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briefs

2 arrested following robbery at Phelps

Times Staff Report

PHELPS — Two Pike County men have been arrested and charged with first-degree robbery in connection with the armed robbery at the Phelps Jo Mart on Feb. 3.

Dorse Bentley, 32, was arrested on Wednesday and is currently lodged in the Pike County Detention Center. No bond has been set as of press time.

On Thursday, Danny L. Dotson, 23, of Freeburn, was arrested at his home and charged with first-degree robbery and for being a persistent felony offender. Dotson was also transported to the Pike County Detention Center.

The case is currently under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. Kevin Newsome. Additional arrests are pending.

County sends in troops to aid recovery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

LITTLE PAINT — One of the last places to be cleared of debris left from fallen trees during the devastating ice storm last week, the left fork of Little Paint was packed with members of Kentucky's National Guard Thursday.

More than a dozen soldiers, deployed from Prestonsburg, Hazard and Jackson, visited Little Paint along with Bear Hollow and several other spots throughout the county Thursday and planned to continue work until today and possibly into the weekend.

"We're going to be focus-

ing on Little Paint a lot today and Bear Hollow," Floyd Magistrate John Goble said Thursday. "But we're also still working on Lakeview. There is a lot still to do."

National Guard soldiers spent much of Thursday morning unloading their equipment at the Kentucky National Guard Armory at Auxier. Here the dozen or so soldiers were divided into two groups and sent out into the county to cut away trees that still blocked roads in the northern sections, along with numerous other tasks relating to cleanup efforts.

(See **RECOVERY**, page five)



National Guard soldiers unload equipment as they prepare to deploy from the National Guard Armory at Auxier Thursday morning. Two groups made up of soldiers from Prestonsburg, Hazard and Jackson spent the week assisting with cleanup efforts from last week's ice storm.

photo by Sheldon Compton

WINTER FUN



Winter thrill seekers Yvette DePoy Stevens, Hanna DePoy, Tony Stevens, Blaine DePoy and Wesley DePoy found plenty to keep them busy as the group spent the day sleigh riding at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wednesday. Tuesday and Wednesday saw some four inches of snow fall across the region.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Two postal workers plead guilty

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two postal workers — one from Floyd County and another from Pike County — admitted to federal officials Wednesday that they destroyed mail.

Laura Dawn Johnson, 40, of

Bevinsville told federal prosecutors that she embezzled some 30 greeting cards over the past year that were supposed to be mailed to other individuals. She also pleaded guilty to delay, destruction and theft of mail as well as destruction of newspapers.

Pike Countain Karma Rena Polly, 42, of Belcher, was the sec-

ond postal worker to plead guilty Wednesday.

Authorities found 1,256 pieces of mail in Polly's vehicle that should have been delivered, according to prosecutors. The Belcher resident also admitted to burning mail and also placing a

(See **GUILTY**, page five)

P'burg man charged in Pike jewelry store robbery

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Prestonsburg man is behind bars in Pike County after police took him into custody following an armed robbery of Castle's Jewelry in the Wedding Square Plaza at Coal Run.

According to police, Gregg Callas, 42, of Hammonds Road in Prestonsburg, entered the jewelry store just after 3:30 p.m. Wednesday with a handgun and struggled with an unnamed female employee.

After the struggle, which was reported to state police dispatchers at 3:49 p.m., Callas then sped off south along U.S. 23 in a 2001 Ford Taurus.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Brad Austin located the vehicle from the description and followed it to Wal-Part parking lot in nearby Pikeville.

Once in the parking lot, police said Callas then held the handgun to his own head "as though he would shoot himself."

During the stand-off, other officers arrived including Kentucky State Police Lt. Henry Banks and Lt. Sean Welch, as well as officers with the Pikeville Police Department.

Soon afterwards, Callas surrendered to police without further incident and was taken to the Pike County Detention Center where he is currently being held on a \$50,000 cash bond. He has been charged with first-degree robbery and three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

The case remains under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. B.J. Caudill

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Library, schools receive \$60K worth of computers

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Technology was the word of the day at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg Wednesday as officials announced \$60,000 worth of computers for area schools and libraries.

Computers4Kids, a program administered through

ConnectKentucky, offered a \$30,000 donation of both desktop and laptop computers. The donation, which was matched by Daseam, was made possible through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

"We want everybody to have the same opportunities," said Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin. "We just want to make sure we get what this commu-

nity deserves." The same sentiment was shared among several other officials on hand for the announcement Wednesday, including Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Director Thomas Rainey and Floyd County Schools Superintendent Henry Webb.

"We want to provide oppor-

(See **COMPUTERS**, page five)



Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg and Floyd County libraries and schools, as well as the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Wednesday.

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Ice-laden trees beautiful but treacherous

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet strongly advises motorists not to travel roads which are known to have either low-hanging trees, downed utility lines, or trees that have broken and are blocking the road.

"Ice-laden trees can be lovely to look at, almost magical," said Sara George, Highway District 12's information officer, "but the damage they can do is frightening. I spent Friday afternoon monitoring roads in Johnson County and the number of trees down is astonishing. A conservative estimate would be around 6,000. Yes, 6,000! That doesn't take into account low-hanging branches laden

with ice and snow. When they hit the roof of your vehicle, you can almost hear the scratches. Two of our dump trucks and one four-wheel-drive SUV had shattered windshields this week from repeated contact with heavy tree limbs. It's just not worth the risk to be out on these roads, especially after dark."

For the past four days, crews have worked all day long cutting trees and moving them off the roadways. "We've had some great help," George said. "The Flat Gap Volunteer Fire Department, for example, had fourteen men with chain saws working nonstop on Thursday. It took until 7 o'clock in the

evening to get six miles of KY 689 open. The quantity of trees that have to be cut and moved is simply enormous."

Terry Tackett, maintenance analyst for the district, said that detailed reports are available from Floyd, Johnson, and Martin counties. As more information is compiled, it will be forwarded to the media so that motorists throughout the region will be aware of which roads to avoid. Keith Hill of Johnson County Maintenance said that the recovery from this weather event will be slow. It may take weeks to get some roads back to the shape they were in prior to the ice storm. "A new storm is expected to begin Sunday night or



Literally thousands of trees started falling on state roads throughout Highway District 12 on Tuesday, January 27. Limbs covered with ice and snow looked like nature's chandeliers, but motorists should not be misled by their sparkling beauty. Low-hanging limbs may cause body damage to vehicles, and can shatter windshields. Even on roads where the trees have been cut back and moved, often only one lane is open to traffic. Kevin Damron, Chief District Engineer, strongly advises motorists to stay off the roads, particularly after dark.

Obituaries



Cora Branham

Cora Branham, 82, of Jacks Creek, died Sunday, February 1, 2009, at the McDowell ARH.

Born July 19, 1926, in Weeksbury, she was the daughter of the late Ed and Margaret Copeland Clement. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton Branham.

Survivors include five sons: Ira Manuel Branham (wife, the late Peggy) of Stanton; Clifton Branham Jr. (wife, Debbie) of Okeechobee, Florida; Daryl Branham (wife, Christine) of Bevinville; Laryl (wife, Ellhouse) of Bypro and Ronnie Branham Bevinville; two daughters: Arkie and (Don) Williams and Alka Joyce and (Jim) McNutt, both of Battle Creek, Michigan; 20 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Michael Wayne Branham; two brothers: Emmuel Clement and William Chester Ramey; and a sister, Catherine Clement and

a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 5, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Jacks Creek, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Will Hall Cemetery, in Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Ronnie Cole

Ronnie Cole, 53, of Melvin, died Monday, February 2, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born October 1, 1955, in Melvin; he was the son of the late Lonny and Hattie Gibson Cole. He was a general laborer.

Survivors include a daughter, Stacy Curtis; two brothers: Delmas Cole of Lexington, and Ernie Cole of Melvin; and a granddaughter, Danielle Curtis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers: Arnold Lee Cole, Charles Ray Cole, James Cole, Harold Gene Cole and Phillip Cole.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 4, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Omery C. Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Harris Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Wilma Jane Datzell

Wilma Jane Datzell, 92, of 219 Club Circle, Daniels, West Virginia, died Monday, February 2, 2009, at her residence.

Born March 13, 1916, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late William Henry Cox and Ella Webb Cox. She was a personal assistant of Manpower, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Datzell, on October 7, 1968.

Survivors include a stepson, Richard "Dick" A. Datzell of Grand Prairie, Texas; a daughter, Janet Ruth Majakey of Daniels, West Virginia; and two grandsons, William "Bill" Henry Majakey of Daniels,

West Virginia; Lee V. Majakey, O.D., of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Byrd W. Cox; and a grandson, Joseph Vernon Crawford Majakey.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 6, at 2 p.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, Painsville, with Ellis Hamilton, Andrew B. Cox, and Paul W. Cox officiating.

Burial will be in Highlands Memorial Park, Staffordsville. Visitation, Thursday, February 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home, and until time of service on Friday.

(Paid obituary)

Charles C. McGlothen

Charles C. McGlothen, age 82, of Printer, husband of Carol Howell McGlothen, passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born November 15, 1926, in Winchester, a son of the late Millard and Moses "Kate" Swartz McGlothen. He was a retired engineer for the Kentucky Department of Highways.

In addition to his wife, Carol, he is survived by a son, Charles Edward (Jennifer) McGlothen of Softshell; a stepson, Dennis (Mary) Buckley of Martin; a stepdaughter, Jessica (Shannon) Griffith of Fishersville; a sister, Ora Mae Allen of Martin; three grandchildren: Anthony, Jacob and Kaylee Buckley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Morton, James, and Herb McGlothen; and two sisters: Mildred Halbert and Ada Osborne.

Funeral service will be conducted Saturday, February 7, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bobby Lawson and Bobby Osborne officiating.

Burial will follow in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

(Paid obituary)

Happy 91st Birthday ANTHONY NEWSOME



Anthony Newsome was born February 6, 1918. He and his wife of 60 years, Edith Johnson Newsome, live in Prestonsburg, KY, and are originally from Jack's Creek (Wheelwright area). They have eight children, 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Anthony is a retired coal miner; a loving husband; and wonderful father and grandfather.

We love you, Dad, and thank God for blessing us with you!

Grant provides Internet 2 access with statewide benefits

LEXINGTON — A federal \$1.4 million grant will support increased health care delivery, online health care education and enhanced network connections between the University of Kentucky and rural medical centers across Eastern and South Central Kentucky.

The federal grant allows UK to install a state-of-the-art network connection to Internet 2, a system that is 10 times larger than today's access. The funding is being provided by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration as a direct appropriation secured by U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell.

"UK will coordinate this grant with KYRON, the state's higher education network, to enable statewide access to medical resources at UK," said Doyle Friskney, UK's associate vice president for information technology. "The greatly improved access will provide all public universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System with improved connectivity to academic resources worldwide."

James Tracy, UK's vice president for research and the principal investigator for the appropriation, noted the Internet 2 connection also will

benefit UK's clinical and biomedical researchers.

"The enhanced connections provided by Internet 2 will increase our researchers' eligibility for advanced research grants and will allow them to participate in and contribute to national collaborative research projects," Tracy said.

Still, the access to Internet 2 has implications for residents across Kentucky.

"UK will work with health care professionals in rural hospitals, clinics and other medical centers across Eastern and South Central Kentucky to provide enhanced network connections."

The Internet 2 network will enable UK's Medical Center colleges — Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Public Health, Health Sciences and Pharmacy to deliver long-distance health care education programs to future health care professionals, helping to alleviate the projected shortage of health professionals in the Appalachian region.

Patients in health care facilities across the state will benefit as the Internet 2 network permits UK researchers to more quickly move their health care discoveries from their laboratories to physicians. This especially involves

the increased availability of new technologies used to diagnose and treat patient illnesses and disorders.

The Internet 2 connection helps cement Lexington as a base for leading medical center research and health care. The connection, to be incorporated in the new UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital, will provide an economic stimulus that attracts more physicians and clinics to Lexington. These physicians and their knowledge also will be available to patients statewide through videoconferencing.

Additionally, students at the UK colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy who are assigned to rotations in rural areas will have access to the same resources as students on campus. The connection also will offer K-12 school districts direct access to UK faculty and facilities, as well as health care resources on the Internet.

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Marriage Licenses

Glenna Jean Spradlin, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Donald Ray Chandler, 28, of Mealy.
Alicia Leighann Taylor, 32, of Mousie, to Nicholas Wayne King, 27, of Mousie.
Angela Kay Nichols, 31, of Prestonsburg, to Michael John Maynard, 33, of Prestonsburg.
Misty Sue Knott, 33, McDowell, to Brian Edward Watson, 35, of McDowell.

Civil Suits Filed

Lonnie Neesley vs. Cheryl Nceley; divorce.
Margaret Boyd vs. Margariit L. Boyd; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Margaret Boyd vs. James Bailey; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.
Mary Prater vs. Kenneth Praier; petition for healthcare insurance.
Carol Hamilton vs. Candice Hamilton; petition for healthcare insurance.
Barry Bailey vs. Krinda Bailey; petition for healthcare insurance.
Allison Trimble vs. James Trimble; divorce.
Gary Mitchell vs. Karen Mitchell; divorce.
Jennifer Hall vs. Scotty Hall; divorce.
GE Money Bank vs. Fritz Phipps; complaint.
Carmax Corporation vs. Patricia King-Litchkowski; complaint.

Small Claims Filings

Eric C. Conn vs. Ricky Hale; debt collection.
Eric C. Conn vs. John Burchett; debt collection.

Charges Filed

Kristan Garrett, 22, Martin; second-degree burglary.
Jordan Taylor, 21, Martin; second-degree burglary.
Jeremy M. Osbourne, 20, McDowell; theft by unlawful taking.
Dustin Burke, 22, Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a minor.
Brandon Cornett, 23, Pikeville; possession of burglary tools.
Christopher D. Stone, 29, Pikeville; possessor of burglary tools.
Michele Brown, 42, Galveston; fourth-degree assault.
Tristina Burchett, 23, Blue

River; failure to send child to school.
William Brown, 44, Galveston; fourth-degree assault.
Donald McMahan, age unlisted, McDowell; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, failure to send child to school.
Brandon T. Welsh, 18, Pikeville; menacing, public intoxication, resisting arrest.
Tiffany E. Williams, 20, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.
Ricky D. Williams, 43, Grethel; alcohol intoxication.
David L. Adkins, 33, Shelbiana; alcohol intoxication.
Nettie M. Stone, 50, Weeksburg; disorderly conduct.
Doug Vanell, 30, Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
Bennie Lafferty, 22, Banner; alcohol intoxication.
Charles Perry, 30, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.
Malinda Lanice Burchett, 27, Prestonsburg; harassing communications.

Inspections

IGA, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, food not protected during preparation, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, floors not clean, floors not drained properly, suitable dispensing utensils not being used by employees for handling food, in use food dispensing utensil not properly stored, employee drinking in undesignated area, improper storage of single service articles, floors not clean, floors not drained properly, cleaning equipment not properly stored, unnecessary articles in or around the establishment. Score: Food: 94, Retail: 89.
Stones Market, Bevsinsville, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of numerically

scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, food not protected during storage, food not protected during service, non food contact surfaces not properly maintained, non food contact surfaces not properly designed, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, cloths used for wiping non food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, non food contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean, floors not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 92.
S & J Diner, Mennie, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, cloths used for wiping non food contact surfaces being used for other purposes, sanitary towel or hand drying device not provided at lavatory or hand washing sink, floors not clean. Score: 95.
McDowell ARH, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, food not protected during service, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, floors not in good repair, floors not properly covered. Score: 96.
Brenda's Place, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: potentially hazardous food not maintained at 45 degrees or below at all times except during necessary periods of preparation and service, lack of properly maintained refrigeration, freezing and holding units for potential

ly hazardous foods, lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometer for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, lack of effective hair restraints, cloths used for food and non food contact surfaces not stored and rinsed frequently in water sanitizing solution, floors not in good repair, light fixtures not shielded as required. Score: 86.
J & A Trailer Court LLC, Blue River, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered or systematically numbered, lots not meeting the 15 feet setbacks from built structures, underpinning damaged or missing from some mobile homes. Score: 94.
Allen Mobile Home Park, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: lots not numbered or systematically numbered, lots not meeting the 15 feet setbacks from built structures. Score: 96.

Property Transfers

Sue Burchett to Eddie Burchett, property not listed.
William Burchett to Eddie Burchett, property not listed.
Jeffrey Darrell Clark to Rick Layne, property located at Prestonsburg.
Kathy Clark to Rick Layne, property located at Prestonsburg.
Greta Combs to Kenneth Combs and Vernice Combs, property located at Little Paint.
Thomas Combs to Kenneth Combs and Vernice Combs, property located at Little Paint.
John G. Denny to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Sandra Denny to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
FF Landlord 2, LLC to Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation, Inc., property not listed.
Billey Goble to Weichert Relocation Resources, Inc., property located at Cliff Heights Subdivision.
Heather Goble to Weichert Relocation Resources, Inc., property located at Cliff Heights Subdivision.
Anna Grossell to Pilgrim

Energy, Inc., property located at Haunted Branch.
Donna Hale to Miranda Samons, property located at Arkansas Creek.
Robert Hale to Miranda Samons, property located at Arkansas Creek.
Charles T. Halfhill to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Michael G. Halfhill, Sr. to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Patricia M. Halfhill to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Peggy L. Halfhill to Peggy Newman, property located at Richmond Subdivision.
Jeanne Hall to Teresa Hall Johnson, property located at Otter Creek.
Larry Hall to Teresa Hall Johnson, property located at Otter Creek.

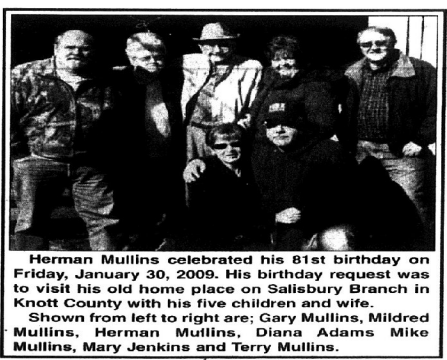
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HOTEL FOR DOGS (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:00, Fri. 7:00, Sat-Sun. (2:00) 7:00.
MY BLOODY VALENTINE (R), Mon-Sun, 9:25, Fri. (4:20) 9:25, Sat-Sun. (4:20) 9:25.
Cinema 2 - Starts Friday, Feb. 6
INKHEART (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:15, Fri. (4:30) 7:15, Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15.
Cinema 2 - Held Over
UNDERWORLD: RISE OF THE LYCANS (R), Mon-Sun, 9:30 only.
Cinema 3 - Starts Friday, Feb. 6
CORALINE (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:20, Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20, Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.
Cinema 4 - Held Over
TAKEN (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:20, Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20, Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.
Cinema 5 - Held Over
NEW IN TOWN (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:00-9:15, Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15, Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 6 - Held Over
PAUL BLART: MALL COP (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:00-9:15, Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15, Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.
Cinema 7 - Starts Friday, Feb. 6
PUSH (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:05-9:20, Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:20, Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:20.
Cinema 8 - Starts Friday, Feb. 6
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU (PG), Mon-Sun, 6:45-9:15, Fri. (4:15) 6:45-9:15, Sat-Sun. (1:45-4:15) 6:45-9:15.
Cinema 9 - Starts Friday, Feb. 6
PINK PANTHER 2 (PG), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:25, Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25, Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.
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THE UNWITTED (PG-13), Mon-Sun, 7:10-9:25, Fri. (4:25) 7:10-9:25, Sat-Sun. (2:10-4:25) 7:10-9:25.
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Food City responds to ice cream recall

ABINGDON, Va. — Weis Markets and Fieldbrook Foods, the makers of select ice cream and novelties carried by Food City supermarkets recently issued a voluntary recall on items containing granulated peanuts, as the products have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The recall comes as an expansion of those pertaining to the Peanut Corporation of America. Food City's standard recall procedures require the immediate shelf removal of all items affected by a recall.
"At Food City, customer service is our number one priority and recalls of any nature receive immediate attention. Although the items have been removed from sale within our stores, we felt compelled to notify our customers in the event that they may have purchased some of the affected items prior to the issuance of the recall notification," says Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer.
The recall affects 56 ounce Food City Premium Tin Roof Sundae Ice Cream, UPC #0-87848-10231 (manufactured by Weis Markets), 4 count Food City Sundae Top Sundae, UPC #0-87848-10274, 6 count Kay's Sundae Cone, UPC #0-87848-10144, 6 count ValuTime Sundae Cones, UPC #0-11225-02716 and Food City Swift Sundae Cones, UPC #0-87848-10249 (manufactured by Fieldbrook Foods).
All affected products have been removed from Food City shelves and properly disposed of. Individuals having the affected product in their homes may bring it to any Food City location for exchange or to

obtain a full refund.
While these items are a member of Food City's exclusive brands family, the company does not manufacture or package the products available for sale in their stores. The items are manufactured by Weis Markets of Sunbury, Penn., and Fieldbrook Foods Corporation, located in Dunkirk, N.Y., and shipped to Food City's Distribution Center in Abingdon, Va. From there, they are delivered by truck to each Food City location.
At this time, reports from the manufacturer indicate that no illnesses have been reported due to consumption of the products. Consumers with additional questions or concerns regarding the recall are encouraged to contact Weis Markets at 1-866-999-9347 or Fieldbrook Foods at 1-800-333-0815.



Herman Mullins celebrated his 81st birthday on Friday, January 30, 2009. His birthday request was to visit his old home place on Salisbury Branch in Knott County with his five children and wife. Shown from left to right are; Gary Mullins, Mildred Mullins, Herman Mullins, Diana Adams Mike Mullins, Mary Jenkins and Terry Mullins.

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1
 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...

By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

— Socrates

Guest View

Protect Americans from unsafe food

Once upon a time, Americans were concerned about unsafe food being sold to the public. So they created a food protection system that was the envy of the world.

Then one day, someone decided government isn't the solution to our problems, government is the problem. Armed with this belief, Congress began cutting budgets and reducing taxes.

Before long, spending on food safety at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture was failing to keep pace with the rapidly expanding workload. In response, federal agencies announced plans to have industry police itself, and to use employees from cash-starved state governments to supplement inspection efforts.

While federal food safety efforts lagged, the number of record-breaking "voluntary recalls" rose. Tons of ground beef, processed pork and chicken were taken off the market after being linked to outbreaks of serious food-borne illnesses. Ditto for spinach and tomatoes, peppers and peanut butter.

Still, the hits keep coming.

On Friday, federal officials took the rare step of publicly disclosing a criminal investigation into a food safety problem, this one involving contaminated peanut products shipped by a Georgia processing plant.

At least 529 people in 43 states have been sickened -- and at least eight have died -- after eating products produced at the Peanut Corporation of America's Blakely, Ga., plant.

Last October, a state inspector found unsanitary conditions at the facility. It was the second such finding in three months.

The inspector gave company officials two weeks to clean up. But Georgia doesn't have enough inspectors to make quick follow-up visits to plants. The next inspection actually occurred earlier this month, after federal officials had linked it with an unfolding salmonella outbreak.

Even though the FDA depends upon state governments to perform food safety inspections, it rarely checks the quality of that work. Nor does it require companies to disclose problems uncovered by their own testing.

A dozen times in 2007 and 2008, internal samples of products from the Blakely plant tested positive for salmonella. The company wasn't required to alert federal or state officials about the test results, and it didn't. Nor did it clean its production lines.

Instead, it hired an outside company to retest the samples. When that company said the samples were uncontaminated, Peanut Corp. shipped those products to buyers around the country.

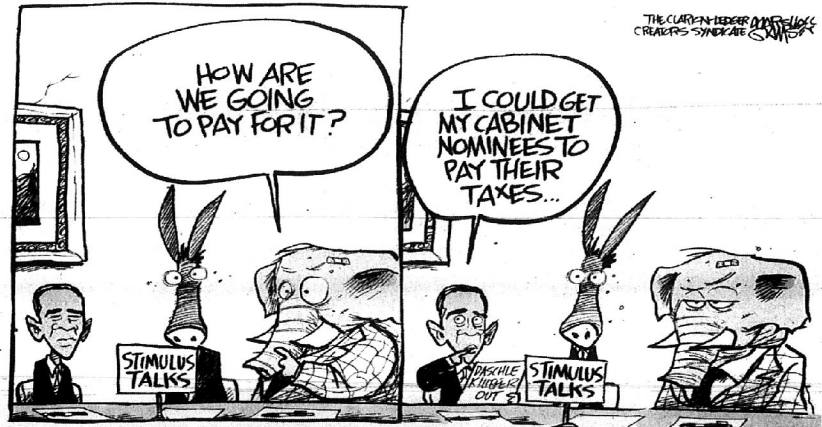
On Monday, President Barack Obama promised a new review of food safety programs run by the FDA. He said Americans should be able to count on the government to keep children safe when they eat peanut butter.

Food safety programs at the FDA and USDA must be modernized to reduce duplication and centralize accountability.

Laws need to be updated to ensure adequate warnings are received and acted upon. Safety efforts must be adequately funded.

As Americans correctly recognized a century ago, the real problem isn't government. It's food safety.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Letters

Tackett grateful for coverage

Now that Christmas is over and we have successfully celebrated the birth of Christ, it is time to thank those who gave so much of themselves and their time to make someone else's holiday a little brighter.

Thank you for your stories of local interest, particularly the coverage you gave the Christmas Program for Needy Children. Reports like yours keep the public informed. And without that information, the people of Eastern Kentucky would not know of such programs, or where to turn for help.

Thank you for raising public awareness and being committed to getting information out to the public. I am grateful that we have such a strong voice in the media. Because of your paper, many people learned about the Christmas Program. Your coverage was instrumental in that manner.

Thank you for your valuable expertise. I am confident you contributed much to my program for the needy children.

And I am grateful. Most of all, I am grateful to be living in a county where people care about people.

Keep up your excellent coverage of the goings-on in Floyd County.

Marlow Tackett
 Harold

Grateful to road crews

During the past two weeks, Kentuckians have been dealing with a historic winter storm that left more people across the state without power than ever before. The ice and cold, along with the downed trees and

limbs, caused hazardous roads in most communities, including Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties. However, I want to go on record as saying that in the face of such dire circumstances, the county and state road departments performed remarkably.

We cannot thank them enough for doing such an excellent job of keeping the roads passable. Crews worked many long hours to ensure that our roads were as clear and as safe as possible. As most of us are returning to our normal routines, many of them are still working those long shifts. Most of us take for granted the job they do. However, during this weather crisis, we were very grateful for the salt trucks that ran all hours of the day or night; the workers who kept the roads scraped free of snow and ice, and the crews who worked diligently to keep trees and limbs off the roads and highways. The county and state road workers are our unsung heroes. I know I am not alone in saying that even though I appreciate all that they do all the time, I am especially pleased with the job they have performed during the inclement weather of the past weeks.

I am writing this to thank all the road and highway workers for making our lives easier and for doing an outstanding job. I also encourage citizens to say thank you to these dedicated workers when you see them at the store or on the street; throw up your hand as you pass them along the road, or drop a note to the road department or the newspaper. Without them, residents would have felt more repercussions from the weather conditions.

Johnny Rex Turner
 State Senator

Lest we forget

I pledge this loving tribute to Ernie Johnson, an outstanding student and

educator.

On Dec. 9, Ernie Johnson's life ended abruptly, leaving several communities in Floyd and Pike counties in a state of disbelief and shock. He and a young student died in a horrible automobile accident as they were returning from a basketball game in Prestonsburg.

As one of his former teachers, I want to pay tribute to a person who dedicated his life to schools and students in Eastern Kentucky. My first encounter with Ernie occurred when as a seventh-grader he entered my classroom to offer his help with our preparations for graduation. It was during this time that I began a remarkable journey with this young man. From that day until his life ended, Ernie became an important figure at Wheelwright High School, South Floyd and Pikeville High School.

As a student and teacher, Ernie went the extra mile -- so much so that he became everyone's right hand and became known to all of us as "Our Ernie." When a faculty member needed help or assistance, he was the first person in line and so willing to help solve any problem. His relationship with both the faculty and the student body was founded on mutual love and respect. He built excitement into his classroom that motivated his students to love learning. This was evident when he died and his students created the "circle of broken hearts" in his classroom at Pikeville High School, a beautiful testimonial to the love and the loss felt by his students.

Ernie will always be a shining example of unselfish love and tireless devotion to his family, his friends, his colleagues and his students. Lest we forget, our world was made the richer by his presence.

Delores Woody
 Retired educator
 Wheelwright High School
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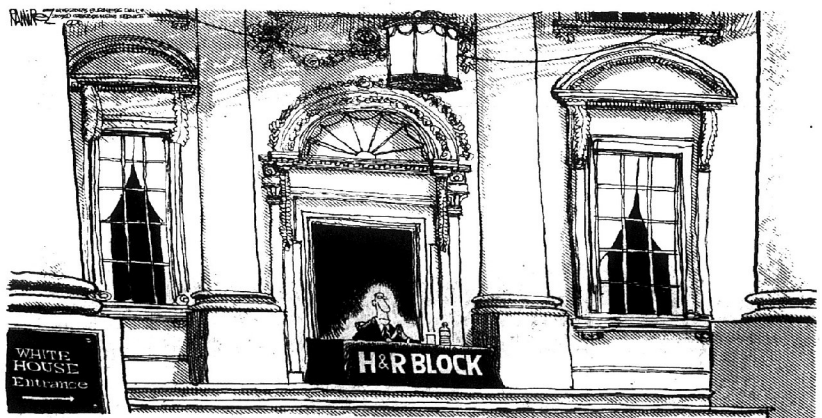
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Computers

tunity, too," Rainey said. "We're trying to get computers in the dormitory so they can have these outside the classroom."

As for public schools in the county, Webb says the computers will improve upon steps already taken in that area.

"We currently have a two to five student to computer ratio, and appreciate this partnership," he told others Wednesday. "Hopefully we'll be able to utilize these computers to make this happen."

Computers will go to the library in Prestonsburg, the new libraries in Minnie and Wheelwright, the Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg High School, Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg Elementary School and other locations throughout the county school system.

Though unable to attend, legislators Greg Stumbo and Johnny Ray Turner spoke earlier in the week of the importance of the donation for area citizens.

"Technology is an important part of our kid's future. This is a win-win for our

area," Turner said. "We need to give our kids and our communities every advantage to compete with our new world market."

Stumbo pointed to the donation as something of an investment in the success of future generations.

"It couldn't have come at a better time," said Stumbo. "I think it's safe to say that this investment will be recouped many times over in the years ahead."

Prestonsburg's Director of Economic Development Brent Graden has worked tirelessly to broaden the technological scope of Prestonsburg in the past year, most notably in working to provide free wireless Internet to downtown residents.

Graden sees Wednesday's donation as a true "gift."

"We are extremely proud to receive this very important gift," he said. "And rest assured, we will put it to good use."

The general goal of the program, according to Graden, is to empower rural communities with an asset-based program.

adding that my receiving the computers "we can leverage technology to give the hard-working people of Floyd County and the city of Prestonsburg a competitive advantage in the classroom and the workforce."

In attendance for Wednesday's announcement was Renea True, executive director for ConnectKentucky. True and his company view their task as one of leaving "no child left offline."

"A lot of people are offline and they are offline because they don't have computers," True said. "So if you can't have a computer in your home, then the next best place to have one is in a community center or library."

Libraries are ranked as the third most used facility in Kentucky for Internet access outside the home.



Several officials and supporters were on hand for an announcement that county schools and libraries would receive \$60,000 worth of desktop and laptop computers Wednesday. Pictured from left to right are Fred Goble, Carl Lafferty with the Floyd County Library, Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin, Floyd County Schools Supt. Henry Webb, ConnectKentucky Executive Director Renea True, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Director Thomas Rainey and Prestonsburg Director of Economic Development Brent Graden.

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Guilty

bundle of Medical Leaders in a recycling bin rather than actually delivering them.

Both Johnson and Polly were indicted in November following an investigation by the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General, while the United States was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney

Christy Love.

Both women are currently scheduled to appear for sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Annul R. Thaper in Pikeville on June 12.

Polly faces a maximum prison sentence of 11 years, while Johnson could be sentenced up to 15 years.

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County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, center, and road foreman Mike Jarrell, right, talked with Prestonsburg resident Shawn Roop, captain of the Hazard National Guard unit, after Marshall made a formal request to the Guard for assistance with cleanup and recovery efforts following last week's ice storm.

Recovery

Those efforts will be made less financially stressful following an announcement Thursday from President Barack Obama. Obama included Floyd County among several other central and Eastern Kentucky counties for federal funding and other assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), some of which is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures, as well.

Damage surveys are continuing throughout other areas, according to FEMA officials, and additional counties may be added to the already large list of those included in Thursday's announcement.

Last week the county was coated in ice as a storm beginning on Jan. 26 and continuing for the next few days that left thousands without power due, in most part, to fallen trees that draped homes and power lines alike.

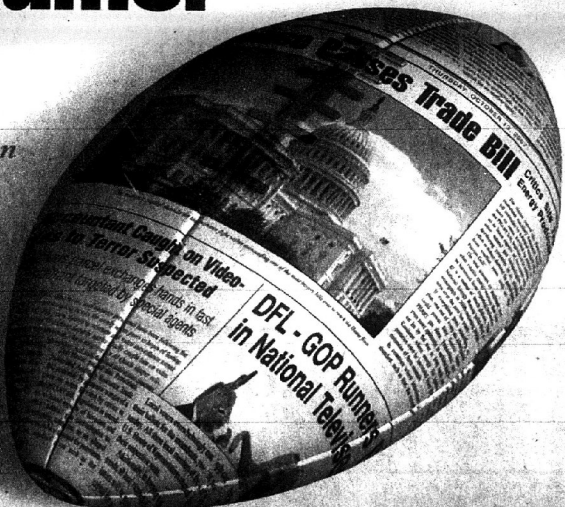
Downed power lines continued to be a problem as late as Thursday, according to officials with Kentucky Power officials, one of two service providers in the area along with Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

At the peak of customer outages, Kentucky Power estimated that some 33,000 customers lost power during the course of the storm.

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DINNER DIVA

What's hot

In the ever-changing world of what's hot and what's not, doesn't it figure that food too, would follow such a trend?

And while this list might not be your personal list, it's mine and it works. After losing 70 pounds and keeping it off, I feel qualified to make such claims!



Leanne Ely

So without further adieu, let's get down to it, shall we?

May I have the envelope please...

What's HOT: Sweet potatoes! This terrific tuber is packed with beta-carotene, fiber and potassium. Scrub it really well, poke it with a fork and bake it up for a terrific hot snack or lunch even. I eat the skin when they're organic!

What's NOT: White potatoes. This starchy, high glycemic tuber has more of a glycemic load than white sugar! That's hard on your body, makes your blood sugar soar and is a no-no for diabetics and pre-diabetics alike.

What's HOT: Black beans. These little wonders are overflowing with protein and fiber, lending themselves to excellent nutrition via their beautiful blackness (remember, the more natural color in your food, the more nutrients).

What's NOT: Pinto beans. These little wonders are overflowing with protein and fiber, lending themselves to excellent nutrition via their beautiful blackness (remember, the more natural color in your food, the more nutrients).

What's HOT: Blue Agave Sweetener. Found in health food stores, this low glycemic loading sweetener is perfect in tea or coffee with no tummy ache! One taste will convince you!

What's NOT: Artificial sweeteners. Do I really have to tell you WHY? If you're still in the dark about what's not so great about them, do a google search with your artificial sweetener of choice, the + sign and the words "health risks". You'll be broadsided!

What's HOT: Almond butter. Almond butter is a milder, smoother nut butter and one of the super foods everyone should be consuming. Almonds contain a ton of fiber, lots of protein and are the best source nut wise of vitamin E.

What's NOT: Peanut butter. Are you really eating the same stuff you did when you were a kid? Does it keep on your pantry shelf after you open it and doesn't go bad? Ever heard of the words trans fatty acids or high fructose corn syrup? If you're gonna do peanut butter, make sure the ingredients say PEANUTS and nothing else!

What's HOT: Wild salmon. Wonderfully, gloriously real wild salmon... from the Pacific Northwest, all pink fleshed and delicious. Chocked full of omega-3 fatty acids, it will keep your brain healthy, your skin in tip top condition and your heart will love it, too!

What's NOT: Farm raised salmon. Sorry folks, but the farm-raised stuff has nothing on wild salmon. Not only is wild salmon more environmentally friendly, it's also not dyed to be pink (the pink is natural in wild salmon) and the fats in the salmon comes from fish food, not the marine diet that natural wild salmon seek out. Remember to go wild on all your fish choices!



For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series (*Balance*) and her New York Times Best Selling book *Body Clutter* (*Fire*). Copyright 2008 Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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Blaine DePoy, owner of Blaine's Guns & Bows, checks out the special Floyd County .22 rifle designed by Historical Armory. The rifles can be purchased at Blaine's Guns & Bows.

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SPECIAL SHOOTER

Rifle features history of Floyd County

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

With the .22 rifle extended in his arms, Blaine DePoy admires the intricate carvings and designs added to the gun in honor of Floyd County.

The Henry Rifles, 1,000 in total, were designed by the Historical Armory as a commemorative project for the entire commonwealth. DePoy, owner of Blaine's Guns & Bows in Allen, has been authorized to sell 100 of the guns that have the Floyd County designs.

"It's great that the company thought enough about Floyd County to do these guns," DePoy said.

Along with the Floyd County landmarks that are depicted on the rifles, those who purchase them have the option of adding personalization for an extra \$60 added to the overall price.

The Floyd County rifles are only allowed to be sold in the county, and DePoy, who took over operation of Merr's Guns & Ammo in 2001, has already sold eight of the guns, each

with a limited edition number that can be selected out of 1,000.

"You can actually pick the number if it hasn't been picked yet," DePoy said. "Of the rifles I have, I picked 79 for the year the shop opened and 73 for my birth year."

According to the company's website, "Historical Armory is a small, independent company based in Fort Collins, Colorado that combines a relentless passion for history with painstaking research and groundbreaking artwork to produce only the finest limited edition firearms. With a commitment to historical accuracy that is simply unparalleled in the commemorative industry, Historical Armory unites the diverse talents of trained historians, gifted artists and skilled craftsmen in a truly collaborative process designed to create hand-crafted, museum quality firearms for the discriminating collector."

For more information on the rifles and how to purchase them, contact Blaine's Guns & Bows at (606) 874-9997.



Who keeps traffic signals working?

Two-man crew covers seven counties



photo by Sara George

Tom McCown, left, and Keith Coleman see to it that all traffic signals and other illumination devices on state highways in District 12 are in proper working condition, regardless of the weather and in spite of power outages.

Tough job doesn't begin to describe what Keith Coleman and Tom McCown faced last week when four of Highway District 12's seven counties were hit with a major ice storm.

Coleman and McCown comprise the Signal Crew for the seven county district. That means the two of them are responsible for the installation, maintenance, and operation of all traffic signals, advance warning flashers, and all other illuminated traffic control and enhancement devices throughout more than 1800 miles of roadway. They cover Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Pike, and Leitcher counties.

Last week's ice storm knocked out signals along US 23 in Lawrence, Johnson, and Floyd counties. In addition, the signal in Paintsville at the intersection of KY 40 and KY US 460 was out. All of the signal failures were a result of power outages in these areas.

Coleman and McCown already had five signals working off generators in Pike County, a result of an earlier weather event. Those generators were no longer needed, but the work load had been so heavy that the men had not had time to re-set the signals to normal power and remove the generators.

They not only got busy, they worked nonstop until

generator power was connected to every signal that failed during the region's worst ice storm in years. In fact, most places Coleman and McCown were able to get the traffic signals running properly before power was restored to the area.

"These guys put forth heroic effort last week," said Sara George, information officer for the district. "They worked night and day, taking off for rest only the hours the law requires. They worked in the dark as well as daylight. Thankfully, they are experts at what they do because the work is complicated and can be dangerous, especially after dark."

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Family Medicine

Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

Reader's 18-month-old daughter needs eye exam ASAP

Q My child is 18 months old, and I think she is having trouble seeing. My mother says that she can't have an eye-test until she can talk and read. Is this correct? Should I just wait until she starts school to have her eyes tested?

A It is a common misconception that children need to be able to read in order to have an eye exam. Children should have eye examinations at least three times before they start school. A child's first eye test should be around the age of six months. The next should be

around the third birthday, unless there are specific concerns about vision that you or your child's doctor have before that time. And, then, the last pre-school eye exam should be shortly before he or she goes off to that first day of school.

Good vision is very important to babies and children as they develop. The major period of vision development is between birth and age 2. During this period, the child moves from learning how to focus on and track objects to learning the basics of hand-eye coordination. Also, the eye

muscles gain strength and the number of nerve connections multiply. As vision develops the child is able to gain more and more information about the outside world. From age 2 to 6, children continue to develop hand-eye coordination, body-eye coordination, eye-teaming, and depth perception. All of these skills are needed for a child to learn how to read.

Children do not usually complain about vision problems because they do not know that they can't see well. If the only vision they've known is poor vision, they have nothing to compare it with. And, unlike many childhood maladies, poor vision does not cause pain.

Children should be screened for visual problems several times and also have at least one full eye examination before entering first grade. A

screening uses objects or eye charts to see if there are any major defects in vision. An examination of the eyes can find developmental problems within the eyes, assess vision and find any eye disease that might be present.

Vision problems in school-aged children are very common and can be disabling. This is especially true when a simple case of poor vision is misdiagnosed as a learning problem or low intelligence. This unfortunately is all too common.

In fact, untreated vision problems are a major cause of poor school performance all across the country. Nationwide almost 25 percent of all school-aged children have an undiagnosed vision problem. I find this not too surprising since a majority of children have not had a vision screening examination prior to starting

school, and even fewer have had a complete eye exam.

Please talk to your family doctor, pediatrician or eye doctor about having your child screened right away. Correcting a visual problem earlier, rather than later, will have a lifetime of positive benefits for your child. If payment for services is a problem, contact your local health department. They often have free or low-cost vision screening clinics for children.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

An average quartet of release got a firm boost from a 1980s drama making its DVD debut this week.

■ "The Secret Life of Bees" — Sue Monk Kidd's acclaimed novel gets a fairly faithful adaptation here but proves to be less of a film than it was a compelling read. The story centers on a young girl coming of age in the Deep South during the civil rights movement. The movie does deliver on the performance front, with good turns by Dakota Fanning in the lead and Paul Bettany as her abusive dad. There's a dependable performance from Queen Latifah as well and a pretty good appearance by Alicia Keys.

■ "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" — Young people might enjoy this tween

romance that gets a boost from Michale Cera ("Juno") as a young musician who accepts a proposition to act as a young lady's date for the evening. This is a talking heads flick and pretty forgettable at that.

■ "Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa" — A quartet of animals that escaped from the Central Park Zoo returns in this animated effort that should please the kids and will prove inoffensive to grown-ups. Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer and Jada Pinkett-Smith return as the lion, zebra, giraffe and hippo who must learn to survive in the wild all over again when their penguin piloted aircraft crashes in the dark continent. There are plenty of yuks here, though any one searching for a strong moral fable to lay on their young ones will be disappointed. That said, the penguins are in top form and there are plenty of "Three Stooges"

types hijinks.

■ "Inside Moves" — This week's best film turns out to be this 1980s drama that begins like a tragedy. John Savage stars as a young man who leaps off of a building to end his life but winds up disabled and a welcome addition to the various types that hang around a neighborhood bar. Conflict arises when the bar's ex-basketball playing host gets a chance to play in the big leagues and turns on his friends. Savage makes this one work while director Richard Donner proves that he is capable of mixing drama with comedy even better than his efforts to marry humor with action (the "Lethal weapon" series).

Next week look for Josh Brolin in Oliver Stone's "W" and time for another Samuel L. Jackson flick with "Soul Men."

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Kyle Wicker, the son of David and Lana Wicker, of Prestonsburg, graduated in December from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and plans to return to ECU in the fall to begin his Master's Degree in Public Administration. Wicker is currently working in sales for AT&T and hopes to pursue a career in Public and External Affairs, and resides in Richmond. He is a 2004 graduate of Prestonsburg High School.

Signals

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George said that both men are quick to say they were just doing their jobs. "But people should know, even if they are matter of fact and humble about it, that they are the ones who stay out during these times of crisis and work until the job is finished so that our roads are safer for anyone who must travel on them.

"We have dozens of highly skilled, experienced, and dedicated employees. These are just two of them. I am proud to know all our workers, particularly when I see them sacrifice the comfort and safety of home to get out in the conditions we had last week. Why do they do it? Yes, it's their job, but they also do it because they want all of us who must drive in spite of the weather to arrive at their destinations without mishaps along the way."

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Mid-February deadline looms for college financial aid

In the current economy, it's easy to look at a college education as an expense. But in reality, the time spent earning a college degree is an investment - and one that has a good deal of financial support available.

"There is still significant funding available for students to attend college," says Lynda George, director of Student Financial Aid at the University of Kentucky.

"The best way to gain access to that money is for students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA," George said.

If they haven't already investigated FAFSA, interested students need to act quickly. The priority deadline for filing a FAFSA is Feb. 15.

"If they meet that deadline, then they will receive consideration for all of the various funding sources available to

students at UK and many other colleges and universities. If they miss that deadline, they will not receive full consideration," George said.

The FAFSA application can be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

"Applying online is much easier than with a paper application. The online application also has built-in edits to help students avoid making errors," George said.

"The online application process is also faster. If stu-

dents complete their application online before midnight Feb. 15, they won't miss the deadline. If they send a paper application, it must be received at the central processor by Feb. 15," she said.

The FAFSA application requires students and their parents to provide 2008 federal income tax information. If parents haven't completed their tax returns, they may provide best estimates available from 2008 year-end pay stubs or from the 2007 tax returns if

their incomes didn't change much from the previous year.

"Students and their parents should complete the FAFSA even if they don't have their 2008 taxes complete. It's better to use estimated information and meet the Feb. 15 FAFSA deadline," George emphasized.

When 2008 tax returns are completed, parents and students must go online and update their FAFSA application with the correct information, she said.

George noted there are programs, Web sites and private individuals who offer to assist in completing the FAFSA - for a fee.

"You should never pay someone to fill out your FAFSA. If you need help, just call the UK Office of Student Financial Aid at (859) 257-3172," George said.

In addition to federal, state and college or university funding sources that provide financial aid, students should also consider seeking private schol-

arships. "Students must do a little research to find these scholarships, but they're out there. Potential applicants need to start looking soon if they want to get the financial aid for the upcoming academic year," George said.

She noted a free Web site, www.fastweb.com, lists a wide variety of scholarships.

"These private scholarships require separate applications from the FAFSA system," George said.

Food stamp clients to receive benefits early

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) is helping Kentuckians who receive food stamp benefits recover from the recent winter storm by making food stamp assistance more easily available this month.

CHFS' Department for Community Based Services usually issues electronic monthly food benefits on a staggered schedule during the first 10 days of the month.

But because of the storm, recipients who had not already received their food benefits allotment for February received access to benefits through their electronic benefits transfer (EBT) cards Monday.

"This is one way we can assist customers who have lost food items because of this devastating storm," DCBS Commissioner Pat Wilson said. "We want to be sure every food stamp recipient who needs groceries has the means to purchase them."

Retailers that accept EBT cards will be able to process the transactions if their systems are available.

The Kentucky Grocers Association is assisting retailers with information regarding issues with EBT transactions.

Food stamp recipients who have had food spoilage because of the winter storm can apply for replacement benefits at their local DCBS family support office.

Recipients have 10 days after the food spoilage occurs to apply for replacement benefits of up to their monthly allotment.

Find your local office online at https://apps.chfs.ky.gov/Office_Phone/index.aspx.

Most DCBS offices that were recently closed because of power outages have reopened, but several offices remain closed. Call your local office before visiting to ensure it is open to customers, and listen for updates on your local radio station.

Learn more about food stamp benefits online at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dchs/dfs/foodstampset.htm>.

Here are instructions for clients of county offices that have been closed because of power outages.

■ Hickman County clients: Call the Graves County DCBS office at (270) 247-2862 for information.

■ Lyon, Crittenden and Livingston county clients: Call the Muhlenberg County DCBS office at (270) 338-2330.

■ The Hancock County DCBS office will be temporarily located at the Hancock County Middle School, 100 State Route 271 S, Hawesville.

■ The McLean County DCBS office will be temporarily located at the McLean County Health Department at 200 Hwy 81 North, Calhoun.

■ The Ohio County DCBS office will be temporarily located at Southern Elementary, 3836 US Hwy 231 S, Beaver Dam.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Blackcats looking for win No. 12

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg will be back in action tonight on the road at Betsy Layne as the two Floyd County boys' high school return to action. Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack will guide his Blackcats into Betsy Layne's Dome tonight for another Floyd County Conference/58th District battle versus the Bobcats. The Blackcats remain perfect in conference/district competition. Prestonsburg won convincingly when the two teams met early on

in the 2008-09 season, defeating the Bobcats 66-49 during the month of December. The Blackcats haven't played in exactly one week. Prestonsburg is poised to return to the floor following its most explosive game offensively of the season. The Blackcats rocked South Floyd, 89-43 last Friday night at Raider Arena. Prestonsburg is 11-8 and searching for its 12th win of the season. The Blackcats are shooting 49.5-percent (426-of-860) from the field. Prestonsburg is currently shooting 35.1-percent (98-of-279) from behind the three-point

line. The Blackcats are shooting 60.2-percent (222-of-369) from the free throw line. Senior guard Jody Tackett currently leads Prestonsburg in scoring. In 19 games, Tackett is averaging 15.6 points per game. Junior guard Michael Burchett is averaging 14.2 points per game for the Blackcats. Senior center Steven Patrick is averaging near double figures in the scoring column for Prestonsburg. Patrick is netting an average of 9.3 points per game for the Blackcats. Alex Stumbo and Austin Gearheart currently average seven-plus points per

game for the Prestonsburg boys' basketball team. Betsy Layne (10-6) has lost two of its last three games. The Bobcats beat Allen Central 67-45 Friday night. Lawrence County defeated Betsy Layne 61-44 Saturday. Tip-off for tonight's Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne boys' basketball game is set for 6 p.m. The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats and Betsy Layne Lady Cats will hook up in a nightcap following the boys' basketball game. Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne girls' game is slated for 7:30 p.m.



Prestonsburg fell to eventual state champion Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game.

Cats continue downward spiral in SEC

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Like many of you, I sat in stunned silence Tuesday night watching the fiasco that has become of the Kentucky basketball program. It's amazing the difference in this team the last three games, all losses of course, from the first five of the SEC race when they plowed over everyone in their way.

Ten days ago we thought the Cats were over. The Cats were 5-0 and it looked as if they'd make a mockery of the whole thing. Forget about the East Division, it looked for all the world as if the Cats would be the top overall seed in next month's SEC tournament. And, too, it looked like the Cats would at least be a 4-5 seed, freeing themselves from the 8-9 hole they've been in the last couple of years.

Now we're thinking being an 8-9 seed in the tournament is the least of our worries. We may wind up intently watching — dare I say it — the NIT. The whole thing dates back to last Tuesday when Andy Kennedy of all people showed the rest of the league how to guard Jodie Meeks. Since then the Cats have fallen to Kennedy's Ole Miss team, then to Lexington native Darrin Horn, then on Tuesday, to Campbellville's Rick Stansbury. Kennedy gave the country a blueprint and Horn and Stansbury have been smart enough to follow it. You know the old saying, if it ain't broke don't fix it? Well, for Kentucky opponents, it ain't broke. For the Kentucky fan base, all they want to break is the will of stubborn head coach Billy

Prestonsburg Little League conducting signups

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Little League is hosting a series of signups for the 2009 season. Signups will be held Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28. The Feb. 7 and 14 signups will be held at Prestonsburg Elementary School. The Feb. 21 and 28 signups will be held at Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg. Each set of signups will be conducted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information on the signups, call 886-2232.



FLOYD COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Adams and Betsy Layne are two of the Floyd County Middle School hoops teams poised to return to the court. School being out has halted play for the local teams.

Blackburn supports 'Country Cares' For St. Jude Kids on hood of racecar

P'burg driver in Daytona for ARCA season-opening race

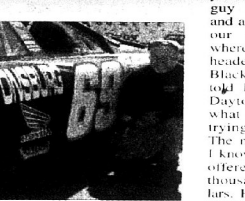
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — If there's a dark horse in this year's ARCA REMAX Series Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 at Daytona International Speedway, it just may be Prestonsburg's Steve Blackburn. Although not widely known among the motorsports ranks, the business owner from eastern Kentucky first turned heads at Talladega Superspeedway in October 2008 where he was running second with four laps to go before a tire issue ended his day. Nonetheless, for a guy who only had a handful of starts, the experience was a big-time morale booster. "Talladega helped me tremendously," said Blackburn. "We had never run up front before, so to go there and do what we did really helped my confidence. As disappointed as I was to have been that close to great finish, I was equally satisfied knowing that we're capable of running up there with those guys. I mean, we're under-funded and I don't have a lot of experience in these cars. I

consider our team the ultimate underdogs." To prove that Talladega was no fluke, Blackburn took the same car to Daytona for the three-day open test in December and was fastest overall in both practice sessions on the first day. Blackburn's back in Daytona for this year's 46th annual ARCA race. With no sponsorship outside of his personal businesses — Harley Davidson of 111 Lexington, Prestonsburg and Lexington, Blackburn is one of 54 cars on the grounds trying to make Saturday's race. "Our goals are fairly straightforward," said Blackburn. "First things first — we want to make the race. That's job one. Beyond that, we want a good finish and to be able to roll the racecar back on the trailer in one piece. That's what we need. What I want that's different, I want to win, just like everyone else here, but based on our experience level and the budget we're working with, I think we need to be realistic about our chances here, and that means making the race and finishing the race without tearing up our car."

In lieu of a sponsor, Blackburn has opted to make room available on his hood to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through a program known as "Country Cares." Country Cares was founded by Alabama lead singer Randy Owen. "Country Cares for St. Jude Kids" is carrying the "Country Cares for St. Jude Kids" logo on his hood. The logo is already signed by several country music artists including Owen, Lee Ann Womack, Heidi Newfield, there, if we can help even one, we're going to feel better about everything we do. It's a great cause, and we're honored that the Country Cares program is working with us on this." "We were sitting in a restaurant in Prestonsburg Monday night on the way down to Daytona, and some guy came up and asked about our team and where we were headed," said Blackburn. "I told him about Daytona and what we were trying to do. The next thing I know, the guy offered me a thousand dollars. He said he didn't want any recognition, wished us well, and away we went. He also said look him up when we get back, which we fully intend to do." After two days of inspection procedures only on Tuesday and Wednesday, the track opens Thursday with a five-hour practice session from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell is scheduled for 12 noon Friday followed by a final practice session from 5:10 to 6:15 p.m. LIVE coverage of the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 will begin at 4 p.m. ET on SPEED Saturday. There are sick kids out

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June Buchanan edges Rebels on Homecoming

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central entered Saturday night's game versus June Buchanan looking to break a six-game losing streak. The Rebels, hosting former 14th Region power June Buchanan on Homecoming Night, couldn't overcome a turbulent second quarter. Allen Central led 15-14 at the end of the first quarter. June Buchanan managed to double up the Rebels 18-9 in the second quarter and never trailed again. The Crusaders turned back more than one Allen Central run en route to a 64-53 win. June Buchanan worked its way back into the win column following a loss to Hazard in the 14th Region All "A" Classic championship game. Brent Hall led June Buchanan past the Rebels with a double-double of 23 points and 14 rebounds. John Howard was the second-leading scorer for June Buchanan, scoring 21 points. Howard also dished out three assists for the winning team. The Crusaders shot 51-percent (26-of-51) from the field. June Buchanan connected on 4-of-16 three-point attempts. The Crusaders were 8-for-13 from the free throw line and pulled down 28 rebounds. Clint Stepp added 11 points, draining a trio of three-point field goals for the Crusaders. Allen Central hung around throughout the second half. The visiting Crusaders managed to finish strong, though outscoring Allen Central 14-10 in the final quarter. June Buchanan improved to 13-7 after upending the Rebels. Junior Chris Stumbo was the leading scorer for Allen Central, finishing with a team-high 18 points. Seth Farrell was another Allen Central player in double figures, finishing with 13 points. Justin Jackson scored nine points and Ryan Harlow had seven for the Rebels. Allen Central dropped to 1-11 after suffering the Homecoming loss.

ALC women's game postponed

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd-Midway women's basketball game originally scheduled for Tuesday (Feb. 3) has been rescheduled due to the hazardous traveling conditions that were evident in Central Kentucky. The contest will now take place on Monday, Feb. 23. The matchup will be held in Wilmore. Tipoff set for 6 p.m.

Harman, Welch among 20 Georgetown College football signees

GEORGETOWN — Two area high school football players — Pikeville running back Daniel Harman (6-1, 185) and Johnson Central free safety Ian Welch (6-2, 185) — signed Wednesday to play at the next level for NAIA powerhouse Georgetown College. Harman and Welch are part of

a 20-player signing class for tradition-rich Georgetown. "I am pleased with the talent and character of the student-athletes that have committed to play for us and I look forward to watching them mature as players and as young men in our program," said Georgetown College Coach Bill Cronin. Cronin expects to continue to add to the 2009 class

throughout the semester and looks forward to formally announcing the group at the annual Orange and Black Scrimmage to be held on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at Toyota Stadium. Other newcomers to the Georgetown College football program include: John Carver, RB, 5-10, 190; Raeland (Raeland); Patrick Cornett, RB, 5-

8/195; Bryan Station (Lexington); Cory Cronin, DB, 5-10, 175; Scott County (Georgetown); Randy Doss, QB, 6-1, 195; Harrison (Clevess, Ohio); Zach Ellis, SS, 5-9, 185; Ft. Knox (Ft. Knox); Chris Gohman, WR, 6-3, 190; Elizabethtown; Daniel Harman, SS, 6-1, 185; Pikeville (Pikeville); Derrick

Harris, WR, 6-1, 195; Kings (Maitneville, Ohio); Seth Harvey, OL, 6-5, 285; St. Xavier (Louisville); Sean Higgins, LB, 6-0, 205; Scott County (Georgetown); Winston Hines, FS, 6-1, 185; Pulaski County (Somerset); Alex Kreimer, K, 6-2, 190; Princeton (Glendale, Ohio); Robbie Logan, OL, 6-3, 255; Raeland (Raeland); Cody Parker, TE, 6-5, 245; Roger Bacon (Cincinnati, Ohio); Davon Pitts, CB, 5-10, 180; Princeton (Lincoln Heights, Ohio); Cole Richards, K, 6-0, 180; Floyd Central (Floyd, Ky.); Jarrod Stumper, DE, 6-2, 250; Scott County (Georgetown); Tyler Williams, NG, 6-1, 255; Scott County (Georgetown); Phillip Worrell, DT, 6-3, 285; Galley (Germantown, Ohio). View

Brescia edges Alice Lloyd Cats

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Despite a strong snowstorm outside, the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball team was able to play Tuesday night. The Eagles slipped into the loss column as Brescia prevailed 79-72.

The contest was close throughout the first half with neither squad taking more than a four-point lead for the first 18 minutes. ALC freshman Nick Brumback nailed a 24-foot jumper at the buzzer to signal the end of the first half. Brescia took a slim 34-32 lead into halftime.

In the second half, Alice Lloyd would creep out to a small lead, only to see Brescia answer each time with a field goal or free throw.

The turning point in the game came over a four minute span in the second half. From the 10:00 mark to the 6:00 mark, the usually reliable Eagles missed eight free throws. Alice Lloyd's foul line woes allowed the Bearcats to jump out to a 13-point lead. ALC was never able to get closer than five points the rest of the way as Brescia sealed the deal by hitting its foul shots.

Alice Lloyd actually outshota Brescia from the field 49-percent (24-49) to 46-percent (22-18). The Eagles connected on five three pointers to Brescia's six. Brescia outrebounded Alice Lloyd (30-27).

Free throws, however, told the tale as BU outscored ALC by 10 points (29-19) from the charity stripe. In the critical second half, Brescia connected on an outstanding 27-of-32 free throws (83-percent), compared to the Eagles hitting just 9-19 (59-percent) over the same stretch.

Brumback led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 17 points. The consistent freshman continues to show increased confidence each game since returning from a fractured wrist that sidelined him for over four weeks. He also added a game-high 10 rebounds, exiting the contest with a double-double. Will Dillard also tossed in 17 points for the Eagles. Dillard dished out a game-high four assists. Rodney Mitchell and Justin Hobbs rounded out the double figures scoring for Alice Lloyd with 11 points each.

Anthony Ingram led Brescia with a game-high 18 points.

The Eagles were back in action Thursday night, hosting Berea in a pivotal conference game. The Alice Lloyd-Berea game ended too late to make this edition.

Alice Lloyd: 32, 40-72; Brumback 17; Dillard-17; Mitchell- 11; Hobbs-11; Hairston 6; Combs 6; Hayes-2; Huff-2.
Brescia 34, 45-79; Ingram-18; Tandy-14; Howard-13; Strader-12; McNeil-11; Denton-10; Weiskitde-1.

Cats

Gillispie.

I wonder how many times in the last 10 days Gillispie has wished he'd kept his mouth shut to his favorite reporter, ESPN's Jeannine Edwards. She had the audacity to ask good-bye Billy Clyde about how he planned to get more shots for Meeks after Kennedy's Rebels gave him nothing but first-half free throws.

Gillispie, who has an ego at least as large as his native Texas, doesn't like being put on the spot and told the reporter she'd asked a "really bad" question. Turns out, the "really good" question is whether Gillispie has any idea how to make an adjustment, because in that one and the two games that followed, he still hasn't shown any inkling as to how to fix this problem.

Here's the thing about Big Billie Nation: If you're the coach at Kentucky and you win, you can do no wrong. If you're successful, the only thing you

can do wrong is have a Florida city for a name.

But here's another thing about this state and its basketball following: If you don't win, you will soon need to leave.

Right now, Gillispie is learning that lesson the hard way.

Public perception of Gillispie has taken a nosedive this week. His comments on ESPN followed him chastising the media because it had the gall to point out that the current problem was easily foreseeable. Gillispie tried to turn the likes of Mark Story of the Herald-Leader into public enemy No. 1 for meddling with ESPN's Jay Bilas' suggestion that the Cats needed a consistent third scorer. When Meeks poured in 54 against Tennessee, Billy Clyde couldn't wait to make light of the subject in the postgame press conference.

Three weeks later, it ain't so funny.

Gillispie is supposedly a big-time recruiter, but if you're the

coach at Kentucky you'd better be able to coach a little too. Pardon me for casting the first stone but I haven't been terribly impressed with his in-game coaching style. Ever.

It's as if he thinks his game plan is flawless and if things aren't going well, well, it's the players' fault. God forbid he make a halftime adjustment.

Or perhaps the coach can't think quickly enough on his feet to tweak the scheme. Either way, things aren't going well right now.

I'm sure the few Gillispie supporters still reading this are thinking we're just a win away from putting all this to rest. But consider this: The current three-game slide came smack in the midst of the "easy" part of the SEC schedule.

The Cats don't play until next week, but when they resume, the next three opponents will be Florida at home before trips to Arkansas and Vandy. That means we could be

just getting started on this losing skid.

And if the hole gets any deeper, Gillispie may bury himself to the point that even he may see his future in Kentucky is already behind him. Kentucky fans will put up with foolishness if the wins keep piling up. Start losing and your next loss will be of the cozy job you somehow fell into.

AFTER THE ALL 'A'

Shelby Valley Boys' Basketball Remaining Regular-Season Schedule

Feb. 6	at Bellfry, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Lawrence Co., 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	Faceland, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 20	Pike Central, 7:30 p.m.

ALC trio named to KIAC Softball Players to Watch List

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES is Alice Lloyd College student-athletes Kasey Blair, Elizabeth Taylor and Caitlyn Case have been named to the 2009 KIAC (Kentucky Interscholastic Athletic Conference) Softball Players to Watch List. Released recently, the Players to Watch List includes student-athletes from all seven KIAC softball teams.

Alice Lloyd was picked to finish seventh in the Kentucky Interscholastic Athletic Conference Preseason Poll, which was also released recently. Head coach David Adams guides the Alice Lloyd College softball program. Adams is also the school's women's basketball head coach.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Chris Stumbo,
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Lindsay Martin,
Betsy Layne

Other 2009 KIAC Softball Players to Watch honorees are Emily Ethington (Asbury); Carrie Wilderman (Asbury); Stephanie Wade (Asbury); KK Oaks (Berea); Jessica Barnes (Berea); Heather Akeers (Berea); Miranda Akeers (Berea); Cindy Langley (Brescia); Kendall Messamore (Brescia); Lacey Kelley (Brescia); Jenny McConnell (Brescia); Shana Andrus (IUS); Amber Pedersen (IUS); Paige Dickey (IUS); Whitney Zollman (IUS); Nina Jones (Midway); Jessica Williams (Midway); Haley Eagle (Midway); Jennifer Hibbard (Midway); Lauren Howell (Mountain State); Anna Kincaid (Mountain State); Kayla Layman (Mountain State); and Jennifer Baker (Mountain State).

Veteran driver Frank Kimmel looking for ARCA win No. 75

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Frank Kimmel embarks on the 2009 ARCA RE/MAX Series with new spirit and pure determination to capture a win at the famed Daytona International Speedway. In 17 previous starts, a Daytona victory has eluded him, but with Roush Yates horsepower and nearly 20 years of experience, this could be Kimmel's best opportunity to win at Daytona.

"We definitely have a competitive super-speedway program," said Kimmel. "We worked hard on the car and more specifically the body from last year's Talladega test. We learned a few things in the off-season that will translate to this weekend and most importantly we've got the horsepower we need to really compete for the win."

"I'm really glad to be competing back fully ready to compete for my tenth ARCA championship. It's our second year running our own team and my brother and I have a whole stable of Ford Fusions ready for the year. This whole operation is a family effort, which definitely makes Kimmel Racing unique."

Kimmel's history is impres-

sive - with 74 career victories and 41 career poles, Kimmel is no stranger to ARCA success. His goals are far reaching, however, and Kimmel still looks to add his name to a few more pages of the series' record books.

"My goals for 2009 definitely include topping the all-time win record," said Kimmel of Iggy Katona's current hold on the achievement. "And next to that would obviously be winning at Daytona. It would mean so much to me to be able to start the season on a high note for Ansell and Menards because if it wasn't for those two companies support, I may not be here racing."

Kimmel's team planned to be in Daytona for the season opener, but without the sponsorship that came through in late January, his racing schedule could have been reduced to a partial program.

"None of us took a pay-check last year," said Kimmel. "We raced because we loved it and we still managed to run well based on how much effort this entire team put forth."

Despite logging three wins in 2008, Kimmel believes his family-owned team left a little on the table.

"Last year we were a top

five or top-10 car every week," said Kimmel. "This year we need to be a top-three car every week to be as solid and competitive as we need to be to contend for that tenth championship."

Kimmel's extended family includes his nephew Will Kimmel, who will join his uncle in Daytona competition this weekend. Will Kimmel will drive the No. 68 Ford Fusion and has something to offer Uncle Frank in preparation for Saturday's Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200. As the fastest overall car in single car runs at the Daytona test in December, Will Kimmel looks poised to contend for the Menards Pole award.

"I actually wasn't at the Daytona test in December," explained the elder Kimmel. "Will was here and his car was really good - really fast, so I'll definitely be relying on his feedback to get the Ansell/Menards Ford Fusion up to speed. I think that of the two of us, Will could definitely be a threat for the pole."

Menards Pole Qualifying presented by Ansell Gloves will take place Friday at Noon. The Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200 will air live on SPEED Channel Saturday at 4 p.m.

More than 100 Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees join ice storm relief efforts

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has deployed additional staff to storm-struck areas in western Kentucky, bringing the total number of employees sent to help with disaster relief to more than 100. Staff from the department's fisheries and wildlife divisions joined dozens of conservation officers to assist residents who remain without power nearly a week after ice storms hit Kentucky.

"We are working closely with the National Guard and the Division of Emergency


Management to help those in the hardest-hit areas," said Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commissioner Jon Gassett. "Our officers and field staff continue to clear roads still blocked by trees and assist residents in need of shelter, food and water. Non-law enforcement employees are helping to staff local Emergency Operations Centers, answering questions from the public and helping to coordinate response teams."

Seventy-six Kentucky Fish and Wildlife conservation officers and 21 non-law enforcement employees are focusing their relief efforts in Ballard, Carlisle, Hickman, Fulton,

McCracken, Graves, Livingston, Marshall and Calloway counties. Additional officers and staff are assigned to Ohio, Hancock, Webster, McClean and Muhlenberg counties, as well as Eastern Kentucky's Magoffin and Wolfe counties.

"Our staff will be working about 12-hour days as this situation stabilizes," said Lt. Mike Fields of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's law enforcement division. "We plan on any new deployments lasting about five days."


Several Kentucky Fish and Wildlife offices are closed due to storm damage and power outages.



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Kentucky touts No. 1 quarterback recruiting class

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky football program signed two of the country's top high school quarterbacks — Morgan Newton and Ryan Mossakowski — Wednesday as part of National Signing Day. Kentucky also inked Lexington product Sam Simpson — ranked third in the nation at the center position.

"I think the first thing obviously should jump out at almost anyone who knows anything about the recruiting process is the quarterback position," Kentucky coach Rich Brooks commented on Wednesday. "I think in today's USA Today there was a listing of the top 10 athletic quarterbacks in the nation and Morgan Newton was seventh on that list. Then there was a list of the top 10 dropback

quarterbacks and Ryan Mossakowski was 10th on that list which gives the University of Kentucky the number one quarterback recruiting class in the country. I think that Morgan Newton ended up number six in the quarterback ranking in the USA Today. Local (player) Sam Simpson is ranked by Scout.com as the number three center in the nation. There are obviously some guys in this class that give us some significant hope going forward that what we have experienced the last three years has a very good chance of continuing and getting better. I think that USA Today or Scout.com said something about us having one of the top receiver/tight end recruiting classes in the nation. God knows we could use that after going through what we did last year."

Kentucky offensive coordinator Randy Sanders is eager

to work with the new offensive recruits — especially the two exceptional signal-callers.

"Obviously I am excited about them," said Sanders. "That is one of the good things about being recruiting coordinator because when you are you get to make sure your position is covered (laughter from audience). They are both really good young men, number one. They are good prospects that come from good families. What you see from them excited you and once you get a chance to be around them and talk to them you get even more excited. They are the kind of players that have the desire to be a good football player and a good quarterback. There are guys out there that have talent but not the burning desire to be a great player and those are the guys that you want to coach. I think that have the desire to be a great player. They will take

what you tell them and put it to use on the practice field and if they do that you usually see the results on Saturday. I think that they can both think really quickly. I have been around quarterbacks that were very intelligent but their brain just didn't fire really fast. Those are things that are hard to measure but sometimes you throw some off-the-wall statements at them and see how they respond. If they respond quickly they can think fast. I have seen that quality from both of them. The other thing that I like is that we have a good group of receivers that we recruited last year and have some guys in this group with tight ends and running backs that can help. It is a lot easier to be a good quarterback when you have good guys around you."

Kentucky won its third straight bowl game earlier in the year, defeating East Carolina in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis. The Wildcats have enjoyed three straight winning seasons.

A breakdown of the 2009 Kentucky football signing class follows:

210, Fr-HS, Gainesville, Ga. (South Forsyth); Jordan Amullier, ATH, 6-4, 199, Fr-HS, Danville (Boyle County); Justin Bean, WR, 6-2, 180, Fr-HS, Tupelo, Miss. (Tupelo); Mister Cobble, DT, 6-0, 290, Fr-HS, Louisville (Central); Mark Crawford, DT, 6-1, 290, So-JC, Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis/Coffeyville Community College); DeQuin Evans, DE, 6-3, 260, Jr-JC, Long Beach, Calif. (Dominguuez/Los Angeles Harbor College); Jonathan George, RB, 6-1, 185, Fr-HS, Lincoln, Ala. (Lincoln); Qua Huzzie, LB, 5-11, 205, Fr-HS, LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange); Tristian Johnson, LB, 6-3, 200, Fr-HS, LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange); Anthony Kendrick, WR/TE, 6-4, 220, Fr-HS, Katy, Texas (Seven Lakes); LaRod King, WR, 6-5, 190, Fr-HS, Radcliff (North Hardin); Patrick Ligon, DE, 6-4, 265, Fr-HS, Germantown, Tenn. (Christian Brothers); Chris Matthews, WR, 6-5, 210, Jr-JC, Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey/Los Angeles Harbor College); Demetri

Merritt, DE, 6-3, 200, Fr-HS, LaGrange, Ga. (LaGrange); Kevin Mitchell, OL, 6-7, 295, Fr-HS, Winston, Ga. (Alexander); Terrell Mitchell, TE, 6-6, 220, Fr-HS, Hiram, Ga. (McEachern); Ryan Mosby, LB, 6-0, 205, Fr-HS, Heath, Texas (Rockwall/Heath); Ryan Mossakowski, QB, 6-4, 201, Fr-HS, Frisco, Texas (Centennial); Marvynus Neloms, CB, 6-1, 185, Fr-HS, Memphis, Tenn. (Fairley); Morgan Newton, QB, 6-4, 220, Fr-HS, Carmel, Ind. (Carmel); Donté Rumph, DT, 6-3, 265, Fr-HS, St. Matthews, S.C. (Culbourn Co./Fork Union Military Acad.); Donald Russell, RB, 5-11, 205, Fr-HS, West Palm Beach, Fla. (Dwyer); Sam Simpson, OL, 6-4, 292, Fr-HS, Lexington (Henry Clay); Dakotah Tyler, RB, 6-0, 205, Fr-HS, Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike); Jarvis Walker, S, 6-2, 202, Fr-HS, Marrero, La. (Archbishop Rummel); Myron Walker, DT, 5-11, 270, Fr-HS, Marrero, La. (Archbishop Rummel); Larry Warford, OL, 6-4, 349, Fr-HS, Richmond (Madison Central); Ridge Wilson, LB, 6-3, 207, Fr-HS, Louisville (Central).

Eastern Kentucky football program adds 15 signees

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University head football coach Dean Hood announced Wednesday that 15 student-athletes will join the Colonels program next fall. Six of those student-athletes come from the Commonwealth of Kentucky while two other student-athletes joined the EKVU program this past January. The class includes five linebackers, two defensive backs, two defensive linemen, two offensive linemen, one quarterback, and three multiple position players.

"I think we were able to sign a very balanced class this year," Hood said. "We were able to help ourselves in some much needed areas such as linebacker. Our recruiting emphasis was in the state of Kentucky and the surrounding region. As for the three athletes we signed, they can all play a variety of positions — wide receiver, running back, defensive back — and we'll

just fit them in where needed come the fall."

The six incoming players from Kentucky are athlete Charlie Banks (Letcher County Central High), offensive lineman Ryan Bonner (Paul Blazer High), linebacker Ichiro Chiba (Oldham County High), linebacker Tyler Horn (Mercer County High), defensive lineman Seth Logsdon (Central Hardin High) and offensive/defensive lineman Justin Meredith (Warren Central High).

Banks was an honorable mention all-state quarterback who threw for 2,002 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior. He also ran for more than 1,000 yards and 20 scores. Bonner is a three-time all-area performer out of Ashland who played on both the offensive and defensive line. Chiba, hailing from the state's highest school as former EKVU All-OVC safety Brandon Gathof, was the district Defensive Player of the Year.

Horn was the Defensive MVP and team captain for Mercer County this past fall. Logsdon, who attended the same high school as current Colonels Paul Henry, posted 112 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions as a senior on the way to earning first team all-region accolades. Finally, Meredith was an all-state and all-conference pick out of Bowling Green.

Uriah Grant and Marcus Williams enrolled at Eastern Kentucky for the 2009 spring semester. Grant, a defensive lineman transfer from West Virginia, was rated a three-star recruit out of high school by Rivals.com. Williams, a defensive back, played in nine games for Wake Forest during the 2007 season and finished with eight tackles and one interception.

The EKVU football team concluded the 2008 season 8-4 overall while earning the program's 20th Ohio Valley Conference title and 31st consecutive winning season.

Thundering Herd announces gridiron recruiting class

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University Head Football Coach Mark Snyder announced Wednesday that the Thundering Herd signed 21 players to National Letters of Intent. Marshall already has three mid-year enrollees on campus that bring the 2009 class total to 24 student-athletes.

"This is a great group and I am confident that these young men will add a great deal to our program on and off the field," Snyder said. "In addition to their God-given talent and football abilities, these young men have great character and will represent Marshall University well. One common denominator for this class is the speed factor. We recruited great athletes

with excellent speed at all positions."

Marshall's recruiting class includes players from 10 different states, including two Mountain State products. Speed is a common thread throughout the class. Six of the signees have sub-4.5 second times in the 40-meter dash; among them are Huntington High product C.J. Crawford and South Charleston standout Aaron Dobson.

"I cannot say enough about our coaching staff and the great job they did in recruiting these young men. This is a dynamic class," Snyder said. "We sought out athletes that were the right fit for our program in terms of character and accomplishment and I am proud that we were able to bring in several local products

that will help us continue to move the program in a positive direction."

The Thundering Herd met its needs with the class, targeting offensive linemen, receivers and quarterbacks on the offensive side of the ball and focusing mostly on linebackers and linemen on defense.

"On the offensive side of the ball, we addressed our needs along the line by signing four quality young men up front," Snyder said. "We also met our need at wide receiver and quarterback."

Defensively, we signed a good group of linemen and linebackers that have good size and great speed off the ball," Snyder said. "We also went out and brought in a pair of safeties and a cornerback to bolster those spots."

14th Region Boys' Basketball: PCC edges June Buchanan in OT

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Visiting Perry County Central managed to slip past June Buchanan in overtime Tuesday night in a 14th Region boys' basketball matchup. Before falling, June Buchanan pushed 14th Region title contender Perry County Central. The Crusaders gave a strong push early and late. The Commodores edged June Buchanan 4-3 in a low-scoring overtime period, winning 59-58.

With the win, Perry County Central improved to 17-3. The Commodores are the frontrunner in the 14th Region boys' basketball race.

Jordan Amis canned a free throw with 1.3 seconds remaining in overtime to lift Perry County Central over host June Buchanan.

Amis was a savior for Perry County Central on a couple of free throw trips. He died a free throw near the end of reg-

ulation to send the game into overtime.

Chris Noble hit six three-pointers and led Perry County Central with 18 points. Maggard scored 14 points and Amis added 13 for the Commodores.

Each team owned multiple leads in regulation. The Commodores edged June Buchanan 12-10 in the opening quarter. Perry County Central then faced a deficit at the half. June Buchanan carried a 28-19 lead into the intermission.

In come-from-behind fashion, Perry County Central outscored June Buchanan in each of the last two quarters to force the game into overtime. The Commodores led 41-36 at the end of the third quarter.

June Buchanan turned in a balanced scoring effort. Brent Hall led three June Buchanan players in double figures, scoring 19 points. Hall, one of the 14th Region's top players, hauled in 14

rebounds for another double-double.

John Howard tossed in 15 points and Clint Stepp added 11 for the Crusaders. Brooks Childers and Travis Thomas rounded out the June Buchanan scoring with nine and four points, respectively.

June Buchanan shot 23.6 percent (20-of-47) from the field. The Crusaders struggled from the behind the three-point line, hitting just 2-of-12 attempts. June Buchanan went 16-for-26 from the free throw line.

June Buchanan dropped to 13-8 after suffering the loss.

Perry County Central 59, June Buchanan 58 (OT). PCC (17-3) — C. Noble 18, Maggard 14, J. Amis 13, D. Amis 6, Mullins 6.

JB (13-8) — JB Hall 19, Howard 15, Stepp 11, Childers 9, Thomas 4. PCC — 12 7 17 19 4 59 JB — 10 18 13 14 3 58



LINSEY FIELDS AND HER PRESTONSBURG TEAMMATES will return to action tonight on the road at Betsy Layne in a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

Last-second putback gives Trinity 58-56 win over Centre

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE — Following a missed jump shot, Trinity University's Charles Houston put back a rebound as time expired to give the #8 Tigers a 58-56 come-from-behind win over No. 23 Centre College, Saturday, Jan. 31 in Alumni Gymnasium.

The loss snaps a seven-game winning streak by the Colonels and drops their overall record to 15-4 and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) mark to 8-2. With the win, Trinity improves to 17-2 overall and 9-1 in league play.

The score was close for much of the first half featuring seven lead changes and three ties. Down one with just over 10 minutes left in the opening period, the Colonels went on an 11-2 run to take a 23-15 lead with 6:25 to play in the first half.

Trinity cut the lead to five points (27-22) with 2:09 on the clock but junior forward Danny Noll (Fr. Mitchell) knocked down his third three-pointer of the half to give Centre a 30-22 lead at the intermission.

The Colonels scored the first four points of the second half to push the lead to 12 points, but Trinity fought back with a 12-5 run to cut the lead to 39-34 with 13:29 left to play.

After the Tigers cut the lead to four points (40-36) with 11:25 left, Centre scored the next 10 points to make the score 50-36. The Colonels pushed the lead to 55-40 with 4:41 to play, but once again Trinity fought its way back cutting the lead to eight points with 3:34 to play.

Trinity guard B.J. Moon then knocked down a three-pointer and was fouled on the play. Moon hit the free throw and the lead was cut to four with 2:26 on the clock.

Moon then hit two more free throws to cut the lead to two points (55-53). Noll hit one of his two free-throw attempts and the score was 56-53 with 1:52 left.

Following a missed three-point attempt by the Colonels, Moon raced down the floor and hit another three pointer to tie the game at 56 apiece.

Centre missed a shot with 16 seconds left and were unable to get the rebounds. Moon, once again ran down the floor, attempted a shot around the free throw line and missed. Houston grabbed the offensive rebound and put back a lay-up for the win as time expired.

Moon led three Tigers in double figures with 18 points. Houston scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Luke Calderera added 11 points and seven rebounds in the win.

Noll led the Colonels with a game-high 29 points on 10 of 15 shooting, including five of eight from the three-point line. Freshman guard Jeff Mullaney (Louisville) added 10 points off the bench in the defeat.

Prestonsburg native Kris Bentley, a Shelby Valley High School graduate, scored four points, dished out one assist and grabbed a rebound for the Colonels.

Up next for Centre is a trip to Memphis, Tenn. to play the Rhodes College Lynx tonight. The SCAC game will be played as part of a men's/women's doubleheader and is set to start at 6 p.m.

ALC baseball team picked to finish fifth in KIAC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The 2009 Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) Preseason Baseball Poll has been released. The coaches of the league's teams submitted their votes for the regular season finish of the teams.

Indiana University Southeast is picked to win over Brescia University in the regular-season. IU Southeast had three of the first-place votes while Brescia had the other two top votes. Ashbury College edged out Berea College for third place by a point, while Alice Lloyd College finished fifth in the voting.

Scott Cornett guides the ALC baseball program as its head coach. Floyd Countian Jad Deaton is an assistant coach on the ALC baseball staff.

2009 KIAC Baseball Coaches Poll	Points	First Place Votes
1. IU Southeast	23	3
2. Brescia	20	2
3. Ashbury	13	
4. Berea	12	
5. Alice Lloyd	7	

FLOYD COUNTY

Faith and Family



KBC mobilizes 11 teams for ice storm relief

LOUISVILLE - At least 150 Kentucky Baptists and Southern Baptist volunteers from across the nation are providing relief to areas of Kentucky affected by severe winter storms that hit the central part of the country last week.

According to KBC Disaster Relief Associate Coy Webb, at least 11 Kentucky Baptist relief units have been deployed, along with eight units from other states. Webb anticipates at least six additional out-of-state units to deploy in the coming days.

"We're still trying to determine which areas need our help, and find out who is able to provide that help," said Webb. The active Kentucky units include three feeding units, two shower units and at least six chainsaw units.

An operations team is also now stationed at the Kentucky Baptist Building in Louisville, which is serving as a communications and strategy hub. Webb is working with the team of Southern Baptist disaster relief volunteers from Kentucky, Idaho and Georgia who traveled to Louisville to coordinate the effort.

Relief work is currently underway or about to begin in Cadiz, Cunningham, Greenvale, Hickman, Hopkinsville, Lancaster, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, Lincoln County, Princeton, Richmond and Stanford, he said.

In addition to Kentucky Baptist volunteers, active teams include volunteers from Alabama, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee. Volunteers from North Carolina and Georgia will begin serving on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

"We're expecting help from three to five more states very soon," said Webb, noting that details are still being worked out with other states interested in helping. "It has been a struggle to get Kentucky volunteers because many of them are still without power themselves."

Webb said he is not yet sure how long the Southern Baptist volunteers will be needed, but that he anticipates the chainsaw teams to be working at least for a few more weeks. Those volunteers are working to clear debris from homes and assist utility workers across the state.

Kentucky Baptists are also working to feed those in need, but feeding capacities are limited under these circumstances, said Webb.

"With other disasters like Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ike, we are often able to feed thousands of people because relief trucks can take meals to residents," said Webb. "We don't have those types of trucks in Kentucky, though, so our efforts are limited to smaller feeding stations that people can come to for food."

The Southern Baptist relief response is part of the larger statewide response. According to Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear, the state is receiving assistance from the National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, all state utility companies, emergency management teams from all Kentucky counties, the American Red Cross and other private groups.

Kentucky Baptists are part of a larger network of Southern Baptist volunteers trained to respond to disasters by manning mass feeding operations, using chainsaws to clear downed trees and limbs, clear mud out of flooded homes

and more. Together, Southern Baptists comprise the third largest relief organization in the United States.

Contributions to the KBC's disaster relief efforts may be sent to the KBC, Dept. 5008, P.O. Box 74041, Louisville, KY 40201-9976. Please note "disaster relief" in the check memo. Online donations are also being accepted at www.kybaptist.org/dr.

To learn more about Kentucky Baptist Disaster Relief, go to www.kybaptist.org/dr.

The Kentucky Baptist Convention is a cooperative missions and ministry organization made up of more than 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in Kentucky. A variety of state and worldwide ministries are coordinated through its administrative offices in Louisville, Ky. including: missions work, disaster relief, ministry training and support, church development, evangelism and more. For more information, visit www.kybaptist.org.

KIM'S KORNER

'The Shack'

The winter of 2009 will be one long remembered. Last week and even as this column is being penned more of winter's wrath rolls. The wind is howling outside my window and the snow is glistening with sparkles of ice as the streetlight outside beams down. And as absolutely breathtakingly beautiful as it is I for one long for spring.

During last week's unbelievable ice storm, I found myself (as many others in its beginning) without the luxury of television. Remember I said in its beginning.

My mother had given me a book she claimed to be the best she had ever read and insisted I take the time to read it. The book, "The Shack" by William P. Young, is fiction. I have never been one to curl up with a fiction book ever. Give me my Bible, any Joyce Meyer book, Joel Osteen, T.D. Jakes, and I am a recliner bound, Sprite by my side and engulfed in every page.

This time, however, my Bible was left in my car after church and my car was parked at the bottom of Abbott Mountain anticipating an easier attempt to make it to work "just in case" we were to actually get the bad weather being predicted on the radio.

The "just in case" had turned into "it's here," as frozen drops of ice began to cover the porch and ground outside.

So, the TV was first to go this particular evening, and then the unthinkable (for me anyway) ... out went the electricity. Every candle we could muster along with a propane heater, Spouse curled up with his speaker building book, and I in my kerechief, no wait wrong story, sorry I had already read all the books on hand with the exception of "The Shack" mom had given me and it was the perfect time to check it out.

So I got all comfy in my recliner, sipping on my ice cold Sprite, maltipoo in lap, opened the book and began to read. Just a few sentences in I read, "Although spring was surely just around the corner, the god of winter was not about to relinquish its hard-won dominion without a tussle. There was a blanket of new snow in the Cascades and rain was now freezing on impact with the frigid ground outside the house; enough reason for Mack to snuggle up with a book and a hot cider and wrap up in the warmth of a crackling fire."

"Whoa," I found myself saying out loud that sounds like exactly what I'm doing right now, except I don't have the warmth of a crackling fire, and I've got Sprite instead of cider but, "Spouse", I screeched, "why don't you build us a fire." And after, oh,

I would say a 10-minute discussion on how it would take him changing from his PJs into his overalls and boots dragging out into the freezing ice pelting weather to go out to the building for wood, and you know the rest of the story I didn't get my crackling fire.

Finally my attention was returned to the book. Second page, first chapter I read, "There is something joyful about storms that interrupt routine. Snow or freezing rain suddenly releases you from expectations, performance demands, and the tyranny of appointments and schedules. And unlike illness, it is largely a corporate rather than individual experience. One can almost hear a unified shrill rise from the nearby city and surrounding countryside where Nature had intervened to give respite to the weary human slogging it out within her purview."

I was captivated! Not only were William P. Young's words in this very first chapter relating to exactly what was taking place outside my very own home, his descriptions of it were just fabulous. What a writer I thought. Amazing!

The next thing I knew hours had passed and I was turning page after page totally engulfed in this book. Every so often as the temperature began to become more and

more cool inside the house, Spouse and I were especially worried about one of our neighbors whose husband was out of town and she was home alone with the exception of her two four-legged friends, her dogs.

Spouse decided to get into his overhauls and bundle up, trek up the icy driveway and go check on our neighbor and see if she would like to come stay with us.

It seemed as though he was gone for ever for I was entranced in The Shack.

Then the door opens and Spouse says, "Prosopie you've got to get dressed, warm and come out and walk down the road and see this. You are not going to believe it."

You've got to be kidding me I thought, first of all it's now 11PM ice is falling from the sky its freezing cold out there and you want me to bundle up and go for a walk?

I did. Actually I was so bundled up I could barely move and wearing his size 10 1/2 steel-toed boots on my size 7 foot wasn't an easy task anyway.

Try that on solid ice holding on to a flashlight and it gives a whole new meaning to the word skating I can tell ya.

As we turned the curve just at the top of the road coming around the hill to our house there were fallen trees with ice covered branches as far as the eye could see.

I just stopped in my tracks. And though half my face was

covered with a wonderfully white woolly warm scarf my mouth was dropped wide open in awe and disbelief at what my eyes were seeing.

We climbed over tree trunks and limbs taking it all in and then it was like from both sides of the mountain crashing horrible sounds. I grabbed hold of Spouse feeling as though I was about to jump out of my very skin. It was horrifying. It truly looked as though a bomb had gone off right on our very own road to our homes.

Spouse says, if you think this is bad the worst part is on down the road a bit, and just as he finished his sentence a huge oak began to fall and I grabbed him again and begged for us to head back to the house.

He obliged and I scooted those 10 1/2 size boots faster than you could blink an eye around that hill. I prayed and out loud too, all the way back. Lord please don't let a tree fall on us, please let everyone without power be warm, please don't let my daughter go into labor on a night like this over and over and over.

I couldn't wait to get back to the safety of my house, back in my PJs and recliner and just get back into that book and pray some more.

After finally getting back and calming down it was time to open the pages of The Shack once again.

Never have I ever been so taken by so many emotions in a book or even a movie for that

matter. I laughed, I cried, my heart literally ached as I continued to read.

There were times I felt as though someone had literally punched me in the gut. It was that amazing.

Before I knew it, it was the wee hours of the morning I couldn't put it down I couldn't wait to see what the next pages entailed. My eyes began to blur and I knew I needed to try and get some sleep. But first, I needed to pray for everybody and as I began my mind filled with pictures of all the trees that had fallen up here and I couldn't help but think what it looked like everywhere else and what it was going to look like in daylight.

Before I knew it, I had laid there and gotten myself in such a state I had to get up. So, I began to read again.

Totally captivated in this book I had to finish it. The conversations taking place in this book with God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus was phenomenal.

When the last page was turned I sat with that same mouth dropping awe as I had just experienced hours earlier.

There weren't enough words to describe how utterly awesome it was.

But don't just take my words on it, here are two others' expressions from The

Shack web site after reading it as well:

"The Shack is one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God. Through my tears and cheers, I have been indeed transformed by

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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, Evis Thornsbury, et al, Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Chris Damron, Danny Dusley, Rosie Reffitt, Craig Ousley, et al, Betty Litsey, Charles Litsey, Gordon Ousley, Donald and Brenda Ousley, Adrian Bradley, James and Rose Marie Bradley, Ronald and Jackie Bradley, Sally R. Kessie, Charles E. Bradley, Abby Bradley, Adam Bradley, Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth Silveus, Earl and Peggy Stephens and Sianna Risner,

Mont Ousley Heirs, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd, J.T. and Anna Lea Thornsbury, Phyllis Reffitt, Glen Hurd-Estate, Curt and Anna Howard and Harrison D. Reffitt. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC and Mont Ousley Heirs. 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 advertisement of the application. All

comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date. **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8066, Amendment** 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 Allen in Floyd County. The amendment will add 36.40 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 214.49 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 41653-1410. 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. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date. **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 MetCo, 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 808.96 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 Haynes, et al, Junior Williams, Keith Williams and Industrial Fuels Minerals Company. The amendment application 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. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date. **NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 836-0265** (1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., P.O. Box 958, Hazard, Kentucky, 41702, has applied for a Phase 3 bond release on permit number 836-0265, which was last issued on July 11, 2000. A Phase 3 release is being requested for Increment 1. The application covers an area of approximately 112.28 surface acres, located 4.00 miles southwest of Martin, in Floyd County. (2) The permit area is approximately 120 miles east from Big Branch-Honaker Road's junction with KY 2030, and at the head of Gunstock Branch of Spurlock Creek. The latitude

is 37°30'50". The longitude is 82°42'20". (3) The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is \$60,700. Phase 3 will release approximately 15% of the original bond amount. (4) Reclamation work performed for a Phase 3 release includes: Establishment of the post mine land use of Pastureland, and meeting the reclamation liability period. (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field 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 cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 25, 2009.

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Valentine's Day

Italian Style

FAMILY FEATURES

For a unique Valentine's Day celebration, bring the romance of Italy home with an elegant, Italian-themed dinner-and-a-movie night. Whether you're with a small group of friends or just with your significant other, great food, fine wines and a stirring film can make a truly memorable evening.

Start with a favorite classic Italian film and use that as a springboard for the rest of your night. Add in thoughtfully chosen food, wine and décor for the full romantic treatment.

The Food: The recipes featured here are simple, but sophisticated. Grilled Polenta with Triple Mushroom Sauce features crisp, seared polenta wedges with a zesty tomato-mushroom topping. (And, best of all, it can be made ahead and finished on the grill at the last minute for an easy appetizer or side dish.) Tuscan Chicken with Garlic and Capers takes thinly pounded chicken breasts, tosses them lightly in flour and seasonings and lightly sautés them. A savory sauce of white wine, garlic, capers, anchovies and a premium prepared pasta sauce, such as Classico, comes together quickly on the stovetop.

The Movie: If you love foreign films or feel brave enough to try one, go for a classic Italian film such as "La Dolce Vita." Other romantic films that feature Italy or Italian themes include "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Enchanted April," "Only You," "Roman Holiday," "Moonstruck," and "A Little Romance."

The Wine: Italians wouldn't think of having a meal without a glass of wine. Consider having at least one red and one white wine available. Here are some food-friendly wine choices:

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Set the Mood

Candles. Lots of candles. Candle light is warm, intimate and definitely romantic. But be careful about using too many scented candles. Unscented candles are best for the table, since there's no aroma to compete with the smell of your delicious meal.

If it's warm enough, enjoy a romantic evening alfresco by watching your Italian movie outside. Set a television up on the deck or rent a projection screen for the back yard so you can dine under the stars. Strings of little white lights in the trees or around the deck add to the romantic atmosphere.

If you want to go even more casual, set up a projector and hang a sheet up between trees or from a fence. Set out blankets or tablecloths on the lawn and enjoy a romantic Italian dinner picnic style.



Tuscan Chicken With Garlic and Capers

Makes 4 servings

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded to 1/2 inch thick
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- All-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup Gabbiano di Castello or other dry white wine
- 2 tablespoons capers
- 2 anchovy fillets, finely chopped, optional
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Classico di Napoli Tomato and Basil Pasta Sauce
- Chopped fresh parsley, basil or oregano

Season chicken with salt and pepper and lightly toss in flour. In large saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook until golden and no longer pink inside, about 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove chicken and set aside. Add garlic and onion to saucepan. Cook until softened, about 6 to 7 minutes. Stir in wine, and cook until wine has nearly evaporated. Add capers, anchovy fillets, if using, and pasta sauce. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes. Return chicken to saucepan and heat through.

Top chicken with sauce and parsley or other herbs. Serve over mashed potatoes, steamed rice or cooked pasta, if desired.

Variation: Stir a few minced olives into sauce for an additional layer of flavor.

Grilled Polenta With Triple Mushroom Sauce

Makes 6 servings

- 4 cups water
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup butter, divided
- 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 jar (26 ounces) Classico di Toscana Triple Mushroom Sauce

In medium saucepan, bring water and salt to a boil. Gradually stir in cornmeal and half the butter. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, 20 minutes. Mixture will become quite thick. Stir in remaining butter and cheese. Pour cooked polenta evenly into 8-inch square baking dish, lined with parchment paper. Cool completely, then chill until firm. Slice into 12 wedges.

Place polenta wedges on greased grill over medium heat. Cook on both sides, until heated through, about 3 to 4 minutes. (The polenta wedges can be heated in a skillet instead of a grill, if desired.)

In the meantime, in large saucepan, heat pasta sauce. Serve polenta with sauce over top.

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