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Policeman charges man with harassing

Times Staff Report

MARTIN — A Martin man was arrested following a criminal complaint from Matt Varney, a police officer for the city, claiming that the man harassed Varney and his family because the officer is set to testify against a family member.

Varney took out a complaint against 52-year-old Henry Harvey in mid-January, saying that Harvey "called and harassed" him and his parents at home during that time period.

"This is due to his son being arrested by law enforcement for operation of controlled substance," Varney wrote in his complaint.

According to court documents, Henry Harvey's son, Jay Harvey has been charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and is awaiting court dates on that charge.

Varney himself arrested Harvey a day following the criminal complaint and charged the Bucks Branch resident with harassing communications, intimidating a witness and resisting arrest after Harvey allegedly attempted to elude capture.

Harvey is set for arraignment on Feb. 3 and is currently free on a \$7,500 surety bond.

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Partly cloudy
High: 41 • Low: 28

Thursday
Rain, snow
High: 38 • Low: 14

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Prison objects to W'wright gas rates

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — After months of silence, the Otter Creek Correctional Center in Wheelwright finally responded late last week to the city commission's

decision to raise gas rates on commercial customers this past November, a move that saw the prison's rates, as well as those of other area businesses, rise by \$4 from their original rate of \$11 per unit.

In a letter dated Jan. 23, Otter Creek Warden Randy Stovall makes clear the

prison's opposition.

"While we realize that with the continuing increase of costs for utilities, rate increases must be passed down to customers," Stovall wrote, "we believe that it is unfair to expect that Otter Creek Correctional Center carry the load for all."

The prison asked the city commission in that letter to "reconvene" for another meeting to discuss other options, saying some remedy should be presented in the "spirit of fairness" and so the prison could

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Shayla and Kayla Shepherd, center, were the lucky recipients of a Packard Bell Computer, a gift donated by the Floyd County Vision Committee. Family support specialists Robin Prince, left, and Michelle Hammonds, right, presented the computer to the Allen Central Middle School students yesterday.

photo by Mary Music

Vision committee presents computer to ACMS twins

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

EASTERN — A local organization bent on bending to the needs of people throughout the community stepped up to make a difference yesterday, it they gave away a computer to two students at Allen Central Middle School.

Twins Shayla and Kayla Shepherd, sixth-grade students at

ACMS, received a Packard Bell computer yesterday, courtesy of the Floyd County Vision Committee.

The twins, 13-year-old daughters of Ella and Teddy Shepherd of Hueysville, said the computer would help them in their classes.

According to Robin Prince, a family support specialist who began working with the Vision Committee last year, the organi-

zation came together in 2000, and has since been working to connect needy families with necessary tools or information to get on their way to a better life.

They work to connect people with governmental organizations like the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Mountain

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Employer eyeing Honey Branch

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With announcements of recent layoffs from major companies like AEP and American Standard, bringing industry to Floyd and surrounding counties is at the top of the list for the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority, which

announced Saturday that negotiations are currently underway for a nationally based company to locate at the regional industrial park at Honey Branch.

According to Stephanie Stumbo, the organization placed an offer on Jan. 8 to a national company associated with the Fortune 500 and New York Stock Exchange, to locate as the first

tenant in the park, which has stood as an empty three-and-a-half-acre lot for several years.

The company deals with the oil and gas exchange, said Stumbo.

"Up until now, it's just been flat, empty property," said Stumbo. "We're finally moving

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Slates set for races in May election

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — With the deadline for parties to choose a candidate for the Feb. 17 special election to fill the House seat in the 95th District now passed, several candidates have thrown their hats into the ring for both a chance at the seat next May and other offices throughout the district.

Prestonsburg city councilman C.E. "Little Shag" Branham, who finished fourth place in votes during a Democratic convention to pick a candidate for the special election, filed Monday for a chance to campaign and run in the May primary.

The Floyd County Democratic Party voted local business owner Chuck Meade to run against Republican Bobby

Stumbo to see who would finish out Attorney General Greg Stumbo's term in the House before next year's election.

Branham joins Meade, Bobby Stumbo, Scarlet Stumbo, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jimmie Hopkins and Jimmy Gabe Turner in filing for state representative.

In other races, Garrett Democrat Eric Shane Hamilton filed Monday to run against 29th District state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, giving Turner his only opposition in the upcoming elections, while Will T. Scott, of Pikeville, also filed Monday to run against Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo for her spot representing the 7th Judicial District on the state's highest court.

Hubert Collins, 97th District House representative is running

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Account set up for fire victims

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MAYTOWN — A friend and neighbor of John Duncan and Emily Howell, the Maytown couple whose two sons died in a house fire Friday, has opened a bank account to receive donations for funeral expenses and other unmet needs.

Maytown resident Carolyn Layne said she opened the account the afternoon of the fire, feeling the need to help her neighbors deal with unimaginable loss.

"These two people just lost two children," said Layne, a

retired school teacher. "I have a soft spot for any child, and these people still have three children left and they struggle."

Duncan and Howell's two sons, 4-year-old Forrest and 2-year-old Kaleb, died when the couple's home caught fire around 10 a.m. Friday morning. The couple was able to rescue two children from the home to safety, but Duncan's return attempt to get Forest and Kaleb was unsuccessful. A fifth child was in school when the blaze started.

The tragedy was something

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Board receives report on school lunchrooms

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

As the nation's thoughts turn to the increasing problem of obesity among its children, so does the Floyd County Board of Education turn its attention to how best address the same problem in the Floyd County school district.

Attending a regular meeting of the education board on Monday evening was Paul McElwain, director of school and community nutrition with Kentucky Department of Education. McElwain was present at the meeting to report on the condition of the county's food service program, which he said was "better" since his last visit, approximately two years ago.

McElwain said the county's services were improved in terms of equipment, cost control and in the area of reimbursement claims. However, he did suggest that the board consider an increase in meal prices and an increased effort at getting more children to participate in school breakfast programs.

McElwain informed board members

that recent studies have shown an increase in obesity levels among children, leading, in some cases, to the development of Type II diabetes among many of the nation's youth.

As a result, schools across the nation are "looking more closely at cafeteria food

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Odds & Ends

■ **SEATTLE** — So a day care center is getting a new teddy bear. Big deal, right?

When the teddy bear is 12 feet high and weighs three tons, it is a big deal, and moving it is no small matter, either.

Workers began barricading the affected streets at 4:30 a.m.

Sunday for the move of the bear, which was installed outside the downtown FAO Schwarz in 1995 and was sold as part of the toy store chain's bankruptcy proceedings.

An hour and a half later, the bear was unbolted and loaded onto a flatbed truck for a ferry

ride across Puget Sound to Bainbridge Island, where it was placed on a concrete platform.

The most eager and anxious spectator was Doug Hartley, 47, a teacher at Chief Sealth High School in Seattle who bid \$11,800 for the bear on eBay and paid another \$8,000 for the move to First Years, his family's day care center.

"Think about it: What can you buy for \$20,000? I have a piece of art here," said Hartley, who lives on the island.

"You fall in love with him. He's really cute," he added. "He's like a teddy bear. He just happens to be giant."

■ **ELKINS, W.Va.** — Nothing stops the U.S. Postal Service from making its appointed rounds, not even a postcard addressed simply as "On Top of a Big Hill."

The postcard was mailed by a bookstore in Bridgeport to Helen English of Elkings, notifying her that a book she had ordered had arrived. It was addressed, "Mrs. English, On Top of a Big Hill, Elkings, W.Va. 26241."

English had mentioned to the bookstore clerk that she lived on a hill. She said the bookstore apparently did not have her address, so the clerk improvised.

"That little mail carrier, who else would do such things in the dead of winter?" English said. "They deserve a pat on the back,

especially in this weather. It wouldn't happen anywhere else."

Elkins Postmaster Francis Scott said Carmen Tankersley, a rural route carrier since 1987 who serves 550 families, delivered the postcard.

"She's an outstanding carrier. Carmen's always done a good job and takes care of her customers," Scott said.

English said she started to throw the postcard away, but

then, "I looked at it and said 'Gee, whiz.' I thought it was so funny. In the cold months of winter, we need a good laugh."

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — Instead of going over the wall, an inmate at South Central Regional Jail tried to go through it — without much luck.

Robert Anthony Hill was trapped for about four hours in a 6-inch wide, 3-foot high window after getting stuck about 1:30

p.m. Monday, said Steve Canterbury, director of the state Regional Jail and Correctional Facility Authority.

The 5-foot-10, 165-pound Kanawha County man had worked a metal shelf off the wall in his cell and then used the shelf to break the window at the jail in Charleston, Canterbury said.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2004. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members.

On this date:

■ In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

■ In 1878, the first commer-

cial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

■ In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, the Yale News, began publication in New Haven, Conn.

■ In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

■ In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

■ In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

■ In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reach-

ing China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

■ In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

■ In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

■ In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

Ten years ago:

In Los Angeles, Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg declared a mistrial in the case of Lyle Menendez, just over two weeks after a mistrial was declared in the case of Lyle's brother, Erik; both juries had deadlocked over whether the brothers were guilty of murder in the shooting deaths of their wealthy parents. (Lyle and Erik Menendez were later retried, convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Five years ago:

Ford Motor Co. announced it was buying the Volvo car division in a \$6.45 billion deal. Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan honored a personal request for mercy from Pope John Paul II, sparing triple murderer Darrell Mease from being executed.

One year ago:

President Bush, girding the nation for war, said in his State of the Union address that Saddam Hussein had shown "utter contempt" for the world community and had to be held to account. Bush also pledged to help the ailing economy with lower taxes and a stronger health care system. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Likud party and other hawkish parties won a resounding victory in Israel's parliamentary elections. John Philp Thompson, who expanded his family's business into the nationwide 7-Eleven chain, died at age 77.

Today's Birthdays:

Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 75. Author Susan Sontag is 71. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 69. Actor Alan Alda is 68. Actress Susan Howard is 62. Actress Marthe Keller is 59. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 54. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 47. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 45. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 42. Country musician Greg Cook (Ricochet) is 39. Singer Sarah McLachlan is 36. Rapper Rakim is 36. DJ Muggs (Cypress Hill) is 36. Singer Joey Fatone Junior ('N Sync) is 27. Singer Nick Carter (Backstreet Boys) is 24. Actor Elijah Wood is 23.

Thought for Today:

"The best teacher, until one comes to adult pupils, is not the one who knows most, but the one who is most capable of reducing knowledge to that simple compound of the obvious and the wonderful which slips into the infantile comprehension.... The best teacher of children, in brief, is one who is essentially childlike." — H.L. Mencken, American author-journalist (1880-1956).



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Comprehensive Care and the state Department of Permanency and Protection, that can help them in a time of need.

"If someone comes into our office needing assistance with relocation, we can't help them move, but we can direct them to local churches, HUD or another place that could help them," said Prince. "That's what we're about and we're hoping that these two girls are just the beginning in letting other agencies and other people be aware of this organization."

According to Prince, the Shepherd twins were chosen at random from a list of sixth-grade students who were recommended by their teachers and principals.

The computer, previously used in the Vision Committee office, was repaired and reprogrammed by John Chaney, a program support specialist at the regional office of Family Support.

The Shepherd twins will receive a printer and several software programs that will help

them with their education.

Representatives on hand at the presentation yesterday also announced their desire to find an internet company willing to donate a year of internet service for the girls, who both plan to attend college to obtain teaching certificates after they finish high school.

"They are very good girls," said writing communications teacher Sandra Stapleton. "Their behavior is excellent and they try very hard in all their classes ... One of the things we like

about them is their concern for their education. These girls put forth a little extra effort than most kids their age do. Most middle school kids don't care if they miss an assignment, but not those two girls. If they are absent and miss an assignment, they come straight in saying, 'Okay, what do I need to do?' They really get involved in their classes."

Stapleton says the computer will be an added bonus for the girls, who have had a "hard time" scheduling time in the school's computer lab to complete necessary assignments for their classes.

throughout the county.

"In Martin County they're very active," said Allen. "State agencies there aren't as involved because the community has taken it over. That's what we'd like to see here. If anyone knows

of a family or a child that needs special help, we would like to know about it."

If the Vision Committee gets (See **COMPUTER**, page eight)

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Prison

"avoid seeking alternative utility service".

In August, the city's gas provider, Equitable Gas, raised the gas rates which the city must pay from \$8.82 per unit to \$9.47 per unit. However, commissioners had continued to sell gas to both residential and commercial customers at only \$6.94 per unit for a substantial loss that led to warnings from city attorney Tim Parker.

In November, the city took control of the utilities department, which had been fitted with the authority to adjust gas rates to meet the price which the city

was paying, and imposed a \$4 raise per unit for commercial customers, the largest of which being Otter Creek.

Residential gas rates, which had been hotly debated by visitors to commission meetings, rose less than 1 cent per unit after the decision.

Shortly after the commission voted to raise commercial rates, Wheelwright Mayor Marlee Sammons, who has called Stovall's correspondence a "Dear John letter", said he still feels the increase will do little to balance the city's struggling finances.

In asking the commission to revisit the decision, Stovall provided examples of how he says the prison benefits the local community.

Stovall maintained in his Jan. 23 letter that the prison employs 166 staff members, many of whom are local residents, for a total budgeted payroll, including salaries and benefits, in excess of \$3.8 million.

"This money is mostly spent locally and beneficial to the local economy," Stovall said. "Studies show these dollars turn over in the community many times, up to seven times."

Additionally, each prison employee pays an occupational tax of \$5 each month, which translates to roughly \$10,000 in annual revenue to the city, Stovall said, adding that the prison pays more than \$33,000 in property taxes to the city, as well as over \$98,000 to the county.

The hike in gas rates for the prison would mean an increased annual bill of more than \$27,500, Stovall said.

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Account

that affected the entire community, Layne said.

"I know they survive on what he makes and I just buried my dad so I know what funerals cost and that they didn't have any insurance or resources," Layne said. "The Maytown community came out that day as if it was their family and it was very much like an extended family and I just knew if they were willing to put forth all this energy, then other people probably would too."

Layne contacted First Guaranty Bank in Martin and spoke with representative James Robinson and opened the account Friday, finalizing the paperwork over the weekend. The account will accept donations to the family, primarily for funeral expenses, and will not be tampered with, said Layne.

When the funeral home needs the payment, the money will come directly from the account, Layne said, and if any is left over, other needs will be considered.

"They were struggling as it was, but they did make a happy home," Layne said Monday. "Those kids were just happy-go-lucky and they were very loved and I just hate to see anybody lose a child. But it was God's decision and I know He took them for a reason that we may never know."

Layne said Duncan and Howell are currently staying with her daughter in Maytown, who she said tried to help during the fire and whose own children

often played with Forrest and Kaleb and their siblings.

Donations can be made at either First Guaranty Bank's Martin or Prestonsburg locations. For more information about the fund, call (606) 285-3294.

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Lunch

and vending machines," he said.

Though McElwain reported that most studies show that children's eating habits are "set at about age 6," he said that he supported teachers and schools in their attempts to teach children about healthy eating habits.

In a report dated Aug. 15, the Floyd County Food Service Program adopted the following standards for beverages and a la carte items offered to Floyd County students:

- Items containing no more than 8 grams of fat per serving.
- Frozen yogurt containing no more than 30 percent calories from fat.
- Bread requirements as outlined by the USDA.
- Milk, offered in skim, white or flavored varieties.
- Beverages containing the recommended dietary allowances for vitamins and minerals, those that provide isotonic hydration, those containing 100 percent juice product and unflavored, non-carbonated vitamin and mineral fortified water.

On Jan. 15, the House Health

and Welfare Committee passed a measure that will, if adopted by the full House, prohibit the sale of chewing gum and snacks with more than 40 percent added sugar by weight or more than 6 grams of fat per serving in school vending machines and school stores. The measure suggests that candy snacks be replaced with healthier snacks such as fruit, nuts and pretzels and that the sale of soda not be allowed in elementary schools with at least 75 percent of the beverages offered to middle and high school students consisting of water, 100 percent fruit juice, lowfat milk or any beverage that contains no more than 10 grams of sugar per serving.

In other business, the board also received a report from Matt Wireman and Bonita Compton on the newly proposed construction of a baseball field for Allen Central High School. A report on the positive impact of technology resource teachers on the district's schools and students was also presented.

Courtney Osborne, of Allen Central High School, was present as student representative to the board.

The Carriere Family performing group — Angie, Josh and Staci Carriere — also appeared as community spotlight entertainment.

Board member Dr. Chandra Varia was not present at the meeting.

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Candidates

unopposed. Collins issued a statement Tuesday announcing his re-election bid, citing his "continued desire to fight for Kentucky's working families." Collins said some of his focus would be on education and see-

ing that families obtain affordable health care. He will be seeking his eighth term in the 97th district, composed of Johnson and Martin counties, and portions of Floyd and Pike counties.

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Competency hearing to be held in sex abuse case

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A competency hearing is slated next month in a case involving a man charged with four counts of sexual abuse, according to an order filed by Circuit Judge John David Caudill on Monday.

The hearing will determine whether or not Dale M. Vernotzy, 49, of Prestonsburg, charged with four counts of first-degree sexual abuse, is competent to stand trial for the charges against him.

Vernotzy was arrested May 6 by Prestonsburg Police Officer George Tussey, following an investigation by the department into allegations that he abused one or more minor children.

Following that investigation,

Vernotzy was charged with one count of sexual abuse, for the alleged sexual abuse of a 9-year-old child on May 3.

Officers, at the time of his arrest, said that other charges may be pending in the case.

Other charges were, indeed brought out against Vernotzy two months later, with the release of an indictment by the grand jury on July 8, which charged him with a total of four counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Vernotzy, represented by Bernard Pafunda, is currently free on a \$20,000 cash bond that was posted, according to his circuit court criminal file, on July 18.

Other details regarding the nature of the charges in Vernotzy's case, which was sealed by Caudill last year, are unavailable to the public.

Employer

along and getting it to look more like an industrial park so that when people from these companies come, they see the potential in locating here. It's finally taking off."

Stumbo went on to say that Summit Engineering has received the bid to design and construct an access road to the property. That, she said, coupled with the addition of needed utilities on the property, will provide a way to better market it to future prospects.

"That's a hell of a package to market instead of taking prospects up to view three-and-a-half acres of flat land," said Stumbo, pointing out that the land's marketability will also be greatly influenced with the

upcoming construction of a 15,000 square foot Martin County spec building, located on the same property. Construction for that building, which can be "retrofitted" to any type of business, is slated to begin within the next two months, she said, and, when completed, it will serve as an available facility to propose to other businesses that may wish locate in the area.

Until that time, however, the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority is currently waiting, fingers crossed, pending the acceptance of this latest prospective business.

The organization is expected to announce the company's decision during its next regular meeting, which is slated for Feb. 9.

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Correction

In a Jan. 25 story concerning a fatal house fire in Maytown, it was incorrectly stated that the Kentucky State Police received a call about the fire at approximately 10 a.m., Friday.

Post 9 in Pikeville actually received notification of the fire at 10:48 a.m. and notified the Maytown Fire Department at 10:49 a.m. Investigators believe the fire might have started around 10:10 a.m.

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—James Baldwin

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Our View

Closing school not an option

The Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman was supposed to be the crown jewel in former Gov. Paul Patton's economic development efforts in Knott County, but it turned in to more than that. It became something of a crown jewel for all of the state, and especially Eastern Kentucky.

The idea behind the school was novel — to offer an institute of higher education where craftsmen could hone their abilities and at the same time learn a few business skills to help them market their products — and that is why, before it even opened, it had already attracted national attention.

Truly, it appeared something special was happening in Hindman, which is why we, and many others, were shocked to learn of the school's closing, just weeks before its first students were to start class.

The school's closing comes after \$5 million has been poured into the facility. Included in that total was money to purchase and renovate the old Hindman High School and \$400,000 for equipment. All of that now sits unused, and taxpayer money that financed it all has apparently been wasted.

Blamed for the closure was Gov. Ernie Fletcher's directive to public colleges to cough up cash to help with the state's budget shortfall. Hazard Community and Technical College, which was given the charge to direct the School of Craft, was faced with finding half a million dollars as its share, and eliminating the school's \$200,000 budget certainly helped in that regard.

But the dramatic step of closing the school after so much had been spent to create it is nothing short of overkill, in our book.

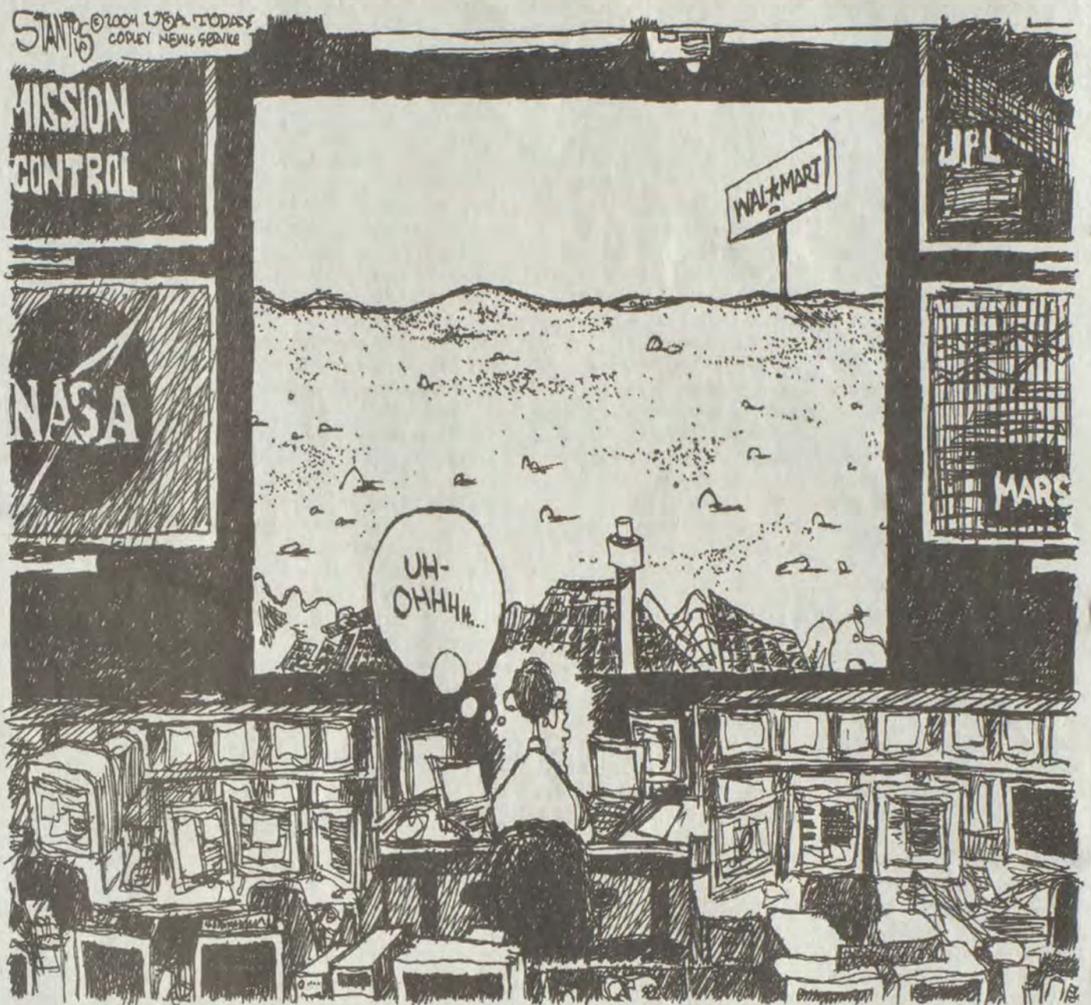
Certainly, the cuts to higher education are severe. But are they so drastic that they should force the closure of what should have been the highest profile school in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System? Are they so deep that they justify throwing away \$5 million in taxpayer money? The answer to both questions is no.

We cannot imagine that the School of Craft will remain closed. Too much time, labor and money have been spent and too many dreams have been built for that to happen.

We will not argue against the notion that Fletcher's cuts to higher education are an incredibly shortsighted solution to the state's fiscal troubles. They are. But closing the School of Craft is even more so.

We urge all parties involved — Fletcher, KCTCS and state legislators — to work together to find a way to reopen the school.

— The Floyd County Times



Sticks & Stones

It's elementary — cuts to education hurt education

Not since the Great Depression has a governor of any state asked for funds back from schools to cover shortfalls. You don't have to be a Republican or a Democrat to understand and appreciate this.

Education is so vital to the advancement of our nation, the people of this country and the citizens of this state, it would be difficult to overstate how potentially harmful Gov. Fletcher's recent cutbacks could be.

Here's a man who accomplished something no other person has been able to accomplish in more than a quarter of

a century. He won an election in a highly Democratic state and became our new Republican governor. Then suddenly, when he got into office, he realized he had about a month to present a budget to the legislature, a budget that had been put into a tailspin with a costly war that put a crunch on every state across the country.

Some task, to be sure, and not a job I would want and so I can appreciate his courage and conviction in even saying he was up to the job. But then, Fletcher is not to blame for our state's \$261 million shortfall, he only has to fix it.

It could be that the pressure to come up with something, anything by deadline, which was yesterday, Jan. 27, forced our state's top politician into

some hasty decision making.

House Speaker Jody Richards has said Fletcher broke a promise to not cut school spending. He says the \$70 million cut from higher education and the \$6.9 million cut from elementary and secondary schools are totally contradictory to what Fletcher said he would certainly avoid.



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However, those on the other side of the issue say that Fletcher maintained his promise by steering clear of the state's \$2.2 billion in base school spending, which wasn't touched by the governor's order.

Fletcher has said he will leave it to state education commissioner Gene Wilhoit to see where and how the cuts are made, saying also that the cuts would "not hurt

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Letters

Polls equal mind control

Have you considered what the polls are doing to America and her citizens?

Today I listened to the national media proclaim that if the presidential election were held now, Kerry would win over President Bush. That brings to my memory their blatant lying to the American public about Gore winning when the polls had only been open for two hours or so. It is an attempt at mind control.

Repeat these words ... polls equal mind control, polls equal mind control ... yes, they just seem to be compatible don't they? And the controller of the poll can make it say anything they wish.

Who has ever audited poll results? Perhaps, with all the lying going on by the bought media, we should take nothing

at face value. And who can be bought for enough money? Perhaps a pollster! So, when I hear that the polls state this or that, I kick it under my rug, out of sight.

I do not like lying or liars. That is my right. I am 66-plus years of age and have earned that right over the years. And those years have taught me what men will do for money or power or fame. There is no limit to their evil deeds.

I shall relish controlling my own mind and vote. I do not need some poll to tell me whom to vote for. To me still this day, President and Mrs. Bush are a breath of fresh air, a lovely fragrance in this land.

Kenneth Earl Watkins
Barstow, Calif.

Negotiations to begin

Beginning Feb. 2, the United Steelworkers of America will begin bargaining

with Appalachian Regional Healthcare to attain a fair contract for 2,800-plus union employees.

With the support of the community, the United Steelworkers of America will be able to achieve our goal to obtain a fair contract that will help us continue to provide quality healthcare that our patients deserve and will also meet the needs of our community.

United Steelworkers of America
Local Union 19636

Eliminate state income tax

As a taxpayer it appears that Kentucky has reached a paradigm that our elected officials refer to as "tax modernization." They want our state to become business friendly by

lowering some taxes while raising other taxes described as revenue neutral. Eventually, taxpaying voters will find out what our leaders have in mind for tax modernization and becoming more business friendly.

Until then, let it be said right here that, reportedly, Kentucky has one of the highest state income taxes in the country. As of January 2003, nine states operate without an individual income tax, which makes one wonder how do we compare with them?

Also it is reported that none of the seven bordering states of Kentucky have taxes higher than Kentucky at any income level. Tennessee is not only one of the bordering states but one of the nine states operating without an individual income tax. Do they have a deficit?

Therefore, it would appear that reducing or eliminating the state income tax with a cre-

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Health Extra

Can you have your carbs and calories and lose weight too?

by LINDSEY TANNER
AP MEDICAL WRITER

CHICAGO — In the midst of the low-carb craze, a new study suggests that by eating lots of carbohydrates and little fat, it is possible to lose weight without actually cutting calories.

The study was small, consisting of just 34 overweight adults who either ate the recommended diet for three months; ate the recommended diet and exercised regularly; or ate pretty much what they usually eat.

All meals were prepared for participants, who were instructed to eat as much as they wanted. They also were told to return any uneaten food, which the researchers said enabled them to calculate calorie intake.

Many doctors dispute whether people can lose weight without reducing their food intake, and at least one questioned the study's accuracy.

The diet is more compatible with conventional notions of healthful eating than the fatty, low-carbohydrate Atkins and South Beach diets.

Participants on the recommended diet lost about 7 pounds without cutting calories and without exercise, and almost 11 pounds with 45 minutes of stationary bike-riding four times weekly. The control group lost no weight.

The findings appear in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.

Gary Foster, clinical director of the University of Pennsylvania's Weight and Eating Disorders Program, said he suspects participants who lost weight ate less than what was reported. He said that while he recommends a low-fat, high carb diet to patients, without calorie reduction it would be "a public health disaster."

"The whole idea that you

could lose weight without reducing energy intake flies in the face of 100 years of data," Foster said.

Lead author William Evans of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences stood by his findings.

"Calories in minus calories out does not always determine the amount of weight loss," Evans said. "This is because we metabolize fats and carbohydrates very differently."

American Dietetic

Association spokeswoman Cindy Moore agreed and said with low-carb diets hogging the spotlight, "it may be a reminder that we can lose weight in a variety of different ways."

Foods on the successful diets included high-fiber cereal, vegetarian chili, whole-wheat spaghetti, many fruits and vegetables, and skim milk. Daily calories totaled about 2,400, similar to participants' usual

(See LOSE, page six)

Researchers estimate medical costs of obesity in Kentucky

FRANKFORT — In a paper published Thursday, researchers at RTI International and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention provided the first state-by-state estimates of obesity-attributable medical expenditures. The paper also provides rough estimates of the cost burden that falls on taxpayers in each state, through Medicaid and Medicare.

Published in the journal Obesity Research, the paper estimates that national medical

expenditures resulting from obesity (excluding overweight) are \$75 billion in 2003 dollars. State-level estimates range from \$87 million (Wyoming) to \$7.7 billion (California).

The prevalence of obesity, based on self-reported data in Kentucky is approximately 24.6 percent of the population age 18 and older as reported in the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey for 2001. Obesity-related medical expenditures total in Kentucky to \$1.163 billion, with \$610 million of this total being financed by Medicare and Medicaid.

Obesity-related expenditures represent approximately 6.2 percent of Kentucky's annual health care bill. However, because the prevalence of obesity in Kentucky is higher in the Medicaid population than in the state's general population, the percent of Medicaid expenditures attributable to obesity is 11.4 percent. The cost is estimated to be \$340 million for the Medicaid population in 2003.

"This epidemic of obesity is costly now but if it continues unabated its drain on public medical care funds will make it all that much more difficult to pay for other important activities," said Public Health Commissioner Dr. Rice Leach. "We are fortunate that Governor Fletcher is aware of this issue and plans to address it."

"These estimates of obesity-attributable medical expenditures present the newest available information concerning the economic impact of obesity at the state level," the authors

noted. "Policy makers should consider these estimates, along with other factors, in determining how best to allocate scarce public health resources."

The authors caution, however, that because the state-level estimates are associated with large standard errors, the estimates should not be used to make cost comparisons across states or between payers within states.

The complete analysis, entitled "State-Level Estimates of Annual Medical Expenditures Attributable to Obesity", by Erick A. Finkelstein and Ian C. Fiebelkorn, RTI International, and Guijing Wang, CDC, appears in the January 2004 edition of the journal Obesity Research, published by the American Association for the Study of Obesity. Copies of the paper are available from the journal's website at www.obesityresearch.org. Copies of the full report may be requested by email to listen@rti.org.

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Wrong. Closing schools, dropping programs, slicing into summer school sessions. This is hurting education, no matter how politically philosophical the core reason for doing so might be.

It's no secret that waste occurs throughout our schools and that some real money could be saved by taking a close look. But to cut education in a state that has a long history of struggling to overcome an intellectual stigma twice the size of Texas just seems like ... well, an uneducated approach.

Odds

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Hill, 25, had taken off his shirt and greased his upper body with soap, Canterbury said. The inmate managed to get his head and one shoulder through before his ribs became wedged in a diagonal position.

Not only was the window too small, but even if Hill had managed to get through it, he would have had to jump from the second floor into an open field that is constantly monitored by guards and surrounded by a fence.

The inmate was freed at 4:45 p.m. Monday and taken to a local hospital. Canterbury said the inmate's injuries were not life-threatening.

"It's nothing that won't heal," Canterbury said. "Obviously, we won't be able to heal his lack of judgment, but we'll be able to heal his wounds."

Ronald Dean Counts

Ronald Dean Counts, 57, of Taylor, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Thursday, January 22, 2004, at his residence.

Born March 4, 1946, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Lester and Orbie Robinson Counts. He was part owner of C & J Demolition (Trucking Company), a member of the U.M.W.A., and the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Freda Johnson Counts.

Other survivors include two daughters: Rhonda Dorton and Leslie Hamilton, both of Taylor, Michigan; two brothers: Harold Counts and Eugene Counts, both of Bypro; and six grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Peggy Joyce Counts and Glema Sue Hawkins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 26, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. David Warren officiating, and singers: The Overcomers.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with Ted Burke and other Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

(Paid obituary)

Ronda Rowe

Ronda Rowe, age 74, of Langley, passed away, Friday, January 23, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born January 21, 1930, in Langley, the daughter of the late Claudia Rowe and Susan Ousley Rowe.

Survivors include two sisters: Ann Rowe of Langley, and Gladys Wolfe of Columbus, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Virgil Rowe, Elmer Rowe, and Delmar Rowe; and two sisters: Marcella Bailey and Augusta Carter.

Funeral services for Ronda Rowe were conducted Monday, January 26, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Stewart Cemetery, at Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. Pallbearers: Shawn Bailey, Chris Bailey, Jim Bailey, Donnie Meade, Brian Lafferty, and Hubert Halbert.

Honorary: Gregory Rowe and Paul Rowe.

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Gladys M. Kittle Gullett

Gladys M. Kittle Gullett, age 93, of Bypro, widow of Hascal Beauford Gullett, passed away, Monday, January 26, 2004, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born March 19, 1910, in Ethel, West Virginia, the daughter of the late James Robert Kittle and Angie Petry Kittle. She was a former cook at Wheelwright High School, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Survivors include three sons: Ronald Gullett of Bypro, and Lloyd Dale Gullett and Larry Franklin Gullett, both of Flatwoods; two daughters, Dreama Gayle Nelson of Milwaukee, Oregon, and Gloria Kay Harlow of Wheelwright; one sister, Virginia Stevens of Summit; 16 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Gladys M. Gullett will be conducted Thursday, January 29, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Clergymen Roy Harlow and Louie Ferrari officiating.

Burial will follow in the Buckingham Cemetery, at Bevinsville.

Visitation is at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Left Beaver Civil Defense and Rescue Squad.

Pallbearers: Grandsons, Daniel Gullett, Michael Gullett, Larry Gullett, Lin Gullett, Dwight Nelson, David Nelson, Ed Fuller, and Bill Smith Jr.

Honorary pallbearers: Granddaughters, Renina Fuller, Dayle Craig, Marilynn Bailey, Sara Gullett Smith, and Ruth G. Newsome.

(Paid obituary)

Elder Edd Moore

Elder Edd Moore, age 93, of Garrett, husband of Una Turner Moore, passed away, Monday, January 26, 2004, at the Riverview Health Care, Prestonsburg.

He was born March 11, 1910, in Garrett, the son of the late John Moore and Zella Scott Moore. He was a retired carpenter, an elder and former moderator of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Una; two sons, Carson Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Gordon Moore of Garrett; and five daughters, Wanda Duff of Eastern, Anna Vonda Lawson of Rochester, Indiana, Evelene Martin of Langley, Bonnie Conley of Georgetown, and Judy Schelegmlich of Michigan City, Indiana; 17 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Edd Moore will be conducted Thursday, January 29, at 11 a.m., at the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett, with Clergymen Raymond Lawson, Coy Combs, and Roger Hicks officiating.

Burial will follow in the Moore Cemetery, at Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

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Lovia Ann (Annie) Kinney

Lovia Ann (Annie) Kinney, 82, of Tram, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, January 23, 2004, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born July 25, 1921, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Minerva Spradlin Blevins, and Jesse Floyd Blevins. She was a retired maintenance worker, formerly employed by the City of Pikeville, a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 134.

She was twice married, first to Alvin Lee Wright, and later to Curtis Kinney. They both preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Ollie Lee Wright of Springfield, Ohio; two daughters, Desta Lee of Tram, and Teresa Ann Wright Hall of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; one brother, Myrl Baker of Tram; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Myrl David Blevins, James Russel Blevins, and William O'Bradley Blevins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, 11 a.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel, at Pikeville, with Levi Coleman officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Ronnie Hall, Ariel Barbacone, Stevie Joe Tackett, Jimmy Hall, Ryan Lawson, and Renee Barbacone.

The register book may be signed online at www.jwcallfuneralhome.com

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Forrest John Duncan

and

Caleb Ledale Duncan

Forrest John Duncan, age 4, of Maytown; born on June 16, 1999, and Caleb Ledale Duncan, age 2, of Maytown; born on August 8, 2001, both born in Prestonsburg, and children of Charles Duncan and Emily Eve Howell, of Maytown, died on Friday, January 23, 2004, at their residence due to a house fire.

In addition to their parents, they are survived by two brothers: Isiah Joseph Duncan and Kevin Gabriel Duncan, both of Maytown; a sister, Benika Sue Ann Duncan of Maytown; paternal grandparents, Frank and Ruth Hoover Duncan of Hueysville; maternal grandmother, Benika Ann Sizemore Paige of McDowell; great-grandparents, Birbabe Howell of Ohio, Maxine Weens of Ohio and Emma Sizemore, of McDowell.

They were preceded in death by their maternal grandfather, Harold Howell.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin, with James Sizemore officiating.

Burial was in the Greenberry Hall Cemetery (Frasures Creek) at McDowell.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1609, Martin, Ky. 41649, to go toward funeral expenses.

(Paid obituary)

Rev. Harold Johnson

Rev. Harold Johnson, 72, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, January 24, 2004, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born August 1, 1931, in Weeksbury, he was the son of the late Floyd and Lina Orsborne Johnson. He was a disabled coal miner, and a member of the Pentecostal church.

He is survived by his wife, Selmer Ricker Johnson.

Other survivors include three brothers: Calvin Johnson and I.B. Johnson, both of Weeksbury, and Bas Johnson of West Virginia; two sisters: Irene Thacker of Hi Hat, and Rilda Newsome of Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers: Tommy Johnson, Chris Johnson, Has Johnson, Herman Johnson and twins, Sil and James Johnson, and three sisters: Geneva Hall, Molly Cisco, and Eva Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 27, at 1 p.m., at the Church of God of Prophecy, at Hi Hat, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)

More Democrats switching to GOP in wake of Fletcher's win

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Republican Ernie Fletcher's victory in last fall's gubernatorial election continued a trend of Democrats switching to the GOP.

In the weeks following the 2002 election, 2,507 Kentucky Democrats became Republicans while 1,297 Republicans became Democrats. In the same period last year, 3,789 Democrats changed parties, while only 1,676 Republicans did.

The ratio is more lopsided in Frankfort and surrounding Franklin County, where 147 Democrats went Republican and only 29 Republicans went the other way between the election and the end of December.

The new Republicans in the county include about 50 state employees, and some high-level political appointees of former Gov. Paul Patton's administration who live elsewhere and want to keep their jobs under Fletcher.

The Democratic refugees include former state party chairman Bill Patrick, who was chairman under Gov. Wallace Wilkinson in the late 1980s but supported Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell for re-election in 1996.

Mike Duncan, senior adviser to Fletcher, said the tilt toward the GOP has been an ongoing trend in Kentucky "as many more people understand they are Republicans. They've been voting Republican in federal elections and now in state elections, and they're recognizing that now and becoming Republicans officially."

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, who ran unsuccessfully in last year's Democratic gubernatorial primary, said the trend is just a cycle and will end.

"Southerners are generally conservative, and the Republican Party has been perceived to be more conservative," he said. "But I believe this is a cycle which may be reversing in some areas and will soon swing back in our favor."

Sarah B. Johnson, executive director of the State Board of Elections, said the 2002 figures reflect party switchers who didn't make other registration changes, such as a different address. She estimated the figures represent 80 percent to 90

percent of total switchers.

Democrats-turned-Republicans who work for the state include John Bizzack, commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training; Norman Arflack, Kentucky's deputy adjutant general; Bill Grable, executive director of the Kentucky Coal Council; and Hugh Haydon, commissioner for regional development in the Economic Development Cabinet.

"I've changed my registration in the past," Bizzack said. "I change based on which party I'm more comfortable with at a particular time and the individual leaders of the party at the time."

Grable said he has "always been more of a Republican. I used to be one, and I changed to put me back where I was originally."

At least one leading lobbyist — Frank Jemley, who represents the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce — also made the switch from Democrat to Republican. Jemley said he didn't do so to improve relations with the suddenly dominant Republicans.

"I've been voting more in recent years for Republicans," he said. "It's because of the quality of the Republican officeholders in the state."

The Fletcher administration is now asking those seeking politically appointed positions to list their party registration on electronic application forms.

Charles Wells, executive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said he sees "some concern among employees that just because they are a Democrat might cause them trouble."

Wells said he can't recall any previous administration asking for political affiliation on job applications.

"What relevance does that have to someone's qualifications?" Wells said.

But Duncan said, "You want people in the non-merit jobs who will help implement the policy, so you want people who are loyal and understand the policy. And one indicator may be being a Republican. It's not necessarily the only indicator."

Duncan said the decision to include the party registration question on the application was made by a group he headed in

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consumption.

The control group also received prepared meals with similar calories, but the foods included sausage, scrambled eggs, macaroni and cheese, French fries, whole milk and fewer fruits and vegetables.

The successful diet was not tested against Atkins and other low-carb regimens, which contain more fat and fewer carbs than the control group diet.

Fletcher wants to cut income taxes, could raise cigarette tax

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Friday that he wants to lower income taxes on individuals and could offset part of the state's revenue loss with a higher cigarette tax.

He also said he would not propose any tax actions in the budget he will present to the General Assembly on Tuesday.

Fletcher has long said the

state's excise tax on cigarettes, second lowest in the nation at 3 cents per pack, would be in the mix for a general overhauling of the tax code.

He also has insisted he would oppose raising the cigarette tax, or any other tax, as a "stand alone" action.

In a speech Friday to the Kentucky Press Association, Fletcher said the cigarette tax "will be on the table" as he shoots for comprehensive "tax

modernization."

"That will be one of those ways we look at offsetting a decrease in the personal income tax," Fletcher said. He added it would not be enough by itself.

Fletcher said later in a news conference at the Capitol that his new biennial budget proposal, to be submitted to the legislature Tuesday, will be devoid of a tax initiative.

"My constitutional charge is to present a budget to the General Assembly. I think it would not be good for me to say we're going to introduce a budget with a tax plan attached to it," Fletcher said.

"I think it's important for the individuals to see that this budget is a budget that requires a lot of discipline, that's a result of our vulnerability in downturns of the economy and the result of increased spending and lack of efficiency in government," he said.

Legislators, by and large, have been in the dark about Fletcher's plans. "We're just waiting for the budget, and there's just all sorts of questions out there about what the budget will contain," House Speaker Jody Richards said in Frankfort.

Fletcher, in his speech in Lexington and his news conference in Frankfort, offered a few

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Native serving in secretary of state's office

FRANKFORT — Secretary of State Trey Grayson recently announced the appointment of Prestonsburg native Les Fugate to serve as the director of communications for the office of the Secretary of State. Fugate had previously served as the director of alumni and annual giving for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program.

"I am deeply honored to be a part of the team that Secretary Grayson has assembled for his administration," said Fugate. "Secretary Grayson is a man of distinguished character and integrity. I look forward to working with him to enact his initiatives for Kentucky's future."

Fugate graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1998 and Centre College in

2002, where he attained a bachelor's of arts in economics. Afterwards, Fugate began pursuing a graduate degree from the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University. He plans to complete the degree while working for Secretary Grayson. He currently resides in Louisville.

Fugate is still active in the Floyd County area by serving on the board of directors for the Jenny Wiley Theatre, where he performed on stage for numerous years. He also serves on the Kentucky Theatre Association Board of Directors.

"When looking for individuals to serve in my administration, I wanted to find citizens who valued the commonwealth and its people as much as I do," Secretary Grayson said. "I know that Les is dedicated to seeing that Kentucky's brightest days are ahead. I look forward to working with him as we work to enact changes that will benefit every Kentuckian across this great Commonwealth."

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ative approach to our sales tax would modernize our tax system, make our state more economically competitive for job creation by becoming business friendly and give the taxpayer more control on just how much tax they pay based on their consumption of goods and services.

Steven E. Nelson
Lexington

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the transition team, and that Fletcher didn't ask for it.

Crit Luallen, the Democratic state auditor who served as cabinet secretary for most of the Patton administration, said the practice suggests that party affiliation could determine whether an applicant gets a job.

"Of course any governor is going to appoint people they know and trust, and those people are often political supporters," Luallen said. "But I believe asking the question on the application may imply that the correct registration is a prerequisite and the result might be that you don't necessarily get all the best people to apply."

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Rash of blackwater spills continues

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — Some environmentalists are calling for improved oversight and stiffer penalties from state and federal regulatory agencies to curb the number of blackwater spills from coal-mining operations into Eastern Kentucky streams.

The latest in a string of spills occurred Monday, fouling eight miles of Johns Creek in Pike County, said Kerry Holt, spokeswoman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Environmental and Public Protection.

Holt said inspectors haven't yet determined which coal company was responsible for the spill, the fifth to blacken an Eastern Kentucky stream in the past six weeks.

Mick McCoy, a member of the

environmental group Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, said government needs to send a strong message to coal companies that the spills will not be tolerated.

McCoy said he believes some coal companies may have gotten the idea they can pollute streams without significant repercussions in the wake of an administrative law judge's decision to reduce a \$55,000 fine against Martin County Coal to \$5,500. That fine involved a spill that dumped some 300 million gallons of sludge on communities outside Inez on Oct. 11, 2000.

The sludge escaped through the bottom of a 70-acre reservoir on a mountaintop, and buried lawns in up to 7 feet of the molasses-like mixture. Drinking water supplies were fouled along some 60 miles of the Big Sandy River and all aquatic life was annihilated.

"It's scary living in the country, especially in the coalfields where laws are not enforced and heads turn the other way," McCoy said. "The coal barons are in it to make money, and if they see they can break laws, they will break laws."

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said Martin County Coal didn't get off easy by any means.

Besides the federal fine, Martin County Coal, a subsidiary of Virginia-based Massey Energy, spent about \$40 million cleaning up the spill. The company also agreed to pay nearly \$3.5 million in penalties and damages to the state of Kentucky and reached an undisclosed settlement with residents who claimed property damage.

Caylor said he also has seen no trends to support concerns voiced by environmentalists that blackwater spills are growing in num-

bers. He said five spills cannot be considered an epidemic.

"Once you know the facts, then you can establish if there are any trends, and, if there are, you can look at ways to minimize or prevent future occurrences," Caylor said. "If there are trends we need to determine that, clearly. Until that time, it doesn't behoove us to speculate that the situation is getting worse or better."

Tom FitzGerald, executive director of the environmental advocacy group Kentucky Resources Council, said most blackwater spills could be avoided if coal companies properly designed and maintained impoundments used to collect sediment from mining operations.

The problem, FitzGerald said, is that state and federal regulatory agencies don't have the manpower to closely monitor the design or the maintenance of such ponds.

LaJuana S. Wilcher, secretary of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet, has appointed representatives of the mining industry and environmental groups to a task force to recommend ways to curb the frequency and severity of blackwater spills in the state.

Wilcher took that action after four blackwater spills contaminated the Big Sandy River and Fishtap Lake over a four-week period in December and January.

Those spills fouled up to 12 miles of streams and blackened a portion of the popular fishing spot near Pikeville.

House panel OKs bill to update mine electrical standards

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A top state mining regulator endorsed a bill Tuesday to update standards for electrical work in Kentucky coal mines for the first time in a generation.

Frank Reed, acting head of the Division of Mines and Minerals, said state law hasn't kept up with changes in electrical work in mines.

Rep. Brent Yonts, the bill's sponsor, said 64 miners in Kentucky have died in electrical accidents since 1970. Electrical violations constitute slightly more than half of mine-safety violations in Kentucky, he said.

The bill, backed by the United Mine Workers union, was approved by the House Labor and Industry Committee.

Yonts, D-Greenville, said there have been no substantive changes in Kentucky electrical law for mines since 1972.

Reed said that "electricity in the underground mines has changed completely" since that time, with much higher voltages in use.

Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association, said the industry group needed more time to review the bill. He said several industry concerns with the bill already have been resolved and predicted that updated standards would pass the General Assembly this year.

"I think we're going to have something that we can live with," Caylor said in an interview.

A similar bill passed the House last year but died in the Senate.

Steve Earle, a UMW lobbyist, said, "There is nothing in this bill that should cause any operator in this state any heartburn."

The bill would require that only certified electricians do maintenance work on electrical equipment, Reed said.

Also, power would have to be turned off before anyone could work on electrical circuits and mining equipment would have to be properly grounded to prevent electrical accidents.

David Johnson, chief electri-

cal inspector for the Division of Mines and Minerals, said the bill would give operators and regulators a "clear standard to go by."

Johnson said some parts of the bill would be stricter than federal standards, but he predicted that wouldn't cause enforcement problems.

Patton recommended to industrial authority

by **MARY MUSIC**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Now that he's home from Frankfort, former Gov. Paul Patton has the opportunity to influence the emergence of industry in Eastern Kentucky, after being recommended to sit in as a member of the Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority.

During a regularly scheduled meeting Saturday, members with the authority said goodbye to Pike County member Glendia Sawyers, who resigned from her post because of a hectic work schedule, and said hello to the possibility of Patton taking over her position on the panel.

Patton, who was recommended to the seat by Pike County Judge-Executive Bill Deskins, will take Sawyers' place after his nomination is approved by other members of the organization, a process which could take up to a month, according to the authority's spokesperson, Stephanie Stumbo.

During an interview yesterday, Deskins said that Patton is interested in using his expertise in order to contribute to the community.

"I talked to him some time back and he's interested in get-

ting around the county and has the time, so I decided to take advantage of it," said Deskins, who says he's been affiliated with Patton since the 1960s. "He started most or some of these boards here and he knows all these people that he'll be working with on the board and, with his expertise, I think he'll do us a good job."

In addition to this most recent proposed appointment, the authority also recently added another member to the panel of industrial enthusiasts.

Magoffin County Judge-Executive Bill May nominated A.B. Conley as a member, after the term of a former Magoffin County member expired earlier this month.

Conley, already given the "thumbs up" by the authority's members, is eligible to actively participate in proceedings with the organization next month.

Repeated attempts to contact Patton for comment were unsuccessful yesterday.

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incorporated, said Allen, it will be able to raise more funds for a variety of community projects. The organization hopes to be able to offer more youth related programs and establish a scholarship for graduating seniors in Floyd County schools, she said.

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PUBLIC MEETING

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JWT CASTING CALL

The Jenny Wiley Theatre will hold auditions for the production, "Honk! The Ugly Duckling Musical" on Jan. 30 and 31, at the Mountain Arts Center.

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glimpses:

■ Some construction projects, including some for state universities, which have been hit with \$64 million in cuts in less than a year. "We don't have many bucks, but we do have some bricks," Fletcher said. He also said a period of economic downturn is no time to stop building.

■ Some funding for "drug courts" in 2005, though not as much as is needed.

■ Possible elimination of some programs and commissions.

■ A pay raise for state employees, though not their usual 5 percent per year.

"It will not be a painless budget," Fletcher said.

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*Alzheimer's Association Care-giver Support Group - Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's Restaurant), at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265.

*Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.

■ Fibromyalgia Support Group - Meets first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building, on the Pike-Floyd Hollow Road (just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept.). For more info., call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

■ MS Support Group -

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Letcher County school board member accused of selling drugs

The Associated Press

* HAZARD — A member of an Eastern Kentucky school board was arrested Monday and charged with selling drugs, police said.

The arrest of Letcher County School Board member Tommy Vanover at the coal mine where he works came after a five-month investigation by the Letcher County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Danny Webb said undercover officers bought drugs from Vanover, 49, three times since September.

Vanover was charged with three counts of trafficking a controlled substance and one count of doing so within 1,000 yards of a school.

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Bill to create lottery game for veterans programs stalls

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill to create a lottery scratch-off game to raise money for veterans' programs stalled in a House committee Tuesday.

Les Beavers, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, pitched the proposal as a way to help meet the needs of the state's large, and graying, veterans' population.

Half the money from a "Kentucky veterans' benefit game" would go into the state trust fund for veterans' programs. The Kentucky Lottery corporation would keep the other half.

Beavers said veterans' nursing homes are filled and have waiting lists, and Kentucky still has more than 100,000 veterans of World War II and Korea. "We're just barely in front of the peak load that we're facing," he said.

But the House Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee was unmoved. Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, said the bill was well intentioned, "but in the end it expands gambling."

"It has the effect of bringing in people who otherwise wouldn't be gambling," Riner said.

"They think they're doing something good and it encourages them to get into the gambling habit, which I think is very destructive."

Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington, said the game would be hindered by state law that prohibits advertising the use of lottery proceeds.

The lottery now funds a college scholarship program, and Beavers said veterans don't want to diminish that.

The lottery corporation does not have a position on the bill, lottery spokesman Chip Polston said in a phone interview.

"It's a great cause to provide veterans additional benefits, but the decision is not ours to make," Polston said.

The committee did approve a bill that would authorize creation of a personal loan program for qualified veterans. It would receive no General Fund money but would be supported through private donations.

The Department of Veterans Affairs would administer the program.

Loans would be capped at \$10,000 and could be used to buy a home or business, for schooling or to pay medical or funeral expenses. The unmarried spouses and children of deceased veterans also would be eligible.

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Fletcher's budget reflects 'lot of tough decisions'

by CHARLES WOLFE
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FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher on Tuesday presented a \$14.9 billion budget that he said would require "reasonable sacrifices."

His two-year spending plan contained no tax increase but suggested some philosophical changes in the running of state government. He described it as "conservative, goal-driven and compassionate" but a budget that also reflected "a lot of tough decisions."

"It calls on each of you and every Kentuckian to make reasonable sacrifices for a better future," Fletcher told a joint session of the Kentucky House and Senate.

"When I ran for this office, I promised to balance our budget without increasing the burden of taxes on hardworking Kentuckians. I have kept my promise," Fletcher said.

He said he also intended to keep a second promise — to "manage government aggressively" and increase its efficiency.

"Even if our government was overflowing with a surplus, it would still be our duty to give the people of Kentucky the best value for every dollar they give us," Fletcher said.

At the same time, Fletcher said his budget reflected "tough decisions that will draw some criticism."

The proposed budget, which the General Assembly now takes over, did not restore all the money taken this year from pub-

lic schools, community colleges and state universities to help shore up the state's immediate finances.

It did contain money for bonds to finance \$328 million worth of construction projects on campuses. Most of the money was for science and research buildings at universities and technology centers at five community colleges.

Basic funding for public schools was exempted from budget cuts in the current year but would not be increased in the first year of the new biennium. It would remain \$3,191 per student in average daily attendance, increasing to \$3,198 in the second.

School districts would be required to give a 1.5 percent pay raise to teachers and classified employees in the first year, costing \$36 million. The state would pay the cost of that raise in the second year and add a 3 percent raise to it, Fletcher said.

He said school districts have \$256 million in reserve and it was "prudent and appropriate" to ask them, for one year, to help reach a goal of bringing teacher pay up to the average of neighboring states.

Democrats were skeptical. House Speaker Jody Richards said the proposed raise for teachers was too small to make up much ground, if any.

A key Republican, Senate Majority Leader Dan Kelly, was circumspect about the budget.

"The governor has done his job. He's put together a budget that doesn't raise taxes," Kelly said. He also said he was confi-

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Prepared text of Fletcher budget address

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Prepared text of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's budget address delivered on Jan. 27 to a joint session of the General Assembly:

My Fellow Kentuckians, Lt. Governor Steve Pence, President Williams, Speaker Richards, Chief Justice Lambert, constitutional officers, members of the General Assembly, and other distinguished guests it is my honor to address you this evening and to present the administration budget for the next biennium.

Let me first thank my budget director, Brad Cowgill, and his staff for the tireless hours they

have worked to prepare this budget for Kentucky. They are an outstanding group of people who are truly public servants.

In one of our early budget meetings, my budget director reported on our fiscal condition. He stated something like this, "Well, there is still a dim light at the end of the tunnel."

However, he followed that with, "But, if we don't do something immediately we can't afford to pay the light bill."

As you know, we took immediate action to ensure that we not only paid the bill but we brightened our way for the next challenging biennium.

The principles and strategies guiding my recommendations

reflect a singular goal, to increase economic opportunity by making Kentucky competitive.

A competitive Kentucky that provides a world class education and provides skills and lifelong learning; that empowers citizens to choose healthy lifestyles, where families and government are not overwhelmed with the cost of health care.

A Competitive Kentucky that aggressively pursues business and career opportunities, and makes strategic investments for the future; and a competitive Kentucky that doesn't solve its budget problems by overburdening people or businesses with higher taxes.

This budget is conservative, goal-driven and compassionate. It reflects a lot of tough decisions. And it calls on each of you and every Kentuckian to make reasonable sacrifices for a better future. It is a path that will take us together to a place we all want to be.

Our travel along this path will begin on July 1. Our time here is brief, well maybe with the exception of Rep. Bruce.

But the course we together choose determines the character of the distant future. Before we chart the biennial course, let us examine the ground on which we stand, and the territory we have come through since the inauguration.

It's now clear that I took the oath of this office just in time for the perfect storm — a storm with a \$302 million shortfall in the current fiscal year, and a deficit in the next fiscal year predicted to be \$710 million.

This meant that within the first 18 months of this administration we would have to resolve a financial crisis exceeding \$1 billion dollars.

We went to work immediately, realizing that action was urgently required on two fronts.

First, we needed to get current year spending under control to prevent our checks from bouncing and to avoid shutting down operations before the end of this year.

Second, we needed to reduce

spending by an additional 2.5 percent in each cabinet in order to form a temporary savings account of at least \$100 million which we could spend in the next year.

I am pleased to report success on both fronts.

On Jan. 5, I signed a budget reduction order bringing spending under control and bringing the current year budget into balance. This goal has not been achieved entirely by the efforts of the executive branch.

I am grateful to Chief Justice Lambert for the spending reductions of nearly \$2 million which he has pledged on behalf of the judicial branch.

And I am grateful to President Williams and Speaker Richards, for the contribution of over \$800,000 from the legislative budget. To all of you who have given time, energy, encouragement, and even criticisms I say thank you.

Working together, we are going to make it.

Our goal of saving at least \$100 million before June 30 will be achieved without cutting Medicaid or SEEK funding of local school districts. And that money will permit our government to avoid the more dramatic cuts next summer which so many Kentuckians have feared.

And it will permit us to examine the budget without reducing spending from its current levels, but as the continuation of a baseline that we have already right-sized to the available revenue.

On July 1, our commonwealth will not step off into a chasm. We will step forward on a firm and level spending path.

In recent years we have relied heavily on nonrecurring revenue sources to pay our bills. We've been spending a lot more than we've been taking in.

Because of the upward trend in government spending, our state has been withdrawing from our savings accounts in large amounts. They are now depleted, and we must stop this practice.

Eliminating the habit of regularly spending more than we

take in and establishing what we call a structural balance is an important goal. And I am pleased to report that in the second year of this budget, we will eliminate the structural imbalance.

We still spend relatively small amounts from the restricted funds and only amounts that represent new recurring dollars.

The suit we must wear now is smaller. It may pinch at our sleeves and waistline. But if we shape up and exercise discipline, become fit and trim, we will show our fitness and be more prepared and more competitive.

When I ran for Governor, I promised to balance our budget without increasing the burden of taxes on hardworking Kentuckians.

I have kept my promise. I also made a second promise.

That I would manage government aggressively to increase efficiency and add value to government spending.

Efficiency and value mean doing the most with the least.

In the private sector, competition demands efficiency. But efficiency in government is achieved only through self discipline and diligent stewardship.

Even if our government was overflowing with a surplus, it would still be our duty to give the people of Kentucky the best value for every dollar they give us.

Budget cuts can be done quickly, but efficiency takes time. Time means I need the flexibility that has been given in the past.

Without this flexibility, programs will suffer unnecessarily, as our ability to manage and move resources would be restricted. With this flexibility and your oversight we can make our government more effective and efficient.

For example we are stopping the newspaper clipping service that had been used for years, saving up to \$100,000 a year. If we replaced impact printers with laser printers we could save almost \$2 million in local tax billing.

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dent the final, enacted budget would "sustain education."

Fletcher said he wanted the emphasis to be on work in the classroom, not in administration, thus the raises. His education budget had no money for regional service centers. Nor was there money for rewards to employees of schools that meet or exceed test score targets. The 2003 General Assembly had already suspended rewards.

Medicaid, the money pit of state government, would be balanced in the first year but not the second, for which the budget assumed a \$336 million shortfall.

Budget Director Brad Cowgill said it was not yet known how the money would be made up, but it was possible that fewer optional services would be covered.

Fletcher, who is a physician, has said numerous times that he is especially bothered by the state's high volume of drug prescriptions and high rates of asthma and diabetes. He said he also thinks the emphasis in Medicaid has been on getting federal matching money, not on delivering health care to the poor and disabled.

Fletcher ordered \$302 mil-

lion in spending cuts to balance the budget for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. He made further cuts to generate \$100 million to carry into fiscal 2005 as a cushion against deeper cuts later.

Fletcher said he inherited a budget with a "structural imbalance" caused by a dependence on "nonrecurring revenue" — the use of one-time money to pay for ongoing expenses. He said his proposed budget would halt that practice in the second year.

Cowgill, the budget director, said the administration intended to return to self-insurance for health coverage of state employees and teachers. Those employees would have to begin paying part of their own coverage for the first time. But they would no longer have to pay the full cost of spouse and dependent coverage. He also said employees would be given incentives to quit smoking and lose excess weight.

Among other changes, Cowgill said the administration plans to open a new prison in Elliott County under a private contractor to save money. The prison, still under construction, could conceivably be sold, he said.

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Building careers builds prosperity. That was the test which every line of this budget had to pass. We will not overlook the pillars of our great commonwealth. But the global economy is changing rapidly.

To prosper we will change with it and we will seize the opportunities of the knowledge economy. To do this, we will recognize our universities and our community colleges as essential economic engines.

They transfer technology from the laboratory to the work place. They are the incubators of human capital.

And for our colleges and universities to fulfill this role, we must invest in their training, technology transfer and research. That's why our budget makes the wise investment of expanding research space in both of our major universities.

We are building future careers by our investment in seven community and technical colleges across the state. We have invested in every regional university in our commonwealth.

This strategic investment will build careers from the purchase area to the Big Sandy and from Northern Kentucky to the Cumberland.

We are also investing in a math and science academy to keep the best and brightest minds in Kentucky. We are in tough times but it is no time for timidity.

We must make these investments now.

Our budget supports a coal bed methane initiative and the advancement of clean coal technology projects, including seed money to position Kentucky to compete for a billion dollar federal pilot plant.

As we advance our knowledge economy we will also invest in our great tourism potential.

We are making significant investments in our state parks

and investing in marketing Kentucky to foster a rebirth of tourism and convention business.

We also want our communities to be compassionate and fair and we are helping those families who live in the rumbling flight path of the Louisville International Airport.

And we recognize that no part of this state will be competitive without clean water and an adequate waste water system.

Therefore, we have included money for such projects and instructed that they be chosen based on need and economic development potential. I have provided over \$25 million dollars for economic development to support our new economy initiatives.

And we will keep our promise to the farming community that half of the tobacco settlement money will be set aside for advancing agriculture.

To accomplish this I will work with Commissioner Ritchie Farmer who cannot be here tonight while he's promoting Kentucky agriculture.

I am also doing everything we can to ensure that we preserve our outstanding military facilities. That's why my budget includes \$1.2 million for Kentucky's base realignment and closure efforts.

The average family borrows more than 30 percent of their income for their homes and cars. To do the proposed projects, we are borrowing less than past years and obligating only a responsible 6 percent of revenue for debt service.

To keep a solid low interest bond rating I encourage us not to exceed this level. And I will not support borrowing to meet our operational expenses. Delaying these strategic investments will only delay us moving Kentucky forward.

I urge you to join me in support of them.

In addition to these economic opportunity investments, I want to increase student scholarships in accordance with the statutory dedications of lottery funds.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2006, our state will dedicate 100 percent of lottery funds to education investments.

Second, our Adjutant General Storm, which by the way is a most fitting name, is passionate about recruitment and taking care of our troops, especially as they are pulled from their homes to protect our freedoms. To that end he has persuaded me.

We are providing college tuition for those brave men and women of our National Guard.

Third, I have included in the second year \$5 million toward ending the funding disparity at our regional universities—without a reduction in any university's operating funds.

Fourth, funds are provided to Kentucky State University for its land grant match with the

federal government to fund the renovation of Young and Hathaway Halls.

At long last, this brings our Commonwealth to full compliance with the partnership agreement with the Federal Office of Civil Rights.

Fifth, I want to provide our colleges and universities reasonable funding for the operation and repair of existing facilities.

I have studied closely the needs of higher education in Kentucky. I am convinced that even in tight times these five initiatives will help make Kentucky competitive.

But we'll not be competitive until all have been empowered with the critical thinking and technology skills required in the knowledge-based economy.

To impart these skills it is more essential than ever that we retain and attract outstanding teachers in our classrooms. My goal is to raise the salaries of Kentucky teachers to parity with

the average of our neighboring states.

To achieve that goal we must press forward even when times are hard and money is tight. Therefore, I will insist that we increase the salaries of Kentucky classroom teachers by 1.5 percent in the first year and 3 percent in the second year.

Classified employees should be provided compensation increases of the same percentages.

During my campaign, I spoke of the need to get more money into the classroom where the magic of learning occurs. In the months ahead, we will be suggesting ways to reduce overhead and get more resources into the classroom and to reduce the bureaucracy of the paperwork that teachers face.

An initiative that our first lady is very passionate about is reading. We believe, and the sta-

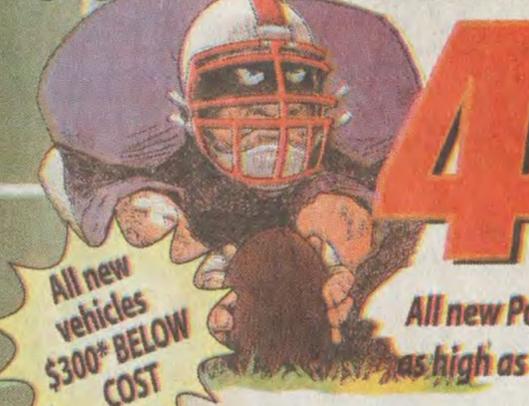
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istics prove, that children who cannot read at grade level by the third grade are far more likely to fail in every aspect of life.

I am grateful to Senators Kelly and Westwood and Speaker Richards and Representative Moberly for their leadership on our Read to Achieve initiative.

Over the course of the next two years, I have increased the funding for our "Read to Achieve" initiative by \$4 million to address the achievement gap we have in specific counties, in addition to the current funding for reading initiatives across the state.

Additionally, I have made reading a priority in directives for surplus spending. It is absolutely imperative that we move forward aggressively with this early reading initiative.

Without raising taxes we want to keep our educational gains growing.

To do that we feel it is prudent and appropriate that for one year we ask our local school districts to use their reserve funds held by law in reserve for tough times to help us reach our goal

for our teachers.

The current reserves held for such a time as this is over \$255 million or about 5 times what the entire state has in reserves. By comparison, the 1.5 percent increase in the salaries of teachers and classified personnel will result in an expense of \$36 million.

To take us to the next level it is critical that we recognize that the single most important factor in the education of a child is the quality of the teacher in the classroom.

Thus, in the most difficult fiscal year, '05, we have authorized local school districts to reduce their reserve requirements to provide for this modest increase in salaries.

For the handful of school districts for whom this would create an extraordinary problem, we have created a supplemental fund. In the second year, the state will fully fund both the 1.5 percent increase and the additional 3 percent increase.

In their evaluation of this proposal, I encourage school administrators to remember this: We have and will continue to

permit no cuts in the state's SEEK funding of public schools.

In fact, I propose to increase the basic SEEK funding in the second year. Finally, I have restored \$25 million in funding to Family Youth Services Centers.

We wish we could do even more, and we all know that tax modernization will make that possible in the future.

During this last year I committed to other goals as well: To deliver a dollar's worth of service for every dollar of taxes, to resist pressures to raise taxes, to make the government accountable to the will of the people, free of improper influences, to bring efficiency, modern management and high technology to the delivery of essential services.

We are in the process of revising how we review personal services through a system that will focus on maximizing value when services are needed through outsourcing.

Fiscal responsibility involves particularly tough choices in the field of medical care and health insurance because of the exploding costs.

The state government's cost of health care benefits for state employees and local school districts, if left unmanaged, will rise at unprecedented rates, 35 percent in the next two years.

That level far exceeds the current financial capacity of our government. A bold new plan of action is required.

That plan will enable us to empower every participant to make meaningful choices which effect their own health. A new plan with health education programs and healthy lifestyle incentives, exercise programs, obesity, smoking and disease management, and drug cost controls.

A plan with those components will create savings.

In addition, we will make available a larger selection of coverage options to move us toward a more consumer driven health care system. That means we need to include increased personal responsibility in our plans.

In the short run, we must

make the employee health care plan more similar to employee health care programs in the private marketplace.

That means there will be increased cost sharing on everyone's part.

To ensure fairness, we will provide reduced rates to employees at the lowest end of the compensation scale, and to employees who need to enroll family members in the plan.

No employer, who expects to receive the respect and loyalty of employees, should fail to show respect and loyalty to them in return.

Many people predicted that balancing the budget without raising taxes would force us to make drastic cuts in the number of state merit employees.

We have not done that.

But, instead we have given state government employees what we have done for teachers - a 1.5 percent raise in the first year and 3.0 percent raise in the second.

We have also funded the technology government employees need to do their work. And, we will continue funding the Kentucky Retirement System at its current rate.

For a competitive Kentucky we must also modernize Medicaid.

If Medicaid grows at the current rate and remains unmanaged it will provide neither quality health care nor remain sustainable for Kentucky. To begin that work, I have included money to replace our 20-year-old computer system that is written in COBOL.

Only two living souls in state government possess the ability to maintain this antiquated system. We must upgrade our technology.

The bottom line is that we must establish better care, benefit and cash management of Kentucky's Medicaid program to ensure the best care possible for our patients.

We must remember that quality care is less expensive than poor care.

The goal of this administration is to maintain and better deliver Medicaid services within the current budget. We will

ensure more education and preventive care.

One-quarter of the Medicaid budget goes toward helping Medicaid patients with diabetes and asthma - this will be eased with education and disease management.

Some patients receive over 160 prescription medications in one month under the current Medicaid system - that is simply bad medicine.

Kentucky's Medicaid patient's annual prescriptions are more than double the national average. Modernizing Medicaid will bring us in line with the national average.

Opportunity cannot exist without safe homes and communities.

I will maintain among the state police a sworn complement of officers at the current level. We will also provide funding to replace the outdated and inadequate facility in which criminal evidence is retained.

We are going to provide budgetary relief to the offices of the commonwealth's attorneys and the county attorneys.

Their work is essential to the law and order of our communities.

Sadly, our Corrections Department is confronted with increased populations creating new budgetary challenges. We have proposed funding to open the Elliott County prison to provide for additional needed prison capacity.

But we have done so under the plan of outsourcing and privatization to ensure that we can sustain its operation. This will secure jobs for the region while not taking funds from other important programs.

I have also provided funds to open and operate three new juvenile detention centers. We all know that our state has been ravaged by drugs.

Lieutenant Governor Pence, in his capacity as Secretary of Justice, has undertaken one of the state's most critical missions. We will be increasing our emphasis on treatment as an important component of a long-term solution.

We will use \$24 million in federal funds for treatment pro-

grams, and we will be leveraging our treatment efforts by reaching out to appropriate faith-based programs as partners. We will aggressively pursue federal grants, and we are confident this proactive approach will lead to greater federal support of our public safety programs.

But we have lost federal funding of our drug court program, and I propose that we appropriate, to the judicial branch, the funds needed to continue that program.

In fact, I have included in the second year of this budget at the request of Chief Justice Lambert and Senator Stivers sufficient funds to extend the drug court program to 61 new counties.

Now, before I conclude, I am aware that we have made tough decisions that will draw some criticism.

But, let me remind you that our current tax code deters economic development and does not reflect the new, knowledge-based economy. By modernizing our tax system, we will be able to generate economic growth, expand opportunity and avoid such tough times in the future.

In my life as a doctor I have presented tough choices to troubled families facing the gravest days of their lives.

As a new physician filled with fresh knowledge I remember an early encounter with a patient, I gave him all the diagnostic conclusions, the "what ifs" and my most likely diagnosis.

I recommended a course of treatment.

He replied, "That's all well and good but am I going to make it, am I going to get better?"

I had failed to give him the most comforting salve. I learned then that a patient needs more than medicine, they need hope.

Tonight I have presented to you my prescription for Kentucky's next two years.

It is more than medicine. It is hope for Kentucky's future.

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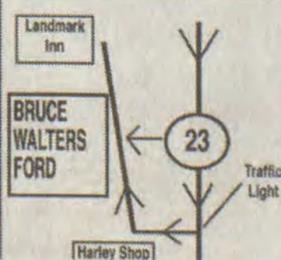
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Raiders fall short versus East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LICK CREEK – The South Floyd High boys' basketball team dropped a heartbreaker on the road Friday night in Pike County.

Robbie Spears had 17 points and 12 rebounds to lead East Ridge to a win over the visiting Raiders, one of the 15th Region's hottest teams as of late.

South Floyd's three-point shot to tie the game came right after the buzzer sounded to leave the Raiders with the loss.

Steven Stanley led South Floyd with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Burnett Little scored 17 points and yanked down 15 boards. Jack Stone scored nine points and Adam Tackett flipped in eight. Ethan Johnson scored three points and Ryan Johnson netted two.

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Lady Raiders dim Neon

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – After falling in the championship game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic, South Floyd returned to winning form Monday night, beating Fleming-Neon, 56-48. The Lady Raiders, in the win over Neon, defeated an Eastern Kentucky team that has one of the area's top records.

South Floyd, in the win, had two players get double-doubles. Tab Trammel scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Senior guard Megan Ousley scored 12 points and dished out 10 assists. Amanda Jo Johnson scored 11 points and Ashley Johnson added nine.

LaTeisha Osley paced Fleming-Neon with 13 points.

The Lady Raiders, after trailing for some of the game, outscored Fleming-Neon 18-8 in the final quarter to run out with the win.

"They saw how good they could play last week in the All "A" regional tournament," South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac, speaking about his team. "They are starting to play really hard."

UK Wildcat Danzer Camp set for Saturday

PRESTONSBURG – The UK Wildcat Danzer Dance Camp will be held Saturday, Jan. 31 at Dance Etc. Studio of Dance. Registration for the camp will get underway at 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Individuals or teams may attend. Camp cost is \$20. For more information, call Kaye Willis at 886-2552 or email inquiries to kayeanddon@charter.net.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Late run lifts Allen Central

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HINDMAN – In a span of just two weeks, John Martin's Allen Central Runnin' Rebels have started playing their best basketball of the season.

The Runnin' Rebs defeated

Prestonsburg by 23 points less than two weeks ago and followed that up with a 25-point win over Betsy Layne.

On Saturday evening, Martin and his team of Rebels traveled to Hindman to tangle with the Knott County Central Patriots.

Allen Central started slowly and trailed 10-9 after one quarter of play. The visiting Rebels went on to post a 52-47 win.

Knott County Central went with a 2-3 zone defense which caused the Rebels problems.

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photo by Jamie Howell
Senior Rossi Samons led Allen Central to a win Saturday night over host Knott County Central.

LADYCATS BLAST PIARIST



Betsy Layne Ladycats Whitney Lykens (5) and Kristal Daniels each went up for a rebound in last week's 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game against South Floyd.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Owen County wins out of 8th Region

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – As was the case in previous meetings, Betsy Layne had little trouble Monday night beating the Piarist School. The Ladycats beat the host Lady Knights with ease, winning 80-21.

Kim Clark scored 12 points, and teammates Whitney Lykens, Kristal

Daniels and Kristen Smith added 10 apiece to pace the Ladycats. The game was put out of reach in the first period.

Betsy Layne led 32-3 at the end of the first period and 44-7 at halftime. The Ladycats outscored Piarist 20-1 in the third quarter.

In the blowout win, Kaitlin Lawson and Candice Meade scored eight points apiece for Betsy Layne.

Bethany Tackett scored six points

to lead Piarist.

A game the Ladycats had scheduled for Thursday at home against Magoffin County has been moved back to this evening with a junior-varsity game scheduled for 6 p.m. and a varsity game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state tournament now looms

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Crawford picks Kentucky over Michigan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Joe Crawford has chosen to play basketball at Kentucky next season, instead of Michigan.

The Detroit Renaissance High School star is averaging nearly 23 points a game this season for the top-ranked Class B team in the state.

"I know it was the right decision, and I wanted to get it over with now," Crawford told The Detroit News for a story Tuesday. "But it was tough because I liked Michigan, and it's an up-and-coming program under Tommy Amaker. But I feel Kentucky is a better choice for me."

Crawford committed to the Wolverines last year, then decided

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H.S. BASKETBALL

David School wins first game in school history

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The David School basketball program, in its second year of operation, Monday night recorded its first victory in school history, beating a team from Prestonsburg High, 35-31 in an overtime thriller. The game featured a long-range desperation three-pointer by the David School's Brian Conn as the buzzer sounded, ending regulation play. Conn swished the three-pointer after the David School inbounded the basketball with six seconds to go. Conn released the ball from about six feet behind the three-point line after receiving the inbounds pass from Josh Nelson. Conn rushed up the court to beat the buzzer.

The game was a tough defensive struggle as the David School rallied at the end of the first quarter to cut the

(See GAME, page two)

MOTORSPORTS PROFILE: BERTHA WRIGHT

On Exhibit...

Bertha Wright and her sister Lana Chafin were invited to the 1st Annual Motorama Dec. 13 at the Huntington Civic Center by her mechanic Joe Townsend, owner of Kawasaki of Hurricane, W.Va. Her Honda CR500R was on display and she introduced people to the sport of motorcycle hillclimbing. She enjoyed talking to and

answering people's questions concerning the sport. She wants to thank her longtime idol of hillclimbing, Willard Kinzer of Kinzer Motorsports. She is looking forward to the 2004 racing season and returning for the 2nd annual Motorama later this year.

The AMA Motorcycle Nationals will be held later this

year in Cannan, New Hampshire, Aug. 21-22.

She hopes to see you all there. She especially wants to thank her dad, Ernest Burchett for her new motorcycle trailer.

Bertha Wright's motto is: Age has no price for fun. Her racing season this year is dedicated in memory of her father-in-law, Ed Wright.



The Honda motorcycle of local hillclimber Bertha Wright was on display in Huntington, W.Va.

No. 9 Kentucky 71, Notre Dame 63

by TOM COYNE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hayes and the Kentucky Wildcats on Sunday.

Ninth-ranked Kentucky repeatedly drove inside to score easy baskets, beating Notre Dame 71-63 for their 10th straight win over the Irish.

"I came out and got a couple of quick baskets to open the second half and coach started to call some high-low action for Erik (Daniels) and me. That's what we were able to do," Hayes said. "We like it a lot when teams play one-on-one coverage. We kind of get excited,

knowing that it's just you and your guy."

Hayes scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half to lead the Wildcats, who shot 53 percent for the game as they scored 44 points inside.

"We let them get too many easy baskets," said Chris Thomas, who scored 16 points for the Irish. "In the second half, they came out and ran a backdoor on us and we practiced on defending that all week. It's easy baskets like that that take the game away from you."

The game followed a familiar pattern for Kentucky as the Wildcats (13-2) built a double-digit lead, then held on to win. They led by as many as 15, but saw the Irish (9-6) use a 7-0 run to cut the lead to 66-63 when Chris Quinn made two free throws with 67 seconds left. But the Irish missed their final two shots and Kentucky scored the final five points.

Despite the familiar pattern, Kentucky coach Tubby Smith was pleased.

"We did not have extended droughts offensively or defensively," he said. "We did not have any major defensive breakdowns except not boxing out. Otherwise, we had about as complete a game as we have had in some time."

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said the Irish were simply no match for the Wildcats.

"Kentucky has talented guys who are quick-footed and good passers. There were some sequence where they just flat-out beat us physically."

Torian Jones added 16 points for the Irish, who have lost three

of their last four. All three losses were to ranked teams — a three-point loss at No. 8 Pittsburgh and an 11-point loss to No. 13 Syracuse.

"I still think that we can beat a ranked team," said Torin Francis, who had 12 rebounds for the Irish.

Notre Dame held a 30-year reunion at halftime for the 1973-74 squad that ended UCLA's

NCAA record win streak at 88 games, and former coach Digger Phelps exhorted the crowd at halftime with the Irish trailing 39-29. But the Irish couldn't pull off another big upset.

Notre Dame cut the lead to 47-40 on Jones' rebound basket 4 minutes into the second half. But Hayes quickly answered with four points. The Irish made one last

run, but Jordan Cornette missed a shot inside and Thomas badly missed a 17-foot jumper. The Wildcats went 3-of-4 from the line and Kelenna Azubuike, who had 14 points, scored on a dunk with 3 seconds left.

"We did the things we had to do to get the win," Smith said. "We played with a lot of energy and we played together."

Region

for Betsy Layne. The opponent for Betsy Layne is 8th Region Champion Owen County. Owen County will enter next week's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic following a 48-38 overtime win last week over host Walton-Verona in the 8th Region All "A" Classic.

Other area games from Monday night

Lawrence County 49, Rowan County 47: A surging Lawrence County High girls' basketball team continues to play well against 16th Region foes.

Guard Bree Frazier scored 24 points for host Lawrence County, including a halfcourt buzzer-beater at the end of the third quarter that gave Lawrence the lead.

The Lady Bulldogs battled back from a nine-point halftime deficit.

Amber Jude added 13 points for Lawrence County (7-8).

Susan Rice and Melanie Cornett scored 10 points apiece for Rowan County.

Johnson Central 60, Paintsville 54: Johnson Central placed three players in double figures in a six-point win over crosstown rival Paintsville. Johnson Central started the game by leading 12-9 at the end of the first period.

The Lady Eagles (3-12) outscored Paintsville 19-5 in the second period to go into the half with a 31-14 lead.

Katie Lemaster paced Johnson Central with 15 points. Alice Daniel scored 12 and Jayme Dials added 10.

Ashley Hall led Paintsville with 15 points. Savannah Moore and Whitney Reynolds netted 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Over

he wanted to look at other options.

The 6-foot-6 guard can sign a letter of intent to attend Kentucky on April 14.

Crawford, who is ranked among the Top 20 players by some recruiting analysts, was on The Associated Press Class B All-State team last year.

Rondo chooses UK

Kentucky picked up a verbal commitment from Oak Hill Academy guard Rajon Rondo over the weekend.

Rondo played three years at Louisville Eastern before transferring to Oak Hill Academy in Virginia this season. The point

guard is averaging 20.4 points and 10.2 assists per game for the nation's top-ranked team.

He had also been considering Louisville, Georgia, Illinois, Arkansas and Florida. However, UK coach Tubby Smith increased his recruitment of Rondo earlier this month and that was enough to convince him to commit to the Wildcats over the weekend.

Rondo was ranked among the nation's top 100 prep players by most recruiting analysts going into the season. However, his play this season now has him being ranked much higher and his current coach, Steve Smith, recently said Rondo was much better than even he expected.

Former UK players Ron Mercer and Jules Camara both played at Oak Hill. Current point guard Cliff Hawkins also played at Oak Hill.

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McDowell Daredevils enjoy successful week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

McDOWELL — The McDowell C-Team recently had a very productive week with three wins. The Daredevils defeated Wesley Christian, 49-14; Mountain Christian Academy, 47-44; and Osborne Elementary, Friday night, 53-44.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, the Daredevils defeated Wesley Christian 49-14. The Daredevils were led in scoring by Brandon Marson with 13 points, Zack Howell added 11 points.

Shannon Turner had eight points and Cory Paige scored six. Other McDowell scorers were Steven Johnson (2), McKay Tackett (2), Dylan Conn (2), Wesley Light (2), and Austin Cook (2). On Wednesday, Jan. 21, McDowell entertained Mountain Christian Academy

and came away with an exciting 47-44 victory.

Marson led the Daredevils with a game-high scoring effort of 20 points. Turner followed with 13 points. Wesley Light contributed eight points and Steven Johnson added four. Zack Howell chipped in two.

MCA was led in scoring by Michael Burchett with 25 points. Tyler Hall added 12.

On Friday night, the Daredevils defeated the Osborne Eagles, 53-44. Once again, Marson and Turner led the

McDowell attack by scoring 24 and 15 points, respectively.

Johnson and Light contributed seven points each.

Osborne was led in scoring by Tommy Hall with 24 points. Andrew Vance scored 10 points. Doug Mathews followed with six points.

In the D-Team game Friday night, McDowell defeated Osborne, 31-5. Marson and Logan Burke led the Daredevils with 10 points each. Howell scored six and Cartney Conn added five.

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Brian Meade scored on a free throw. Wes Hall had five steals for the Raiders.

Paul Deese scored 13 points for East Ridge and Aaron Branham added 11. Brandon Ratliff finished with eight points.

Here's a look at some of the other high school basketball from over the weekend.

Sheldon Clark 54, Pike County Central 47: Sheldon Clark led at the end of every quarter in its well-deserved, welcomed win over the Hawks, a perennial 15th Region foe.

Brandon May pumped in 19 points and Asher Maynard chipped in 12 for the Cardinals. Jason Hammond, a junior who transferred to Sheldon Clark from Paintsville, chipped in nine points.

Brad Lowe had 11 points for Pike Central. Anthony Gibson added 10 for the Hawks.

Paintsville 63, Magoffin County 40: The troubles con-

tinued Friday night for the Magoffin County High boys' basketball program. The Hornets trailed 57th District foe Paintsville 25-14 at the end of the first period and were never the same. Magoffin County went on to be outscored in the three periods that followed the initial quarter.

Paintsville, which starts a very young lineup, got a game-high 13 points from Floyd County product Kevin Williams. Freshman point guard Daniel Pugh and eighth-grader J.D. VanHoose each scored 12 points. Blake Bundy, another eighth-grader, added 11. Another Tiger, Aaron Penix, scored four points.

Blake Jenkins led Magoffin County with 10 points. Freshman Eric Arnett flipped in eight for the Hornets.

The win was Paintsville's third of the season. All three wins have come against 57th

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H.S. BASKETBALL

State basketball tournament tickets available

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Tickets for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling 859/299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

At this time, only full tourna-

ment books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Ticket sales will continue through the KHSAA until Feb. 26. After that time, tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

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Prestonsburg lead to 9-5. The David School rally was fueled by Paul Mullins' bucket and a three-pointer by freshman Joe Tiller, who scored his first points of the season. The overtime victory came as the David School's pressure zone defense limited Prestonsburg to just four points. Nelson, Adam Meade, and Nathan Ousley scored key baskets down the stretch for the winning team. In the historic victory, Conn and Meade led the David School with 12 points each.

The dramatic and historic victory came on the same floor in which Prestonsburg had previously beaten the David School 76-43 in an early-December clash. The David School team had been winless in its previous 24 contests.

Following the game, David School Coach Ned Pillersdorf observed that he doubted there was a happier and prouder team in the Commonwealth as his team ended a two-year losing streak. The David School does not have a home gym and plays its games on the road. Many of the players are getting their first taste of organized basketball. The team practices in the old Maytown High School gym.

Following the game, David School center Jason Whitaker noted that the team prides itself in gaining character through winning and losing as a team. "We certainly have had enough experience by gaining character by losing games, so tonight's win was especially gratifying not just for our team, but for the entire school."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

19th-ranked Bears streak at lucky 13

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The longest win streak in Pikeville College history reached 13 games on Sunday afternoon with a 79-63 decision over Knoxville College.

Pikeville (20-2), is ranked 19th nationally and awaits the beginning of Mid-South Conference play on Thursday.

The Bears figure to start league play with a bang — they host unbeaten Lindsey Wilson College, which figures to be the new No. 1 team in the country when the poll is released Tuesday afternoon.

Sophomore guard Emanuel Tekie took advantage of the first start of his collegiate career, firing in five three-point baskets in seven tries to account for all 15 of his points. Senior center Teon Knox, who was 11-of-12 from the line, matched him with 15 and paced the Bears with eight rebounds.

Junior guard Daniel Price followed up with 14 markers and seven caroms as Pikeville won the rebounding battle 43-34.

The Bears shot only 40.7 per-

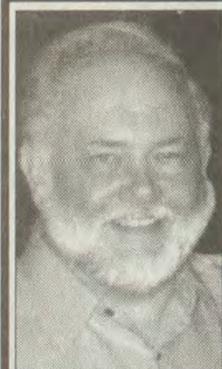
cent for the game, but heated up in the second half. They hit 11-of-23 (47.8 percent) after recess.

Knoxville (5-15), meanwhile, hit only 39.3 percent for the game. The Bulldogs got 29 points from sharp-shooter Tony Scruggs, who hit 4-of-10 from the arc. In three games in the Pikeville College Gym this season (the Bulldogs played in the Thanksgiving Classic in November), he hit 40 percent from the arc and scored 77 points.

Al Christie hit for 15 points before fouling out, and Jeffery Rice came off the bench for 11 points and tied Daouda Cisse with a team-high seven rebounds.

The Bears got five assists and nine points from Jarell Jones, while Tekie contributed six rebounds and four assists to go with his markers.

Senior forward Joey Mirus chipped in with nine points thanks to 4-of-5 shooting for the game and added five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Knox, who tied for team high in scoring despite hitting only 2-of-12 from the floor, blocked three shots.



SPORTS BENCH-SITTING CAN BE HARMFUL

In most sports, second-string players sit on the bench during much of the game. Such long periods of sitting and hunching over can cause low back pain by shifting the spinal ligaments and discs, and reducing vertebrae stability.

Nine male volleyball players were measured for lower back stiffness before warmup, after a 30-minute warm-up period, and again after 30 minutes of bench rest following the warm-up. Stiffness was measured for forward, side, and backward bends and twisting. On average, bench rest following warm-ups led to increased lower back stiffness, as well as side and backward bending.

Thus, the common practice of sitting second-string athletes on the bench after warm-up exercises for prolonged periods, and then later sending them into the game, may increase the likelihood of spinal stiffness and back injury. Players should always continue moving to keep their muscles warm prior to play. Your Doctor of Chiropractic can provide you with more tips on preventing back problems.

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Pitino begins medical leave with optimism

by CHRIS DUNCAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Rick Pitino is approaching his latest round of adversity with optimism.

The 51-year-old Louisville coach announced Monday he is taking an indefinite leave of absence to treat an undetermined medical condition that's caused him severe pain for months.

"I'm a very positive person," he said. "We're going to hope for the best in every situation."

Pitino will begin treatment at the Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday. He didn't know how many games he'd miss, but hoped to return before the end of the season.

Pitino said the pain was "urological related" and that doctors have ruled out prostate cancer.

"Most men my age have these types of problems. We'll get through this in a positive

way," he said. "We'll come back and hopefully have a good run in the tournament."



Rick Pitino

Pitino first noticed the pain in his left side during a golf outing late last summer. Doctors at Louisville's Jewish Hospital first treated it as a muscle tear, but when it didn't heal, they began looking for another cause.

"It's gotten to the point where it's gotten a little too painful to lead the type of coaching lifestyle I lead," Pitino said. "We'll take it from there."

This season had already been emotionally draining for Pitino. He's dealt with the deaths of a former player, his mother's caretaker and his former nanny's 3-month-old daughter. In December, sophomore forward Francisco Garcia's brother was shot and killed in the Bronx and senior forward Ellis Myles' father died in California. Myles is redshirting this season.

In 2001, Pitino lost two brothers-in-law — one in a car accident and another in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

"All of us have been through a lot and they know how to react positively," Pitino said of his team.

Pitino's announcement came the same day the Cardinals (15-1) reached No. 4 in the Associated Press Top 25, their highest ranking of the season. Louisville had won 15 consecutive games heading into Wednesday's home game with

Houston.

The Cardinals defeated Tennessee 65-62 in Knoxville on Sunday night. Pitino said when he returned home early Monday morning, the discomfort was unbearable.

"I have been in excruciating pain the last three or four games," Pitino said. "It's getting worse day by day."

Kevin Willard, Pitino's top assistant, will coach the team in Pitino's absence. Willard was arrested Jan. 18 and pleaded guilty two days later to driving under the influence of alcohol.

Pitino said he disciplined Willard internally after his arrest. He had no reservations about turning the team over to Willard, who also worked as Pitino's assistant with the Boston Celtics.

"My confidence level in him is off the charts," Pitino said.

Pitino met with his players before practice Monday to discuss the situation.

He joked that he would run practices through a speaker phone during his absence.

"They all realize that if I have to miss some time, I'll

have the tape and I'll get back to them," he quipped.

Pitino wasn't the only key member of the team expected to miss Wednesday's game. He said Garcia, the team's leading scorer, was "doubtful" with an injured ankle, and sophomore Taquan Dean, the team's top 3-point shooter, will sit out with a groin injury.

"It's up to our players, the rest of them, to rise to the occasion," Pitino said.

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Football MVPs earn \$4,000 for school academic funds from CNB

PAINTSVILLE — Now that the Big Sandy region high school football season is finished, Citizens National Bank management and employees ask local sports fans to join them in congratulating the outstanding football players who have been selected as CNB Most Valuable Players (MVPs) for the 2003 high school football season.

During the season, a total of 55 MVP awards were announced. At the end of the regular schedule, based on their performances throughout the season, four All County MVPs and one All Big Sandy MVP were selected. CNB and its radio station partners WSP, WQHY, WKLW and WRLV are pleased to announce the following players were named CNB All County MVPs:

■ Floyd County - Nick

Jamerson (Prestonsburg High School)

■ Johnson County - Shane Simpkins (Paintsville High School)

■ Magoffin County - Jacob Allen (Magoffin County High School)

■ Pike County - Doug Howard (Belfry High School) CNB and the four radio stations especially want to congratulate the 2003 All Big Sandy MVP:

■ Magoffin County - Jacob Allen (Magoffin County High School) In the name of every 2003 Football MVPs, Citizens National Bank donated more than \$4,000 to the general education scholarship fund at high schools in each county where CNB has branches. This is the second year CNB has sponsored its MVP program. It recognizes local football and basketball athletes by donating money to general education scholarship funds for outstanding athletic performances.

"The education of the children is very important to us at Citizens

National Bank. That is why we want to play a key role in molding the characters of future generations in our communities. It is our commitment to help the children in our community to become successful, educated and responsible adults," said CNB President and CEO Dennis T. Dorton.

"Contributing to general education scholarship funds in the name of outstanding athletes is just one more way CNB can help our youth also become outstanding adults."

Now that the high school football season is over and the basketball season is underway, for the second year, CNB and its radio station partners have already begun recognizing outstanding basketball players as CNB MVPs of the 2003/2004 basketball season. To listen to the games and find out who will be the next selected CNB MVPs, listeners can tune in to the following stations:

■ WQHY 95.5 FM in Prestonsburg

■ WKLW 94.7 FM in Paintsville

■ WSP 98.9 FM in Paintsville

■ WRLV 106.5 FM in Salyersville

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 5 Louisville 65, Tennessee 62

by ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Louisville needed a spark, and got it from the full-court press.

Francisco Garcia scored 24 points Sunday night and the fifth-ranked Cardinals rallied in the second half for their 15th straight victory, 65-62 over Tennessee.

Louisville (15-1) regained the lead for the first time since the opening minutes and took control with a 12-0 run midway through the second half.

"They outplayed us most of the game, but the flurry we had with our press was the key to the game. It allowed us to maintain the lead down the stretch," coach Rick Pitino said.

For the third straight meeting with Louisville, the Volunteers (10-5) kept the game close only to eventually fall short. Tennessee blew an 11-point lead last year and lost on a last-second shot the year before.

"We've danced to this song before," Pitino said.

Trailing by seven points, the Cardinals went on their deciding run and led 48-43 with 8:28 left.

Garcia scored six points in the spurt, and Louisville's press got the Vols off track. Otis George had a slam off a

turnover, and Garcia's steal and basket finished the run and silenced the crowd.

Garcia appeared to hurt his left ankle and had to be carried off the court with 1:28 left, but he came back into the game limping.

Tennessee, which could only get as close as two points after

(See TENN., page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Shelby Valley tags Pikeville

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PIKEVILLE — It takes four quarters to complete a high school basketball game. Pikeville outplayed Shelby Valley in quarters last week, but could not outdo the visiting Wildcats in the final two frames. Rodney Rowe and the Shelby

Valley Wildcats have been the favorite in the 15th Region since the pre-season. Shelby Valley took an 11-3 record into Pikeville on Friday evening. The Wildcats, despite a slow start, roared back to beat Pikeville by 20 points, 72-52.

Shelby Valley struggled early and fell behind 12-9 after one quarter of play and it looked as if the Wildcats just would not put it together on this night. Jesse Parrish kept Pikeville in front early as the junior tossed in 14 points and pulled down 8 rebounds on the night.

The Panthers led 28-27 at the half behind the play of Parrish and Robert Shurtleff.

But the second half was a different story.

Shelby Valley came out in the third quarter and outscored Pikeville to the tune of a 31-5 run to blow the game open.

Seth Kiser led the way for Shelby Valley with a game-high 33 points.

Kiser scored the last five points of the first half and the first seven points of the second half to jump-start the Wildcat offense.

Shelby Valley led 52-32 after three quarters of play and never looked back.

Patrick Tackett controlled the paint for the Wildcats and finished with 10 rebounds and 19 points. Kelsey Friend and Kris Bentley each tossed in six points for the winners. Jesse Parrish and Robert Shurtleff led Pikeville with 14 points each and Jordan Mullins added 10.

Chad Walls totaled eight points in the losing effort and Tim Champlin rounded out the scoring for Pikeville with six points.

Shelby Valley improved to 12-3 with the win and Pikeville fell to 6-10 on the year.

Shelby Valley and Pikeville will both participate in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Allen Central beginning tonight with the first round.



Simpkins



Jamerson

Knights replace Royals at top

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — A win over defending State Champion Mason County has the Lexington Catholic boys' basketball team at the top of this week's Associated Press high school basketball poll. Mason County has slipped in second and is followed in the top-five by Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park, Louisville Seneca and Wayne County.

Louisville Sacred Heart remains the top girls team in the state. The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

BOYS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lex. Catholic	(11)	14-3	135	2
2. Mason Co.	(3)	16-2	128	1
3. Lou. Pleasure Ridge Park	-	13-5	86	4
4. Lou. Seneca	-	18-3	81	5
5. Wayne Co.	-	15-2	73	6
6. Lou. Fern Creek	-	16-4	56	3
7. Clay Co.	-	16-1	39	7
8. Daviess Co.	-	17-3	34	7
9. Scott Co.	-	13-3	31	9
10. Warren Central	-	10-7	17	10

Others receiving votes: Lou. DeSales 13, Owensboro Catholic 13, Apollo 11, Henderson Co. 9, Cov. Catholic 7, Elizabethtown 7, Barbourville 5, Boyd Co. 5, Caverna 4, Lou. Ballard 3, Lou. Jeffersontown 3, Taylor Co. 3, Ashland Blazer 2, Lex. Lafayette 2, Hopkinsville 1, Morgan Co. 1.

GIRLS				
Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(14)	16-1	140	1
2. Henderson Co.	-	16-3	103	4
3. Rockcastle Co.	-	17-2	89	3
4. Christian Co.	-	16-2	80	2
5. Lex. Catholic	-	12-6	76	5
6. Jackson Co.	-	14-2	67	7
7. Lou. Mercy	-	12-5	40	5
8. East Carter	-	17-2	36	8
9. Scott Co.	-	13-2	26	-
(tie)10. Elizabethtown	-	15-3	17	-
10. Newport Central Catholic	-	13-4	17	9

Others receiving votes: Central Hardin 11, Ohio Co. 11, Boone Co. 6, Cov. Holy Cross 6, Daviess Co. 6, Lou. Christian Academy 6, Meade Co. 6, Ashland Blazer 5, Lou. Butler 5, Franklin-Simpson 4, Boyd Co. 3, Russell 3, Mercer Co. 2, Woodford Co. 2, Barren Co. 1, Lex. Henry Clay 1, Lou. Presentation 1.

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Girls' Basketball

1. Sacred Heart
2. Lexington Catholic
3. Rockcastle County
4. Henderson County
5. Christian County
6. Scott Co
7. Mercy
8. Jackson County
9. East Carter
10. Mercer County
11. Newport Central Catholic
12. Elizabethtown
13. Assumption
14. Perry County Central
15. Butler
16. Christian Academy- Louisville
17. South Laurel
18. Boone County
19. Woodford County
20. Henry Clay

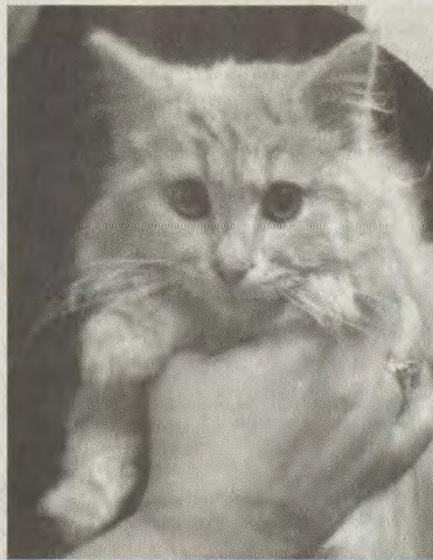
Boys' Basketball

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Mason County
3. Seneca
4. Scott County
5. Warren Central
6. Fern Creek
7. Wayne County
8. DeSales
9. Covington Catholic
10. Pleasure Ridge Park
11. Boone County
12. Owensboro Catholic
13. Jeffersontown
14. Apollo
15. Elizabethtown
16. Hopkinsville
17. Daviess County
18. Henderson County
19. Clay County
20. Newport Central Catholic

Pet Adoption Corner

Whether you're looking for a playful puppy or an indoor cat, the Floyd County Animal Shelter is sure to have just the pet for you! If any of the animals pictured here catch your eye, please drop by the shelter to meet them, and if they've already been adopted, to meet their friends!

This week's featured pets are two longhaired cats, a tan six-month old male above, and below an eleven-month old male Maine Coon.



The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in west Prestonsburg. The shelter is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday and 10:00 to 3:00 Saturdays, and can be reached by phone at (606) 886-3189.

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"We fight for the underdog!"

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Myles Minix completed a successful race season with a second-place finish.



Minix brings home second place in Mega Series Motocross

PRESTONSBURG — Myles Minix recently completed the 2003 Mega Series Motocross season, and for his efforts, earned a second-place overall standing in the national series.

The series held events in Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

Minix competed with over 200 riders and finished the year ranked No. 2 overall.

Brandon Crump led the Vols with 16 points, while C.J. Watson added 15 and Jemere Hendrix grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds.

— Jamie Howell

Tenn.

Louisville's big run, had one last gasp in the final seconds.

The Vols cut an eight-point lead to 62-59 on Justin Albrecht's 3-pointer with 13 seconds left.

Tennessee appeared to get a break when Garcia looked as if he slipped out of bounds, but the Vols were called for a foul and he made the last of two free throws to seal it and hand Tennessee its third straight loss.

Tennessee coach Buzz Peterson said he thought the call was wrong but admitted officiating wasn't the Vols' downfall.

“As far as what happened late in the game, we wouldn't have had to worry about it if we'd taken care of business earlier,” Peterson said.

Luke Whitehead finished with 13 points for Louisville, which had 16 turnovers and shot 39 percent from the field.

Brandon Crump led the Vols with 16 points, while C.J. Watson added 15 and Jemere Hendrix grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds.

McFadgon, Tennessee's leading scorer, finished with 10 points but was 3-of-15 from the field, including 1-of-8 from

beyond the arc.

“We were trying everything possible to stop him,” Pitino said of McFadgon.

The Vols looked headed for an upset after it staved off a Louisville rally earlier in the second half.

The Cardinals cut Tennessee's lead to 37-36 on

George's dunk with 14:00 left, but Louisville turned the ball over on consecutive possessions to set off the Vols' 6-0 run.

Tennessee's John Winchester picked off Whitehead's pass and slammed it at the other end. Then Watson got a steal for the Vols 5 seconds later, and passed it ahead to Stanley Asumnu for

another dunk.

Crump finished the run with a basket to make it 43-36 with 11:52 remaining.

The Cardinals trailed by as many as seven points in the first half and trailed for only the third time this season at halftime.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bush says he's staying with Cardinals

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Brian Brohm's decision to play for Louisville won't chase off all-purpose running back Michael Bush.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Bush released a statement on Monday saying he wants to continue his career with the

Cardinals.

“When I signed my letter of intent last year, my goal was to play football and graduate as a Louisville Cardinal,” said Bush, the state's 2002 Mr. Football. “Nothing has happened to change my goals.”

Bush has said since he arrived at Louisville that he wanted to play quarterback. He

mostly saw action at running back last season, rushing for 470 yards and six touchdowns. He also caught 17 passes for 240 yards and a touchdown.

Last week's announcement by Brohm, the 2003 Mr. Football and one of the nation's most highly touted high school quarterbacks, fueled speculation that Bush would transfer to a school where he could start at quarterback.

Bush quelled the rumors Monday, pointing to Louisville's move to the Big East as a major reason he was staying.

“The future of the program is bright, and I want to be a part of it,” Bush said. “We have all the pieces in place to compete with the best teams in college. I look forward to competing for conference championships and some day competing for a national title.”

Bush played quarterback for Louisville Male High School, throwing for 3,379 yards and 40 touchdowns. Bush and Male lost to Brohm's Trinity squad 59-56 in the 2002 Class 4-A state championship.

Bush said he and his family would not comment further on the rumors.

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Pitino

Two years ago, Pitino spent a night in a hospital undergoing tests for an undisclosed illness. He said at the time tests revealed nothing seriously wrong, and he was quickly back on the sidelines.

Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, Pitino's assistant at Kentucky from 1989-91, called Pitino “a special person” during his weekly radio show Monday night.

“Our thoughts go out to Rick. We hope and pray that it's nothing that can't be resolved,” Smith said.

Pitino, who won a national championship with Kentucky in 1996 and led Providence to the Final Four in 1987, is

among the top 10 active college coaches in winning percentage.

He arrived in Louisville in March 2001 after 3 1/2 disappointing seasons in the NBA with the Celtics. He succeeded retired Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum at Louisville.

Two other prominent coaches took leaves of absence during the regular season in recent years for medical reasons.

Syracuse's Jim Boeheim missed three games in December 2001 after having surgery for an enlarged prostate. Connecticut's Jim Calhoun was out for 16 days last February after having prostate cancer surgery.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Belfry avenges loss, beats Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BELFRY — On Friday night, the Belfry Pirates appeared to be a much improved basketball team.

Early on in the current season, Belfry traveled to Prestonsburg to take on the host Blackcats and came away on the losing end of a lopsided final score.

On Friday evening, the same two teams took to the hardwood at Belfry with a much different outcome.

Belfry was playing without senior guard Paul Howard, who left the team. On Friday, the Pirates rode the hot hand of Zane Smith to a 61-47 blowout of the visiting Blackcats.

The two teams exchanged baskets in the first quarter and the score would be even at 12-12 after one quarter of play.

Senior forward Nicholas Jamerson led the Blackcat attack with 14 points on the night. Jesse Chaffin was the only other Blackcat to hit double figures as he finished with 12 points.

Prestonsburg took momentum into the half as it outscored Belfry 15-11 in the second quarter to take a 27-23 lead at the break. Belfry turned the tide of the game in the third quarter

behind the play of Smith and Doug Howard.

Belfry owned the boards in the second half as the Pirates got second and third chance shots after offensive rebounds from Smith and Howard. Prestonsburg junior guard Trevor Compton tossed in nine points and dished out five assists in the loss. Belfry went on a 20-8 run in the third quarter to turn a four-point deficit into a 43-35 lead after three quarters of play.

Sean Leslie contributed five points for Prestonsburg and Joe

Blackburn finished with three.

Prestonsburg attempted to get back in the game early in the fourth quarter, but Belfry would close out the game on an 18-12 run to come away with the win.

John Mark Stephens and Michael Stephens rounded out the Blackcat scoring with two points each. Smith led the Belfry attack with a game-high 20 points. Doug Howard added nine for the Pirates. David Jones tossed in six points for the Belfry and Paul Maynard contributed 12.



Prestonsburg senior Nicholas Jamerson went up for a layin.

photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg junior center John Mark Stephens (55), awaiting a rebound, blocked out against Belfry.



Extra Super Bowl week can be critical for a lot of reasons

by TIM DAHLBERG ASSOCIATED PRESS

One week or two?

The NFL returns to its usual two-week break between league championship games and the Super Bowl this year, giving America a weekend in between to catch up on the Winter X Games.

And, while the anecdotal evidence suggests a better game usually comes out of the shorter break, it turns out there are plenty of good reasons to play the game in February for only the second time in 38 years.

Among them, it:

— gives Bill Belichick time to develop game plans for next season's opener, too.

— Allows Houston extra time to plant 20,000 trees to beautify the city. Unfortunately, one extra week isn't enough time for the seedlings to grow big enough to obliterate the chemical plants, oil refineries, strip malls and topless clubs that litter Houston.

— gives He Hate Me time to update his marketing portfolio.

— allows drug companies an extra week to gear up for their own big game, the erectile-dysfunction bowl. Operating under the theory that advertisers know their audience, two companies that make medications to improve male sexual function will be advertising during the Super Bowl, while a third is thinking about it.

— gives party girl Paris Hilton time to get to Wal Mart.

buy a map and find out where Houston actually is.

■ gives CBS seven more days to make sure no one actually sees Houston on television.

■ makes people realize just how dull Belichick and John Fox really are.

■ allows Tom Brady time to show off his Young Republican credentials at the State of the Union speech as a guest of Laura Bush. New England fans are hoping Brady has been studying Carolina's defensive schemes as much as President

Bush's tax cuts.

■ gives halftime acts Janet Jackson, P. Diddy, Nelly and Kid Rock longer to get lip synching together.

■ gives Houstonians time to practice their smiles. With an estimated 120,000 Super Bowl visitors on the way, Mayor Bill White unveiled a new slogan for the city: “Put your smile on. Company's coming!”

■ allows that company

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Defensive struggle doesn't mean an ugly Super Bowl

by BOB BAUM ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Two teams built on dominating defense not awesome offense, rosters bereft of big names, coaches with a public persona as dry as the Texas sand.

On the surface, the Carolina Panthers against New England Patriots seems a super bore of a Super Bowl.

But, as any NFL linebacker will tell you, a bone-jarring defensive struggle has a certain beauty of its own.

“I don't think it's going to be boring, I think it's going to be a damn good game,” New England linebacker Ted Johnson said. “It's two teams that have very strong wills, have a lot of confidence in what they do. It's going to be a war of wills, and I think that makes for a pretty exciting game.”

The Panthers' defense is simple power, featuring a front four that applies severe pressure without the help of a blitz, backed by solid linebackers and an ever-improving secondary.

The Patriots are more complicated, adjusting under coach Bill Belichick's tutelage to take advantage of the perceived weakness of an offense.

“At the end of the day, I think we both play well,” Carolina coach John Fox said, “not just against yards, but in allowing points. They are two different styles, but the end results are the same.”

The Panthers blend their strong defense with a ball-control offense, featuring the running of Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster. It's no “Greatest Show on Turf,” but it works.

“We know our defense is going to take care of their job, and hopefully we'll do what we've done all year long,” Carolina guard Kevin Donnalley said, “keep it close and find a way to win in the end.”

Seven of the Panthers' 14 victories were by three points or less. Four of their wins were in overtime. They were seven-point underdogs against New England, but they were supposed to lose in the second round in St. Louis, and in the NFC championship game in Philadelphia, too.

Maybe most NFL fans would rather see the Rams,

Patriots, Panthers mind their own business upon arrival

by EDDIE PELLIS ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — With his crisply knotted blue power tie and sharply tailored blue blazer, Ty Law could've been mistaken for a CEO.

But no, he's just a CB — a cornerback on a business trip.

Law's New England Patriots and the surprising Carolina Panthers began the biggest business trip of the season Sunday when they arrived in Houston to start the weeklong countdown to the Super Bowl.

“We're here to do a job,” Law explained. “We can go hang with the ‘in’ crowd when we're done playing.”

For the better part of the last three decades, the NFL's title game has been as much about the hoopla leading to kickoff as the game itself. The goal for the players and coaches has been figuring out how to handle the distractions and still be ready for the game.

Different coaches have handled things in different ways. Chuck Noll won four titles by rarely setting curfews and actually encouraging the

Still, there are perks to making a Super Bowl. Near the top of the list for these teams was a respite from the weather.

The Patriots arrived in Texas about an hour behind schedule — “How late are we? A minute? Five minutes?” Belichick said — but not before saying goodbye to about a month straight of cold, nasty

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Versus

District foes.
Boyd County 58, Lawrence County 50: Greg Fugate scored 17 points and J.K. Roberts pushed in 12 to lead Boyd County past Lawrence County in a solid 16th Region hardwood battle.

Thomas Lewis, Brandon Parsons and Jason Spradlin each had 10 points apiece for Lawrence County.

Phelps 79, Riverside Christian 35: The Hornets outscored Riverside Christian 29-6 in the second period en route to the win. Phelps took

the third period 19-9 and the final frame 21-7.

Melvin McCoy tossed in a game-high 31 points to lead the Hornets.

GIRLS'

Pike Central 79, Sheldon Clark 52: Mishay Weddington made the most of Thursday night basketball. She scored a career-high 26 points to lead the Pike Central Lady Hawks to a sound win over Sheldon Clark. Kim Coleman flipped in 14 points and Haley Ratliff added 12 points in the win. Coleman also had nine rebounds.

Pikeville 62, Lewis County 31: The host Pikeville Lady Panthers doubled up visiting Lewis County and in the process made it look quite easy. Pikeville led Lewis County 21-4 at the end of the first quarter and it was all downhill for the visiting Lady

Lions after that.

Shawna Howard led Pikeville with a game-high 15 points. Emily Colvin scored 10 for the Lady Panthers. Amanda Hartsock scored nine and Samantha Howard had eight. Evin Shockey had seven points and nine rebounds; Anne Sydney Francisco chipped in six points, Lawren McCoy got five points and Sarah Beth Dye had two points, three assists and two steals.

Jana Hughes led Lewis County with 11 points.

Owsley County 49, June Buchanan 39: Austin McIntosh scored a game-high 17 points to propel the Lady Owls to both the win and the championship game of the 14th Region All "A" Classic. In what was a very close game in the first half, Owsley County led June Buchanan 13-9 at halftime. The Lady Owls took

the third quarter, outscoring the June Buchanan girls 18-6.

Paintsville 65, Lawrence County 62: Ashley Hall scored 19 points and Kendra Carroll flipped in 14 to lead the Lady Tigers, a unit from the 15th Region, to a win over Lawrence County, a squad out of the 16th Region. Carroll, a player who transferred from Lawrence County to Paintsville, showed much promise in the triumph. Amber Jude led Lawrence County with 20 points. Bree Frazier added 14 for the Lawrence County girls.

Lady Eagles edge Brevard

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - After trailing by four points (34-29) at the half, Saturday Alice Lloyd battled back to beat Brevard, 67-65. The Lady Eagles (7-16) were led in scoring by Delores Jenkins. A senior, Jenkins tossed in 21 points and pulled

down a game-high 10 rebounds. Alice Lloyd won the rebounding battle, 32-28, despite managing just three offensive boards.

Belicia Mullins scored 14 points for Alice Lloyd and Erica Webb tossed in 10. Devon Reynolds and Bertha Sebastian each had six. Jessica Justice and Kristina Thompson had five points each to round out the Lady Eagle scoring.

Alice Lloyd made eight three-pointers. The Lady Eagles won despite committing 31 turnovers.

Ayana McWilliams paced Brevard with a game-high 25 points.

Men's game: Brevard 70, Alice Lloyd 50: Alice Lloyd dropped to 3-18 following the loss to Brevard. The Eagles led 28-27 at halftime before quickly falling behind in the second half.

Three different Brevard players scored in double figures.

Ryan Shannon led Alice Lloyd with 14 points. Shannon Akers added 13. Matt Spencer chipped in eight and Jeremy Daniels had five. Jimmy Stumbo and Jason Knott scored four points apiece.

WYMT Sports Overtime Mountain Top 10

Girls'

1. Perry County Central
2. Rockcastle County
3. Whitesburg
4. Jackson County
5. South Laurel
6. Betsy Layne
7. Pulaski County
8. North Laurel
9. Pike County Central
10. Leslie County

Boys'

1. Clay County
2. North Laurel
3. Breathitt County
4. Hazard
5. Perry County Central
6. Shelby Valley
7. Barbourville
8. South Laurel
9. East Ridge
10. Pulaski County

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Senior Graham dismissed from Morehead State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOREHEAD — Senior forward Josh Graham has been dismissed from the Morehead State basketball team, coach Kyle Macy announced Tuesday.

A statement from the school said Graham was dismissed for

unspecified "conduct detrimental to the team."

A native of Flemingsburg, Graham played three seasons at Virginia Commonwealth before transferring to Morehead State. He had played in 16 games and was averaging 3.7 points and 4.4 rebounds.

Extra

plenty of time to party — and gives the average fan another week to think about how he'll never be able to afford to see the game in person.

■ makes players grumble under their breath that the loser's share is a mere \$36,500 — hardly enough to buy a good used Cadillac Escalade. Each member of the winning team gets \$68,000, but you do the math on this one. Start with 70,000 tickets times \$500, which equals a cool \$35 million live gate alone for the NFL.

■ allows additional time to update outfits for the Lingerie Bowl.

■ delays the opening of Arena Football for another week.

■ makes football fans forget what the salary cap has done to the NFL, turning it into a parity-driven league where teams can't afford more than one superstar and dynasties are a thing of the past.

■ forces reclusive Carolina owner Jerry Richardson to come up with new reasons not to talk to the media.

■ gives CBS accountants more time to count \$2.3 million for every 30-second commercial. The Super Bowl is one game immune to the trends of declining sports viewership, with an

estimated 88.6 million people watching last year.

■ gives corporations another week to convince shareholders that spending \$2.3 million to air a 30-second commercial while most people are taking bathroom breaks is a good thing to do.

■ gives Doritos scientists more time to come up with that elusive low-carb chip.

■ helps everyone forget the Panthers were once best known for having Fred Lane, Rae Carruth and Kerry Collins on their roster. Lane was shot dead by his wife; Carruth was convicted of plotting his pregnant girlfriend's murder and Collins was punched in the face by a teammate for using a racial slur.

■ allows people to discover the Manning in this game is Ricky Jr., not Peyton, Eli or even Archie.

■ gives oddsmakers a chance to come up with more goofy wagers for the betting-challenged, such as which team will win the opening coin flip.

■ allows time for someone to convince himself that he knows who will win the opening flip — and convince his wife that putting the rent money on it is not really such a gamble after all.

■ gives authorities more time to raise money to make sure the

subways are safe from terrorists — oops, that's the Athens Olympics.

■ gives Jake Delhomme more time to scour the Daily Racing Forum for some quarter horses to buy.

■ gives fans more time to figure out who Jake Delhomme is.

■ allows masterminds at other networks to counter-program with shows such as "Travel Channel's World Poker Tour Battle of Champions" or "Queer Eye for a Straight Guy."

The real reason a two-week break is needed for this Super Bowl, though, is simple:

■ It gives the NFL's potent publicity machine more time to convince fans that two teams that don't take chances, refuse to throw the ball downfield and rely on the other team's mistakes to win are going to give us a great game, after all.

No, wait a minute. Even the NFL can't do that in just two weeks.

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Bowl

Packers or Eagles in Houston, but the Panthers made their case on the field. They are the ultimate no-name playoff team, with a quarterback — Jake Delhomme — who wasn't even drafted.

"We've been dealing with this all through the playoffs," Fox said. "The perception on the outside is something I can't change. The perception on the inside is that we believe we belong, and we'll give it our best shot."

Odds makers often are wrong in the Super Bowl.

Last year, Oakland was a 3 1/2-point choice and was routed 48-21 by Tampa Bay. Two years ago, New England came into the big game a 14-point underdog to St. Louis and not only covered, but won 20-17 on Adam Vinatieri's last-second field goal.

Since the 1996 Super Bowl, only two favorites have covered — Denver in 1999 and Baltimore in 2001.

The Patriots, after winning as an underdog two years ago, aren't going to get carried away with being favored.

"We know this is going to be our toughest game of the year and that's what we're preparing for," Belichick said. "If we don't play that way, I'm sure we'll have plenty of problems."

Belichick has had two weeks to prepare a defensive game plan to counter Carolina's grind-it-out style. His reputation as a defen-

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Justin Hall was held to only two points for Allen Central in the first three quarters, but in the fourth quarter the sharpshooting guard poured in nine points in a five-minute span that helped the

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Pikeville girls beat Prestonsburg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PIKEVILLE — It seemed to be very evident from the start of Monday night's game that the Pikeville Lady Panthers had not forgotten about the early season loss suffered at the hands of the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats. Pikeville lit up the scoreboard early and often en route to a 65-44 pounding of the visiting Prestonsburg squad.

Cindy Halbert's Pikeville team put 24 points on the board in the first seven minutes and led

24-16 after one quarter of play. Both teams played on even terms throughout the second and third quarter with each team totaling 24 points for the two periods. Pikeville held a 48-40 lead heading into the final quarter, but it would be all Lady Panthers in the final eight minutes to the tune of a 17-4 run for Pikeville to win going away.

Shawna Howard led the way for the Lady Panthers with 17 points. Her sister, Samantha Howard, tossed in 11 in the win.

Prestonsburg was led in scoring by Heather White with 16 points. Only four players dented the scoring column for Prestonsburg as the Pikeville defense smothered the Lady Blackcats throughout most of the contest.

Meaghan Slone contributed 13 points for Jack Pack's team and Darcey Hicks added 10. Molly Burchett rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with five points. With the win, Pikeville improved to 9-7 on the year while Prestonsburg fell to 8-11.

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Boys' state basketball poll

1. Lexington Catholic (14-3)
2. Mason County (16-2)
3. Pleasure Ridge Park (13-5)
4. Seneca (18-3)
5. Fern Creek (16-4)
6. Owensboro Catholic (16-1)
7. Clay County (16-1)
8. Wayne County (15-2)
9. Elizabethtown (13-4)
10. DeSales (13-4)
11. Scott County (13-3)
12. Daviess County (17-4)
13. Apollo (12-5)
14. Warren Central (10-7)
15. Covington Catholic (11-2)
16. Hopkinsville (12-6)
17. Henderson County (14-3)
18. Barbourville (16-1)
19. Boone County (16-2)
20. Jeffersonton (12-5)
21. Caverna (17-1)
22. Hopkins County Central (14-3)
23. Bowling Green (11-5)
24. Oldham County (14-4)
25. Shelby Valley (12-3)

Girls' state basketball poll

1. Sacred Heart (16-1)
2. Henderson County (17-3)
3. Christian County (17-2)
4. Rockcastle County (17-2)
5. Jackson County (14-2)
6. Lexington Catholic (12-6)
7. Scott County (13-2)
8. Mercy (12-5)
9. East Carter (17-2)
10. Henry Clay (13-2)
11. Elizabethtown (15-3)
12. Newport Central Catholic (13-4)
13. Marshall County (14-2)
14. Butler (13-4)
15. Covington Holy Cross (16-3)
16. Woodford County (16-4)
17. Daviess County (17-2)
18. Muhlenberg North (13-4)
19. Wayne County (13-4)
20. Louisville Christian (13-4)
21. Bullitt East (16-1)
22. Owen County (17-1)
23. Mercer County (13-5)
24. Ohio County (14-3)
25. Central Hardin (14-4)

Arrival

weather. The temperature in Boston on Sunday: 2 degrees, about 68 degrees colder than in Houston.

The Panthers, meanwhile, were sent off by about 10,000 fans who braved a nasty sleet storm to line the streets of Charlotte and wish their team luck.

"I woke up this morning and was like, 'It's snowing?'" linebacker Will Witherspoon said. "Then, to see all the people, all the fans, supporting you, you just tell yourself, 'Man, let's bring this home. Let's show them what they're out there in the cold for, what they're cheering for.'"

Almost all the Panthers brought video cameras to record moments from the first Super Bowl appearance in the nine-year-old franchise's existence. The same was true of the Patriots, many of whom went down this road just two years ago, but wanted to capture some memories, nonetheless.

Yet despite the moments of fun, both teams talked as if they're girding for a hard week of work.

"I think everyone has to know that this is a business," Panthers receiver Steve Smith said.

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The Panthers surprised almost everyone and went 14-5 this season, including playoff wins at St. Louis and Philadelphia, to make it to the Super Bowl.

Carolina is a 7-point underdog against New England, which is on a 14-game winning streak, a run equaled only by the 1972 Miami Dolphins, who went 17-0.

"Fourteen straight wins, it's pretty incredible," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said.

But he knows if they don't get the 15th, it will be Carolina that everyone remembers from this season.

That disappointment of falling one win short was on the minds of several players and coaches during short interview sessions Sunday. That may have explained why there was so much sincere talk about the biggest football celebration of the year being nothing more than a business trip for these guys.

"A lot of these guys haven't experienced the Super Bowl the same way I have," said Law, a nine-year veteran who also lost a Super Bowl with the Patriots in 1997. "When you lose, that's a terrible feeling, and nobody wants to go through it."

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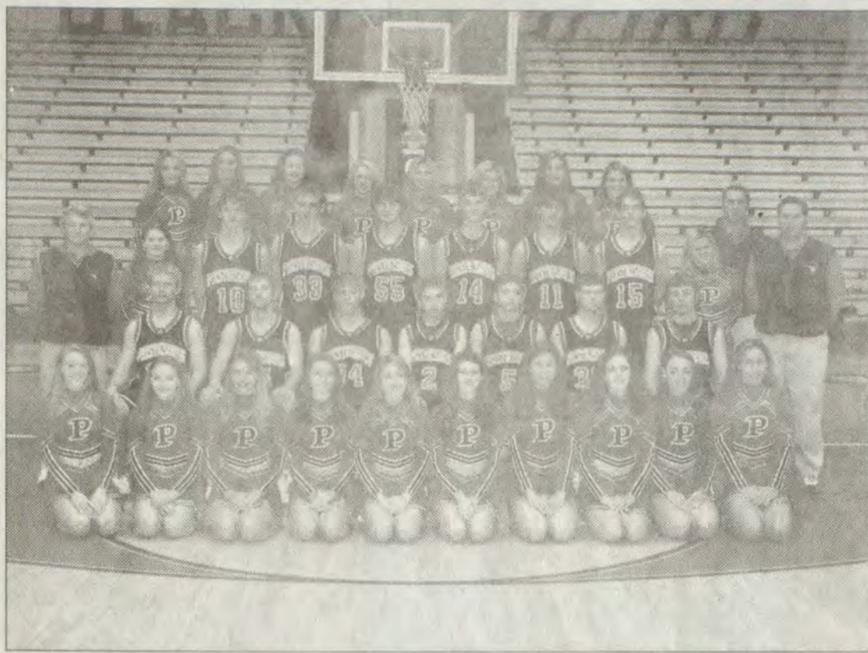
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GAMES OF THE WEEK

P'burg-Pike Central; Boys' All "A"



PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS

Blackcats to host Pike Central

PRESTONSBURG - The Prestonsburg Blackcats will return to action Friday night in their second home game in as many outings. Friday night's matchup will pit host Prestonsburg against Pike

County Central. In other high school boys' basketball action around Floyd County, Allen Central will play host to the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The regional All "A" will get underway today and run

through Saturday when a champion will be crowned. Paintsville is the defending 15th Region All "A" Classic champ. Shelby Valley is a new team in the tournament. The Wildcats drew a first-round bye.

15th Region Boys Tournament
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POISON OAK

When a Red Devil was only a basketball player

"Political correctness," whatever that means, seems to be discussed a lot these days, and just between you and me and the gatepost, it's about to border on silliness.

For example, one of the more recent things I read on the subject regarded a new high school in one of the southern states that was attempting to name a Blue Devil as the mascot for its athletic teams, ala Duke University, perhaps.



Clyde Pack

Anyway, a group of "concerned citizens," whatever that means, was holding a big protest rally claiming that to call a team the Blue Devils would be sacrilegious. Kind of like the big protest made a few years back with groups

claiming the Atlanta Braves were racists, because fans chanted and waved rubber tomahawks while cheering on their team.

The whole thing is rather amusing to me, because I can assure you that back in the 1950s, religion and racism never once entered the minds of the students of Meade Memorial High School when the Red Devils played the Inez Indians, Red Devils and Indians, as far as we were concerned, were neither more, nor less, than two basketball teams that likely played harder against each other than against anybody else, so they could own bragging rights to the few miles of

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KIM'S KORNER

Thank God for Faithful Servants

A week ago Sunday, Mamaw Judy and I attended the Allen Baptist Church to witness the baptizing of one of Mamaw Judy's great-nieces. The service was just beautiful - the choir, piano, organ and special singing by Mary Holbrook all truly touched the heart.

Pastor Arnold Turner presented the wonderful sermon God gave him to share, too. It was about what it means to be a servant. A true servant acting in love toward his fellow man, striving to be there for one another, to listen, to pray, and to attend to whatever the need may be.

Sometimes in this fast and furious world of ours, even those of us with the best of intentions miss out on being there for another in their time of need. Sometimes we don't take the time, make the time, or, God forgive us, even give it a second thought. We miss the opportunity of lending a helping hand, or even an ear.

I enjoyed Pastor Arnold's sermon so much. It truly touched the depth of my soul.

Just as Mamaw Judy and I were leaving the service, we got to experience first hand an example of the very acts of

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100 DAYS OF LEARNING AND FUN



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Several parents stopped by to celebrate the special event with their children by taking part in planned activities and enjoying lunch with their child.

Wesley Christian students treated to day of celebration

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

The students at Wesley Christian School were treated to a well-deserved break this past week in celebration of having just completed 100 full days of school. In honor of the occasion, WCS staff organized a day of fun activities including a pizza party, special singing, prayer

and other fun activities such as piecing together 100-piece puzzles and stringing 100 pieces of brightly colored "o-shaped" cereal loops into fun-to-wear (and eat!) necklaces. The day was topped off with an ice cream sundae social attended by parents and other family members. Teachers and staff donned festive

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Primary teacher Janie Tincher helped children scoop up bowls of fruit-flavored cereal from a small inflatable pool to string on brightly colored pieces of yarn.

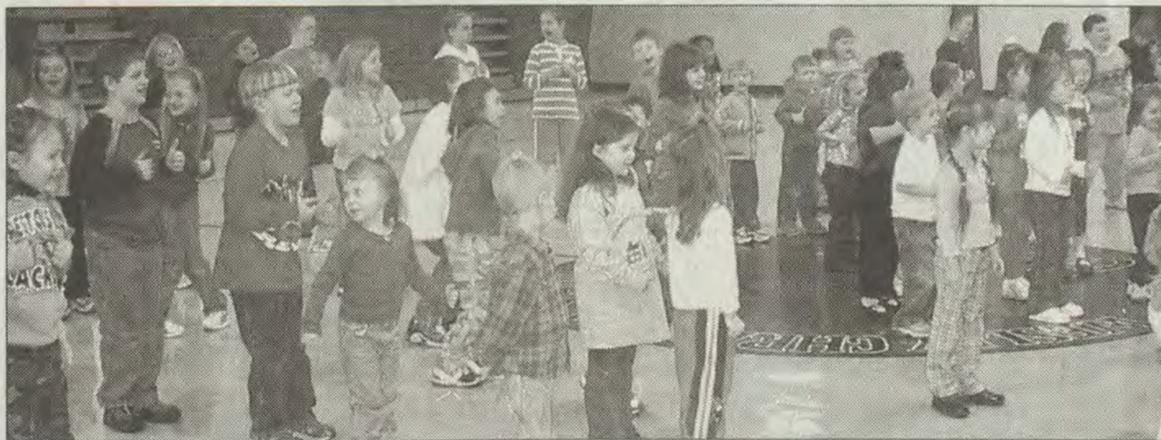


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Children enjoyed expressing themselves while being led in song by teacher Geneva Ward.

CRITTER CORNER

Seven Habits of Highly Annoying Dogs

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

There is a book titled The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. I confess that I have not read it, and I'm not even sure what is about. It has a catchy title, though, and I think I could come up with a companion volume. I know that I have identified at least "Seven Habits of Highly Annoying Dogs".

The comparison came to me one of those rare mornings when I had a chance to sleep in. The chance was short-lived because I had in the room with me dogs exhibiting these very habits. To be precise, I was trying to sleep in spite of a Scratcher, a Gouger, a Monotonous Barker, A Bed Hog and A Snarfler. On the other

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"DeBaka." DeBaka lives at Hippo with his "dog family" where he passes the days lying on the porch or rolling in leaves. He is the "granddog" of Julia and Tommy Jones and is owned by Vylinda Turner and Todd Howard. Writes his "grandmother," Julia: "DeBaka has a really loud bark when he is excited. He loves to greet everyone with that loud voice, then, to get more attention, he whimpers like a puppy...He is an adorable furball."

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or parents/community members may drop off at office.

**Lost coats have been

turned in to the center office - please have your child come claim their coat.**

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointment.

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary

Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

■ Lending library available to parents for check out of videos of their interest.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.

■ GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

■ Parent Support Group Calendar:

■ Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

■ March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

■ April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

■ May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 2, and Feb. 4, 1994)

The nephew of a well-known Floyd County family was one of four Taco Bell employees found slain at a restaurant in Clarksville, Tennessee, Sunday. Kevin Campbell, 22, nephew of former Prestonsburg Community College president Dr. Henry Campbell Jr., was shot to death during a robbery at the Clarksville Taco Bell...The Mountain Area Drug Task Force scored another hit, Saturday afternoon, and confiscated approximately two pounds of marijuana. Task force members, assisted by officers of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, executed a search warrant at the home of Douglas Patton at Shop Hollow, in Weeksbury, and confiscated drugs and money...Although nine people submitted applications to fill a vacancy on the Floyd County Board of Education, only five people have been declared eligible for the post. State education department spokesman Jim Parks, said Tuesday, that four applicants will not be considered, including one person who was deemed eligible last week...Judging from the comments made on local radio talk shows and in letters to the editor, Floyd County residents are calling for a full-scale state investigation into local county government...With its path already as curved as a country road, a feud over garbage collection rates in Floyd County took another turn, Saturday, back to square one. And that trip could follow a long and winding road, all the way back to 1980, when a mandatory garbage collection system was established in Floyd County...A stock exchange worth an estimated \$17 million will transfer ownership of Floyd County's First Guaranty National Bank to Trans Financial Bancorp Inc., officials with First Guaranty announced Friday...An ambitious new highway-economic development plan unveiled by Kentuckians for Better Transportation (KBT) will open the mountains to business, but eastern Kentuckians may be asked to pay the price through higher gasoline user fees...The surviving twin of a Betsy Layne girl killed almost five years ago, died, Wednesday evening, under almost identical circumstances. Charlene Lisa McKinney Deboard, 21, apparently walked into the path of a vehicle while trying to cross US 23 in front of the Betsy Layne Fire Department...State Representative Greg Stumbo renewed his criticism of Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen, this week, before members of a state education committee...Two more applicants have been added to the list for District Five School board member, including one who was ruled out Tuesday. Don Hansford of Eastern, has been added to the list, and Terry Ratliff of Martin, is expected to be added...The attorney for the City of Martin said, last

week, that he did not advise officials to refuse to pay an appraisal fee for acquisition of rights of way to build a sewer plant...A Prestonsburg High School senior was awarded second place honors Saturday, January 29, in the Sweet 16 Academic Showcase regional competition. The ranking earned Emily Damron a place in the state finals in March...Prestonsburg's City Council will meet in closed session today, Friday, to discuss litigation and personnel...The architect who initiated much of the debate over school construction costs in Floyd and Pike counties was arrested in Pikeville, Tuesday, on charges of theft and attempted extortion. James A. Ellis, 48, the original architect for the controversial South Floyd High School project, was arrested by Pikeville patrolman W. H. Pruitt on a warrant obtained by Lee Dotson on behalf of Devco Energy in Pikeville...There died: Octavia Sturgill Allen, 90, of Harold, Sunday, January 30, at the residence of her daughter; Harry Dean McKenzie, 33, of Prestonsburg, January 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Gary Johnson Evans, 28, of McDowell, Tuesday, January 25, at his residence; Grace Baldrige Litteral, 95, of Auxier, Friday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Telia Bowling, 72, of Franklin, Ohio, Wednesday, January 26, at Southview Hospital in Centerville; Adam Frank Puninske, 63, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 29, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Daisy Lou Neece, 39, of Harold, Sunday, January 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Andy Kidd, 76, of Pritchard, West Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, January 31, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital; Alice Prater Slone, 81, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 31, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Maxie McCullough Hale, 79, of Allen, Friday, January 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Clancy Ray, 68, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Teaberry, Wednesday, February 2, at Albion Community Hospital; Bathus (Bato) Bentley, 55, of Betsy Layne, Monday, January 31, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lavonia, Michigan; Dennis Hall, 81, of McDowell, Wednesday, February 2, at his residence; Ruth Wade, 68, of Flatwoods, formerly of Banner, Saturday, January 30, in King's Daughters' Medical Center; Albert Leonard Hall Jr., 66, of River Rouge, Michigan, formerly of Wheelwright, September 29, in Michigan.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 9, 1984)

Nine were hospitalized in a school bus wreck, Friday morning, near Grethel, when a coal truck, coming in the opposite direction, sideswiped the bus...Fire gutted the Cow Creek home of Danny and Marie

Hickman Monday afternoon...A movement to repeal the three percent utilities tax levied, last month, by the board of education, has become more organized in recent weeks, with opponents of the measure gathering signatures from all parts of the county, for a petition to put it on the ballot...Former workers at the Ray-Mac Mine Site told a federal court jury that they were threatened and fired on by workers from nearby mines...The board of education voted to "endorse and support" a bill which would tax unmined coal like any other real property...There died: Reynold D. Nelson, 63, of Dwale, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Stella Crum, 76, of Martin, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Carl Hall, 65, of Martin, Monday, in a Lexington hospital; Elizabeth Jeanne Patton, one-day-old daughter of Glenn and Carol Bellware Patton of Martin, February 1, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Barbara Gibson, 70, of Indian Hills, January 31, at her home; Retired Allen merchant, Bennie Lafferty, 75, Monday, at Humana Hospital in Somerset; John Fredrick Wallace, 56, of Allen, Monday, in West Virginia; Susie Hughes Adkins, 87, of Hueysville, Sunday, at her home; Irene Layne Elkins, 73, of Harold, Tuesday, in a Lexington hospital; Josephine Moore, 91, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at the residence of her daughter.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 6, 1974)

The fuel shortage became more than a mere something to read or hear about for Floyd Countians last Saturday, and by Tuesday, the county and entire section, joined most parts of the nation in enduring what threatens to be a paralysis of most activities connected with transportation. In addition, Superintendent Charles Clark announced, Tuesday afternoon, that because of the fuel shortage, all Floyd County schools will be closed for the remainder of the week...The mandatory pregnancy leave required of Floyd teachers since March 3, 1962, is no longer in effect...Stripmining permits of two coal companies operating in this county were suspended, last week, due to environmental regulation violations...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Jones, of East McDowell, a daughter, Jan. 30; to Mr. and Mrs. Abe C. Howell, of Orkney, a son, Feb. 3; to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Yabroff, of Wilmington, Del., a daughter, Jennifer Grace...There died: Charlie Lafferty, 71, last Tuesday, at his home here; Fonzo Crum, 59, of Martin, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Pearlie Stephens Bradley, 71, of Langley, last Tuesday, at Martin; Emery Ray, 74, last Tuesday, at his home at Teaberry; Vallie Carl Pittinger, 33, of Garrett, last Thursday, at Highlands

Regional Medical Center, here; Mrs. Ollie Mae McCoy Gilliland, formerly of this county, Saturday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago

(February 13, 1964)

The long-awaited Appalachian Plan of the Johnson administration, which will be submitted to Congress, February 25, will recommend \$41 billion for the depressed areas of ten states, with a billion dollars of that sum being asked for eastern Kentucky...Twenty-six more job training classes will open in eastern Kentucky this month under the recent \$8.7 million grant to Kentucky for training the jobless in a 44-county area...Attorney General Robert Matthews, last Friday, said that missionaries, who have been making periodic visits to schools in Floyd County, and conducting religious services during regular class hours, would, under the recent Supreme Court ruling, "be precluded from continuing such practices"...One of the biggest hauls of intoxicants to be taken from an automobile in this county, was seized by Trooper Elmo Allen, Wednesday, afternoon at Lancer. Taken from the luggage area of the car were 166 half-pints of whiskey, 24 half-pints gin, 12 fifths of whiskey, and 488 cans of beer...Two men were killed in separate auto accidents last week. They are: William F. Hughes, 50, of Wheelwright, killed Saturday in Lawrence County, and James A. Damron, 20, who succumbed to injuries sustained in a wreck near Grethel...There died: Moses Hall, 44, native of McDowell, Monday, at Lexington; Joe Nelson, 70 years old, of Blue River, Friday, at his home; Mrs. Ella Hamilton, 62-year-old Martin resident, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mrs. Mary Flannery, 82, of Martin, Tuesday, at home; Charles C. Calhoun, 34, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at the home of his mother.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 11, 1954)

The survey party of the Commerce Department conducting a study of industrial facilities and economic opportunities in Kentucky labor surplus areas is due in Prestonsburg for a conference today (Thursday), Senator John Sherman Cooper notified Mayor Curtis Clark...Details of the handling of surplus foodstuffs to be distributed to the needy in this county, through federal and state channels, had not been worked out this week, it was said at the office of County Judge Henry Stumbo...Sheriff Gorman Collins was complaining, this week, of the citizens who want bootleg establish-

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School

skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Feb. 2 - SBDM Council meeting, 5 p.m., school auditorium.
 ■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ After School Child Care, 3-

6 p.m., school days.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

■ Walking track open to public (except during special event).
 ■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 ■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ Jan. 28 - Mud Creek FRYSC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in the center.
 ■ Jan. 29 - Career Exploration Day, 8th grade; First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.
 ■ Feb. 17 - Floyd County Health Dept., Dental Program, K-3.

■ Feb. 19 - VIP meeting, Stress Management, 10:30 a.m., in Resource Center.

■ Feb. 19 - Dollars & Sense Store, 5th grade, Martin Comm. Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

FLOYD COUNTY ADULT ED CLASS SCHEDULE

■ Monday: McDowell Elem. - 8-11 a.m. - 377-2678; Wayland Comm. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 358-3400; Wheelwright Comm. Ctr. - 12:30-4:30 p.m. - 452-2500.
 ■ Tuesday: Betsy Layne High School - 8-11:30 a.m. - 478-3389; Auxier Lifetime Learning Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 886-0709; Martin Adult Ed. Ctr. - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 285-5111; PCC

(Room J148) - 1:30-4:30 p.m. - 886-8374; St. James Episcopal Church - 5-8 p.m. - 886-8046.

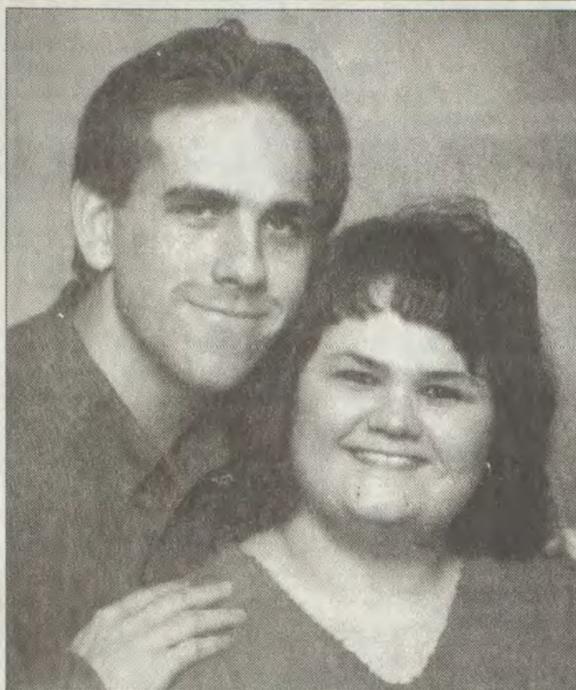
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*All classes and materials free of charge. Feel free to contact any of the above numbers or the David School at 886-8374 for further information.

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Weddings



Yates-Kohl

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Yates, of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaime Michelle, to Mr. Christopher William Kohl, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kohl, of Pikeville, and Ms. Debra Gordon, of Virginia. A May wedding is being planned.

Critter

side of the bedroom door was a Screamer, who also happens to be a Starer. Do I need to explain these?

Lacie is both a Scratcher and a Gouger. She insists on scratching on any door in her way, and once let out, turns around within five minutes and is scratching to be let back in. Our bedroom door latch fits just loosely enough to allow the entire door to bang every time it is hit. Between bouts of scratching/banging, she runs over to the bed and starts Gouging-sticking her toenails into and dragging them across any human body part she can find. I must have intended to fling a house slipper at her, since I woke up holding one in my hand. This never works anyway, so, as usual, I finally got up and let her out. (Just for the record, Pat had already let the dogs out and back in once that morning before he left for work, so it wasn't an urgent call of nature.)

I climbed back into bed with some difficulty, since Gunner is the resident Bed Hog. At seven-

ty-five pounds, he is very good at this. He starts out the night in a fairly compact space, although he has to be manually folded into it, and spreads out as he relaxes, like a bowl of melting Jell-O. As he slips into deeper sleep, he begins to snore and pass gas. Then comes the dreaming, where he twitches, jerks, groans, and flails all four feet. We have learned to assume defensive sleeping postures to protect ourselves from his elbows and toenails. (Note: this is not the same thing as the intentional Gouger.)

Once I had re-folded the Bed Hog like some sort of canine Origami to reclaim what little room I had, I tried to get back to sleep. No such luck. I had awakened the Snarfler. Yes, I made up that word. However, iSnarfler is the best way I know to describe the noise a dog makes who has gone beyond licking and chewing at itself and has descended into an intense orgy of slurping and snorting that would wake the dead. Destiny is a proficient Snarfler, and practices whenever it is most annoying. She never seems to do it during normal waking hours.

I dragged myself up once more and persuaded Desi that she would be happier outside for a while. I had not even repositioned Gunner before the Snarfler transformed herself outdoors into the Monotonous Barker. This is the dog who is not barking AT anything; she is just barking to hear her head rattle. Bark. Bark. Bark. Bark. Bark. By this time Lacie was once more scratching and banging on the door to be let back in.

I could have possibly ignored this by clamping the pillow over my head, but all the racket had brought Whitney to the other door, which leads into the house. (We have to keep her separated from Destiny because they hate each other and every other method to keep them from fight-

ing has failed.) Whitney is a Screamer, and she is convinced that the slightest noise is something that's come to kill us all. When she barks the world knows about it

I was doomed. I had to get up. And I knew the next thing I would face would be breakfast with the Staring Dog.

When not Screaming, Whitney mostly is a Starer. She stands directly in front of you while you eat, solemnly watching every movement of your hand toward your mouth. This occurs even when the food you are eating is something she wouldn't eat in a million years. (How many dogs really crave hot salsa, salt and vinegar potato

chips, or pickles?) It doesn't matter. She reserves the right to have a piece of everything delivered for her inspection, even if she spits it out and returns to stare at the eating process.

I guess this is all just a part of sharing your life with dogs. We probably have habits that they find just as irritating. Late at night they make up for it. The Snarfler, the Screamer and the Monotonous Barker are quiet, the Scratcher/Gouger is sound asleep, and the Starer has bummed her quota of table food for the day. That's when the soft sounds of dogs breathing in the dark room is the best lullaby in the world, even if the Bed Hog is still snoring in my ear.

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Yesterdays

ments raided, but refuse to swear out search warrants, or even give their names...Coal production of the mines represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association decreased 14.2 percent in January, under the same period last year...As part of the program to establish this county as a strawberry producing area, orders for 20,000 strawberry plants have been given to County Agent O.E. Boggs, he said this week...Killing of the third deer of a herd of 20 released about two months ago, in the Dewey Lake game refuge resulted, last week, in an intensive investigation involving residents of Martin County...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steinau, of Louisville, a daughter, Claudia Ann, January 26; to Lt. and Mrs. Charles Tackett, a daughter, Joni Dionne, February 3, at Camp Stoneham, Calif.; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vanhooze, a son, Ronald Edward, January 26, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: J. C. Kindred, 67, at home, at Allen, Sunday; Eli Hall, 51, of Minnie, February 6, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Tom Tussey, 69, at home, at Risner, February 7; Mrs. Oma Jarrell, 69, at home, at West Prestonsburg, Tuesday; Hugh H. Stumbo, 70, Friday, at McDowell; Mrs. Worlie Hurd, 45, of Ivel, Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 10, 1944)

Technical Sergeant James D. Fitzpatrick, of Garrett, now serving as aerial engineer with a troop carrier unit of the Fifth Air Force, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "outstanding accomplishment in the face of great danger"..."Pistol Joe" Hall, 52, was shot and killed at Drift, Saturday...Defective wiring was the cause of a fire in the Floyd County courthouse here, Saturday afternoon, inflicting damage ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000...An official of Wheelwright local union, United Mine Workers, presented Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, DAR chairman of the Blood Plasma Fund drive a check for \$1,152 as the workers' contribution to the fund...Mrs. Sarah Ann Howard, 53, died Tuesday night, of burns suffered January 29, when she fell into an open grate at the home of her daughter

near Hueysville...The "Good Citizenship" award of John Graham Chapter DAR, made annually to the high school student whose activities are most deserving, will be made this year to Miss Mattie Burnett Hollifield, of Prestonsburg...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wills, of Water Gap, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, of Cracker, a daughter, Rose Carol, January 20; to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Anderson, of Hite, a daughter...There died: Mrs. Louise Collins, 76, at home at Prestonsburg, Sunday; Miss Edna Reynolds, 21, of Ligon, Sunday; Mrs. Lona Hall Stumbo, 55, at home, at McDowell, Tuesday.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 9, 1934)

A loan of \$43,000 for the construction of a waterworks system in Martin was granted last week by the Public Works Administration...Approximately 5,000 miners, members of the United Mine Workers, gathered at Henry Clay, Pike County, Saturday, for the funeral services of Perry Adkins, 45, who was slain January 29, in a clash between striking miners and Pike County officers at Henry Clay...A G. Harmon, of Auxier, has been named head of the Minute Men, an American Legion organization, formed to assist peace officers in capturing murderers, robbers and other criminals...The third annual Floyd County Music Festival will be held here March 24...Miss Naomi Goble, of Prestonsburg, is on the honor roll at Eastern Kentucky State College with an all-A rating...Love for his dog cost six-year-old Joe Tackett Jr., son of Robert Tackett, of McDowell, his life, Wednesday, as he attempted to snatch the family pet from the path of a passenger train near Dwale...Mrs. T. Broch was severely burned this week at her home at Martin when her clothing ignited from a bathroom stove...D. Hollender Hall, Knott County native, has established law offices here...Helen, small daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Ishmael Triplett, is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia...There died: Mrs. Margaret Boyd, 86, Tuesday, at Martin; Mrs. Elizabeth Burchett Robinson, 85, Friday, near Wonder; Mrs. Riley Prater, Thursday, at her home at Blue River.

Students

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hand-decorated "100 Days" sweatshirts and hats in recognition of the school year landmark.

According to teacher Ruth Ann Castle, the students have all been diligent workers this year and the special day of celebration and fun was set aside to reward them for their efforts. "We're really a close-knit family here at Wesley Christian," she said. "This is a wonderful place to work and go to school."

For more information about Wesley Christian School, contact the school office at 874-8328.

Korner

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kindness and love we had just finished hearing about inside the church.

Outside the rain was coming down with tiny drops of ice, or snow, we couldn't really decide at the time, but at any rate, a very nice lady had noticed that the front passenger's side tire on Mamaw Judy's car was flat.

Jack Kyle Howard and Scott Williams proceeded to take measures into their own hands, standing in the ice cold rain to come to the aid of two "unknowingly tire changing women".

Scott Williams was prepared, he had a portable air pump in

Birthdays



It's a Girl!

Chayla Lesley Hughes was born on December 2, 2003, to proud parents Randall and Chayla Hughes, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. Lesley is the first grandchild of Chris and Joanna Reid, of Banner. She is also the granddaughter of Arlene and Ronnie Goble, of Harold.

Oak

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Route 40 that connected Williamsport to the Martin County seat.

Sacrilegious indeed! Williamsport has always been considered an upstanding religious community, and the Old Friendship United Baptist Church is just across the road

from Meade School. Yet, high school athletics and religion, at least to my knowledge, never once crossed swords. The two were always kept separate, at least philosophically, with the tales of David and Goliath often discussed right alongside the basketball prowess of the legendary Butcher family, as folks sat around the stove at Walt Pack's store, which was located smack between the school and the church house.

By the same token, I'd bet a nickel against a hole in a doughnut that, even though there was actually an Indian tribe called the Inez, when the team from Inez won the 1954 boy's state basketball tournament, not one person in the whole state ever once thought of Geronimo or Sitting Bull. An Inez Indian was a tall, skinny, blond kid named Billy Ray.

It's hard to believe that any clear-thinking individual would think otherwise, let alone spend time and money protesting such an idea.

Oh well, as Forrest Gump might have said, "Silly is as silly does."

May each of you have a special servant of God in your time of need also, and may we all take the time to notice!

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Busy Pediatric Clinic is seeking energetic LPN, if interested send resume to: Office Manager P. O. Box 607 Prestonsburg, Ky

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900-Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5432, Major Revision #3

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that AEP Kentucky Coal, LLC, 248 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.0 mile southeast of Pyramid, in Floyd County. The major revision will change the post-mining land use designation for a portion of the previously approved area; the previously approved permit acreage will be unchanged, making a total of 1567.9 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 mile southeast from KY Route 850 junction with Pitts Fork County Road, and located north of Left Fork of Middle Fork. The latitude is 37° 33' 50". The longitude is 82° 51' 36".

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by John T. & Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis & Kenneth Reffett, Elmer Reffett Heirs, Billy Reffett, T.L. Reffett Heirs, and Peachie Pitts.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

(For Final Ad Only) This is the final advertisement of the application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8041, Amendment 4

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for an amendment to a permit for coal processing facility and refuse disposal operation located 1.9 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The amendment will add 85.51 acres for a total of 156.66 acres within the amended boundary.

The facility is approximately 1.4 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles Northeast of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°31'25". The longitude is 82°43'30".

The facility is on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation and the

Keathley 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, Kentucky 41653. 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, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 03-CI-816 CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF VS. ELLA M. COMPTON

DEFENDANT NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$67,005.41, together with interest costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 174 First Street, Prestonsburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Ella M. Compton from The Associates, Inc., by deed dated November 24, 1999, of record in Deed Book 441, Page 448, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning in the center line of a drain and the C & O Railroad right of way thence running with the drain S 66 degrees 00'36" W 36.564' to an iron pin, thence N 52 degrees 20'25" W 362', to an iron pin in the center of the drain, thence with the drain 550 45'18" W 75.549; S 50 degrees 19'57" W 73.363' to an iron pipe, thence continu-

ing with said drain S 44 degrees 11'03" W 13.993, S 42 degrees 39'39" W 39.197; S 53 degrees 46'44" W 56.628; S 27 degrees 26'13" W 15.637 to big branch; S 8 degrees 36'04" E 32.768'; S 29 degrees 46'03" E 27.108' to the C & O Railroad right of way; thence running with the C & O right of way in a curve with radius of 1948 976' and a chord with the bearing of S 89 degrees 29'56" E a distance of 552.37' to the point of beginning.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jeremy M. Rettig Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 513/241-3100

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-646 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. KENLEY STURGILL; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$12,126.47, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being the Lot Number 1,2,3, and 4 of the W.H. Weddington Subdivision, located at Emma, Floyd County, Kentucky.

"Beginning at a point on the North East corner of said subdivision at a point adjacent to the County Road, thence in a South Easterly direction N 29 degrees 30' 02" W for a distance of 134.81 feet to a stake, corner to Flo Weddington-Cooley; thence in a distance of 117.49 feet to a stake, corner to said County Road; thence North East, along the County Road, S 46 degree 36' 49" W for a distance of 136.71 feet to the point of beginning."

This tract encompasses approximately 0.3951 acres, and is further identified as being a portion of the same property conveyed as "Tract No. 1" of Deed Book 412, page 578, as recorded in the Office of the

County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Kenley Sturgill from Jimmy D. Flannery, by deed dated July 28, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 437, Page 582, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Stephen L. Hogg Stratton, Hogg & Maddox, PSC P.O. Box 1530 Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 606/437-7800

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-646 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO MATEWAN NATIONAL BANK) PLAINTIFF VS. KENLEY STURGILL; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of December, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$12,126.47, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being the Lot Number 1,2,3, and 4 of the W.H. Weddington Subdivision, located at Emma, Floyd County, Kentucky.

"Beginning at a point on the North East corner of said subdivision at a point adjacent to the County Road, thence in a South Easterly direction N 29 degrees 30' 02" W for a distance of 134.81 feet to a stake, corner to Flo Weddington-Cooley; thence in a distance of 117.49 feet to a stake, corner to said County Road; thence North East, along the County Road, S 46 degree 36' 49" W for a distance of 136.71 feet to the point of beginning."

This tract encompasses approximately 0.3951 acres, and is further identified as being a portion of the same property conveyed as "Tract No. 1" of Deed Book 412, page 578, as recorded in the Office of the

County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Kenley Sturgill from Jimmy D. Flannery, by deed dated July 28, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 437, Page 582, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-752 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER AND BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR CWABS 2000-2 CO-PLAINTIFFS

HEIRS OR DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF JOHN BRANHAM & THEIR SPOUSES AND ANY UNKNOWN PERSON WHO MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION; COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF MARY LOU BRANHAM DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of

December, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$33,533.92, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2004, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 35 Main Street, Wheelwright in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Wheelwright prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File No. 348A in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk. Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from the Floyd County Urban Renewal and Development Agency to John W. Branham and Mary Lou Branham, his wife, dated March 14, 1983, of record in Deed Book 273, Page 586, Floyd County Clerk's Office. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements

and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America, and/or the record owners thereof. (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Reclamation work performed includes: final grading and revegetation, which was completed on 6/13/93. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 2 Hudson Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 3/12/04. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 3/15/04, at the Department for Surface Mining and Reclamation and

DOCUMENT 00100-INVITATION TO BID

Invitation Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the: FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY in the manner and on the date herein specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, services, etc., necessary for: NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY as set forth in the specifications and drawings prepared by Trimble Dunaway, PLLC, 2800 Palumbo Drive, Suite 202, Lexington, Kentucky 40509, Phone: 859-252-9160, Fax: 859-253-1227.

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40213 ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF KENTUCKY, INC. 1717 ALLIANT DRIVE, SUITE 10 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40253 BUILDERS EXCHANGE 2300 MEADOW DRIVE LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40218 F.W. DODGE/ABC PLAN ROOM #2 PLAYERS CLUB DRIVE CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25311 CONSTRUCTION MARKET DATA 1951 BISHOP LANE SUITE 202 LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40218

MR. HOMER HALL FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY. "BID DOCUMENTS NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY" PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2004

Two copies of the completed Form of Proposal will be required from each bidder. Form of Proposal shall be completely filled out and submitted prior to the time of bids. Corrections to information on the Bid Form must be initialed to be valid. Form of Proposal not completely or correctly filled out will not be considered. No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the date of bid opening.

TRIMBLE DUNAWAY, PLLC 2800 PALUMBO DRIVE, SUITE 202 LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40509 FLOYD COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 161 NORTH ARNOLD AVENUE PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY 41653 ABC PLAN ROOM 132 VENTURE COURT SUITE 12 LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40511 F.W. DODGE/ABC PLAN ROOM 1812 TAYLOR AVENUE

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted by the Architect on January 27th, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the existing Floyd County Public Library. Bid security in the amount of five (5) percent of each proposal submitted, must accompany each Proposal in accordance with the Form of Proposal.

Obtaining plans and specifications, for bona fide bidders, at Lynn Imaging, 328 (Old Vine street, Lexington, Kentucky, (859) 226-5850, Fax (859) 252-4178 in accordance with the following deposit and charge schedule. (All checks for plans shall be made payable to Lynn Imaging)

It is most important that the requesting firm identify the position of the firm as to prime bidder, material supplier or other. Please give name, address and telephone of person responsible for receiving addenda material and general communication concerning this bid.

ALL PRIME CONTRACTORS, MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTORS AND OTHERS:

A nonrefundable check of One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars is required per set. An additional charge of Fifteen (\$15.00) dollars per set will be assessed for mailing. All checks made out to Lynn Blue Print. "No partial sets will be distributed."

RIGHT TO REJECT AND WAIVER

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and the bid will be awarded to the lowest and best bid received.

MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BID

A bid may not be modified, withdrawn, or canceled by the Bidder for a period of sixty (60) days following the time and date designated for receipt of bids and Bidder so agrees in submitting his Bid.

END OF SECTION 00100

PUBLIC NOTICE

I am no longer over the up keep of the allen Cemetery at Hueysville, Ky. Rita Nickles

BID NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is accepting bids for the 2002-2003 year audit. The bids need to be submitted by January 30, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. to the Prestonsburg Convention & Visitors Bureau Office. The Commission can accept the lowest and best bid, and may reject all bids. If you have any questions please call (606) 886-1341.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of the C. Reiss Coal Company, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Suite, 130, Lexington, KY 40504, has applied for a Phase II and Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5284, which was last issued on 1/30/95. The applicants covers an area of approximately 734.34 acres, located 0.5 mile southwest of Orkney in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from Moore Branch Road's junction with KY 122, and located 0.1 mile northwest of Moore Branch of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 25 minutes 45 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety in the amount of \$9,200.00. Approximately 66 percent of the original bond amount of \$13,900.00 is included in the application for release.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
12-17-03	03-P-000458	Greta W. Branham 165 Jockey Hollow Auxier, KY 41602	Lila Lynn Davis 82 Lower Hollow Betsy Layne, KY 41605	Sheridan Martin P.O. Box 777 Allen, KY 41601
12-18-03	03-P-00459	Verda L. Johnson 47 Birch Street Garrett, KY 41630	Carl J. Johnson 606-358-2863	
12-19-03	03-P-00460	Grover J. Fannin 346 Goble Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Curt L. Jarvis 348 Goble Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
12-23-03	03-P-00463	Darleen Rowe #2 Maynolia St. Garrett, KY 41630	Anthony Rowe 353 Ethel Dr. Nicholasville, KY 40356	
12-23-03	03-P-00462	Larry Ben Bentley 1205 Haus Br. Banner, KY 41603	Lois Hamilton 1203 Haus Br. Banner, KY 41603	
12-29-03	03-P-00464	Frances (Cridler) Burga 356 Stratton Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Paul D. Crider 356 Stratton Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
12-29-03	03-P-00465	Edith Larthene Allen Howell 2458 Toler Creek Road Harold, KY 41635	Rosa Lee Howell Thompson 1012 Hoffman St. Hammond, In. 46327	
12-29-03	03-P-00468	Viola Crum P.O. Box 323 Wayland, KY 41666	Lindsey Crum P.O. Box 323 Wayland, KY 41666	
12-30-03	03-P-00469	Mabel Frasure Barton 278 South Cardinal Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Larry James Ousley 301 Palamino Drive Richmond, KY 40475	William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-05-04	04-P-00001	Morris Ray Miller 50 Ray Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Amanda Ellen Miller 50 Ray Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
01-05-04	04-P-00003	Euggie Martin Box 218 Teaberry, KY 41660	Billy Ray Martin Rt. 680, Box 181 Grethel, KY 41631	
01-05-04	04-P-00005	Laymon L. Shepherd 67 Foothill Dr. David, KY 41616	Joyce S. Whitaker 67 Foothill Dr. David, KY 41616	
01-06-04	04-P-00006	Lois Marie Collins 40 Willow Valley Blue River, KY 41607	Melissa Reynolds 49 Stumbo Hollow Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
01-06-04	04-P-00007	Mary E. Blevins 34 Mays Branch, Apt. 423 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Judi Jones 2472 Lake In the Woods #974 Ypsilanti, MI 48198	William S. Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-08-04	04-P-00008	Mack Harmon Mountain Manor Paintsville, KY 41240	Lorraine Crider Howard HC 61, Box 41C Salyersville, KY 41465	
01-08-04	04-P-00009	Sula Harmon Prestonsburg Health Care Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Lorraine Crider Howard HC 61, Box 41C Salyersville, KY 41465	
01-09-04	04-P-00002	Aaron Shepherd 841 Open Fork Road David, KY 41616	John T. Shepherd 1905 Open Fork Rd. David, KY 41616	Jerry Patton 119 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-09-04	04-P-00004	Berta Shepherd 841 Open Fork Rd. David, KY 41616	John T. Shepherd 1905 Open Fork Rd. David, KY 41616	Jerry Patton 119 East Court St. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-09-04	04-P-00011	Don B. Trimble P.O. Box 146 220 Dillon Br. Rd. Ivel, KY 41642	Tammy Stapleton 2147 Tree Top Lane Hebron, KY 41048, and Robin Trimble Justice 97 Dillon Branch Rd. Ivel, KY 41642	Gregory A. Isaac 199 North Lake Drive Prestonsburg, KY 41653
11-21-04	03-P-00436	John W. Howard II P.O. Box 590 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Harris S. Howard Jr. 106 Lakeview Court Georgetown, KY 40324	
01-12-04	04-P-00014	Geneva Blanche Patton 93 N. May Street Langley, KY 41645	Catherine Sparks 8344 Sylvan Drive Melbourne, FL 32904 ***and*** Charlene Johnson 76 N. May Street Langley, KY 41645	
01-12-04	04-P-00013	Janice R. Wright 70 Jenny Street Martin, KY 41649	Charles Wright 70 Jenny Street Martin, KY 41649	James D. Adams II 158 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653
01-12-04	04-P-00012	Jettie Sparks Shreve 153 Leslie Lane Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Dinah L. Vanhoose 222 Walter Lane Emma, KY 41653 ***and*** Mary E. Click 366 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
1-14-04	04-P-00015	Callene Click P.O. Box 75 Martin, KY 41649	John Alex Weddington P.O. Box 47 Martin, KY 41649	
1-14-04	04-P-00016	Wilma Jean Adkins P.O. Box 304 Allen, KY 41601	Mary M. Adkins P.O. Box 16 Dana, KY 41615	
1-15-04	04-P-00017	John Edd Shepherd 732 Old Rt. 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Georgia Shepherd 732 Old Rt. 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	J. Scott Preston P.O. Box 1361 Paintsville, KY 41240
1-15-04	04-P-00018	Sylvan Johnson P.O. Box 202 Melvin, KY 41650	Reona Mae Johnson P.O. Box 202 Melvin, KY 41650	
1-15-04	04-P-00019	Virgil Hall 741 Mays Br. Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Helen Johnson 741 Mays Branch Prestonsburg, KY 41653	
1-20-04	04-P-00021	Dollie S. Dotson 3865 KY RT 114 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Rosalie Dotson Shepherd 684 Kingsbury Rd. Lexington, KY 40509	William Kendrick P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653
1-20-04	04-P-00022	Delmar R. Johnson P.O. Box 39 Wheelwright, KY 41669	Joyce A. Johnson P.O. Box 39 Wheelwright, KY 41669	
1-20-04	04-P-00023	Fred Conn P.O. Box 126 Printer, KY 41655	Janice Conn P.O. Box 126 Printer, KY 41655	
1-20-04	04-P-00024	Glenn Wallen 34 Mays Branch, Apt. 321 Prestonsburg, KY 41653	Todd J. Wallen 1543 Forest Ave. Calumet City, ILL 60409	

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before February 27, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	01-P-00329	Bert Salisbury	Emmitt Salisbury	12-04-03
Final	01-P-00356	Betty Jean Hall	Sie Hall	12-17-03
Final	02-P-00011	Ruby Blankenship	Gwendolyn Sue Hall	12-17-03
Final	01-P-00390	Marcella Jones	Phillip G. Slone	12-18-03
Final	03-P-00152	James E. Carey	Myra Lynn Polk	12-12-03
Final	03-P-00174	Woodrow W. Pack	Margaret M. Pack	12-22-03
Final	03-P-00202	Arvel Spears	Virble Spears	12-22-03
Final	02-P-00384	Thelma Daniels	Mary Lois Williamson	12-22-03
Final	01-P-00407	Clifford Hicks	Deborah J. Click	12-23-03
Final	00-P-00390	Virginia Lewis	Janet Salisbury	12-30-03
Final	01-P-00330	Laura Shepherd	Shelby J. Sparkman	12-30-03
Final	03-P-00277	Elizabeth M. Martin	William E. Martin	01-08-04
Final	01-P-00275	Elisha Crum	Eva Crum Harrell	01-08-04
Final	02-P-00058	Robin L. Newhouse	Pamela Horn	01-12-04
Final	03-P-00017	Goldie Hall	Ralph Hall	01-21-04



The Floyd County Times

wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in February titles...

Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

- Area Attraction _____
- Church _____
- Civic Club/Organization _____
- College _____
- Community Festival Event _____
- Dining Atmosphere _____
- Elderly Care Facility _____
- Elementary School _____
- Entertainment _____
- High School _____
- Hospital/Medical Facility _____
- Local Band _____
- Middle School _____
- Place to camp out _____
- Place to lose weight _____
- Place to meet friends _____
- Place to spend Saturday night _____
- Place to take out of town guests _____
- Place to work _____

BEST FOOD

- Barbecue _____
- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chili _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Desserts _____
- Donuts _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Roast Beef Sandwich _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Sandwiches _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____

- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Boss _____
- Employed at _____
- Building Contractor _____
- Bus Driver _____
- Car Salesperson _____
- Employed at _____
- Chiropractor _____
- City Employee _____
- Club/President _____
- Coach _____
- Employed at _____
- Dental Hygiene _____
- Employed at _____
- Dentist _____
- Electrician _____
- Employed at _____
- EMT/Paramedic _____
- Firefighter _____
- Funeral Home Attendant _____
- Employed at _____
- Furniture Sales Person _____
- Employed at _____
- General Physician _____
- Hairstylist _____
- Employed at _____
- Heating/Air Service Room _____
- Employed at _____
- Insurance Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- Jeweler _____
- Law Enforcement Officer _____
- Loan Officer _____
- Mechanic _____
- Employed at _____
- Nurse _____
- Employed at _____
- Optometrist _____
- Employed at _____
- Painter _____
- Paper Carrier _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____
- Employed at _____
- Radio Announcer _____
- Employed at _____
- Real Estate Agent _____
- Employed at _____
- School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____

- Secretary _____
- Employed at _____
- Store Cashier _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Sunday School Teacher _____
- Teaches at _____
- Surgeon _____
- Employed at _____
- Waitress/Waiter _____
- Employed at _____
- Veterinarian _____
- Employed at _____

- Car Dealership _____
- Car Wash _____
- Commercial Printer _____
- Concrete _____
- Construction/Remodeling _____
- Convenience Store _____
- Crafts _____
- Daycare Center _____
- Deli _____
- Dry Cleaners _____
- Electrical Supplies _____
- Electronics _____
- Eyewear _____
- Exterminating _____
- Farm/Agriculture _____
- Financial Institutions _____
- Financing _____
- Floor Coverings _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral Home _____
- Furniture _____
- Garage _____
- Gas Station _____
- Gifts _____
- Grocery Store _____
- Guns/Ammo _____
- Hearing Aids _____
- Home Decorating _____
- Insurance Agency _____
- Janitorial Service _____
- Jewelry _____
- Landscaping _____
- Laundromat _____
- Manufacturing _____
- Mine Supply _____
- Mining Company _____
- Mobile Home _____
- Motel/Hotel _____
- Motorcycles/ATV _____
- Music Store _____
- Newspaper _____
- Office Supplies _____
- Oil Changes _____
- Pawn Shop _____
- Pharmacy _____
- Plumbing _____
- Real Estate Agency _____
- Rental Items _____
- Restaurant _____
- Retail Store _____
- Security _____
- Sewing/Alterations _____
- Tanning Salon _____
- Tire Store _____
- Tools & Supplies _____
- Truck Dealership _____
- Upholstery _____
- Videos _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Bath Towels _____
- Bed Linens _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Film Developing _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Perm _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Seafood items _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Snack Food _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Antiques/Collectibles _____
- Appliances _____
- Artwork/Framing _____
- Athletic Supply _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Bait/Tackle _____
- Beauty Salon _____
- Bookkeeping/Tax _____
- Building Supplies _____

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted. **Nominees to be in the Wednesday, Feb. 18 issue. Winners to be in the Friday, Feb. 27th edition of the Floyd County Times.**

Ballot Rules:

1. Only ballots from the Floyd County Times will be counted. No copies accepted.
2. Businesses nominated have to be in the Floyd County area and individuals nominated have to live and work in Floyd County.

3. Entries may be mailed to The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (Please allow 7 days for mail delivery) or drop off at our office at 263 South Central Avenue.
4. All entries must be at The Floyd County Times by Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004 (mailed or delivered)
5. Limited to 5 copies per person available for sale at front desk, up to normal press run copies. No extra forms will be printed.