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In brief

Pike jail to open women's drug treatment program

by JULIA R. GOAD
WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS

PIKEVILLE — Two grants have been awarded to the Pike County Jail to fund programs to address drug addiction in the facility.

Pike County Jailer Rodney Scott said the money will be used to open a women's program as well as expand the men's program.

The first grant, for approximately \$298,000, will expand the men's program. Currently the jail has room for 36 male patients, which will increase to 54. Another grant for \$160,000, will be used to fund a women's facility, which will open with spaces for 16 inmates.

"We hope to be ready to treat women soon," Scott said. "We are currently in the process of hiring staff members."

The six-month program, one of only two in the state, has an above average success rate.

"We have had 65 men go through the program," Scott said. "Of those, 44 have been released, and only five of that 44 have returned to jail."

He added that the remaining 21 are still housed in a correctional facility.

The money for the grants came from the state of Kentucky, through the Department of Corrections.

Additional heating assistance available

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Additional funding from Frankfort to the tune of \$75 million will mean locals struggling with heating and fuel costs for this winter will receive more help.

And the help has been plenty in the mere three days since assistance first opened up in the area, according to Big Sandy Community Action Program Executive Director Mike

Howell.

"We've had a large number of people come in already," Howell said Friday. "We're glad to see this and we're glad people are getting the help needed."

According to Howell, in the first three days of operation, the overall numbers for the five-county area of Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties the agency serves, 2,228

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Wendy Bowlen, a community resource representative with Big Sandy Community Action Program, processed LIHEAP applications at her office in Prestonsburg Friday.

photos by Sheldon Compton

GRISLY SCENE



photos by Jarrid Deaton

Gary K. Mullins, 45, of Prestonsburg, was killed in a three-vehicle accident near Maytown on Thursday when the coal truck he was driving struck another vehicle and overturned.

Truck driver killed in accident on Route 80

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

MAYTOWN — A three-vehicle accident on Route 80 near Maytown on Thursday claimed the life of a Prestonsburg coal truck driver.

According to police, Gary K. Mullins, 45, was killed when he attempted to avoid an accident involving two vehicles that had just taken place in front of him, when one vehicle attempted to cross Route 80 from Route 777. The coal truck Mullins was driving struck the



Thursday's wreck kept Route 80 closed for hours.

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Request for recount filed in one race

Wednesday is deadline

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — It took a few days, but Wes Gilliam has challenged the vote count for his bid to take Jeff Stumbo's spot on the Floyd County Board of Education.

Gilliam filed for a recount Friday at the county clerk's office. Calls placed to his home were not returned Friday.

Unofficial results on election night had Gilliam losing to Stumbo, the District 3 incumbent and current chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education, by only 42 votes.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh said Tuesday he wouldn't be surprised to see a request for a recount in this race or a second close school board race between Rhonda Meade and Lucy Reynolds in District 4. Meade won after early counts by even less than Stumbo, with 32 votes to put her over the top against Reynolds. That race was to replace veteran board member Carol

Stumbo, who did not seek re-election.

However, of the two close races, it was Stumbo and Gilliam who were the high-profile stand-off, as both had engaged in frequent advertising, seeking votes in the weeks leading up to the election.

While Stumbo was defending his long-held position on the school board through advertisements reflecting endorsements and his past accomplishments, Gilliam spent his dollars scrutinizing Stumbo's record in the past several years and listing plans he would put into play if elected.

There is still no word on whether or not Reynolds will ask for a recount in the District 4 race, but she had not officially done so as of Friday evening.

Two of the three school board races that took place during this past election have either been disputed or could be by Wednesday, the deadline to file for recounts. The race between Doug Hopkins and Kathy Terry for representative in District 5 was taken by Hopkins by a comparatively comfortable margin — 295 votes.

Hopkins will replace former board member Sherry Robinson.

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Prestonsburg records surplus

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The city of Prestonsburg has a \$14,000 surplus to its total budget, and the extra money came in the form a refund this week.

The refund was presented to city leaders by Phillip Hunt of Hall and Clark Insurance following a review of the city's worker's compensation audit.

"After reviewing our records, we found that the administration was diligent with their projected budget," Hunt said, "and is now in possession of a \$14,000 refund."

This was by no means simply

good fortune, said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. The refund, he said, was the result of a competent and asserted effort.

"We've really watched about how many employees we keep on staff," Fannin said.

Fannin said this did mean some had to "wear many hats," but contends keeping on eye on the number of employees working for the city was not really the primary reason for seeing the extra cash.

One of the key things, according to Fannin, has been the effort to train, educate and make employees more aware on ways to avoid being

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The Middle School Choir wowed the crowd during the Floyd County Schools Choral Festival at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on Friday.

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■ **MSGT Chester Nelson Gobel**, 87, of San Antonio, Texas, a native of Prestonsburg, USAF Retired, WW II veteran, died Tuesday, October 28. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth Gobel. Graveside services were held at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, with full military honors, under the direction of Castle Ridge Mortuary.

■ **Christopher Scott Hall**, 26, of Grethel, died Sunday, November 2, at the Johnson City Medical Center, in Johnson City, Tennessee. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Susanna Hicks Hall**, 101, of Newnan, Georgia, formerly of Hippo, died Saturday, November 1, in the Avalon Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Newnan. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Jeffrey Allen "Butch" Horn**, 49, of Lexington, a Prestonsburg native, died Monday, November 3, at his residence. A memorial service was held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

■ **Robert (Bob) F. Knarr**, 78, formerly of Prestonsburg, died November 3, at his home in Frankfort. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Carol Calhoun Knarr. A memorial service was held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

■ **Frank Martin Jr.**, 89, of Printer, died Sunday, November 2, at Parkview Nursing Home. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Thelma Moore**, 69, of McDowell, died Monday, October 27, at the Hazard ARH. Funeral services were held Thursday, October 30, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Eugene Newman**, 66, of Harold, died Saturday, November 1, at the Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Dameron Newman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of J.W. Call Funeral Home.

■ **Lula Newsome**, 87, of McDowell, died Friday, October 31, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 3, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **James Anthony Rederick**, 38, of Martin, died Thursday,

October 30, at St. Joseph Hospital, Martin. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Gloria (Boots) Shrewsberry**, 76, of South Point, Ohio, a native of Bypro, died Sunday, November 2, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland. She is survived by her husband, Blane Shrewsberry. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Daniel Slone**, 50, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, November 1, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bernice Osborne Slone. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

■ **Clarence "Dad" Stephens**, 93, of Allen, died Tuesday, November 4, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Irene Davis Stephens. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Oliver Tackett**, 81, of Melvin, died Tuesday, November 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ **Kenneth Ray (Kenny) Vanderpool**, 48, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, November 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Jones Vanderpool. Funeral services were conducted Friday, November 7, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

■ **Camillia Faye Wright**, 61, of Oldtown, a McDowell native, died Tuesday, November 4, at Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland. A memorial service was held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Reed Funeral Home in Greenup.

PIKE COUNTY

■ **Chester Lee Ball** 51, of Ransom, died Thursday, Oct. 30, 2008, at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Annetta Anderson Ball. Funeral services were held Monday November 3, under the direction of R. E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ **Ervin Daugherty**, 83, of Phelps, died Sunday, November 2, at his home. Funeral arrangements, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Roger L. "Tinman" Dotson**, 55, of Stopover, died

Tuesday, November 4, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Clarine Kay Dotson. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

■ **Russell Dean "Hawkeye" Engle**, 44, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 1, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Wallace Engle. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Harvey Eugene Grizzle**, 80, of Elkhorn City, died Tuesday, November 4, at his home. Funeral services were held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Earnestine Hatfield**, 77 of Ransom, died Friday, October 31, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Everette Hatfield. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 3, under the direction of R. E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ **Richard Johnson**, 32, of Virgie, died Friday, October 31, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Hall & Jones Funeral Home.

■ **John Gilbert Justice**, 78, of Virgie, died Saturday, November 1, at Signature Health Care, Pikeville. He is survived by his wife, Olena Chaffins Justice. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home.

■ **Mexico Chapman Justice**, 94, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, November 5. Funeral services will be held Sunday, November 9, at 1 p.m., under the direction of Pikeville Funeral Home.

■ **Earnie Kidd**, 58, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 1, at his home. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Pamela McGuire**, 41, of Robinson Creek, died Saturday, November 1. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

■ **Elaine Milam**, 83, of Greasy Creek, died Thursday, October 30, at her residence. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ **Lina "Cookie" Potter Puckett**, 64, of Richmond, a Pike County native, died Monday, November 3, at Rockcastle Hospital, Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 6, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **James Aubrey Smallwood**, 82, of South Carolina, formerly of Pike County, died Thursday, October 30, at Oconee Medical Center, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Nell Mullins Smallwood. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Lucas & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Auvul "Cooney" Stewart**, 73, of Belcher, died Friday, October 31, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Lois Levon Thacker**, 65, of Harless Creek, died Saturday, November 1, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Emit Homer Thacker. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 4, under

the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Roger Lee Thacker**, 54, of Georgetown, formerly of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, October 30, in Athens, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Sherry Short Thacker. A memorial service was held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

■ **Paul Tucker**, 33, of Virgie, died Thursday, October 30, in Virgie. He is survived by his wife Megan Tucker. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 2, under the direction of the Lucas and Son Funeral Home.

■ **Elaine "Lucy" Ward Williamson**, 80, of McCarr, died Sunday, November 2, at Trinity Healthcare, Williamson, W.Va. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

■ **Ernest "Bill" Williamson**, 84, of Canada, died Saturday, November 1, at Pikeville Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue Williamson. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of R.E. Rogers Funeral Home.

KNOTT COUNTY

■ **Catherine Louise Fletcher**, 90, of Hindman, died Thursday, October 23, at the Hazard ARMC. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 25, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ **Nellie Hollifield**, 75, of Carrie, died Tuesday, October 21, at her home. Funeral services were held Friday, October 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

■ **Talmadge G. (Jake) Howard**, 83, of Drannon, formerly of Knott County, died Saturday, October 25, at the Oak Tree Hospital in LaGrange. He is survived by his wife, Joy Lee Sparks Howard. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 28, under the direction of Sholar Funeral Home.

■ **Merdia Watts**, 87, of Hindman, died Sunday, October 26, at UK Medical Center in Lexington. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 29, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

MARTIN COUNTY

■ **Ronald Leon Ford**, 66, of Kermit, died Sunday, November 2, at Pikeville Medical Center. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

■ **Ray W. Stepp**, 59, of Inez, died Saturday, November 1, at his home. Funeral services were held Monday, November 3, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

■ **Judy A. Allen**, 63, of Louisa, died Wednesday, November 5, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington. She is survived by her husband, Robert William Allen. Funeral services will be held Sunday, November 9, at 1 p.m., under

the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **Fred Marvin Bailey**, 82, of Louisa, died Sunday, November 2, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **Ruby Jewell Cook Marcum**, 69, of Louisa, died Tuesday, November 4, in Three Rivers Medical Center, in Louisa. Funeral services were held Friday, November 7, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

■ **Geraldine "Jean" Elizabeth Moore**, 85, of Louisa, died Tuesday, November 4, in J.J. Jordan Geriatric Center, in Louisa. Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, in Lockbourne, Ohio.

JOHNSON COUNTY

■ **Harrison Butcher**, 42, of Williamsport, died Sunday, November 2. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Salmons Butcher. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 5, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

■ **Isaac Lee Ray "Ray Kie" Castle**, 84, of Tutor Key, died Thursday, October 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg. Funeral services were held Sunday, November 2, under the direction of Preston

Funeral Home.

■ **Donald K. Colvin**, 66, of Delaware, Ohio, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, October 28, in Riverside Methodist Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Sarah "Sally" C. Colvin. Funeral services were held Friday, October 31, under the direction of Rodman Neceper Funeral Home.

■ **Mary Catherine Hancy**, 64, of West Van Lear, died Wednesday, November 5, at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Phelps & Son Funeral Home.

■ **Betty Jean Heuser**, 74, of Sitka, died Wednesday, November 5, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Preston Funeral Home.

■ **Herma Lee Preston LeMaster**, 91, of Paris, a Paintsville native, died Tuesday, November 4, at Bourbon Heights Nursing Home, in Paris. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 8, under the direction of Hinton-Turner Funeral Home.

■ **H. Thomas Spencer**, 79, a Johnson County native, died Saturday, November 1. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Spencer. Services were held Tuesday, November 4, under the direction of Rader-McDonald Funeral Home, West Jefferson, Ohio.

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Obituaries

James D. Salisbury

James D. Salisbury, 65, of Harold, died Thursday, November 6, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center. Born April 28, 1943, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Estill and Laura Hall Salisbury. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the Betsy Layne Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia Hall Salisbury.

Other survivors include three sons: Donald J. Salisbury and Kevin Gene Salisbury, both of Harold; and Lee Kendrick of Pikeville; a daughter, Peggy Hamilton of Harold; two stepdaughters: Misty Howell of Harold; and Christie Raines of Pikeville; four brothers: George L. Salisbury, Charles R. Salisbury, John H. Salisbury,

and Everett Salisbury, all of Harold; four sisters: Betty L. Allen, Elawese Pierce, Margaret D. Hall, and Dinah Anderson, all of Harold; 10 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother and a sister: David Salisbury and Rosalce Salisbury; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, November 9, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Judy Caudill, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Estill Salisbury Cemetery, Toler Creek, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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• Hayrides	(8 Votes, 8%)
• Visiting haunted houses	(9 Votes, 9%)
• Telling ghost stories	(5 Votes, 5%)
• Watching scary movies	(11 Votes, 11%)
• I don't like Halloween	(38 Votes, 37%)

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- This is the change America needed
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FCT ONLINE POLL

Kentucky Arts Council offers information sessions for artists

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council will present information sessions to introduce the state's arts grants and programs to performing, visual, craft, media, literary and teaching artists in

all disciplines, as well as choreographers and composers. The sessions, "Call to Kentucky Artists: Exploring Arts Grants and Programs," will be conducted in Horse

Cave, Paducah, Lexington, Covington and Louisville. "Many Kentucky artists are not aware of the programs being offered by the arts council to assist in the marketing and promotion of their

work, or the training available to build arts businesses," says Lori Meadows, executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council. "Others may have heard about our grants or programs, but have no idea about how to apply. We hope to assist working artists in all disciplines in building their careers."

"Call to Kentucky Artists: Exploring Arts Grants and Programs" is free and open to the public. Accessibility services for this meeting are available with prior request to the Kentucky Arts Council at (888) 833-2787 or kyarts@ky.gov.

The Kentucky Arts Council is a state agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet that creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes

that a great nation deserves great art.

Below is a list of the workshops:

■ Tuesday, Nov. 18: Horse Cave, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (C.S.T.), Kentucky Repertory Theatre, 118 East Main Street, Horse Cave, KY 42749

■ Thursday, Nov. 20: Paducah, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (C.S.T.), The Carson Center, Ingram Room, 100 Kentucky Avenue, Paducah, KY 42003

■ Thursday, Dec. 4: Lexington, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Northside Branch of Lexington Public Library, 1733 Russell Cave Road, Lexington, KY 40505

■ Tuesday, Dec. 9: Covington, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., The Artisan's Enterprise Center, 25 West 7th Street, Covington, KY 41011

■ Thursday, Dec. 11: Louisville, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, Mary Anderson Room, 501 West Main Street, Louisville, KY 42003



Phillip Hunt of Hall and Clark Insurance presented a check for \$14,000 to Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Council Member Donna Wells earlier this week. The money comes due to the city coming in under its projected budget.

Surplus

injured. "There has been a lot we've done on the worker's comp program," continued Fannin. "We have people from the League of Cities come in once a year to evaluate staff and make sure employee safety is there."

And this effort pays off day-to-day for cities participating to keep workers safe and healthy, a benefit that goes far beyond any monetary refund that could be received.

But Fannin and city council members have found themselves defending a spreading out of duties to keep the number of workers in line, most

recently in relation to Fire Chief Bobby Carpenter, who juggles duties in five other positions for the city.

Planning and Zoning board members approached the council late last month with complaints, but Fannin and Director of Public Safety Mike Omerod said at that time that steps were being taken to ease Carpenter's load.

Both Fannin and Omerod insisted that the process of finding employees who could be trained and pass certification for some of the other positions, which include, among others, duties as floodplain coordinator and code enforce-

ment officer.

"He has switched some of those duties over and I think Bobby is a good employee," Fannin told planning and zoning members at the time, and still maintains that the benefits in keeping workforce are not only benefits, but necessary.

"Like everybody else, as money gets tighter, you have to spread people out," Fannin said. "Sometimes that means some people have to wear a few different of hats."

Fanning has not said what the \$14,000 surplus might be earmarked for in the coming months.

Wreck

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first vehicle involved in the initial accident, causing his load of coal to shift and the truck to overturn.

Mullins was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. According to Kentucky State Police Trooper Mike Goble, investigating officers believe Mullins was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

The driver of the first vehicle, Mary Staley, was flown to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., where she is listed in critical condition.

Brenda Clements and a juvenile passenger in the second vehicle were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Martin, where they were treated and released.

The crash caused traffic to stall for over three hours, with crews still working on Friday morning to clean liquid and debris from the highway.

The accident is still under investigation by CVE Officer Tommy Gearheart and Officer Dennis Hutchinson.

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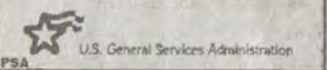
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applications were received and \$233,526 had been issued in benefits.

In an announcement Thursday, Gov. Steve Beshear, said families who qualify will receive a 40 percent increase in their subsidy for bulk fuels to help this winter season.

The announcement is good news for the Big Sandy Community Action Program's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offices in Floyd County.

In the first three days, Floyd County representatives have fielded 780 applications at both county locations with \$120,126 issued in response to those applications in Floyd County alone, Howell said.

The program helps qualified recipients with the purchase of heating fuel or with ensuring that heating services to homes isn't disconnected.

The funds are disbursed by Kentucky's Cabinet for Health and Family Services to Community Action Kentucky which then processes applications from families asking for help and contracts with vendors for delivery of fuel.

The program has a main office in Prestonsburg located near Jennifer Burke Elliott's law office on Court Street and a satellite office in Wheelwright at the old high school gymnasium, according to Big Sandy Community Action Program Community Resource Representative Verna Cole.

"LIHEAP is a wonderful program that provides a vital service for Kentucky families in need," Beshear said in his announcement Thursday. "With the news that we'll be receiving more funding than we had initially anticipated,

even more Kentuckians will benefit, meaning more Kentuckians will stay warm this winter."

The increase in federal funding will enable Kentucky to increase the benefit level for both the subsidy and crisis programs. During the subsidy program, which began Nov. 3 and will run through Dec. 12, eligible households will receive assistance in purchasing heating fuel.

The 40 percent increase in subsidy benefits will more closely approximate the cost of a deliverable load of bulk fuels.

The crisis component, available from Jan. 5 until March 31, 2009 or until funds

are expended, provides eligible households assistance with remedying service discontinuation or a lack of fuel. The maximum crisis benefit allowance for electricity and natural gas will be increased from \$250 to \$400, which will bring that benefit level more in line with the benefit available for bulk fuel.

Individuals interested in applying for this assistance should contact their local Community Action Agency.

For more information, visit www.kaca.org or call (800) 456-3452 to find a local Community Action Agency.

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Freedom of the press is not an end in itself but a means to the end of [achieving] a free society.

— Felix Frankfurter

Guest view

Obama right to press for unity

Elections do have consequences, as Sen. John McCain, the defeated Republican presidential candidate, said often on the campaign trail.

Democrat Barack Obama scored a big win in the presidential race Tuesday. And congressional Democrats stretched the majorities they captured in 2006.

The party has won the right to test whether their consecutive impressive victories mean American voters have embraced the liberal Democratic agenda or were simply repudiating Republican President George W. Bush.

Democrats are itching to push through programs that have been blocked for eight years or longer.

But President-elect Barack Obama would be wise to avoid plunging into divisive issues and instead hew to the tone he set in his victory address Tuesday night.

Much of Obama's appeal on the campaign trail was his pledge to unite Americans of all walks of life and all political persuasions in reversing the country's course.

He echoed that promise in his post-election speech. So did McCain, whose gracious concession remarks were highlighted by a sincere pledge to return to the Senate and work, for the good of the country, to make an Obama presidency successful.

Both mean clearly understand that the perilous times facing America leave no room for the partisan gamesmanship that has paralyzed Washington.

President George W. Bush, in congratulating Obama on Wednesday, joined the call for cooperation and backed it up by ordering his administration to rapidly assist the president-elect's transition team.

This is more than just standard post-election niceties.

The transfer of power comes as America faces its most severe challenges in a half-century. Obama's election opens a narrow window for all Americans to work together to meet those challenges.

Those who would allow that window to close to either press or gain a partisan advantage will pay a heavy price.

Voters, under the name of change, chose pragmatic solutions Tuesday. They expect positive movement on the multiple crises facing the country.

That will require Obama to find a middle course that both Republicans and Democrats are comfortable following.

If Obama makes the mistake of his predecessor and panders to the extreme elements of his party, his presidency will be no more successful than the one it replaces.

The popular vote was not nearly as lopsided Tuesday as the Electoral College tally.

Americans remain about evenly divided politically. Uniting them is what Obama promised to do. The only way to get the job done is by standing in the middle.

— The Detroit News



— guest column

After 2008, American politics will never be the same again

by MARK SHIELDS

Theodore White in his masterful work, "The Making of the President 1960," describes a reception hosted in June of that year on the lawn of Gracie Mansion by New York Mayor Robert Wagner. Sen. John F. Kennedy, by then the clear front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, was there and so, too, were the hard men who ran the tough New York Democratic organization.

Kennedy, in a commanding position, was relaxed but also "distant and frosty," as White reported. The old-line politicians of Tammany blinked at the scene in the sun, their cigars put away, their predatory faces baffled yet not hostile. This handsome young man was seed of their seed, stock of their stock ... yet he had gone to Harvard and was tailored in England and was somehow different from them — as they hoped their sons would be different.

John Kennedy was on his way to doing what none of them believed an Irish-Catholic in America could ever do: win the presidency in a heavily majority Protestant nation.

Today, nearly half a century later, substitute for the professional politicians of New York City the large majority of the country's senior African-American politicians, including the membership of the Congressional Black Caucus. They are the men and the women, along with prominent black clergy, who

have — before 2008 — spoken to, negotiated with and made demands upon White America on behalf of Black America.

Barack Obama changed all those relationships. He did what most African-American politicians were certain could not be done — certainly not against a political powerhouse like New York Sen. Hillary Clinton — to win overwhelming primary and caucus victories in overwhelmingly white states such as Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Just as after Jack Kennedy, political candidates who were Catholic or Irish or Italian or Greek believed that there were no limits to the office they could seek, Barack Obama, an alumnus of both Columbia and Harvard Law School and equally comfortable among both blacks and whites, will serve as the political role model for the next generation of young African-American women and men with solid educations and ambitions for elected office. And those offices, after Obama, will no longer will be limited to City Hall or the U.S. House. One unintended consequence of Obama's spectacular achievement is that his example will undoubtedly encourage challenges by young veterans of his campaign to senior elected African-American officeholders in city councils, state legislatures and the Congress.

It is a time for all of us to feel better about America. Just 60 years ago, President Harry Truman, facing a tough re-election campaign, signed

Executive Order 9981, which desegregated the United States military and declared that every serviceman and woman would be judged not by their race but by their ability. Truman was challenged by fellow Southern Democrats led by South Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond, who ran for president on a segregationist States' Rights ticket and took the states of South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana away from Truman.

Twelve years later, because of President Truman's leadership, for the first time in my life I slept in the same quarters with African-Americans and took orders, as a matter of course, from African-Americans at Parris Island, S.C., in Marine Corps boot camp, where I cast my absentee ballot for John Kennedy for president.

It is 40 years, plus one, since the first American president since the Civil War from a state of the Confederacy, Lyndon Johnson, nominated the first African-American, Thurgood Marshall, to the U.S. Supreme Court — to which he was confirmed with only 11 U.S. senators in opposition. It is exactly 40 years since Sen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., both champions of civil rights, were assassinated. And here we are, barely four decades later, knowing only for certain that, after Nov. 4, 2008, American politics will never again be the same.

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Mark Shields

— beyond the beltway

Obama victory confounds pundits

by DONALD KAUL
MINUTEMAN MEDIA

As predicted in this space months ago, Barack Obama has won election to the presidency in a (landslide/close) vote. In doing so, he made look foolish those political "experts" who doubted that white voters would elect an African-American to the highest office in the land.

Sen. Obama's victory was testament to the eloquence with which he made his case to the American people and to his prodigious ability to raise money.

Unencumbered by the rules governing the federal financing of elections (he chose to opt out) he virtual-

ly buried his opponent, Sen. John McCain, (who did take federal funds) in a tsunami of television and radio ads, both positive and negative.

During the final week of the campaign, Obama dipped into his war chest to buy a full half-hour on major networks to court voters, while McCain was reduced to sending out volunteers with hand puppets to get his message across.

But future historians might well look at McCain's choice of Alaska governor Sarah Palin as running mate as the misstep that doomed his campaign.

While Palin energized the Republican base (made up mainly of Holy Rollers, gun nuts and tinfoil collectors) with slashing attacks on Obama that were often indistinguishable from those of an angry

Rottweiler, she also energized the Democratic base (tree huggers, no-growth socialists and granola liberals).

The campaign took on the plot line of the film, "All About Eve," in which an aging star befriends a young actress who then contrives to overshadow her.

At the end, McCain, who almost always appeared with both Palin and his wife Cindy at his side, reminded one of nothing so much as Hugh Hefner: a confused-looking old man being attended by two hot chicks.

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**This Town,
 That World**

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

Now, we've gone and done it—destroyed Indian Summer. If we have that lovely time of year, these days, we can't be sure it's that magical time when the hills are clothed in a blue haze, or if it's smog. And if it isn't smog, somebody gets careless with a match, or vents his destructive impulse and sets fire to the woods, so we're never sure again if it's Indian Summer or simply those leaves that were so beautiful, a few days back, now gone up in smoke.

IT'S CHRONIC

Yesterday, we had one eye cocked skyward, hoping for signs of rain. Today, after a few hours of drizzle, we were complaining about a cold, dark, dreary day. Tomorrow...never mind.

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Watt Hale jerked us back today to the stern realities of life. Called to ask if either George Brown or Lennie Moore had a groundhog's hide nailed to the barn door. Said he stands in sore need of a set of shoestrings.

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Despite all the gloom that pervades the news these days—inflation, the unhealthy dollar, taxes, little wars, the threat of big wars, and so on—there is one ray of hope for squares such as I. Word comes that the United States is backing off from the metric system, after finding that the benefits, if any, will not justify the cost. They've decided now that it will cost the Americans taxpayer millions, just to get feet and yards and quarts and gallons, and the like, changed to meters, liters, and so on.

I expect, any day now, for somebody to launch a drive to get us to adopt French as the official language.

THIS DOG DESERVES BETTER

I have done everything but take the pledge about this matter of never having a dog on the place again, but am now under siege.

This little dog which somebody dropped in our neighborhood is hard to resist. It's hungry, but it won't go away. I have scolded it, made threatening gestures, but it comes fawning, twisting, tail and head almost meeting, its ears laid back and smiling if ever a dog could smile—and what can I do?

The dog wants kindness. It refuses to recognize rejection. Before long now it's going to need shelter from the cold. And I have resolved that my old Dalmatian some years ago, ended dog days for me—but...

(See ALLEN, page six)



The Big Sandy Singers performed in front of a packed student center at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on Thursday night during an event promoting the release of the groups new album.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

RELEASE PARTY

Big Sandy Singers drop new album to packed house

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

The student center at Big Sandy Community and Technical College was packed on Thursday night for the release of the Big Sandy Singer's new album, "Heal Our Land."

Members of the Floyd, Johnson and Pike County Chambers of Commerce were in attendance, along with members of the community, to listen to the Big Sandy Singers perform and pick up copies of the new album.

"We are so very excited about releasing this album," said Laura Ford Hall, director of the Big Sandy Singers. "This truly is a dream come true for the students and for Tim, Clayton and myself. We have been so blessed by God to have received such wonderful support from BSCTC President George Edwards

and so many others. However, without his vision and support this would have not been possible."

"Heal Our Land" is a compilation CD spanning several different genres of music, including country, gospel, pop, and male harmony. All of the Big Sandy Singers are students who attend BSCTC or Morehead State University at BSCTC. Auditions are held for the group yearly and are open to students at the college. The singers who are selected receive a \$1,200 scholarship to attend the college as well as in-studio recording experience. "Heal Our Land" is the fourth album the group has recorded, following "Down to the River to Pray," "Going Home," and "Bring the Rain."

The Big Sandy Singers are directed Laura Ford Hall, an instructor at BSCTC, with Timothy Cooley, album producer and techni-

cal director, and Clayton Case, assistant director.

BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards, along with Timothy Cooley, oversaw the installation of the Big Sandy Productions Studio on the BSCTC campus three years ago.

The group hopes to record an album yearly, and individual student solo albums are also scheduled for production. Albums can be picked up for a donation of \$10 or more to the BSCTC Music and Drama Club.

The donations received for the albums help to fund the Music and Drama Community Outreach Programs at the college, which includes programs for young children all the way up to senior citizens.

For more information, visit <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/bigsandyndysingers>.



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**MOVIES FROM
 THE BLACK LAGOON**

**'The Naked
 Jungle'**

by TOM DOTY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

This year marked the passing of one of Hollywood's greats, Charlton Heston. Having already spotlighted "Soylent Green," it took a while to find the right Heston flick to honor his passing and this one delivers the goods.

The last word on Heston should be that he was a stand-up guy, but news outlets blew it by focusing on his support of the NRA and his appearance in Roger Moore's "Bowling for Columbine." I've enjoyed Moore's films, but duping Heston (who was afflicted with Alzheimer's disease) was a low blow and not necessary within the context of that documentary.



Tom Doty
 Times Columnist

Chuck was first and foremost an actor. He was also a devoted one who would put aside his personal opinions for the sake of his art, which was evident when he fought the Hollywood machine to keep Sam Peckinpah on as director of "Major Dundee." This was done despite the fact that Heston thought the director was too hard on the crew.

The man honored his contracts and made an 8-year-old girl's day when he sent my sister an autographed photo after she sent him a fan letter (after viewing "Planet of the Apes"). Heston didn't brag about his politics but he was active in the Civil Rights movement when it wasn't a popular position among the elite.

Let's get on with the show. Heston stars here as Christopher Leningen. He's a somewhat driven dude who has carved a living out of a South American jungle by building a cocoa plantation. When the movie begins, he has been exconced there for 15 years and has just arranged to marry a young woman from New Orleans, who he has never met.

We meet the bride, Joanna, as she travels down river to his location. She's a beauty, but she doesn't hear anything positive about her spouse from a diplomat on board. There's an ominous undercurrent too as everyone on the boat is spooked at seeing birds flying in retreat from the area.

Things start out poorly, with Joanna not being met at the dock by her new husband who, instead, sends his servants for her. He finally shows up stinking from the jungle and they get off to a poor start. He's initially taken by her beauty and the fact that she was hired to weed out the bad apples (50 in all) who applied for the position as Mrs. Leningen (she essentially pulled a Dick Cheney and decided no one was more qualified for the job than herself, and look how that turned out).

Things really go south when she admits to having been married before. Leningen has a thing for new stuff and

(See LAGOON, page six)

A friendship never broken

by NIKKI KRAMER
 "CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL:
 PRETEENS TALK"

"Get out!"

Those were the first words I exchanged with Laura when I was only 5 years old. She had walked in on me when I was using the bathroom in our kindergarten room. I was so mad. I remember going home and telling my mom all about this "bad" girl who opened the door on me. Little did I know that by opening that bathroom door, Laura would step into

my life and open many other doors for me. She would change my life forever.

Laura has Down syndrome and was being mainstreamed at my school. After the bathroom incident, my mother sat me down and explained that Laura was "special." She tried to get my 5-year-old mind to understand about Laura's mental retardation. I went to school the next day and decided to try to become Laura's friend. It wasn't very hard. Laura was playful, adventurous and full of giggles. She followed me

everywhere, and I doted on her constantly. A few weeks into the school year, we declared each other "best friends."

For the next two years, Laura and I were put into the same classroom. My other friends got to know her better, and every year she sat next to me at my birthday party. We went to each other's houses to play, hung out at the park together and she even got her ears pierced like I did. Laura counted on me to take care of her more and more with each passing year. By the time second grade rolled around, the

principal decided that Laura needed to be in a different class from me. She wanted Laura to expand her capabilities and rely less on me. We were upset about it, but we still remained best friends.

Laura sparked an interest deep inside of me that I don't think I would have discovered without her friendship. I became very passionate about kids with disabilities. I spent a lot of recesses in the Physical Support Room at our school, playing with kids who were in wheelchairs or

who couldn't communicate with words. I loved the feeling I got when these kids smiled at me because I came to see them. I volunteered at a cerebral palsy center when I was 7 years old. Every other Saturday, I would go there and interact with disabled children, singing songs or playing games. Spending time with these kids made me consider becoming a special education teacher.

(See SOUP, page six)



Flooring it might be fun, but it's terrible for your car

by TOM and RAY MAGLIOZZI

Dear Tom and Ray:
I got my driver's license about five months ago. I drive a 2006 Toyota Highlander, and each day I get on the highway and drive 45 minutes to get to school. When I get onto the highway, I like to floor it and accelerate as quickly as the V-6 can take me. I just love hearing the roar of the engine. Then, as soon as I get to 65 mph, I quickly let off the pedal and cruise at the speed limit. Is it bad for me to "floor it" a lot, and will that hurt the engine? Or is it fine? I would hate to mess up the new car my parents just got me. Thanks! — Neil



when you floor the gas pedal, you start a chain reaction that slams one expensive component into the next. The pistons slam the connecting rods. The connecting rods slam against the crankshaft. The crankshaft slams the transmission. The transmission slams the axles, and on down the line.

TOM: When those parts are whacked around like that by the torque you create, they wear out and break faster. That's how we mechanics make our boat payments every month.

RAY: So, if you want your car to last as long as possible, accelerate gently. It's fine to go 65 mph — that's no problem. But get there smoothly. The same is true for driving around town. Don't jack-rabbit away from red lights or stop signs.

TOM: And if you take our advice, Neil, you'll find that, as a bonus, your gas mileage will improve measurably — enough so that you can afford to buy one of those NASCAR CDs of the sounds of roaring engines you like

so much.

Did mechanic try to take neighbor for a ride?

Dear Tom and Ray,
My neighbor is an elderly gent with fairly advanced Alzheimer's disease. His wife was called out of town and left both of their cars disabled (disconnected the batteries, probably) so he wouldn't drive off on his own. Well, he did try to drive off on his own, and the cars failed to start. So he walked to a mechanic on the corner and asked for help. The next thing you know, an Escort with 90,000 miles and a Taurus with 23,000 miles are running, and are driven off to the mechanic. Later that afternoon, my neighbor showed me four pages of computer-printed estimates (printed on the back of old deli menus, by the way) totaling \$4,700 to fix his cars. Outrageous things like a compression test and timing chain on the car with 23,000 miles. New alternators on both, and a new distributor on one. The rest are bogus tuneup charges. My initial reaction was to go over there and yell at the thief, but instead I called my neighbor's daughter, and she retrieved the cars before any work was done. What would have been the best response? I would love to hear your opinion. — Jan

TOM: Well, my approach would

have been a baseball bat, but that's why my brother handles most of the diplomacy for us.

RAY: Actually, the first thing you should do is make sure you have the facts straight. While at first glance this certainly seems like it could be a nominee for the Most Creative Boat Payment award, it's worth asking your own mechanic to take a look at the specifics on the estimates, and see if he agrees with your interpretation.

TOM: If he does, then you can get to work. Start by making use of the traditional channels, like complaining to the Better Business Bureau and your state's consumer affairs office, which usually is under the attorney general.

RAY: If this really was a loathsome attempt to take advantage of a vulnerable old man, then you might even want to take it a step further.

TOM: If one of your local TV stations has a consumer-affairs reporter, call her up and tell her you've got a ready-made story for her.

RAY: Right. You've got the bogus estimates, in writing. You've got access to the cars, which haven't been touched since the incident. It's all ripe for a TV sting.

TOM: Can't you see it already? The reporter takes both cars to an honest mechanic, who checks them out.

He tells the reporter that he can't find anything wrong with them. She hands him the estimates and asks, "What do you think of these?" He looks at them, shakes his head, and says, "These aren't the cars that I just looked at."

RAY: Then she goes back to the crook and, armed with the evidence, asks him why he tried to sell this poor, old guy with Alzheimer's \$5,000 worth of work he didn't need. And that's when the guy tries to cover his face with a floor mat, and the owner of the shop comes out, tries to block the camera with his hand and asks the reporter to leave the premises. There's some jostling of the camera, and then the reporter finishes her piece from the edge of the property, with the name of the place in full view.

TOM: Wow. We've got it all figured out! That was pretty inventive of us!

RAY: Inventive, my foot. I'm just flashing back to the time the TV crew came and did it to us!

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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security's new Retirement Estimator rated the federal government's best online service

In the latest quarterly ratings of the University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index for Federal Websites, the Social Security Administration's new online Retirement Estimator ranked as the best in government.

The Retirement Estimator debuted with a

score of 90, the highest score in this survey and the second-highest score ever received by a government website.

Several other Social Security online services also are rated among the government's top performers and equal to the highest caliber private

sector sites, such as Amazon and Google.

"It's great to be recognized as the best, but we're not resting on our laurels," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "We will have a series of new services in the coming year, and we are also improving some of our

already successful online services."

The new Retirement Estimator is available at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator and gives the public the opportunity to run accurate, personalized scenarios for Social Security retirement benefits in a user-friendly way.

Allen

I hope, somehow, that the person who left that dog to starve, freeze, suffer, die—whatever—can borrow a conscience long enough for it to hurt him.

TIT FOR TAT

This Ohioan succeeded in ruffling some feathers by reporting that Kentucky had an atomic explosion which did only \$15 damages, and that to a bicycle left here by an Ohio boy.

I get even (hoist him on his own petard, so to speak, since I reverse his own story) by telling the story of the three prisoners who had a date to keep with the electric chair on the same night. One was from Kentucky, another from West Virginia and the third from Ohio.

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When the West Virginian approached the "hot seat," he was informed by the warden: "If the chair doesn't work, you get to go home, a free man." And it didn't. The executioner threw the switch, and nothing happened.

The Kentuckian was next in line. He was also given a little hope by the warden's explanation that if the current failed to do its intended work he would go free. And again it failed.

Then came the Ohioan, head up, erect, smiling. "If," he was told, the chair doesn't work, you go home, a free man."

The Ohioan looked around and then asked: "Don't you think you should plug this thing in?"

Lagoon

this sends him off the deep end.

They try to make a go of it but he's too stubborn and inexperienced, socially, to get over the fact that he is not her first love. Eventually he decides to send her packing, but their problems multiply when they learn that an army is marching their way — an army of soldier ants.

Stubborn Chuck opts to stay behind and fight while most everyone else splits, except for Joanna and some devoted workers. This all despite the fact that the ant army is two miles wide and 20 miles long.

A heated battle ensues, with the bugs proving to as powerful as monsoon

season as they evade traps such as moats, fire and stomping native feet. The resourceful Lenigen hangs in there but ultimately must decide whether to destroy everything he's built in order to defeat his six-legged enemy.

It all leads to an exciting finale that finds the Chuck-meister having to stagger through a mile of ants to blow up the dam that will, in turn, destroy his empire.

This is great stuff that only suffers from some stilted dialogue and music cues that are way too melodramatic and actually sap the narrative of some of its power.

The ant scenes are well rendered by director

Byron Haskin, who started out in special effects and would go on to direct six episodes of the original "Outer Limits."

Heston is in fine form as the stubborn plantation owner who is more socially challenged than Paris Hilton at a MENSA meeting. Elanor Parker is fetching as Joanna and would go on to nab an Oscar nomination for her strong work in "Detective Story" opposite Kirk Douglas.

All in all this is the odd Lagoon film that most of the family can enjoy.

Best line: "You're very beautiful. Intelligent. Accomplished. There must be something wrong with you." 1954, unrated.

Soup

When we were in fourth grade, Laura switched schools and was placed in a Life Skills class. I didn't see her every day, but a few months later, she moved into my neighborhood. Now I could walk to her house and see her whenever I wanted. This made us both feel better about her being at a different school.

As I have gotten older, I have become busier with soccer, field hockey and other friends. Laura and I don't see each other as often as we used to, but we are back in the same school. We are 13 now and in middle school. She is still in a Life Skills class, and once a week I spend my lunch period volunteering in her classroom. And when it's time for me to leave, Laura always yells out, "I'll call you tonight, Nikki." She wants her classmates to hear this because she is so proud to be my friend, just like I'm proud to be hers.

Laura has taught me a lot, and by showing my peers that it's OK to have a friend with Down syndrome, I hope that I am showing others about being accepting and open to kids with disabilities. Laura has been like any other friend of mine. Sometimes she makes me laugh; sometimes she makes me cry. Sometimes she even embarrasses me. But these are all things that my other friends do, too. Laura is really not that different from everyone else. She loves to try on clothes, watch movies and always talks about her latest boyfriend. While my mind will continue to grow, Laura's will stop where it is. But that's OK, because our friendship keeps on growing. And so does my perspective of children with disabilities.



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Lady Mustangs capture C-Team title

Thacker leads Stumbo over Lady Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — John M. Stumbo held off Allen Central for the Floyd County C-Team Championship Wednesday evening. The Lady Mustangs defeated Allen Central 17-11. The Lady Rebels made a run late, scoring eight points in the final quarter.

Timera Thacker paced John M.

Stumbo, scoring nine points. Chloe Johnson followed with six points for the Stumbo team. Eddie Akers added two points for the Lady Mustangs.

Stumbo, which was held scoreless in the first quarter, drilled a three-point field goal in the championship contest.

Allen Central enjoyed an early 1-0 advantage at the end of the first quarter. John M. Stumbo got on the scoreboard in the second quarter and eventually carried a 5-3 lead into halftime.

The Lady Mustangs put some distance between themselves and Allen Central in the second quarter, outscoring the Lady Rebels 6-0. Stumbo led 11-3 at the end of the third period.

Five different players accounted for the Allen Central scoring. Alyssa Moore led the Lady Rebels offensively, scoring four points. Breanna Prater, Lannah Gibson and Elizabeth Prater followed with two points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Jeni Dingus dented the scoring column on a free throw in the opening quarter.

C-TEAM HONORS:

John M. Stumbo Coach Terri Daniels was named Floyd County C-Team Coach of the Year.

Lady Mustang Timera Thacker was named Floyd County C-Team Player of the Year.



photo by Jamie Howell

John M. Stumbo claimed the Floyd County C-Team championship, defeating Allen Central in the title game.

Knott Central poised to push for 14th Region's number one spot

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Knott County Central has worked its way back into the role of 14th Region boys' basketball title contender. The Patriots are picked to finish second behind defending champion Hazard in The Cats' Pause Kentucky Basketball Yearbook 14th Region Preseason Poll. Knott County Central finished last season 16-11. The Patriots are expected to push for a region championship thanks in great part to the sharpshooting duo of junior guards Stuart Stamper (6-2) and Tate Cox (6-1). Over the summer, Cox transferred to Knott County Central from June Buchanan. Cox and Stamper are ranked second and third, respectively, in the preseason 14th Region player rankings.

The Patriots are picked to win the 53rd District ahead of Letcher County Central (20-11), June Buchanan (18-8), Cordia (20-10) and Jenkins (9-17).

Six-four senior forward Jarrod Amburey is back for the Patriots along with 605 junior wing Braxton Ratliff and 6-5 senior center Richard Caudill.

Knott County Central will feature one of the region's deepest backcourts with junior guards Zack Mullins and Logan Bartrum also able to contribute.

The Kentucky Basketball Yearbook has June Buchanan picked to finish seventh in the



photos by Jamie Howell

Allen Central remains at the top in Floyd County A-Team girls' basketball. The Lady Rebels rolled past John M. Stumbo in the championship contest.

Lady Rebels rout Stumbo for A-Team championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central wrapped up another A-Team championship season Wednesday night, defeating John M. Stumbo in the Floyd County title game. The Lady Rebels rolled in the championship matchup, defeating Stumbo 63-18.

Lady Rebel Amber Shepherd outscored Stumbo herself, pushing in a game-high 26 points. Sarah Rife and Caitlin Kidd joined Shepherd in double figures for the Lady Rebels. Rife scored 12 points as Allen Central claimed the win. Kidd followed with 11 points for the victorious Allen Central girls' basketball team.

The Lady Rebels wasted little time jumping out in front of Stumbo, outscoring the Lady Mustangs 25-4 in the opening quarter. Allen Central carried a 30-8 lead into halftime.

The Lady Rebels controlled the game throughout. Stumbo was held to six points

or less in each quarter. Allen Central controlled the game 48-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Hannah Macelhose, DeShea Elliott, Krista Parsons, Alyssa Moore, Jeni Dingus and Kayla Spurlock added two points apiece for the Lady Rebels.

T.J. Tackett paced John M. Stumbo, scoring a team-high 14 points. Carly Hamilton and Trish Hamilton rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points apiece.

Head coach Rick Hancock guides the Allen Central Middle School girls' basketball program.

HONORS

Allen Central Middle School Coach Rick Hancock was named Floyd A-Team Coach of the Year and Floyd County B-Team Coach of the Year.

Lady Rebel Amber Shepherd was named Floyd County A-Team Player of the Year.

Lady Rebel Sarah Rife was named Floyd County B-



Fast Lane Classic schedule set

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INEZ — Pairings for the annual Fast Lane Classic set for Nov. 29 at Sheldon Clark High School have been finalized. This year's Fast Lane Classic will feature some of the state's top boys' basketball players, including UK recruit Jon Hood (Madisonville North-Hopkins). Boys' high school basketball teams scheduled to play in the Fast Lane Classic are Johnson Central, Paul Dunbar, Knott County Central, Mason County, Perry County Central, DuPont Manual, Sheldon Clark, Phelps, Scott County, Logan, W.Va., Elliott County and Madisonville North-Hopkins. The preseason-panorama will also feature two girls' high school basketball teams — Sheldon Clark and Lexington Christian.

The Fast Lane Classic alumni list features current Kentucky Wildcats Darius Miller. The schedule for this year's Fast Lane Classic is as follows: Game 1, 11 a.m. — Johnson Central-Paul Dunbar; Game 2, 12:30 p.m. — Knott County-Mason County; Game 3, 2 p.m. — Perry County Central-DuPont Manual; Game 4, 3:30 p.m. — Sheldon Clark-Lexington Christian (Girls); Game 5, 5 p.m. — Sheldon Clark-Phelps (Boys); Game 6, 6:30 p.m. — Scott County-Logan, W.Va.; Game 7, 8 p.m. — Elliott County-Madisonville-North Hopkins.

Patterson named to watch lists

Paintsville native Pelphrey back for second season at Arkansas

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The preseason honors continue to roll in for University of Kentucky men's basketball sophomore Patrick Patterson, as he was named to the Top 50 watch list for the John R. Wooden Award All-American Team and Player of the Year trophy.

The list is composed of

50 student athletes who, based on last year's individual performance and team records, are the early front-runners for college basketball's most prestigious honor.

Patterson is UK's leading returning scorer and rebounder from last season, averaging 16.4 points and 7.7 rebounds in his freshman campaign.

In mid-January, the Wooden Award Committee will release the Midseason Top 30 list, followed in March by the National Ballot, consisting of approximately 20 top players who have proven to their universities that they are also making progress toward graduation and maintaining a

cumulative 2.0 GPA. The Wooden Award All-American Team will be announced the week of the "Elite Eight" round during the NCAA Tournament.

Pelphrey in second season as head coach of Arkansas program: In its final tune-up for the 2008-09 regular season, Arkansas posted a 108-80 victory over Dillard University Thursday night at Bud Walton Arena. The Razorbacks had five players with double-digit point totals, including a pair of double-doubles from junior post Michael Washington and freshman guard Courtney Fortson.

Washington tallied 19 points and 10 rebounds, while Fortson notched an 11-

point, 10-assist performance in his season debut. Rotnei Clarke and Jason Henry tallied 20 and 14 points, respectively, and Andre Clark knocked in 12 points against Dillard.

Arkansas will kick off its season with a Nov. 14 matchup with Southeastern Louisiana. The game is set for a 7:05 p.m. tip from Bud Walton Arena.

Paintsville native John Pelphrey is in his second season at the helm of the Arkansas basketball program.

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Modern gun deer season opens

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's modern gun deer season opened statewide Saturday. For the state's estimated 254,000 deer hunters, this is the most popular weekend of the year to hunt.

The state's total deer herd, estimated at one million animals, was not impacted by last year's outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD). Kentucky Fish and Wildlife received more than 4,000 reports of deer killed by the disease, and many hunters were concerned about its impact on deer populations.

Hunters should focus on white oaks this year when looking for deer food sources. Red oak acorns will be scarce, due to the late freeze in the spring of 2007. Red oaks take two years to mature, so it will be another year before hunters will see them return as a key deer food source.

Hunters should take note of several county deer zone changes this year. Hart County is now Zone 1, while Marion and Taylor counties are Zone 2. Casey and Grayson counties have changed to Zone 3. Season dates, bag limits and other restrictions may be different based on a county's zone assignment.

Before going afield for modern gun deer season, hunters should be sure to pack their hunter orange hat and vest. Kentucky law requires all hunters and persons accompanying them, hunting any species during a firearms deer season, to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange clothing visible from all sides on the head, back and chest. It's one of the most important things hunters can do to keep themselves and others safe during the most popular deer season of the year.

Hunters should also review Kentucky's hunter education requirement. Hunter education is required for all hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, except kids under 12 and hunters who are license exempt. However, a one-time temporary hunter education exemption permit is available for \$5 online, which allows hunting for one year from the date of purchase without a hunter education card while accompanied by a legal adult hunter who meets Kentucky's hunter education requirement.

Adults who plan to take a youth hunter with them should be sure to stay close by. The law requires kids 15 and under who hunt deer with a firearm to be accompanied by an adult at all times. The adult must be able and in a position to take immediate control of the youth hunter's firearm at all times.

Finally, hunters should make sure they have the appropriate hunting license and permits, if required. For complete deer hunting information, including county zone assignments, equipment restrictions and licensing requirements, pick up a copy of the 2008-09 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide. The guide is available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever hunting licenses are sold.

Employees of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center will be available to assist hunters during special opening weekend hours, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today.

High school sports participation ranks at an all-time high

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — For the 19th consecutive year, the number of student participants in high school athletics increased in 2007-08, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Based on figures from the 50 state high school athletic/activity associations, plus the District of Columbia, that are members of the NFHS, participation for the 2007-08 school year set an all-time high of 7,429,381, according to the 2007-08 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. In addition, boys and girls participation figures reached all-time highs, with 3,057,266 girls and 4,372,115 boys participating in 2007-08. The girls figure surpassed the total of 3,021,807 set last year, while the boys figure eclipsed the former record of 4,367,442 set in 1977-78.

Through the survey, it was

also determined that 54.8 percent of students enrolled in high schools participate in athletics.

"This is certainly another great report on the interest of high school sports in our nation's schools," said NFHS Executive Director Robert F. Kanaby. "The fact that we experienced all-time records for both girls and boys reflects the fact that the high school sports participation experience is more viable than ever and is of great interest to our nation's young people. In addition, the results support the NFHS 2008-2011 Strategic Plan, in which the organization committed to providing stronger leadership and support for high school athletics and fine arts activities."

Two years ago, the NFHS began a new brand identity emphasis using a communications tag line of "Take Part. Get Set for Life." In addition to its chief task of writing playing rules for high school sports, the NFHS is striving to gain aware-

ness and support from state and local governments, media, corporate partners, and especially students and their parents.

Competitive spirit squads gained the most female participants in 2007-08 with 16,130, followed by soccer with 8,913 and cross country with 6,973.

Lacrosse gained the most participants among boys sports in 2007-08 with 11,336, followed by soccer with 5,562, swimming and diving with 5,158 and cross country with 5,042.

In terms of combined participation, the emerging sports of bowling and lacrosse continued their rise in popularity with significant percentage increases. Overall participation in bowling increased 17 percent, while lacrosse participation was up 14 percent.

Basketball remained the most popular sport for girls with 449,450 participants, followed by outdoor track and field (447,520), volleyball (397,968), fast pitch softball

(371,293), soccer (346,545), cross country (190,349), tennis (172,455), swimming and diving (147,197), competitive spirit squads (111,307) and golf (69,243).

In boys sports, 11-player football once again topped the list with 1,108,286 participants, followed by basketball (552,935), outdoor track and field (548,821), baseball (478,029), soccer (383,561), wrestling (259,688), cross country (221,109), golf (159,958), tennis (156,285) and swimming and diving (111,896).

Texas held its title as having the most sports participants with 779,049, followed by California (735,497), New York (380,870), Ohio (346,571), Illinois (336,646), Michigan (315,734), Pennsylvania (286,992), New Jersey (256,837), Minnesota (230,068) and Florida (227,157).

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

(First round pairings, to be played Nov. 14; times TBA)
CLASS A
 Kentucky Country Day at Crittenden Co.; Ballard Memorial at Caverna; Bethlehem at Mayfield; Fulton City at Louisville Holy Cross; Trimble Co. at Beechwood; Ludlow at Eminence; Gallatin Co. at Bellevue; Dayton at Frankfort; Clinton Co. at Raceland; Fairview at Campbellsville; Lynn Camp at Lexington Christian; Paris at Williamsburg; Betsy Layne at Hazard; Pineville at Paintsville; Allen Co. Central at Harlan; Jenkins at Pikeville.

CLASS 2A
 Todd Central at Trigg Co.; Caldwell Co. at Owensboro Catholic; Hancock Co. at Murray; Heath at Fort Campbell; Fort Knox at Monroe Co.; Metcalfe Co. at Bardstown; Washington Co. at Green Co.; Glasgow at Danville; Newport at DeSales; Carroll Co. at Cov. Holy Cross; Lloyd at Louisville Christian; Owen Co. at Newport Catholic; Knott Co. Central at Prestonsburg; Shelby Valley at Middlesboro; Leslie Co. at Bath Co.; Morgan Co. at Corbin.

CLASS 3A
 Adair Co. at Union Co.; Muhlenberg South at Butler Co.; Edmonson Co. at McLean Co.; Webster Co. at Russellville; Henry Co. at Central; Shawnee at Spencer Co.; Western Hills at Elizabethtown; Moore at North Oldham; Powell Co. at Somerset, Taylor Co. or Wayne Co.; Somerset, Taylor Co. or Wayne Co. at Estill Co.; Harlan Co. at Somerset, Taylor Co. or Wayne Co.; Garrard Co. at Breathitt Co.; Magoffin Co. at Mason Co.; East Carter at Sheldon Clark; Pike Co. Central at Russell; West Carter at Belfry.

CLASS 4A
 Russell Co. at Calloway Co.; Hopkins Co. Central at Franklin-Simpson; Warren East at Lone Oak; Muhlenberg North at Allen Co.-Scottsville; LaRue Co. at Valley; Western or Atherton at North Bullitt; Marion Co. at Fairdale; Western or Atherton at Bullitt East; West Jessamine at Harrison Co.; Bourbon Co. at Lexington Catholic; East Jessamine at Franklin Co.; Pendleton Co. at Boyle Co.; Lawrence Co. at Bell Co.; Rockcastle Co. at Greenup Co.; Rowan Co. at Knox Central; McCreary Central at Boyd Co.

CLASS 5A
 Barren Co. at Christian Co.; Hopkinsville at Grayson Co.; Warren Central at Owensboro; Ohio Co. at Bowling Green; Jeffersonton at Doss; Iroquois at Anderson Co.; Grant Co. at John Hardin; Waggener at Oldham Co.; Bryan Station at Highlands; Dixie Heights at Ashland Blazer; Woodford Co. at Covington Catholic; Holmes at Johnson Central; Letcher Co. Central at Mercer Co.; Southwestern at Clay Co. or Perry Central; Clay Co. or Perry Co. Central at Pulaski Co.; South Laurel at Whitley Co.

CLASS 6A
 Seneca at Daviess Co.; Madisonville at Eastern; Ballard at Henderson Co.; Graves Co. at Trinity; Butler at Greenwood; North Hardin at Manual; Pleasure Ridge Park at Meade Co.; Nelson Co. at St. Xavier; Paul Dunbar at Boone Co.; Ryle at Henry Clay; Tates Creek at Conner; Simon Kenton at Lafayette; Shelby Co. at Male; Bullitt Central at Madison Central; Clark Co. at Fern Creek; Southern at Scott Co.

Marshall to conduct winter pitching camp

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University baseball program will conduct its 2008 winter pitching camp for 8-18 year olds Dec. 14. The event will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Cam Henderson Center Auxiliary Gym. Registration for the camp will begin at 8:30 a.m. — the cost is \$80 per participant. The camp will be conducted by Thundering Herd pitching coach and recruiting coordinator Tim Adkins along with current and former Marshall pitchers. Among the instructors are Patrick Arnold, a local Major League Draft pick by the Washington Nationals, Jeremy Cummings who played

on the US Olympic baseball team. Steve Blevins, Marshall's top pitcher during the 2008 season, and pitching coach Joe Remnar.

Blevins is a Louisa native. He starred at Lawrence County High School.

Each camper will receive lunch, a pitching drill information packet, and the opportunity for hands on instruction from professionals with over 30 years of combined experience.

For more information, contact Adkins at (304) 696-7146 or adkins201@marshall.edu at

A registration form can be found on the baseball home page of HerdZone.com. The deadline for registration is Dec. 10.

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Committee emphasized risk minimization and standardized procedures to assist both coaches and referees through 16 wrestling rules changes for the 2008-09 school year. Rules changes were made by the committee at its meeting held in Indianapolis earlier in the year and subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The time sequence for the offensive wrestler in assuming the offensive starting position was standardized with the addition of a note to Rule 5-20-5. First, the wrestler must set the knee(s) and feet. Second, the wrestler must place the palm of one hand on the navel. Third, the wrestler must place the palm of the other hand on or over the near elbow. Fourth, the referee shall pause momentarily before starting wrestling. This rule change is meant to provide consistency for coaches, wrestlers and referees. While each action is currently standard practice, there has not been a written sequence of those events in the NFHS Wrestling Rules Book.

"These changes provide further rules support based on interpretations," said Bob Colgate, assistant director of the NFHS and liaison to the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee.

"The clarifications make the rules easier to administer."

With an emphasis on sportsmanship, the committee approved two rules changes meant to encourage sportsmanlike conduct by wrestlers and coaches. An addition to Rule 6-7-1c6 states that an unsportsmanlike act that occurs at any time during the match shall take precedence over the first points scored in the regulation match in determining choice of position in the ultimate tiebreaker. So the wrestler whose opponent has received an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at any time during the match will now have choice of position in the ultimate tiebreaker.

In addition, a change to Rule 5-31-1 removes the penalty for coaches whose wrestlers report to the scorer's table not in proper uniform, not properly groomed, not properly equipped or not ready to wrestle.

The addition of Rule 7-1-5w makes a back flip from a standing position an illegal maneuver. The rule was added as an effort to minimize risk to all wrestlers.

"Any time you're dealing with risk minimization in wrestling, it's paramount," Colgate said. "Someone could have been seriously injured if we did not take that initiative."

The committee also addressed the issue of skin conditions. A revision to Rule 4-2-3 allows an on-site physician to

examine a wrestler with a particular skin condition without a physician's release form immediately after the weigh-in. A new Rule 4-2-5 allows a physician's release form for a non-communicable skin condition, such as a birthmark or eczema, to be valid for the duration of the season, with some stipulations.

The committee also approved the following rules changes:

— A change to Rule 2-2-2 clarifies the boundary for the restricted zone for coaches.

— A revision to Rule 4-1-5 requires the wrestler's uniform to be worn as intended/designed by the manufacturer. This change gives rules support to a previous NFHS interpretation.

— Rule 4-2-1 will state that a wrestler's hair in the front, in its natural state, shall not extend below the eyebrows.

— A change in Rule 4-5-5 allows for a one-pound weight allowance when a competition is postponed for one calendar day or more due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. The head coach, principal or athletic director of the opponent must be notified in advance to be granted the one-pound weight allowance.

— A change to Rule 5-15-3 gives referees the option to stop a match if there is no action at the edge of the mat and to restart wrestling in the center of the mat.

— A new addition to Rules 5-

25-6c and 7-6-6c provides rules support for the interpretation of stalling as "repeatedly creates a stalemate situation to prevent an opponent from scoring."

— In Rule 6-6-1, when the wrong wrestler is given choice of position at the start of the first 30-second tiebreaker in overtime, the opponent will be given the choice at the start of the second 30-second tiebreaker. Previously, this would have been considered bad time.

— In Rule 7-4-1, the committee further defined unnecessary roughness by including "... a forceful slap to the head or face, and/or gouging or poking the eyes."

— The committee also approved a new signal for referees to indicate when to start recovery time during a match.

The committee adopted four points of emphasis for the upcoming season, including grooming and medical checks, reporting to the scorer's table ready to wrestle, going out of the wrestling area, and referees' signals and mechanics.

Wrestling is the sixth-most popular program for high school boys in terms of participants, with 257,246 boys wrestling in 9,445 schools throughout the country. It is also gaining popularity among high school girls, with 5,048 girls participating in 1,227 schools, according to the NFHS 2006-07 High School Athletics Participation Survey.

Elkhorn City edges Dorton for Pike County championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ELKHORN CITY — Three different Elkhorn City players reached double figures Thursday evening as the Lady Cougars defeated Dorton for the Pike County girls' basketball championship.

Tradition-rich Elkhorn City and Dorton met in the championship contest.

Breanna Fraley paced Elkhorn City with a game-high 16 points. Tina Rowe and Tab Potter flipped in 10 points apiece for the Lady Cougars. Six different Elkhorn City players provided scoring. Heaven Gannon scored points and Christian Yates made her way into the scoring column after sinking a free throw.

Courtney Wright led a balanced Dorton offensive effort, scoring 11 points. Leeza Martin followed with eight points for the Lady Wildcats. Taylor Rowe pushed in six points for Dorton and Mariah Newsom added five. Nikesha Potter and Abby Smallwood rounded out the Dorton scoring with two points apiece.



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ABOVE: Allen Central finished runner-up in the Floyd County C-Team Tournament. Below: John M. Stumbo finished runner-up in the Floyd County A-Team Tournament.



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Two Wildcats honored for classroom efforts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Long snapper Brad Hart, cornerback Robbie McAtee and punter/kicker Tim Masthay have been named to the Academic All-District IV Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors and sponsored by ESPN The Magazine.

Hart, McAtee and Masthay will advance to the national ballot for the Academic All-America team, which will be announced in December. To be nominated for the Academic All-America process, a stu-

dent-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.30, be a sophomore or higher in academic and athletic standing, and be a starter or key reserve. The Academic All-District IV team is comprised of players from the states of Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

Hart, a sophomore from Marion, has a 3.90 GPA with a major in finance. He has done an excellent job as the snapper for field goals and extra points. He has been active in community service.

McAtee, from Louisville, is

a senior in playing eligibility and completed his bachelor's degree in sociology with a career GPA of 3.67. He is in his first semester of study for a master's degree in public administration. On the field this season, he has 27 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, one interception, two fumble recoveries and a pass breakup. He made the game-saving tackle on the one-yard line of the final play in the win over Middle Tennessee; last Saturday he made the game-clinching interception in the win at Mississippi State. He has been active in community service.

Masthay, a senior from Murray, has a 3.81 career GPA with a major in economics. He was second-team Academic All-America a year ago. A four-year starting punter, he leads the Southeastern Conference and ranks fifth nationally with a 45.6-yard average per punt. He also handles kickoffs for the Wildcats and his 19 touchbacks is tied for the SEC lead in that category. Masthay, who hopes to join the Peace Corps and serve in Africa, has been named to the national Good Works Team for his extensive community service.



THE PRESTONSBURG C-TEAM won the Jenny Wiley Bowl and the Floyd County championship.

Two former EKV Colonels contributing for NFL teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Two former Eastern Kentucky University football players are now playing football on Sundays in the National Football League — Jeremiah Bell and Antwaun Molden. Both players are defensive backs that have contributed to their respective teams in every game thus far in 2008.

Bell, who played at EKV from 1999-02, is a starter in

the defensive backfield for the Miami Dolphins. The native of Winchester ranks first on the team with 62 tackles, and has also defended six passes and forced three fumbles in eight games. In the 38-13 win at New England on Sept. 21, Bell posted a team-high 10 tackles. He finished with a season-best 12 stops against Houston on Oct. 12.

Bell was the 2001 OVC Defensive Player of the Year as he led the Colonels with 86

tackles and six interceptions that year.

Molden wore the maroon and white for three years from 2005-07. This past spring, he was picked by the Houston Texans in the third round of the 2008 NFL Draft. Through eight games, Molden has been a key player on special teams. The native of Cleveland, Ohio, registered two special teams tackles and downed a punt inside the five-yard line against Cincinnati on Oct. 26.

Molden saw his first action at cornerback on Oct. 12 against Miami.

Molden started all 12 games at cornerback for Eastern last year and led the squad with nine pass break-ups.

Following a bye week this coming weekend, the Colonels (6-3, 5-1 OVC) will be back in action for Senior Day on Nov. 15 against Murray State. Kickoff at Roy Kidd Stadium is set for 1 p.m.



Various Miners season tickets packages remain available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners fans still have an opportunity to secure their tickets for the 2008-09 campaign. Miners season tickets remain on sale. Tickets for the 2008-09 season went on sale Saturday, Oct. 18. East Kentucky will play 16 home games inside the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center as part of a 32-game schedule during the 2008-09 season. There's a season ticket package suitable for all fans. Four different seating levels — Courtside (\$384

Season Ticket), Sections 103-106, 118-121 (\$256 Season Ticket), Sections 101-

102, 122-123, 111-113, (\$192 Season Ticket); and All Upper Arena Seats (\$105 Season Ticket) — are available. East Kentucky Miners season tickets are available through the team's office, the East Kentucky Expo Center and TicketMaster.

Fans who visited the East Kentucky Expo Center for a Miners game during the 2007-08 season were treated to an exciting brand of basketball second to none in the Bluegrass State. The Miners led the CBA in scoring with a 111 points per game scoring average.

The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) recently announced the schedule for its

63rd season. The CBA's 63rd season is scheduled to tip off on Friday, Dec. 12. Four games are scheduled for the season's opening weekend.

The Miners will face CBA foes Albany, Lawton-Fort Sill, Minot and Pittsburgh during the upcoming season in the five-team league. The 14-week CBA season is scheduled to conclude Sunday, March 15. The CBA Playoffs are slated to start Wednesday, March 18. East Kentucky will host Minot in its home opener Sunday, Dec. 14. The Miners will travel to rival Pittsburgh for a season opener Friday, Dec. 12.

Much excitement surrounds the 2008-09 version of the East Kentucky Miners. East

Kentucky recently signed University of Kentucky legend Wayne Turner. One of the top UK players of all-time, Turner holds the NCAA record for most games played. The former Wildcat played in the NBA for the Boston Celtics — the league's most storied franchise.

East Kentucky veterans Jason McLeish and Mike Crain and former NBA D-League player Jermaine Blackburn have also signed with the Miners. East Kentucky ended the 2007-08 regular season 26-22. The Miners reached the playoffs in their debut season. For more information on Miners season tickets, call 606-437-9715.



CONGRATS DUE FOR CHEERLEADERS: Adams (above) and Allen Central (below) were two of the cheerleading squads honored during the recent Floyd County girls' basketball tournament.

Johnson Central Boys tabbed to win 57th District championship

Golden Eagles finished last season as region runner-up

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

(Editor's note: Over the next four weeks, each 15th Region boys' basketball district will be previewed.)

JOHNSON CENTRAL (14-19): Don't let Johnson Central's sub-par record fool you. The Golden Eagles enjoyed some significant suc-

cess in the 2007-08 season, finishing runner-up in both the 15th Region and 57th District.

Three of five starters are back for the Golden Eagles. The returning starters are seniors Ian Welch (19 ppg, 10 rpg), Mike Conley (7 ppg, 9 rpg) and Jo Whitaker (11 ppg, 4 apg).

Top returning underclassmen for the Golden Eagles are sophomores JK Hall and Cody Parker.

MAGOFFIN COUNTY (9-20):

The Hornets return four starters: senior guard Zach Sparks (10 ppg, 5 apg) and senior forwards Steven Lemaster (8 ppg, 4 rpg), Jon Shepherd (6 ppg, 7 rpg) and Travis Carty (4 ppg, 6 rpg).

Seniors Ryan Hall (G), Joe Minix (G) and Casey Adams (F) are also expected to con-

tribute.

SHELDON CLARK (10-16):

Sheldon Clark will look to move up in the five-team 58th District. Brady Horn, Justin Porter, Justin Cline (6-5), Richard Sturgill (6-4), BJ Moore, Bill Chapman and Tyler Lafferty are the leading players for the Cardinals.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (8-20):

Two Bulldogs — Lewis Michael and Marc Lester — were lost to graduation. The two post players averaged 14 points and nine rebounds per game for Lawrence County.

Returning for Lawrence County are four seniors. Senior guard Chandler Thompson (13.5 ppg) is the top returnee. Seniors Josh Wilks (5 ppg), Corey Newsome (4.5 ppg) and Justin

Roberts also make their way back for Lawrence County.

Junior Lucas Frasher (8 ppg, 5 rpg) leads the junior class.

Sophomore guard Wade Skaggs (8.5 ppg) is also back for the Bulldogs.

PAINTSVILLE (30-4):

Longtime assistant coach Matt Ratliff has the chore of taking over the storied Paintsville boys' basketball program following legendary head coach Bill Mike Runyon's retirement. Ratliff is no stranger to Tiger basketball. He was the point guard on the Paintsville team that captured the 1996 state championship. Ratliff inherits a team that is minus all five starters and its sixth man from the previous season. A young Tiger team will be tested early on.

MSU junior named First Team All-Conference

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — MSU junior Ron Duncan finished seventh and earned a first-team All Ohio Valley Conference honor at the OVC Cross Country Championships this weekend at Southeast Missouri State. MSU's Matt Dotson finished 14th and was selected second-team all conference. Alexis King led the Eagle women with a 21st place showing.

The MSU men's team finished third overall. Eastern Kentucky took the top spot and the conference title, while host school SEMO took second.

Duncan led the MSU men with a time of 26:05, and Dotson was second-best with a

time of 26:30. Jack Shrader took 18th place with a time of 26:55. James Bowen finished 20th in 27 minutes, Ryan Hudson took 21st, Mike Settles posted a time of 27:13, and Josh Wakeman came in 28th.

On the women's side, MSU finished sixth as a team. The Eastern Kentucky women took the championship, Murray State posted a second place finish, and SEMO finished third.

Rudy Millard followed King for the Eagles with a time of 20:36 and a 32nd place finish. Liz Braunwart posted a 38th place finish, Amber Webb came in at No. 40, Jessica Reyes took 47th, Kristin Moniger finished 50th, and Christina Newman rounded out the Eagle runners with a 58th place finish.



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PRIDE honors Harlan County couple for community service

BENHAM — PRIDE has honored a Benham couple who regularly picks up litter along the city's walking trail and streets. Marcus and Joyce Ely received the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award for November, and they will be eligible for PRIDE's Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year Award.

"Marcus and Joyce Ely demonstrate the true spirit of PRIDE, which is taking personal responsibility for the environment," said Tammie Wilson, PRIDE vice president and chief operating officer. "We all can learn a lesson in community service from them. When they see a need in their community, they don't wait for someone else to fix it. They pick up the litter themselves and make a visible difference in their town."

"They walk daily and pick up trash all along the main and side streets of the city," said Benham Mayor John T. Dodd, who nominated the Elys for the PRIDE award. "Both Marcus and Joyce speak to people about the beauty in our area and how it is up to each of us to take part in keeping our area beautiful."

The PRIDE Volunteer of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication to the PRIDE initiative. With corporate sponsorship from TECO Coal, WYMT-TV airs commercials about each PRIDE Volunteer of the Month.

"Volunteers are the back-

bone of PRIDE," said Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), PRIDE co-founder. "We wouldn't be where we are without our volunteers. More than 260,000 volunteers have helped with PRIDE cleanup and education projects. We want to thank TECO Coal for helping PRIDE give these generous people the recognition they deserve."

Volunteer of the Month Award winners qualify for PRIDE's Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year Award, which is presented at PRIDE's annual Envi Awards celebra-

tion. The Elys will be eligible for the 2009 award.

The public is invited to attend the 2008 Envi Awards ceremony. It begins at 10:30 a.m. ET on Nov. 10 at the Hal Rogers Center in Hazard. Special guests will be Congressman Rogers, former NFL and UK quarterback Tim Couch, and Paul Bollinger, Jr., the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy and Partnerships. Entertainment will be provided by the 23 String Band and Rhythm Express Cloggers.

The Envi Awards honor the

individuals and organizations who excelled at pursuing the PRIDE mission — Personal Responsibility In A Desirable Environment. PRIDE is an environmental cleanup and education initiative in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. It was founded in 1997 by Congressman Rogers and James Bickford, the former Kentucky Secretary of Environmental Protection.

For more information about PRIDE or the Envi Awards, call the PRIDE office, toll free, at 1-888-577-4339 or visit www.kypride.org.



Joyce and Marcus Ely accepted the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award.

HCTC holds poetry contest

HAZARD — Hazard Community and Technical College is hosting the third annual Young Appalachian Poets Award for students in high school and younger.

Individuals can submit up to three separate poems of any length. There are no topic limitations this year. Those wishing to submit their work have a Jan. 30 deadline.

Entries should be submitted via email to Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu as an attached Microsoft Word document. Please put YAPA in the subject line. Be sure to include contact information. Although email is preferred, entries also are accepted by mail to Scott Lucero, HCTC, One Community College Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

Winners will be announced in April. First-place winner receives \$100. The second-place winner receives \$50. Winners will have their work published in "Kudzu" and will be invited to read at Evening With Poets. The contest judge this year will be Affrilachian poet Mitchell Douglas.

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