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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 conveyer 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 Marm 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.







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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

Officials give updates on Floyd County's present, future

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Wheelwright's downtown restoration and 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 coun-

The state of the county, Prestonsburg emceed by 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

"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

(See COUNTY, page twelve)

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

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 lowinterest loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure

The transaction will not change the water supplied to Auxier's customers Auxier, which has a service territory adjacent 10 Prestonsburg's, is a water distribution system only; purchases its treated water from Prestonsburg. Once the transaction is complete ed, Auxier will no longer fall within the PSC's juris diction.

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 Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Commonwealth 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 (See WIRELESS, page twelve)

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



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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(3) Country Gravy



18, 1991. He worked at

Thermafiber, in Wabash, for

41 years. He was a member of

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 help-

ing people. He volunteered at

the Lighthouse Mission by

playing Santa, and handing out

gifts and food baskets. He had

lived in Wabash since 1967,

He is survived by his wife,

Pittsburgh,

Jane Walk of Wabash, Indiana;

five children: Carla (Tim)

Pennsylvania; and Gina Gray,

Carla (Kenny) Kime, Doyle

Gibson, and Melanie (Mike)

Dyson, all of Wabash; 13

grandchildren, a great-grand-

daughter; 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,

In addition to his parents, he

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.

Burial was in Memorial

Visitation was Monday at

Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral

Service, 1241 Manchester

Lawns Cemetery, Wabash,

Dan Boone officiating.

Indiana.

the church.

was preceded in death by a

brother, Ray R. Walk Jr.

of

Waters

coming from Martin.

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Washington

Obituaries

Loran Davis

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

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 Coal Elkhorn

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

Survivors include two daughters: Octavia Jane Estepp of Prestonsburg; and Shirlene Conley of Clearfield; a son, Jason Davis of Prestonsburg; granddaughters: Connie McGuire 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)

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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-ofall-trades, former constable Madox, Jeremy Shepherd, Pigman-Slone Cemetery, at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. and Deputy Sheriff of Floyd Terry Hamilton, and Tyler Raven. 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 James Anderson Lear; (Carolyn D.) Hale of Maytown; Kathy McGuire of Prestonsburg; Barbara S. Hale of Lexington; Mary S. (Dokey) Joseph 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)

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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 Bevinsville, 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 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

Pallbearers: Wallace Johnson, Kevin Rainwater, Larry Robinson, Ezekiel Elliott, Michael Shepherd, Michael Misick. (Paid obituary)

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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 Meally, 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 stepdaughter, Natalee (Tony) Bays of Midway; three brothers: Les (Diane) Houston Albuquerque, New Mexico;

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 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

Donald Ray (Sandy) Houston Gate City, Virginia, on June 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)

000 Danny Ray Pigman

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

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, Lawrence Baldridge, Clyde "Bud" Wicker, and Earl Slone officiating.

Burial followed in the (Paid obituary)

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Church. The memorial guest book for Terry, may be signed at (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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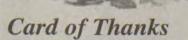
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Card of Thanks

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



The family of Frank Michael Baldridge would like to express their heartfelt love and thanks to friends, relatives, neighbors, coworkers, 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

Angela Dawn Whitaker

7/12/88 - 3/2/08



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, were she graduated with honors from Prestonsburg High School in 2006. She attended Prestonsburg' Community College, where she was pursuing a degree in

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, fourwheeling, 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: financé, 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.

0 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



Card of Thanks

The family of William L. Baldridge 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 Homefor 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 Baldridge

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 allwho 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 gravediggers; 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 Russell Isaac would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Dr. Hall, Dr. Rivera, Wheelwright Methodist Church, and

Bobby Isaac. God bless you all, The Family of Russell Isaac

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; and our son, Pastor

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390. Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telewhone. 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 section 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 applica-

tions The June Buchanan School, K-12 private, collegepreparatory 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-

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

> Need Help With Home Repairs?

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,

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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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 "handson" 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

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

Need help with addic-

tion? 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

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

Tuesdays, at David, The

David School, from 3:30-4:30

Wednesdays, at Aslen 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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07 Ford Mustang: V8, Auto., Spoiler, Alloys, Factory Warranty, Sharpl





07 Toyota Camry LE:

All Power, Factory Warranty, Sharpl

06 Chevy Tahoe: 271. Sunroof, 3rd Seat. Loaded!



07 Chevy Z71:



07 Toyota Highlander:





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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

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

■ 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.

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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 under funded 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

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 ours 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

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 acci-

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 qual ified applicant nor a suitable candidate for a position with Floyd County

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

Volunteers will be out in full

force next week to spring clean Kentucky's roadsides. The Transportation Cabinet last week announced that the dopt-a-Highway Spring

Clean Week will be March 23-

"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 coadsides 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

Spring Clean Week is March 23-29

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 communi-

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

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 litterfree. 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-ahighway.ky.gov/. Safety guidelines are provided to volunteers and should be reviewed prior to each cleanup.

Adopt-a-Highway Your 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.

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IRS announces economic stimulus payment schedules, provides online payment calculator

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 lowerincome 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 payment. IRS.gov has all the ment. 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

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The Internal Revenue 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 proorder to receive a stimulus jected dollar value of the pay-

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

■ 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

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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

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 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

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 have received their payment if to allow for free electronic filing. IRS Free File -Economic Stimulus Payment is available at IRS.gov.

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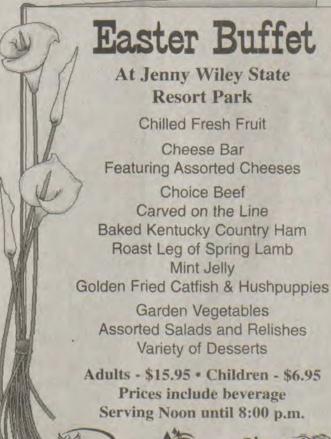
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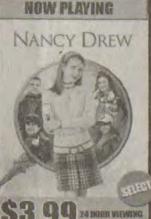
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Beshear avoids e-mails, prefers verbal communications

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

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

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 hir ing laws in a scheme to reward politi-

cal supporters with state government

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 email 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," spearhead ed 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 emails 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

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 Institute Kentucky 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 newslet-

"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.

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

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

'Earn While You Learn' The Big Sandy Area C.A.P.

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

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



If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find

out more, call: 886-2929

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

GED classes are also avail-

Floyd County Extension

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 Dixie Community p.m., 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: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

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

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 meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more informa-

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

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KCTCS board considers budget options

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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

■ 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:

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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;

■ 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 ayoffs, 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.

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, sayreflect 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

Jason Nemes, director of the ing it "doesn't accurately 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,"

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 incar-

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."

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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."

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

"This affects our national

that Kentucky is the butt of reputation," she said.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter

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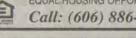
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\$550 per month. 2) 2 story house. 3 for \$650 per month. lane at Ivel, Ky. Shown by appoint-

1150.

424-1150.

Two story home with wrap around decks, appx 3,000 sq ft on one + acrecity water/sewer. Many extra's-167 Lakeview village Prestonsburg call 789-1230 ask for Sam.

3 br, 2 ba brick home for sale. 1/2 mile from the MAC in Spurlock creek. 1st brick on right With fenced in vard. 0.75 acres, 1 car carport front & back porch, fire place, small garden spot. 2,200 sq ft with bedrooms, and closets \$178,000 Call 889-

redwood deck, new

tops/flooring, new

dishwasher. You will

pool in private back

vard with redwood

deck. Privacy fence

around back plus

gated chain link

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elementary school,

shopping, restau-

rants. & entertain-

For appt call 606-

sale in Martin. 4 br,

1 bath, 1/2 acre

land. No land con-

tracts. \$60,000. Call

3 Bd house for

also located on

oh Middle Creek,

House for Sale.

Four bedrooms, two

2900 square feet

.Desirable location

in Trimble Branch.

Reasonably priced.

For Sale: 35 acres

of land, one story

house with 1.600

sa.ft of living space.

located in Floyd

County at Hi Hat,

Ky. Two acres of flat

land with the rest

hillside. Four bed-

baths, living room,

kitchen. Appraised

front. No land con-

tracts. Contact Mike

Mullins at 606-785-

5:00p.m.weekdays)

HOUSE FOR SALE

Newly constructed

house for sale locat-

ed at Abbott Creek.

Vaulted living room

ceiling, 3 BR, bonus

room, fireplace, with

cherry hardwood

floors and cabinets

attached garage.

Located 4 miles

US

located in new sub-

divisions. \$210,00

asking price Seller

willing to help with

closing costs! Call

606-285-0054 606-

791-0719, evenings

Sale or Lease

Commercial build-

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Panoramic

or 606-251-3414.

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Call 886-2020

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226-3665.

285-9453.

kitchen

property.

Commercial

Call 8886-2699.

Brick &

kitchen

counter

in-ground

for

Apartment building for sale by 0544 after 6 pm on owner. Located weekdays. near HRMC. Call 889-9717. for more House for sale by information. owner- Charming all

brick ranch situated Building for rent: on a wonderful corapprox.2500 square ner lot! Nice open ft. Former John P. floor plan. Home Wells garage. features 3br, 1 ba (extra room could be Equipped with mechanics lift. made into Ba with Located on South WI closet), living room, family room, Lake DI Prestonsburg, dining room. Recent Ky. Call 886-9690 for updates include redone HW floors and more info.

> Beauty Shop For Rent: fully equipped located on South Dr Prestonsburg, Ky. Ready to move in! Call 886-9690 for deposit. more info.

Prestonsburg business for lease. Great location on the main road, close to downtown and courthouse. as is or lease change, many possibilities,ie restaurant, sports bar, office complexample parking. May consider selling. Call 791-3663.

FARM FOR SALE Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Paint. Little Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber. HUNTERS PARADISE!! Could be made into a subdivision.

Rentals

APARTMENT

For rent: 2 Br apt near Prestonsburg. NO HUD. Call 205-9510.

Nice 1 br apt for rent. Located on private lot on Rt 1428 between Allen & Prestonsburg. Partially furnished. Utilities paid including cable. Internet ready. No HUD and no PETS. \$475 mth plus \$250 deposit. Call 606-262-4296.

Town house apt for rent. 2 br 1 bath. Stove and refrigerator. City limits at 23 & 80. \$505 mth plus utilities with \$300 deposit. 1yr lease. NO PETS. Call 606-237-4758.

Small furnished bachelor Suitable for Located off Mtn Pkwy on old Rt 114. Call 886-8724.

1 Br apt for rent. Appliances & utilities furnished. Very clean. Located between Prestonsburg Paintsville HRMC. \$525 mth plus \$250 deposit. Call 791-6016.

1 or 2 Br furnished apts. Includes utili-References ties. required. Call 886-8366.

Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath w/d hookup 2 car garage \$575 per month plus utilities plus deposit. Call 606-477-2783

One bedroom unfurnished apt for rent near college suitable for one per-No pets. son. ing for sale: 8 apt Deposit required.

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great location for

office complex. Also

tial house and land.

Located just off US

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water. \$15,000 Call

Possible commer-

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Efficiency Apt for comes with residenrent. \$375 mth. \$375 deposit. Must be payed before moving in. Call 285-Call 9003.

1Br furnished Level lot for sale: apartment located miles Prestonsburg, Call 358-9483 after 6:00 pm or 794-9484

Located at Rt 80 Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartclose to Martin. ments on Rt. 321 near Porter school. Central heat and air, washer and drver hookup. \$375 per month plus references and deposit. Seniors welcomed! Call 789-5973.

> Furnished 1 bed room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month. \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC, 606-889-9717.

House for rent

For rent: 5 br house located at Ivel. \$550 month plus one month security No pets. Call if interested 874-6700.

rent: 1 1/2 story 3 br 2 full bath cedar house for rent. Lots of storage and closet space. Full under ground basement Hardwood real wood kitchen cabinets & vanities. Washer/dryer

Mobile Homes

included. Large

FHA Special Finance Program \$0 Down if you own land or use family land. We own the bank vour approved. Call 606-474-6380

LOTS FOR RENT Dwale Mobile home Park, off US 23 near Prestonsburg. Nice community. queit Restrictions apply. 606-377-2357

For sale: 12x65 mobile home with vinyl siding deck included. Plywood floors and new car-Refrigerator and new range. \$6,000 Call 447-2645.

2007- 28x64 3br, 2 bath loaded w/ options plus free 32" flat screen tv & over \$ 3,000 in furniture. Lot model only !! \$62,250. The Home Show Louisa. 606-638-

2008- 28x44 3br. 2ba.Delivered & set. As low as \$ 38,990. The home show-Louisa. 606-638-4663.

Only 4 2007 double wides left in stock. Save thousands! The Home Show- Louisa. 606-638-4663.

2007 14 X 70 3 Br, 2 ba. Delivered & set only \$25,750. The Home Show -Louisa. 606-638-4663.

2007. 16x80 3 br, 2ba. Delivered & set. Only \$ 29,850. The Home Show-Louisa. 606-638-4663.

Looking for a preowned home. We have 5 homes to choose from! Starting at \$8,500. The Homes Show -Louisa. 606-638-4663.

Br, 1 bath mobile home for rent. Located on Spradlin Branch. North Prestonsburg Rt 321. NO HUD. Call 889-0363.

Mobile home for rent. Extra nice. 3 br. 1 bath. Located Cow \$425 mth plus utilities and security deposit. No dogs. Hud accepted. Call 874-2802.

Special Finance Program. \$0 down if you own land or use family land. We own the BANK Vour approved. Call 866-597-2083.

mobile home for rent at Martin, Ky. c Single or ouples preferred. No pets. Call 874-2000.

For rent: Like new 1997 14x70 mobile Clayton home. 3 Br, 2 ba, central heat metal roof w/ 2 inch installation for reduced electric bill. Located near new food city in Prestonsburg. Garbage, water & included. Rent \$475 month with \$400 deposit. No HUD. Call 606-874-9852 or 606-874-2162.

2004 28x44 Double wide for sale. 3 Br. 2 Bath. excellent condition. Located in Dorton. Must be moved. \$25,000. For more info call 886-9629.

Very nice 2 Br, 2 bath mobile home for rent. All new carpets. Glamour black bath. Located at Burchett mobile home park Prestonsburg. Call 606-353-6609.

For Sale : Lot & 14x70 mobile home. 10x20 garage, and 25 foot motor home. Asking \$30,000 located on David beside of old fire dept. Call between 9am-6pm 889 9005.

Legals

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIR **CUIT COURT** DIVISION NO. I CASE NO. 07-CI-00724 **DINAH STRAT-**TON AND DAN STRATTON, her husband: and BARBARA J. BURCHETT **PLAINTIFFS**

VS.

MARIE TRIM-

BLE: TAMMY HALL and ALEX HALL, her husband; JAN CAUDILL and STEVE CAUDILL, her husband; JAMES TRIM-BLE, III and RENE TRIMBLE, his wife; JUSTIN **BOBBY TRIM-**BLE and SHEILA TRIM-BLE, his wife; JEFF W. TRIM-BLE,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF** COMMISSION-ER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF

single; and

Agreed Judgment of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 8th of October, 2007 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, Central

Avenue.

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky, (behind

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County

day of March, 2008, 16, 1992, recorded at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following in Deed Book 358, Page 630, Floyd described surface Clerk's County property. located and lying in Floyd office; deed from County, Kentucky, remaining James Trimble heirs to and more particularly described as fol-Bonnie Holsen and Joe Holsen, recordlows:A certain tract or parcel of land ed in Deed Book Page 596, lying in Floyd 308. County County, Kentucky, Floyd on the waters of Ivy Clerk's office; deed Creek, a tributary of remaining from James Trimble heirs the Levisa Fork of to Francis and June Big Sandy River, which is more Burchett, recorded in Deed Book 308, particularly Page 590, Floyd described as follows:Beginning at a Clerk's County point in Ivy Creek at office; deed from remaining James the mouth of Kinney Branch; thence up Trimble heirs to Diana and Danny and with the Kinney Stratton, recorded Branch of Ivv Creek in Deed Book 308. to a point near the Page 593, Floyd head of Kinney Branch; thence County Clerk's office; deed from Kinney leaving Branch and running remaining James Trimble heirs to up the mountain N James H. Trimble, 15O 40' W to a point on the northern recorded in Deed boundary line of the Book 303, Page 75, James Hatcher Ivv Floyd Property; thence Clerk's office; easement from James with the north and west boundary line Trimble to Kentucky West Virginia Power the James Hatcher IVV Company dated March 1950, record-Property in a wested in Deed Book erly and southerly direction to the cen-157, Page County Floyd ter of the Levisa Fork of the Big Clerk's office; ease-Sandy River; thence ment from up and with the Lewis, et al., to Don Levisa Fork of the Trimble dated Big Sandy River to 1985. August a point in the center recorded in Deed Page of the Levisa Fork of Book 293. the Big Sandy River 684, Floyd County opposite the mouth Clerk's office.Being of Ivy Creek; thence the same property conveyed by Master leaving the river and with the property Commissioner's line of the James deed to Dinah Carol Stratton, Hatcher Barbara crossing Property June Burchett, and U.S. Highway 23 James H. Trimble, and up Ivy Creek to as tenants in coma point near the mon, dated the 15th mouth of Dillon day of June, 2004 Branch, said point recorded in Deed being a cross on a Book 500, 447, Floyd County rock: thence running in a southeast-Clerk's Office. There is EXCEPTED from erly direction up the hill in a straight line the above conveyance the followto white oak on the ing point between lvy deeds: Deed Creek and the drop-August 2, ping Lick Branch of 2004 to Ernest and lvv Creek: thence Jeanne Smith from Dinah Stratton, et al, of record in Deed Book 501, Page at the mouth of 143, being approxi-

easterly direction to a point in Ivy Creek Kinney Branch, the mately 0.42 acres:Deed dated point of beginning August 3, 2004 to containing approximately CLM Investments 431.58 acres.There from Dinah Stratton, et al. of record in is excepted from Deed Book 502, conveyance and not hereby con-Page 151, conveying 3/21 acres; and veved those tracts of land described in Deed dated the following deeds October 29, 2004, conveyance: Pauline Greene from Dinah two quitclaim deeds from James Trimble Stratton, et al, of heirs to Don Trimble record and Yvette Trimble Book 509, Page both deeds dated 197. conveying 9. 1981, 1.0047 acres TERMS OF SALE: recorded in Deed Book 257, Page At the time (a) 482 and Deed Book of sale, the successful bidder, if the 488, 257, Page Floyd County other than Plaintiff, shall either Clerk's office; deed from James Trimble pay cash or 10% of heirs to purchase price, with Jerry dated the balance on Trimble December 7, 1983, credit for thirty (30) recorded in Deed days. Book 355, Page The suc-(b) 369, Floyd County cessful bidder shall Clerk's office; deed

Housing Authority

dated January 31,

1985, recorded in

Page 338, Floyd

office and as cor-

January 30, 1986,

recorded in Deed

Book 298, Page 39;

deed from Ruby

1984, recorded in

remaining James

Trimble heirs to

LLP, dated January

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Ruby Lewis, et al.,

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dated July 16, 1992.

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be required to exefrom Ruby Lewis, et cute a bond with al., to Floyd County good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the rected by deed of date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any ease-

Lewis, et al., to ments and restricdated tions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and right such of redemption as may exist in favor of the office; deed from United States of America and/or the owners record CLM Investments, thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be Clerk's required to assume office; deed from and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007. and all subsequent years which are not Book 358, Page vet due and

payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the

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al., to Roy Howard Kidd, Jr. dated July sale proceeds. If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest the above in described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

> WILLIAM S.FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY AS SUCCES-SOR IN INTER-**EST TO** HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF

> > VS.

JERRY DAVID LOWE, ET AL DEFENDANTS **RE-NOTICE OF** COMMISSION-ER'S SALE

****** B OF VIRTUE Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of June, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the princisum \$116,566.88, together with interest, costs and fees, shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, Central South Avenue. Prestonsburg Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd Justice County Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 27th day of March, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as fol-Being lows same property conveyed to Jerry David Lowe and Sandra J. Lowe, his wife, from Jerry and Wanda Lowe Lowe, his wife, by Deed dated September 8, 1994, of record in Deed Book 380, Page 775, in the office of the the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County. Kentucky, on Calf Creek, which is particularly more described as follows: Beginning at pipe & cap marked L.S. #2890 1.3 feet from Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. Well #366; Thence N 41 ° 22' 15" W. 418.49 feet to a pipe & cap in fence on center pint, said pipe & cap being on the property line between Jerry Lowe and Chester Layne Heirs; Thence down the point with

Layne Chester Heirs property lien the following courses, N 68° 37' 47" E, 37.70 feet, N 57° 24' 56" E, north side on gravel road, said pipe & cap being on the line between Jerry Lowe and Goble; Donnie Thence crossing gravel road S 58° 38' 53" E, 34.75 feet to a pipe and cap in center of drain; Thence S 21 ° 40' 18" W, 142.63 feet to a pipe & cap;

Thence S 31

44'09" E, 94.91 feet

to a pipe & cap;

Thence S 52° 43'

30" W, 187.48 feet

to a pipe & cap; Thence N 35° 53' 01" W, 55.05 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.41 acres more or less as shown by survey attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" which survey is Floyd County Office in Clerk's Map File No. 1. Subject to easements, conditions and restrictions of the record and/or in existence. property address of the above real 368 estate Columbus Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. TERMS

SALE:(a)

At the time of sale,

the successful bid-

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either pay cash or

10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.(b) The successful bidshall der required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.(c)The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd Clerk's County Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or 426.530.(d) The purchaser shall be required *to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes the year 2007, and all subsequent

paid from the sale proceeds.(e) the event chaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall required of Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any assessed taxes against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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WILLIAM S. KENDRICK, FLOYD COUNTY MASTER COMMIS-SIONER

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0343 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 204-1455 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.7 miles northeast of Hippo, Kentucky in Floyd The proposed operation will disturb 192.08 surface acres and underlie 336.74 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 528.82 acres. The proposed operation

rently rented for br currently rented Located just off four ment only. No rent to own- No land contracts. Already rented. Call 606-437-1950 or 606-

2 Story home for sale. 3,000 sq ft. Located in Upper Wells Addition in Pikeville, Ky. Call 437-1950 or 424-











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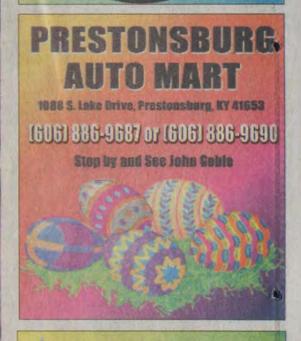




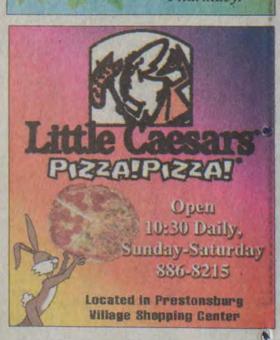












landowners resid-

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have requested

that the following

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roads be discontin-

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Court: (1) Old Flea

located adjacent to

321 in Prestons-

burg, KY. Pursuant

to KRS 178.070

and KRS 178.050.

it is, therefore, nec-

essary that notice

be given and a

public hearing on

March 27, 2008, to

take place during

the Floyd County

Meeting on that

date. Notice is now

given by the Floyd

Court, pursuant to

KRS 178.070 and

proposed discon-

road or Old Flea

located adjacent to

Kentucky Route

321 in Prestons-

burg, KY. (2) That

Judge/Executive

has been previous-

ly authorized or will

be authorized to

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the County Road

Supervisor, for the

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approximately 0.8 miles south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road and located 0.2 miles south west of Caney Creek.The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The sur ace area to be disturbed is owned by George Thornsbury, et. al. Thornsbury Evie et. al., Shade and Patricia K. Pitts. Lou Ellen Pitts, et Big Branch Holding Company LLC Chris Damron, Danny Ousley, Rosie Reffitt, Craic Ousley, et. al, Betty Litsey Charles Litsey Gordon Ousley, Brenda Ousley, Sally R Kessie, Charles' E Bradley, Amy Abby Bradley. Bradley, Adam Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth Silveus, Earl and Stephens and Sianna Risner Mont Ousley Heirs, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd, J.T. and Anna Lea Thornsbury, Phyllis Reffett, Dovie Thornsbury, Glen Hurd-Estate. Jeff Slone, and Curt and Anna Howard The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et. al., Big Holding Branch Company, LLC and Ousley Heirs. The application has been filed for public inspecat Department Mining Surface Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office 3140 South Lake Suite Drive. Astonsburg, KY 11053. Written comments, object tions, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits.

Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. comments. requests for a perconference mit must be received within 30 days of today's date.

LEGAL NOTICE

To Unknown Heirs Of Jasper James:

BY ORDER OF THE FLOYD CIR-COURT. ENTERED JANU-ARY 31, 2008, I, Larry D. Brown, Attorney-at-Law P.O. Box 550 Prestons-burg, KY 41653, have been appointed as Attorney to attempt to notify the "UN-KNOWN HEIRS OF JASPER JAMES" of the nature and pendency of a Civil been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court designated file No. 08-C1-00156 Division I styled:

> Francis. Kendrick & Francis, A Partnership

VS. Myrtle Fee, et al. as well as the Unknown Defendants, being the Unknown Heirs at Law, Grantees, Devisees, Successors and/or Assigns, if any, of James Deceased, and/or Spouse of Such Unknown Defendants, if any, and also being such persons, if any, entitled and/or claiming an interest in the proceeds herein under or through Jasper James, deceased and/or spouse of deceased, if any, or any of the aforementioned unknown individuals or otherwise address unknown,

ADVERTISEMENT

FOR

SEALED BID

The Floyd County Board of Education have declared eight (8)

modular units as surplus property located at the previous

Prestonsburg Elementary site, 236 North Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Sealed bids will be received until April 2, 2008 (2:00 PM) at 23

Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky and presented to the Board of

Education on April 28, 2008 for approval; faxed bids will not be

accepted. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted

and will be returned unopened to the bidder. Bids may be mailed or hand delivered. To view the modular units, please contact Gregory Adams,

Director of Facilities, at (606) 874-9569.

non-existent and/or unascertainable, et al.Please advised that you have 30 days to file an Answer or other responsive pleading to Complaint that has been filed against you, which appears to be in the form of collection case to recover fees due the Plaintiff for Professional Services rendered. I have not been appointed to represent you in the action. This is a case for which you may wish to consult with an attorney.

Larry D. Brown P.O. Box 550 143 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg. KY 41653 (606) 886-8132 (606) 886-8134

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0356 Original

accordance

with KRS 350.055 notice is hereby given Wolverine Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 77, Ivel 41642, (606) 889-8440 applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 365.7 of distursurface bance acres and underlying 240.4 underground acres for a total of 606.1 acres located 3.45 miles southwest of Brainard, Kentucky and in Floyd and

Magoffin Counties The proposed operation approximately 3.45 miles southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch and located 0.31 miles southof Middle Creek. The latitude 37039'48". The lon-

gitude 82 o55 '49". proposed operation is located on the lvyton U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map. The operation will be use a combination of contour, auger/highwall mining and area mining methods of The surface area is owned by Jewell Lovely and Michael Howard and Terry & Zona Francis Junior & Mabel Hackworth, et. al Clifford & Hannah Adams, Byrd and Helen Holbrook Heirs C/O Gerald

Holbrook, Jewell Lovely. The underground area under lies property severed, but owned by Thelma Jeannie Hensley, Terry D Whitaker Thomas Whitaker Raymond & Mabel Salyer, Marvin & Sharon Whitaker, Thomas Salyer Heirs C/O Clayton

Salyers, Mane & Willard Marshall, Frank & Bessie Bailey, Dovie Miller, Gregory & Ola F. Fitzpatrick, Blaize Tony, Virginia & Howard Parker, Charles L. & Judith Icenhour.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Permits Department Mining Surface Reclamation and

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg, is accepting bids for the services of a landscape architect for the "Prestonsburg Welcome" sign, located on Rt. 114, at the entrance to Walmart. The scope of the project will be to re-design the area surrounding the existing sign. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, no later than 4:00 p.m., March 24, 2008. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6 Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653 phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with Director Division of Permits #2 Hudson Hollow US 127 South;

> NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5537 Transfer

Frankfort,

40601.

accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is given that hereby Powell Branch Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 1514, Martin Kentucky 41649 intends to transfer permit number 836-5447 to HWP 2532 Abbeywood Place. Lexington Kentucky 40515 The new permit number will be 836-5537. The operation disturbs 4.10 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 242.0 acres, making a total area of 246.10 acres within the permit boundary No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.4 mile southwest of Tram. in Floyd County, Ky. The operation is located approximately 0.6 mile southwest from US 23 and 460's junction with Mare Creek Road, and located 0.01 mile east of Powell Branch. The operation is located on Harold U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map, at latitude 37º34'02" and lon-

gitude 82º 39' 07".

The application

has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office. 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6 Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653 Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Hollow. Hudson U.S. 127 South, Frankfort Kentucky 40601 All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5517 Renewal No. 1

today's date.

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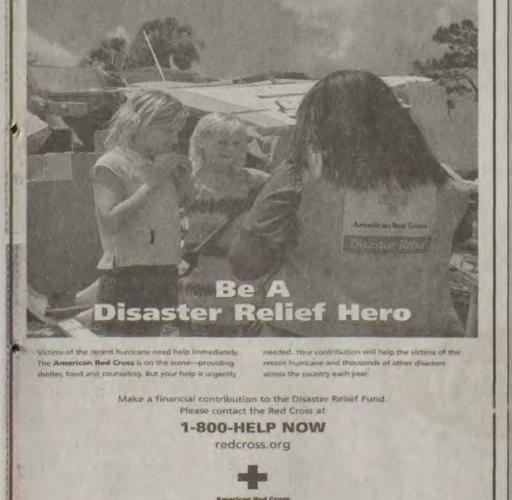
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Plan to help compulsive gamblers clears first legislative hurdle

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Although a proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky has stalled in the state legislature, lawmakers pressed ahead on Tuesday with a plan to rehabilitate compulsive gamblers.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee approved legislation that could generate more than \$200,000 a year for treatment programs through a fee from bingo and similar games sponsored by churches and charitable organizations.

"This is a very small amount, but it gets a foot in the door to give some attention to those who have compulsive gambling problems," said state Rep. C.B. Embry Jr., R-Morgantown. "I think it's very important that we do that."

Embry said the money would be needed even if Kentucky doesn't legalize casinos. Thousands of residents, he said, already are addicted to gambling at horse tracks, bingo halls, internet games, out-of-state casinos, even illicit in-state operations.

The Legislative Research Commission conducted a study in 2003 that showed some 20,000 Kentuckians had been negatively impacted by gambling. Embry, a casino opponent, said that number has likely climbed over the past five years.

"There is a problem right now," said state Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, who is sponsoring the legislation.

Wayne's legislation has been altered from previous bills that have failed in recent years. Under his bill, only charitable gaming operations would be

affected. Horse tracks and the state lottery would not. He said the fee was limited to charitable gaming in an attempt to garner more support.

The proposal calls for a .04 percent fee on gross revenues from charitable games, which generated \$528 million in 2006.

Ed Monahan, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, said the proposal could generate more than \$200,000 a year. The bill caps annual revenues from the fee at \$240,000.

Although Kentucky has a long tradition of wagering at horse tracks and bingo halls and through a state lottery, the constitution specifically forbids

Gov. Steve Beshear has been pushing for a constitutional amendment to allow casinos to open in the state, a move that he said could generate some \$500 million a year for state coffers.

If lawmakers approve the proposed constitutional amend-

ment, Kentucky voters would get to ratify or reject their decision in a ballot referendum.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said the measure doesn't yet have the support it needs to pass. Richards said as soon as he is assured by at least 60 lawmakers that they would vote for it, the proposal would be called for a vote on the House floor.

John-Mark Hack, head of the antigambling group Say No To Casinos, said the committee action on Tuesday shows lawmakers have concerns about the social impacts that casinos would bring to the state.

"It says that House members recognize that we already have a significant problem in Kentucky with compulsive gambling," he said. "Their action legitimizes the point that we've been statical for months: That Kentucky cannot afford the exponential increase in compulsive gamblers that casinos would bring to our

Birthday party' offers life-saving messages

PAINTSVILLE - The Kentucky Cancer Program and First Lady Jane Beshear know that the best birthday gift a woman can receive is the peace of mind that comes with good health. One of the most important ways a woman can protect her health is by getting an annual mammo-

KCP and Beshear invite women age 40 and older to a free regional event with a Tea Party theme, to be held on Thursday, Paintsville. A special emphasis will be placed on reaching women who are age 65 or older, medically underserved, underinsured and rarely or never screened.

Birthday cake and special gifts will be offered at the event, along with information about the signs, symptoms and risk factors for breast cancer, and local cancer screening and care resources. In addition, guests will receive special birthday cards containing screening information, which

friends or family members.

This regional event is part of statewide campaign that began during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. Called "Celebrate Your Birthday With a Mammogram," the campaign is expected to reach about 800 women age 40 and older through at least 20 regional events held during 2008. Through the birthday cards that guests will be asked to mail, an additional 2,400 women could be

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nice," Graden said.

tion and telelmedicine.

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as a website devoted to retire-"We're not trying to comment issues which was interpete with companies, but we ested in the project as a bonus are trying to develop our city for retired individuals looking to its fullest potential," Graden for somewhere to live. "The response to what we

Thursday evening, a special unveiling of the wireless service will be held at the Mountain Arts Center. Free food will be provided beginning at 5 p.m., with the evening's program slated to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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school board, however. Judge Danny Caudill issued an order in favor of the school board in February, and no appeal has yet been filed.

have been doing has been

Graden expects the project

will have more benefits for the

community, boosting tourism,

business recruitment, educa-

Fannin also spoke of the continued growth Stonecrest, saying, "We have hew homes and duplexes being built, and the ballfields are looking really good, and we are very proud of them." The Equine Center at

Stonecrest continues to expand and bring people to the area as well, and according to Fannin they are hoping to bring in two- and three-day horse shows in the future.

Fannin added that the city is continuing to work to bring new business into the city, and mentioned that Wal-Mart is still looking to bring a super store to the city.

County Clerk Chris Waugh, a former mayor of Allen, took time to speak about that community, which he called "a very caring and loving community," having to adapt to change with a new clerk, new police officer and new council members. Waugh also discussed his current work as county clerk, and said that he is continuing to work on indexing and imaging deed files for the internet.

A representative of a local company Redd, Brown and Williams, Paul David Brown, was on hand to give some statistical analysis into the real estate markets of Floyd County.

According to Brown, "Floyd County, much like other East Kentucky counties, was not totally 'out of control' in regard to residential real estate values like some areas like Atlanta, Las Vegas or Lexington."

"Our markets are not staggering as much as other areas," Brown said, noting that the problems around the country have primarily come in areas that have experienced exaggerated appreciation in a short amount of time.

Brown said that residential property in Floyd County is maintaining 'typical appreciation' of roughly 2.5 to 5 percent a year.

Brown finished by offering some tips for those planning to sell homes, saying that March through October is the typical active season for home sales, and that improving landscaping and entryways are easy projects to make homes more marketable.

Denise Thomas, of Big Sandy Area Development District, provided a presentation that examined demographic statistics of Floyd County, and spoke briefly about the social issues that the county must address in the future, including education, poverty and the aging popula■ Continued from p1

Jean Rosenberg, of the Floyd County Health Department, addressed that agency's continuing campaign to create smoke-free public space in the county.

"Through community education, we are helping people understand the dangers of secondhand smoke," Rosenberg

According to Rosenberg, neither Pikeville or Paintsville had experienced any negative economic impacts from their own smoking bans. Rosenberg presented awards to both Mayor Fannin and Judge Marshall for their efforts to make Floyd County smoke-

The Prestonsburg City Hall, Floyd County Justice Center, Courthouse, Floyd County Detention Center, and Courthouse Annex buildings are all currently smoke-free.

The Floyd County Health Department offers free smoking cessation classes, as well as stop smoking aids such as patches. In the future Rosenberg

said the health department will working to provide a new dental program in schools, and will soon be offering free colonoscopies to uninsured people in the county. District 1 Magistrate John

Goble also addressed those in attendance in an effort to encourage new and unique economic opportunities, saying, "We cannot continue to rely on coal. We have to find some economic stability."

Marshall concluded the state of the county, putting forth some plans for the future.

"We are looking into building a park in District 4 in Mud Creek," Marshall said. "We would like to build a training center for firefighters and responders," whom the judge said are currently having to travel to Cincinnati for train-

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Also \$4 million in grants have reportedly been awarded to the Kentucky Historical Society to begin restoring the old downtown buildings of Wheelwright. "This will be something to entice people back to Left Beaver," Marshall said.

In the future, Marshall would like to see a drug rehabilitation center brought to Floyd County, but added the cost for such an endeavor would be enormous.

"It is so vital that we work together to accomplish things," Marshall said.

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Boo Jackson named CBA Newcomer of the Year

East Kentucky player ranked as one of league's top scorers, rebounders in first season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY - The Continental Basketball Association announced Friday that East Kentucky Miners forward James Boo" Jackson had been named the 2007-08 CBA Newcomer of the Year, as voted on by the 10 CBA head coaches.

"The entire Miners organization is very proud of what Boo was able to accomplish this season," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He was really an unknown player with little professional experience heading into the season. But he was able to come in and have a great season, setting the tone and laying the foundation in our first season as a professional basketball franchise.

Jackson, a 2005 Eastern Michigan alum. distinguished himself as one of the standouts for the expansion East Kentucky team in its inaugural season. He finished the season as the CBA's sixth-leading scorer (21.4 ppg.) and the second-leading rebounder (10.4 rpg.). Jackson led the CBA in offensive rebounds (3.9 rpg.) and shot 53.2-percent from the field. He was a two-time American Conference player of the week.

A member of the 2008 American Conference CBA All-Star Team, Jackson had a 40-point outburst against Great Falls on February 13. The offensive effort versus Great Falls ranked as his highest scoring output of the season. Three times this season, Jackson pulled down 20 rebounds in a game - second-best in the tradition-rich CBA. Jackson was an integral part of the East Kentucky team's success this season, helping to lead the Miners to a 26-22 regular-season record and a berth in the CBA

"Earning the CBA Newcomer of the Year award will allow Boo an opportunity to continue to pursue his professional basketball goals," Keathley added.

The CBA Newcomer of the Year award is given to an exemplary first-year CBA player with prior professional experience.



oto courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miner Boo Jackson (34) has claimed the CBA Newcomer of the Year Award following an exceptional debut season.

Eagles take

Kentucky State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Lloyd College baseball team won both games of a double-

header last Wednesday against

Kentucky State University. The

Eagles won the first game 13-1.

Brandon Bowers got the win for

ALC, pitching a complete game

while giving up only three hits.

The Eagles pounded out 13 hits

in the winning effort. Matt Hume (2 hits, 2 RBIs), C.J. Lynn

(2 hits, 3 RBIs), Robert Smith (1

hit, 4 RBI's, and Carlos

Armenterous (2 hits) led the way

game 11-1. Kevin Davidson

pitched a complete game. He

allowed only 6 hits. Jason Bowling had 3 hits and 3 RBIs.

Michael Kelly picked up 3 hits

Lamar Williams had 2 hits and

scored 3 runs. Lynn had another

hit and 2 RBIs. The Eagles had

12 hits in the game. The other

games scheduled for last week

softball team played two double-

Thursday, Alice Lloyd hosted

Bluefield College. The Lady

Eagles lost the first game 9-1.

Alice Lloyd hurler Ramey

Adams was the starting and los-

ing pitcher in the game.

Bluefield won the second game

8-1. Elisabeth Hartley was the

starting and losing pitcher for

Alice Lloyd in the second game.

headers last week.

Softball: The Alice Lloyd

were rained out.

Alice Lloyd won the second

on offense for the Eagles.

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice

two from

Wildcats sneak into NCAA Tournament

by WILL GRAVES **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LEXINGTON — When the familiar "UK" logo flashed across the screen inside the movie room at Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie's house during the NCAA Tournament selection show on Sunday night, signifying the Wildcats' 17th straight tournament appearance, there were no whoops of joy or giddy

Instead, there was simply a long exhale of relief for a program that spent the last four months riding a roller coaster of a season that ended up in a familiar destination.

Kentucky (18-12) is the 11th eed in the South Region and plays sixth-seed Marquette (24-9) in the opening round in Anaheim, Calif., on Thursday. It's an opportunity that seemed remote for college basketball's all-time winningest program two months ago after consecutive losses to Mississippi State and Florida left the Wildcats reeling at 7-9 and fans wondering if Gillispie was the right man to replace Tubby Smith.

"At one point in the season, everybody gave up on us having a chance to even be in the toursaid guard Grawford, "So to fight back all this way and play so well in the SEC, it's been one of my most rewarding years."

Kentucky's tournament berth was hardly a given after falling to Georgia in the SEC quarterfinals on Saturday, leaving the Wildcats with some uncharacteristically anxious moments as the field was unveiled.

"This year was like, we don't know," said guard Ramel Bradley. "We kind of felt like one of those teams not used to winning all the time and were just excited to make it to the Big Dance."

It's a sentiment the Wildcats know they'll have to get over by Thursday. Kentucky hasn't lost a first-round game since 1987, before the majority of the players on this year's team were even

The last time Kentucky played Marquette, the Golden Eagles used a triple-double from Dwyane Wade to beat the Wildcats in the 2003 Midwest Regional Final and advance to the Final Four.

The stakes won't be quite as high on Thursday, though making it to the tournament means the Wildcats can finally relax after spending months trying to live down nonconference losses to Gardner-Webb and San Diego.

"I think we have a fresh start again, everybody is 0-0 again and we can go out there and shake things up," Crawford said.

The Wildcats made it behind a stirring rally down the stretch, winning 11 of their final 13 regular-season games to finish 12-4 in the SEC, a record all the more remarkable considering they played most of the year without guard Jodie Meeks and lost freshman standout Patrick Patterson to an ankle injury more than two weeks ago.

Gillispie fought back tears while talking about how far his team has come since November,

(See WILDCATS, page two)



Paintsville senior Landon Slone (12) is in the state boys' basketball tournament in his fourth and final season as

a Tiger. Slone has been named the KABC 15th Region boys' basketball player of the year for the 2007-08 season. Paintsville sweeps KABC

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON - Paintsville senior Landon Slone will make his first appearance in the Boys' Sweet 16 state basketball tournament Wednesday when Paintsville faces Seventh Region champion Jeffersontown in the opening round. Slone has been named the KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) 15th Region Player of the Year for the 2008 season. The Floyd County native has been a four-year starter for the Tigers. Slone has scored over 2,000 points during his career with the storied Paintsville basketball program.

Legendary Paintsville head coach Bill Mike Runyon claimed the KABC 15th Region Coach of the Year award. Runyon, one of the state's top all-time boys' high school basketball coaches, announced his retirement - effective at the end of his team's run this season - earlier in the year.

A breakdown of the KABC's boys' basketball player and coaches of the year honorees for all 16 regions

follows. The 2008 KABC Boys' Basketball Player of the Year award-winners (Region, Player, School): 1-Travis Spiceland, Marshall County; 2-Josh Terry, Henderson County; 3-Tyler Brown, Apollo; 4-Rayco Bryant, Simpson; 5-Kalen Kimberland, Adair County; 6-Adam Delph, PRP; 7-Nick Gagel, Jeffersontown; 8-Coty Minnis,

Covington Holy Cross; 10-Darius Miller, Mason County: 11-Shelvin



Bryan Station; 12-Ryan Young, Lincoln County; 13-Nick Brumback, Jackson County; 14-Zack Hurt, Cordia; 15-Landon Slone, Paintsville; 16-Matt Thomas, Ashland Paul Blazer.

The 2008 KABC 15th Region Boys' Basketball Coach of the Yearaward-winners (Region, Coach, School): 1-Gus Gillespie, Marshall County; 2-Mark Starns, Henderson County; 3-Darryl Travis, Edmonson County; 4-D.G. Sherril, Bowling

Shelby County; 9-Corey Sorrell, Green; 5-Mark Fudge, Adair County; 6-Lance Hammond, 7-Jimmy Just, Manual: 8-Steve

> Simpson, South Oldham; 9-Greg McQueary Boone County (tie), David Henley, Covington Holmes; 10-Keith Griesser , Montgomery County; 11-Billy Hicks, Scott County; 12-Robert Jones, McCreary County; 13-J.D. Strange, Pineville; 14-Allan Holland, Hazard (tie), Allan Hatcher Perry County Central; 15-Bill Mike Runyon, Paintsville; 16-Brandon Baker, East Carter.

Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena, Lexington

Wednesday, March 19 Bardstown-Holmes, 8 p.m. Lexington Cath.-Univ.Heights, Noon Owensboro-Central, 1:30 p.m. Paintsville-J-town, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20 Elliott Co.-Mason Co., 8 p.m. Greenwood-Paducah Til., 6:30 p.m. Hazard-South Laurel, Noon Lincoln Co.-Shelby Co., 1:30 p.m.

On Friday, Alice Lloyd traveled to New Albany, Ind. to play IU-Southeast, the top-ranked team in the KIAC Conference. IU-Southeast swept the double-

header in very convincing fash ion, winning 16-0 and 20-0. 2 IBS basketball coaches resign

> Stepps move away from Crusader hoops program

> > TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Gary Stepp and Jim Stepp, who guided the June Buchanan School to the Boys' Sweet Sixteen state basketball tournament in 2007, have announced their resignations as co-head coaches of the Crusaders. In Gary Stepp's six years at the helm, June Buchanan had an overall record of 101-62 and posted a 86-29 mark over the past four seasons. Highlights during that span were the school's first district championship in 2006 and back-to-back WYMT championships in 2007 and 2008. The pinnacle was a 26-7 record in 2007. Last year's run included a first-ever 14th Region championship and a trip to Rupp Arena.

"I have enjoyed my six years as coach of June Buchanan and have gained memories that will last a lifetime," said Gary Stepp. "However, I feel that it is time to step down from my position as coach in order to spend more time with my wife and daughter. I look forward to cheering them on this year."

Gary Stepp will remain at the institution in his administrative position. The June Buchanan School is currently conducting a search for a head boys' basketball

Isaac, Lowe earn 15th Region hoops honors

Perry Central coach, player claim 14th Region accolades

> by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BOWLING GREEN - South Floyd girls' basketball coach Tony Isaac has been honored by his peers. Isaac is the 2008 KABC (Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches) 15th Region Coach of the Year. He guided the Lady Raiders to a 6-19 record during the 2007-08 season. The South Floyd team ranks as one of the state's youngest girls' basketball squads.

Pike County Central senior Kayla Lowe has been named the KABC 2008 15th Region Player of the Year. Lowe helped the Lady Hawks return to the 15th Region title game two weeks ago.

Johnson Central won the 2008 15th Region girls' basketball championship, claiming its seventh regional title. The Lady Eagles enjoyed a strong start and defeated Pike County Central in the 15th Region title tilt.

A breakdown of the KABC girls' basketball honorees for each of the 16 regions follows.

The 2008 KABC 15th Region Girls' Basketball Player of the Year (Region, Player, School) award-winners: 1-Brittany Young, Graves County; 2 -Rinesha Henderson County; 3 - Janae Howard, Owensboro; 4-Kelleshia Cook, Franklin Simpson; 5-Tacarra Hayes, Marion County; 6-Tia Gibbs, Butler; 7-Monique Reid, Fern Creek; 8-Raechele Gray, Shelby County: 9-Katie Behrens, Boone County; 10-De'Sarae Chambers, 11-Natalie Lexington Catholic; 12-Sarah Rowe, Rockcastle County; 13-Lauren Wombles, South Laurel; 14-Heather Sturdivant, Perry County Central; 15-Kayla Lowe, Pike County Central; 16-Laisha Ward, Ashland Paul Blazer.

The 2008 KABC 15th Region Girls' Basketball Coach of the Year (Region, Coach, School) award-winners: 1- Scott Sivills, Calloway County; 2 Anthony Hickey, Christian County; 3-Brad Johnson, Ohio County (tie), Roy King, Grayson County; 4-Brian Miller, Cumberland County: 5-Tommy Adams, Hart County (tie); Trent Milby, Marion Soaper, County; 6-Chris Stallings, Bullitt East; 7-Donna Moir Sacred Heart; 8-Sally Zimmerman, Shelby County; 9-Kim Warfield Conner; 10-Janie Robinson, Montgomery County: 11-Mike Sowers, Dunbar; 12-Randy Salyers, Casey County; 13-Elgie Mason Green, Middlesboro; 14-Randy Napier, Perry County Central; 15-Tony Isaac, South Floyd; 16-Bill Novosel, Bradley, Ashland Paul Blazer.

March Madness will have to wait after selection committee spoils the fun

by NANCY ARMOUR ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Half the fun of March Madness is getting mad. And the selection committee spoiled

How are we going to spend the next two days griping about who got slighted? How are we supposed to work ourselves into a lather about teams being sent the wrong places? And how will we ever muster the appropriate outrage over clearly undeserved seedings?

How dare the NCAA? They had a slam dunk for contro-

versy, and they blew it.

So here, because we need something to do besides fill out those brackets, are some injustices for madness maniacs to whine about:

- Duke isn't a No. 2 seed. Certainly not at the expense of a Wisconsin or even a Stanford.

Yes, we know Duke is the paragon of college basketball and everyone else should consider themselves lucky to play with the Blue Devils. But strip the name off the front of the jersey, and this year's Blue Devils would look a lot more like a No. 3 seed.

They didn't win their regular-season conference title. Not only did they not win their conference tournament, they couldn't even deliver on that rubber match with North

Carolina, getting bounced by Clemson in the semifinals. Throw in the loss to the Tar Heels in the regular-season finale, and the Blue Devils are heading to the NCAA tournament with two losses in their last three games and are 5-4 over the last nine.

True, Duke did beat Wisconsin. But that was at home way back in November. The Badgers are a different team these days, winners of 10 straight and sweeping the Big Ten titles. Wisconsin may not be the prettiest team to watch - folks on the West Coast had to be wondering just what game the Big Ten was playing this weekend — but the Badgers are effective. They lead the country in scoring defense, they take care of the ball and they have that rarity today, a balanced offense.

Stanford, meanwhile, reached the final of the Pac-10 tournament and lost by 3 to UCLA, a team many are touting for a third straight trip to the

"These are really close decisions," said Tom O'Connor, athletic director at George Mason and the chairman of the selection committee. - The wrong Arizona team got

The Sun Devils beat the Wildcats twice and finished with a better record in the Pac-10 and overall. Yet Arizona State is headed for the NIT while Arizona gets an all-expenses paid trip to the nation's capital.

They were 2-7 against the top four teams in the Pac-10," O'Connor said. "But in the final analysis ... the committee didn't feel they were one of the 34 best at-large teams in the

- The Big East got twice as many teams as the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The ACC had the toughest RPI of any conference in the country, and the second-highest winning percentage. It is home to the No. I team in the country and has two in the top seven. The Big East, meanwhile, is fifth in RPI and has one team in the top 10. Of its top four teams, three couldn't even get out of the Big East tournament quarterfinals.

And yet the Big East got eight teams to the ACC's four. Yes, that was Seth Greenberg you heard screaming from Virginia Tech on Sunday night.

If the Big East is going to be rewarded for supersizing itself, why stop at eight? Give them 10 teams or an even dozen.

What the heck, why not just send everybody?

(Actually, practically every team does get a spot in the postseason, thanks to the addition of the 16-team field of the new College Basketball Invitational. But as Florida forward Adam Allen said recently, "Nobody wants to go to the NIT. It's like the

that. Everybody wants to play in the NCAA tournament.")

- North Carolina's road sure looks bumpy.

As the top seed overall, the Tar Heels are supposed to get special treatment. It's like the athletic equivalent of being the teacher's pet. Nothing outrageous, mind you, but the committee gives them extra consideration when it comes to staying close to home and who they play.

On paper, it looks like the Tar Heels are living a charmed life. They have as close to a gimme as possible in the first game, playing the winner of the opening round, aka, the sacrificial lamb. They won't have to leave North Carolina until the Final Four, with their first two games scheduled for Raleigh, the next two in Charlotte.

Look a little closer, though, and the bracket isn't quite so friendly. Indiana looms in the second game. The Hoosiers might be putting the fun in dysfunctional these days, but if they get their act together, look out. The bottom half of the bracket has Tennessee, a former No. 1, and Louisville, one of the hottest teams in the country until that little hiccup in the Big East tournament.

Maybe the selection committee is as tired of Tyler Hansbrough as the rest of us.

- We appreciate the potential of champion of the losers if you win an O.J. Mayo-Michael Beasley

matchup, but a Tennessee-Memphis rematch would have been a whole lot

The committee swears it doesn't get cute with the brackets, and any sideshows are purely accidental. But it's managed some good ones over the years. Some young coach is always playing his former boss/mentor and looking mighty uncomfortable about it. Last year, Louisville played its first two games in Rupp Arena, home of archrival Kentucky.

And the year Dean Smith broke Adolph Rupp's record for all-time wins, North Carolina was set up to play Indiana and Bob Knight in the potential record-breaker. Knight, of course, later broke Smith's record.

The potential for Vols-Tigers redux was there. Memphis is a No. 1 seed and Tennessee a No. 2 matching their rankings from that regular-season game. All the committee had to do was swap Texas and Tennessee's brackets.

"We really don't deal with 'What ifs?" O'Connor said. "They stall have to play the games."

Thanks to the committee, one of our favorites will be a lot less fun this year.

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SEC Tournament: Swansey helps Georgia upset Kentucky in three OTs

by CHARLES ODUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Georgia coach Dennis Felton said his team's weather-delayed SEC tournament quarterfinal game was no time to worry about having enough energy for a semifinal game about six hours later.

Zac Swansey scored five points in overtime, including an unlikely turnaround 3pointer with 1.2 seconds left, and Georgia upset Kentucky to 60-56 on Saturday to continue its surprising Southeastern Conference tournament run.

The game was originally scheduled for late Friday night at the Georgia Dome. It was postponed after a tornado damaged the facility during Mississippi State's overtime win over Alabama Friday night. More

The tournament shifted to Alexander Memorial Coliseum on the campus of Georgia Tech — Georgia's instate rival. The game was

played before an estimated crowd of 1,500, as only a limited number of friends, family and school officials will be allowed to attend the rest of the tournament schedule in the smaller facility.

SEC officials were forced to devise a new schedule that called for the Georgia-Kentucky winner to play two games on Saturday.

Georgia (15-16) advanced to Saturday night's semifinal against Mississippi State. State beat Mississippi Alabama in a Friday night quarterfinal.

Felton said he warned his players at halftime that they shouldn't think about saving their energy for a second game

"I wanted to be certain that we didn't get caught up trying to pace ourselves," Felton

"I just reminded all of them that if they wanted to pace themselves, if they wanted to try to be solid, then they were going to have a whole lot of

leave it all out there on the floor.'

Kentucky (18-12) is left with a nervous wait for Sunday's NCAA tournament

When asked if the loss has implications on his team's NCAA hopes, Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie gave a short

"It doesn't," Gillispie said. Terrance Woodbury scored 17 points and Sundiata Gaines had 16 as Georgia took its first SEC tournament victory over Kentucky in nine tries.

Swansey, a freshmen who averages 4.2 points per game, was guarded by Ramon Harris as he drove the court before stopping, spinning and launching the 3-pointer in front of the Georgia bench, giving the Bulldogs a 57-56 lead.

Swansey, who did not score in regulation, had his chance after Gaines, a senior, fouled out with 1:33 left in regula-

"It's something I dream

time to rest. And so we have to for," Swansey said. "With Mississippi 97-95 on Thursday Sundiata out of the game, it was an opportunity for me to come in the game and show what I could so. I told Sundiata I wasn't going to let his career end like this.'

Said Gillispie: "Give Swansey credit. He made a big-time play."

Georgia added to the lead with three free throws. Kentucky's Perry Stevenson was called for a technical foul for blocking Corey Butler's second free throw.

Gillispie said he directed Stevenson to block the free

"I didn't know the rule," Gillispie said. "I didn't know it was an automatic technical. So that's my fault."

Ramel Bradley's jumper with 8.8 seconds left in overtime bounced around the rim before finally falling to give Kentucky a 56-54 lead.

It was the third overtime of the tournament and the second for Georgia, which needed the extra period to beat

night.

Joe Crawford led the Wildcats with 24 points. Bradley added 12.

Bliss made two free throws with 59.4 seconds left for a 50-50 tie. Bradley had three misses on Kentucky's final possession in regulation. The SEC announced early

Saturday morning attendance would be limited because Alexander Memorial's capacity is only 9,191 and a crowd of at least 20,000 was expected for the semifinals at the Georgia Dome.

Approximately Kentucky fans and about 100 Georgia fans were joined by each team's pep band, cheerleaders and dance teams in the unusually intimate postseason

Friday night's tornado also caused damage to other hotels and buildings in downtown Atlanta. One Kentucky fan held a sign "Send car. Mine is

Jessica Rogers of New

Haven, said even though some fans found tickets, many ourers in Atlanta were frustrated by the events.

"You think a tornado is bad," Rogers said. "Wait until you get 15,000 Kentucky fans who came down to Atlanta who are not going to be able to watch the game.'

Gillispie said he couldn't blame the loss on the distraction of having the game postponed and moved to another

"We're built to handle any situation and they beat us today, bottom line, period," be Kentucky made only one of

its first nine shots as Georgia took early leads of 8-0 and 14-

Kentucky's man-to-man defense began to wear on the Bulldogs, who committed eight turnovers in the half as

the Wildcats rallied. Kentucky closed the half with a 21-6 run to lead 25-22 at the break.

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JOHN M. STUMBO won the elementary division of the 9th Region archery tournament. Stumbo archers were in competition at Louisville Tuesday in the state tournament. More on the state tournament will appear in Friday's edition.

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

BULLS GAP, Tenn. Volunteer Speedway has attempted to get its 35th season of exciting dirt-track racing underway on two separate occasions, scheduling special events on Feb. 29-March 1 and again March 14-15. But so far Mother Nature has been the winner,

an unusual display of emotion

for a coach who peppers every

conversation with the words

"toughness" and "determina-

tion," two qualities he ques-

tioned in his own players when

team physically or mentally to

be able to overcome the things

that were placed in front of them

that were beyond their control,"

Gillispie said. "They've learned

a life lesson this year, that you

can achieve anything if you stick

together, if you know you who

you're sticking with and you

start rowing that boat in the same

the stretch, losing its regular sea-

son finale at Georgetown and

falling to Pittsburgh in the Big

East tournament quarterfinals on

Thursday. The losses, however,

did little to hurt the Cardinals

(24-8) in the eyes of the selection

the East Region and will play

Louisville is the third-seed in

Louisville stumbled down

"I've never seen a tougher

Wildcats

the season began.

direction.'

with both weekends of racing having to be canceled due to inclement weather around the East Tennessee region.

They say the "third time is the charm," and the track will try once more to throw the first green flag of the 2008 racing season on Friday and Saturday, March 21-22, when Rusty Wallace Toyota of Morristown

14th-seed Boise State on Friday

in Birmingham, Ala. The

Broncos qualified for the tourna-

ment by winning the Western

Athletic Conference tournament

ment to us having played the

sixth-toughest schedule in the

nation and competing in the

nation's toughest conference,"

said Louisville coach Rick

meeting between the two

schools, beating Boise St. 67-58

in the opening round of the

dancing. The Hilltoppers (27-6)

are the 12th-seed in the West

Region and will play No. 5 seed

Drake (28-4) in the opening

round on Friday in Tampa, Fla.

received an automatic bid by

winning the conference tourna-

ment, coach Darrin Horn said it

felt like forever until he saw his

team's name pop up on the TV.

Though the Hilltoppers

Western Kentucky is also

NCAA tournament in 1994.

Louisville won the only

"I think it's a great compli-

on Saturday.

Pitino.

and Branch Banking & Trust Co. (BB&T) presents the Advance Auto Parts Thunder Series \$10,000-to-win 10th Annual Toyota Tundra Spring Thaw 100.

Adult grandstand admission on Friday is \$12, youth ages 7-14 \$4, with 6-and-under admitted free. Pit passes and backside tier-parking \$30.

"At one point I asked (assistant coach) Scott Cherry, we are in right?," Horn said.

The Hilltoppers are in, and will face a Drake program making its first tournament appearance since 1971 after dominating the Missouri Valley Conference this season.

While Horn is wary of the Bulldogs, after a couple of close calls the last two seasons left the Hilltoppers on the outside looking in, Horn said he thinks the pressure is finally off his team, meaning they can just go out and

"I think we are playing really but I'm not so well right now, but I'm not so sure our best basketball is not coming this week," Horn said. "This is a group that has desired so badly to be in the tournament that there where times as a group and individually they just weren't as sharp as they could be. There is not a lot of pressure on us now, we can just go out and play and hopefully that will

TIMES STAFF REPORT Continued from p1

PIKEVILLE - While Pikeville may have been the site of the crowning of the new Mid-South Conference champion Georgetown Tigers on Monday, one of Pikeville's own was given one of the conference's highest achieve-

Rick Bentley has faithfully served as Sports Information Director and Athletics Director at Pikeville College for 12 years, and for the fourth time he is being honored by the MSC with its annual Bill Sergent Award for Sports Information Director of the Year.

"It's always special to be recognized by my peers, because these are people I share a calling with and whom I care very deeply about," said Bentley. "But that's certainly not why I do what I do. This is about a love of the student-athletes, of sports and of writing." Anyone who knows Rick

Bentley knows that to be true. His standard for excellence comes not from a desire to prove himself or pad an already impressive resume, it comes from an undying love of athletics.

"The good Lord saw fit to grace me with the talents to be in this business, and I thank Him every day for that," he said. "I do what I do because its fun and I have a blast with

Bentley named winner of Bill Sergent Award

As if it were not enough to maintain the statistics and Web sites for all 19 of Pikeville's varsity sports, Bentley also volunteers as the radio voice of the Bears, as well as local high school teams, for East Kentucky Broadcasting. He also writes a weekly column for the Appalachian News-Express and The Floyd County Times.

"There are two groups of people I share this with," he said. "First, the coaches I work with every day make my job as enjoyable and as easy as they possibly can. They mean the world to me. Second, of course, is the members of the media I work with on a regular basis. They help me in my duty of getting word out about what we're doing and what's going on here in the athletics department. They are the ones who make my work qualify for an award like this."

And it does not matter whether he is writing a press release, keeping stats for a

ballgame, Tuesday mornings Pikeville's chapel service, Bentley always has a smile on his face, a joke to tell, and a hug to give.

"Rick's heart and worth ethic are what sets him apart from everyone else," said Joe Mitchell, former Assistant Sports Information Director at Pikeville. Everything he does is out

of love for people and a desire to be the absolute best he can be. He never lets good enough be good enough, and is always encouraging you It's no real surprise that he has been honored again by the MSC because I truly cannot think of anyone else more deserving.'

As he watched the Georgetown Tigers celebrate their undefeated season in his team's home arena, Bentley slowly packed his printer and laptop into his Buick and gave a sigh; another day gone and another job well-done.

"In theory," he says, "I've tried to give everything I've got and do the absolute best I can because I love Pikeville College and its athletes."

He smiles. "The key word there is 'in theory.'" Vintage Rick Bentley.

Bengals sign TE Ben Utecht

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CINCINNATI Cincinnati Bengals say they have signed tight end Ben Utecht (OO'-tek) to an offer sheet for a three-year contract.

The fourth-year pro is a restricted free agent from the Indianapolis Colts, so the Colts can keep him by matching the Bengals' offer within a week. Terms weren't disclosed.

The 6-6, 251-pound Minnesota product has played in 41 games with 30 starts for the Colts. He has five postseason starts, including in their Super

Bowl victory last year.

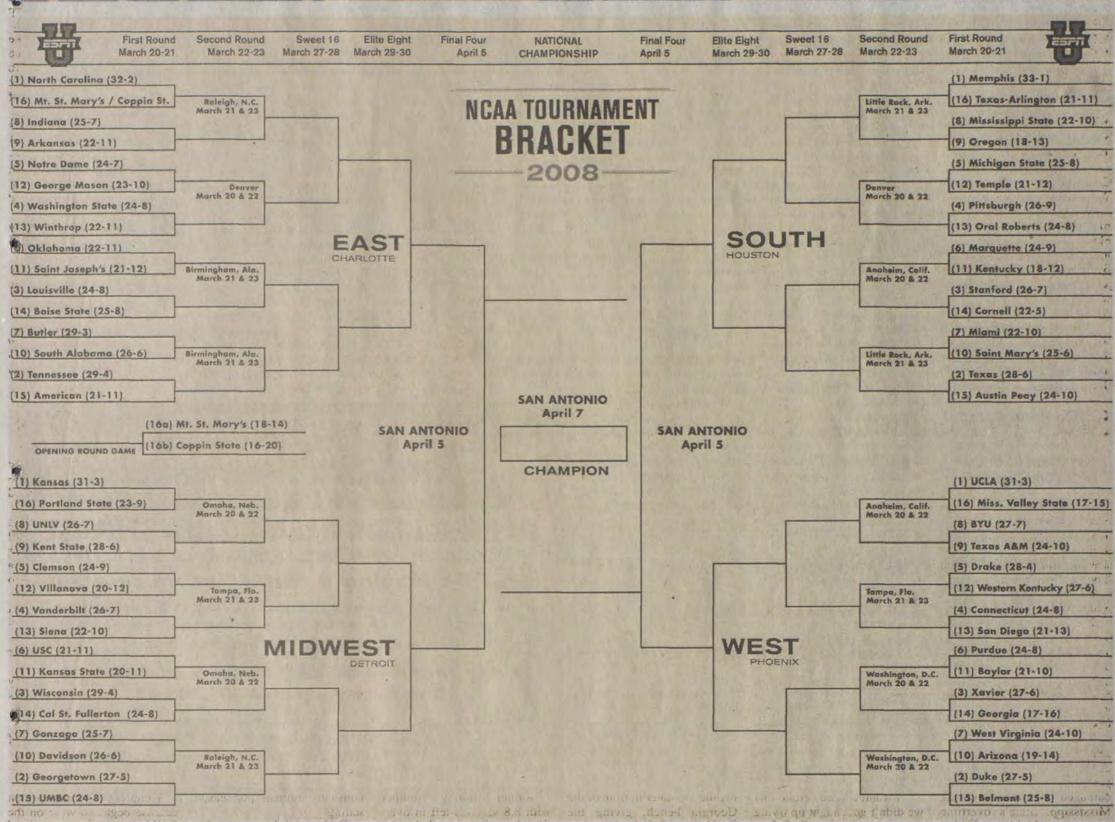
Utecht played in 14 games last season, with 31 catches for 364 yards and one touchdown.

The Bengals said Friday they wouldn't be required to compensate Indianapolis with a draft choice for Utecht, who entered the NFL as a college free agent.

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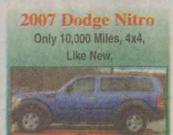
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Burton steals win at Bristol after Harvick wrecks Stewart

by JENNA FRYER ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Stuck in fourth with just two laps to go at a track he'd never conquered, Jeff Burton was ready to concede victory.

Then teammate Kevin Harvick bumped into Tony Stewart, sending both cars sliding and opening a hole for Burton to squeeze through. It was the break Burton needed, and it put him in position to win Sunday's race at Bristol Motor Speedway in a 1-2-3 sweep for Richard Childress Racing.

"Harvick and Stewart got together there, and that opened the door for me to squeeze in," Burton said. "When that happened, I viewed that as the opportunity. That was the door that opened. If we had any shot to win, then we had to jump through it."

Stewart should have won the race. And when he didn't, it gave Denny Hamlin a clear shot at victory. But the Joe Gibbs Racing drivers failed to seal the deal - again - at Bristol, allowing Burton to score his first victory here while leading teammates Harvick and Clint Bowyer to the first podium sweep in RCR history by pouncing when the JGR drivers faltered at the very end Sunday.

"We did the little things right," Burton said. "That's the sign that this team's matured. That's the sign of a team that's ready to take advantage of situ-

ations. I won't lose sleep tonight because somebody says, 'We had a faster car.'

"All I know is, we've got the trophy.

A year ago, Stewart and Hamlin combined to lead 434 of the 504 laps here before mechanical failures sabotaged seemingly surefire wins.

This time, Stewart, Hamlin and Kyle Busch combined to lead 372 of the 506 laps, but Hamlin's sixth-place finish was all they had to show for it.

Busch's power steering failed, causing him to crash while he was leading midway through the race. Then Harvick wrecked Stewart with two laps to go, setting up a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.

All Hamlin had to do was hold on for two laps and the win was his. But a fuel pickup problem on the restart allowed Burton to race past him and pull his RCR teammates along for the sweep.

"It's just a shame. We had another win taken away," Hamlin said. "Our cars just won't pick up fuel. Everyone else's does. It cost us the race. I could have held those guys off, as fast as the car went after it picked back up.

"This is so frustrating to have days like this."

Stewart led a race-high 267 laps — 10 more than he did in this event last year — but again fell short because of questionable strategy and the contact with Harvick.

Stewart was chugging along

hold off the hard-charging Harvick and Hamlin, when Brian Vickers crashed to bring out a caution with 11 laps to go. Stewart's team decided not to pit for tires and he stayed out along with Hamlin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. while most everyone else on the lead lap headed to the pits.

"I don't know if that was right or wrong," crew chief Zipadelli radioed Stewart, "but it's in your hands now.'

Stewart was great on the restart with five laps to go, but Hamlin quickly chased him down and moved into first. Harvick, who restarted fourth with fresh tires, also closed quickly on Stewart's bumper.

But as Harvick moved in for the pass, the cars made contact and Stewart went spinning into the wall.

"I just lost it there under-

neath of Tony. Just made a mistake," Harvick said. "They can take it for what it's worth, and move on." Stewart, who finished 14th,

was livid on his radio after the accident but had calmed by the time he climbed from his car and was taking partial responsibility for the contact.

"I thought I left him enough room," Stewart said. "I'm sure somehow it was my fault. I'm sorry I got in his way."

Burton was the benefactor of all the action, sliding past Harvick and Stewart when the two made contact to move into

brought out a caution that led to the two-lap overtime sprint to the finish, with Hamlin now out front and Burton right behind him.

Hamlin's car failed to take off on the restart, and Burton raced past him on the high side of the bullring with his teammates following all the way to the finish line:

Busch, the series points leader and defending race winner, had a strong car most of the day but lost his power steering shortly after moving into the lead. Unable to steer the car as it seemed headed straight for the wall, he instead navigated it into a spin that allowed him to finish the race.

He wound up 17th, but retained his hold atop the standings and now leads Greg Biffle by 30 points.

Dale Jarrett finished 37th in the final start in a points race of his 24-year career. The former series champion is retiring this season, and will race one last time in the All-Star race in

"Well, it wasn't the finish I would have liked." Jarrett said. "But I really can't be too upset when you take into consideration the kind of career I have

been fortunate enough to

Dale Jarrett honored prior to start Of Food City 500: Dale Jarrett's 668th Sprint Cup start will be one he'll never forget.

The former NASCAR Sprint Car champion was honored prior to the start of Sunday's Food City 500, the final points race of his career. Jarrett, a former winner in both the Cup and Nationwide Series at the World's Fastest Half-Mile, took to the stage during pre-race ceremonies to receive several gifts from Bristol Motor Speedway to commemorate his last start at BMS.

Among the gifts was a replica "Tennessee Volunteer" rifle similar to the ones used by early settlers of this area in the Revolutionary War "Battle of King's Mountain." The black powder long rifle replica was mounted on a nearly 200-yearold piece of oak removed from a log structure on the Earhart farm near Bristol Motor Speedway.

Jarrett, an avid golfer, also was given 668 Titleist Pro VI golf balls to commemorate each of his career Cup starts. The Titleist Pro V1 has been played by more than 1,000 champions across the world-

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As has become tradition at Bristol Motor Speedway with retiring drivers, Jarrett also was presented with a Bristol Club diamond ring.

Just after receiving the gifts Jarrett was saluted with one of the Speedway's spectacular card stunts as approximately 33,000 fans in the grandstands on the backstretch held up cards that spelled out "Thanks" Dale" in the UPS colors of brown and gold.

Jarrett's father Ned provided the day's most poignant moment when he waved the green flag on the Food City 500 for his son's last points

Waltrip presented with Mountain Dew Buick driven during 1981, 1982 championship seasons

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. - Darrell Waltrip has long thought about adding a car from his 1981-1982 championship seasons to his collection and on Sunday before the sold-out Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, that dream was realized.

Much to the surprise of the three-time NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, Waltrip was presented with the No. 11

Mountain Dew Buick Regal he drove during his back-to-back championship seasons during pre-race ceremonies. During those two title years, the 61year-old Waltrip, now a television analyst for FOX, captured 24 checkered flags, nabbing 12 in 1981 and picking up another dozen in 1982.

Ralph Santana of PCNA VP Sports, Media and IMG, made the presentation to Waltrip on behalf of the Mountain Dew Racing Team.

during that 1981 campaign. He also won both Bristol events in 1982 and 1983 and the spring race in 1984.

Waltrip's streak of seven consecutive victories at Bristol Motor Speedway began with a sweep of both Cup events at the World's Fastest Half-Mile

Waltrip, named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers, leads all drivers with 12 wins at Bristol Motor

Opening day starter Brett Myers sharp in Phillies' 6-2 win over Reds

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. - Brett Myers had an encouraging tuneup for his opening day start, allowing five hits over seven innings in the Philadelphia Phillies' 6-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on there with Harang and Sunday.

Before spring games began, manager Charlie Manuel picked Myers as his opening day starter over Cole Hamels. Myers also pitched the opener last season, but moved to the bullpen after three starts because of injuries.

With Hamels in the rotation and Myers in the bullpen, the Phillies made the playoffs last season. Manuel likes the idea of having both of them at the front of the rotation this time around.

Myers allowed five singles and two runs Sunday. Ken Griffey Jr. singled home a pair of runs in the sixth, his second hit off Myers.

"Myers is right where we want him to be," Manuel said. "I liked his command, control. He mixed his pitches up. He did a good job.'

The Reds got another impressive performance from right-hander Edinson Volquez, who allowed three hits and one walk in five scoreless innings. Volquez, obtained from Texas as part of the trade for outfielder Josh Hamilton, is one of a large group of pitchers vying for a spot in a wide-open rotation.

"Volquez was awesome," manager Dusty Baker said. "It was an awesome display. Their hitters were talking. They couldn't pick up his pitches. He is just what the scouts said he was when they traded Hamilton for him."

Volquez and right-hander Johnny Cueto have made strong bids to fill out a rotation that features Aaron Harang and Bronson Arroyo as the only constants.

"They're pitching right Arroyo," Baker said. "It's not their velocity so much, but their command. They're cool, confident and having

The Phillies scored three runs in the seventh off Gary

Majewski, who allowed a pair of hits and a pair of walks while retiring two batters. Philadelphia loaded the bases on an error, Greg Dobbs' double and an infield

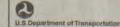
Majewski walked Eric Bruntlett and Ray Olmedo before Todd Coffey relieved and threw a wild pitch to let in the third run.

Chris Snelling had a tworun single in the ninth off Brad Salmon.



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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

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



Clyde Pack

don't feel well, I'm dizzy."

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 we 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 neverthe-

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

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

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 sayires 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 oldtime expressions out there that we've heard all our lives. Some of them are, no doubt, absolutely worthless. Than 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

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

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

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

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 dan-

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-

It's almost time for the Easter bunny to 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

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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 Kolee 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!).

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

(Items taken from

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. Neeley took inventory of the items before delivering them to the crime lab

Lancer residents told Prestonsburg City Council, Monday, that blasting, related to a hilltop 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

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 Millenium Stage, and will be part of the "State Days" series presented by the

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 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 invite ed, 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 East 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

•March 10 to 14 - Spring Book

•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. 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 appoint-

•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

 March 25 - ACT make-up exam. •March 26 - ROTC formal inspec-

•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 mer-

•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 of is to meet the needs of all children Transportation will present a Hands and their families who reside in the On Student Simulation for 8th community or neighborhood by the graders on the dangers of drinking 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

- Academic •March 12 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, coordi-

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, firstserve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

•March 13 - Wulfe Brothers, 1

•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 appoint-

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 checkouts. A variety of topics are available. •GED classes available at FRC

each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in

•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 nondenominational 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

• 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

•After-School Child Care: 3-6

•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 ·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

•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

•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-

Wesley Christian School

•March 10 thru 14 - Scholastic

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

•March 20 - Deadline for Yearbook orders.

•March 21 - No School - Good

•March 24-28 - No School -Spring Break. *April 22 thru 25 - Stanford test-

*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-

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 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

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. -

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

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 alyersville

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 Prestonsbug,

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

Naomi Osborne, 70, of Weeksbury, Saturday, at Good Samaritan Hospital

and Nancy Campbell, 64, of Water Gap, Thursday, at her residence.

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 high-ways 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

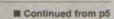
Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stephens, a son, March 12

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

Fifty Years Ago (March 20, 1958)

Lorain, Ohio.

Dragging, and night-and-day watching of the



Big Sandy River had, as of Tuesday afternoon, for the 14th day of operations by National Gruardsmen, 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, conferrred 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 Bevinsville; 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.

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.



Brownies have sucessful 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

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Working for former Kentucky governors John Y. Brown and Brereton 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.

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 Flairty, with a foreword by Kentucky author
David Dick, can be purchased
locally at the Jenny Wiley Gift
Shop, or online - at
Amazon.com.

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

Critter

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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 www.hsus.org.

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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

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 longtime 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,

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

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



If you're planning a wed-ding 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. Kidded, 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 & Sprawling, 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 Xaiver 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 daughter, Alexandra Conway, to Mindy & Mark Conway, of Dana

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 Profitt, of Isom

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

February 23

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

February 22

son, Robert Gavin Griffith, to Janice & Robert Griffith, of Garrrett

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



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

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

to

Maria

Richmond,

February 26

Richmond, of Warfield

A daughter, Tessa Jean Crislip, 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,



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