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Judge seals sex abuse case

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case against two Martin residents, charged with the sexual abuse of children under the age of 12, has been sealed by District Judge James R. Allen after concerns for the safety of the accused couple in the Floyd County Detention Center.

Martha Pitts and Michael Pitts were arrested on Monday and charged with multiple counts of criminal and sexual abuse.

The warrants were served on Monday morning by

the Kentucky State Police, who say that the Pittses were each charged with two counts of rape, two counts of incest, two counts of sodomy, two counts of sexual abuse and two counts of criminal abuse.

The case was in court on Tuesday and court officials said that Judge James R. Allen did not read the charges out loud during the proceedings. After court, officials said that Allen did not want the charges known until a place for the Pittses to be housed could be found, with concern that the inmate population at the jail could act out violently based on the nature of



Michael Pitts



Martha Pitts

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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briefs

Body found in Martin Co.

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BEAUTY — The body of a Martin County man was found in a creek by a passerby Saturday, according to Kentucky State Police.

The body of Ricky Hammonds, 41, of Beauty, was discovered lying in Buck Creek by someone passing by at approximately 7:15 a.m. Saturday, state police said.

Preliminary investigations headed by KSP Det. Dwayne Price indicate that Hammonds fell into the creek sometime between the afternoon of Feb. 27 and the time the body was discovered on Saturday morning.

Police have said that at this time foul play is not suspected, and the exact cause of death has not yet been determined.

Assisting Price at the scene was KSP Trooper Josh Brewer, Martin County Sheriff Garmon Preece and Martin County Coroner Joe Mullins.

Correction

In our feature story about the retirement of Unites States Postal Worker Jimmy Spears, Spears was incorrectly referred to as Jimmy Martin. The Times regrets this error.

2 DAY FORECAST

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



photo by Sheldon Compton

Jim Guess cuts lumber for what will be a new pharmacy in downtown Prestonsburg adjacent to Giovanni's. Contractors hope for April as an end date for completion of the project. Work had stalled over the past few months due to floodplain permits, workers said.

Big Sandy Health Care receives stimulus grant

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Health Care is one of four health centers in Kentucky that will be receiving funding following the release of nearly \$5 million in stimulus money from the federal government.

The other four centers to receive funding are the University of Kentucky Research Foundation in Lexington, Trover Health

System for Regional Healthcare Affiliates in Madisonville and Health Help Inc. in McKee.

Though there are no breakdowns as to how the funding will be divided among the four centers, the funding — totaling \$4,974,534 — was released Monday after an announcement from President Barack Obama.

The funding is aimed at strengthening the health care safety net for citizens nationwide and was authorized by the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act.

Big Sandy, along with the three others to receive the money, will use the funding to help people in need, many of whom will have no health insurance, obtain access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care services, while also creating some 150 jobs.

Obama said following his announcement of the funding

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Robbery suspect nabbed while having a cold one

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An attempted armed robbery at KFC in downtown Prestonsburg Monday afternoon was thwarted by store employees and ended after police took a local man into custody near the restaurant.

Prestonsburg police officers arrested 54-year-old local handyman Jeffery M. Thompson shortly after 4 p.m. Monday.

Thompson was charged

with first-degree robbery, terroristic threatening, first-degree wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence and alcohol intoxication in a public place when police found him in the storage building of a house just behind the restaurant.

"He (Thompson) fled to a house behind KFC," said Prestonsburg Det. Stevie Little. "He had beers in his pocket and was drinking

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Police make arrest in Meta robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

META — Police arrested a suspect they say was the armed man who robbed the Meta Double Kwik in Pike County earlier this month.

Cory Whitehead, 22, of Pikeville, was taken into custody by Kentucky State Police officers Monday morning and charged with first-degree robbery.

Whitehead was arrested on a warrant obtained by KSP Trooper Randall Coots, one of the investigating officers in the case.

The Meta Double Kwik was the location of an

armed robbery at 4:45 p.m. on the evening of Feb. 22 when a man police now believe to have been Whitehead entered the store with a shotgun, demanded money and, after taking an undisclosed amount, fled in a vehicle from the scene.

Whitehead was arrested without incident at 11:45 Monday in Pikeville.

The arrest comes just as law enforcement officials in Pike County have pointed out a rash of similar cases in the area, and, according to Kentucky

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Johnson wreck victims remain unidentified

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

STAFFORDSVILLE — Investigators have still not officially identified three individuals killed in a fiery crash along Route 460 in Staffordsville, but have said the pickup truck was owned by Valerie Rodriguez of Oil Springs.

The pickup collided with a tractor-trailer Pepsi truck driven by Ricky Brown, 41, on Feb. 27. Brown suffered injuries in the crash while the three individuals in the pickup were killed, with one being ejected on impact, state police said.

The pickup caught fire after the crash, burning two of the victims so severely that Kentucky State Police KSP Det. Mike Goble said it would take an undetermined amount of time to clearly identify them. Goble said dental records would most likely be used to do so.

Brown, who police said was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center and treated.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation, but police have

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photo by Ralph B. Davis

Prestonsburg Economic Development Director Brent Graden climbed atop the Strand Twin theater Tuesday to install a new solar-powered wireless router that he says will greatly improve wireless internet access in downtown Prestonsburg.

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Obituaries

Wyatt Glenn

Matthew Collins

Wyatt Glenn Matthew Collins, infant son of Justin Matthew and Whitley Jane Castle Collins of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 1, 2009, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital.

He was born February 27, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Jade Collins; his paternal grandparents: Joseph Collins and Pamela Smith; and his maternal grandparents: Anthony Castle and Darla Bradley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 3, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chester Varney officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Thomas "T.C." May

Thomas "T.C." May, age 87, of Langley, husband of Lucille Allen May, passed away Monday, March 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born February 16, 1922, the son of the late W.H. May and Alice Webb May. He was a retired school teacher, and a member of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church. He was a World War II Army veteran, and a member the DAV.

Survivors include his wife; and two sons: Michael T. (Glenda) May and William F. May, all of Langley; a sister, Earleen Patton of Langley; six grandchildren: Kristopher May, Christopher Hall, Alice Hall, Sherri May, Allison May, and Greg May; and three great-grandchildren: Allen Michael May, Ava Lucille May, and Christopher Logan Hall.

Funeral services for Thomas "T.C." May will be conducted Thursday, March 5, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Mark Tackett and Ollie Watts officiating.

Burial will follow in the May Family Cemetery, in Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bobby "Bob" Scott Mayo

Bobby "Bob" Scott Mayo, 79, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, husband of Jean Bentley Mayo, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family,

following an extended illness.

A native of Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Fletcher Medley and Lack Branham Mayo.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Peggy Jane Mayo Moldovan; and a brother, Fletcher Medley Mayo Jr.

He is survived by three daughters: Nelene (John) Gibbs and Yvette Kayton of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Vanessa Sue Mayo of Newport News, Virginia; three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; a brother, Royce W. Mayo of Prestonsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, February 14, at Kempsville Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Nate Atwood officiating.

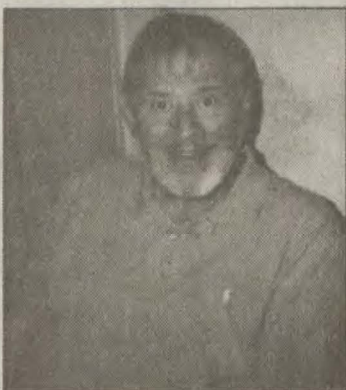
Burial was in Woodland Memorial Gardens.

Graham Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

Please share a memory with the family at:

www.grahamfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)



Jonathan "Spunky" Moore

Jonathan "Spunky" Moore, age 60, of Martin, husband of Cheryl Holbrook Moore, passed away Saturday, February 28, 2009, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born February 10, 1949, in Martin, a son of the late Ivel and Ida Harrington Moore. He was a retired contractor; a member of the First Baptist Church; and a member of John W. Hall Masonic Lodge, of Martin.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters: Beth Anne Moore and Myra Patrice Moore, both of Martin; a sister, Sandra M. McGowan of Frostproof, Florida; and a granddaughter, Heather Hayden Harrington Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral

home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Buckhorn Children and Family Services, 116 Buckhorn Lane, Buckhorn, Ky., 41721, or God's Pantry East, 65 Resource Ct., Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653.

Pallbearers: Tim Allen, Michael David Music, Tommy Hall, Mike Davis, Steve Lafferty, Pogo Moore, Robbie Williams, Mickey Martin and Tyler Martin.

Honorary pallbearers: Dr. Don Chaffin, Dr. Larry Leslie, Dr. Jack Kendrick, Will Kendrick, Don Marshall, Dr. Michael Minix, Keith Stegall, Doug Conley, Edgel Moore Jr., Doc Moore, Ernie Moore, Johnny Ray Turner, Mike Craft, Jerry Patton, Jack McGowan and Craig Crisp.

(Paid obituary)

Ray Newsome

Ray Newsome, 72, of Teaberry, died Monday, March 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born August 5, 1936, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ezra and Ella Hamilton Newsome. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Wheelwright Local Union.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Newsome.

Other survivors include five sons: Gregory Ray Newsome of Galveston, Jeffrey Lee and Christopher Newsome, both of Banner, Stevie Newsome of Atlanta, Georgia, and Stuart Alan Newsome of Pikeville; two daughters: Karen Henry of Stanville, and Lori Ann Huffman of Hamblin, West Virginia; three brothers: Childers Newsome of San Antonio, Texas, and Dalton and Donnie Alan Newsome, both of New Lebanon, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Townzel Newsome and Elza Newsome; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 5, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner, and Old Regular Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial will be in the Effie Newsome Cemetery, in Grethel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home; with nightly services at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

Eugene Webb

Eugene Webb, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 12, 1928, in Bays Branch, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Dave Webb and Percilla Tackett Webb. He was a self-employed farmer.

Survivors include three nephews: Danny Webb and David Webb, both of East Point, and Thomas (Tom) Webb Jr., of Crestwood.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Thomas L. Webb and Kaynard Webb; and a sister, Dora Belle Nelson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Adams officiating.

Interment was at the Webb Family Cemetery, in East Point.

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

Martha Williams

Martha Williams, age 85 of Minnie, passed away Sunday, March 1, 2009, at her residence.

She was born March 13, 1923, in Breathitt County, the daughter of the late Sidney and Nancy Miller Roberts.

She as a homemaker, and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noah Williams; her brothers: Billo Roberts, Berlin Roberts, and Hayden Roberts; and a sister, Shirley Roberts.

Surviving are two sisters: Laura Moore and June Allen, both of Minnie.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Thomas Maryland "Tommy" Hale would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergymen Arnold Turner Jr., and Jerry Manns for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF
THOMAS MARYLAND "TOMMY" HALE

Card of Thanks

The family of James Blaine Hopkins would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss: those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman Glenn Hayes for his kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES BLAINE HOPKINS

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Jimmy Dean Reed, would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time; those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss. To the Sons of the Confederacy for their presence and officiating of the service; the Sheriff's Department for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we thank you. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF JIMMY DEAN REED

Card of Thanks

The family of Donald Ray Shannon wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all those family, friends, and neighbors, for all the help during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, or just dropped by to share our sorrow. A special thanks to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and their elders, for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness at a time when it meant the most. For those who helped in anyway, if only a gentle handshake, we say thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF DONALD RAY SHANNON

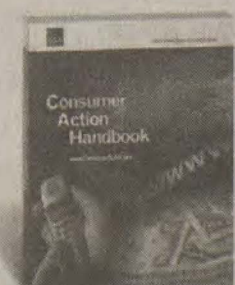
Card of Thanks

We, the family of Larry Douglas Tackett, would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who comforted and consoled us during the recent loss of our beloved husband and father. Without the help of Our Dear Lord and Savior and our wonderful relatives, neighbors and friends, we could never have endured the pain of losing Larry. Thank-you to all those who visited Larry at home any time during his illness. A special thank-you to everyone who visited Larry and sat up with us during Larry's last nights. To all those who brought food to the house and church, we greatly appreciated your thoughtfulness. To all those who sat up with us at the church and all those who visited at the church and sent flowers and cards, they were appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank-you to Dr. Tamara Musgrave and her wonderful caring staff. Also, thank-you to Dr. Bagrath and the staff at FMC Dialysis Clinic for the wonderful care you gave Larry. Larry appreciated every smile and kind word you gave him. Also, thank-you to the Pilgrim Home Church and all the preachers and singers who participated during services. Thank-you to all the pallbearers who served. Larry would have been so proud! Thanks to Hall Funeral Home, who handled the arrangements.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all.
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When disaster strikes, extension agents stand ready to help

It hit fast, and it hit hard. "The day the ice storm hit here, Tuesday, January 27, we closed the office early. By 11 a.m., the majority of the county was out of electricity," recalls Carol Hinton, Breckinridge County's Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources.

"By Thursday, we were able to cut our way out of our house," she says.

Like hundreds of thousands of other western Kentuckians, Hinton and her family were left without electricity. They shared the experience of being without power and without phones, isolated by 1-1/2 inches of freezing rain that weighed down utility lines, splintered trees and rendered roads impassable.

The Hintons' experience was the same as other agents of the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service in storm-ravaged Western Kentucky. First, the agents

were isolated, struggling to provide for themselves and their families. Then, they found themselves called to duty, assisting county emergency management officials and county residents.

"It took a few days in Breckinridge County, but we got up and running. We had people calling looking for generators or offering generators to others in need. I saw a lot of neighbors helping neighbors," Hinton says.

Hinton and her fellow agents helped get people together to meet their needs.

"I didn't do it because it was my job. I did it because it was the right thing to do," she says.

In Meade County, Jennifer Bridge also was without power. Fortunately, her landline allowed her to field phone calls.

"I answered a lot of questions about food safety," says Bridge, the county's Extension agent for family and consumer

sciences. "We ended up having some cases of food poisoning here. Some people thought they could take the food and put it in the snow," she says.

Not a good idea. "I'd ask them, 'Was the sun shining?' They'd say, 'Yeah,'" Bridge says.

Even though snow and ice could act as an insulator, the sun could warm the food enough to allow bacteria to attack. She advised callers to put food that could spoil in a cooler, cover the cooler and keep it out of the sun to keep it at 40 degrees Fahrenheit. (Bridge notes this works in winter, but not in other seasons.)

The experience prompted Bridge's office to provide small food thermometers to county residents. The thermometers, placed in refrigerators, help people know when food may spoil during power outages.

Extension agents across the

region helped their neighbors with other issues as well, such as avoiding carbon monoxide poisoning from poorly vented kerosene heaters, addressing potential problems with mold and mildew, operating chainsaws safely, and providing adequate water for livestock, says Anna Smith, an Extension district director based in Lexington.

Agents also helped organize shelters and provided food and care in their counties, she says.

In Grayson County, Extension agent Jack Ewing helped the local rural electric cooperative find housing for 400 out-of-state utility crew members who came to help restore power.

"We'd lost 100 percent of the county's power in five hours. It's a miracle they were able to get the system back up in two to three weeks," says Ewing, who handles agricultural and natural resource issues.

The lessons of 2009's ice storm will carry over for years, as will the community partnerships forged by the hardships. One example can be found in Hardin County.

"We're helping put together a 'generator school' to help people understand how to con-

nect and operate generators safely," says Doug Shepherd, the county's Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources.

Bill to waive makeup of school 'disaster days' clears House

FRANKFORT - A bill that would allow the state to excuse school districts from making up certain days missed because of Tropical Storm Ike last year and the snow and ice storm of 2009 passed the House 92-6 last week.

House Bill 322, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, was amended by the House to permit, rather than require, the state education commissioner to excuse up to

10 "disaster days" from school districts calendars in counties identified as federal disaster areas at the local school board's request. The original bill would have required a waiver from the commissioner, who would also be allowed to waive up to 10 disaster days in districts that are not designated federal disaster areas.

The House also amended the bill to require school districts to use allotted makeup

days in their 2008-09 school calendar before requesting any disaster days be waived.

"It's an amendment that the Kentucky School Board Association, KEA, Superintendents' Association, etc. who I've been dealing with all agree with," Cherry said.

HB 322 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

Some schools districts missed over 20 days because

of the recent disasters, Kentucky School Board Association official David Baird told the House Education Committee last week. Some districts have missed at least 26 days.

The bill would also require teachers and classified employees to make up any approved disaster days missed so that no one loses their pay, Cherry said.

The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Pikeville College releases fall 2008 Dean's List

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wallace Campbell has released the names of the top students for the fall 2008 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

Floyd County making the Dean's List include:

- Jeffrey T. Hall, of Allen
- Katherine L. Hale, of Blue River
- Brittany Rogers, of Harold
- Markayla B. Stevens, of Harold
- Michael R. Stewardson, of Harold
- Jessica L. Wesley, of Harold

- Tabetha Somer Witt of Harold
- Tara D. Burchett of Ivel
- Courtney B. Hall, of Martin
- Emily A. Holbrook, of Martin
- Taylor E. Mosley, of Martin
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Guest View Increase Pell Grants, one year at a time

Of all the billions of dollars in government giveaways proposed in President Barack Obama's first budget, the money targeted to increase college aid is perhaps the most justified.

America needs more college graduates if it hopes to compete in the 21st-century knowledge economy. But tuition costs are soaring as colleges pass on the cost of rising expenses and declining state aid to students and their families. That's particularly true in Michigan, where tuition at most public colleges and universities doubled during the past decade. A recent Your Child Michigan survey found cost to be the major barrier to college attendance.

Raising Pell grant limits to \$5,350 a year should lower that barrier somewhat for needy families.

Unfortunately, there's a catch to Obama's proposal that makes it unpalatable in its current form. The president wants to raise this year's grant -- again, a good idea -- and then make sure it goes up every year automatically without action from Congress.

He proposes to index the grant to inflation plus 1 percent, turning college aid into yet another entitlement program that the federal government has to fund and increase every year, similar to Medicaid and Medicare.

It is rarely good policy to remove spending decisions from the legislative body. It may be that increasing Pell grants every year is a sound policy; if so, Congress should feel compelled to do so with an annual vote.

But lawmakers should also have the flexibility to decide whether an increase in Pell grants should have a higher or lower claim on taxpayer dollars than other needs in any given year.

Locking in the funding excuses Congress from debating spending priorities and makes it more difficult to balance a budget.

It also perpetuates programs and policies that could become outdated. Future presidents and Congresses may decide there are better options for delivering college aid than Pell grants. Obama shouldn't try to set his agenda in stone with funding guarantees.

Congress should increase college aid, but not this way. It should strip the guaranteed funding increases out of the budget and preserve the appropriating power given to it by the Constitution.

— The Detroit News



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

We had some great economic news from Washington as the president unveiled his stimulus plan this week. Kentucky will receive more than \$3 billion for education, infrastructure, healthcare, road construction, energy initiatives, job training, public safety and community development projects.

The stimulus bill will help stabilize - but not solve - Kentucky's budget concerns. However, we do believe that prudent investment of these funds will help avoid devastating cuts to essential state services in the next two years.

After a one week legislative break, the Kentucky General Assembly resumed our regular schedule.

The Kentucky House of Representatives passed several bills this week and one bill addressed a problem left by the unusually destructive weather we have experienced over the past school year.

Because of the windstorm produced by the remnants of Tropical Storm Ike and the snow and ice storm last month, public schools are facing a large number of missed schools days to make up. House Bill 322 would permit the state education commissioner to excuse up to 10 disaster days from school district calendars in counties that missed 10 or more days. The school districts would

also have to have used up their allotted makeup days in their calendar before requesting any disaster days be waived. The bill passed by a vote of 92-6 and heads to the Senate for consideration.

Protecting breast-feeding mothers from harassment is the impetus behind House Bill 214 which passed the House with a vote of 94-0. Reports of mothers being verbally humiliated and even removed from public and private places prompted legislators to create penalties for such actions. House Bill 214 assesses fines for the first offense and fines increase with subsequent offenses. This legislation now heads to the Senate.

We also passed House Bill 327, another school-related bill, by a unanimous vote of 97-0. This legislation would address a growing concern about the shortage of assistant coaches for high schools and middle schools. In the past, teachers have been hired with the agreement that they would coach a sport, but as more teachers have retired those positions have been filled by good teachers who do not want to coach. Current Kentucky law requires that coaches have a college degree, but House Bill 327 would allow the Kentucky Board of Education to hire a non-certified person as a coach as long as that person completes a professional development course offered by the state board. This bill supports our schools' athletic programs and provides employment opportunities to qualified individuals.

A bill allowing state resort parks

and recreational parks with golf courses to sell distilled spirits, wine and malt beverages by the drink was passed by the House by a vote of 54-35. House Bill 308 would allow a local option election for those parks in dry areas of Kentucky. This legislation could provide a tremendous economic boost to our parks' system, increasing occupancy especially during off periods while promoting Kentucky's tourism industry.

Consumers will no longer have to pay an unfair tax on vehicles they sold in the month of December, thanks to House Bill 340. In the past, when a vehicle was sold in December, sometimes the new owner would not register it until January of the next year, and the previous owner would be responsible for paying the tax bill. Under House Bill 340, the new owner would be responsible for paying the taxes. The bill also relieves the previous owner from paying a fine for late registration or late payment of property taxes. The bill passed by a unanimous vote of 99-0.

Under House Bill 228, the sale of a popular and powerful hallucinogenic herb called Salvia would be outlawed. Salvia, which can be smoked or chewed, is outlawed in 13 states, but is legal in Kentucky and available on line and at various shops across the Commonwealth. House Bill 228 would make possession and trafficking in Salvia a misdemeanor. The bill

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Letters

Truth or bash?

This is being written concerning a letter which was published on Wednesday, Feb. 25, in The Floyd County Times. The title of the letter was, "Bashed Again," and was sent in from a lady by the name of Betty Dozier Fraley, who now lives in Lexington. This letter was about a program that aired on ABC's "20/20" on Feb. 13. The story was presented by Diane Sawyer and was called, "Children of the Mountains."

Betty said that Diane talked about people living in trash piles with dirty diapers in the yard, dopeheads and drunks that were toothless and living in sin and on welfare. These people that she was referring to were people of Eastern Kentucky.

Well, one thing that Betty Dozier Fraley forgot to mention is that Diane Sawyer didn't say that all of the people in Eastern Kentucky lived this lifestyle. She was only referring to the ones that do live this way.

There are people in Eastern Kentucky that actually live this lifestyle, whether Ms. Fraley is willing to admit it or not. But on the other hand, we also have some of the most beautiful homes and some of the best and the hardest working people that you will find anywhere. The reason we have these people is because they are caring people and choose to live the better way of life. A person is the one that decides the style of life that he wasn't to live. Some choose to live the good life, and some choose to live the lifestyle that Diane revealed on her program, the same life that they have lived generation after generation.

What Diane said is true about the way some people live in Eastern Kentucky. There are families that have spent their entire lives expecting someone to keep them up and pay their way. Just think of how many families in this area are on what they call the draw, SSI or disability, and haven't worked a day in their lives, just like all the generations before them; also, the parents who lie in bed, too lazy to get up and fix their kids a good breakfast and get them ready for school; also, those who use the money they get from their free monthly checks to buy cigarettes and beer with it.

It is the kids who suffer. There are some kids who don't have food like they should. They don't have decent cloth-

ing to wear to school, if they are lucky enough to go to school. So they are the ones that suffer and are really on their own. They get by the best way they can. Some of them get lucky and survive their ways, but most of them follow in their parents' footsteps.

I was born in Knott County. I graduated high school at Wayland in 1955. After graduation, I had to go to another state in order to find work so that I could have a decent life. After working for 44 years, I figured that it was time to retire and come back to what I always called home. I came back to Kentucky in 1999 and I was amazed to talk to people that I played with when I was a kid and find out that after all these years some of them hadn't worked a day in their whole lives, but had been on what they called the draw. You have no idea how angry this made me to hear things like this.

When I was growing up in Knott County, I had a hard-working father and mother. We didn't have the best, but they always managed to keep food on the table and clothes for us to wear, and they would never let us miss a day of school unless we were sick and just couldn't go.

My father told me something that I have always carried with me all my life. He told me that if I ever planned to make my way in life, that I would have to work for it. He told me that I probably could just exist if I expected people to keep me up with handouts, but who wants to only exist? He was right.

After 44 years of work and a retirement in 1999, I couldn't handle just sitting around, not doing anything, so one day I saw an ad in The Floyd County Times for a person to deliver papers. This was six years ago. I got the job and every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, by feet hit the floor and I'm on my way to deliver your Floyd County Times to you. At 71 years old, I have it on the way by 4 a.m.

So you see, Betty, if we had more people like Diane Sawyer that would come in to our beautiful Eastern Kentucky and expose more of the people who are living in these conditions that she revealed in her story, I think that Eastern Kentucky would be even more beautiful. Betty, get real. Don't get above your raising.

Wendell Patton
Allen

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Turner supports hospice bill

FRANKFORT — Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, supported legislation Thursday to declare Feb. 26 as Kentucky Hospice Day.

"Today, we recognize the medical professionals and hospice caregivers who are building a more compassionate society by providing comfort to our terminally ill," Sen. Turner said. "Hospice is a supportive network for the patient and for the patient's family."

"I am proud to have been involved with this program because the individuals who work and volunteer with hospice are truly special people," he added. "Hospice provides a much needed, though often labor intense and emotionally draining, service at a time when people are at their most vulnerable."

The goal of hospice care is to affirm life and improve the quality of a patient's last days by offering comfort and dignity. Hospice provides an option for individuals with terminal illnesses to be cared for in the manner of their choosing during their final days. This care is often provided in the patients' home, where their loved ones surround them.

Hospice deals with the emotional, social and spiritual impact of the disease on the patient and on the patient's family and friends. The hospice programs exist in the hope and belief that, through appropriate care and the promotion of a caring community sensitive to their needs, patients and families may be free to attain a degree of mental and spiritual preparation of death that is satisfactory for

them. Today, there are more than 3,200 hospice programs in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. Hospice programs care for more than one million Americans throughout the country each year.

Kentucky hospice organizations care for more than 16,000 patients per year. There are 22 hospice facilities treating terminally ill patients across the Commonwealth.

Senator Turner said the entire state is grateful for the work of the dedicated doctors, nurses, counselors, social workers, and volunteers who provide quality hospice care to our fellow Kentuckians.

Turner represents the 29th district, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.



Heather Martin, Dr. Ayesha Sikder, M.D., and Sherrie Blair, Certified Nutritionist.

PBH conducts women's healthy heart seminar

PAINTSVILLE — Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center held a Women's Heart Health seminar Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Paintsville Ramada Inn.

More than 45 women were in attendance as the guest speakers focused on activities, food and other aspects of developing and maintaining a healthy heart for women of all adult ages.

Addressing the audience were Ms. Sherri Blair, Registered Dietitian, and Dr. Ayesha Sikder, Board Certified Pulmonologist, both from the Paul B. Hall staff.

Blair spoke on nutrition components as well as exercise. Dr. Sikder confined her remarks to the topic of Fighting Heart Disease in Women. Meanwhile, Marcia

Thompson, BBA, RN, RPSGT, from her position as Director of Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center's Sleep Center, made information available on sleep apnea and heart disease.

The Seminar was organized and conducted by Ms. Heather Martin, Public Relations Coordinator and Physician Recruiter at Paul B. Hall.



Applications are now being accepted for a special license plate to help raise funds for Trooper Island, a free summer camp for disadvantaged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton Co. In order for the Transportation Cabinet to make this an official tag for vehicle registration in Kentucky, 900 applications must be received by September 2009. The cost is \$28 at the time of application with an additional \$16 due at the time of pick up. Applications can be obtained from any state police post or downloaded from the KSP web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org. Trooper Island is financed entirely by donations, no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers. For more information, visit the KSP web site at www.kentuckystatepolice.org or call the KSP Media Relations Branch at 502-695-6344.

Bluegrass Beekeeping School to be held in Frankfort

FRANKFORT — On March 14, the Bluegrass Beekeeping School will be held at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Last year's program at the same location was attended by over 300 beekeepers from 60 Kentucky counties and several surrounding states.

This year, speakers will include Dr. Rick Fell of Virginia Tech University, Dr. Tom Webster of Kentucky State University, Dr. Ray McDonnell of Somerset Community College London Campus, and Kent Williams of former president of the Kentucky Beekeepers Association and the Eastern Apicultural Society.

Dr. Rick Fell will present the opening address titled "How bees make honey & how we can use the knowledge for colony management." Dr. Fell will also make presentations in two of the four breakout sessions on the topics of "Wintering Bees —

Understanding Colony Stress and Biology" and "Basic Hive Evaluation — Colony Strength to Queen Quality."

In addition to Dr. Fell's talks there will be a wide selection of talks for beekeepers on a number of hive management topics such as: "Making nucs and splits", "Moving Bees for Pollination", "Basic Queen Rearing", "How to set up a two-queen hive", and others. There will also be talks on alternative products from the hive such as candle making, making lotions and handbars, and pollen collection and processing.

Dr. Tom Webster will once again conduct the beginner's track of classes for the new or novice beekeeper. If you are a new beekeeper, or a "beekeeper-2-bee," the beginning track of classes is where you want to be. A certificate for a free package of honeybees will be given away to a new beekeeper in the beginners' course.

A vendor tradeshow will

also be part of the school, with the Walter B. Kelley Company & the Dadant & Sons Company, selling supplies, taking orders (including orders for package bees for spring delivery or pickup), as well as displaying beekeeping equipment.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. in the lobby of Bradford Hall at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. However, pre-registration is suggested. A pre-registration form may be downloaded from the State Apiarist's webpage which also contains the most up to date information on the program. The website is <http://www.kyagr.com/statevet/bees/index.htm>. There is a pre-registration fee of \$20 per person (there are also discounts for family & school age youth). At the door, the registration fee will be \$25 per person.

And as always, there will be lots of door prizes, including a package of bees for spring pickup.

Senate approves executive branch ethics bill

FRANKFORT — State contracts would be essentially forbidden to anyone giving money to candidates under comprehensive ethics legislation passed Friday by the Senate.

"Ethical government and ethical elections are crucial to the success of self-government, and legislation to promote those core American values is as important as anything we do here," said Sen. Damon Thayer, the sponsor of Senate Bill 2.

SB 2 includes business partners as those who cannot benefit from the actions of a state official. Currently only the official and their family members are included in the prohibition.

The bill also extends the ban on state officials going to work for a business they regulated to two years. The current prohibition is six months.

Among the most notable elements of SB 2 is the ban on any business entity receiving a state contract within 18 months of donating more than \$500 to a candidate for office. Individuals acting as their own business would have a limit of \$50, and both limits would apply to the entire length of the contract as well. "One of the strongest provisions of Senate Bill 2 would end the practice

of 'pay to play,'" said Thayer, R-Georgetown.

The makeup of the Executive Branch Ethics Commission would change under the bill, giving other constitutional officers a greater role in its membership. While the first appointment under SB 2 would be made by the governor, the next three appointments would be chosen from a list submitted by the

Attorney General, Secretary of State, and Auditor of Public Accounts.

The bill, which passed 32-4, now moves to the House for its consideration.

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State hiring ethics bill passes House 92-0

FRANKFORT - A pared-down version of a former House bill that would improve state employee job protections and ethics in hiring passed the House Friday by a vote of 92-0.

House Bill 304, sponsored by Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, is a revised version of Cherry's Public Employee Protection Act which was considered by lawmakers in 2007 and 2008 but did not become law. The 2009 bill has fewer provisions than the two earlier bills since most provisions have been implemented by the governor, Cherry said, but several areas left unaddressed are the bill.

HB 304 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

Provisions in HB 304 include covering Personnel Cabinet board members under the Executive Branch ethics code, requiring that former non-merit employees serve a

12-month probationary period before being appointed to a merit system position, with few exceptions, and allowing employees to seek nonpartisan elected office (such as a school board position) if there is no perceived conflict and the employee has fully disclosed their intent to run for office to their employer.

The bill would also place limits on compensatory time block payments for non-merit employees, limit comp leave

payments for any employee who leaves state government service to 240 hours (the equivalent of 10 days), and allow state employees who have been on leave for active military duty or training to return to their job and appeal any possible dismissal.

The state merit system is a classified employment system that is designed so employees are hired based on their qualifications.

LEGAL NOTICE
The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu.

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses for each district office can be obtained from state highway garages.

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Abuse

the charges. In August of last year, Terry Fisher, 55, an inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center, was allegedly beaten to the verge of death by upwards of 10 other inmates at the jail. Fisher was in jail on a charge

of sexual abuse. Tina Green, Fisher's niece, recently filed a lawsuit against the jail based on the alleged incident. After obtaining copies of the court documents detailing the charges against Martha Pitts and Michael Pitts, court

officials told The Floyd County Times that they could not report on the incident because the judge had ordered the file to be sealed. The documents were then handed over to a deputy with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Jeremy Rogers, an attorney working on behalf of the Kentucky Press Association, believes that the actions taken by the court were inappropriate. "If you have people that have been arrested and

charged with some kind of felony, then the whole case file is sealed, that is a violation of the First Amendment and the public's right to access ..." Rogers said. "This is among the more extreme situations I've dealt with regarding court

records." Judge James R. Allen had no comment on the order to seal the case.

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Suspect

one in the storage building when we found him." Employees say that at about 4 p.m., Thompson, who Little said had done various jobs for the restaurant such as cutting hedges and other duties, knocked on the back door posing as a delivery driver and said he "had a delivery."

for delivery, they opened the door and let him in," Little said. When Thompson was allowed in, Little said statements were made that the Prestonsburg resident produced a knife and placed it against the throat of the female employee who had opened the door. Thompson then allegedly led the employee through the restaurant mak-

ing threats and demanding money. It was at this time, Little said, employees took the situation into their own hands to remove Thompson from the restaurant. "The employees said he looked like he might be drunk," Little said, "and one of the cooks got hold of him and pushed him out the door and told him never to come back."

Thompson pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Tuesday morning and is currently being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash bond. Little said the Prestonsburg Police Department will continue to investigate the case and expects more charges to be brought against Thompson in the near future.

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Suit claims spill led to wreck

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

INEZ — A Martin County man who was injured in an accident involving a diesel fuel spill has filed a civil action suit against Schlumberger, the company that owned the truck carrying the diesel tank. Zachary Todd, 19, received serious and permanent spinal injuries in the accident. According to a release from Kirk Law Firm, a truck belonging to Schlumberger

Technology Corporation was traveling along Route 3 when a vehicle in front of the truck lost a leaf spring which damaged a fuel tank on the truck, resulting in a spill of 60 gallons of fuel on the roadway. In the suit, Todd claims that his accident was a result of Schlumberger's negligence in cleaning up the spill and not leaving some type of warning near the area. Todd claims that he lost control of his pickup when he hit the spill spot, rolling the truck onto its top.

"This is one of those rather scary aspects of driving," said John Kirk, with Kirk Law Firm. "You're rolling along on a clear summer day and the last thing you expect is to skid on oil, flip over and fight for your life. When Mr. Todd rolled across the roadway, fortunately he hit no one else." Todd is seeking compensation for past and future medical care and treatment, property damage to is vehicle, lost past and future wages, and for his pain and suffering.

Stimulus

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that his administration had "acted quickly to put Recovery Act dollars to good use in communities across America," adding that health centers, primary care and prevention were "at the heart" of his plan for an "affordable, accessible health care system." Nationwide, grants totaling \$155 million will assist 126 health centers and provide assistance to an estimated 750,000 low-income citizens. The grants were administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), which anticipates the funding will create 5,500 jobs at health centers across the country.

Fatal wreck lawsuit settled

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

LOUISA — A trial set to begin on Tuesday in the wrongful death case against Rice Trucking Company has been canceled after the case was settled by an agreement with the parties involved. Ronald Haney, of Johnson County, died from injuries sustained in a crash that occurred in Louisa in March of last year.

Haney's wife, Wendy Haney, was seriously injured in the accident. According to the suit, filed by Kirk Law Firm, the accident resulted from the negligence of Rice's truck operator, Ray Davis. However, Rice Trucking and Davis maintained that the accident was a result of Haney's negligence. Wendy Haney was hospitalized for two months due to the severity of her injuries, and

she later received care in a nursing home. "Although I grieve over Ronald each day, at the same time I thank God for sparing me to care for our two children, and I thank God they were not with us when it happened," Haney said. "My sister and my mother help me with the kids. I don't know what I would do without them." The Haney's were returning

from an Ashland hospital where they had been visiting a family member when the accident occurred. "I can only say that the right and just thing was done," said John Kirk, with Kirk Law Firm. "I feel privileged to have been of some assistance to Wendy and her darling children." The terms of the settlement were not revealed.

Governor announces \$37 million for communities, residents to combat home, property foreclosures

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear announced Tuesday that Kentucky will use \$37 million in federal funding to help communities respond to the effects of high home and property foreclosures in the wake of the country's economic crisis.

hood is also home to a federal Hope VI grant that has completely reinvented what was once the Bluegrass-Aspendale housing project. Hundreds of new single-family homes, townhouses and apartments now stand on the Bluegrass-Aspendale site.

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Recovery Act of 2008. Fayette County has the fourth-highest need in the state, based on foreclosure rates and other HUD data. Under the program's guidelines, a family of four with a combined income of up to \$76,200 will be eligible.

Surrounded by Lexington Mayor Jim Newberry and members of concerned community nonprofit groups, Gov. Beshear said the emergency assistance, made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will help the state and communities such as Lexington acquire and re-develop foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities.

Local governments and nonprofit partners have applied for neighborhood stabilization grants to acquire abandoned land and property for demolition or rehabilitation, Gov. Beshear said. Applications are being reviewed and funding announcements will be made by the end of this month. For more information on the NSP program, go online to <http://dlg.ky.gov/grants/federal/Neighborhood+Stabilization+Program.htm>.

Kentucky's program also targets assistance to veterans and active members of the military, persons with mental or physical disabilities, and those who are homeless. NSP grantees must target funds to give priority emphasis and consideration to areas with greatest need, including: those with the greatest percentage of home foreclosures; with the highest percentage of homes financed by a subprime mortgage-related loan; and identified as likely to face a significant rise in the rate of home foreclosures.

In Jefferson County, which has the highest need of any county in the state due to its severe housing foreclosure crisis, a family of four with a combined income of up to \$71,300 will be eligible. HUD's county income limits range from a low of \$49,200 in many rural counties to a high of \$79,450 in many metropolitan areas.

"Many areas across the commonwealth have been hard hit by the effects of foreclosures and declining property values," Gov. Beshear said. "The intent of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) is to put these federal dollars to work cleaning up communities and stabilizing neighborhoods so that they remain a safe place for working families to call home."

A broad range of neighborhood stabilization activities have been proposed for the grants, including:
■ The repair and sale of foreclosed homes;
■ Creating more affordable rental housing;
■ Tearing down abandoned and blighted buildings that lower surrounding property values;
■ Creating land banks to temporarily manage and dispose of vacant land for the purpose of stabilizing neighborhoods;
■ Encouraging reuse or redevelopment of urban property.

Preference is also being given to projects that include green building techniques, promote energy conservation, and that use renewable energy sources. Congress has directed that these grant funds be obligated for specific activities within 18 months. The funding, which will be administered by the Department for Local Government, is provided through HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing and Economic

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Newberry welcomed the Governor to Lexington's east-end neighborhoods, which are experiencing a rebirth fueled in part by an investment of public dollars in housing and other facilities, and by the continuing efforts of agencies like the Lexington Fayette County Urban League and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Housing Authority.

Kentucky families with a household income not exceeding 120 percent of the area median income may buy, or in some cases rent at a reduced rate, the previously foreclosed homes. Families often receive help with down payments and closing costs, too. The resale of foreclosed homes through NSP will be limited to low-, to moderate-, and middle-income buyers. The NSP plan seeks to protect potential buyers by requiring that they obtain a mortgage loan from a lender who agrees to comply with sound lending practices. Homebuyers must also receive at least eight hours

of housing counseling from a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. Kentucky has set aside \$9.5 million of its total allotment to serve the most vulnerable of citizens who have the lowest incomes, Gov. Beshear said. These are families whose income is at 50 percent or below of the area's median income.

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"The school that is hosting our news conference today, William Wells Brown Elementary School, is a prime example of how public dollars can work to stabilize a neighborhood and spur private investment," Newberry said. "This facility is a joint project of the city and Fayette County Public Schools. In addition to classrooms, it houses a community center, where neighbors can meet, and offers adults opportunities for exercise and continuing education." The neighbor-

hood is also home to a federal Hope VI grant that has completely reinvented what was once the Bluegrass-Aspendale housing project. Hundreds of new single-family homes, townhouses and apartments now stand on the Bluegrass-Aspendale site.

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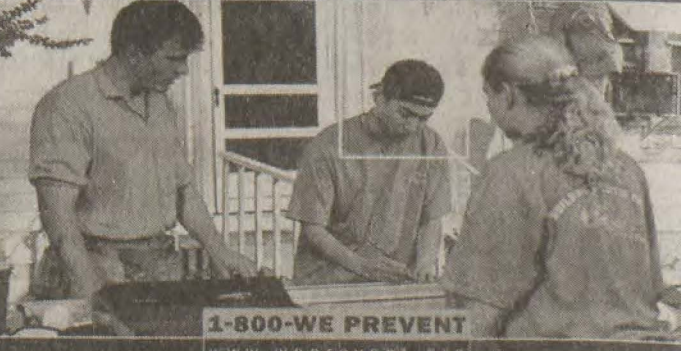
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Lady Rebels fall in region tourney

Paintsville knocks off Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Amber Shepherd scored 20 points and Megan Jones drained a game-high five three-pointers on her way to 17 points but it wasn't enough to lift Allen Central past Phelps on Monday night in the opening

round of the Girls' 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Merissa Pruitt scored a game-high 21 points as Phelps defeated the Lady Rebels 70-50.

Allen Central trailed at the end of each quarter. Phelps led Allen Central 32-15 at halftime. Allen Central was limited to single digits in each of the first two quarters.

Jasmine Hall scored 15 points and Kaitlyn Riley added 13 points and 11 rebounds for Phelps.

The Lady Hornets led Allen Central 45-28 through

quarters. Jones knocked down four three-pointers in the final quarter as Allen Central scored 22 points.

Caitlin Kidd scored five points and Logan Cline added three for Allen Central.

The Lady Rebels finished the season 9-16 under the guidance of first-year head coach.

Paintsville 51, Shelby Valley 48: Paintsville got past Shelby Valley in the opening round of the regional tournament thanks to the play of more than one player. Brittani Chaffins scored 18

points, Leaha Vanhoose netted 13 and Laura Carroll contributed 12 for the Lady Tigers.

Following a 13-13 tie at the end of the first quarter, Paintsville outscored Shelby Valley in each of the next two periods. The Lady Tigers also withstood a spirited late Shelby Valley scoring effort. The Lady Wildcats outscored Paintsville 21-16 in the final quarter.

Laura Perkins led Shelby Valley with 17 points. Brittany Swindall scored 10 points and Coleman added eight for the Lady Wildcats.



Allen Central sophomore Sarah Kinney (50) worked for position during Monday night's 15th Region Tournament game.

Lady Bears fall in regular-season finale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The University of the Cumberlands put three players in double figures and held the home team to 36.5 percent shooting in a 72-53 win over the Pikeville College Lady Bears Saturday.

Cumberlands, 25-4, finished 10-2 and in a tie for first place in the Mid-South Conference standings. They will be the second seed in next week's tournament and will get a first-round bye.

Pikeville finished 20-10 overall and 6-6 in the league. The Lady Bears will be seeded fourth and play No. 5 Georgetown in the opening round on Friday afternoon.

Cumberlands didn't shoot especially well, hitting 45.5 percent, but they were 11-of-27 (40.7 percent) from the arc and 84.6 percent from the free-throw line to secure the win.

The Patriots were led by senior Madison Flowers, who tossed in 20 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the arc. Junior Amber Neace tossed in 15 on three three-point shots, while pulling down five rebounds and recording three steals.

Senior Johnna Abney had 10 points and seven assists.

Pikeville was led by sophomore Natiera Hinton, who tossed in 24 and grabbed 11 rebounds. She was the only Lady Bear in double figures. Three teammates scored six points apiece.

Cumberlands charged out to a 38-19 lead at the break and the teams played evenly in the second half.

Bears, Lady Bears seeded fourth, play Friday in MSC Tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Both Pikeville College basketball teams will be seeded fourth when the Mid-South Conference basketball tournaments tip off on Friday at the Frankfort Civic Center.

The tournaments conclude on Sunday as the tournament champions are crowned while earning the automatic bid into the NAIA National Tournaments March 18-24.

Georgetown College is the top seed in the men's tournament after finishing the regular season with a 10-2 regular-season record. Campbellsville University is the top seed in the women's tournament after owning the tiebreaker over MSC regular season co-champions University of the Cumberlands. Campbellsville and Cumberlands each finished with 10-2 league marks.

Prior to the opening of the tournaments, the MSC Basketball Banquet where the conference will honor the all-conference, academic all-conference, freshmen of the year and players of the year will take place on Thursday night.

Following the banquet, the Mid-South Conference Cheerleading Championships will take place at the Civic Center.



Prestonsburg returned to the top of the 58th District Friday night with a 51-46 win over Betsy Layne in the district finals.

Blackcats outlast Bobcats in finals

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Prestonsburg is set to enter the Boys' 15th Region Tournament as a district champion. The Blackcats defeated Betsy Layne 51-46 Friday night in the 58th District championship game at The Dome. Prestonsburg improved to 17-12 under head coach Jack Pack after capturing the district championship.

"I've been real satisfied with our season," Pack said. "Our kids have responded well and they've met all of the goals that we set in the preseason."

Prestonsburg outscored Betsy Layne in three out of four quarters Friday night. The Blackcats led 17-12 through one quarter but trailed 28-23 when halftime rolled around. Prestonsburg held Betsy Layne to four points in a pivotal third quarter. The Blackcats outscored Betsy Layne 13-4 in the third quarter, holding on to defeat the Bobcats.

Senior center Steven Patrick carried the biggest load for Prestonsburg, scoring a game-high 21 points.

Senior leadership has been key for the Blackcats.

"Our seniors set a great example with their work ethic," Pack added. "The senior leadership for our team has been tremendous."

Junior guard Michael Burchett added 13 points for the

Blackcats in the win over Betsy Layne. Senior forward Austin Gearheart scored eight points and senior guard Jody Tackett added six for Prestonsburg.

The Prestonsburg coach was also quick to tout his reserves.

"I've been real pleased with our players coming in off of the bench," Pack said. "Cameron Tincher is in my opinion the most improved player in Floyd County. He, Seth Setser, Tyler Hall and Joseph Jamerson have all made an impact for us."

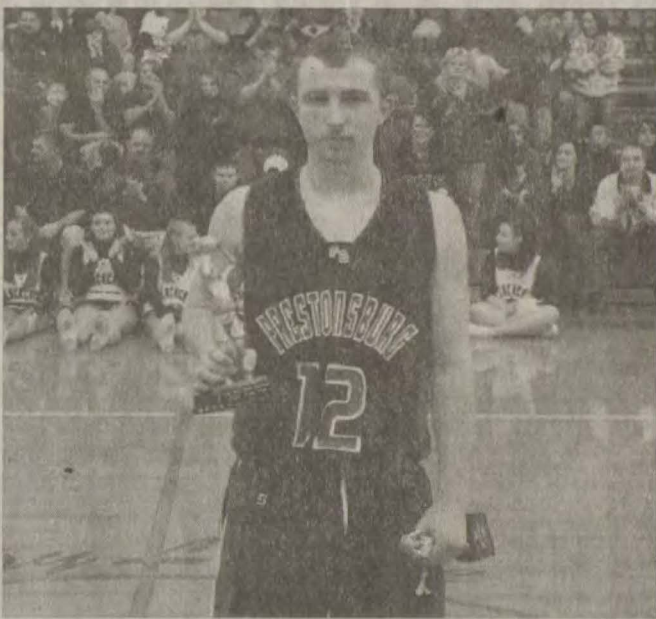
Senior forward/center Richie Tackett led Betsy Layne with 14 points. Sophomore guard Nathan Martin and senior center Josh Head had 10 points apiece as Betsy Layne dropped the district tournament title game on its home hardwood.

Prestonsburg will meet Pike County Central on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament. Betsy Layne will face region favorite Shelby Valley tonight at 8 p.m. in another regional tournament opening round matchup.

Pack is excited to have his team in the postseason.

"Anyone that makes it into the regional tournament is capable of winning," Pack commented.

At the conclusion of the district championship game, during an awards ceremony, Blackcat Jody Tackett was named the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year.



Senior Jody Tackett (above) and Coach Jack Pack (below) were among the Blackcats honored at the conclusion of Friday night's 58th District Tournament championship game. Tackett was named the Floyd County Conference Player of the Year. Pack shared the conference coach of the year nod with Betsy Layne's Junior Newsome.



CHEER CHAMPS

Adams claimed first-place in the traditional cheer and pom division at the Mountain Classic Cheer competition held at Pikeville High School over the weekend.



Fitzgerald leads Pats past Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Luke Fitzgerald poured in 30 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead 12th-ranked Cumberlands past Pikeville 79-71 Saturday afternoon.

The win gives the Patriots the two seed in next week's Mid-South Conference tournament in Frankfort. Cumberlands finished the regular season 24-6 overall, 9-3 in the Mid-South Conference.

The loss dropped Pikeville to 19-11 overall and 7-5 in the league. Entering with the chance to be the two seed, the loss, combined with Lindsey Wilson's win over St. Catharine, drops the Bears to the four seed and a first-round matchup with WVU Tech at 8 p.m. Friday night.

Cumberlands led the last 28 minutes of the game, but a three-point play by freshman Kane Belcher with 2:33 left brought the Bears within four (71-67). But Cumberlands got a layup by Fitzgerald and four free throws from junior Chad Byron to push the lead to 10 and pull away for the win.

Fitzgerald was joined in double figures by junior Josh Phillips, who had 14 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Byron finished with nine, as did junior guard Nathaniel Mitchell.

Pikeville got 20 points from junior guard Josh Samarco to lead three players in double figures. Senior J.B. Smiley tossed in 19 to go with four assists and four rebounds. Sophomore Justin Hicks finished with 11 points.

Junior center Anthony Smith had nine points and 10 rebounds, while senior center Ewan Linton pulled down five of his nine off the offensive glass.

Pikeville lost for only the second time all season at home despite committing only eight turnovers in the game. Cumberlands gave it up 14 times in the loss.

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Overall Record
Shelby Valley	27-4
Johnson Central	21-7
Lawrence Co.	20-9
Pikeville	18-11
Prestonsburg	17-12
Phelps	16-9
Betsy Layne	16-10
East Ridge	14-12
Magoffin Co.	14-15
Sheldon Clark	11-17
Belfry	10-17
Pike Co. Central	9-22
Paintsville	7-19
South Floyd	5-21
Allen Central	1-19



Betsy Layne coach Junior Newsome has been named Co-Floyd County Conference Coach of the Year.

Switch methods to catch crappie this spring

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT — For years, anglers at Kentucky and Barkley lakes sought crappie in spring by jugging baits around drop-offs, fishing with minnows in shallow brush and probing stake beds with grubs. While these traditional methods worked well for white crappie, they are not nearly as effective nowadays because of the growing population of black crappie in both lakes.

Anglers who want to catch more fish from Kentucky's most popular crappie fishing lakes this spring need to change their techniques.

"People are still looking for white crappie," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "According to our data, there are more 10-inch crappie in Kentucky Lake right now than we've seen since 1985. But 97 percent of the ones we collected in our trap nets are black crappie."

While white crappie still dominate Lake Barkley, black crappie now make up nearly 40 percent of the population. Buynak says anglers will find fish if they put away their white crappie techniques and target the many black crappie the lakes have to offer.

"Black and white crappie differ quite a bit overall," he explained. "Black crappie move shallow earlier and stay longer. They also prefer clearer water. People don't usually cast to rocky shorelines when fishing for crappie, and this is where the black crappie are in the spring."

Western District Fishery Biologist Paul Rister says fishing for black crappie is starting to heat up as the days turn warmer.

"On warm, sunny days in late February and early March, black crappie are up on those rocky shorelines taking advantage of clear water and warmer temperatures," he said. "You've got to key in on the western shorelines that get sun early in the morning."

Anglers should try curly-tailed jigs with 1/16-ounce jig heads, Rooster Tails and other small in-line spinners. Good jig colors include white, white with chartreuse, white with red, lime-green, chartreuse, blue and pink.

"You need something really light," said Rister. "The old standard is a minnow fished underneath a bobber, using a slow retrieve. Let it sit for several seconds, give it a bump, let it sit there, and continue to work it slowly."

Anglers fishing from boats should cast toward shallow, rocky shorelines. Both lakes possess this type of shoreline on the sides bordering Land Between the Lakes, although Barkley Lake is less rocky than Kentucky Lake overall. The lakes' shorelines are rockier towards the mouths of embayments.

Bank fishing in these areas is also productive. However, anglers must be careful not to spook fish in the shallow, clear water. "If you are fishing from a boat, you must stay back

away from the bank and cast," Buynak said. "If you get too close to the bank, you're going to spook the fish."

As cold winter days give way to early spring, the time is right to target black crappie at Kentucky's two largest lakes. Anglers willing to update their fishing methods will find good prospects this year.

Kentucky and Barkley lakes have a 20-fish daily creel limit, 10-inch minimum size limit for both species of crappie. For complete fishing regulations, pick up a copy of the 2009-10 Kentucky Fishing and Boating Guide, available wherever fishing licenses are sold.

Poaching tip leads to arrest of Rowan man on wildlife, drug charges

FRANKFORT — It all started when a conservation officer for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

received a tip about illegal deer kills in Rowan County.

Today, a Rowan County man is free on a \$7,500 full cash bond and awaiting arraignment after conservation officers charged him Feb. 20 with a total of 48 counts, including illegally killing deer, cultivating and trafficking in marijuana and drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, pills in improper containers and trapping without a license.

Officers arrested Kevin Watkins, 35, of Morehead at his residence and lodged him in the Rowan County Detention Center. Officers executed a search warrant after Conservation Officer Glenn Kitchen received a tip that Watkins had killed three deer illegally.

During the search, Kitchen, joined by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Captain Paul Teague, Sergeant Herb Booth and Conservation Officers Loren Clark and Andrew Black, seized 94 sets of deer antlers, seven marijuana plants, indoor grow lights, a cloning system,

16 bags of processed marijuana totaling nearly 1 1/2 pounds, more than 100 pills in plastic bags, four sets of weighing scales, 19 firearms and \$1,251 in cash.

Watkins is scheduled for arraignment in Rowan District Court March 11 before District Judge Donald Blair.

FISH THESE AREA LAKES

- Dewey Lake
- Paintsville Lake
- Fishtrap Lake
- Buckhorn Lake

Bentley leads Colonels to 2009 SCAC Championship

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CONWAY, Ark. — The No. 16 Centre College men's basketball team won the 2009 SCAC Championship by defeating Southwestern, 72-67, on Sunday. The Colonels have now won the SCAC Tournament in two of the last three years.

The Colonels raced out of the gate and quickly built a commanding first half lead. At half Centre led Southwestern by 15, 42-27. In the first half the Colonels dominated in the paint, scoring 12 points, and in points off of Southwestern turnovers, scoring 10 points.

Southwestern stormed back

in the second half to cut the Centre lead to three, 67-64, with two minutes to go in the game. Centre preserved the final Southwestern attack in route to the Championship victory thanks to clutch play.

Leading the Colonels to the 2009 SCAC Championship was senior guard Kris Bentley (Pikeville). Bentley, a Floyd County native, scored a career-high 31 points thanks to shooting eight-for-14 from three-point land and going seven-for-seven from the free throw line. Senior forward T.C. Thomason (Russellville) scored 16 points and junior forward Danny Noll (Ft. Mitchell) scored 11 points. Senior point guard Ryan

Crowdis had five points, five rebounds and a game-high nine assists. Sophomore center Alex Lloyd (Lexington) pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds while also recording two blocks and two steals.

With the win Centre improves to 23-4 overall along with having won eight straight games. The last time Centre won the SCAC Tournament Championship was during the 2006-07 season.

En route to the 18th conference title in school history, the Colonels defeated first round opponent Austin College, 66-41, and then a day later in the second round defeated Hendrix College, 78-77.

OVC: Eagles fall at UT Martin

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MARTIN, Tenn. — Morehead State sophomore Kenneth Faried recorded his 20th double-double of the season Saturday night at UT Martin, but the Skyhawks' Lester Hudson and Marquis Weddle combined for 57 points and 11 three-pointers to lead UTM to a 79-65 win over the Eagles. The Skyhawks claimed the OVC regular title with the win and earned the top seed in the OVC Tournament. MSU, now 16-15 overall and 12-6 in the OVC, was hosting Eastern Kentucky in the tournament Tuesday night. The Morehead State-Eastern Kentucky game ended too late to make this edition.

Weddle was 8-of-14 from three-point range for 30 points, while Hudson tallied 27 points. The pair combined to take 50 of the Skyhawks' 63 total shots.

Faried led the Eagles with 14 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. The Eagles also had three other players in double figures. Senior Leon Buchanan totaled 13 points and seven rebounds. Maze Stallworth tallied 12 points, and Brandon Shingles notched 10.

MSU outrebounded UTM 41-38 and hit 41 percent from the field, but Weddle and Hudson were too tough, and the Eagles only hit 5-of-21 from distance. MSU also hit only 10-of-18 free throws and turned the ball over 17 times. UTM shot 40 percent.

Wildcats fan record 18 batters

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Behind senior Chris Rusin's career-high 12 strikeouts, the No. 29 Kentucky Wildcats struck out a record 18 hitters and pounded out 15 runs on 18 hits to secure the second game of the series from the Western Michigan Broncos, on a sunny Sunday afternoon at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

Rusin, a 2008 first-team All-Southeastern Conference starter, struck out the most hitters in a UK game since James Rodriguez struck out 12 East Tennessee State University hitters in 2004. UK's 18 total strikeouts marked the most since UK started keeping single-game records in 2002. In 2002, UK set the then-school record with 16 team strikeouts against Ball State, as future first-round draft pick and 2008 MLB World Series Champion Joe Blanton rang up all 16 punch outs.

The strong starting-pitching performance came a game after junior lefty James Paxton struck out a career-best 11 WMU hitters Friday, allowing only two hits and one run. Rusin, a member of the Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year Watch List, worked five innings, allowed six hits and two earned runs, issuing only one walk. After allowing the first three WMU hitters to reach in the top of the first inning, on two outfield errors and a seeing-eye single, Rusin struck out the next six hitters, finishing the game retiring 12-of-15 hitters via strikeout.

For the second consecutive game, Rusin had to pitch in a game that had over 20 mile-an-hour winds blowing out to center and right field. In his first outing of the season, Rusin struck out eight in 4.1 innings at No. 22 Coastal Carolina, but was the victim of some defensive letdowns and allowed a career-high five earned runs. Rusin rebounded with the 12-strikeout gem, giving him a team-best 20 strikeouts in 9.1 innings of work in 2009.

The strikeout party continued after Rusin left, with junior Tyler Henry and freshman Braden Kapteyn combining to strike out six. Henry, who lasted 2.2 scoreless innings, struck out four batters, giving him 12 strikeouts on the season. Henry, who currently holds a 0.90 ERA in two appearances this season, was replaced in the eighth inning, with the bases loaded, by Kapteyn. The freshman from Lansing, Ill., allowed one hit

and one unearned run, striking out two to pick up his first career save.

The Wildcats received multiple-hit games from six players, including Chris Bisson, Keenan Wiley, Cory Farris, Spencer Korus, Chad Wright and Marcus Nidiffer. Bisson, hitting lead off for the second straight game, had three hits in the game, posting one RBI and three runs scored. Wiley and Korus each had three hits, two RBI and two runs scored. Chad Wright, who gathered his first career RBI as a Wildcat, led all players with four RBI. Nidiffer and Farris each had two hits, with Nidiffer gathering in three RBI and Farris scoring two runs.

The Broncos would get on the board first, starting off the game with a wind-guided triple, that was later ruled an error by Wiley, to right center field by Kyle Galbraith. With Galbraith on third, Derek Mosher hit a sharp ground ball through the right side of the infield past the diving Korus, scoring Galbraith. The next batter was Chris Lewis who reached on an error by Farris advancing Mosher to third. After a meeting on the mound with Nidiffer and the UK infield, Rusin struck out the next three batters to get out of the jam.

In the bottom of the first, Kentucky would answer. A leadoff single by Bisson would start the rally for Kentucky. Wade would then pop out on a bunt attempt to first, and after Bisson stole second, Wiley would hit an infield single to the left side that advanced Bisson to third after a throwing error by Mosher. After Wiley stole second, Frazier would then send a sharp single up the middle scoring Bisson and tying the game for the Wildcats. Frazier and Wiley would both score on a double down the right field line by Korus. On the next pitch, in his first collegiate at bat at Cliff Hagan Stadium, Chad Wright would give Kentucky its fourth and final run of the inning sending a sharp double into the left center field gap.

Rusin would then add three more strikeouts to his record by striking out the side in the top of the second, making it six consecutive strikeouts.

Kentucky (4-2) would add a run in the second inning when freshman Andy Burns would lead off with a walk, and Bisson followed, reaching on an error by the third baseman. After both runners advance on a sac fly by Wade to left center, Burns would come home to score when Wiley hit a

sacrifice fly to the warning track in center field giving Kentucky a 5-1 lead.

Western Michigan (0-5) would tighten the game in the third after a leadoff single by Galbraith and an infield single by Mosher would lead the way for WMU to plate two runs. With runners on first and second, a wild pitch by Rusin would move the runners to second and third. Both would come home to score on a single through the left side of the infield by Lewis. After a visit to the mound by UK head coach Gary Henderson, Rusin would get out the next three batters, two on strikeouts.

After a scoreless fourth, Kentucky would get on the board again in the fifth when Farris led off with a single to the left side and advanced to third on an infield single by Korus to the right side. Chad Wright would then bring in Farris on a bunt single to the right side.

Kentucky would add nine insurance runs in their last two innings. In the seventh, Chad Wright got his second RBI of the game after Farris started the rally on a single to the left side and was advanced to second on a bunt single by Korus. Both runners advanced to third on a wild pitch and Farris would eventually score on line drive single by Wright to right field.

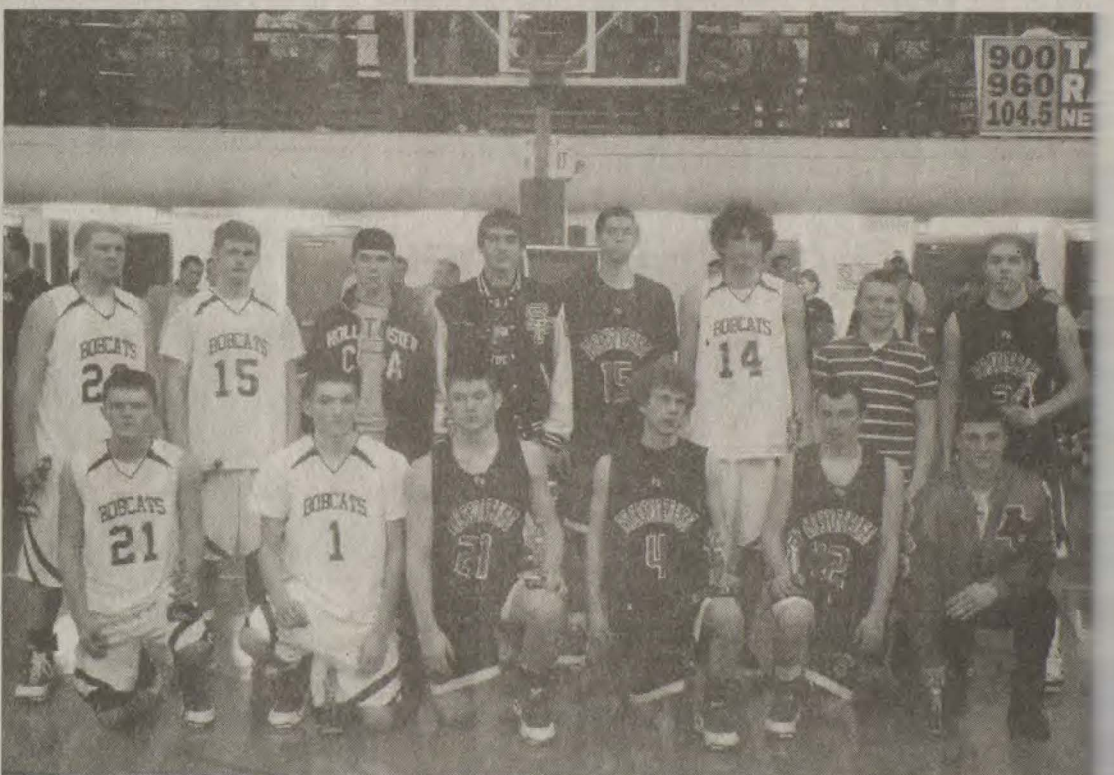
In the eighth, Kentucky would have their biggest scoring inning of the season thus far, posting eight runs. The inning started when Bisson doubled to right center field, Wade walked, with both advancing a base when Wiley flew out. With one out, and Wade at second, Frazier would pop out to short for the second out, but Kentucky would load the bases after walks to both Farris and pitch hitter Chris McClendon. The next batter was Chad Wright who would single up the middle to gather his fourth RBI of the game. With the bases still loaded, Nidiffer would get his second-career triple, clearing the bases with three RBI. Kentucky would add three more runs when Nidiffer came around to score on a single by Bisson. Burns would score on a single by Wade and Bisson scored on a single by Wiley.

The Broncos would get a run in the top of the ninth when Mosher lead off the inning with a double and later scored on a passed ball.

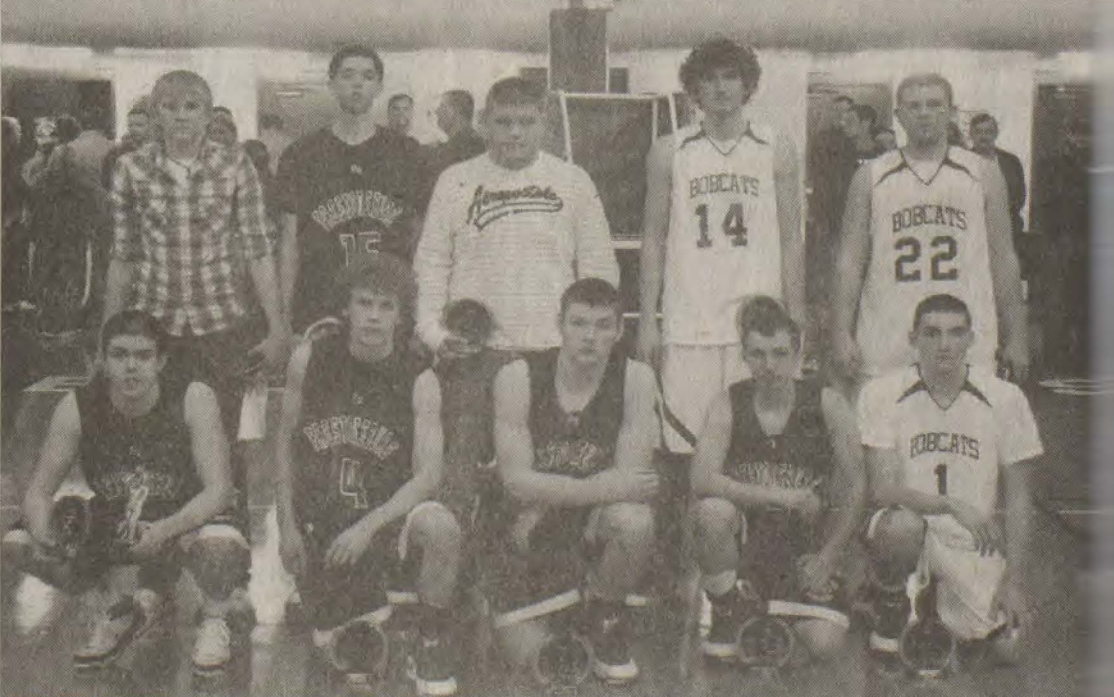


photos by Jamie Howell

BETSY LAYNE finished runner-up in the Boys' 58th District Tournament.



THE ALL-FLOYD COUNTY CONFERENCE TEAM is pictured above.



THE ALL-58TH DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TEAM included the Prestonsburg starting five.



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FAMILY FEATURES

According to the 2007 Produce For Kids study, 96 percent of children don't get the recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. That won't surprise a lot of parents. Getting children to eat any fruits or vegetables at all can be a big challenge. With 39 percent of all U.S. children overweight or obese, getting kids to make better food choices is more important than ever.

Fruits and vegetables are loaded with vitamins, nutrients and fiber, are low in calories and can help prevent many diseases, including high blood pressure, heart disease and some cancers. But kids aren't compelled by the nutritional benefits of produce. They want to have fun eating food they like. So they need some help to become healthy eaters.

How can a parent get fruit-phobic or veggie-avoiding kids to eat more of what they really need? MyPyramid.gov, a Web site dedicated to helping people make smart food choices, has some tips for coping with picky eaters.

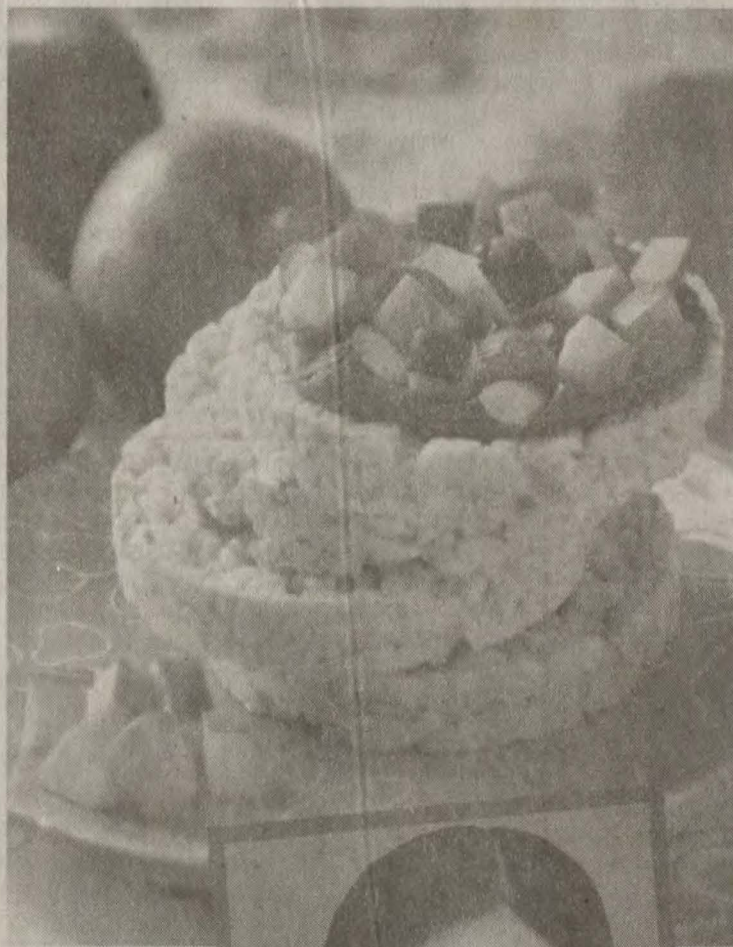
- **Let your kids be "produce pickers."** Let them help pick out fruits and veggies at the store.
- **Kids like to try foods they help make.** All of that mixing, mashing and measuring makes them want to taste what they are creating.
- **Make meals a stress-free time.** If meals are times for family arguments, your child may learn unhealthy attitudes toward food.
- **Offer choices.** Rather than ask "Do you want broccoli for dinner?" ask "Which would you like for dinner: broccoli or cauliflower?"

Another suggestion, from The Produce For Kids study, is to use dips to get kids to eat more fruits and vegetables. Sixty-eight percent of the moms surveyed said that their children ate more fruit and vegetables when they were served with dip.

One of the latest items on the market to help meet this need is Marzetti Disney Dips, a line of fruit and veggie dips for children that makes eating produce fun and nutritious. Each portion-control package contains the right amount of dip for a serving of fruit or vegetables. The packaging also features favorite Disney characters, games and trivia questions — all of which make eating healthy a lot more fun.

Picky eaters don't have to stay picky eaters. With some encouragement and creative ideas from parents, they can learn to love eating what's best for them.

For more information, visit marzetti.com/disney.



Open Face Caramel Peanut Butter Sandwich

Prep Time: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

- 2 tablespoons (1.25-ounce individual container) Marzetti Disney Cinnamon Caramel Apple Dip
- 2 tablespoons favorite peanut butter
- 2 slices favorite bread
- Sliced apples, peanuts, dried cranberries or raisins

In a small bowl, mix together dip and peanut butter until smooth.

Spread two tablespoons of caramel mixture on each slice of bread.

Arrange sliced apples, peanuts and dried fruit atop each sandwich and serve.

Put some crunchy fun into snack time with this fruity rice cake. This is one treat the kids will love making themselves — just set out the ingredients and let them build a fruit-filled snack!

Rice Cake Snack

Prep Time: 3 minutes
Servings: 1

- 2 tablespoons (1.25-ounce individual container) Marzetti Disney Cinnamon Caramel Apple Dip
- 1 rice cake

Topping options: Diced red or green apple, chopped bananas, favorite dried fruit, mini chocolate chips or favorite chopped nuts

Spread 2 tablespoons dip onto a rice cake. Top with one or two topping options and serve.

Turn the frowns upside down

Do your kids turn up their noses at fruits and veggies? Here are some fun and smart ideas to please even the pickiest of eaters:

Bagel snake — Split mini bagels in half. Cut each half into half circles. Spread the halves with tuna salad, egg salad, or peanut butter. Decorate with sliced cherry tomatoes or banana slices. Arrange the half circles to form the body of a snake. Use olives or raisins for the eyes.

English muffin pizza — Top half an English muffin with tomato sauce, chopped veggies and low-fat mozzarella cheese. Heat until the cheese is melted.

Potato pal — Top half a small baked potato with eyes, ears, and a smile. Try peas for eyes, a halved cherry tomato for a nose, and a low-fat cheese wedge as a smile.

Fruit smoothies — Blend fresh or frozen fruit with yogurt and milk or juice. Try 100 percent orange juice, low-fat yogurt, and frozen strawberries.

Ants on a log — Thinly spread peanut butter or apple dip on narrow celery sticks. Top with a row of raisins or other diced dried fruit.

Fruit kabobs — Spear chunks of pineapple, banana and melon on skewers or chopsticks. Let kids dunk them in a fruit dip.



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2000 Chevy top kick rollback for sale. Cat engine, air condition, power windows, 19ft steel bed. 312,000 miles. If interested call 606-886-2416 after 6pm 606-367-1288 during the day.

EMPLOYMENT

Employees needed to Steam Clean Heavy Equipment. Must have valid driver's license and up to date Surface mining papers. MET papers is a plus. Call Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm. 606-886-1759.

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Cost Cutters inside Walmart is now hiring. Pt / Ft hair stylist. Excellent pay, paid vacations and Anthem BC/ BSIns. Apply inside or call 606-432-6629.

Dietary Manager: Prestonsburg healthcare, a 56 bed Skilled Nursing Facility is seeking a dietary manager to oversee all food service operations. Candidate should

posses experience in food service and personnel management. Please apply in person at 147 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, Ky or via fax @ 606-889-9438.

Star construction, LLC has an immediate opening in their Banner, Ky office for a experienced mechanic. The mechanic position will be responsible for maintaining all trucks and heavy equipment at the Banner and Flatlick, KY locations, diagnosing and repairing electric over hydraulics, repairing small engines, tools, and equipment, and maintaining repair and service records for all equipment. The successful candidate will have a Class A CDL license, be certified in air brake repair, have minimum of three years experience in the above responsibilities, have welding experience, and have good decision making abilities. Star construction offers competitive wages and benefits, to include medical insurance, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, 401 (K) paid holidays and vacation. Interested individuals should contact Harold Adkins at the Banner office at 606-874-1263 for more information about the position and to apply. EOE

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Local surveying firm is in need of

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Prom dress for sale. Size 0. Beautiful strapless gown. Gray in color with rhinestones down the front. Bought new last yr for \$425 asking \$250. Call 889-0544 after 6pm.

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Miscellaneous

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Property for rent or lease. 200 X 120 ft. Building is 50 X 30 can be used for office. Road front, good location at junction of 321 and Liberty Rd. Call 285-9000 or 285-3412. Out of city limits.

For sale: Kerosene heater never used. \$85.00. Call 874-2167.

For sale: Eight pair of American Eagle jeans & 3 pair of Levis Jeans.

All jeans worn approximately 2-3 times only. They were purchased a few months ago. Size 34 x 30. \$10 each or all of them for \$100. If interested call 226-5345. Leave message if no answer.

Sale or Lease

Rentals

APARTMENT

2 Apartments for rent. 3 br, living room, dining area and wall to wall carpet. Central heat air and washer & dryer hookup. Located in Prestonsburg behind Dr. Gopal's office. Upstairs \$575 a month plus utilities and 1 month deposit. Downtown stairs is \$550 plus utilities & deposit. Call 285-9000 before 10:00 pm.

Large apartment for rent. Located on US 23 at Stanville. 2 br, 2 bath. Walk in closet. Large living room area. 1 yr lease. NO PETS. \$650 per month \$650 security deposit. Call 606-478-8100.

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Office space for rent. 3,000 sq ft, 2 bath. 10 individual rooms suitable for professional office. Call 794-6204 for more information. Located on 1320 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. Downtown from Jerrys.

Houses

For Rent: Located on Cardinal Dr (Lancer) Brick ranch- 3 br, 1 bath, FA / AC, carport and nice yard. No pets or smokers. References preferred. \$525. Nunnery Realty. Call 886-6464.

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LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 05-C1-122 First Mortgage Strategies Group, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Ronald Glen Bartley, Tammy L. Bartley, and Commonwealth of Kentucky

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INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL SPURLOCK POWER STATION GILBERT & SPURLOCK 4 MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 2009

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC") is accepting proposals for May through December 2009 coal requirements for the Gilbert Unit at Spurlock Power Station and Spurlock Power Station Unit No. 4. Purchases will be approximately:

Station	Tons Per Month	Maximum Sulfur
Gilbert Unit No. 3 and Spurlock Unit No. 4	40,000	10 lbs. SO2/MMBtu

Any sulfur content up to the maximum content shown above may be guaranteed. Proposals may be made for any portion of the tonnage requirement. Deliveries will begin on May 1, 2009, and continue through December 31, 2009.

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL SPURLOCK POWER STATION SPURLOCK SPOT COAL 3rd & 4th QUARTERS 2009

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC") is accepting proposals for fuel requirements at Spurlock Power Station Unit Nos. 1 and 2. Deliveries will begin July 1, 2009. All fuel options available to EKPC will be evaluated to determine the most economical fuel for future use. Coal specification requirements shall be a minimum 11,000 Btu/lb.; maximum 16 percent ash; and maximum 7 lbs. SO2/MMBtu, all on an "as received" basis. ALL BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH a full proximate analysis including grindability, mineral/ash including trace elements, ultimate analysis, ash fusions, and slagging and fouling factor calculations.

Please submit a proposal for deliveries of up to 40,000 tons per month. Time periods of a minimum of three months to a maximum of six months will be considered.

All requested information must be accurately submitted on the proposal forms, available upon request from EKPC. If the coal is not to be straight run-of-mine crushed to specified size, please describe the blend being proposed. EKPC may contact the designated mine owner and conduct a mine inspection before making a decision to purchase.

EKPC's Spurlock Power Station receives coal by barge on the Ohio River at Milepost 414 and by rail at Charleston Bottoms, Kentucky, via CSX Transportation or TTI Railroad. If the coal is to be rail delivered, a freeze conditioning agent must be applied on December shipments at buyer's option.

A Coal Sales Proposal form and a Coal Specifications & Information sheet are available by contacting EKPC at 859-745-9621.

Please mark your envelope "GILBERT & SPURLOCK 4 COAL PROPOSAL ENCLOSED" or "SPURLOCK SPOT COAL" and mail to my attention at P.O. Box 707, Winchester, KY 40392-0707. Proposals must be submitted by 2 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2009.

Proposals must be received by the above date. Faxes and e-mails will NOT be accepted. No revisions will be accepted after the deadline noted above.

Sincerely,
Ernie Huff
Senior Fuel Buyer

County of Floyd Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 20th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$58,776.93, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Richard Newman's line. Thence back to beginning. The driveway shall be left open for access to both parties. The driveway access being 8 feet wide. The well and well box is to be used by both land owners. The being a parcel of land from Deed Book 310, Page 122. Being the same property conveyed to Ronald Glen Bartley, by deed date October 8, 2001, and of record in Deed Book 464, Page 570, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. And a 1996 Mobile Maxx MM2001. Mobile Home Serial Number 716 AB. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's

Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

Jonni Raines Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 26th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$132,353.73, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Court-house Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Tract 2

Beginning at a steel located at the edge of the creek; thence running in a straight line to another steel stake and continuing on up the hill to a forked white oak, marked by a steel stake; thence running to another forked white oak marked with a stake and continuing on to a third forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running on up the hill to a peak on the line of John Johnson; thence running with John Johnson line down the point to a forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running to a telephone pole; thence running to a sycamore tree and continuing to the edge of the creek at a stake; thence running with the edge of the creek to the steel stake at the edge of the creek, to the point of beginning, as per description furnished by the party of the first part to the drafter of this instrument. Tract 3

Beginning at a stake at corner of James C. Watkins property line being the Southwest corner, running with Creek at a Southerly direction to a stake at corner; thence running up hill with Henry McKenzie line to top of hill to a stake, Grizzley Dotson line. Running up point in Northerly direction to a stake that joins Grizzley Dotson and John Johnson line. Then running down hill in Northwesterly to a stake at James C. Watkins line.

Following James C. all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

Systems, Commonwealth Credit Union, Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC, and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 9th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$70,209.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Tract No. 1: BEGINNING at a planted stone at the road; thence with said road 166 feet to a planted stone at a lane or alley, thence up said land 162 feet to a planted stone; thence a diagonal line around the hill 100 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 46 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 156 feet to the place of beginning. For source of title, see deed of conveyance by and between Peggy F. Chaffins, and James R. Hunter, and Vanessa L. Hunter, dated March 17, 1994, of record in Deed Book 375, Page 168, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of

sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

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C.A. No. 08-CI-01519
Chase Home Finance LLC Plaintiff vs. Daniel Raines
A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Rough and Tough Creek and being the same property conveyed to James Watkins and Freda Watkins, his wife, from Aaron Adams and Versie Adams, his wife, by Deed, Dated April 21, 1986, and recorded in Deed Book 299, Page 654, and recorded with the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II
C.A. No. 08-CI-01171
Branch Banking & Trust Company, Assignee of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Plaintiff vs. James Hunter, a.k.a. James R. Hunter, Vanessa Hunter a.k.a. Vanessa L. Hunter, The Unknown Spouse of James Hunter a.k.a. James R. Hunter, the Unknown Spouse of Vanessa Hunter a.k.a. Vanessa L. Hunter, Mortgage Electronic Registration

SEALD BIDS REQUESTED
The City of Prestonsburg has declared the following as surplus property and will be accepting bids. Prestonsburg Senior Citizens has a 1989 Toyota Cressida and can be inspected at the center. The Prestonsburg Police Department has a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria which can be inspected at City Hall. There is a \$100 fee that will be added onto the bid for the Ford to cover the cost of removing the police decals. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 9, 2009. For questions, please contact the City Clerk at (606) 886-2335. The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER
Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT
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available for extremely low-income people at Highland Heights Apts. in Goble-Roberts Addn., and Cliffside Apts. on Cliff Road, Prestonsburg. Computerized learning centers offer social/educational programs for children and adults. All utilities included at Highland Hgts., utility allowance at Cliffside. Call (606) 886-0608, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6056. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion and familial status.

MANAGEMENT TRAINEE (LOCAL BANK)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by David Lee Tackett. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Marlow's. The nature of the business will be Restaurant and Night Club. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the "business, or whether the applicant, within the last (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than March 19, 2009, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for March 19, 2009, in the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge-Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

PUBLIC AUCTION
Southern Water and Sewer District will auction a 580 Case Backhoe (as a parts machine) on March 11, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. The auction will be held at the Southern Water and Sewer office at 245 Ky. Rt. 680, McDowell, Kentucky. For any further information, please contact Gary Blankenship at 606-377-9296.

LEGAL NOTICE
Lee A. Smith, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Scotti Lynn Pinson of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about October 17, 2008, in which Scotti Lynn Pinson was named as Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number II of the Floyd Circuit Court and is represented by Civil Action No. 08-CI-1282. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant, Scotti Lynn Pinson, for a mortgage that was filed of record on April 30, 1998, in Mortgage Book 261, Page 591, in the records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, in Floyd County, Kentucky. Defendant, Scotti Lynn Pinson, shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if they desire to do so. If they do not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court. Anyone having information concerning Scotti Lynn Pinson, please contact Hon. Lee A. Smith at (606) 886-1020. Lee A. Smith Attorney at Law C.V. Reynolds Law Offices, P.S.C. 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

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March proclaimed Sexual Assault Awareness Month

FRANKFORT — The work of several individuals and programs was recognized today as part of the kickoff of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. "The programs and people we honor today are making such progress in the prevention of sexual assault," said Janie Miller, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS). "They are teaching, with significant results, that sexual violence toward anyone is not acceptable."

Gov. Steve Beshear has signed a proclamation marking March as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. "We take this action as a way to bring the Commonwealth's attention to the prevalence and the devastation of this crime," Beshear said. The Capitol rotunda event was cosponsored by the

Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs. "We are especially glad to highlight the community-based work and innovative approaches of the advocates we honor today," Miller said. The Green Dot Initiative was recognized with the Innovative Program Award. Representatives from each of the state's 13 Regional Rape Crisis Centers were honored for their work in advancing the initiative.

al assault hurts us all. Talking about it, or just listening, makes us part of the solution." In Kentucky, 1-in-9 adult women — more than 175,000 women — has been forcibly raped. This conservative estimate does not include rape facilitated by alcohol or drugs, attempted rape, statutory rape (sex with someone under age 16 without explicit force) or other forms of sexual violence. "Green Dot is a fairly new initiative, but we've already seen its progress," said Phyllis Millsbaugh, a program administrator for the CHFS Division of Violence Prevention Resources. "The effort to end the continuing cycle of abuse is more than enough reason to invest in Green Dot. It can be as simple as having a conversation with a teen boy or girl about how important it is to end violence."

- rotunda event, are:
- Margaret Banks, Flat Gap
 - Tammy Hatfield, Columbia
 - Sharon LaRue, Louisville
 - Marta Miranda, Richmond

For more information about the Green Dot Initiative and other sexual assault programs and services and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, please visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcb/dvpr/> or www.kasap.org.

Rowe named to head Paintsville's IC

PAINTSVILLE — Morehead State University and the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center have announced the hiring of its new Area Innovation Center director. Joe T. Rowe comes to the job with more than 14 years of development experience in Appalachian Kentucky. Rowe previously served as executive director of Morehead Area Habitat for Humanity and as assistant director of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission.

While at the commission, he worked on a plethora of development issues including economic development and growing an entrepreneur base in Appalachian Kentucky. He holds a bachelor's degree from Berea College and a master's degree in public administration from MSU. The Paintsville Area Innovation Center (IC) is managed by Morehead State University's College of Business and serves as a business accelerator to assist entrepreneurs in developing their ideas and products in a comprehensive and focused manner. The Center seeks to assist startups and expansions that have creative and new ideas in advance manufacturing, biosciences, health and human development, new energy and environmental technologies and information technology and communications.

Located in Paintsville in the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, the Paintsville IC is part of the Eastern Region Innovation and Commercialization network funded primarily by the Kentucky Department of Commercialization and Innovation and administered by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation. MSU manages the IC with support from the City of Paintsville and the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The center serves Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, Knott, Perry and Letcher counties. "Appalachian Kentucky has always possessed an entrepreneurial and pioneering mindset. I look forward to being part of this collaborative effort of state government, higher education and our local entrepreneurs to further grow and enhance that mindset. MSU College of Business Dean Robert Albert and I have discussed the entrepreneurial potential of the region. I am excited to get started," said Rowe.

Additional information on the Paintsville Area Innovation Center and its services, or to request a meeting is available by calling (606) 788-6005.

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House

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passed by a vote of 99-0 and now resides in the Senate for deliberation.

A bill that would help cancer patients with medical bills cleared the House this week. Many times oncology patients undergoing chemotherapy and cancer trials are excluded coverage for routine patient health-care. House Bill 30 would clarify what is covered by clinical trials and what is covered by a patient's health insurance. House Bill 30 passed by a vote of 99-0.

The House also voted this week to allow sheriffs, county clerks and PVAs to maintain an official office in a place other than the county seat if authorized by resolution of the fiscal court. House Bill 35 passed by a vote 69-25.

There are 12 legislative days left, and there is still much work to be done. I will keep you informed of our progress through these weekly Legislative Updates, but if you have any thoughts on the budget or other issues, please leave a message for me in Frankfort by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or through the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.state.ky.us. It is an honor to serve as your representative and I look forward to hearing from you.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Marvelous milkweed

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

Groundhog or no groundhog, it won't be that long before swimsuit season will be upon us. (Note to self: Get back on exercise program now so as to not scare people at the pool!)

Even if you don't go near a swimming pool this coming summer, chances are that you'll be out enjoying some form of "fun in the sun." But these days, we all know that the sun can take a serious toll on our health if it's not enjoyed judiciously—that is to say, with a protective layer of some substance between us and those ultraviolet-A (UV-A) and ultraviolet-B (UV-B) rays.

If you get toasted by the UV-B rays, the effects are usually temporary: a sunburn that might make for a few days' discomfort. But repeated or prolonged exposure to UV-A rays, such as those experienced by the lifeguard at your local pool, can cause premature aging and even skin cancer. (Just to be a wee bit technical here: UV-A and UV-B rays have wavelengths of 290 to 400 nanometers—but don't worry, there won't be a test later!)

So how do we protect ourselves against those harmful rays? We slather on the sunscreen, of course. But these days, we want our sunscreen (as well as our cosmetic products) to not only protect our skin, but also nourish it.

That's where a chemist with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) comes into the picture. In studies at

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POISON OAK

Storing those jingles

by CLYDE PACK

If I live to be 127 years old, I'll still never figure out where all this stuff comes from that keeps popping into my head from 50 or 60 years ago.

It's undoubtedly a senior thing, and I've mentioned before, probably more than once, how sometimes when I'm taking a shower, it's as if someone flips a switch and the old Halo Shampoo radio commercial suddenly starts playing: "Halo, everybody, Halo. Halos is the shampoo that glorifies your hair, so Halo, everybody, Halo."

Apparently, in my pre-teens, back in the early 1950's; in those days when radio and the Saturday matinees at the Sipp and Royal theatres were out chief sources of outside entertainment, in the days before the first TV even made an appearance in Muddy Branch, those radio shows, commercials and all, made a lasting impression.

Of course, so did those early days of TV, once we finally strung four or five hundred feet of wire, popped a giant antenna into the top of a tree, and joined the 20th century.

I realize that we all subconsciously store information, but for the life of me, I just can't understand what triggers this stuff sometimes.

And as with the Halo commercial not only do I suddenly remember the product, I remember the commercial, jingle that went with it. Sometimes I even surprise myself, especially since these days, I'm constantly forgetting where I put my car keys or my glasses, or even—although

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94 AND COUNTING

Floyd County's oldest living veteran celebrates birthday

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Today is George E. Clark's 94th birthday, adding another active year to the life of Floyd County's oldest living veteran.

Clark a resident of Harold, doesn't let his age slow him down. His gigantic Christmas light display in the shape of a tree garners attention from those passing by every holiday season. Clark also serves as chaplain for the Betsy Layne D.A.V.

Even more remarkable is the fact that Clark had a lung removed while in the service in 1945. When he returned home, he took over as manager for the company store at the coal mine where he worked before enlisting in the military. In 1958, he built what is now known as the Betsy Layne Dairy Bar. After selling the dairy bar, Clark owned the Betsy Layne Food Market where he retired after working there for 21 years.

Eddie Clark, 67, son of George Clark, said that his father does 25

pushups every morning, combined with a multitude of other physical activities.

"He works every day. I'm so proud of him," Eddie Clark said "He's real active. He mows most of that grass with a riding mower and cuts wood for fire. He still drives his car. He's in excellent health. We're truly blessed to have him."

Clark has also served as an election officer in the Harold district for over 30 years, never missing an election.

Along with Eddie Clark, George Clark also has a daughter, Billie Joyce Coggin, 58, also of Harold.

"We all live on what used to be my grandfather's farm," Eddie Clark said. "My dad is very well-known in this community."

George Clark was also honored several years ago by former Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, who declared Nov. 13 to be George E. Clark Day in the county.



George E. Clark is celebrating birthday number 94 today. Clark is the oldest living veteran in Floyd County.

Public meetings to plan April's PRIDE spring cleanup

SOMERSET — April is PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month in southern and eastern Kentucky. Volunteers will enjoy the great outdoors as they remove litter from roadsides, beautify local welcome areas and plant redbud trees, just as the region's recreation and tourist seasons begin. The first 20,000 volunteers will receive free T-shirts.

"PRIDE wants you to volunteer in April, and we invite you to leap into the planning process in March," said Karen Engle, who heads the PRIDE organization. "An army of volunteers is needed to clean our vast region's beautiful scenery and beautify each community's entrance points. Coordinating such a large campaign requires lots of planning. We already are working with your county and city officials to prepare for the Spring Cleanup. We welcome your ideas and support."

All citizens are encouraged to attend a free Spring Cleanup planning workshop next week. PRIDE and local officials will present current plans and solicit new ideas. Citizens will learn how to plan a Spring Cleanup event in their own neighborhood, join local beautification projects and assist with planting redbud trees.

To register for one of the five workshops listed below, please contact the PRIDE office at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling toll free 888-577-4339 or e-mailing PRIDE@centertech.com:

■ Monday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, KY 304, Prestonsburg.

■ Monday, March 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Natural Bridge State Resort Park, 2135 Natural Bridge Road, Slade.

■ Tuesday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Kentucky River Area Development District office, 917 Perry Park Road, Hazard.

■ Tuesday, March 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the London Community Center, 529 South Main Street, London.

■ Thursday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Center for Rural Development, 2292 South Highway 27, Somerset.

April is also Redbud Month. Free Eastern Redbud seedlings and trees will be available to communities that participate in the Spring Cleanup, thanks to a partnership with TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY), the region's tourism development organization. TOUR SEKY began Redbud Month in 2004 to extend the region's annual tourism season and has given away 350,000 seedlings since then.

PRIDE is a nonprofit organization that promotes "Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment" in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. It was founded in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and Kentucky Environmental Protection Secretary James Bickford. The PRIDE web site is www.kypride.org.

Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment

PRIDE mascot, J. Waterford the frog, says "I want you" to volunteer for the 2009 Spring Cleanup.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Higher education begins here

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older.

Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.

For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Gospel music

An evening of gospel music featuring Michael Combs and the Barrett Family. Friday, March 27, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg at 7 p.m. For ticket information, contact 1-888-622-2787.

Gospel Singing

The Freewill Baptist Church in West Prestonsburg, is holding a Gospel Sing on Sunday night, February 22, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Two For One and The Stone family. Everyone's welcome.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence is offering free sessions on Self Management of Diabetes. Class No. 3 February 25th, 1-3 p.m.

Carbohydrate counting, how to read food labels, portion size, eating out.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, at Auxier Learning Center, 21 South River Street, Auxier, KY 41602.

Let us teach you how to count your carbs.

For more information call

FCHD at 606-886-2788, ext. 233, 231, 214.

HRMC "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

"Have a Healthy Heart." Learn about heart habits to reduce your risk of Heart Disease.

Thursday, February 26. Meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building rooms A & B, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. All classes are free of charge. For further information contact: Food & Nutrition Services, at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353. We look forward to seeing you!

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

April 22, 2009
* Ask the experts; a general Q & A for your issues!

* Our expert panel includes expertise in neurology, psychiatry, social work and the experts at the Alzheimer's Association.

July 23, 2009

* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches

Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-

Auxier Community Center Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction? Lifeline of Floyd County Chemical

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE

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

*"Living Free" - A support

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program

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

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 26 and March 3,
1999)

Though few area groups have planned to participate, Tuesday is Read Across America Day. The National Education Association has gotten the endorsement of authors, politicians, entertainers, and sports personalities in promoting a day to demonstrate to young people, the importance of reading...A class in starting your own business is being offered by the Center for Rural Development for persons who have lost jobs in coal-related industries. The 12-week program, offered throughout the region can be taken in this area at Big Sandy Telecommuting on the fourth floor of the Star Bank building in Pikeville...Douglas Sparkman, 71, of Dry Bread in Magoffin County, was killed when he drove his 1982 Chevrolet pick-up truck westbound in the eastbound lane of KY 80, near Martin, and struck a 1994 Toyota pick-up head on. The driver of the Toyota was Glenn Martin, 52, of Wayland. He was listed in stable condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington...Among many items on the agenda at Tuesday night's special called Floyd County Board of Education meeting at Adams Middle School were two items that needed to be handled to meet impending deadlines: the annual allocation, of certified staff and the start-up of the athletic complexes at Prestonsburg and South Floyd High Schools...A little behind the President's state of the union, and the governor's state of the state, Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was nonetheless serious and thoughtful as he presented his "state of the county" address at last Friday's fiscal court meeting...In a special called meeting yesterday afternoon, the Floyd County Fiscal Court agreed to take steps to save the county up to a million dollars. The county, according to Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, has the opportunity to reduce its bond indebtedness for solid waste, natural gas and the detention center by taking advantage of the current low interest rates on bonds...Shawna Adkins, 7th grade student at John M. Stumbo Elementary School received a spelling achievement certificate from Floyd School Board chairman Terry Dotson for winning the District Spelling Bee championship...As of yesterday, the staff of Highlands Regional Medical Center was reduced by 44 positions, most of them clerical and support jobs...Members of the Kentucky State Police are raising funds to support their Trooper Island Summer Camp, that annually serves 700 underprivileged boys and girls, 10 to 12 years old...Pikeville College is now planning the Annual Alumni/Senior weekend for May 6-8...The dismissal, last fall, of Jerry Lafferty, a Prestonsburg High School English teacher over charges of immoral conduct, has been upheld by an educational tribunal which heard a stream of witnesses in a hearing conducted during January and February...A Floyd County school bus driver died Saturday, following an accident on KY 114 on the western side of Prestonsburg, at the mouth of Spurlock Creek Road. Donald Wireman, 63, of David, who had driven a school bus for the local system since 1992, died at Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, shortly before 6 p.m...About \$100,000 worth of drugs were confiscated by Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn and his deputies during a "weekend drug roundup"...Evelyn Clark Bear of David has petitioned Floyd Circuit Court to restrict the visitation rights of Robin D. Flanery, her ex-husband, her child's father, who has been implicated in the alleged murder of her late husband, Ted Samuel Bear...The agenda for the Martin City Council on Thursday night called for a closed session to discuss pending litigation—the Environmental Protection Agency vs. City of Martin, but council member Joe Howard, asked that the discussion be done in open session...On Monday afternoon, Joey Ratliff, with Davis Elliott Contractors, was high above the traffic on KY 80, installing one of the traffic lights at the Lancer-Water Gap cloverleaf, where KY 80 and US 23 meet...There died: Myra Conn Allen, 76, of Martin, Tuesday, February 23, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Frank Carter, 76, of Pikeville, Tuesday, February 23, at his residence; Douglas Sparkman, 71, of Topmost, Wednesday, February 24, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin, following an automobile accident; Wanda Marie Allen Compton, 77, of Ewing, formerly of Stanville, Tuesday, February 23, at Fleming County Hospital; Sally Jane Nelson, 82, of Dwayne, Tuesday, February 23, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Clifford Wayne Hall, 64, of Teaberry, Friday, February 26, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington; Gertrude Goble, 76, of Pikeville, Monday, March 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Okie Earl Nelson Sr., 78, of Lexington, Sunday, February 28, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Mildred Burke, 75, of Wheelwright, Monday, March 1, at McDowell ARH; Donald Wireman, 63, of David, Saturday, February 27, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; Versa Moore Brown, 84, of McDowell, Sunday, February 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Dellia Hall, 88, of Hi Hat, Sunday, February 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Joe Hicks, 90, of Blue River, February 28, in Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Twenty Years Ago

(March 1, 1989)

Charles Ray Collins, 31, of Wayland, was arrested on charges of assault, after allegedly shooting a 17-year-old Wayland youth... 'Blasted rock' became just that to Dickeytown residents after state highway workers tried to rectify a dangerous rock situation on U.S. 23, with a blast that shattered the peace of local residents...Floyd County Judge-Executive John M. Stumbo certified the order, Friday, for a special election on ending the legal sale of alcoholic beverages in eight Prestonsburg area precincts, on April 22...Three men accused of burglarizing a Harold business had hardly left the scene of the alleged crime, Monday night, when state police arrived to arrest them. Booked on charges of the burglary of Hale's Hardware, were Charles Hamilton, 21, Shane Yates, 31, and a 17-year-old youth, all of Galveston...Prestonsburg has been selected as the site of the southeast regional lottery office...Telephone customers in Allen, Martin, and McDowell began dialing seven digits instead of three, as South Central Bell neared completion of the modernization project in this area...There died: Dr. Claude Lowell "C.L." Allen, 74, of Paintsville; Rhoda Faye Craft, 74, formerly of Dwayne, February 22; Leon Goble, 76, of Prestonsburg, February 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Burbage King, 79, of Harold, February 23, at his residence; Edward Adron Hunter, 78, of Martin, February 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Junior Mullins, 68, of Weeksbury, died February 26, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Laura Spears, 74, of Bevinville, February 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Stella Fitzpatrick Spurlock, 81, of Prestonsburg, February 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 1, 1979)

Although in session only a day and a half, the special grand jury, which convened Monday, voted three murder indictments, and nine others, alleging major offenses. One of the murder indictments named Reva Jean Martin in the death, by drowning, of her newborn daughter. Stephen Wright and James and Rufus Clemons were also named on murder indictments...The first state-operated juvenile detention center in Kentucky was scheduled to open here, Monday, for limited operation...Work which began Feb. 23, to remove asbestos from ceilings and walls of Prestonsburg High School was said to be "on schedule"...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Griffith, a son, Anthony Andrew, on Feb. 22...There died: Elizabeth S. Allen, 70, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Claude Isaacs Sr., 74, of North Vernon, Ind., formerly of Bevinville; at King's Daughters Hospital in Ashland; Riley Crabtree, 75, of Estill, at his residence; Cecil Thornsbury, 77, of Kendallville, Ind., formerly of Knott County, at McCoy Memorial Hospital in Kendallville; Kermit Morgan, 64, of Newport News, Va., native of Prestonsburg, at Riverside Hospital; Pete Coleman, 76, of Pikeville, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Lula Newman Brown, 66, of Orofino, Idaho, formerly of Hi Hat, following an extended illness; Johnnie L. Hall, 81, formerly of this area, at Leila Hospital in Battle Creek Mich.; Bessie Merritt, of Cheshire, Ohio, died last week. She was the sister of Gertrude Gibson and Arnold Burkett, both of Prestonsburg, and Allen and Okie Burkett of Indiana.

Forty Years Ago

(March 6, 1969)

Two far-reaching public improvement projects are due this week, to near the construction stage, as contractors' bids are being opened. Bids will be opened on an addition to, and the remodeling of the library. The estimated cost is \$159,000. Bids will also be opened on construction of a bridge at Lancer...Major pledges for the proposed regional hospital to be built on US 23, between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, Tuesday, had reached a total in excess of \$95,000. The goal is \$150,000...The Floyd County Board of Education, at its Saturday meeting, designated Wayne Ratliff, assistant superintendent of Floyd schools, as acting superintendent of Floyd schools, to serve during the convalescence of Superintendent Charles Clark...Born: to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Harmon, a daughter, Catherine Francis, on Feb. 13, in San Francisco. Dr. and Mrs. Harmon resided here, before going to California...There died: Norman Dial, 60, in De Bary, Fla., formerly of Prestonsburg; Russell M. Frazier, 41, of St. Mary's Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg; Guy Ben Merritt, 47, of Alger, Ohio, formerly of Bonanza, February 22, at Lima Hospital; Arville Horner, 69, of Welleston, Ohio, formerly of Langley; Dr. Raymond Stephens, 47, native of Prestonsburg, in Mansfield, Ohio; Walker Salisbury, 70, of Printer, at McDowell Hospital; Martha Marie Gibson, 42, of West Prestonsburg, at her home; Malcolm Hall, 45, formerly of Minnie, at the home of a relative; John Halbert, 72, Floyd native, at his home in

Portsmouth, Ohio; Nancy Hamilton, 86, at her home in Banner.

Fifty Years Ago

(March 5, 1959)

A major flood has hit eastern Kentucky about every 10 years since 1862, on the average, and the most destructive of the lot, the 1957 flood, caused damage estimated at \$50,000,000. This and other data was supplied by B.F. Reed of Drift, chairman of the Eastern Kentucky Regional Planning Commission, and John D. Whisman, executive director of Hazard, when they testified last week, before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee in Washington, to point out the area's need...Another step was taken by recent City Council action to add new sewers to the inadequate Prestonsburg system, where the bid submitted by Bell Engineering Company of Lexington to survey costs in four areas was accepted...The Drift Woman's Club, this week, reported that its drive for March of Dimes funds resulted in contributions totaling \$698.81...There died: Birdie Horton Cox, 68, of Garrett, at McDowell Hospital; Lee Garrett, 51, of Lancer. He was the son of the late Seymour and Helen Calhoun Garrett.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 10, 1949)

Inspection of roads proposed for improvements under the new rural highway program has been completed in 90 Kentucky counties. Eighty survey parties are now at work in 60 counties, making final locations on 1,200 miles, totaling over 300 projects...The new fund voted by the last session of the Kentucky General Assembly will amount to more than \$8,000,000 this year...The Floyd Fiscal Court, last Thursday, executed a deed conveying to the federal government, flowage easements affecting county roads in the Dewey reservoir area, named an engineer to prepare plans for relocation and construction of roads in the area; and issued a voucher calling for the government's first \$100,000 installment of the \$225,000 agreed upon as the amount to be paid the county for road work in the John's Creek section.

H.L. Mayo, Prestonsburg, was employed as engineer to prepare plans for relocation and construction...The Kentucky State Senate, Wednesday, joined local and state officials, civic clubs and governmental units in adopting resolutions asking Congress to authorize canalization of the Big Sandy River. The resolution was introduced by Senator Doug Hays, of McDowell. Hays told the Senate Big Sandy Valley coal is of superior quality, but its sale is handicapped by freight rates. The Big Sandy is the largest river in the world that isn't canalized...There died: Mrs. Mildred Fife Adkins, 24, Tram, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Sgt. Roy Hall, son of Mrs. Eva Meade Hall and the late Levi Hall, killed in action on Luzon, became the first World War II victim to be buried in a national cemetery; Mrs. Willie Sexton, 48, wife of Harlan Sexton, at the Stumbo Hospital, Lackey; Jeffery Douglas, five-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kell, formerly of Wheelwright.

Seventy Years Ago

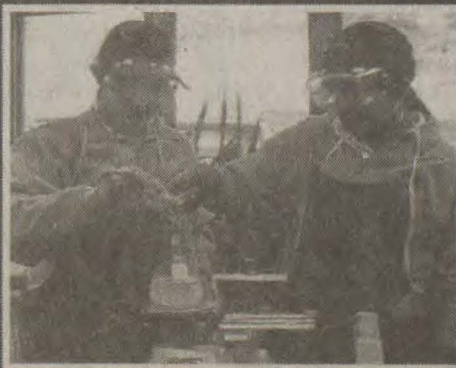
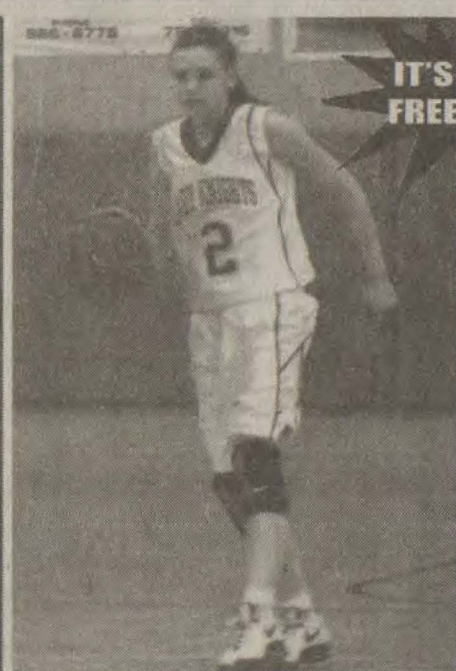
(March 9, 1939)

The indictments missing from the County Court Clerk's office were restored by the special grand jury, and they also made 13 new true bills, two of which name defendants in slayings committed since the adjournment of the court's first special grand jury, a few weeks ago...When the Floyd County flood disaster situation arose, the American Red Cross, and its local chapter, gave themselves 30 days in which to minister to flood-sufferers needs,—and, exactly 30 days after they began work Feb. 3, they finished Sunday, March 5. Aid was given 553 families and a total of \$11,234.57 had been spent in the county...Flames of undetermined origin, Sunday morning, destroyed the principal building of the Maytown consolidated school, at an estimated loss of \$50,000...Insurance of the 11-room building and its contents total \$33,000...There died: Wilbur Music, 31, of Little Paint; James Blevins, 74, at his home at Alvin, Ky.; James Kerr, 83, of Garrett, at his home; Mrs. Ora Branham Hunt, 48, at Golden Rule Hospital, Paintsville; Mrs. Mary Allen, 82, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Banner Martin, Hueysville; Mrs. Clara Adams Hyden, West Prestonsburg. She was a daughter of J.P. and Rhoda Adams.

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Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

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Looking for a Support Group?
•**Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group** meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
•**Domestic Violence Support Group** - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.
•**Overeater's Anonymous** - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.
•**US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.
•**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Oak

it's a cliché—what I had for breakfast this morning.
Anyway, what brought all this on in the first place, was something that happened over the weekend, as I stood in front of the bathroom mirror combing my hair. Just as I got all four of them placed pretty much where I wanted them, for no apparent reason, I began humming the tune from the old 1950's Wildroot Cream Oil commercials. Then, as if that weren't enough, I sang the whole thing, remembering every word. I'll bet I hadn't

heard that jingle in at least 50 years, yet, there it was coming from my bathroom mirror in a voice strongly resembling Dean Martin's.
"Get Wildroot Cream Oil, Charlie, it keeps your hair in trim. Get Wildroot Cream Oil, Charlie, it's made with soothing lanolin. Ya better get Wildroot Cream Oil, Charlie, start using it today. You'll have a tough time, Charlie, keeping all the gals away."
Guess the Wildroot commercial got me to thinking about hair-grooming products, and without hesitation, I knocked off Perry

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Como's version of the Brylcreem commercial.
"Brylcreem, a little dab will do ya; Brylcreem, you'll look so debonaire; Brylcreem, the gals will all pursue ya; they love to get their fingers in your hair."
Granted, I've heard that little feller a bit more recently than the Wildroot ditty, but still I can't but wonder where they've been all these years.
Now, how did that little Speedy Alka-Seltzer song go?

Science

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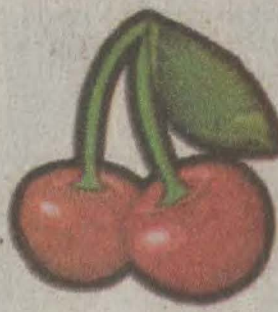
the ARS National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research at Peoria, Ill., he's experimenting with new, value-added uses derived from the unsaturated oil in the seeds of a very familiar plant: milkweed.
His analysis of the waxes and various fatty acids in the milkweed seed oil shows those ingredients have potential as a base material in not only sunscreen, but also cosmetics and products for hair and skin, including conditioners and moisturizers.
This would be a real "image makeover" for milkweed, which has long been considered by most farmers to be a noxious weed. Still, milkweed has had its fans, because it's a favorite food of the monarch butterfly caterpillar. And some farmers do cultivate milkweed for its soft, silky floss, which is used commercially as a hypoallergenic filler in pillows, comforters and jacket linings.
If you're a big user of sunscreen, you may be aware that many of today's sunscreens come equipped with chemical filters or blocks to protect the skin against those UV-A and UV-B rays. The filters and sunblocks work by absorbing or scattering that radiation before it penetrates and damages the skin.
But could a sunscreen based on milkweed's oils protect and nourish the skin? The ARS chemist says "yes," because those milkweed oils and waxes contain natural antioxidants, such as tocopherols, and cinnamic acid derivatives like ferulic acid, which occurs naturally in many plants and is highly absorbent of UV rays.
But like all good potions, the milkweed-based sunscreen has a secret ingredient: zinc chloride. ARS has patented the

process of using zinc chloride in this sunscreen to catalyze the conversion of milkweed oil's triglycerides into the UV-absorbing cinnamic acid derivatives.
By now, you're probably thinking, "Don't just tell me it works; tell me how." Here's how: In laboratory tests, those cinnamic acid derivatives from milkweed seeds strongly absorbed UV rays in the range of 260 to 360 nanometers, which is the same range of wavelengths that can damage skin.
And the milkweed-oil product achieved this at very low concentrations—just 1 percent to 5 percent by weight. That's far below the level already approved for today's topical skin formulations.
The ARS chemist's current sunscreen compounds are clear liquids, but it would also be possible to make them into gels, creams, sticks and aerosol sprays. Also, the milkweed sunscreen's unique combination of fats and waxes may qualify it as biodegradable, and could help prevent it from being washed off by swimming or perspiration.
The chemist says the milkweed-based UV-absorbent formulation could also be put to work in epoxies, paints or other industrial applications. Now ARS is looking for a commercial partner to help move this technology from the laboratory bench to the marketplace.
So, to all you businesses out there looking for "the next big thing" to market: Start your engines!
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It's so difficult to let you go
Though death's left us no other choice
We're mourning the loss of never seeing you again
Of never hearing your precious voice
It seems that in life there are certain times
Which are more than "simply unfair"
When our hearts search out for better answers
But cannot seem to find them there
And such is the case at your passing
Contemplating the briefness of your life
All the great things that you still would have done
if you'd been granted a little more time
It isn't difficult to envision the possibilities
For, look at what you'd already done
The difference you'd make in so many lives
In all that you had become
Perhaps you were simply too good for this life
So God called you back to heaven
That your life needed no further testament
Than the goodness you'd already given
But regardless of the reason
For why you had to depart
We will miss you every single day of our lives
For you were the pride of our hearts!
Thank you for being our example
Inspiring us through your courage and drive
We'll cherish all the precious memories
You lovingly created in our lives
For truly, your life reflected
A wisdom that few, so young, can see
Yet your humbleness kept you from knowing
The legacy your life would leave
Still we'll miss you most for your love and your smiles
For they made our world seem so bright
And we'll treasure each memory and moment
Every way you blessed our pathways in life
And though we can't quite understand
Why so soon you had to part
We're eternally grateful for the gift of your life
For you were the pride of our hearts!



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