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Pair arrested after \$7,500 pill find

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

BLUE RIVER — A drug-related investigation into two Floyd Countians ended with their arrest Tuesday following execution of a search warrant at their home outside Prestonsburg.

Michael A. Helmstetter, 32, and April L. Slone, 30, were arrested after authorities dis-

covered hundreds of prescription pills at their Blue River residence.

The arrests are the result of a five-month long cooperative investigation between Operation UNITE and the Kentucky Attorney General's Criminal Investigations Division for the Big Sandy Region.

"We have reason to believe these pills were being brought

to Eastern Kentucky from Indiana," said Dan Smoot, law enforcement director for UNITE.

At about 5 p.m. Tuesday evening, officers with UNITE, the Attorney General's office, the Prestonsburg Police Department and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department executed the search warrant at the Blue River residence.

The search turned up 513

methadone pills, 71 Percocet tablets and another 105 Lorocet tablets. The pills have a combined street value of approximately \$7,496, police said.

Helmstetter was charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking, his second such offense, and one count of second-degree trafficking. In 2004, he was convicted in Floyd County on one count of first-degree trafficking.

Slone was charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking and one count of second-degree trafficking, both her first offenses.

Both Helmstetter and Slone are being held at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Authorities are continuing their investigation into the drug trafficking operation, saying additional charges may be possible.

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by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man has been arrested and charged with sexual abuse after police said he forced a minor to go to his apartment and later assaulted her.

State police took 39-year old A.W. Stanley into custody in Wheelwright Jan. 16.

According to the arresting officer, KSP Trooper Shaun Little, Stanley, a resident of Melvin, forced a minor to his apartment on Nov. 15, where he then attempted to remove her pants after pushing her onto a bed.

Stanley was charged with first-degree sexual abuse after the warrant was served and is currently being held on a \$20,000 cash bond at the Floyd County Detention Center. He was originally held without bond after his arrest.

He entered a not guilty plea during his arraignment Tuesday and is next scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on Jan. 28.

According to court records, at the time of his arrest, Stanley was awaiting charges of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance in a criminal case dating back to this past summer. He had been arrested on that charge on July 30 and posted bail and was released on Aug. 7. His sentencing in that case is set, according to records, for Feb. 6.

LOOKING FOR A TITLE



Senior guard **Jody Tackett (12)** and his Prestonsburg teammates will face Shelby Valley tonight in the Boys' 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville. Tip-off for the championship game is set for 8 p.m.

Prison seeks dismissal of firing suit

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Officials with Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright have filed to dismiss a lawsuit brought against them last year by a former employee.

A motion was filed in Floyd County Circuit Court this month to dismiss a lawsuit brought against the prison by former corrections officer Clinton Meade.

Meade filed the lawsuit shortly after he was fired from the facility in December 2007. According to documentation provided in court records, Meade was terminated for allegedly sexually harassing a female coworker.

The Otter Creek prison is a medium security facility which exclusively houses female inmates.

The prison's warden, Jeff Little, is named in the motion to dismiss, which asks that the suit be dropped because Meade has no legal reason for complaint, citing specifically that Kentucky has an at-will employee law which enables an employee to be dismissed for any reason.

On Dec. 6, 2007, Meade received a letter from then-warden Joyce Arnold explaining the he had been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation into a complaint issued against Meade by a female coworker.

One week later, Meade received a second letter from Arnold notifying him that his employment with the prison had been terminated for violation of policies regarding harassment and sexual harassment.

Enclosed with the letter was a grievance form, which Arnold suggested Meade use if he chose to do so.

Meade did file a grievance saying he had been "wrongly accused," as well as detailing specifics about the incident for which he was ultimately fired.

"I was wrongly accused and terminated because I was blamed for touching a coworker inappropriately," Meade wrote in his defense. "I advised Mr. Jeff Little (asst. Warden) (sic) and Mr. Dwight Crowell

(See **LAWSUIT**, page two)

Man charged with forgery

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Following a complaint issued by a postal inspector, a Melvin man now faces 10 counts of forgery for allegedly altering money orders at his local post office.

Charged were filed this week against Melvin resident David Henderson, 36, after a complaint from Lexington postal inspector

Kyle M. Ephardt alleged the man forged 10 money orders over a period of two months at the Melvin Post Office.

Henderson now faces 10 counts of first-degree forgery, charges for which he pleaded not guilty at his arraignment this week.

According to the complaint, the alleged forgeries took place between August and October of 2008.

Originally held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond, District Judge Eric Hall later amended that bond amount of Tuesday to a \$10,000 surety bond. The bond was lowered after a request from Ephardt, court records revealed.

Henderson will next appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Feb. 9, a date which was reset after the amendment to his bond.

Search continues for missing Pike teen

by **LORETTA TACKETT**
WILLIAMSON DAILY NEWS

COAL RUN — Emergency officials endured below freezing temperatures Tuesday on a portion of the Big Sandy River which cadaver dogs found interesting in the search for a missing Pike County teen.

However, all day of dragging the Levisa Fork, about 1,000 to 1,500 feet below the spot officials think 19-year-old Joshua Jerome Tessmer fell in on Jan. 8, failed to produce a body.

Temperatures were much colder on the water than the mid-20s documented

by thermometers on land, but it didn't stop officials from continuing the search for Tessmer, missing for nearly two weeks now.

The area, about a mile from the Floyd County line, was a point of interest to the cadaver dogs with the Kentucky Search Dog Association and the sonar equipment brought up to Pike by Grant County rescue officials, said Millard East Shelbiana Fire and Rescue Chief Glen Adkins.

Members of Pike County Emergency Management, Millard East Shelbiana

(See **SEARCH**, page two)



Members of Millard East Shelbiana Volunteer Fire Department and Pike County Emergency Management searched the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River in Pike County near the Floyd County line yesterday.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 17 • Low: 3

Tomorrow



High: 58 • Low: 32

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Flyover bridge at Inez on schedule

INEZ — Once additional excavation work is finished, Haydon Bridge Company of Springfield, Kentucky, will resume construction of a flyover bridge that will re-route large vehicles on Route 3 which are destined for Route 645 West at Inez.

Thomas Haydon, president of the company, said work on the remaining bridge pillars and deck should start sometime in March. "The bridge will be finished this construction season," meaning sometime before Nov. 1. Doug Wright, PE, project manager for Highway District 12, estimates a finish time around the first of August, hopefully before school starts for the 2009-10 academic year.

Wright said there will be more lane closures once construction resumes. "Lane closures are an important safety measure," he explained, "to keep equipment and traffic from mingling in the work zone." Signs directing traffic will show motorists the direction they should travel when lane closures are in effect.

The purpose of the bridge is

to divert coal truck traffic and other large vehicles off Route 3 coming into Inez. Instead of using the at-grade T-intersection and turning left off Route 3 onto 645W, larger vehicles will move from the right lane onto a ramp to the flyover bridge and then merge into Route 645W past the current intersection, a distance of 0.56 miles.

"This is an extremely busy intersection," Wright said. "School buses, coal trucks, other large commercial vehicles, all cause congestion at this junction. In addition, the very size of some vehicles poses a sight distance problem for drivers of smaller trucks and passenger cars. When you divert the big trucks and buses onto the new bridge with a grade separation, the intersection becomes much less congested and, therefore, much more safe."

Haydon Bridge Company started work in February 2008. The contract amount of \$6,228,309.29 includes site preparation, grade, drain, and construction of the bridge.



Route 645 flyover bridge looking from Inez side of highway east. You can see that there are two additional pillars that will be finished this year. photo by Sara George

Sheldon Clark gives donation to Highlands

Sheldon Clark High School recently made a generous donation to the Highlands Regional Medical Center Pediatric Floor. On Wednesday, January 14, several Sheldon Clark High School students delivered teddy bears to the 2 ADVANCE and 3rd ADVANCE and 3 floor pediatric area of HRMC.

"We are so pleased with all of the community organizations that support our pediatric patients. It is given more pleasing when young students reach out to do something nice for others. These gifts truly bring smiles to the faces of many children in our hospital," commented Robin Fitzpatrick, Clinical Manager.

The pediatric team at Highlands Regional is made up of professionals that are specialized in the most up-to-date pediatric care available. As the area's premier provider of care for children, Highlands is always glad to work with the community to make things better for our pediatric patients.

Obituaries

Ellis Adams

Ellis Adams, 62, of Albion, Indiana, died Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at the Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, Indiana.

Born March 3, 1946, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Harry and Carrie (Whitaker) Adams.

He lived most of his life in Silver Lake, Indiana. He was a factory worker, and a member of Merriam Wesleyan Church, in Merriam, Indiana.

Survivors include two daughters: Lisa Avery and Carrie McGuire, both of Albion, Indiana; two sons: Ellis Kelly Adams, of Piercetown, Indiana, and Shane DeVon Adams, of Churubusco, Indiana; four sisters: Helen (Bill) Reynolds of Plymouth, Indiana, Oma Jean (Tom) Hall, Opal (Henry Jr.) Arnett, and Mary (Bill) Wadkins, all of Silver Lake, Indiana; a brother, Merl Adams of Barker, 12 grand children, and one great-grandchild.

He loved to sing, joke, and tell stories and make people laugh. He was also a good hearted man and loved to help people.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 24, at 11 a.m., at the Water of Life Church, Silver Lake, Indiana, with Pastor Ralph Dotson and Pastor Henry Arnett Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in the Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery, in Merriam, Indiana, under the direction of McHatton Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, Indiana.

Visitation is Friday, January 23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the funeral chapel.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to mchattosadlerfuneralchapels.com

Robert "Bobby" Griffith

Robert "Bobby" Griffith, 69, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at his residence.

Born July 17, 1939, in Martin, he was the son of the late Rudolph Griffith and Alma Jarrell Kay. He was a retired carpenter, and was a member of the Amvets Club and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorene Shepherd Griffith.

Survivors include two sons: Timothy and James Griffith, both of Georgia; a stepson, Ronnie Stone of Hueysville; a stepdaughter, Lori Ann Stone of Martin; a brother, Rudolph Griffith Jr., of Prestonsburg; two sisters, Branda Seales of Georgetown; and Susan Kahliff of Martin; and several grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William "Bill" Edward Griffith.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 24, at 1 p.m., at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ken Lemaister officiating.

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

Visitation is Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Search

Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and other organizations maneuvered boats along the river as Coal Run Volunteer Fire Department Chief Levi Coleman stood on the bank ready to assist.

"I'm just here to support," Coleman said, adding he came out around 9 a.m. yesterday to assist in the search.

Green Meadows Country Club employee Wayne Tessmer, of 6887 North Mayo Trail, reported last seeing his son Joshua Jan. 8, at about 4:15 p.m., at their residence in the Greenview area.

Rescue officials found Joshua Tessmer's hat on the banks of Levisa Fork behind the Tessmer residence, causing them to believe the young man had fallen into the flooding

water. Called out to assist with assessing the scene, Millard Chief Glen Adkins said he could see where someone went into the river, but did not see an exit point.

"We're pretty well positive he's in the water," Adkins said previously. "We haven't found him yet."

Several crews from Pike County organizations, with assistance from departments in Floyd and Johnson counties, searched debris left by retreating flood water along the river banks, and dragged the river bed as best they could in rapid currents last week. Turning up nothing, Pike Emergency Management Director Doug Tackett said the Kentucky Search Dog Association brought cadaver dogs —

trained to smell a dead body under water — to assist with the search.

Grant County officials came up with their sonar equipment as well, Adkins said. Both the dogs and the sonar equipment indicated the area crews searched yesterday as a point of interest.

"There's a big difference in a point of interest and being able to find something," said Adkins, who has been out on the river for 12 consecutive days.

The Corps of Engineers held the water at Fishtrap and Flammigan dams for the search crews two days last week. Tackett previously told the Williamson Daily News, while Adkins said they held it until noon Tuesday.

Lawsuit

that during the time of the alleged violation, that I was using the handheld metal detector because my coworker set off the floor metal detectors as per policy and was in full view of a camera the entire time."

Meade went on to say that he had requested his supervisors review the tape and asked to see the video himself. "I was told I would need a lawyer," Meade wrote.

Meade concluded his written grievance by asking he "be reinstated" and that the allegation "be stricken" from his record.

In addition to this, Meade also claimed he had been wrongly included in a prior situation at the prison relating to what he called the "point system."

"This was started as a joke by employees on second shift," Meade wrote. "The

point system was a grading scale of all the female workers at Otter Creek based on their looks and whether or not they were married. I had nothing to do with this situation, but was investigated over it nonetheless."

Saying he had intended to make his job at the prison his career, it is offered in the lawsuit that he eventually found employment with Gearheart Communications, but claims his termination from the prison still followed him afterwards.

"After several months of job-searching, Clinton (Meade) was finally hired on

at Gearheart Communications, a good job with comparable benefits to that at "CCA," the lawsuit states. "However, while working a recent job laying cable near the Otter Creek Correctional Facility, Clinton was told by employees of the complex that he could not come onto the property because he was a 'pervert.'"

Meade claims defamation, infliction of emotional distress among his allegations in the lawsuit and has asked for an apology, reinstatement, compensatory and punitive damages, as well as a trial by jury.

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Cinema 2—Held Over
BRIDE WARS (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:30; Fri, (4:30) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun, (2:15-4:30) 7:10-9:30.
Cinema 3—Held Over
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Cinema 5—Held Over
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Cinema 6—Held Over
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:30; Fri, (4:20) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun, (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:30.
Cinema 7—Held Over
MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R), Mon-Sun, 7:05-9:25; Fri, (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat-Sun, (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Jan. 23
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYONS (R), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:30; Fri, (4:30) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun, (2:15-4:30) 7:10-9:30.
Cinema 9—Held Over
HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:30; Fri, (4:20) 7:10-9:30; Sat-Sun, (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:30.
Cinema 10—Held Over
MARLEY & ME (PG), Mon-Sun, 6:55-9:15; Fri, (4:15) 6:55-9:15; Sat-Sun, (1:55-4:15) 6:55-9:15.

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Shelby Lynn Paige, 16, of McDowell, to Earl Wayne Huff, 18, of Wayland.
 Judith Marilyn Walters, 55, of East Point, to Douglas Martin, 62, of East Point.
 Kayla Danielle Vanderpool, 18, of Minnie, to Cory Alexander Howard, 18, of Hueysville.

Civil Suits Filed

Grover Arnett vs. Rose Lovely; complaint.
 Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Sharon Scott; complaint.
 Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Mike Allen; complaint.
 Clinton Meade vs. Corrections Corporation of America; complaint.
 Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corporation vs. Michael Crum; complaint.
 Buck Combs vs. Ashley Combs; divorce.
 Angela Derossett vs. Parker Derossett; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
 Donna Jewell vs. Samantha Moore; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
 Raben Tire Company vs. Donald Steven Hughes; complaint.
 Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Linda L. Hall; complaint.
 Livingston Financial LLC vs. Audrey Parsons; complaint.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Boganine N. Hamilton; complaint.
 Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Shalious Hall II; complaint.
 Polly J. Gerhardt vs. Anthony Gerhardt; divorce.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Jason Crace; complaint.
 Big Branch Holding Company LLC vs. Sylvia Crum; complaint.

Small Claims Filings
 Checkered Flag Check Cashing vs. Thomas Wallen; debt collection.
 Checkered Flag Check Cashing vs. Leita Harvey; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Jan Jennings; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Karen Daniels; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Henry Campbell; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Ralph Nickell; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Con E. Lyon; debt collection.
 Eric C. Conn vs. Yolanda Blanton; debt collection.

Charges Filed
 Charles William Johnson, 39, Wheelwright; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.
 David Henderson, 37, Melvin; 10 counts of first-degree forgery.
 Thomas M. Brown, 31, Langley; theft by unlawful taking.
 A.W. Stanley, 39, Melvin; first-degree sexual abuse.

Rachel Johnson, 24, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor.
 Shane D. Boyd, 23, Allen; endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Clayton Avery Williams, 28, Langley; endangering the welfare of a minor.
 Robert Gilkey Jr., 44, Savannah, Tenn.; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no registration, possession of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Anitra Reynolds, 29, Selmer, Tenn.; public intoxication.
 Eric Newberry, 33, Van Lear; theft by unlawful taking.
 Brenda L. Conn, 44, Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Brandy Leigh Carr, 24, Lexington; speeding, excessive windshield or window tinting, failure of installer or seller to apply tinting label, obstructed vision and/or windshield.
 John B. West, 31, Galveson; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, operating a motor vehicle on suspended or revoked license, no insurance, leaving scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.
 William Greer, age unlisted, Wayland; fourth-degree assault.
 Celena A. Tomlinson, 35, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.
 Jeremy S. Lykens, 18, Dana; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no insurance, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.
 Nicalena Hall, 20, Dana; public intoxication.
 Jeffery A. Bailey, age unlisted, Auxier; public intoxication, three counts possession of a controlled substance, two counts prescription in improper container.
 Emmitt Williams, 66, Grethel; disorderly conduct.
 Donald W. Quillen, 38, Dwale; alcohol intoxication.
 Eric D. Ritchie, 35, Hazard; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, no insurance, disorderly conduct.
 Trenton Grindle, 23, Lancers; public intoxication.
 Robin R. Howard, 35, Garrett; public intoxication, disorderly conduct, endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of marijuana.
 Elmer Brown Jr., 39, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
 Arnold G. Wesley, 21, Stanville; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, pos-

session of marijuana.
 Lisa A. Workman, 24, Lovely; resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.
 Jeremy Lee Pennington, 29, Hi Hat; alcohol intoxication.

Inspections
 Owens Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not systematically numbered, parking and driving areas in need of repair, 15-foot setbacks not maintained, home found without underpinning, debris found around park. Score: 90.
 Meade's Mobile Home Park, Auxier, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not clearly numbered as to location, home found without underpinning. Score: 96.
 George's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered clearly and systematically as to location, 15-foot setbacks are not being maintained. Score: 96.
 Burke's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: no violations. Score: 100.
 Rorrer's Trailer Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered systematically as to location of each lot, 15-foot setbacks not maintained. Score: 96.
 Family Dollar Store, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, toxic items not properly stored. Score: 94.
 Dollar General Store, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: toilet room doors not self-closing. Score: 98.

Property Transfers
 Allie Combs to Darrell Combs, property located at Buckeye Creek.
 Melissa R. Combs to Clydene Parsons, property located at Parsons Branch.
 Shawn Combs to Clydene Parsons, property located at Parsons Branch.
 Norsie Conn to Polly Conn, property not listed.
 Brandon H. Deel to George C. Kyle, property located at David.
 Jenny Deel to George C. Kyle, property located at David.
 Helena Hall to Perry Harris, Jr., property located at Tackett Fork.
 Helena Hall to Pike Letcher Land Company, property located at Tackett Fork.
 James Eddie Hall to Perry Harris, Jr., property located at Tackett Fork.
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Lynnette Hall to Perry Harris, Jr., property located at Tackett Fork.
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Letcher Land Company, property located at Tackett Fork.
 Jeanece Hamilton to Perry Harris, Jr., property located at Tackett Fork.
 Brandy Moore to Diana Moore, property not listed.
 Angela Tackett to Kenneth Tackett, property not listed.
 Brandy Danielle Tackett to Jackie L. Bush and Jason D. Bush, property not listed.
 Gary Tackett to Kenneth Tackett, property not listed.
 Hershell Brent Tackett to Jackie L. Bush and Jason D.

Bush, property not listed.
 Janet Tackett to Kenneth Tackett, property not listed.
 Vernon Tackett to Kenneth Tackett, property not listed.
 Jennifer Thomason to Barbara Sword, property not listed.
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

Physicists like to think that all you have to do is say, these are the conditions, now what happens next?

— Richard Feynman

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- Guest View -

Joined in Hope, Americans welcome new start

At a trying moment in history, Barack Obama has succeeded in uniting Americans behind a confident vision of a more hopeful future.

After taking the oath of office as the 44th president of the United States, Obama delivered a stirring speech that called on the best instincts of his fellow citizens. His plain-spoken yet eloquent appeal went a long way toward renewing Americans' sense of purpose amid economic uncertainty at home and looming threats abroad.

"For as much as government can do and must do, it is ultimately the faith and determination of the American people upon which this nation relies," Obama declared. "What is required of us is a new era of responsibility."

By historical standards, this was not your standard inaugural address, many of which were mercifully forgotten soon after they were delivered. Obama's remarks were focused on the critical challenges at hand and tightly scripted to underline the message that a day of change has arrived. The new president pledged not only sweeping reform in government but, significantly, urged Americans to embrace individual accountability for the nation's future -- a call that millions appear eager to follow.

"Starting today," he said, "we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America."

This plea for Americans to join a cause larger than their own personal interests must certainly resonate among the younger generations who flocked to Obama's presidential campaign as a transformative instrument in government and politics. As the first black president, the son of an African immigrant, Obama also inspired the broad sector of Americans of all races who salute the striking milestone in racial reconciliation that his move into the White House represents.

By historical standards, neither was this your standard crowd assembled to welcome a new occupant of the Oval Office. The throng, many of whom arrived before daylight in subfreezing temperatures, stretched across the National Mall from the West Front of the Capitol to beyond the Washington Monument and ultimately to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Some estimated the crowd at 2 million, exceeding the record attendance at Lyndon Johnson's inauguration in 1965.

Now come the tremendous tasks of repairing the economy, rebuilding the United States' standing around the globe -- among friends and enemies alike -- and, above all, restoring Americans' confidence in government after a long period of partisan division. President Obama will earn his place in history if he makes substantive progress on any of these pressing challenges. In his first day on the job, he displayed remarkable promise.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



Letters What are we doing? What can we do?

What do you do when you are so completely fed up with an obviously faulted system that is failing the community miserably? Where do you even begin to change it? Can it be changed by the lesser beings like myself?

While I was driving to work this morning, I heard a news blurb about prescription pills with a total street value of \$7,500 had been found in a residence of Floyd County. When I heard the area of Floyd County, I was waiting to hear that one of the individuals arrested was one of my cousins. It was.

I am related to a set of siblings who lost their mother to suicide at a very, very young age. There was a family history of addiction, a large loss and no real guidance. It was a recipe for disaster and the inevitable occurred. Both children grew to be addicts themselves, starting usage at a young age even for this area. They have stolen from family members, strangers, and places of business alike, all with the same goal. I know they have each been in jail at least twice now.

Hearing this both saddens and infuriates me. This individual is going back to jail, but what will happen there? Really, what is the purpose of jail? Is it merely to babysit those that break the law and "punish them" while providing them with free food and shelter, or is it to truly rehabilitate them and equip them with the ability to re-enter society as contributing members? You see, in order to do that, the individual needs serious help.

I wonder how many men and women sitting in the Floyd County jail right now are there because of drugs in one form or another? And how many of those inmates are repeat offenders? What, as a community, are we doing to break the cycle?

Wouldn't it make more sense to spend a little more money and effort on the individuals there to truly try to rehabilitate them in order to try to prevent re-entry into the judicial system, which costs us hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxpayers' money? Some of you from this area might be thinking, "Well, isn't that what

UNITE was founded for? Don't they help? Don't they fight to stop the distribution of substances and attempt to help the addict overcome the disease?" From my experience, this is partially true.

You see, I know an individual very well who was ordered by drug court to attend rehab. He had to wait months before one of the state facilities had room for him. Then, he completed a month and a half of his three months. Why only half the time, you ask? Was it because he refused to complete his time there?

No, quite the opposite actually. He was enjoying his time there. He was learning how to overcome his addiction and to find the man inside again. He was just beginning to receive the tools necessary to allow him to return and become a contributing member of our community. More importantly, he was learning how to be able to truly be a good father to his children that his addiction had caused him to leave behind.

However, UNITE stopped funding his stay. The minute the money ran out, he was told he had to leave, before completing his rehabilitation. He was just beginning to get into the mindset needed to truly transition in his life, but because of lack of money, he was turned back out into the world.

On his way back from the rehab, on the very car ride, he learned that a cousin that was close to him in both spirit and age had died. He relapsed within the first 24 hours of being home and hasn't come out of it since then. Would the extra month and a half have helped him to fight against his addiction better? We have no way of knowing that now, do we? But it certainly could have.

Then there is the concept of UNITE waging the war on drugs themselves. Have you ever spoken to UNITE because you were concerned about a neighbor that was dealing drugs where your children play? Because if you do, do you know what they will tell you?

They will tell you that they need for you to get them proof. It is up to the person filing the complaint to supply evidence against the people that may not only be sick with addiction, but also dangerous. That doesn't sound very beneficial to the community, now does it? How many of you are willing to step out on the kind of line?

So, what's the real answer? I know

what I would like to see. I would love to see more and better equipped rehabilitation centers. I'm sure that some taxpayer money and donations would be better suited helping these facilities than planting more flowers along the roadsides and in parks. I believe that drug education should be mandatory even within the prison. Bring the rehab to them.

And the centers themselves, they need help. I am currently struggling, trying to help someone that I care for very much find a facility to receive assistance for drug addiction. Someone that is desperately reaching out for help before they have fallen through the proverbial judicial cracks.

I was appalled to discover that there is little to no help available. All state facilities have a waiting list. Other facilities won't even consider you if you don't have insurance or the ability to pay up front. I don't know about you, but I don't know many people that happen to have \$20,000 just lying about.

And the sad truth is, because of the power of the drugs to completely destroy lives, most addicts will not have the money to pay, nor will they have insurance coverage because they simply cannot hold down a job while being held prisoner by their own needs.

There has been a tragic death of one who reached out for help, but was denied by approximately 12 locations in one day. This individual decided that it would be less painful to end the life than to continue on being held captive by the addiction.

So what can I do? What can we do? If you don't think that this is your problem, then the next time you are shopping or dropping your child off at school, I want you to really consider how many people around you are affected by the damage of drug addiction in one way or another. It is a social and physical disease that is killing this tiny community that I love dearly. It is robbing our youth of hope, and stealing mothers and fathers away from their children.

If we don't start to stand up, one person at a time, our quiet, rural area will disappear. The very soul and backbone of our mountain spirit will be destroyed, and we will be trapped in its lonely empty skeleton.

Tonya Miller
Prestonsburg

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Family Medicine

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ER docs right in sending home daughter with viral meningitis

O I just got a call from my daughter saying she had been diagnosed with meningitis. She was at the ER, and they sent her home without admitting her. They said she would be fine. I actually quit listening after I heard meningitis. I thought meningitis was a very serious illness and needed hospitalization. Also, she had a shot for meningitis a few years ago when she went to college. Does she need a booster?

A There are two types of meningitis — bacterial and viral. Bacterial meningitis is the severe form that requires hospitalization and may be fatal. It is the type that is covered by the meningitis vaccine — that many teenagers get before going off to college or during high school. It is a one time vaccine, and booster shots are generally not advised. Bacterial meningitis is more common in babies and young

children, but it can strike adults. These patients are very ill when they seek medical attention, usually in the emergency department of a local hospital. They typically have a high fever with shaking chills, headache, vomiting and a stiff neck. Their condition can deteriorate very quickly leading to convulsions, coma and death.

Since your daughter was sent home from the hospital without being admitted, she must have the viral type of meningitis. The early symptoms that are usually present when the sufferer is first seen by the doctor are headache, sensitivity to light, fatigue,

and low grade fever. This condition is fairly common in the summer and fall and can be caused by one of several viruses, most often those in a group known as enteroviruses. Whatever the causative virus, to produce meningitis, it must infect the covering of the brain and cause inflammation.

Now, if you are wondering where the term meningitis comes from, this is the appropriate place for a quick Latin lesson. The covering of the brain is called the meninges. If we add the Latin suffix "itis," which means inflammation, to meninges, we have "meningitis," or inflammation of the meninges.

The diagnosis of viral meningitis is made based on history, physical and spinal tap. The spinal tap can rule out the diagnosis of meningitis and differentiate bacterial from viral meningitis. Most people hear the words "spinal tap" and become resistant to having this important test done. It is usually a painless procedure that only takes a few minutes. It is the only way to make an accurate meningitis diagnosis.

Once viral meningitis is diagnosed, the treatment is aimed at relief of symptoms. Some people are hospitalized for a day or two and others, like your daughter, are sent home. This is actually a good sign and means that she was able to take fluids and oral medications and appeared healthy, otherwise, she was probably told to go home, rest

and follow up with her primary care physician in a few days. If so, the emergency physicians made the right call.

This type of meningitis has a low degree of contagiousness; however, as is the case with any sickness in the family, it's a good idea for everyone in the home to practice good hygiene and wash their hands frequently. Usually viral meningitis resolves within a week, and the patient makes a full recovery.

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ConnectKentucky partners with Chamber of Commerce for telework seminars

FRANKFORT — Telework continues to emerge as an untapped workplace solution for reducing costs, while providing strategic advantage. Realizing the opportunity that exists with telework and its benefits to businesses and employees alike, ConnectKentucky is partner-

ing with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to produce telework seminars on Feb. 3 in Lexington and Feb. 20 in Louisville.

According to Wikipedia, telework, telecommuting, e-commuting, e-work, working at home, or working from home is a work arrangement in

which employees enjoy flexibility in working location and hours. In other words, the daily commute to a central place of work is replaced by telecommunications links and focusing on results, not where work is performed.

"ConnectKentucky is committed to promoting telework for Kentucky businesses, government and organizations, and it is only logical that we partner with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce to educate Kentucky businesses about the advantages of the telework business model," according to René True, ConnectKentucky executive director.

Telework is a major initiative of ConnectKentucky, providing business, government, organizations and individuals with ways to leverage broadband connectivity. The telework seminars are another avenue for ConnectKentucky to promote programs and policies to create demand stimulation for broadband service that results in a competitive advantage for Kentucky employers.

Encouraging the spread of telework in the Commonwealth provides a tangible means of ensuring ConnectKentucky's mission to use technology to make Kentucky a better place to live, work and play.

The goal of the seminars is to give participants an overview of what telework is, clear ideas for implementing a telework policy, technical requirements for success, legal considerations and advice about how to manage employees remotely. The telework seminars provide business leaders and human resource managers information to either allow staff to work remotely or to formalize a telework policy.

To learn more about the Telework Seminars on February 3 (Lexington) and 20 (Louisville), visit the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Web site at www.kychamber.com/bookstore.

College Goal Sunday is this weekend

College Goal SundaySM provides free help to Kentucky students filing for financial aid.

To increase chances of receiving aid, students must file the FAFSA before March 15.

College Goal Sunday, which provides free help to families applying for college financial aid, will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 25, at 21 sites across the state. The program begins promptly at 2 p.m., and most sites close at 4 p.m. Each site will hold a drawing for a scholarship that can be used at any Kentucky school.

At College Goal Sunday, financial aid professionals from Kentucky will help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is the form students must submit to receive federal and state student aid.

College Goal Sunday is sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA). It is funded by the Lumina Foundation for Education, The Student Loan People and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"Submitting the FAFSA can help students qualify for thousands of dollars in financial aid and is the ticket to a college education. It enables students to receive a variety of grants and loans that would otherwise be out of reach. The financial aid experts at College Goal Sunday can open the door of opportunity for Kentucky students," said KASFAA President Jennifer Coates.

In Kentucky, grant and scholarship programs help some 93,000 students every year. Students who file the FAFSA before March 15 have the best chance of receiving these funds.

What to bring

Students are encouraged to attend College Goal Sunday with a parent or guardian. They should bring their and their parents' completed 2008 IRS 1040 tax return and any other 2008 income and benefits information. If families haven't completed their taxes, financial aid professionals will be able to help fill out the rest of the FAFSA and give instructions for the financial portion. Everything else — pens, pencils and FAFSA worksheets — will be provided.

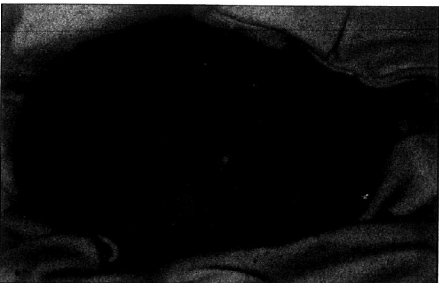
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According to KHEAA, par-

ticipation in state aid programs has more than quadrupled since the 1990s. In the 2007-2008 academic year, KHEAA awarded over \$191 million in higher education grants and scholarships to almost 121,000 students.

For more information about College Goal Sunday, call toll-free, 1-888-4-KASFAA (1-888-452-7322).



Brittany Crum and Dallas Music were united in marriage at the Wedding Chapel in Cattlesburg on Dec. 6. The couple had their honeymoon at the Carriage House in Paintsville. Brittany is beginning her nursing career and Dallas is a coal miner for Martin County Coal. Brittany is the daughter of Jimmy and Karen Crum, and Dallas is the son of Nicky Endicott and Dallas Music.



Grayson Cole Wicker was born at Pikeville Medical Center on Jan. 9. He weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces. His parents are Jerry and Stephanie Wicker, of Prestonsburg. His maternal grandparents are Roland and Tammy Gray, of Prestonsburg and his paternal grandparents are Jerry and Gora Wicker, of Prestonsburg.



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EK Soccer Conference formed

TIMES STAFF REPORT

In October 2008, a committee representing seven high school soccer programs in Eastern Kentucky met to form the Eastern Kentucky Soccer Conference. The conference members are from Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties. The schools represented in the conference are Belfry, Johnson Central, Paintsville, Pike Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Shelby Valley. The programs joined together to form the conference as a collective group, looking to promote high school soccer and provide recognition for the participating student-athletes' achievements. The conference has plans for a website, training sessions for athletes, media days and a tournament-style soccer drama prior to the start of the 2009 season. In November, Belfry hosted the first EKSC All-Conference ceremony. Each member school had four athletes selected from its boys' and girls' teams to receive awards. An estimated audience of 300 soccer enthusiasts attended the ceremony. Kentucky's all-time winningest high school soccer coach, John Horton (436 wins), made a special appearance as a guest speaker. The 2008 Eastern Kentucky Soccer Conference All-Conference team follows. Boys: Belfry - Charles Johnson; Dakota Farley; Dakota Williamson; Brandon Nelson; Johnson Central - Ethan Filowiat; Zach Hughes; Charlie Cheng; Andy Adkins; Pike Central - Johnathan Ray; Michael Boyd Thompson; Jonathan Hurt; Payton Gibson; Pikeville - Zachary Burgy-Vanhoose; Evan Bush; Jason Waddles; Brad Hush; Prestonsburg - Caleb Petry; Brad Stanley; Nick Conn; Charlie Joseph; Shelby Valley - Tyler Osborne; Trevor Tackett; Justin Tackett; Chris Hall. Girls: Belfry - Breanna Smith; Caitlin Woolum; Eleni Maroudas; Leslie Varney; Johnson Central - Hayley Meek; Chelsey Salyer; Christina Robinson; Jessica Jude; Paintsville - Tori Parker; Rebekah Smith; Jerra Kelsey; Alyson Salyer; Pike Central - Abby Coleman; Haley Nichols; Karen Pacheco; Jamie Mullins; Pikeville - Mollie Dawahure; Kathleen Smith; Paula Jo Roberts; Ashley Underwood; Prestonsburg - Katy Petry; Laura Abshire; Clara Osborne; Lindsey Fields; Shelby Valley - Emily Smallwood; Hilary Johnson; Brianna Bentley; Tasha Williamson.

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Stage set for regional All 'A' title contests

by RICK BENTLEY TIMES COLUMNIST

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Blackcats beat Phelps in tourney semis

Patrick leads P'burg with 20 points

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Prestonsburg blanked Phelps 9-0 in the first quarter Tuesday night and maintained some sort of lead at the end of each period en route to a 58-44 win in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals. The Blackcats managed to prevail after Phelps battled back and played much better in the second quarter following the early shutout. Phelps outscored Prestonsburg 17-9 in the second quarter, leaving the Blackcats with a slim 18-17 lead at intermission. Prestonsburg, however, finished strong. The Jack Pack-coached Blackcats outscored Phelps in each of the last two quarters. Prestonsburg stretched its lead back out in the third quarter, outscoring Phelps 18-10. Senior center Steven Patrick paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 20 points. Patrick led a trio of Prestonsburg players in double figures. Guards Jody Tackett and Cameron Tincher scored 12 points apiece for the Blackcats. Phelps struggled on the offensive end. Only one Phelps player managed to reach double figures in the scoring column. Michael Burchett scored six points and Alex Stumbo added two for the Blackcats. Tyler Hall connected on a free throw for first-year All "A" Classic participant Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg, which held on to beat Sheldon Clark in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, won itself a spot in the small school regional tournament title game versus multi-time champion and state Top 10 team Shelby Valley. The Wildcats were the preseason favorite to win both the overall 15th Region championship and the region's All "A" Classic title. Prestonsburg 58. Phelps 44. Prestonsburg (9-7) - Stumbo 2, Patrick 20, Burchett 6, Tackett 12, Tincher 12, Hall. Phelps (10-4) - Stiltner 4, Gannon 6, Hager 5, Smith 12, Maynard 6, Campbell 6, Hopson 2, Sullivan 2. P'burg...9 0 18 22-58. Phelps...0 17 10 17-44.

Cumberlands tabbed to claim MSC baseball title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The University of the Cumberlands baseball team is the Mid-South Conference preseason favorite in 2009, according to the conference coaches' preseason poll released on Wednesday. Cumberlands - the 2008 Mid-South Conference regular season champion - received 34 points, including four first-place votes, to edge West Virginia University in the voting. Campbellsville received 33 points and the final three first-place votes. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team. Georgetown College (26 points) is projected to finish third in the seven-team conference, while Lindsey Wilson College (19) and St. Catharine College (18) are predicted fourth and fifth, respectively. West Virginia University Institute of Technology (9) and Pikeville College (8) rounds out the coaches' preseason picks.

Georgetown picked to win Mid-South softball title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE - The Georgetown College softball team is the Mid-South Conference preseason favorite in 2009, according to the conference coaches' preseason poll released on Wednesday. Georgetown - looking to repeat after winning the 2008 Mid-South Conference regular season title - received 35 points, including five first-place tallies. Campbellsville University finished a close second in the voting with 33 points and the final two first-place votes. Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team. University of the Cumberlands (24) and Lindsey Wilson College (23) are projected to finish third and fourth, respectively, in league play. Pikeville College (17), St. Catharine College (10) and WVU Institute of Technology (7) complete the preseason poll.

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Pikeville girls' soccer players were among those honored during the Eastern Kentucky Soccer Conference ceremony. More photos from the ceremony appear on Page B3.

P'burg to battle Valley for All-A championship

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

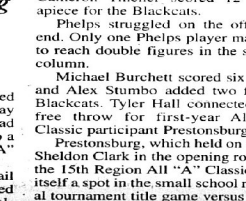
PIKEVILLE - Don't call it beginner's luck. Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack has been there before. He's been in the regional championship game. Pack has the Prestonsburg Blackcats back in the regional title picture - this time on the All "A" level. Tonight, Pack will guide the Blackcats (9-7) into a 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game versus powerhouse Shelby Valley (13-4). Prestonsburg is set to play for the 15th Region All "A" title in its first year in the small school regional tournament. Prestonsburg held off Sheldon Clark 77-74 in an opening round matchup Saturday. Shelby Valley opened play in the 15th Region All "A" Classic in stellar fashion one week ago, defeating Betsy Layne 71-36. The Wildcats rolled past rival Pikeville on Monday in the semifinals, dismantling the Panthers 71-41. Floyd County has a rich history when it comes to the All "A" Classic. Allen Central and South Floyd have each captured multiple 15th Region All "A" Classic championships. Betsy Layne is a former 15th Region All "A" Classic runner-up. Tip-off for the Boys' 15th Region All "A" Classic title game is set for 8 p.m.

Valley too much for Pikeville

by STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE - Shelby Valley is in a familiar position. The Wildcats are back in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game. Shelby Valley won its way into the title game Tuesday night, defeating district foe Pikeville 71-41 in the semifinals. The Wildcats quickly distanced themselves from Pikeville. Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 18-6 in the opening quarter and didn't have any trouble adding to its lead in the second half. Junior guard Elisha Justice, a highly touted prep backcourt player, paced Shelby Valley with a game-high 21 points. Justice was one of 10 different Shelby Valley players to break into the scoring column. The Wildcats entered halftime out in front 28-18. Shelby Valley built on the 10-point intermission lead in a big way in the second half. The Wildcats held an 11-point scoring advantage in each of the last two quarters. Shelby Valley outscored Pikeville 20-9 in the third quarter. Taylor Newsome added 14 points as Shelby Valley claimed the tournament victory. Tyler Baker led a limited Pikeville attack with 11 points. Gatlin Clark joined Baker in double figures for Pikeville, finishing with 10 points. Shelby Valley held high-scoring Pikeville guard Matt Clevenger to just six points. Wes Rowe also had six points for the Panthers. Shelby Valley will meet Prestonsburg tonight in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game.

Girls' 15th Region All 'A' Classic. Thursday, Jan. 15: Sheldon Clark 53, Pikeville 45, Shelby Valley 33, Pearlst School 19. Friday, Jan. 16: Paintsville 49, Allen Central 28. Saturday, Jan. 17: Sheldon Clark 73, South Floyd 60, Shelby Valley 73, Prestonsburg 54, Phelps 55, Betsy Layne 64. Monday, Jan. 19: Sheldon Clark 61, Paintsville 49. Tuesday, Jan. 20: Phelps 59, Shelby Valley 45. Friday, Jan. 23: Sheldon Clark 61, Phelps 58 p.m. (Championship Game).



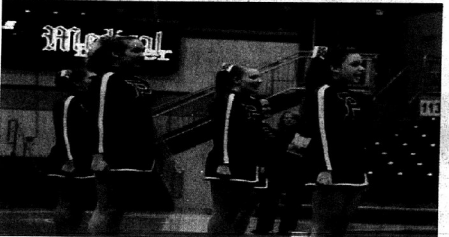
JODY TACKETT

Boys' 15th Region All "A" Classic Thursday, Jan. 15: Sheldon Clark 62, South Floyd 51, Friday, Jan. 16: Shelby Valley 71, Betsy Layne 36, Pikeville 48, Paintsville 33, Saturday, Jan. 17: Phelps 72, Allen Central 53, Prestonsburg 77, Sheldon Clark 74, Monday, Jan. 19: Shelby Valley 74, Pikeville 41. Tuesday, Jan. 20: Prestonsburg 58, Phelps 44, Friday, Jan. 23: Shelby Valley-Prestonsburg, 8 p.m. (Championship Game).

15TH REGION KAPOS All



PRESTONSBURG was one of the participating cheerleading squads in the 15th Region KAPOS competition held Wednesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center.



Lexington dealership names truck in honor of UK football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Toughness and success come to mind when thinking of University of Kentucky Coach Rich Brooks. Those terms also describe the Ford F-150 Truck, named the 2009 Motor Trend Truck of the Year.

Paul Miller Ford has brought them together in the release of the exclusive 2009 Rich Brooks Edition F-150 Crew Cab Truck, the Lexington dealership has announced. The Brooks Edition Truck will be made available for purchase on Friday, Jan. 23, a date which pays tribute to Kentucky's first, second and third bowl wins under Brooks.

The truck will be equipped with numerous special features: Customized paint scheme of true blue, black and silver; Retax tailgate cover; Rich Brooks signature decals on doors and tailgate; Rich Brooks edition decals on fenders and quarter panels; 22-inch custom chrome wheels and tires; Tinted windows; Dual exhaust; Toff spray-in bed liner; Enhanced mobile satellite TV system; Microsoft SYN.

"The Brooks fans have spoken," said J.P. Miller, Jr., Vice-President of Paul Miller Autogroup. "The toughest truck on the market now bears the toughest coach's name. We are extremely happy to sell the Rich Brooks Edition F-150 exclusively at Paul Miller Ford. Now is your chance to come out and drive one!"

The F-150 earned Motor Trend Truck of the Year honors for its innovative design that maximizes power, control and efficiency. For more on the award, visit Ford's website.

Brooks showed his toughness in building a football program which won bowl games in three consecutive seasons, the first time in Kentucky history that feat has been accomplished. Fans are invited to see the Brooks Edition F-150 at Paul Miller Ford, located at 975 E. New Circle Rd. The truck also is featured on its own Web site, www.brooks150.com.

well in the All 'A' do really well in March in the regional and the state tournament. It's a great experience, and one I hope our girls get to realize."

VanHoose is also happy about the 15th Region All "A" making the move to the Expo Center.

"Our first game there against Betsy Layne it took a little time to get used to the size of the floor and the back-drop," he said. "But if we can make it to Richmond, we'll be more used to it. We'll see a very similar type of backdrop, how far the walls are from the floor."

"Getting to play there in January will help us if we can get back in March, and, hopefully, if we win this, in the state tournament."

In the boys' final, Prestonsburg gets to put a stone in its sling and try to knock off Goliath, Shelby Valley. The Blackcats are 9-7 on the season but have wins in

five of their last six games.

Coach Jack Pack's team is tournament tested, having played in the Country Music Highway Classic and the Gateway Holiday Classic, as well as the single-day Peoples Bank/Hyden Citizens Bank Classic. In fact, of their 16 games, the Blackcats have played 10 of them in tournament-type formats.

I could weigh in on Jodie Meeks, but at this point what could I say that hasn't already been uttered. The guy has the smoothest journey you'll find, and on Wednesday night, he tossed in about the quietest 31 points I've ever seen.

When players start posting 31 points and you see terms like "quiet" next to them, you know they're having a pretty fantastic year.

Watching Patrick Patterson post 21 points and June Buchanan rebounded reminded me that if he ever gets over his lingering finger

ailment, and if his teammates ever really focus on throwing him the ball, he could be the best post player in the country. And that includes Tyler Hansbrough.

At this point I figure everybody you know will tell you they picked Arizona and Pittsburgh to meet in the Super Bowl, but I have a little proof: In my postseason fantasy league, eight of my nine players last week were on those teams.

Yes, I said postseason fantasy league. Have they invented a word yet to describe what it's like watching Larry Fitzgerald go after a ball 99 percent of the rest of the league couldn't catch?

I'm still wondering why Hall of Fame voters will hold the actions of Mark McGwire against him, and will no doubt soon do the same to Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, but won't reward a guy like Dale

Murphy who was the best player of the 1980s, a two-time MVP, a gold-glove centerfielder and did absolutely everything right, both on and off the field.

All "A" Classic State Tournament Pairings by region

Boys' pairings—3rd vs. 2nd; 5th vs. 11th; 1st vs. 6th; 4th vs. 14th; 10th vs. 13th; 7th vs. 16th; 15th vs. 8th; 12th vs. 9th. Girls' pairings: 6th Region vs. 10th; 14th vs. 9th; 4th vs. 3rd; 13th vs. 11th; 15th vs. 2nd; 8th vs. 7th; 16th vs. 5th; 1st vs. 12th.

June Buchanan ousts Jackson City, 83-47

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON — Senior forward Brent Hall continued to lead the June Buchanan School Crusaders Wednesday night in the 14th Region All "A" Classic. June Buchanan, playing on the road at Jackson City in the small school tournament's second round, rolled to a convincing 83-47 win.

Hall scored 17 points and pulled down a game-high 20 rebounds as the Crusaders eliminated June Buchanan. The steady Hall recorded his second double-double in as many games. In a game Monday versus Wolfe County, Hall turned in game-high efforts of 31 points and 16 rebounds for his first double-double of the week.

June Buchanan starting dominating soon after the opening tip. The Crusaders applied smothering defensive pressure, limiting Jackson City to 10 points or less

in each of the first three quarters. June Buchanan outscored Jackson City 21-10 in the first quarter. The Crusaders cruised into halftime ahead 39-17.

Jon Howard had 16 points as part of a balanced June Buchanan offensive effort. Senior center Garrison Collins contributed 14 points and junior guard Clint Stepp scored 12 for the Crusaders. Junior forward/guard Zack Amburgey added 10 points as five different June Buchanan players reached double figures in the scoring column.

The Crusaders owned a commanding 61-23 lead when the third quarter ended.

Senior guard Gentry Hayes and junior forward Zack Gayheart had 13 points apiece for Jackson City. Pedro Sierra added nine points for the Tigers.

Jackson City outscored June Buchanan 24-22 in the final quarter.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Steven Patrick, Prestonsburg
Megan Hamilton, Betsy Layne

PC women's bowling team wins fifth tournament

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CINCINNATI — Eight members of the Pikeville College women's bowling team averaged higher than 200 for the weekend and five of them were on the winning team as the Lady Bears brought home the title from the Hoinke Bearcat Classic.

All three of Pikeville's entries finished in the top five in the 22-team field, and the two teams that didn't win the tournament were eliminated by teammates. The win was the fifth in eight tournaments for the women's team this season.

The men, meanwhile, charged back into contention on Sunday and qualified the A team into the tournament as the fifth seed, where it fell to Morehead State 3-2 in the opening round.

Two members of the winning Black entry made the five-person all-tournament team, Nicole Burke, a junior from Sturgis, Mich., averaged 223.33 for the weekend, thanks to striking 62.2 percent of the time. She was joined by junior Sarah Germano, who averaged 216.67 largely by picking up all 21 single-pin spares for the weekend. They were joined on the

Black team by Becky Sullivan, a junior from Greer, S.C., who averaged 207.33; Kira Youtos, a freshman from Rochester, N.Y., who averaged 206; Chelsea Gilliam, a freshman from Pecatonica, Ill., whose average was 202.33; and Megan Kyle, a freshman from Westernport, Md., who averaged 182.

Pikeville Black defeated the White team in the semifinals, which had knocked off Pikeville Orange in the quarterfinals.

White was led by sophomore Michelle Ostrowski, who returned to her native Cincinnati and averaged 214.29 while striking 60 percent of her frames and Natusha Martin, a freshman from Wayne, Mich., who averaged 207.89.

The fifth-place Orange team featured Ashley Stahurski, a junior from Bexley, Ohio, who averaged 204.71. She picked up 20 of the 21 single-pin opportunities she had for the weekend.

On the men's side, the A Team started Sunday in 19th place but moved up to fifth to qualify for the top 12 match-play bracket. The B Team started Sunday in 20th place and moved up to 16th, while the C Team started Sunday in 30th

place and moved up to 25th.

Forty-five teams participated in the men's tournament.

The A entry was led by All-American Kyle Barnes, who finished ninth amongst the 261 bowlers. The junior from Smyrna, Tenn., averaged 216.2, rolling only one game below 200 all weekend. He was joined by John Grundy, a senior from Ashland, Ohio, who was 13th overall with an average of 215.1. Jesse Hawkins, a sophomore from Southaven, Miss., averaged 207.7, and Matt Palinkas, a sophomore from Mentor, Ohio, with an average of 204.4.

The B team was led by Jimmy Chiff, a sophomore from Austintown, Ohio, who averaged 211.9, and Jeremy King, a sophomore from Pikeville, whose average was 209.4.

The C team was paced by Seth Wagner, a sophomore from Fremont, Ohio, with an average of 206.9, and William Jones, a freshman from Erlanger, Ohio, who averaged 197.3.

Pikeville will return to action this weekend in the Blue & Gold Classic in South Bend, Ind.

EKU cheerleaders finish strong at national competition

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO — The Eastern Kentucky University Cheerleaders and Colonel competed in the UCA College National Championship at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla. last weekend. Teams from 43 states and 152 universities and colleges competed in the event.

In the Small Co-Ed Division I, the EKU Cheerleaders qualified for finals and then finished

in 6th place with their two and half minute routine set to music featuring cheers as well as stunts and tumbling. Hofstra University won the competition.

The Colonel finished in 4th place in the Open Mascot competition on Friday, and the Girls 4+ Partner Stunt Group comprised of seniors Ashley Bradley, Brittany Brown, Amy Ellis and Leslie Nelson tied for 12th place with Central Michigan University.

Members of the 2009 UCA National Team are Bradley Brown, Ellis, Nelson, Emily Bankemper, Nick Barjueca, Amanda Baumgardner, Joshua Board, Courtney Brooks, Trenidy Coffey, Margie Crawford, Ellis, Laura Hays, Erica Irwin, Lakan Looney, Jade Miles and Chris Schultz. Brown is a Paintsville High School graduate.

Videos of each performance along with complete results can be found at www.varsity.com.

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Shot from 75 feet lifts Thundering Herd over SMU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University senior forward Markel Humphrey connected on a shot from 75 feet away with less than a second to play to lift the Thundering Herd to a dramatic 53-50 win over SMU in Conference USA men's basketball action Tuesday at the Cam Henderson Center.

Humphrey rebounded the ball off of a missed shot from SMU's Derek Williams, from under Marshall's own basket, with less than four seconds to play and the score tied 50-50. The senior then took several dribbles and fired the ball up from the right side of the three-point arc and watched as the high-arching shot (estimated at 75 feet) banked off of the glass and in to the basket on

the opposite side of the court to lift the Thundering Herd (9-9 overall, 2-2-USA) over the Mustangs (6-10 overall, 1-3 C-USA).

"I just threw it up," Humphrey said. "I got the rebound and saw that the clock was running out. I heard Damier (Pitts) yell and I took a couple dribbles and just threw it up. I saw the clock, and when it went in I knew it was good because I released it before the backboard turned red."

Humphrey finished the game with nine points and four rebounds.

"We played hard tonight. When you play hard, things like that happen," Humphrey added.

The game was tightly contested defensive battle throughout with six lead

changes and both teams shooting less than 40% from the floor. The Thundering Herd led at the half 23-19 only to have the game knotted at the 10:02 mark of the second half at 38-38.

With 5:50 to play in the game, SMU's Mouhamed Faye connected on a three-point shot to give the Mustangs their largest lead at 46-41, however, just seconds later Marshall's Damier Pitts answered with a three of his own to cut it to two. Following a free throw shot from SMU's Bamba Fall, Pitts would strike with another three to tie the game at 47-47.

Chris Lutz added a Marshall three-point shot with 3:49 left to push it to 50-47 only to have Faye strike with another three with 1:51 to go. Both teams would battle with

missed opportunities in the closing seconds to set up the game winning shot by Humphrey.

Lutz led the Thundering Herd with 12 points on 4-of-10 shooting all from three-point range. Humphrey and Tyler Wilkerson added nine points apiece, while added six points and a game-high eight assists. Marshall limited SMU to only 26% shooting in the first half and 39.1% for the game.

"I'm really proud of these guys," Marshall Coach Donnie Jones said. "Our energy, our momentum and the spirit of these guys has been terrific. We continue to practice well and this is just something that will usually happen as a result of your hard work. It was a lucky shot obviously, but I'm really happy for Markel Humphrey. It couldn't happen to anyone better than him. He's worked hard and been through a lot of stuff here injury wise and he just contin-

ues to come out and fight, fight, fight."

The Mustangs were led by Faye's 17 points and Derek Williams' 14-point effort.

Marshall forced 16 SMU turnovers, while committing only 10. SMU held a slight edge in rebounds, 37 to 34.

The Thundering Herd will return to action on Sunday at UCF. Tip-off is scheduled for 2 p.m. at UCF Arena in Orlando.

Williams, Samuels earn BIG EAST honors: University of Louisville senior forward Terrence Williams has been named BIG EAST Conference Player of the Week and the Cardinals' freshman center Samardo Samuels has been selected as the league Rookie of the Week for the week of Jan. 12-18.

Williams averaged 22.0 points, 11.0 rebounds, 6.0 assists and shot 53.1 percent from the field in a pair of vic-

tories over top 15 ranked BIG EAST foes. Williams nearly had a triple-double against Notre Dame with 24 points, a career-high 16 rebounds, eight assists and three steals, marking his third-double in the last six games. In Louisville's victory over top-ranked and previously unbeaten Pittsburgh, he led the Cardinals with a game-high 20 points and added seven rebounds and four assists while burying 3-of-4 three-point goals.

Samuels averaged 14.0 points, 6.5 rebounds and two blocked shots in the Cardinals' two victories. He had 18 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots against Notre Dame, his highest scoring performance in nine games. He contributed 10 points and seven rebounds, as the Cardinals won over Pittsburgh. It is his third Rookie of the Week honor this season.

Softball Eagles look to maintain success in 2009

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — A year after first-year head coach Holly Bruder guided the Morehead State University softball program to its best season in school history, the Eagles have many of the pieces still in place to maintain their level of success in 2009. Five regular starters return, along with two pitchers — including the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year — to help MSU build upon 2008's 34-16 season. The Eagles must replace four starters, but Bruder and her staff believe they have some new faces that will be major contributors. The Eagles begin the season Feb. 13-15 at the Auburn Tiger Invitational.

"This season will be more challenging than last as we lost four starters in key roles. Those have been harder to replace than expected, and we'll have a number of young players having to step up in those key spots. This season will also be harder for the fact of another tough schedule, and we'll have some changes from last season looking for some revenge," said Bruder, whose team finished second in the OVC regular season race last year and who are picked for a third place finish in 2009.

A key reason for MSU's rejuvenation last year rested with the arm of now-junior pitcher Alex Gjevrc. She became the first major conference award winner for the Eagle program when she was named OVC Pitcher of the Year as a sophomore. Gjevrc set a school single season record with 17 wins and 125 strikeouts and posted the second best season ERA in school history at 0.96. In conference games, she was even stingier, allowing only 10 earned runs in 109 innings and winning 11 games versus just three losses. Bruder expects her to take on an even larger role in 2009, probably expanding her appearances and innings pitched. She set a school record as a freshman, appearing in 38 games, and needs to win seven more wins to set the school career record.

But, the Eagles also have two other capable arms in junior Sarah Funston and freshman Ashley Boyd. Funston moved into a closer's role last year, picking up two saves and allowing just 12 earned runs in 61 innings pitched. She also only walked six batters versus 53 strikeouts. She'll battle Boyd for the number two pitcher's job. Boyd should prove to be a solid pitcher as a true freshman. She had a solid fall campaign and looks ready for the rigors of a collegiate season.

"My pitchers are strong because of their work ethic and because of my amazing pitching coach, Gary Potts. Gary has the knowledge and skills to take these pitchers beyond what they can do themselves. He puts in the time needed and goes above

what's necessary to get to the top," said Bruder. "Having Alex in the top 25 in ERA in the country is a prime example of coaching and work ethic. We look for Alex to be our leader again and to help minimize the number of runs scored by our opponents. Funston and Boyd will compete for the number two spot. This year's schedule will be difficult as we play many back-to-back-to-back games that we will need all three every series."

On the infield, the Eagles return second baseman Bri Jones for her final season. Jones is also the only senior on the 2009 roster. MSU also has Second-Team All-OVC third baseman Rebecca Butler back. Junior Bethany Ellis, who has seen a limited role in her first two years, is the heir apparent at first base, and junior Bianca Cardenas — who has been the Eagles' normal designated player the past two years — will most likely move in behind the plate this year. Freshman Kayla Brill is another option at catcher. Bruder is concerned about a gap at shortstop. MSU does not have a true shortstop, so freshman Samantha Sparks appears to be the top option. Sparks is an All-State-type player from Russell, but has mainly played other infield spots and doesn't have much experience in the middle infield. Freshman Carrie Himmelhaver could also see time in the middle infield, while freshman Courtney Rhodes will battle for playing time as well. Bruder hopes that players like Jones and Butler can help the more inexperienced infielders grow into solid players.

"The infield will be filled with three new starting faces at shortstop, first, and catcher. I look for my key returners on the infield to be the support and consistency for the infield," she said. The outfield has three players with experience returning, but Bruder also saw that the competition for a starting spot was tough in the Fall and there could be at least two new faces in the Eagle outfield. Junior Courtney

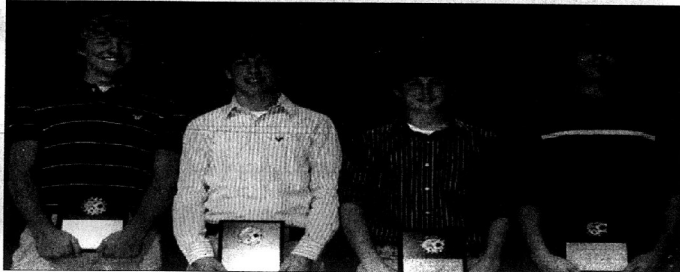
Seiler was the Eagles' regular centerfielder in 2008 and also led the team with a .317 batting average against league opponents. She has a cannon for an arm from the outfield and posted six assists in 2008. Juniors Ashley Archer and Britany Schoed split time in right field. Archer hit .288 against OVC teams. Freshmen Samantha Woodall and Janelle Givens should battle for the third spot and both could even find a starting spot. Givens is also a power hitter, while Woodall possesses great speed in the field and on the base paths. Redshirt freshman Breana Maleta was with the team last year and in the Fall and made significant improvement on defense.

The outfield will have at least one new face, possibly two," said Bruder. "The outfield will also have more speed and will stay solid like last year."

Bruder also would like to see the Eagles' offense more potent in 2008. MSU averaged 3.8 runs per game in 2008, but the Eagles also failed to win an extra-inning game and could use improvement on generating runs. As a team, the Eagles hit .286 and stole 55 bases.

"I think our team is smarter and more confident than last year. We developed and utilized the short game near the end of last year that only added more depth to our at-bats. We hit five out of seven days a week so they are confident and challenged. I hope this year's team improves on RBI's, which in turn allows for more runs scored than last year," said Bruder. "We left too many runners on in key situations. That 'big' hit should come from your top six players, and I think this year I see added some depth at the plate. (Bri) Jones, (Bethany) Ellis, and (Rebecca) Butler will be the big sticks, which (Samantha) Woodall and (Courtney) Seiler will bring speed and diversity to the plate. We will continue to manufacture runs every inning and utilize our offensive opportunities given."

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Tug Valley Bass Anglers accepting new members

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SOUTH WILLIAMSON — Tug Valley Bass Anglers is now accepting new members for the 2009 tournament season. Club meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Don's Street Machine in South Williamson. All fishermen are invited to attend. In 2009, all Tug Valley Bass Anglers members will receive an unlimited use discount card with no expiration date that will be good for \$10 off any \$50 fishing-related purchase at Gander Mountain Stores.

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Indoor football set to return to Huntington

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — It's official, the West Virginia Wild professional indoor football team will play in 2009 and will be a member of the Continental Indoor Football League. The Wild will call Huntington's Veterans Memorial Fieldhouse home, and with six home dates scheduled the Wild is ready to bring hard hitting, fast paced indoor football action back to the Tri State at an affordable price.

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Misc.

Nanny needed for two young girls to live in home near Pikeville. Must have a valid drivers license, clean MVR, good references and be caring. Room and board provided plus weekly wages. Forward nanny experience preferred. Please call 606-479-6355.

3- Dining tables for sale, one square w/4 chairs, new oak \$375. One very large table with double pedestal across bottom \$475. very nice oak dining table w/ 6 & hutch \$1600. If interested call 454-8858.

Female Shitzu puppy for sale. Weighs 9lbs. Has all shots. White & brindle with black ears in color. Registered. Paid \$500 will take \$350 OBO. Call 886-7957.

Playstation 3 with ghost recon 2 and rock band with drums, mic, guitar & wireless controller & owners manual \$425. If interested call 606-454-8858.

Needed: Someone to care for a disabled young

female in my home. References and drug test required. Medical experience a plus. Call after 7 pm 478-2820.

HELP WANTED Mature, responsible, dependable adult female to provide in home care for elderly female. References required. No smoking please. Interested parties call 1-859-533-9679.

Business Opportunity: Looking for individual who would be interested in assisting in the development, maintenance and operation of an over night camping facility and horse trailhead in the Dewey Lake area. Send resume no later than Feb 28th to: PO Box 522, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653.

A unfinished homemade doll house was taken from a carport in Prestonsburg. The house is about 3 feet tall; colors are brown, tan and yellow. A 74 yr old was building it with his

hands for his grandchildren. Its return would be greatly appreciated. If you hear anything or see this doll house, please call 886-1010 and give the information. You will be rewarded for the return.

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.

Notice of property for sale. Eight acres more or less property for sale at the mouth of Bull Creek and Meadows Branch. Located near the Prestonsburg job core, near city water and sewage. Approximately 1/2 acreage is level and out of the flood plane. Suitable for residential or commercial use. If interested contact

606-874-2330. Serious inquiries only.

Sale or lease

4 Br. 3 ba home for sale. Newly renovated, located within walking distance of new Prestonsburg elementary school. \$165,000. Call 886-3437 for appointment.

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 Jerry's.

For sale: Small community post office building plus 1,200 sq ft living area with back yard. Plus another office work & garage. Can be home with income or 3 rental units. 3 miles from Hwy 80. \$145,000. Call 606-285-9650.

Commercial

space for rent conveniently located at 834 South Lake Drive. Call 889-6510 or 886-0255.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

1 or 2 br apartments for rent. Located in Prestonsburg. Furnished, clean, all utilities paid. References required. Call 886-5366.

1 BR apartment for rent in Prestonsburg. \$350 month plus utilities and deposit. Call 889-6510.

2 apartments for rent. 1-2br and a 1 br studio apartment. Both located in Prestonsburg. Also a 2 br mobile home for rent. Deposit required. Call 789-2287 or 424-0765.

2br, 1 bath house for rent. Also 1 br apartment for rent. Both located in Prestonsburg. No pets. Call 886-8991.

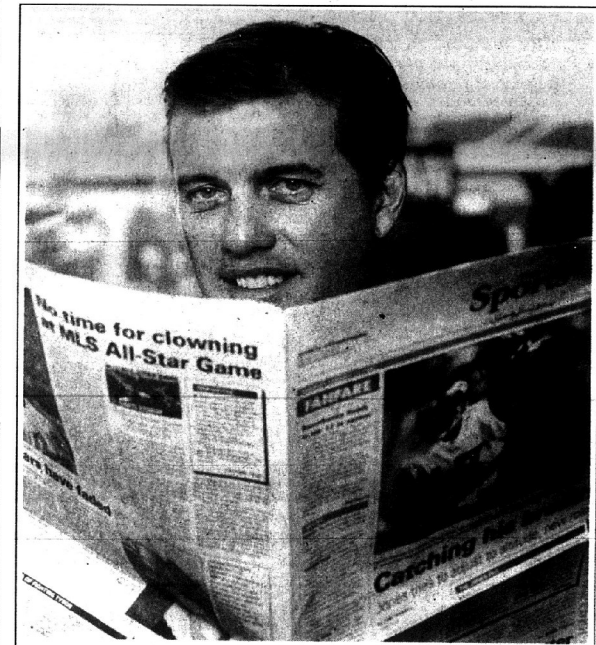
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- Maintain database for all water and wastewater projects in the region
- Serve as general facilitator for quarterly Water Management Planning Council meetings, developing and implementing the area wide plan required by contract
- Track status of applications for grants and loans on projects and report to Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
- Develop a priority list for project funding for water and wastewater projects in each county and regionally
- Determine total number of households in each system's water and sewer areas, and the number of households currently being served by each
- Ability to communicate effectively with utility superintendents, judges/mayors, and general public
- Provide annually, an up-to-date system map to management staff of each water and wastewater utility within a region

Applicants with a Bachelor's Degree in Geography or related field with some GIS and mapping experience will be given preference. Salary with great benefit package commensurate with experience. Apply by letter of intent and resume to Big Sandy ADD, ATT: Terry Trimble, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, no later than January 30, 2009.

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advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Services, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, March 25, 2009. (6) A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 26, 2009, at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 25, 2009.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0342 NW In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 204-1455 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.7 miles northeast of Hippo, Kentucky in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 373.34 surface acres and will underlie 4.92 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary, will be 378.31 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 miles south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road and located 0.2 miles southwest of Caney Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the mountaintop removal and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by George Thornsbury et al, Evie Thornsbury et al, Shade and

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8066, Amendment No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.8 miles southeast of Alum in Floyd County. The amendment will add 36.40 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 214.48 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.7 miles west northwest from Route 1426's intersection with Allen-Banner Road and located 0.6 miles south of Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Adams Real Estate Limited Partnership and Frasure Creek Mining, LLC. The operation will use the refuse disposal method of surface mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5422, Amendment No. 1 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile north of Dana, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.0 surface acres and will underlie an additional 374.0 acres making a total area of 806.96 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.2 mile southeast from Johnson Fork Road's junction with Cecil Branch Road, and located within Johnson Fork. The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by J.R. Conn, Randy Williams, Keith Williams and Industrial Fuels Minerals Company. The amendment has

been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 880-0124 Operator Change In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debar, Kentucky 41214, intends to revise permit number 880-0124 to add one new operator. The new operator will be Bizzack Construction, LLC, P.O. Box 12530, 2265 Executive Dr., Lexington, Kentucky 40583. The proposed operation is approximately 1.84 mile northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolfe Branch Road, and located 0.09 mile northwest of Wolfe Branch. The operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

Tomorrow's Leaders

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Six Floyd County schools receive KY-ASAP grants

Floyd County Superintendent Henry Webb announces that six Floyd County Schools have received KY-ASAP grants for use in the prevention of substance abuse in our community and to encourage change. KY-ASAP

was created in 2000 by the General Assembly to promote the reduction of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use in Kentucky by working with communities to help them identify existing needs and resources. The following

school FRYSC directors submitted grant proposals and received \$500.00 per proposal.
 ■ Allen Central High School - (2) proposals submitted by Sharon Collins
 ■ Allen Central Middle School - (1) proposal submit-

ted by Pam Meyer
 ■ Adams Middle School - (2) proposals submitted by Michelle Keathley
 ■ Prestonsburg Elementary - (2) proposals submitted by Rebial Reynolds
 ■ Prestonsburg High

School - (2) proposals submitted by Deedra Gearheart
 ■ South Floyd High School - (2) proposals submitted by Keith Smallwood
 ■ Central Office - (1) proposal submitted by Lola Ratliff

Congratulations to our schools and special thanks to the KY-ASAP organization for this supportive funding in the total amount of \$6000.00 for substance abuse activities for Floyd County children.

Board of Education to be recognized at the KSBA annual conference

The Floyd County Board of Education/ Superintendent Team will be recognized during the 2009 Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) Annual Conference for participation in the association's ASAP (Advancing Student Achievement to Proficiency) for School Boards initiative. According to a recent informational release from KSBA a total of 37 board/superintendent teams will be recognized for achieving all 10 of the ASAP standards, while another 22 are to be noted for completing work on one or more but not

all 10 of the standards, which are:

Adopted a new (or reaffirmed existing) resolution/vision/mission statement to reflect a focus on advancing student achievement.

Developed a monthly board agenda calendar with key agenda items focusing on student achievement data and issues in a systematic way.

Followed an agenda designed to focus on student achievement, featuring student presentations, staff/student recognitions, reports, and dialogues on student learning

and support services.

Adopted or revised one or more board policies for impact on student achievement.

Reviewed multiple data indicators of student achievement in the district over a period of years, including disaggregated data, and used the information to define student success and to review and revise district goals focused on reducing achievement gaps among various groups of students.

Implemented a policy requiring annual school council reports at a

public meeting concerning the progress being made toward district and state-mandated educational goals (Districts with large numbers of schools may require these reports on a less frequent basis.) and/or conducted at least one district-wide joint board/council meeting to address this issue.

Hosted at least one event, such as the KSBA community discussion model, designed to communicate to the community progress our students are making and to gather feedback centered on improving student

achievement.

Designed our District Improvement Plan to address student achievement needs as identified by data indicators.

Used student achievement data in making budgetary decisions.

Displayed student achievement data in the board meeting room and in the schools to communicate results to staff, students, and the community.

Floyd County will be recognized for completion of all 10 ASAP standards.

ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



Clyde Hamilton



Brandi Jacobs



Meagan Jones



Thomas Jones



Brandon Meade



Alexis Parsons



Madison Prater

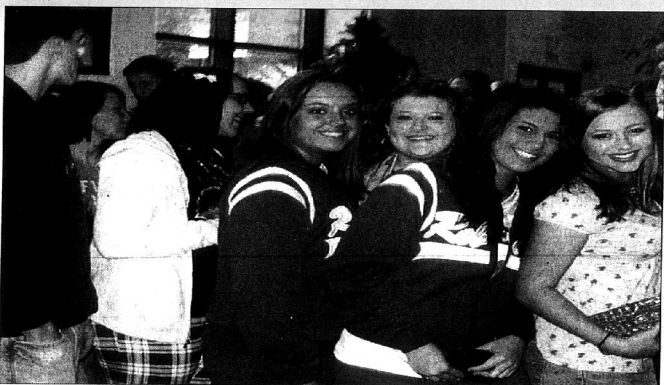


Keith Reynolds



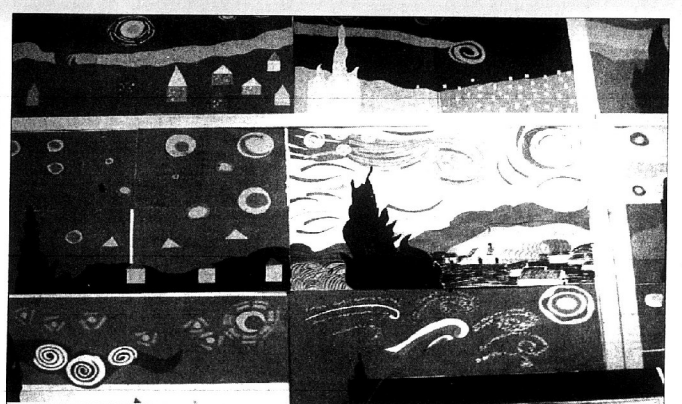
Julius Caesar

Perfect Attendance Awards
 ACHS Winners for the Perfect Attendance Awards (\$25 each) for the month of October: Meagan Jones—9th, Brandi Jacobs—10th, Brandon Meade—11th, and Madison Prater—12th.
 Month of November—Alexis Parsons—9th, Keith Reynolds—10th, Clyde Hamilton—11th, Thomas Jones—12th.




Perfect Attendance

Allen Central High School students who had perfect attendance for the month of November had the opportunity to watch Twilight the vastly popular book made movie at the Riverhill 10. Over one hundred students participated in the trip and will be doing transactive writings based on the movie/book.



Recreating Van Gogh

Kevin Stone's art classes at ACHS enjoyed learning about the master artist Vincent Van Gogh and recreating his famous Starry Night with their own media.



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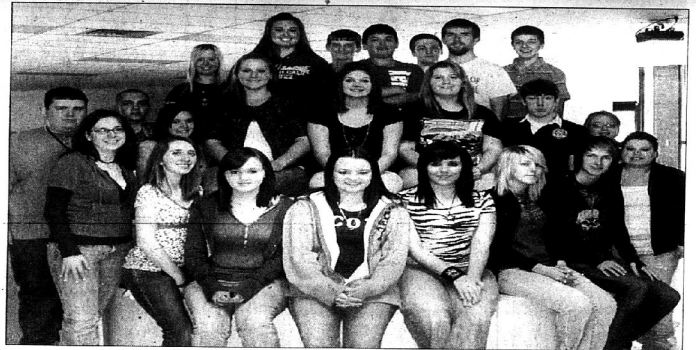
Allen Central High School named their first Students of the Month in October. Each teacher nominated a student from their classes and students were honored with a certificate and got to make their own ice cream sundaes. Faculty and staff helped serve the treats.

Group Picture Names:
Seated—Tyler Salyers, Ashley Allen, Shayla Shepherd, Kristen Taylor, Robert Stacy
2nd Row—Brandi Jacobs, Sarah Kinney, Clyde Hamilton, Daniel Parsons, Brooke Risner
3rd Row—Alexis Parsons, Alex Hartgrove, Julie Halbert
Not pictured: Aaron Keathley, Kellen Watson, Kelly Reynolds, Logan Wright, Jezreel Eaton, Dora Riley, Lauren Mullins, Dallas Allen, Morgan Wright, Kayla Hicks, Samantha Pack, Travis Mullins
Happy to Serve—pictured are English IV Teacher, Sandy Warrens and FRSYC Coordinator, Sharon Collins



Department of Fish and Wildlife

Jack Lee, from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, visited with Mr. Anthony Moore's biology classes at ACHS to discuss many of the myths of wildlife. The students were intrigued and learned a great deal of the mysteries of the mountains.



ACHS STLP STATEBOUND

On Thursday November the 20th, the ACHS STLP headed to the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville for the Regional qualifying competition. At the Expo presentations were set up to be judged by representatives from schools all over the eastern Kentucky. ACHS had two presentations: Rebel Radio and Teen Talk (the news broadcast). After the judging Allen Central High School received a perfect score of 120 which qualified them for the state competition for their Teen Talk program! They will now have the opportunity to present this at the state for their Teen Talk program! Teen Talk is a school news program that highlights events in and around our school and community. The program will air in the school starting in January. WPRG channel 5 news has agreed to give our school a broadcast spot each week to broadcast our program. The state competition will take place in May 2009. Contributed by Brittany Johnson—senior STLP member

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

GIS and the Battlefield of Middle Creek

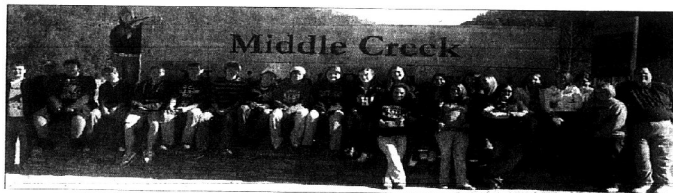
by KALA JARRELL

On Wednesday November 5th, 2008, the second period Prestonsburg High School Freshman Science Class of Mr. Solomon Kilburn traveled on a journey back in time.

This field trip was to the historical Middle Creek Battlefield of Eastern Kentucky. In the time of January 10th, 1862 Middle Creek was the largest and most significant civil war battle of Eastern Kentucky.

On this site 1,100 union troops under James Garfield defeated the 2,000 Confederate Troops under Humphreys Marshall. The Union losses were three killed and 18 wounded, but the Confederate losses were 12 killed and 15 wounded.

We were taught a lot about the history of the battle field while we were there, like the reason



for the battle. Kentucky remained neutral for a time in the civil war but then, new legislature voted to suppress the rebellion while federal marshals began arresting men on charges of

treason. In the month of September 1862, Floyd County became a sanctuary for fleeing Confederates. Not only did we learn about the history of

the battle field but also of the land itself. We walked the old trails of the Union and Confederate armies. While on these trails we plotted points on a GPS (Global Positioning System). The reason for our trip was to mark the trails, plot points, learn historical data, and gather more information about the layout of the land, so that our info could be taken and used to make better maps of the area in order to plan future usage of the site, such as the museum they were thinking of making there.

We will be returning to this site once again to gather environmental impact information about the site and its wildlife. I can already tell you, I can't wait.

This was all possible thanks to NSF ITEST Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment at U of K. Thank you!

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ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Kyle Layne, Justin Rife, Corey Terry, Junior Handshoe and Rocky Crisp work the Community Service stand during the basketball game.

8th graders raise money for breast cancer research

Allen Central Middle School 8th grade completed their second community service project of the year. They raised over \$500 for breast cancer research.

The students sold friendship bracelets they made and sold chances on a Vera Bradley bag. All the donations will go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

The 8th grade sponsors are Mr. Jeremy Hall, Mrs. Lynn Handshoe, Ms. Angela Mullins, and Mr. Greg Nichols.

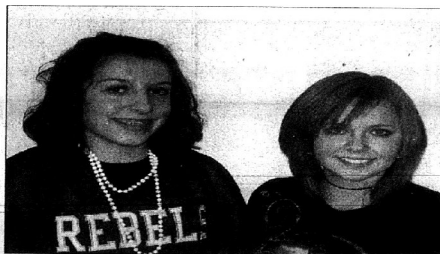


Pictured are Katie Dingus whose grandmother, Hilda McKinney, is a breast cancer survivor; Junior Handshoe whose grandmother, Jean Meade, is a breast cancer survivor; Stephen Goble whose mother, Lora Newsome, is a breast cancer survivor; and Lanessa Collins who won the Vera Bradley Bag.



ACMS Tops the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, Again!

The Patriot's Pen Essay Contest is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in public, private, or parochial schools in the U.S. The 2008-2009 theme was "Why America's Veterans Should Be Honored." After having two students win at the local and regional level in 2007-2008, for a second year two ACMS students have won at the local VFW level. Those two students will move on to VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner will advance to the VFW Department (state) level. 8th graders, Ms. Laken Parsons earned 1st place, receiving \$250 and Ms. Caitlin Kidd earned 2nd place, receiving \$125. Mr. Paul Edwards and Mr. Larry Sexton from our local VFW presented the students with their awards at Allen Central Middle on December 11, 2008. The school coordinator for the contest was Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, 8th grade teacher.



ACMS County Winners

The Floyd County Community Council on Domestic Violence and the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. sponsored a Domestic Violence Essay Contest during October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. ACMS captured 1st and 2nd place in the grades 6-8 division. 8th grader Ms. Laken Parsons was the county winner, receiving a \$50 Walmart gift card, and Ms. Caitlin Kidd was the county runner-up.



ACMS Top Twelve Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

2008-2009 ACMS school winners are Elizabeth Campbell, Chelsie Conley, Ashley Crager, Shawn Gline, Thomas Hall, Austin Hoover, Brittany Hughes, Destiny Niece, Kaitlyn Ousley, Jamie Perry, Molly Thornsberry, and Bobbie Vanderpool. ACMS Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child coordinator is Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, 8th grade teacher.



Floyd County Conservation Essay Winner Article

The Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts and Kentucky Farm Bureau, decided there was no more appropriate time to "go green" than for the 2008 edition - Working Trees: Kentucky's Renewable Future, this year's theme for the Jim Claypool Conservation Art and Essay contest. ACMS - once again - is home to the county's middle school level Conservation winner, 8th grader Ms. Laken Parsons. 8th grader Kennedy Stumbo was 2nd place ACMS winner. Ms. Victoria Carroll, 7th grader, was 3rd place ACMS winner. The school coordinator for the contest was Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, 8th grade teacher.



ACMS 8th grade Community Service

8th graders at Allen Central Middle School are actively involved each month in community service. 8th grade teachers stress giving back, the importance of community service. Two very important community service projects were conducted during November and December. During November and December, 8th graders conducted a school-wide canned food drive for a local food pantry. In December, 8th graders conducted a school-wide toy/book drive for a local organization. Students also designed and decorated Holiday cards for local nursing home residents. The sponsors of these monthly community service projects include Mrs. Lynn Handshoe, Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, Mr. Jeremy Hall, and Mr. Greg Nichols.



ACMS County Cover Winner

An ACMS 8th grader's artwork was selected as the cover for the 2008-2009 Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child county book. Jessica's art was a beautifully designed Gingerbread House. Ms. Jessica Martin is the 14 year old daughter of Rita and Greg Martin of Goose Creek. The school Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child coordinator is Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, 8th grade teacher.



Red, White, and Blue Essay Contest

For the city of Martin's annual Red, White, and Blue Essay Contest, ACMS school winners included 8th grader, Ms. Laken Parsons, 7th grader, Ms. Victoria Carroll, and 6th grader, Ms. Megan Little. This year's theme "Why We Should Honor Our Veterans." The school coordinator for the contest was Ms. Angela Coleman-Mullins, 8th grade teacher.

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DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Duff Elementary earns special recognition as a National Title I Distinguished School

Floyd County Superintendent Henry Webb is pleased to announce that James A. Duff Elementary School will be recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School as identified by the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program during the National Title I Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Schools meeting the criteria must significantly close the

achievement gaps among student populations, and must excel in state-defined adequate yearly progress (AYP) targets under NCLB for two or more consecutive years. As a distinguished school Duff has ensured all children have access to effective instructional strategies and challenging academic content, and that all students make significant progress towards learn-

ing that content.

Selected schools must also have demonstrated the following attributes:

- opportunities for all children to meet proficient and advanced levels of performance
- professional development
- coordination with other programs
- curriculum and instruction to support

achievement of high standards

- partnerships among schools, parents and communities

A school team of educators will attend the National Title I Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas in February to accept the award and to attend other professional development opportunities.



Duff Elementary students in Ms. Riley's and Mrs. Sexton's 1st grade classes have been studying cardinal directions and the compass rose as part of the Core Knowledge program. Students enjoyed displaying their knowledge of these topics outdoors using sidewalk chalk.



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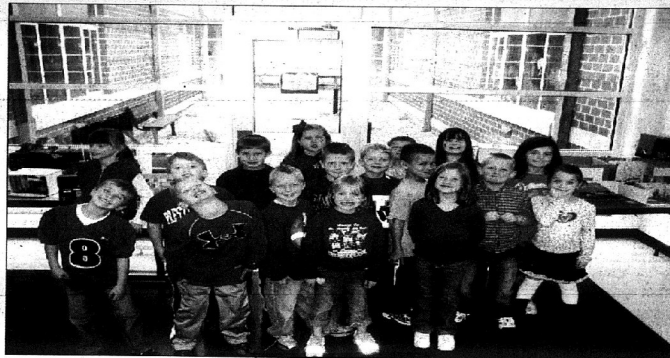
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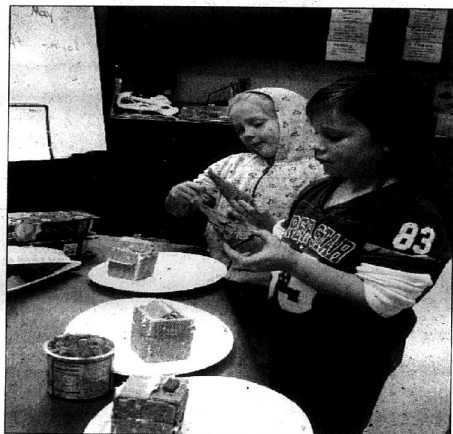
PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY



First grade students at PES used their artistic abilities in creating gingerbread houses. Students applied geometric concepts, created artwork that passes along a tradition of custom, and read Jan Brett's "Gingerbread Baby." Parent volunteers helped in creating a learning filled activity.



Mrs. Allen's second grade class have studied about communities in their Social Studies class. As part of their unit they created community dioramas.



VETERANS TRIBUTE



First nine weeks honor roll

First Grade:
Mrs. Blanton
 A Honor Roll: Tanner Lee, Hunter Ousley, Rimini Prater, Ashlyn Roberts, Preston Wilee, Cameron Young
B Honor Roll: Dalton Collins, Alivia Patton, Jamie Rathiff, Chelsea Samons, Johnathan Stanley, Jan Seiser
Mrs. Shepherd
 A Honor Roll: Kassandra Blanton, Brandon Compton, Dalton Howard, Samule Kelly, Cody Marsillett, Shannon Music, Joshua Risner, Karson Roop, Valerie Vanleer
B Honor Roll: Kimberly Estep, Brayden Hamilton, Hannah Jude, Grant Justice, Gabriel Keens, Seth McIntyre, Dalton Powers
Ms. Tackett
 A Honor Roll: Lyllyn Alaniz, Allison Cobern, Kylie Corbin, Alexia Hall, Kaitlin Meade, Chole Mills, Makayla Ousley, Grant Ray, Kane Scarbery, Adam Stone, Blake Stone, Brayden Stone, Zachary Thompson, Grace Trusty, Paige Wright, Ethan Blair
B Honor Roll: Hunter Bustle, Brayden Newsome, Austin Smith
Ms. Tackett
 A Honor Roll: McKenzie Underwood, Shawn Leslie
B Honor Roll: Savanna Combs, Greg Stone, Brianna Horn, Jacob Bartley, Myra Shepherd, Jamie Shepherd, Jacob Watkins, Dalton Bentley, Loren Patton, Jacob Conn, Clayton Smith
Mrs. Walker
 A Honor Roll: Beth Burchett, Alison Campbell, Mason Compton, Jake Hyden,

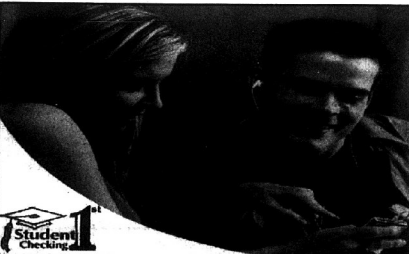
Trey Layne, Abby Shepherd, Luke Shepherd, Kamryn Webb, Megan Williams
B Honor Roll: Katelyn Burchett, Bradyn Dove, Cameron Goble, Haley Meeks, Daniel Short, Patrick Tuttle
Mrs. Watts
 A Honor Roll: Ashleigh Allen, Reece Allen, Kaitlyn Butler, Haley Clark, Thomas Compton, Keisha Craft, Kayleigh Edwards, Sydney Francis, Alyssa Garrett, Gabe Carrott, Tyler Garyheart, Cameron Martin, Savannah McKendree, Haley Ousley, Timmy Prater, Haley Rathiff, Bryce Rogers, John Michael Rose, Edward Smith
B Honor Roll: Elijah Coleman, Hailley Howell, Logan Isaacs, Sierra Viera
Second Grade:
Mrs. Allen
 A Honor Roll: Nate Blackburn, Cole DeRossett, Jessica Estep, Megan Music, Haley Shepherd, Will Conley
B Honor Roll: Katie Bentley, Jacob Beverly, Cameron Blackburn, Jordan Blair, Dylan Carroll, Ryan Goodman, Kaitlyn Little, Noah Marcum, Catherine Walker, Isiah Butcher
Mrs. Bingham
 A Honor Roll: Kobe Johnson, Emily West, Makayla Stone, McKinly Smith, Skyler Hackworth, Hannah Thornsbury, Sage Jervis
B Honor Roll: Logan Hatfield, Ethan Cornette, Angel Akers, Gabriel Tackett, Kendall Fleicher, Cody Goble, Olivia Young, Peyton Wright, Ashleigh Hall, Gabe Hitchcock, Haleigh Hunt,

Katie Marsillett, Nick Dunbar
Mrs. Cornett
 A Honor Roll: Zachary Rose
B Honor Roll: Brooke Gallion, Ethan Clark, Mohammad Albarec, Kellan Adams, Ethan Hall, Breanna Hatfield, Cheyanna Hatfield, Jeffrey Hughes, Kobe Lyons, Grace Owens, Lauren Painter, Kerrie Rackey, Cody Sanders
Mrs. Justice
 A Honor Roll: Haley Holbrook
B Honor Roll: Cody Blair, Shawn Cordle, Faith Curtis, Bradley Goble, Madison Holbrook, Madison Jervis, Donald Marsillett, Tyler McKinney, Trevor Mohan, Jaden Reid, Yamaan Shakhashiro, Ethan Spears, Olivia Wright
Mrs. Stewart
 A Honor Roll: Gabbie Bates, Cassidy Griffith, Andrew Hale, Lily Smith, Jaxon Watts
B Honor Roll: Nathan Collins, Wesley Depoy, Lakeland Hall, Riese McCoy, Brandon Shepherd, Blake Sizemore, Shea Waddles
Third Grade:
Mrs. Conn
 A Honor Roll: Embry Gullett, Emmily Hamilton, Camryn Stone, Anna Rose, Hamilton Stratton, Hannah Hamilton
B Honor Roll: Lauren Click, Steven Couch, Morgan Davis, Brandon Goble, Rachel Hale, Keely Holbrook, Kris Howard, Chandler Newsome, Seth Ousley, Skylia Stone, Paige Stumbo

Mrs. Turner
 A Honor Roll: Seth Hammonds, Samantha Mendes, Rynne Stone, Makensie Willoughby
B Honor Roll: Alyssa Blair, Makayla Bowers, Phill Cornett, Jacob Dyer, Savannah Frazier, Jacob Gardner, Isabella Jacobs, Cody Jervis, Kate Lackey, Ashley Mullins, Aaron Nelson, Megan Smith, Blake Tarver, Dalton Trusty, Taylor Vacanti, Nick Ward, Madison Willoughby
Mrs. Stumbo
 A Honor Roll: Katherine Bailey, Logan Dotson, Chandler Nelson, Gavin Stone
B Honor Roll: Caleb Bean, Sarah Collins, Brooklyn Craft, Lauren Douson, Austin Ford, Olivia Francis, Brianna Hughes, Amanda McCoy, Chad Nelson, Isaiah Nixon, Isaac Owens, Ryan Parsley, Brittney Reahard, Katrina Saltsburn, Susana Silva, Cory Smith, Destiny Wright
Mrs. Little
 A Honor Roll: Haley Fitzpatrick, Sarah Hackworth, Bradley Jarrell
B Honor Roll: Kristian Akers, Ashley Alaniz, Zachary Amburgey, Aaron Blevins, Victor Corbin, Kimes Hall, Sarah Hicks, Hannah Kelley, Paige Lemaster, Harley Quillen, Austin Smith, Joshua Sparks, Eli Wilks
Ms. Wicker
 A Honor Roll: Montana Calvins, Carley Hyden
B Honor Roll: Cameron Smith, Alie Little, James Couch, Joseph Jarrell, Michael Faulstich, Dakota Hackworth, Nick Howard, Michael Shepherd, Megan

Marsillett, Bryce Waddles, Angel Collins, Austin Stone, Candice Campbell, Cade Byers
Fourth Grade:
Mrs. Akers
 A Honor Roll: Justin Rowe, Haley Maines, Tanner Hicks, Clay Stone, Alyssa Johnson, Shannon Patrick, Hannah Depoy, Emily Dillon, Lucas George
B Honor Roll: Iesha Collins, Drake Nunney, Alexa Scott, Reece Ison, Bryce Tucker, Megan Meeks, Blade Stone, Camron Price
Mrs. Bragg
 A Honor Roll: Zachary Caldwell, Nick Rowe, Grace Tackett
B Honor Roll: Chris Little, Dalton Moore, Andrew Blackburn, Scott Stapleton, Kassidi Ellis, Austin Samons, Zion Echols, Seth Ramsey
Ms. Goble
 A Honor Roll: Kayla Cobern
B Honor Roll: Keelee Justice, Katelyn Stanley, Chelsey Moore, Cody Wallace, Johnathan Shepherd, Cheyenne Alaniz, Jacob Lemaster, Kaitlyn Mohan, Dylan Stone, Kelsey Bates, Mason McCoy, Samantha Prater, Tanner Allen
Ms. Turner
 A Honor Roll: Jenna Layne, Blake Rathiff
B Honor Roll: Brianna Branham, Jasmine Horn, Mariana Jacobs, Samuel Johnson, Sylvia Justice, Conner Newsome, Jasmine Porter, Jonathan Spradlin, Isler Thacker, Megan Thompson

Fifth Grade:
Mrs. Compton
 A Honor Roll: Tate Greene, Hannah Arnett, Ethan Wright, Dylan Poe, Tiffany Clifton
B Honor Roll: Easton Casey, Tanner Rorer, Kathien Tackett, Alison Collins, Amber Marsillett, Nathan Hunt, Alex Campbell, Kaitlyn Branham, Leland Ousley, Tasha Wallen, Wesley Kilburn
Mrs. Douglas
 A Honor Roll: Hannah Hunt, Hannah Little, Dustin Blair
B Honor Roll: William Salisbury, Kyle Salyer, Grace Powers, John Cooksey, Makayla Minix, Brayden Copley, Kaitie Goble, Emily Wright
Mrs. Parsons
 A Honor Roll: Wyatt Martin, Danna Joy Stone
B Honor Roll: Allison White, Kyle Owsley, Jaden Clark, Angelik Hall, Nathan Bishop, Brianna Hatfield, Melanie Shepherd, Daran Marsh
Mrs. Petry
 A Honor Roll: Dakota Collins, Muna Shakhashira
B Honor Roll: Kayla Dames, Kaitlyn Traley, Austin Bostines, Hannah Hatfield, Jacob Meade, Dustin Moore, Cole Ousley, Harvey Poston
Mrs. Nairn
 A Honor Roll: Grant Minix, Kaleigh Kendrick, Tyra Nairn
B Honor Roll: Latsha Waddles, Emily Williamson, Adam Treadway, Morgan Marshall, Catelyn Johnson, Tanner Hall, Kenora Craft, Weston Casey, Teara Burchett, Kaitlyn Allen



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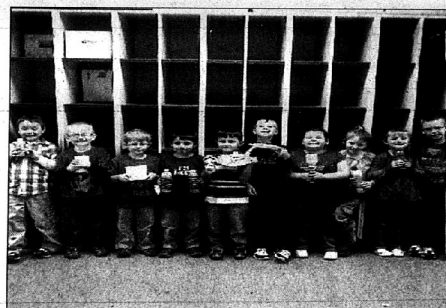
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STUMBO ELEMENTARY



First grade shakers 2008.



Kindergarten shakers 2008.



First grade drums 2008.



Kindergarten drums 2008.



First grade strings 2008.



Kindergarten strings 2008.



Belle McKinney on the washboard and Mr. Ord on the spoons.



JMS 8th grade AC Choir members at the park.



JMS AC Choir with Mr. Ord at the park.

Music at Stumbo

The kindergarten and first grade music classes have been studying about tempo, dynamics and timbre in music this year so far.

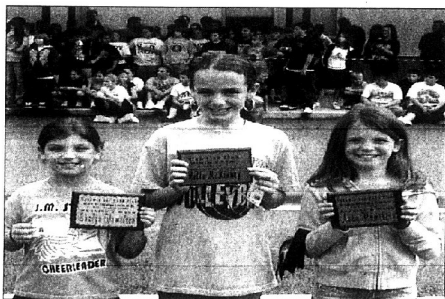
Tempo is the speed of music and dynamics is the loudness of music. Timbre is how instruments and voices sound and is categorized into families. The K-1 classes have learned that instruments can be cate-

gorized into families based on how they are played. Brass instruments are played by buzzing your lips into the instrument to make a sound. Woodwinds are played by blowing through them.

Stringed instruments are played by picking, plucking, strumming or using a bow to make a string vibrate. Percussion instruments are played by hitting, rubbing

or shaking.

Students were required to make a homemade music instrument, decorate it, play it for their class and tell what instrument family it was from and why. Below are pictures of our work. The second grade classes will also be making homemade music instruments. Look for their work soon.



Shalyn Hamilton, Belle McKinney and Abby Hamilton - All Distinguished.



Jump rope

Block Party 2008

Earlier this year, the students and staff at John M. Stumbo Elementary School celebrated last year's successes on the CATS and CTBS tests with a block party. Our success in attendance was also celebrated. We had the best overall attendance at the elementary and middle school levels in the entire county last year! Students were recognized for receiving proficient and distinguished scores on the state assessment. One reward the students received for proficient and distinguished work was picture ID cards that can be presented at school events for free admission.

Three students were recognized for getting all distinguished scores in either the CTBS or CATS testing last year. Shalyn Hamilton and Abby Hamilton were the only two students that received ALL DISTINGUISHED SCORES on the CTBS test last year. Belle McKinney was the only student that received ALL DISTINGUISHED SCORES on the CATS test last year. WAY TO GO GIRLS! All students were treated to music, dancing, corn hole, football throw, jump rope, limbo, jello eating contests, cup stacking contests, and more. Mrs. Ray even treated everyone to a little rollerblading! We all hope to get to do this again next year when we celebrate even higher test scores!



Mrs. Ray rollerblading

All County Choir

Several students from John M. Stumbo Elementary participated in the Floyd County 2008 Choral Festival. Students that participated in the middle school chorus included: James Frasure, Kayla Gillespie, Mikayla Hall, Cheyenne Hamilton, Katelyn Johnson, Gabriel Vance and Taneisha Hamilton. The middle school chorus was conducted by Daniel Wesley and they performed the following selections:

- Cantante Domino, by Nancy Hill Cobb

- Shake the Papaya Down, by Ruth E. Dwyer & Judith Waller

- Listen to the Rain, by Stephen L. Lawrence
- Johnson Boys, by Jay Brooker
- Can You Hear, by Jim Papoulis

Students that participated in the elementary school chorus included: Mikki Critelli, Shania Edmonds, Lindsay Hall, Gabby Hamilton, Michaela Johnson, Shae Kidd, Amanda McKinney, Belle McKinney and Megan Stumbo. The elementary school chorus was conducted by Debbie Stegner and they performed the following selections:

- Shady Grove, by Shirley W. McRae
- May I Learn to be Silent, by Graig Cassils
- I Don't Mean a Thing (If it Ain't Got That Swing), by Duke Ellington & Irving Mills
- Dance, Dance, Dance, by Mary Donnelly
- Dance of the Willow, by Victoria Ebel-Sabo

Mr. Ord would especially like to recognize the following choir members that are eighth graders this year: Katelyn Johnson, Gabriel Vance, & Taneisha Hamilton. Katelyn Johnson has been in choir at Stumbo since she was in the fourth grade. Way to go Katelyn! Mr. Ord will miss these talented and dedicated students. Please support the Choral Festival by purchasing a DVD of the concert. The DVD's are \$20 and the money goes to support the musician of the year award for the most

talented senior member of bands and choirs in the county in the way of a scholarship for college. If you are interested in purchasing a DVD of the 2008 Choral Festival, please call Maggie Hall at the Floyd County Board of Education at 886-4531. The JMS choir will be performing later on this year. Look for some choir members to sing the National Anthem at home games at Stumbo. The choir will also be performing at the 2nd annual Puttin' on the Hits show later on this year as well as possible performances at some of the monthly SBDM/PTO meetings.

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