty and staff positions; elimination of programs and services; campus and/or building closures; reduction in operational hours; and increased fees and tuition.

"We could be facing some very tough choices that would not only inhibit our ability to meet the legislative mandates that were given to us as part of the state's higher education reform efforts, but would severely impact our ability to provide the programs and services that were laid out in the KCTCS Plan for a Competitive Commonwealth," said KCTCS Board of Regent Chair Richard A. Bean. "This business plan is essential to creating a highly skilled workforce with the education and training necessary for the state's businesses and industries to successfully compete in the global economy."

The budget bill (HB406) approved

earlier this week by the House of Representatives restores the proposed 12 percent cut in the governor's budget but sustains the three percent reduction that was implemented in January. Under the House budget, KCTCS will begin the 2008-09 fiscal year with \$6.9 million less than it did this current fiscal year. Additionally, the House budget does not include any maintenance and operations funds for the 15 KCTCS facilities that are scheduled to open during the 2008-2010 biennium.

"The KCTCS Board of Regents will not approve the opening of any of these new buildings without the necessary operating funds," said Bean.

Other action taken by the KCTCS Board of Regents included approval of:

- Big Sandy Community and Technical College's request to award an honorary associate degree in humane letters to former Governor Paul Patton. The degree will be conferred during the college's commencement ceremonies scheduled for May 10;
- Thirty new KCTCS occupational-technical certificates and diplomas;
- An Associate in Applied Science in Medical Information Technology at Bowling Green Technical College;

- An Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice at West Kentucky Community and Technical College; and

- 1,881 candidates for credentials (certificates, diplomas, and associate degrees) between October 18, 2007 and January 22, 2008. These include:

- 1,319 candidates for certificates;
- 154 candidates for diplomas; and
- 408 candidates for associate degrees.

The next regularly scheduled KCTCS Board of Regents meeting will be held on June 13 at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Chief justice says proposed budget cuts would hurt court system

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky Chief Justice Joseph Lambert is urging judges and other court officials to press lawmakers to reject a proposed \$55 million cut in the state judiciary budget over the next two years.

Lambert warned the proposed cuts would have a devastating effect on the court system that could result in staff layoffs, elimination of drug courts and a delay in building courthouses.

"I think a terrible mistake has been made that will really harm" the courts, Lambert said Friday in an interview with The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

Jason Nemes, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, said employees would not get raises next year and some could be laid off if the current judicial budget is approved.

Lambert and Nemes both said programs could be eliminated, such as drug courts and the state's monitored pretrial release program, which allows inmates to get out of jail without bail before trial as long as they follow certain conditions.

"You get to personnel and programs pretty quick in our budget," Nemes said.

Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, disagreed with the dire warnings by Lambert, say-

ing it "doesn't accurately reflect the events that have transpired."

Webb, a member of the House budget committee, said the proposed cuts in the judiciary spending plan are smaller than for most agencies and less than the \$55 million amount Lambert claims.

"We're just doing well to continue basic services at this point," Webb said. "... For them to think they are immune somehow to this, it kind of defies logic to me."

Lambert said the House cut the judiciary budget by \$23.6 million for the 2009 fiscal year, which begins July 1, and \$32.1 million for the next year. The

budget for the court system in 2009 is \$265.8 million, as opposed to \$279.4 in the current fiscal year. Nemes said the courts also have an additional \$10 million in expenses for next year that they did not previously have.

Ernie Lewis, head of the state Department of Public Advocacy, said the proposed state budget, which has been approved by the House and now goes to the Senate, also may result in his office having to stop representing some indigent defendants.

The proposed budget would be a "train wreck," he said, that would force him to cut about 50 positions, or 9 percent of the public advocacy staff.

"For the first time since I've been public advocate, we

would have to stop offering counsel in some cases, including to some people who are among the most vulnerable," he said.

Kentucky Appeals Court Judge Denise Clayton said the proposed budget and potential cuts are "really disheartening," especially given the state's success with drug courts, which provide drug and alcohol treatment as an alternative to incarceration.

Clayton said the elimination of drug courts would cost the state in the long run.

"What happens when people have drug problems and don't get help?" she asked in an interview. "They may re-offend and ultimately we could face a situation where we cut this budget but incur more expenses

someplace else, like the prisons."

Webb said she feels the state can still "have lean, efficient drug courts if they want to."

And "if we get more revenue," the court system "will be the first place I look" for restoring funding, she said.

Mountain Mission School Choir to perform at Pikeville Medical

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center will welcome the first day of spring with song.

The widely acclaimed Mountain Mission School Concert Choir from Grundy, Va., will be performing at the hospital in the second-floor atrium, Thursday at 3 p.m.

Pikeville Medical Center is holding the concert as part of Holy Week observances. The public is invited to attend.

Since 1969 the students of Mountain Mission School have performed on a national and international level all over the United States and in Canada, England, Austria, and France. They have performed at the National Missionary Convention, the North

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Other past credits of the choir include singing the National Anthem at the "Bristol Motor Speedway" for the "Food City 500" and a performance at our Nation's Capitol for the "Capitol Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony".

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travel to the hospital, as part of the traveling choir, to put on one of their world famous performances for employees, patients, visitors and general public. Designed to appeal to a variety of musical tastes, the choir is known for their inspiring sacred pieces, as well as their energetic, secular and patriotic numbers. At the end of every concert, audiences usually find themselves humming a newly found favorite tune.

In all of their performances the choir, conducted by Patti Hertzog, seeks to focus the audience's attention upon the special person of Jesus Christ. The choir seeks to express Jesus' joy and love through all their songs.

Dentists

newsletter," Turner said. Because so many dentists didn't renew their licenses, the dental board decided to send a postcard reminder in December. It, too, went unheeded, she said.

Turner said the problem coincided with a push by the dental board for all dentists to renew their licenses online.

Dr. Scott Browning, a dentist in Vicco in rural eastern Kentucky, said he was surprised to learn in January that his license had been suspended because of the communications breakdown. He said he initially learned about his suspension when he called an oxygen supplier to place an order. He then called the dental board to verify what the supplier had told him.

"They should have a way of contacting the dentists," Browning said. "All it would have taken was a phone call."

Browning had to close his office for a week, postponing all appointments that he could, while frantically trying to get patients suffering from tooth

pain into nearby dental clinics. "That is what was really making me angry," he said. "I couldn't help my people."

Riley said it's little wonder that Kentucky is the butt of

jokes about its poor dental health when the state suspends the men and women responsible for caring for teeth.

"This affects our national reputation," she said.

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The people pictured are our Celebrities of the Week, Bobby Hughes, (girls left to right) Sabrina Mullins, Emily Holbrook, and Kim Kilgore.

These are four of the seniors that scored distinguished on state's standardized tests this year. There were only six in Floyd County, all of which were from Prestonsburg High School. The other two students are Whitney Caudill and Kayla Snodgrass; they were unable to be in the photo.

The puppies are: Rosco, Buster, Taz, and Roxie. Gender: 3 males, 1 female. Age: 10 weeks. Breed: Dalmatian and Lab mix. All of these puppies are the same breed. Their mom is a full stock Dalmatian. She was also at the shelter, but has been adopted.

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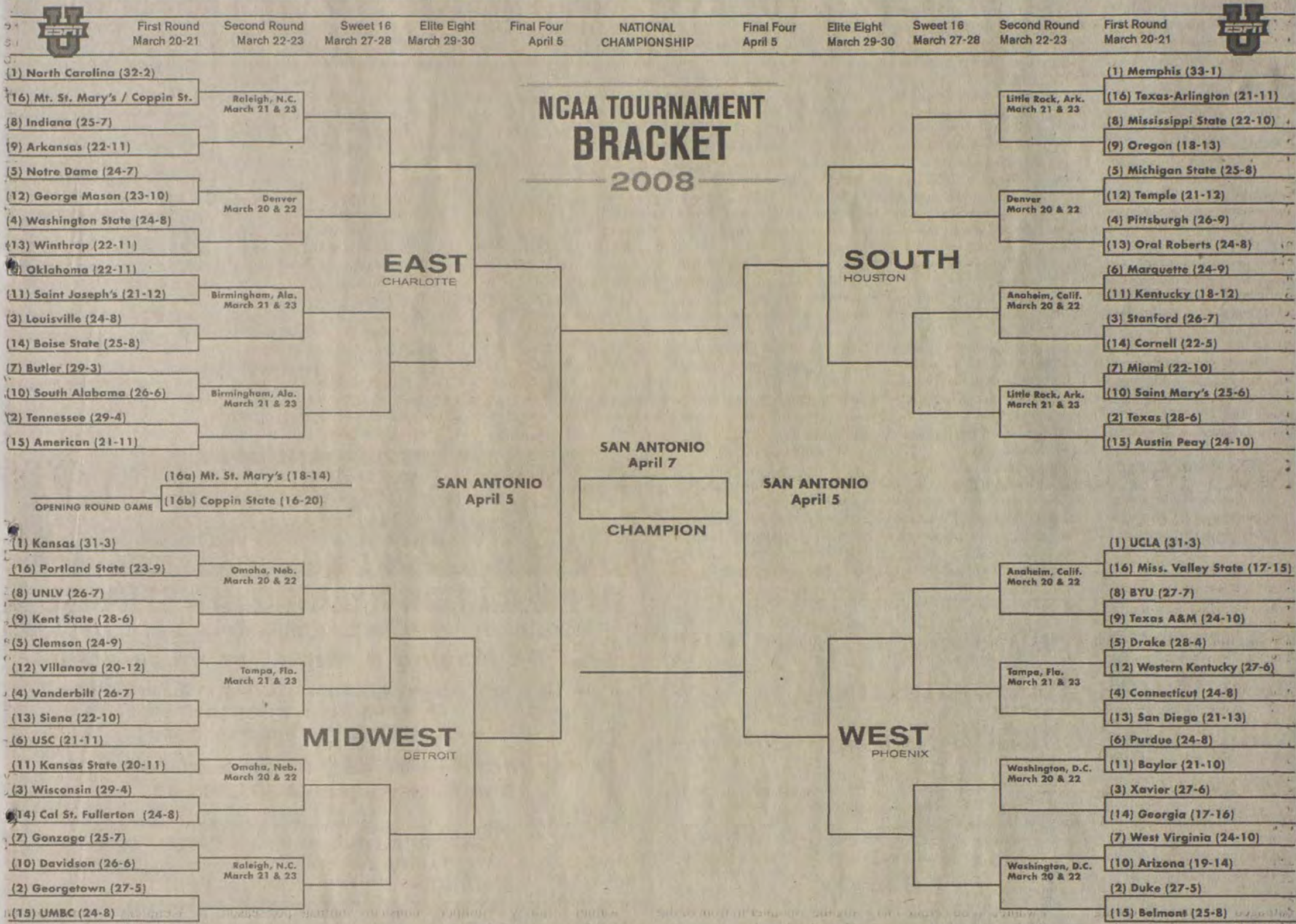
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POISON OAK

It started with the swim head

A friend of mine called the other day and, obviously thinking I'm much smarter than I really am, asked if I knew from whence came the expression, "swim head," as in "I don't feel well. I have the swim head."

Of course I had no clue as to where it all started, but having lived in eastern Kentucky all my life, I understood what it meant, just as surely as if someone had said, "I don't feel well, I'm dizzy."



Clyde Pack

I guess it's just one of those regional things that we don't think about very much, since we hear them all the time, but I would imagine that to

people from off, sometimes it's like we Appalachians are speaking a foreign tongue.

Of course, his "swim head" question got me to thinking about other such phrases and expressions that I've used since I was just a boy, but would likely have no meaning whatsoever to someone from outside the region.

Like for instance, when company was ready to leave, they might have said, "You all come and go over," which was simply an invitation for you to visit them sometime, too. More than likely they didn't really mean for you to don your hat and coat, and go with them right then, but the invitation was genuine nevertheless.

And how many times, especially when I was a kid growing up, has my little brother told me I'd better "get to the house," because my dad was "mad as fire," and would "wear me out?"

I knew that "get to the house" meant I'd better go home, "mad as fire" was madder than just a little mad, and "wear me out" meant he probably had a good dose of "willow tea" ready for me.

Of course, "willow tea" was not one of my favorite beverages by any means.

I've no clue where all these expressions came from, but if I spoke them to anybody who had lived here all their life, they'd know exactly what I meant.

One of my mother's favorite sayings was "Wait is what broke the wagon down."

That's what she always said when she told me to do something, and I told her to wait. I knew exactly what she meant, that she wasn't in a mood to wait, and if I insisted on waiting, I'd be sorry. Naturally, I had no idea she was using a pun, substituting "wait" for "weight."

And finally, another old saying that popped into my head after many years in cold storage was something people would say about someone, especially a girl, who was not very pretty. "I know she can't help being ugly, but she could have stayed home."

Guess there must be a million old-time expressions out there that we've heard all our lives. Some of them are, no doubt, absolutely worthless. Then there are others that, when it comes to getting your point across, are "as handy as a pocket on a shirt."

GREAT KENTUCKIANS



John Rosenberg



Sue Sword

Kentucky heroes showcased in new book

Floyd Countians, Rosenberg and Sword, profiled

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Growing up in northern Kentucky, in the small communities of Grant's Lick and Claryville, where his parents operated a small tobacco farm, Steve Flairty says that when his parents decided the family needed a break, they would pack a picnic basket and head out on one of Kentucky's new highways.

Having been employed by a company that helped pave these roadways, Flairty says that his father developed a great love, and admiration, for the areas and their people, of the regions in which he worked. As such, during the family's breakaways, he would often take his family with him on his excursions to revisit the many communities in which he had worked. A Kentucky native himself, Flairty writes that his father "never lost his deep-seated sense of place, Kentucky-style."

Growing up to become a school teacher, Flairty now finds himself an author with the February release of "Kentucky's Everyday Heroes... Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things." Finding that his love of his homeland becomes stronger as he grows older, Flairty found himself with a desire to highlight what he considers to be Kentucky's greatest resource, its people.

As such, in "Kentucky's Everyday Heroes," Flairty has compiled the stories of forty Kentuckians who he writes "go quietly about their daily living, making others' lives better, with little or no thoughts of personal benefit." These people Flairty continues, "deal courageously with private, almost overwhelming challenges, such as physical or mental disabilities, and do it with grace. There are many out there, and other Kentuckians need to know about them."

Among these forty are two Floyd Countians -

John Rosenberg and Sue Sword. Rosenberg, of Prestonsburg, is well known in our county for his work as an attorney with the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund (Appalred). Appalred, formed as a federally funded legal services program with its main offices in Charleston, West Virginia, has been an invaluable resource for those lacking the finances to hire their own lawyers to assist them with civil matters.

Rosenberg was hired as Appalred's deputy director in 1970, and by 1973, under his leadership, the agency grew to be funded independently of the Charleston office.

By 1981, the Prestonsburg Appalred office boasted a competent, committed staff of 48 lawyers. Because of Rosenberg's admirable reputation, large numbers of interns and volunteers from some of the nation's best law schools wanted to be a part of the Appalred experience.

Within the region, ten Appalred offices were opened, serving as many as 7,000 clients per year. Rosenberg and his passionate staff helped the poor of the region in matters of family law, consumer rights, housing, health and disability issues involving Medicaid and SSI matters, environmental law, and coal mine health and safety issues.

Pivotal in many significant history making cases, Rosenberg wrote the language for the constitutional amendment that was passed in 1988 that effectively required landowner consent prior to surface mining taking place, as had previously been allowed under broad form deeds. He was also instrumental in preserving the Red River Gorge area from the building of a dam that would have destroyed the homes of many of the area's poor and that would have also destroyed the pristine natural beauty of the area.

He also helped form the David Community

Development Corporation, doing virtually all the legal work required to help residents of the area "buy back" their town as well as developing a model alternative school for high school students in jeopardy of discontinuing their education, now known as The David School.

Born in another land, Magdeburg, Germany, Rosenberg personally witnessed the November 11, 1938 "Kristallnacht," or "Night of the Broken Glass," when Nazis destroyed the synagogue of his community and arrested his father, a school teacher and lay leader, the following morning.

After spending a year in an internment camp in Holland, Rosenberg's family was able to arrange passage on a boat headed to America.

Thankful for the blessings he and his family received in their new countryland, Rosenberg has dedicated his life to returning those blessings a thousandfold. His work in eastern Kentucky has made a positive difference for generations to come.

Sue Sword, a native of Melvin, was born in 1944 to a poor family, the oldest of six children. As a spunky seventh-grader, Sue drove a car and delivered groceries to local families. Coming from frugal parents, Sue was taught that education was valuable and went on, despite financial struggles, to become a college graduate.

Using fund-raising skills learned at an early age, Sword attracted millions of dollars in cash and donations to the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) after becoming the organization's vice-president of development in 1998.

CAP is a Kentucky-based, inter-denominational Christian organization founded by Father Ralph Beiting in 1964, with a mission to serve people in need in the Appalachian area. Whether those needs are physical, spiritual or emotional, CAP has a wide variety of programs and services geared to assist. It is the fifteenth largest social services charity in the nation.

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CRITTER CORNER

Easter safety tips for pets

It's almost time for the Easter bunny to make his rounds. Before you start celebrating, check out these top five tips for keeping your family pets safe and happy this holiday.

1. Beware of poisonous plants. Popular seasonal plants such as Easter lilies are highly toxic to pets and can easily prove fatal if eaten. Check The Humane Society of the United States' website (www.hsus.org) for a complete listing of toxic flora, then make sure your home and yard are free of the dangerous plants.

2. Resist pet purchases. Bunnies, chicks, ducks and such are adorable, but resist the urge to purchase or adopt a pet on impulse. Cute baby animals do grow into adults and require a daily care commitment for the rest of their lives. Bringing small animals into your home places demands on your family's time, financial resources and abilities to meet the animal's needs. For more informa-

tion on why consumers shouldn't give bunnies, chicks and ducks as Easter gifts, check out the "Make Mine Chocolate" campaign.

3. Ditch dangerous decor. Easter basket decorations, including plastic grass, can be dangerous to animals if ingested. Plastic grass can become twisted within a pet's intestines and can be fatal if not caught quickly enough. Often, the only solution is expensive surgery. Candy wrappers, plastic eggs and small toy parts can all pose a danger to pets. Help keep your pet out of harm's way by using tissue paper instead of plastic grass and doing a thorough clean-up after your Easter celebration.

4. Give your pets some peace. Consider your pets when planning family gatherings or parties at home. Loud noises, erratic movements from children and crowds of



This cutie patootie is "Ko-lee." Ko-lee belongs to Bonnie and Mike Howell, of Cross Creek, Staffordsville. Ko-lee and his sib, "Baby," came to live with Bonnie and Mike after Bonnie's mother, an avid poodle lover her entire life, became too ill to care for them. Once in the Howell household, Baby decided to cling to Bonnie, while Ko-lee prefers to hang out and watch television with Mike. Ko-lee also has a favorite corner of the sofa that he likes to lie on; if anyone gets in his corner, he will aggravate them until they get up and he gets his corner back! Spoiled little doggie (but much loved!).

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 20 and 25, 1998)

Floyd County's school system is once again under new leadership, with Tuesday's announcement that Floyd County native Arnold "Woody" Carter is the district's state manager. Floyd County's school board chairman, Terry Dotson and Deputy Education Commissioner Randy Kimbrough talked after Tuesday's school board meeting. Dotson issued a plea to the public for citizen involvement to help get the system back on track.

An investigation into a routine traffic complaint, Tuesday, led to the arrests of two area residents, Lucille Thacker, 44, of Little Paint and her 19-year-old son, Shawn Thacker of Prestonsburg, accused of felony drug and cruelty to animal charges.

School officials are putting the sale of surplus property on a fast track in an effort to come up with some much needed cash.

With rumors running rampant through the county of possible school closings, Floyd County school board members made note, Tuesday, that no such decisions have been made.

The search of a Little Paint residence, Tuesday, uncovered an apparent marijuana growing and drying operation. Floyd Deputy Bryan Hall and Detective Homer D. Nealey took inventory of the items before delivering them to the crime lab.

Lancer residents told Prestonsburg City Council, Monday, that blasting, related to a hill-top mining project is damaging their homes. Homeowner Harold Burchell told counsel that

the community was shaken by two large blasts, last Friday, and many of the houses in the area have been damaged.

A preliminary investigation into a one-vehicle accident that claimed the life of Phillip Case, 18, of Hunter, Sunday, suggests that high speed and low tires were contributing factors to the mishap.

Monica Leigh Hobson, daughter of Michael and Cora Hobson of Ligon, an eighth grade student at McDowell Elementary, placed first in the category of Extemporaneous Speaking at the Kentucky High School Speech League State Junior Tournament, held March 19-21, in Bowling Green.

Big Sandy Health Care's former executive director, Ellis Buchanan, may be taking the organization into court over the termination of his employment. Buchanan was fired from his position on February 9, after a special meeting of the board of directors, and he was apparently given no explanation for the board's action.

The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros have been invited to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. Their performance, scheduled for June 18, will be on the Millennium Stage, and will be part of the "State Days" series presented by the Kennedy Center.

Martin's city hall was put up as collateral for a five-year, \$25,000 loan, obtained by Mayor Alan Whicker, in order to keep the city afloat financially until new tax revenues materialize.

Floyd County is gearing up for another spring cleanup effort in conjunction with the Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment (PRIDE) initiative. Lon May, Floyd County's PRIDE coordinator says the cleanup effort has been scheduled from March

27 to April 4.

Floyd County School Board chairman, Terry Dotson, issued a plea to local residents at Tuesday's board meeting to "try to forgive some wrongs in the past and get off this litigation kick we have in Floyd County." Dotson's comments came during a discussion on the district's current year working budget, which sets aside almost one million dollars to cover litigation costs against the system.

There died: Sadie Hager, of Weeksbury, Tuesday, March 17, at Winchester Place West Canal in Winchester, Ohio; Milford Isaacs, 84, of Teaberry, Wednesday, March 18, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wesley Meade, 67, of Printer, Tuesday, March 17, at the Mercy Hospital, in Cadillac, Michigan; Anna Mae Meeks, 87, of Ivel, Wednesday, March 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Audrie Alley, 60, of Detroit, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, March 17, at HRMC; Geneva Smith Scalf, 69, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, March 17, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland; Bud Shepherd, 65, of Abbott Creek, Friday, March 20, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, W.Va.; Taylor Price Jr., 71, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 22, at his residence; Lula P. "Peach" Salmons, 84, of North Vernon, Indiana, Thursday, March 19, at Jennings Community Hospital, in North Vernon; Sheridan Ray Martin, 60, of Garrett, Thursday, March 19, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Paul Rice, 64, of Spring Hill, Florida, a Johnson County native, Thursday, March 19, at Spring Hill Regional Hospital; George "Buck" Hopson, 92, of Prestonsburg, Friday, March 20, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Rushie Hackworth, 76, of Ada Ohio, a Prestonsburg native, Monday, March

23, at the Lima (Ohio) Memorial Hospital; Phillip Case, 18, of Hunter, Sunday, March 22.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 23, 1988)

Temperatures were in the 70s, and many Floyd Countians took advantage of the climate, and took to the great outdoors.

A meeting at Drift allowed some residents who oppose the proposed Minnie-to-Garrett road, to voice their concerns, but it fell on deaf ears as no-government officials who were invited, showed up for the gathering.

The Floyd County Juvenile Detention Center may get an easement on their overcrowding, as two House bills were introduced that may provide extra facilities.

Coal haulers now have a new weight-distance tax to contend with, thanks to the passage of House Bill 665.

Two men, Creed Gilliam and Tom Crothers, walked the distance between Prestonsburg and Pikeville, to benefit the HRMC Breast Center. They averaged one mile every 20 minutes.

A special meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council addressed the indebtedness of the town and reviewed the budget.

Many were gearing for the first annual Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference, scheduled to be held Friday.

There died: Mindy Adkins, 77, of Galveston, Friday, at HRMC.

Lyman Branham, 69, of Langley, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

"*Get Moving AMS" will meet on Mondays, beginning Feb. 25, for six weeks. Students may sign up in the Youth Services Center.

•March 25 - Magic Me (weather permitting).

•March 10 to 14 - Spring Book Fair.

•March 12 - The Wulfe Brothers will present "The Awesome 80s" at 10 a.m., in AMS Gym.

•March 14 - 4-H Camp promotion.

•March 27 - Dept. of Transportation will present a Hands On Student Simulation for 8th graders on the dangers of drinking and driving.

•April 10 - Give Yourself a Break Day, parent program.

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

•The Youth Services Center provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

•March 12 - SBDM, 4:30 p.m.

•March 15 - JROTC trip to Fort Knox.

•March 17 thru 21 - Spring Break.

•March 24 - Camp Nathaniel, 9:30 a.m.

•March 25 - ACT make-up exam.

•March 26 - ROTC formal inspection.

•March 27 - Open House

•March 29 - Military Ball

•Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

*Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

•March 12 - Genetics presentation for 7th and 8th grades.

•March 26 - CPR training for 8th grade.

•March 29 - Last day for ACMS to receive Food City points for merchandise.

•Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

•The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

• Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

•The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood of the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

•Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Betsy Layne High School

•March 12 - Academic Showcase/Open House, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Public cordially invited. Come out and see that "The Drive to 85 is Alive."

Duff Elementary

•Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.

•Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

•The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

*May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•March 13 - Wulfe Brothers, 1 p.m.

•March 24, 25 - Quality Kids (personal hygiene program).

•Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

•Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

•GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.

•Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

•Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

•MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center.

•April 10 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the MAC. Parents/guardians of students enrolled in Floyd County Schools invited.

•The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

•After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

•School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

•Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community. Reminder: The Floyd County Health Dept. offers services through the AMS Youth Services Center. Call the AMS Center at 886-1297 to schedule appointments for WIC, HeadStart, Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams from birth to 18 years.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on South Floyd campus on Mondays; Mt. Comp Care counselor will be on campus on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with either counselor, contact the SFYSC.

•SFHS and SFMS Parent Volunteer training held throughout

the year. Watch for dates TBA.

•Juniors and Seniors will attend the pre-Prom program at the MAC in May.

•Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

•Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

•The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

•All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

•March 13 - Parent Support Group meeting, 12:30 p.m.

•March 13 - Mark Comley Magic Show, 8:30 a.m.

•March 14 - Joe Washington, 9 a.m.

•March 26 - Parent Support Group meeting, 12:30 p.m.

•March 26 - Safety & First Aid program, 4th and 7th grades; presented by Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH.

•John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.

•Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. If your child has lost an item, please contact us as soon as possible. Items left over two weeks become the property of the center and will be donated to charity.

•Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

•Healthy Floyd County 2010 Oral Health/Dental Initiative Program: Hygienist scheduled to be at Osborne Elementary on Monday's and Friday's throughout Feb. and March to provide dental treatment for participating students.

•March 8 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at MAC. Free for all Floyd County expectant parents and parents of babies up to 1 year in age.

•March 17-21 - Spring Break.

•March 29 - 2008 Home & Garden Expo, at Jenny Wiley Convention Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info., call 886-2668.

•Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.

•The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book

bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OBS students.

•The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

•March 10 thru 14 - Scholastic Book Fair.

•March 12 - Grand Day at the Book Fair beginning with Chapel Services at 10 a.m. Refreshments to follow.

•March 20 - Deadline for Yearbook orders.

•March 21 - No School - Good Friday.

•March 24-28 - No School - Spring Break.

•April 22 thru 25 - Stanford testing.

•May 1, 2, 8, 9 - WCS Aldersgate Camp Family Retreats. K-4 through 2nd grade on May 1, 2; 3rd grade through 7th grade on May 8, 9.

•WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

•For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

Twins are 2!

Lyndsee Lashee and Kaylee Renee Hall turned two years old on February 2, 2008. "Kay-Kay" and "Lynn-Lynn" celebrated their special day with all their friends at KID-DIE-LAND Daycare. Kay-Kay and Lynn-Lynn are the twin daughters of Lyndon and Maggie Hall, of Drift.



Yesterdays

Tilden Bates, 78, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, in Scott County
 James Osborne, 62, of Martin, Saturday, at Humana Hospital in Lexington
 Linzie Higgins, 84, of Minnie, Friday, at Maysville
 Charles McCoy, 72, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at his home, following a heart attack
 Britt Johnson, 63, of Kite, Wednesday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital
 Walk Sturgill, 77, formerly of Galveston, Thursday, at Greenwich, Ohio
 Ruie Osborne, 81, Wednesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home
 Charles Haywood, 61, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, in Glendale, California
 Virgie Whitaker, 90, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at HRMC
 Cindy Collett, 66, of Garrett, Saturday, at her residence
 Beth Johnson, 77, formerly of Floyd County, March 15, at Speight
 Naomi Osborne, 70, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at Good Samaritan Hospital
 and Nancy Campbell, 64, of Water Gap, Thursday, at her residence.

Big Sandy River had, as of Tuesday afternoon, for the 14th day of operations by National Guardsmen, special rescue teams, and volunteer searchers, failed to recover any of the bodies of seven children missing after the February 28 school bus tragedy near Lancer

The meeting of Floyd citizens who say they are determined to rid themselves of excessive gas bills shifted from Allen, Monday night, to Garrett, where 92 residents of Garrett, and 15 from the Allen-Dwale community, conferred on the problem

A 40-day quarantine of dogs in Prestonsburg, effective Tuesday, was voted by the City Council at a meeting, Monday night. The action was taken as it was suspected that several dogs may be rabid in the vicinity

Representatives of four Floyd coal companies, last Sunday afternoon, promised their cooperation with the Floyd County Fish & Game Club in its aims to eliminate the pollution which has badly affected certain streams in recent months

Married: Miss Doris Ann Stapleton, of Lancer, and A3-C Jack F. Francis, of Prestonsburg, March 7, at David

There died: Mrs. Arminta Horne, 85, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Fannie May Lafferty Childers, 18, Monday, at the home of her mother at West Prestonsburg; Harrison Johnson, 22, Saturday, at his home at Bevinville; Preston Hall, 74, of Teaberry, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Cynthia Williams, 96, Saturday, at the home of a son at Harold; Mrs. Doris Ann Taylor Walker, 22, of St. Mary's O., formerly of Martin, last Thursday, in Ohio; Mrs. Margaret Hamilton, 81, Saturday, at the home of a son at Teaberry; Mrs. Janet M. Music, 28, formerly of Auxier, last Thursday, at her home at Norfolk, Virginia.



Brownies have successful cookie sale season

Johnson County Brownie troop #1071 has earned over \$800 from the cookie sales program this year. Funds from the cookie sale will help pay for programs the girls want to participate in this coming year, as well as for patches they plan to earn. The troop has sold cookies at the Paintsville Movie Gallery and Kmart. Pictured are Brownie Girl Scouts Kara, Arilyn, Savanna, Morgan, and Kristen with Movie Gallery store manager, Bonnie.

Heroes

Working for former Kentucky governors John Y. Brown and Breerton Jones in state economic development programs, Sword learned to handle great sums of money for the public good before coming to CAP.

Though her job requires hard work, traveling and long hours, Sword says that sharing stories of changed lives with those that donate to CAP makes the effort all worthwhile.

In 2005, Sword authored a book, "And the Rains Came," for the organization. The book details a 2004 flooding situation in eastern Kentucky and southwest West Virginia. The book helped generate generous donations to the organization helping to prepare the area for possible future flooding crises. Sword says each donor to

the organization receives a direct note of appreciation for their gift. "We do them daily," she said.

Praised as a hard worker, a "walking idea machine," and one who generates excitement, Sword has proven to be yet another of Kentucky's extraordinary people.

"Kentucky's Everyday Heroes...Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things," by Steve Flairy, with a foreword by Kentucky author David Dick, can be purchased locally at the Jenny Wiley Gift Shop, or online - at Amazon.com.

Flairy is currently working on a follow-up Heroes book and welcomes suggestions, and stories, of "ordinary, extraordinary" Kentuckians. He can be contacted at steve.flairy@gmail.com.

Critter

people can be very stressful for animals. If your pet isn't up for the chaos of an Easter egg hunt or family dinner, place him or her in a quiet area of the house when guests are visiting.

5. Bag the basket booty. Keep your pet out of the Easter basket and away from candy, most especially chocolate. Candy can be harmful to pets and chocolate is toxic to cats, dogs and ferrets. Chocolate and candies high in sugar and caffeine are especially bad for our animal companions. For more information on this subject, check out the full list of foods and drinks that are poisonous to pets on www.hsus.org.

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Thirty Years Ago

(March 22, 1978)

Miners were getting their first briefings, early this week, on the new contract which, if approved, could end the current 106-day-old coal strike, the longest in the history of the industry

With the midnight, March 22, strike deadline uncomfortably near, negotiations for a new contract continued, Tuesday and today, between representatives of Highlands Regional Medical Center and Local Union 1199, National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees

Deputy Sheriffs Randall Lewis, Ollie Leslie, and Carl Lee Jarrell, were acquitted, last Wednesday, by a Magoffin Circuit Court jury of the first degree assault charge lodged against them by Morgan Joseph and Carol Sue Prater. The jury's verdict followed deliberations of only a few minutes

Added flood protection for most of Prestonsburg was promised, this week, as work was began to install a fourth water pump at the city floodwall

Wayne M. Martin, former Pikeville College head coach, and currently an assistant at Oral Roberts University, has been named men's basketball coach, at Morehead State University

There died: Willie N. Samons, 85, of Martin, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James Schmidt, 70, of Rush, Feb. 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dave Hall, 76, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, at his home; James Robert Fuller, 68, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charley Stanley, 74, of Emma, Tuesday, at his home; Preston Taulby Rice, 91, of Price, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(March 21, 1968)

No construction contract on U.S. 23, south of Prestonsburg, is expected this year, a highways department spokesman in Frankfort said this week

Almost complete, and already housing some machinery, is the million-dollar U.S. Shoe Company plant near Lancer

Neighborhood Youth Corps students are attending school more regularly than others in this county, and more than a third of them have improved grades, NYC director Estill Hall reported to the Floyd County Board of Education, at the end of the first semester

Floyd County Republicans will elect precinct chairmen and chairwomen, Saturday afternoon, and divergent factions of the party will go about the election in different ways

Married: Miss Sue Lafferty, of Water Gap, and Wendell Wells of Lancer, March 9, at Clintwood, Va.; Miss Sarah Kaye Hall, of Buckingham, and Jerry Simpson, of Wheelwright, January 20, at the Wheelwright First Baptist Church

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens, a son, March 12

There died: Lonnie Robinson, 76, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, at La Grange, Ky.; Mrs. Virgie Alice Ward, 73, of Drift, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edna Mae Gibson, 21, Floyd County native, Saturday, at Wyandotte, Michigan; Mrs. Ollie Hall, 74, formerly of Galveston, Wednesday, at Lorain, Ohio.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 20, 1958)

Dragging, and night-and-day watching of the

Sixty Years Ago

(March 25, 1948)

President Truman set the Taft-Hartley law in motion, Tuesday, in an effort to end the coal mine shutdown, which is in its second week

The Floyd and Knott County Bar Associations are planning a suit attacking the constitutionality of the re-districting bill enacted recently by the General Assembly, severing the Floyd-Knott judicial district, it was said here this week

Columbus Johnson, 26-year-old Risner veteran of the fighting in Europe, was fatally injured, Saturday night, when his head was said to have hit the side of a truck as he leaned out the door of a Jeep on the Middle Creek road, near Blue River

Married: Miss Virginia Collins, of Martin, and Don Meade, of Hi Hat, March 20

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Tackett, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, March 19, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Williamson, of Betsy Layne, a daughter, Judy Ray; to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Akers, of Betsy Layne, a daughter, Ida Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Chaffins, of David, a daughter, Patsy Ann, March 16.

Seventy Years Ago

(March 24, 1938)

Under the proposed county debt refunding bill, Floyd County's rural highway fund may be reduced from its present total of \$22,870 to \$18,266, and rural road funds of 25 other counties may be slashed

In connection with the shotgun-slaying of John Little, about 32 years old, at Wheelwright, Saturday night, five men were jailed, here, Sunday, by Sheriff Dial Salisbury and Deputy Sheriff Epp Laferty

Alonzo Hopson, 19, Prestonsburg High School graduate, was injured fatally, Sunday afternoon, near Cumberland, when the motorcycle on which he and Johnnie Hale, 19, were riding, left the highway and crashed into the hillside

Five winners named in the Kiwanis Amateur Night here, last week, at the Abigail Theater, will compete in the Boy Scout gala night amateur program, April 1, in the same theater, with contestants from neighboring towns

Married: Miss Marie Meyer, of Lexington, and William Claude Caudill, of Prestonsburg, Friday

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Allen, of Hueysville, a daughter, Ruth Yvonne, last week; to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hackworth, of Brainard, a son, recently

There died: Stella Sammons, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Sammons, of Minnie, Saturday, at the Gearheart Hospital; Earl Allen, 25, of Hueysville, Sunday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Mary Reynolds, formerly of Floyd County, March 14, in Ohio; H. J. Music, 75, of Prestonsburg, last week, at a Paintsville hospital.

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Stella and Troy Hall

Halls celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

Troy and Stella Hall, of Somerset, formerly of Floyd County, observed their 70th wedding anniversary on December 22, 2007, at the home of their son, Troy Jr., in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were married on December 23, 1937, in Dwale, in the Laven Lumber Co. office, by Pastor John Nelson, of the Church of Christ. Stella's brother, John Branham, and John's wife, Lura, served as witnesses.

In the early years of their marriage, the Halls purchased a farm located at Printer (Salisbury), in Floyd County, from the Dr. Walk "Doc" Stumbo family. Though Mr. Hall suffered a serious mining injury in 1941, nonetheless, the young couple were quite successful in their farming ventures.

In 1945, they moved back to Allen where Mr. Hall and his father, Riley, opened the Hall & Hall Wholesale Co., in 1948, a thriving business until its closure in 1974 as a result of the U.S. 23 reconstruction.

Throughout their marriage, Stella devoted her life to being a homemaker. She also was very active as a volunteer in the local schools and for the local fire department.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are long-time members of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church, at Minnie, where Mr. Hall serves as an elder.

After living more than seventy years in Floyd County, the couple moved to Somerset in 1990. They have nine living children: Troy Jr. (Mary

Alice), of Somerset; Janelle (Kenneth) Conn, of Somerset; Ruby (Morgan) Ratliff, of Prestonsburg; Helen (Ernest) VanHoose, of Mason Neck, Virginia; Phyllis (Randall) Burchett, of Louisville; James (Christene), of Mt. Eden; Pat (Wendell) Eichenberger, of Louisville; Barbara (Bob) Beese, of Yuma, Arizona; and William Michael (Stacia), of Bardstown.

Two sons, Denzil Ray and Monroe, as well as a granddaughter, Nikole, have passed.

In addition to their large family, Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been blessed with 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The happy couple have enjoyed life raising their family, working hard, attending church and taking leisurely trips throughout the South where they often visited with relatives. They have shared many stories and bits of wisdom with others and still maintain a humorous and optimistic outlook on life despite some recent setbacks in their overall health.

Troy, age 89, and Stella, age 88, welcome visits and letters from neighbors, family members and friends. They look forward to sharing upcoming holidays and celebrations with those they love.

Fifty family members attended the private December anniversary celebration. Their children are planning a public celebration in honor of the occasion in the upcoming spring.

Gettin' hitched?

If you're planning a wedding and would like to announce your engagement and wedding plans, the Times would be glad to help. Just drop by the Times office, or send photo and information to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, or e-mail to: features@floydcountytimes.com. We will be happy to run either an engagement announcement or wedding photograph, with accompanying basic information, for free as our "Best Wishes" to the happy couple.



New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

February 13

A son, Benjamin Joe Douglas Bailey, to Betty J. Kidder, of Salyersville

February 14

A son, Jordan Roe Moore, to Stacy Hall, of Minnie

February 15

A daughter, Chloe Danielle Woods, to Rhonda & Shawn Woods, of Aesir

A son, Gavin Michael Hall, to McCauley & Calvin Hall, of Betsy Layne

A daughter, Lain Rose Sprawling, to Wanda Jo & Bobby Sprawling, of Prestonsburg

A daughter, Addison Eve Conley, to Regan Nicole & Jason Conley, of Hindman

A son, Dalton Alexander Wade Caldwell, to Pamela Kay Fletcher, of Salyersville

A son, Cameron Wesley Taulbee, to April & Wesley Taulbee, of Jackson

February 17

A daughter, Hannah Lyn Margie Hall, to Stacy Sparkman, of Kite

A son, Alexander Xavier Hatfield, to Nakita M. & James R. Hatfield, of Staffordsville

February 18

A daughter, Brittney Elizabeth Carty, to Tiffany Nasha & Walter O'Neil Carty, of Salyersville

February 19

A son, Alexander Jeffery Neace, to Ashley Jo Campbell, of Bonnyman

A daughter, Emily Alexandra Conway, to Mindy & Mark Conway, of Daria

A son, Larry Wesley Hancock, to Melissa Hancock, of Martin

February 20

A son, Gavin Oriwn Waller, to Michelle Renee & Samuel Patrick Waller, of Aesir

A son, Cameron Scott Miller, to Heather Renee Stamper, of Hazard

A son, Jayden Scott Saylor, to Tiffany Lynn & Eric Ray Saylor, of Salyersville

February 21

A daughter, Tekiah Faith Huff, to Tiffany Lashea Proffitt, of Isom

A daughter, Jameka Rose Prater, to Charlene & Clyde Gerald Prater, of Lost Creek

February 23

A daughter, Emily Grace Conn, to Megan Brittany & Dustin Conn, of Hagerhill

February 22

A son, Robert Gavin Griffith, to Janice & Robert Griffith, of Garrett

A son, Colby Braden Smith, to Angela Dawn & Garry Brandon Smith, of Leburn

A daughter, Addison Marie Brown, to Krista & Adam Brown, of Garrett

A daughter, Selah Jade Marsillett, to Angela Denise Shook, of East Point

February 24

A son, Spartan Arcasia Duncan, to Tiffany Nicole Combs, of Prestonsburg

A daughter, Farah AnElizabeth Gambell, to Jessica Elizabeth & Faron Gregory Gambell, of Auxier

February 25

A daughter, Madison Arada Mollette, to Elizabeth A. Harless, of Paintsville

A son, Aidan Noel Pack, to Rebecca Nicole Pack, of Paintsville

A daughter, Mallie Jule Richmond, to Maria Richmond, of Warfield

February 26

A daughter, Tessa Jean Crisp, to Rita Kay Blair, of Van Lear

A son, Landyn Drew Hickman, to Brandy & Jeffrey Hickman, of Salyersville

February 27

A daughter, Kayleigh Nicole Mullins, to Tracey & Marshall Mullins, of West VanLear

A son, Richard Darine Arnett, to Barbara Jean Arnett, of Salyersville

February 28

A son, Jacob Edward Charles, to Jennifer Mae & Jeremy Keith Charles, of Beaver

March 2

A daughter, Ella Ree Jode Little, to Samantha & Jonathan Little, of Dana

A daughter, Kaylee LaShea Hall, to Amanda & Dustin Hall, of Weeksbury

March 3,

A daughter, Chelsea Faith Ray Justice, to Kristie Lynn Hunter, of Betsy Layne

March 4

A daughter, Leah Faith Kelly, to Samantha Jean & Richard Earl Kelly, of



New arrival

Adrianna Lillian Skye Shepherd was born January 28, 2008. Arriving early at St. Joseph East, in Lexington, she weighed 5 lbs., 14 oz., and was 19 inches long. She is the firstborn daughter of Roy and Amber Shepherd. She is the granddaughter of Earl and Norma Hall, Larry and Barb Mullins, and the late Paul Shepherd.

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Sizemore-Birkhead

Calvin and Leslie Ann Sizemore, of Martin, are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shannon Delores Leslie, to Nathaniel Andrew Birkhead, the son of Kathryn Birkhead, of Arkansas, and John Birkhead, of Colorado.

Shannon is a graduate of Alice Lloyd College from which she holds a bachelor of science degree. She is currently a nursing student at the University of Kentucky.

Nate is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder from which he holds a bachelor's degree in political science. He is currently pursuing a doctoral degree from Indiana University.

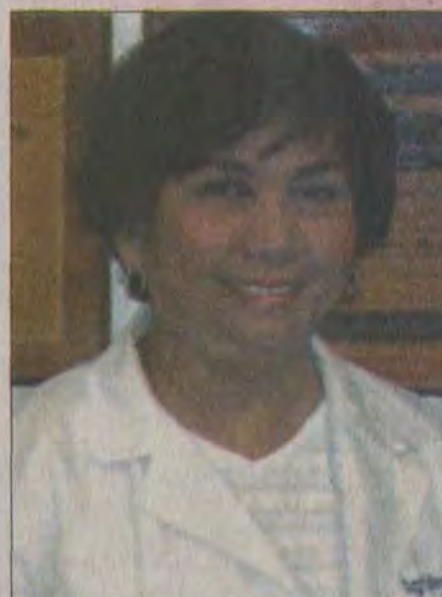
Shannon and Nate are excited about embarking on this new chapter in their lives and look forward to celebrating with family and friends at their wedding ceremony, to be held in June.

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