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Committee takes aim at elder abuse

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill aimed at creating a coordinated effort to track down elder abuse and prosecute the offenders won approval from a House committee on Thursday.

The measure — a top priority of AARP Kentucky, the interest group for older people — gained an endorsement from Dr. James Holsinger, secretary of the Health and Family Services Cabinet.

"This is a great opportunity for all of us to show that we can come together ... on a bipartisan, two-branch-of-government approach to try to solve a problem," Holsinger told the Health and Welfare Committee, which approved the bill without any opposition.

Similar bills have died in previous sessions of the General Assembly.

The latest bill would require training for police, prosecutors, judges and social workers to help them recognize abuse of Kentucky's oldest citizens and how to respond.

The measure would better define roles in handling elder-abuse allegations and foster closer ties among social workers, police and prosecutors.

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High: 49 • Low: 30

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by TOM DOTY STAFF WRITER

GUILTY

Jury recommends that Bishop spend the rest of his life in prison

tence for the crime, which took place on Aug. 31, 2000.

Following Bishop's outburst last week after a defense witness changed his story and accused Bishop of threatening him, the courtroom was filled Wednesday with state troopers who stood guard around the room as the decision was read. But Bishop's only response was to grimly clench his jaw, though he did send a harsh look

toward Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who had come by to hear the verdict.

The verdict came after both sides presented their closing arguments, with the defense team going first. Lead counsel Harolyn Howard tried to destroy the most damaging evidence in the case, a shirt containing Carolyn Bishop's blood that was found in Bishop's home, by intimating to

the jury that Trooper Ron Peppi, who had arrested Bishop on two other occasions, had an opportunity to plant the evidence at Bishop's home.

But Special Prosecutor David Smith turned the tables on Howard's remarks when he gave his close. Smith began with attacking the defense's assumption that a

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photo by Mary Music

The Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau rehired Fred James, left, as executive director during a meeting Wednesday. James retired from the position last July and is now entitled to draw his pension and his paycheck.

Tourism board votes to rehire retired director

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Some people would call it "double dipping," but Freddie James says he's within his legal rights to accept an executive director's position with the city's Convention and Visitor's Bureau even as he draws his retirement.

He's right. The state agrees with him.

James officially retired from his post as executive director on July 31. He was rehired by commission members on a temporary contract basis less than a month later.

That temporary position, a six-month stint, will be completed on Feb. 28, leaving on the table the

question of whether James will remain at the helm.

But it didn't stay there very long.

During a meeting Wednesday, commission members called a brief executive session to discuss James' rehiring. The question was answered with all "ayes" across the board. James will step into the official position, once again, on March 1.

The practice of retiring from a state job only to be rehired at a later date, or "double dipping" as some call it, has been rooted in state law since 1998. That's when the General Assembly revised the state pension law to allow retirees to return to their public sector jobs. The only requirement, at that time, was that employees couldn't return until after

30 days off and their pensions would not take effect for six months.

"It feels good to be a new employee," James said as the meeting ended Wednesday.

The executive director's position pulls in an annual salary of \$42,000.

Bill Hanes, executive director of the Kentucky Retirement System, said the percentages of the number of reemployed retirees to the total number of retirees in the state are 4.03 percent for nonhazardous employees, and 14.31 percent for hazardous employees, (employees working in a dangerous lines of work such as law enforcement). Law enforcement officials began the

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Flu shuts down local schools

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

The flu season hit later this year than usual, but it still carries a strong impact.

Floyd County schools joined 20 districts across the state in canceling classes this week due to various illnesses.

Supt. Dr. Paul W. Fanning said attendance has been steadily dropping this week, prompting the cancellation of all classes in Floyd County until Monday.

According to him, attendance leveled at 89.6 percent Monday, dropped to 88.8 percent on Tuesday, and fell even lower Wednesday with 87.8 percent.

Fanning said students and employees alike are suffering with flu-like symptoms.

"I hope we can all come back in better physical capacity on Monday," he said.

Other school districts that canceled classes this week included Knott, Leslie, Letcher, Perry and Pike.

Thursa Slone, director of the Floyd County Health Department, said that agency has not compiled information to determine how many county residents are suffering, but she estimated that it is no worse than it has been during previous flu seasons.

"We can't confirm that it is the flu, but it's out there," she said. "It was very appropriate to call off school. By Monday, the kids that got sick should be better."

Patients are suffering

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Abuse trial slated to start Monday

by MARY MUSIC STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Child abuse suspect Brian Neal Delong will spend Valentine's Day in court, according to an order filed this week in circuit court.

Delong's trial was supposed to take place last month, but it was postponed by Judge John David Caudill, the presiding judge over the Dwayne Bishop

murder case.

Last month, Caudill postponed the trial until Feb. 7, but the continuing case against Bishop prompted another delay.

Attorneys are expected to begin jury selection Monday.

Delong, 27, of Town Branch in Prestonsburg, was indicted last March on two counts of first-degree

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Odds & Ends

■ **GIBSONIA, Pa.** — Corny as it sounds, a Cub Scout has set a national record for selling popcorn.

Ryan Cenk, 10, of the Pittsburgh suburb of Richland Township, sold \$25,006 worth of Trail's End popcorn products, popping the old record in the Scouts' annual popcorn sale by about \$5,000.

Cenk more than doubled his sales with one call to ATM Corp., a company that provides mortgage lending services. The company's vice president heard the scout's spiel and decided the popcorn tins would make perfect gifts for employees. The company bought \$13,500 worth of popcorn.

Ryan took the phone away from his ear, looked up and said, "Mom, he wants 450 of the three-way tins," his mother,

Colleen Cenk, said. "I got on the extension to make sure there was no misunderstanding."

All told, Cenk sold about 10 tons of popcorn.

As a reward, Trail's End is flying Ryan to Walt Disney World. He also has been asked to speak at the company's annual sales meeting in Orlando, Fla.

■ **SYDNEY, Australia** — Online auction site eBay on Wednesday axed an ad from a woman attempting to sell "naming rights" for her unborn baby girl for at least \$750,000.

As of Wednesday, with six days of the seven-day sale period already expired, the woman, whose identity was not known, had not received any bids.

In the advertisement for the auction, the woman offered prospective sellers an "opportunity to be part of HISTORY in

the making."

"We are taking bids on the naming, advertising and promotional rights to my unborn BABY GIRL!!"

The successful bidder would have gotten the right to choose the child's first name only for the first five years of her life, the eBay ad said, adding the child is due March 1.

But late Wednesday morning, eBay canceled the ad, because it also said the child and mother would be available for promotional activities for the winning bidder.

"We have ended the listing on the grounds that it is an inappropriate item and as the child's welfare and safety may be compromised," said eBay spokesman in Australia Daniel Feiler.

■ **ATHOL, Idaho** — Green light. Red Light. Lights out.

In an effort to quiet down the lunchroom chatter at Athol Elementary, a stoplight has been mounted that monitors decibel levels and signals teachers to turn the lights out when kids get too noisy.

The stoplight is mounted on the lunchroom wall and goes from green to yellow, flashes, and then turns red.

The sound meter can be adjusted to go off at anywhere from 54 decibels to more than 100 decibels. For comparison, noise from a washing machine is about 75 decibels.

The move comes because of the lunchroom's poor acoustics and tile floors. "The sound doesn't have anything to soak into," Principal Connie McGee said.

When the light turns red, the lunchroom stays dark and youngsters have to stay silent

until the Talk Light resets and turns green again.

"The ones who continue to talk have to write 50 times: 'I will not talk during lights out,'" said Renee Johnson, a lunchroom supervisor.

Not everyone is cheering. Fourth-grader Ethan Stiles recently grumbled as the light turned red just after he sat down to eat his lunch.

"It's stupid and it stinks," he said.

■ **ROCK HILL, S.C.** — Police found more than they bargained for when they stopped a U-Haul truck with a burned-out taillight.

Instead of furniture in the back, police on Monday found a rolling keg party with about 20 people drinking whiskey and beer. Eleven people were charged with underage drink-

ing. "They all kind of froze and didn't know what to do, I guess," officer Robert Marshall said.

The partygoers told police they rented the truck for someone's 21st birthday party because the bars were closed. The moving party was traveling streets without a particular destination.

The truck's driver first told police he was hauling a couch for a friend, according to police reports. But Marshall said he became suspicious after hearing scratching noises in the back of the vehicle.

The truck's driver was charged with reckless driving because the people in the back could have been injured, police said. Officers allowed the partygoers to call for rides and no one was arrested.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2005. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 11, 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

On this date:
■ In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

■ In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

■ In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

■ In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

■ In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

■ In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

■ In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized power in Iran.

■ In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

■ In 1989, the Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.

■ In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., ending a historic rendezvous mission with Russia's Mir space station. President Clinton, in his weekly

radio address, threatened to veto any attempt by Republicans to scrap plans to put 100,000 additional police officers on the streets.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Endeavour thundered away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on a mission to map the world as never before. Britain stripped Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government of power in a bid to prevent its collapse over the IRA's refusal to disarm. French movie director Roger Vadim died in Paris at age 72.

One year ago: Wesley Clark dropped out of the race for the White House. A car bomb at an army recruiting center in Baghdad, Iraq, killed 47 people. Cable TV giant Comcast Corp. launched a hostile bid to buy The Walt Disney Co. for more than \$54 billion (Comcast later dropped its bid).

Today's Birthdays: Author Sidney Sheldon is 88. Former Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen is 84. Actor Leslie Nielsen is 79. Actor Conrad Janis is 77. Actress Tina Louise is 71. Actor Burt Reynolds is 69. Songwriter Gerry Goffin is 66. Singer Bobby "Boris" Pickett is 65. Bandleader Sergio Mendes is 64. R&B singer Otis Clay is 63. Environmental Protection Agency administrator Mike Leavitt is 54. Actor Philip Anglim is 52. Actress Catherine Hickland is 49. Actress Carey Lowell is 44. Singer Sheryl Crow is 43. Actress Jennifer Aniston is 36. Actor Damian Lewis is 34. Singer D'Angelo is 31. Actor Brice Beckham is 29. Rock MC/vocalist Mike Shinoda (Linkin Park) is 28. Singer-actress Brandy is 26. Actor Matthew Lawrence is 25. R&B singer Kelly Rowland (Destiny's Child) is 24.

Thought for Today: "Time is really the only capital that any human being has, and the one thing that he can't afford to lose." — Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931).

Federal agencies will work together to speed up mining permits

Four federal agencies that review applications for coal mines have entered an agreement that would give state governments an option that could speed up the process.

The Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service and Office of Surface Mining said Thursday the agreement was intended to streamline the procedures companies go through when applying for permits to start surface coal mines, including those that remove entire mountaintops and dump dirt and rock into valleys and streams.

The action came less than a month after environmentalists sued the federal government in

an attempt to stop coal companies from removing mountaintops to unearth coal.

The lawsuit filed Jan. 28 seeks to stop the Corps of Engineers from issuing permits for filling streams with soil and rock, which environmentalists claim is causing irreparable damage to the environment.

The mining industry has increasingly relied on mountaintop removal to expose coal seams because it's a quick and efficient process.

Mike Gaudin, spokesman for the Office of Surface Mining, said the agreement would allow state regulatory agencies to hold joint public hearings with the Corps of Engineers instead of separate

processes. He said the agreement could reduce the amount of paperwork coal operators have to duplicate, and at the same time make it easier for citizens to comment on proposed mining operations.

Gaudin said coal operators will still have to meet the same standards before they can start a surface mine.

"Definitely, it should result in some time savings," Gaudin said. "How much is hard to say at this point."

The permit process now takes months.

Benjamin Grumbles, assistant administrator for water in the Environmental Protection Agency, said the agreement will allow agencies that review pro-

posed coal mines to better share information.

"The result will be a more comprehensive environmental review process, which is extremely important as we integrate fish and wildlife considerations with surface coal mining considerations," said Steve A. Williams, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.



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Bishop

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state trooper would risk his career to implicate Bishop. Smith zeroed in on the accusation by reminding the jury that troopers risk their lives daily and used the opportunity to talk about the heroism of Floyd County resident, and state trooper, Ricky Conn, who risked his own life to save residents of the Rolling Acres subdivision when a gas line exploded in Ivel last November.

"I admit that I am biased towards troopers," Smith said, "but by working so closely with them I have an insight into their character. Not just anyone is worthy of wearing that uniform."

The sentencing phase of the case was dealt with Thursday morning and saw each side make a plea to the jury.

Defense co-counsel Bob Gainstein went first and argued that Bishop didn't deserve to be caged up "like an animal" for the rest of his life. He also stated that Bishop maintained his innocence and tried to explain his client's grim demeanor by saying, "How can he show remorse for something he didn't do?"

Smith addressed the jury briefly and began by talking about how people fade away over time when they are not around every day. He asked the jury to let Bishop fade away and said, "I respectfully ask you to give him a life sentence."

Less than two hours later, the jury returned with a recommendation of life in prison.

Bishop is scheduled to be formally sentenced April 8.

House panel OKs bill to gradually raise state minimum wage

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill to gradually raise Kentucky's minimum wage by \$2 an hour won approval Tuesday from a House committee, despite objections from business groups.

The state's minimum wage, now \$5.15 an hour, would go up by 50 cents immediately if the bill becomes law, followed by 50-cent increases every six months until reaching \$7.15 per hour.

"I think it's a shame that we would think to pay someone \$5.15 an hour," said Rep. Charles Miller, D-Louisville. "They can't even hardly eat off that."

The bill originally called for an immediate \$3 increase in the hourly minimum wage.

Democratic Rep. Kathy Stein of Lexington, the bill's lead sponsor, conceded that was "too much to bite off in one chunk," and agreed to seek the smaller, phased-in increase.

The rewritten version cleared the Labor and Industry Committee on a 10-4 vote and

now heads to the full House. Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, said he didn't have an opinion on the issue but would be willing to consider the proposal if it reaches the Senate.

Business representatives told the House panel that a higher minimum wage could have unintended consequences for workers and employers.

Jan Gould, representing the Kentucky Retail Federation, warned that some low-wage jobs could be eliminated. He predicted that teenagers from middle- or upper-income homes would "reap the bulk of the benefits" from a larger minimum wage. Also, an increase at the low end of the salary scale would have an inflationary "ripple effect" on other wages, he said.

Rep. Bill Farmer, R-Lexington, warned that a higher minimum wage could have a spin-off effect, such as higher taxes and higher workers' compensation costs on businesses.

Tom Underwood, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said a

higher minimum wage would impose extra costs on businesses already saddled with higher energy and health insurance expenses.

Rep. Rick Nelson, a bill supporter, said businesses adjust to higher costs for fuel and utilities. "But when the human factor is involved, it seems like a lot of them don't want to adjust to it," the Middlesboro Democrat said.

Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Shively, said that during a tour of shelters in Louisville she found that many of the homeless have full-time jobs.

"They are getting up and going to work and probably

making \$5.15 an hour and coming home every night to a homeless shelter," she said.

State law currently ties the state minimum wage to the federal minimum wage, said Larry Roberts, with the Kentucky State Building and Construction Trades Council.

The federal minimum wage has been \$5.15 an hour since 1997, he said.

A higher state minimum wage as proposed by the bill would apply to any Kentucky retailer with an annual gross income exceeding \$95,000 over the preceding five years, according to a state Department of Labor official.

Tourism

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move in 1998 to change the retirement law, Hanes said.

"I think ethical issues arise when you're dealing with political offices," Hayes said. "But there is no evidence that it has an adverse impact on the system."

In other news from the meeting:

The bureau organized a budget committee, made up of David Jewell, Chairman David Tackett, Tiffany Parsons and Scott Ringum as an alternate. Budget deadline is May 1 for the bureau. They request that all persons seeking grants from the commission this year meet with the bureau before that time.

Authorized a \$500 grant to the Prestonsburg High School cheerleaders, who will use the money to host a regional cheerleading competition.

Discussed the possibility of coordinating outdoor recreation events in Prestonsburg. James said that two men who regularly play paintball tournaments in David are "very interested" in hosting a paintball tournament in the city. Other tidbits discussed here included horse shows and Bud Baldrige's goat farm becoming a part of an agri-tourism boost for the county.

Discussed agri-tourism 68-80 Tour, which is supposed to fashion something of a 400 mile yard sale along those two roads.

Tiffany Parsons agreed to step in as a signature card holder for the bureau's bank account. The move to include her on the list of possible signatures came after an announcement that member Boyd Thompson is having medical problems.

Abuse

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criminal abuse for allegedly burning a 23-month-old toddler in hot bath water.

He was arrested at the Floyd County Detention on the abuse charges after he allegedly burned the child on its body, feet, legs and bottom.

Delong also failed to seek medical attention for the child, the commonwealth alleges.

He remains incarcerated Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Paintsville under a \$50,000 cash bond.

Bill

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said Nikki Henderson with AARP Kentucky.

Henderson, a retired police officer who specialized in investigating crimes against the elderly, said many elder abuse cases never reach police because of a lack of communication.

"This legislation ... will show everybody's responsibility in this circle and everybody has to collaborate to work on an elderly case," she said. "You can't do it independently."

The bill's supporters said that 11,609 cases alleging abuse, neglect or exploitation of Kentucky's elderly were reported between July 2002 and June 2003.

Rep. Jimmie Lee, a lead sponsor of the bill, said it would guarantee a "full paper trail" on every elder abuse case including the outcome. Lee said such accountability doesn't exist now.

"We don't have any way now of knowing whatever happened to it," said Lee, D-

Elizabethtown. "We don't know whether or not a prosecutor somewhere said there's not sufficient evidence for us to do anything, and they can it. Under this bill, you have to report every one of those incidents."

Flu

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with a variety of symptoms, Stone said, including headaches, stomach ailments, nausea, diarrhea and high fevers.

Pediatrician Dr. Mazen Jafer says his office at Highlands Regional Medical Center has been increasingly packed this week with patients suffering from the flu, RSV, vomiting, diarrhea and strep throat.

"It's been crazy, really busy the last three or four days," he said. "We are seeing more than one incident, five or six a day."

This year, the Floyd County Health Department carted in 9,000 to 10,000 doses of the flu vaccine. At least 2,400 to 2,500 vaccine shots were administered to "at-risk patients" by the health department, Stone said. The remaining vaccines were distributed to local hospitals and doctor's offices.

"It's a good thing that those

more vulnerable got the message and came in here and got their shots," she said. "Otherwise, we'd have a bigger problem."

Dr. Jafer says the best time to battle the flu is during the initial onset of body aches and fever that usually accompanies the ailment. The best way to prevent getting sick, he said, is routine hand washing. Keeping those at risk away from crowded areas is also key in keeping the illnesses in check, he said.

During the interview, Jafer referred to great flu epidemics that wiped out millions across the U.S. in 1918, 1957 and 1968.

"Sometimes the flu can change and a new virus can come," he said. "We worry now that this virus can make this kind of trick. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but I'm thinking it can happen."

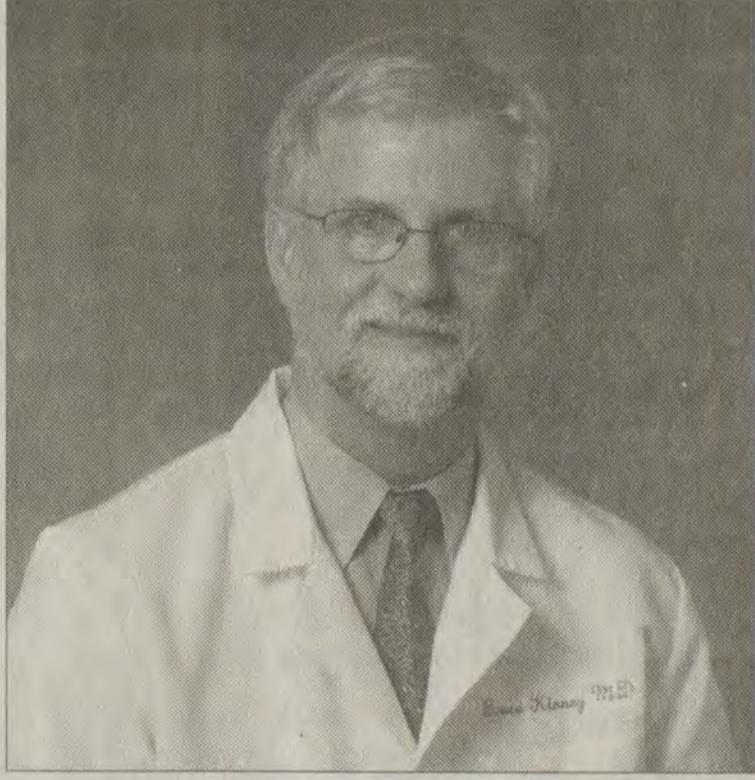
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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"All animals except man know that the ultimate in life is to enjoy it."

— Samuel Butler

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

The Anniston (Ala.) Star, on the nation's budget:

... The rules still apply: we can't fund a war, secure the nation in a post-9/11 world, hand out tax cuts that favor high-income brackets and stay out of the red. Something must give, and it looks like the "least of these" are the ones who will be shortchanged if President Bush gets his way.

Cuts to programs for the poor are in vogue. The Department of Housing and Urban Development loses 11.5 percent from last year's budget. Cities and counties will feel the pinch as community development assistance is trimmed by 4.5 percent.

The loss of \$45 billion in Medicaid will hurt states, forcing them to pick up more of the medical bill for poor residents. The president also proposes cutting \$1.1 billion from the food stamp budget. ...

Speaking Monday, the president said his "is a budget that sets priorities."

A president, whose speeches are richly flavored with words urging compassion and care for the needy, can set better priorities.

Observer-Dispatch, Utica, N.Y., on smokers' rights:

Quitting time has taken on a whole new meaning at one Michigan company. On Jan. 1, Weyco Inc., a health benefits administrator, went smoke free. Good news for employees' health.

But this no-smoking policy goes way beyond the office door. Employees who smoke, even at home, will be fired. Bad news for employees' rights.

Four of Weyco's 200 employees were fired last month for refusing to take a test to determine if they had been smoking. The company now performs random testing to ensure compliance with its policy.

Yes, smoking causes health problems. But so does obesity. So does unsafe sex. And so can downhill skiing, sky diving or driving while putting on your makeup or cleaning out your home's gutters. Which ones should get you fired? Exactly how much of what you do should your employer control? ...

But Weyers' attempt to dictate his employees off-work behavior is disturbing, particularly because it's perfectly legal. Michigan is one of 29 states that have so-called "at-will" employment laws. That means employees can be fired for virtually any reason or no reason at all.

Legal scholars say the only reason state Legislatures don't put a stop to at-will laws is there is no strong lobbying effort to get it done. Maybe this will light a fire under some people. It should.

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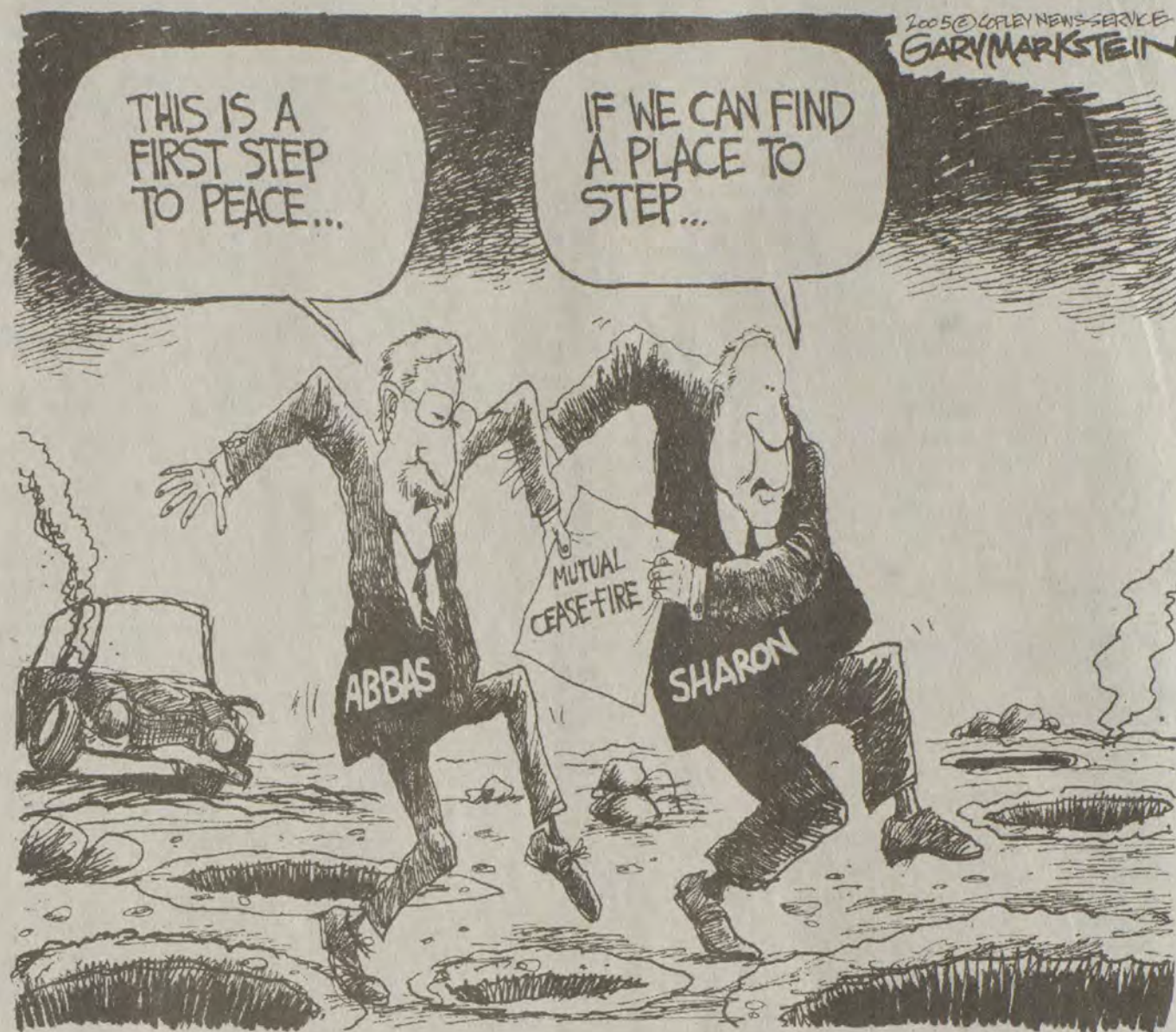
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Guest Column

A tale of two families

by JIM MORGAN and WILLIAM STOLTE

To truly understand the problems with Kentucky's current tax system consider the current income tax burden levied on two families.

The first family has two small children and qualified to buy a home from Habitat for Humanity. The husband has an earned income of \$17,952 per year. The 2003 Kentucky income tax paid by the first family was \$584 or 3.3 percent of their poverty level income.

The second family has no dependents, is retired, and has an unearned income (no salary or wages) of some \$91,614. This family can exclude some \$63,313 of pension and social security benefits in determining their taxable income. The

exclusion provides the family with a tax saving of \$3,780. Their tax liability is \$799 — less than 1 percent.

This comparison is but one example of the egregious disparity, unfairness and inequity of our present income tax law. Kentuckians with incomes less than \$12,000 (the lowest 20 percent of Kentucky incomes) pay 13 percent of their income in Kentucky state and local taxes. The highest 5 percent (incomes of \$113,000 or more) pay only 8.5 percent of their income in state and local taxes.

Kentucky's income tax brackets have not changed since 1950, so everyone making more than \$8,000 a year is in the top bracket. That was not such a big deal in 1950, when \$8,000 was worth what \$60,000 is today. But the outdated brackets mean that Kentuckians begin paying

income taxes at only \$5,000.

In sharp contrast, the pension income exclusion has been increased each of the past nine years from an initial amount of \$6,500. The Office of the State Budget Director estimates the pension and social security exclusion has reduced 2005 state revenues by some \$145 million. This is but one illustration of the loopholes driven through the system.

In recent years legislators have frequently succumbed to numerous pressures of lobbyists to exclude various forms of corporate income. Current provisions permit corporations to shift profits out-of-state, limit the corporate activities subject to state tax, and otherwise reduce their effective tax rate.

(See TALE, page six)

Letters

Baptists opposed to gambling

On behalf of the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Committee on Public Affairs, I want to express our strong opposition to the effort to expand gambling in our Commonwealth through bills now in the Kentucky General Assembly. Our committee has the responsibility for keeping the more than 780,000 Kentucky Baptists in more than 2,400 churches in our Commonwealth informed regarding legislative issues and we are urging opposition to this very destructive legislation.

We realize that the current state budget situation makes gambling expansion an attractive short-term fix to problems. However, we believe the benefits touted by the gambling industry are more imagined than real. Gambling tends to hurt most those who can least afford it and serves as a tax increase that simply shifts money to the gambling industry that could be more usefully spent in other sectors of the economy. Expanded gambling does not create new money for the state; it only siphons it away from other parts of the economy.

Furthermore, the increased social costs of dealing with gambling addictions and squandered paychecks more than offset any benefits. I recently heard the heartbreaking story of a woman in

eastern Kentucky who saw her husband's gambling addiction devastate her family. Our government should be engaged in activities that strengthen society, not weaken it as gambling unquestionably does.

Our Committee commends the many state legislators in both the Senate and the House who recognize the destructive impact that expanded gambling can have on our state and have taken public stands to oppose this legislation. We strongly encourage other legislators and Gov. Fletcher to take similarly courageous stands.

Chip Hutcheson, chairman
Committee on Public Affairs,
Kentucky Baptist Convention

Government not to blame

Passage of the tobacco buyout by Congress last year was a historic achievement for Kentucky which will benefit all aspects of tobacco dependent communities in Kentucky and across the tobacco belt. The raw numbers are impressive — \$2.5 billion over 10 years to be paid in every region of our state, the creation of at least 7,000 new jobs and a chance for Kentucky farm families to invest in their own future, either through more streamlined tobacco production or a variety of alternative enterprises.

In terms of the value of the economic stimulus for Kentucky, the buyout ranks with the top economic development initiatives of our time. New automotive plants or new technology enterprises have served as strong advancements for individual regions of the commonwealth,

but the buyout spreads its high-value impact to virtually every county, west to east.

As good as the news was last October, when our Congressional delegation overcame huge obstacles to win the buyout's passage, some of the luster has seemed to go away with the decision of the tobacco companies to renege on payment of last year's Phase 2 payments to farmers. The companies went to court in North Carolina to reclaim money already pledged, and paid in, to the trust that administers the Phase 2 program. That was an incredibly callous and ill-advised decision on their part that threatens to do real harm to families who had counted on the payments to meet operating and lending obligations.

Farmers have rightly expressed outrage over the withholding of these payments, and we may now be seeing movement in Frankfort which could provide a remedy for the companies' greed. That is a commendable objective and one that

deserves support from lawmakers from all across the state.

I am hopeful that farmers in Kentucky will eventually receive their Phase 2 payments that should have been paid at the first of the year. At the same time, I hope that the anger felt within the farming sector over the payment issue won't spill over into a blame game directed toward our capable U.S. senators and representatives. The members of our delegation gave their all in the drive to enact a buyout, and that achievement should in no way be diminished because of actions by tobacco company lawyers.

We owe our Congressional members our gratitude for their hard work over the past few years that led to passage last October of the buyout. Likewise, let us support the work of our governor and state legislators who are striving to right a wrong and restore the Phase 2 funds that are due our farming families.

Sam Moore, president
Kentucky Farm Bureau

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At the Movies: 'Hitch'

by DAVID GERMAIN
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Will Smith waited a long time to bring his bottomless charisma to a romantic comedy. He should have waited longer, at least until the many hitches were ironed out of "Hitch," an occasionally cute trifle that had all the ingredients to be a great date flick.

Instead, "Hitch" offers a few laughs and the odd smarter-than-average romantic exchange between Smith and co-star Eva Mendes before veering into a foolish plot conflict that drains all credibility and chokes off whatever goodwill the movie built up in its first half.

With no clear notion of where to take the story, director Andy Tennant ("Sweet Home Alabama") and first-time screenwriter Kevin Bisch let "Hitch" meander to tiresome lengths and force the lead players to stumble through a sappy conclusion that drags on interminably.

Playing a professional Manhattan "date doctor" helping hopeless men snare the women of their dreams, Smith's enormous charm carries the movie much of the way, buoyed by scene-stealing moments from Kevin James as a lovelorn accountant.

Smith's Alex "Hitch" Hitchens is a master at hooking up geeks with mates seem-

ingly light years out of their reach.

Hitch only takes on decent guys as clients, men who will treat a woman like a queen through a lifetime of commitment. And while he does coach his pupils through Cyrano de Bergerac-like pretense, there is no malicious deceit involved.

Hitch simply opens the door to romantic possibilities and counts on the essential goodness of his disciples to seal the deal.

"With no guile and no game, there is no girl," is one of Hitch's many pithy mottoes.

For all his optimism on others' behalf, Hitch has closed himself off to the prospect of romance because of a painful love affair that left him crying in the rain years earlier. An awkward flashback presents the story, which lacks conviction as to why such a self-assured man cannot rebound from a garden-variety heart-

"Hitch," released by Sony's Columbia Pictures, is rated PG-13 for language and some strong sexual references.

Running time: 116 minutes.
Two stars out of four.

break.

When Hitch finally meets his own dream woman, gossip columnist Sara Melas (Mendes), she turns out to be as cynical about personal romance as he. Hitch's ploys to catch Sara's eye, and the clever but calamitous first date he plans, offer some brightly refreshing moments in the tired boy-meets-girl genre.

The movie quickly loses that momentum as "Hitch" begins to wallow in superficial romantic mush. And rather than letting the story develop authentically from Hitch and Sara's innate resistance to intimacy, the filmmakers try to forcibly inject dramatic friction by creating professional discord between the lovers.

After this clunky artifice, Hitch and Sara's relationship becomes more and more antic-oriented, devolving into bad slapstick and dialogue that includes some literal gibberish

during the prolonged finale.

Far more engaging is the undercard romance involving Hitch's client Albert Brennaman ("King of Queens" star James), a meek, tubby accountant smitten by beautiful heiress Allegra Cole (Amber Valletta).

James displays wonderful flair for broad physical comedy while instilling depth and pathos into a character that on the page would read as a one-dimensional loser. Valletta likewise makes Amber's passion for this portly nobody believable; as Sara observes while spying on them at a Knicks game, Albert and Amber are adorable together.

Also in its favor, "Hitch" makes fine use of New York settings, including Ellis Island, trendy lower Manhattan and the Hudson River waterfront.

Because this is a Will Smith flick, and a romance opening over Valentine's weekend to boot, audiences will jam theaters for "Hitch." But it's a shaky transition from action movies to love stories for Smith when he's outshone by both his surroundings and a pudgy bean-counter.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

The week before Valentine's Day turned out to be a good one for fans of romantic comedies and three hanky epics. Leading off the releases this week are several mush fests guaranteed to please the softies out there.

"The Notebook" — Here's one that the critics loved last year though it only managed to get a few bookings in Eastern Kentucky venues. Director Nick Cassavettes (son of avant garde filmmaker John Cassavettes) adapts Nicholas Sparks' popular novel that focused on an elderly couple remembering their past. The seniors are played by James Garner and Gena Rowlands (mother of the director) who deliver poignant performances while the bulk of the film focuses on their youthful romance set in 1940s North Carolina. Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams play the younger versions of the duo.

"Win a Date with Tad Hamilton" — This romantic comedy benefits from a game cast and begins when a movie studio devises a "Win a Date"

contest for one of their stars who desperately needs some good publicity. The winner of the contest turns out to be a grocery store clerk in West Virginia, played by Kate Bosworth, who is loved from afar by a friend, played by Topher Grace of "That 70's Show." You have seen this kind of thing before but the treatment here is polished and owes a debt to a great supporting cast that includes Nathan Lane, Sean Hayes and Gary Cole.

"The Life" — A young woman with money problems falls under the influence of a neighbor who works as an escort in this bleak drama about the world's oldest profession. A good cast helps, Denise Richards and Daryl Hannah, but it is the candid interviews with real life prostitutes peppered throughout the film that give this dram its depth.

"Shark Tale" — All-star animated undersea adventure that follows a fast talking fish (Will Smith) who hooks up with a vegetarian shark (Jack Black). Not very engaging though the Godfather Shark (voiced by Robert De Niro) is good for a few yuks.

"Jim Brown: All American" — This documentary on actor/activist Jim Brown follows him from his days with the Cleveland Browns through his success in Hollywood. Director Spike Lee does a fine job of chronicling Brown on the whole but falls victim to hero worship by ignoring Brown's history of clashes with the opposite sex.

The lives of two boxers make for fine film viewing experiences for fans of classic drama this week.

"Raging Bull" — Returns to DVD with a 25th anniversary edition of the film with a whole disc of extras. The film won a best picture Oscar in 1980 as well as a best actor nod for Robert DeNiro, who stars here as Jake La Motta. The film charts La Motta's rise to fame at the expense of everyone else in his life and also offers great performances by Joe Pesci, as Jake's brother manager, and Cathy Moriarty as his long suffering wife Vicky.

"Monkey on my Back" — This biography of boxing champion Barney Ross has been seldom seen since it hit theaters in 1957. Cameron

Mitchell stars here as Ross, a World War II veteran, who developed a morphine addiction while maintaining a successful boxing career. Eventually Ross hit bottom and wrote a book on his life, which he helped adapt for this film. Dark and moody drama which ends a little more optimistically than "Raging Bull."

"Deadwood" — HBO's latest success story revisits the western genre and totally reinvents it. The series follows the lives of several denizens of a lawless South Dakota town and features real and fictional characters. The colorful dialogue takes some getting used to but there are plenty of rewards for viewers. The acting is top notch, with Ian McShayne a standout as the town's corrupt ruler. Brad Douriff also scores as a frontier doctor who rises to the occasion, and out of the bottle, when a smallpox outbreak threatens the town.

Next week look for a two-disc rerelease of the cult hit "Donnie Darko." Here you get the original cut of the film which answers a few more questions than the shortened original release.

Fletcher administration pitches tax plan to lawmakers

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT

Legislators who got their first formal look at Gov. Ernie Fletcher's proposals for tax changes posed some technical questions, but were mostly concerned about who's paying the tab.

"I've got to go home and explain to these people," said Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson.

The alternative minimum tax, designed to pose a levy on companies that avoid other corporate taxes, drew many of the questions.

The administration estimates the tax would raise more than \$100 million a year, but legislators wondered if it would hit Kentucky companies already paying their fair shares.

Budget director Brad Cowgill said the alternative tax is mostly aimed at out-of-state companies with complex corporate arrangements designed to avoid taxation.

The tax is proposed for \$950

for each \$1 million in gross receipts, which administration officials said is among the lowest rates among the states. But officials also acknowledged there are few states with such alternative taxes.

"We need to make sure large companies aren't escaping paying Kentucky taxes," said Rep. Jon Draud, R-Edgewood. "We're hearing a lot of complaints from some people."

Cowgill said the complaints are understandable in one regard because many of the companies have avoided taxes.

"We're going to have taxpayers who have never been taxpayers before," Cowgill said.

Since its introduction, Fletcher's tax plan has drawn some fire from a broad spectrum.

House Democrats are balking at the 31-cent increase in the cigarette tax. The alcoholic beverage industry, including the signature bourbon distillers, say it unfairly targets them by adding the

sales tax to retail package sales. Advocates for the poor say it doesn't do enough to cut individual income taxes.

Cowgill said the entire package is designed to promote economic growth, though the administration said just over 10,000 new jobs will be created as a result by 2008.

"We think our tax code is holding us back," Cowgill told the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee. "It's not reliable. It's not fair and it's not good for growth."

Fletcher has warned that the state's very future is dependent on enacting the package, which he calls tax modernization, in order to promote economic growth.

"The budget I present is based on our current tax code, a system rooted in an economy nearly 100 years old," Fletcher said in his State of the Commonwealth address. "This is not the path I prefer, but if you cannot summon the will to reform our taxes then it is the path we are destined

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Obituaries

Henry Edward Allen

Henry Edward Allen, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, February 8, 2005, at his residence.

Born February 4, 1930, in West Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Fair and Della Whitaker Allen. He was a retired manager for Vanhoose Lumber of Prestonsburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ava Lee Salyers Allen.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald Dean and Dottie Jean Allen of Prestonsburg; a grandson, Ronald Justin Allen of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Grover Morris Allen of Prestonsburg, Ballard Allen of Louisville, and Howard Gene Allen of New York City, New York.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Evelyn Faye Allen, and Lillian Roper.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcom Slone, and Johnny Patton, officiating.

Burial will be in the Arnett Cemetery (Mountain Parkway), in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Roy Rogers Leedy

Roy Rogers Leedy, 59, of Langley, passed from this life on Wednesday evening, February 9, 2005, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

Born February 15, 1945, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Kelly and Susie Johnson Leedy. He was an electrician.

He is survived by his wife, Dollie Carroll Leedy; one son, Nathan (Charlene) Reffitt of Langley, and a daughter, Tammy Leedy of New York City; one brother, Clarence Leedy of Athens, Ohio, and two sisters: Alice Chitham of Athens, Ohio, and Esie Hall of Topmost; three grandchildren: Tara, Tesia and Christopher Reffitt.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 12, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Rev. Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will be in the Martin Cemetery, in Martin, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Mildred Avonelle Murray

Mildred Avonelle Murray, 80, of Wayland, died Friday, February 4, 2005, at her residence.

Born December 16, 1924, in Glo, she was the daughter of the late Joe E. and Mae Banks Hicks. She was a homemaker and a member of the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, at Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George L. Murray.

Survivors include two daughters: Beulah Joyce Ousley of Leburn, and Eulah Ann Slone of Wayland; two brothers: James Gordon Hicks of Dulith, Georgia, and Lowell Thomas Hicks of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters: Billie J. Mullins of Harts Creek, Virginia, and Carolyn Sue Knight of Paintsville; five grandchildren: Peggy Marie Fitzpatrick, Nathan Andrew Risner, Matthew Lee Cline, Michael Scott Cline, and Jason Darrell Ousley; and two great-grandchildren: Justin Lee Cline, and Sarah Renee Cline.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Vernon Hicks; and two sisters: Johnnie Marie Tufts, and Betty June Gray.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 6, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, at Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with services held, Saturday evening, February 5. (Paid obituary)

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Tale

As a result, corporate taxes have fallen from 10 percent to 5 percent of state tax revenues, and according to the Governor's office resulted in an additional annual reduction in state revenue of \$417 million.

To accommodate these reductions in tax revenue there has been six rounds of state budget cuts totaling some \$1 billion since 2001.

Almost everyone in Frankfort seems to agree that a major tax reform in Kentucky is long overdue. However what does not seem to be understood is how the state's revenue sources have been eaten away during the last dozen years and how the burden of taxes has been shifted to lower and middle income working families.

It has long been understood

that taxes are the dues you pay for being part of an orderly society. What type of a society do we want? To what extent do we want to provide a quality educational opportunity for all Kentuckians? How should we distribute the burden of maintaining and enhancing the health of our citizens? What are the responsibilities of a citizen of the Commonwealth?

If Kentucky is ever to prosper, broad-based tax reform that provides the revenue needed both today and in the future is an obvious requirement.

Family and corporate income is a fair measure of one's ability to pay the "dues" required for a functioning society. But measures of income must be comprehensive and not continually subject to exclusions promoted

by narrow self-interest. Any exclusion should be "means tested." Persons with incomes higher than the median should not be granted exclusions based upon the source of income. As with all other forms of income, pension and social security incomes higher than the median should be taxed at the prevailing rates. Persons with incomes below the federal poverty level should not be subject to state income taxes.

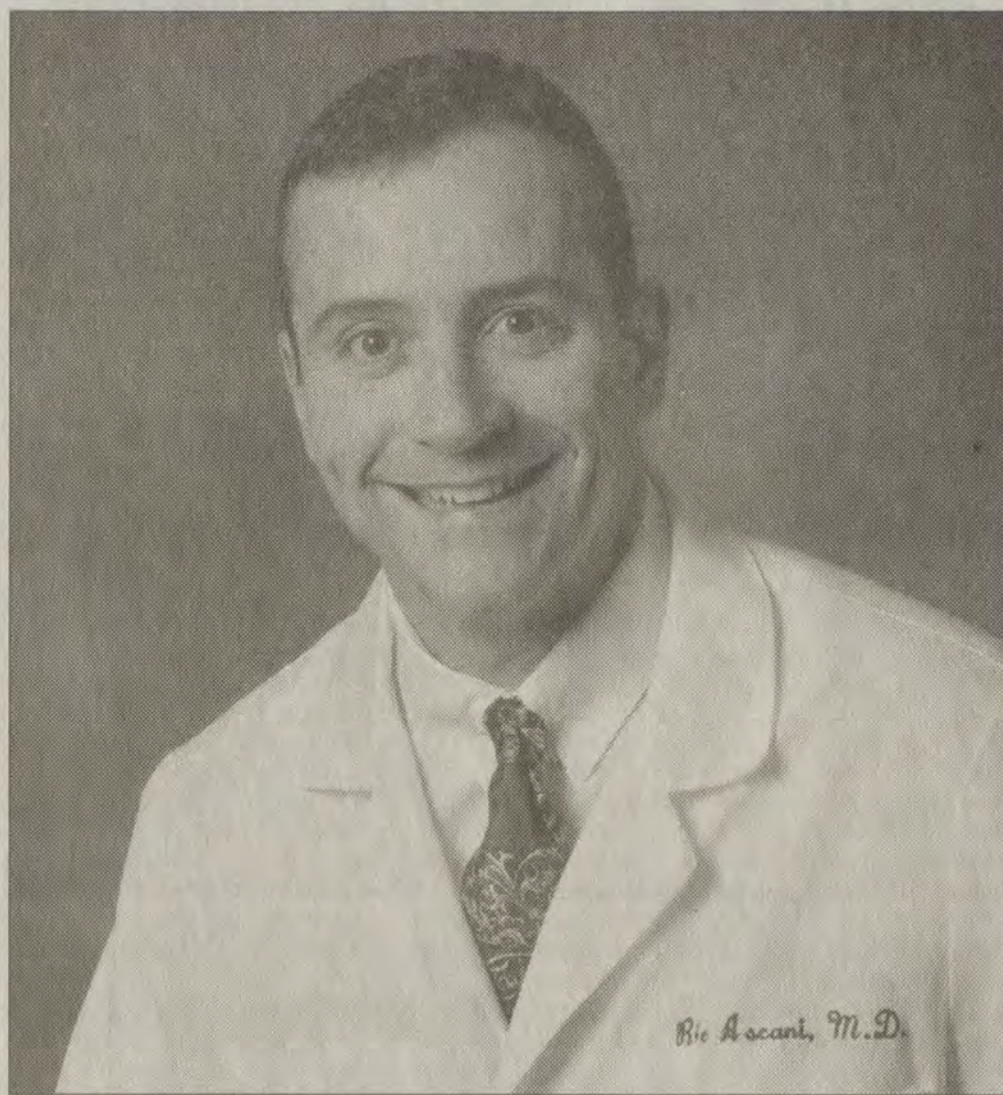
Likewise, corporate income earned in the Commonwealth is a fair measure of a corporation's ability to pay for the services received from the state. Any tax reform legislation must eliminate major exclusions.

A more equitable distribution of the cost of providing government services is in the interest

of all Kentucky residents. Business increasingly depends on a better educated labor force. Today's senior citizens depend on the services of workers in hospitals, food chains, and a host of other low-paid workers. Today's grandparents want their grandchildren and neighbor's children to have the opportunity for a quality education provided by the most capable teachers available.

To provide opportunity and services we must all be willing to invest in Kentucky and pay our fair share of our society's dues.

Morgan is a Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired) and a native Kentuckian. Stolte is a retired professor of economics.

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Many workers, such as coal miners and construction workers, develop hearing impairments from day to day exposure to noise at work. I commonly see workers who have lost 50% of their hearing capacity. Kentucky law provides for comp payments in many cases for workers who have stopped working...but, do you know that workers still on the job may also qualify? In many cases, they do.

Kentucky's new black lung law became effective in 2002, and applies to working miners, in some cases, and to others who have stopped. It may also apply to workers who have filed previous claims.

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A mental health conference on the emotional well-being of children and adolescents. To be held March 23, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Hosted by Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Services Program and IMPACT Program. Lunch will be catered by the Ramada Inn. To register, call 886-4395, or register online at www.mtcomp.org. Registration is required to attend. Registration deadline is March 10. There is no charge for registration or lunch. Some fees will apply, but no fee will be collected from child care workers, foster parents, or education administrators CEU's.

Floyd County Historical and Genealogy Society

Next meeting to be held Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House. Guest speaker George Campbell, from Scotland, will share history of his homeland and an appreciation of poet Robert Burns. The Society encourages all to please attend. For more information, call 886-6308. The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society meets the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the Samuel May House.

FCCD Feb. meeting

To be held Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the District office, located near the entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park. Meeting is open to the public.

*Free Tree Seedlings will be given away, beginning Sat., Feb. 12, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Give-away will then continue, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until all trees are gone.

First-come, first serve. Email to: conserve@mikrotec.com or call 889-9800 for more information.

Attention: BLHS Class of '85

It's been 20 years! Reunion is being planned. If you are a classmate, or if you know of a classmate's whereabouts, please email addresses to Debbie Hall Parsons or Gwen Cecil at: dochallparsons@charter.net.

East Point Masonic Lodge

Will confer the sublime degree of Master Mason on two candidates on Sat., Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. District deputy will make official visit. Members are asked to bring an item of food. All Master Masons welcome.

Big Sandy 4-H Club

Is seeking new members! Do you like to have fun? Meet new people? Help your community? Then join our club! For more info., contact Chuck Stamper at 886-2668.

Big Sandy Women's Symposium

To be held Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Theme: "Focusing on Life's Lessons." Registration at 8 a.m., fee required. Keynote speaker, Dr. Ann Weeks. Presented by MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. Call 788-6008 for more information.

Basic Computer Training

To be taught by Ray Tackett at the Martin Community Center, located on Route 80, at Martin, on Feb. 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18; and April 1, from 1-3 p.m. Cost - \$7. This is an 8-week training series designed for those who have little or no experience using computers. Space is limited - call 886-2668 today to register!

Home-Based Microprocessing and Processing Workshop

Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Floyd County Extension Office. Learn about food safety, sanitation, and home canning. Registration fee required. For those interested in selling home-processed food products. Call 886-2668 for more information.

Floyd and Pike County Master Gardener Program

Volunteer training program sponsored by UK Co-op Extension Service. Designed to provide research based informa-

tion to the public in regard to horticulture. Anyone may apply. Call Ray Tackett at 886-2668 or Brian Combs at 1-800-233-1390 for more info. To be held March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11 at Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center, from 6-9 p.m. Enrollment fee required.

Private Pesticide Applicators Recertification/Training

To be held Feb. 15, from 9-11:30 a.m. and Feb. 17, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office. Contact Ray Tackett at 886-2668 for more information.

D.A.V. Chap. 18

The Big Sandy Chapter 18, Disabled American Veterans, of Auxier, is looking for honorably discharged veterans to join the Chapter, which meets at the Auxier Fire Dept., on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, at 6 p.m. Those interested may bring their DD214 and join the Chapter and receive a D.A.V. ball cap.

Floyd County Democratic Women's Club

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Brenda's Restaurant, in McDowell. All invited to attend.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Now taking applications for Spring session. Classes offered are: Basic and Intermediate computer; Word processing; Computer keyboard; Creative sewing; Knitting and Crocheting. Also, GED classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 886-0709 for more information.

Free Body Recall classes

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

'Earn While You Learn'

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

call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Age 55 or older?

If so, and you are also unemployed, and would like to make money while being trained in skills that will help you gain employment, or become re-employed, contact Bill Little, Senior Community Service Employment Program, Big Sandy Area Development District, at 886-2374. "Area Employers are Looking for Dependable Workers like YOU!"

PARENTS!

Are you in need of child care services? If so, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. The office is partnering with Eastern Kentucky Child Care Coalition. For more information on how we can help you, call Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or toll free at 888-872-7227.

Also, if your child is currently enrolled in a child care program, find out if your provider is a member of the STARS for KIDS NOW voluntary program for exceeding licensing standards.

And, learn about how you can stay home with your own children and still earn an income by caring for other children. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

-Feb. 12 - "Hats off to Homemakers Valentine Tea" 1:30-3:30 p.m. All homemaker, and those interested in joining, invited. Fun, food, fellowship, door prizes and "Wear a Hat" contest.

Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist

Church Fellowship Hall.

Cliffside/Prestonsburg: 3rd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Cliffside Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

Evening Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office.

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown First Baptist Church.

Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Extension Office.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

"Looking For a Support Group?"

•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 6 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at 886-0265, or Jane Bond at FCHD.

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

•MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their care-givers.

•Overeater's Anonymous (O.A.) - Meets each Monday, at 3:30 p.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Water Gap Road. For more info., call 886-2513.

•US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

•Community Weight Loss

(See CALENDAR, page nine)

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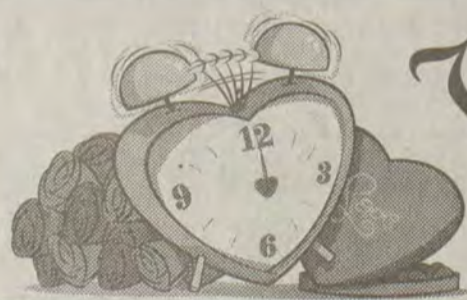
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Floyd County Devotional Page

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner. Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Smith, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eapt. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Buddy Jones, Minister.

First Baptist, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branham's Creek Rd.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jeff Barrett, Minister.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church; 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Thursday, 7 p.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Varney, Minister.

McDowell First Baptist, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Gene Bracken, Minister.

Middle Creek Baptist, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Eugene Cook, Minister.

Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg; Sunday Service, 10 a.m., Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister.

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

Pleasant Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, Tinker Fork; Meeting time 1st Saturday & Sunday of each month, 3rd Sunday Evening at 6:00 p.m.; Moderator, Gary Compton; Assist. Moderator, Jimmy Conley.

Prater Creek Baptist, Banner; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; J.B. Hall, Pastor. Phone: (606) 874-3222.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist; Garrett Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wendell Crager, Minister.

Rock Fork Regular Baptist, Garrett; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Earl Slone, Minister; Jerry Manns, Assistant Minister.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; 4th Sunday; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Chester Lucas.

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist, Dana; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Robert Shane Powers.

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist; Cliff Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist; Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80, Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

St. Martha, Water Gap; Mass: Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; Sunday, Father Robert Dammron, pastor.

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Garrett Community Christian, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Donnie Hackworth, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherrn Williams, Minister.

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Benny Blankenship, Minister.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James H. Harmon, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Varney, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Return to your Bible



You have stolen my heart with one glance of your eyes...

SONG OF SONGS 4:9

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Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gary Mithcell, Minister.

Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley. Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Bragg, Minister.

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth E. Prater, Jr., Minister.

Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr., Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal; Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

LUTHERAN

Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLW (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Roland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosolido, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Jack Howard, Minister.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue; 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. U.M.Y.S. Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Martin Methodist; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Maytown United Methodist, Langley; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Roy Harlow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Brad Tackett, Minister.

Wheelwright United Methodist, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Isaac, Minister.

Vogle Day United Methodist Church, Harold; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Dennis C. Love, Pastor.

Drift Pentecostal, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Saturday/Sunday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Ted Shannon, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Rt. 1428, East Point; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Thurs., 6:30 p.m.; Buster Hayton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcolm Slone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale; Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; George C. Love, Minister.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Gary Sheph. Minister.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Preisthood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY. Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market); Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 pm.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Conley Fork of Spurlock, Prestonsburg; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.; Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dan Heintzelman, Minister.

Town Branch Church; Sunday School 10 a.m. except for first Sunday in each month; Worship Service, Sun. morning 10:00 a.m.; Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; No Sunday night services on first Sunday of each month. Tom Nelson, Minister.

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J.J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

Youth Fellowship Center, Wheelwright; Monday-Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Zion Deliverance, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Prayer Line: 358-2001; Jeff Kinslow, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above Worldwide Equipment, Rt. 1428. Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 78 Court Street, Allen, Ky.; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor: D.P. Curry.

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Many jailers refused to provide copies of jail logs

by **BILL ESTEP**
and **LEE MUELLER**
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

LEXINGTON — Many jailers and jail employees across the state showed a lack of knowledge of the state Open Records Act, failing or refusing to release information that is clearly public, auditors found.

In Montgomery County, auditor Dariush Shafa said Jailer Dewayne Myers and two employees backed him against a wall and demanded his identification.

After Myers refused to give him a copy of the prisoner log, Shafa said he showed the jailer a copy of the open-records law, and Myers responded, "That rule doesn't apply to us."

"The whole situation was very intimidating," Shafa, 20, a University of Kentucky student, said in an interview.

Myers said he did not intend to make Shafa feel intimidated and did not say the open-records law does not apply to the jail.

There would have been no problem providing a list of people in the jail if Shafa had asked for that, Myers said. However, what Shafa requested was a copy of the daily activity log, which

includes confidential information such as what medication inmates get, Myers said.

The open-records law outlines information that public agencies are allowed to withhold — items such as Social Security numbers that would clearly violate an individual's privacy if released.

If the public record being sought includes private information, the agency is to black out that information and release the rest of the record, according to the act.

Several jailers said the uncommon request for the jail log and the fact the auditors would not produce identification or say why they wanted to see it raised concerns about the safety of inmates, authorities and the public.

Sharon Buckley, a captain at the Barren County Jail, said for instance that someone who wanted to attack an inmate could use the list in finding out when that person was due in court, then show up and perhaps place an officer in jeopardy.

"You want to make sure the safety's there. The last thing you want to do is put anybody at risk as well as the community," Buckley said.

Said Myers: "We don't

want to take no chance with somebody we don't know."

Morgan Caldwell, a 20-year-old journalism student at Eastern Kentucky University who went to Morgan County as part of the audit, said West Liberty Police Chief James Keeton said she couldn't have the list of prisoners transported to jail without providing identification, then took down her car license number as she left.

Caldwell said the black Hyundai she drives is registered to her mother, who got a call from Keeton wanting to know if she had a daughter and what she looked like.

"She called me thinking 'Oh my God, my daughter's been in a wreck,'" Caldwell said in an interview.

Keeton said Caldwell's refusal to provide identification raised a red flag about whether she wanted the information for an illicit purpose. Keeton mentioned the potential for blackmail, or a wife trying to find out who her husband had been arrested with, he said.

"You don't know if you're giving somebody some information to maybe use it against somebody," he said.

House leaders want separate police

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — House leaders are thinking about creating a police force with the sole responsibility of protecting lawmakers and legislative employees.

Eight House Democratic and Republican leaders have signed onto a bill to establish a Division of Legislative Security to replace services now provided free by the Kentucky State Police.

That would mean a fully trained and equipped agency of at least five uniformed police officers with statewide jurisdiction to provide "adequate security and law enforcement protection" for all 138 lawmakers and 400 or so legislative employees.

The officers would carry guns, drive cruisers with blue lights and sirens, carry badges and be empowered to investigate "any crime committed against or by" legislators or employees.

The bill is about providing

better protection to the people of Kentucky, said House Majority Caucus Chairman Bob Damron, D-Nicholasville, who filed the bill.

"We have state police officers tied up here when they could be on the road."

He said he fully approves of the KSP's Capitol work. It "does a wonderful job and there have been no problems."

State police now provide the legislature with three full-time security people — a captain, a trooper and a civilian. During sessions, the number rises to 10.

The three full-timers cost the KSP \$135,126 a year, said spokeswoman Lisa Rudzinski. She couldn't state the cost during sessions.

In addition, the legislative branch employs two security people on its own.

Damron said that a new legislative force would cost less than \$300,000 to start, but acknowledged the figure would rise with purchase of guns and vehicles and addition of a staff.

The legislature has a \$40 million budget.

"To taxpayers, it wouldn't cost that much more" than using the KSP, he said. And it "would be good to have security guys who would have experience with what goes on here," he said.

Nevada and New Hampshire have police forces similar to what Damron proposes, said Kae Warnock of the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver, Colo. Eleven other states have various security and police coverage for lawmakers, but most use state police.

Damron predicted that his bill "has a good chance of passage with the leadership behind it."

Other Democratic co-sponsors are Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark of Louisville, Floor Leader Rocky Adkins of Sandy Hook and Whip Joe Barrows of Versailles. Other GOP backers are Caucus Chair Bob DeWeese of Louisville and Whip Ken Upchurch of Monticello.

Calendar

Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or

1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children - Free, confidential assistance for unplanned pregnancy concerns. Talk with someone who cares about you and your baby. Call 1-800-928-5242.

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, at Pizza Hut, in Prestonsburg. For more information, contact Nelva Skaggs, adoptive parent liaison, at Blueboy@foothills.net.

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold

monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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cal items uncorrected. Score: 95.

Small Town Country Kitchen, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food item observed stored on the floor, proper hair restraints not in use, garbage containers in food prep area lack covers, ceiling not complete in food prep area. Score: 94.

Wendy's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all employees have proper hair restraints, hand towels not readily available at hand wash sink, clothing items stored in contact with food equipment, wet mop stored on floor. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

Robert and Roslyn Burchett, Tom and Orella McGuire to Anthony and Kathy Stumbo, property located at Little Paint Creek.

James Edsel Dillion to Jacqueline Dillion, property located at Ivy Creek.

Foster Tackett to Rodney Wallen Tackett, property located at Prestonsburg.

Moak and Nunnery to Friend Street Properties, property

located at Prestonsburg.

Hattie Elliot to Phillip Elliot, property located at Abbot Creek.

James and Katherine Guess to David and Alisha Baldrige, property location undisclosed.

Garland Mayo, Clarence Hall, Bobby and Susie Hall, and

Edna Pitts to Nora Martin, property location undisclosed.

Paul and Linda Fannin to Justin and Tracy Reichenbach, property location undisclosed.

Larry and Joan Whitt to Scott Hall and Rebecca Curry, property located at Prestonsburg.

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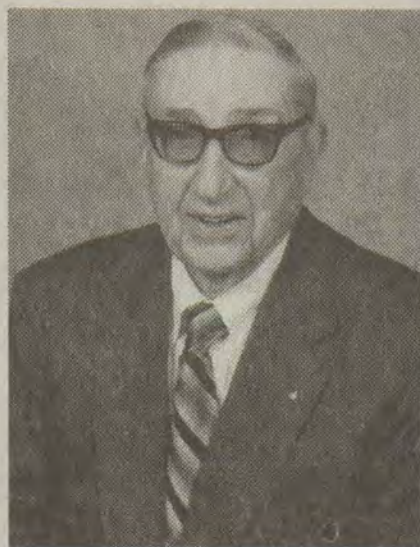
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Hayley Pinson was crowned McDowell Elementary's Homecoming Princess on December 6th, 2004. Hayley is the daughter of James and Tina Pinson of Drift. She is the granddaughter of Diana and the late Roland Price of Drift; and Fay and the late George Pinson of Scottsdale, Arizona. Hayley was escorted by Jacob Tackett.



100th Birthday Celebration

The family of Mr. Herman C. Porter would like to extend a warm invitation to all to join them in celebrating Mr. Porter's 100th birthday. A reception will be held on Sunday, February 13, 2005, at the Allen Fire Department, just off Highway 23, at Allen, from 2-4:30 p.m. His family respectfully requests that no gifts be sent, allow your presence to serve as gift instead. Call 874-8170 for more information.



Herman C. Porter

The daughters of Billy & Lora Williams

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at Harold, Ky.

They would love to have all their family and friends join them on their special day.



For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Martha L.E. Dotson, 51, of Printer, to Ervin Hamilton, 50, of Price.

Amanda Ann Archer, 16, of Whitesburg, to Daniel Wesley Wright, 16, of Prestonsburg.

Tammy Renee Tackett, 36, of Marion, Ohio, to Teddy Gene Adkins, 44, of Galveston.

Mary Lee Goble, 55, of Emma, to Robert Lee Spears, 59, of East Point.

Melinda Jean Mosley, 30, of Martin, to Jonathan David Shepherd, 32, of Warsaw, Ind.

Kathy Lynn Barnett, 40, of Martin, to Jimmy Lane Cox, 40, of Banner.

Dolly Ann Carroll, 45, of Martin, to Roy R. Leedy, 59, of Dry Creek.

Amanda Mitchell Evans, 28, of Martin, to Kermit E. Bell, 32, of McDowell.

Casey M. Horton, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Lew W. Collins, 25, of Hazard.

Crystall Anne Robbins, 19, of Mount Clemens, Mich., to Randall Lee VanHoose, 20, of Pikeville.

Beverly Ann Branham, 33, of Tram, to Portly Blevins, 33, of Martin.

Civil Suits Filed

Robinson Construction Inc. vs. John and Lorene Salisbury and Tammy Vance; complaint.

Lisa P. Frank-Coburn and Edward Coburn vs. Lillian Baldrige; complaint.

Carla Huff vs. KVAT Food Stores Inc.; complaint.

Larry Lewis vs. Denise Lewis; divorce.

Stacy Clark vs. Joy Olivas and State Farm Insurance; complaint.

Nancy Belcher vs. Michael Belcher; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Edd Junior Hall vs. Bernice Hall; divorce.

Norma Tackett vs. Marcus Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Deborah Beverly vs. George Beverly; divorce.

Karen Obrian, April Blanton, Brittany Blanton and Trenton Blanton vs. Nicole K. Adkins; complaint.

Ricky Conn, Tracey Conn, Jeannie and Alexis Newsome, Derrick Newsome, James and Betty Fulks, Byran Hall, Donald Conn, Vivian Conn, Larry Senters, Shirley Senters, Gregory Hall, Lorene Salisbury, Shelby Stapleton, Tammy Vance, Gayle Collins, Ernie Collins, James Goble, Cathy Griffith, Anthony Griffith, Jane E. Lemaster, Brenda and Maurice Minix, John Salisbury, Pamela Shortridge, Jimmy Shortridge, George Smith, Patsy Smith, Mark Smith, David Tackett, Lavonne Taylor, Bobby Thacker, Ricky Jacobs, and Cathy Jacobs vs. Markwest Hydrocarbon Inc., Markwest Energy Partners, Markwest Energy Group, Markwest Energy Appalachia, Energy Operation Company, Markwest Hydrocarbon Partners, Equitable Productions Company, Equitable Resources, Kentucky West Virginia Gas, Equitable Field Services, Equitable Energy, Equitable Gas Company, Kentucky Hydrocarbon, Tim Castle, Jeff Stark, Keith Hayes, Robert Cooper and James Dillion; complaint.

Madge Po vs. Ernesto Po; petition for health care insurance.

Douglas Hurt vs. Elizabeth Hurt; divorce.

Pioneer Credit Company vs. Christopher and Julian Hall; complaint.

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Dana Fraley; complaint.

Paul Tackett vs. Suzanne Tackett; divorce.

Monta Burkett vs. Carl Burkett; divorce.

James Issacs vs. Amy Issacs; divorce.

Catheryn Devault vs. Charles Devault; divorce.

Tommy Adams vs. Michael Collins, Ronnie Adams and Lafferty Enterprises, doing business as Transtar Ambulance Service; complaint.

Sparkle Conn vs. Matthew Simon; verified complaint.

Charles C. Reid, Annabelle E. Reid, Kenneth R. Reid, Sharon Harris and Malcolm Layne vs. Markwest Hydrocarbon Inc., Markwest Energy Partners, Markwest Energy GP., Markwest Energy Appalachia, Markwest Energy Operating Company, Markwest Hydrocarbon Partners, Equitable Production Company, Equitable Resources Inc., Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, Equitable Field Services, Equitable Energy, Equitable Gas Company, Kentucky Hydrocarbon, Tim Castle, Jeff Stark, Keith Hayes, and Robert Cooper; complaint.

Helen Landry vs. Eric Landry; divorce.

Lowell Blackburn vs. Ellen Blackburn; petition for decision of invalidity of marriage.

Nathan S. Reed vs. Steph Justice; petition for custody and for de facto custodian.

Fannie Walkers vs. Travis Hall; petition for health care insurance.

Stephanie Mullins vs. Billy Hall; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Kristi Jarvis vs. Charles Williams; petition for health care insurance.

Fannie Walters vs. Tonya Walters; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Jamie Newsome vs. Miranda Newsome; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Joseph Fields vs. Amber Fields; divorce.

Trent Lewis vs. Earnett Lewis; divorce.

Melinda Mullins vs. Joseph Mullins; divorce.

Small Claims

Filings

John Wayne Daniels vs. Sam An Tonio's; seeks payment.

Triple M. Credit vs. Dwayne Marsillett; debt collection.

Shelia Gregory vs. Prentice P. Begley; debt collection.

Country Village vs. Mary Tackett; debt collection.

Rosaline Cole vs. Kathy Jude; seeks refund for dead puppies.

Charges Filed

HB Campbell, 50, Hindman; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container.

RJ Bryce Kidd, 37, Grethel; fourth-degree assault, terroristic threatening.

John Wes Chaffins, 46, Langley; violation of a Kentucky EPO.

Billy J. Hall, 18, Banner; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Phillip Slone, 35, Beaver; public intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

Jessica Jervis, 30, Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription in improper container, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Kathy Mitchell, 31, Beaver; public intoxication, possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

Angelina M. Slone, 23, Bypro; public intoxication.

Phillip Bartley, 23, Harold; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Angela Miles, 33, Teaberry;

public intoxication.

Jesse Hamilton, 18, Stanville; public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Jimmy Moore, 19, Garrett; possession of a controlled substance, prescription in an improper container.

Tabitha Brown, 18, Langley; possession of a controlled substance, prescription in improper container.

Marion Kilburn, 44, Prestonsburg; drunk driving, driving on a DUI suspended license, no insurance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Jessie James Keathley, no age listed, Hi Hat; second-degree burglary.

Luther Johnson, 50, Bevinsville; felony theft.

Bobby Ward, 42, Martin; flagrant non support.

Phillip E. Clark, 28, Harold; flagrant non support.

Inspections

Hi-Life Pizza, Minnie, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, unable to locate thermometers in heating units, wiping cloths soiled and not stored in sanitary solution, restroom door not self-closing, light above food prep area not shielded, waste containers need covers. Score: 90.

Red Light Diner, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Critical items corrected, some non-critical.

4 Guys and a Grill, Stone Crest, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all refrigerators and freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, no chemical test strips available at three-compartment sink, floor in part of food prep area is carpeted, clothing items stored in contact with equipment in food prep area. Score: 96.

Double Kwik, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Some thermometers not working correctly, hair restraints not in use, range hood showing signs of damage, toilet tissue not in dispenser in restroom, light improperly shielded in walk-in cooler, damaged and missing floor tiles. Score: Food 92, Retail 95.

Double Kwik, Allen, regular inspection. Violations noted: Hot food display unit not holding foods at proper temperature, proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloths not stored after use, can opener has buildup of encrusted food material, no hand soap in men's room, light in walk-in cooler not properly shielded. Score: Food 83, Retail 96. Follow-up required.

Red Light Diner, Prestonsburg, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Critical items corrected, some non-critical.

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Here's to a more meaningful March

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Consider this the calm before the storm. It happens this time every year. The Super Bowl is behind us now, and all that's left of football season is the least watched all-star game in all of sports and the debate to decide if New England is indeed worthy of dynasty status.

One of the best days of the year, the day pitchers and catchers report, is still off on the horizon.

And in case you haven't noticed, hockey's strike is to the point that they're finally ready to throw in the towel for this season.



Rick Bentley

That means basketball is the only game in town. Hoops has the stage to itself.

No wonder I'm bored.

But it won't last long. We should enjoy the calmness of February. Soon, it will be upon us.

March Madness is coming.

Soon, tournaments upon tournaments will be held, so many no one can keep track of them alone. Soon, high schools and colleges all over and on every level will be facing elimination, trying to breathe the rare air of a champion.

It's an awesome spectacle.

This peculiar passion is especially meaningful in our mountains. For whatever reason, basketball is something we hold dear to our hearts, and the depths of our love is approached in few, if any, other places.

I sometimes wish I shared your love of this game. My greatest sports devotion is for baseball, with its leisurely pace and game-within-a-game battles. I also have a great fondness for football, probably because I went to an elementary school, high school and two colleges, none of which sponsored the sport.

But basketball is another story. We stand on the cusp of March and I have only a passing interest in it, and largely that is because I know it means so much to you. I only really want to watch one team play, and usually miss at least half their games each season.

I think the reason for this is simply burnout. For seven straight winters in the late 1980s and early 1990s, I spent six nights a week watching it for different radio stations and newspapers. I have seen champions crowned and dreams shattered, and tried my best to describe what I saw and what the players felt.

As a result, I have a difficult time mustering much excitement for the game at all.

This isn't the case with other sports. I still consider myself an avid sports fan (my wife will testify if need be). I love baseball and can't wait for it to begin. Football season, with its Friday nights, Saturday afternoons, Sundays and Monday nights, is something I always look forward to.

Over time, I've discovered many other sports I enjoy. Having watched tennis played at a very high level by people I care for exposed me to the beauty of it. In fact, I enjoy it so much that while two of college basketball's finest teams played on ESPN, I recently tuned to its sister station to watch Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova in the Australian Open.

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Teams limited to one forward pass in high school football

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

INDIANAPOLIS – Effective with the 2005 high school football season, a team will be limited to one forward pass during a down. Previously, a team could throw more than one forward pass during a down as long as the passes were thrown from in or behind the neutral zone.

This was one of 13 rules changes approved by the NFHS Football

Rules Committee at its January 8-9 meeting in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The rules subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors. The NFHS Football Rules Committee is composed of one voting member from each NFHS state high school association that uses NFHS football rules, as well as representatives of the NFHS Coaches Association and NFHS Officials.

"The throwing of multiple passes

in a down in high school football is not a very common occurrence," said Jerry Diehl, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Football Rules Committee. "Because teams don't see it that often, confusion has existed regarding the second pass."

"Since teams rarely use this option, the committee determined it would be best to not allow more than one forward pass in an effort to reduce confusion regarding when

pass interference rules are in effect for either team. This change should assist the offense, the defense and the game officials in determining when pass eligibility rules apply."

Two changes were made in Rule 1-5 (player equipment) with risk management in mind. Beginning with the 2006 season, all helmets shall be secured with a four-snap chin strap, and a col-

(See PASS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

The girls' basketball teams from Allen Central and Prestonsburg met up Tuesday evening in the second of two 58th District/Floyd County Conference games. Allen Central completed a sweep of the Lady Blackcats, beating Prestonsburg 41-24. Allen Central's Mara Billiter is pictured dribbling against Prestonsburg's Molly Burchett.

Lady Rebels level P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – After a low-scoring first half Tuesday evening, Allen Central's offense picked up. The host Lady Rebels outscored rival Prestonsburg 10-3 in the third quarter and completed the regular-season district/conference sweep of the Lady Blackcats, beating the visiting team 41-24.

One individual Allen Central player, senior center Becky Thomas, nearly outscored the entire Prestonsburg team.

Thomas led the host Lady Rebels with a game-high 23 points. She also pulled down 22 rebounds, registering yet another double-double. Yumekia Hunter added 11 points as Allen Central placed two players in double figures.

Amanda Mills and Elizabeth Dingus rounded out the Allen

Central scoring with five and two points, respectively.

Junior Alanna Cline added nine rebounds for Allen Central.

Allen Central Coach Mark Martin was pleased with his team's win.

"Good win for us," Martin said. "The kids just really came out and played hard. We had some good moments during the second half offensively, and the defense was hopefully a sign of things to come."

"Becky just had a big game for us with 23 points and 22 rebounds. She's usually double teamed each night out and still recording big numbers. Yumekia Hunter just turned in another solid performance." Allen Central played well on both ends of the floor.

"Overall, we showed some balance on the offensive end, and defensively it was one of our better performances," Martin added. "I'm

really proud of the girls. Hopefully, we can develop some consistency. Now we just have to get ready for South Floyd."

In the first of two regular-season 58th District/Floyd County Conference games, played back on Dec. 14, Allen Central edged Prestonsburg, then the host team, 53-50. Prestonsburg does own a victory over Allen Central. The Lady Blackcats beat Allen Central 56-55 in this season's Lady Hawk Tip-off Classic tournament. That was the first of what so far has been three meetings between the two teams. Prestonsburg and Allen Central met in the opening round of last year's 58th District Tournament and following Allen Central's win Tuesday evening, appear to be headed on the same

(See REBELS, page two)

Blackcats ride inside game to win over Rebels

Chaffin leads Prestonsburg with 17 points

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

EASTERN – As play winds down in the 58th District, three of the four high school basketball teams in Floyd County are still in the hunt for the regular-season district title. Prestonsburg entered Tuesday's game with host Allen Central knowing that three straight wins in district play would lock up a district title. Prestonsburg has two huge games yet to be played against opponents Betsy Layne and South Floyd, but the Blackcats had to first get past the Allen Central Rebels. Prestonsburg jumped out to a 15-0 lead in the opening minutes Tuesday night, thanks to strong inside play from senior Jesse Chaffin. Chaffin, who finished with a team-high 17 points, controlled things inside for Prestonsburg. The Blackcats led 19-5 after one quarter and 26-20 at the half before pulling away early in the third quarter and coming away with a 64-45 win.

Josh Martin led Allen Central with a game-high 22 points. Prestonsburg had three players finish the game in double figures. Led by Chaffin's 17 points, the Blackcats also got some double-figure scoring from a couple of other seniors. Trevor Compton followed with 15 points and John Mark Stephens finished with 10.

After leading by only six points at halftime, Prestonsburg came out in the third quarter and outscored Allen Central

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



Prestonsburg senior Trevor Compton

Betsy Layne girls take care of business

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – Back in 58th District/Floyd County Conference play Tuesday, Betsy Layne's Ladycats went about their business and posted another convincing district/conference win.

Betsy Layne, perfect in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference, beat South Floyd 83-49.

Each of Betsy Layne's four seniors – all of whom start – reached double figures in the scoring column. In all, five Ladycats reached double figures.

Starting center Kristal Daniels had another double-double for Betsy Layne, posting 13 points and 12 rebounds. Kim

Clark led Betsy Layne in scoring with 16 points. Clark also had eight assists, six rebounds and three steals. Kristen Smith added 12 points, seven assists and five steals. Breann Akers, who hit on all four of her free throw attempts, added 10 points.

Betsy Layne head coach Cassandra Akers was pleased with the win over South Floyd. A veteran coach who knows February is most often a make or break month for basketball teams, Akers hopes to see her team get its act together and keep it together.

"I thought we took the floor and took care of business," Akers said, following

(See BETSY LAYNE, page two)



Betsy Layne controlled a loose ball during Tuesday night's win over South Floyd.

Ryan Johnson free throws can Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT – South Floyd junior guard Ryan Johnson went to the free throw line Tuesday night with just two seconds remaining – he and his team down by one point (63-62) – and calmly canned a pair of charity shots. Visiting Betsy Layne had one last shot at the basket with a long-range attempt, but couldn't get the bounce. Johnson's two free throws, two of his 12 points, propelled South Floyd to a pivotal 64-63 58th District/Floyd County Conference win over Betsy Layne.

Johnson drew the late-game foul when he penetrated through the lane and against the Betsy Layne defense.

(See THROWS, page two)

Bentley

Last spring I spent a week in Tulsa and came away fully understanding why folks spend many wintertime weekends driving around the country to watch college bowling tournaments. There's a lot of excitement going on there.

As I write this, the television is on in front of me with North Carolina playing at Duke. It's on but only because for some reason I think it should never be

off; the volume is muted and I only glance up occasionally to see the score. Furthermore, a commercial airs right now and my interest is so shallow that I couldn't even tell you who is leading, so please don't ask.

Last week I was watching a Louisville game that was tied with less than three minutes to play. In years past, I would have been bolted to the couch. This night, I just walked away in

favor of a good book.

Hopefully, something will happen this March to renew my zest for your game. With any luck, I'll see something that will force my jaw to drop and heart to skip a beat, and my love for it will be restored.

That is something I hope for. In the meantime, it's the calm before the storm. Enjoy it while you can.

Madness lurks around the bend.

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Betsy Layne

the win over South Floyd. "Now is the time of the year that things need to start coming together and I hope that is the case with us."

Candice Meade, Betsy Layne's fifth starter, added eight points and seven rebounds. Megan Hamilton came in off bench and tossed in 10 points — all in the second half.

Defensively, Betsy Layne held South Floyd to just eight points in

both the first and third quarters.

Betsy Layne got out in front early on and maintained its lead in commanding fashion. The Ladycats led 28-8 at the end of the first quarter and 43-23 at halftime. Betsy Layne outscored South Floyd 31-8 in the fourth quarter.

Betsy Layne shot 68-percent (13-of-19) from the free throw line.

The play of senior Tabitha Trammell was a bright spot for South Floyd. Trammell hit four three-point field goals and finished with a game-high 25 points. No other South Floyd player reached double figures. Courtney Blocker followed with six points. Miranda Gregory, Candice Hall, Heather Dean and Kayla Hall all had four points apiece. Jessie Tackett rounded out the South Floyd scoring with two points.

Whitney Tackett added seven points for Betsy Layne. Becky Tackett and Kaitlin Lawson finished with four and two points, respectively. Brittany Mitchell scored on a free throw.

South Floyd's girls will be on the road tonight — at Allen Central. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Allen Central game is set for 8 p.m.

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Rebels

post-season path.

Allen Central (6-10) has now won two of its last three games.

Early on Tuesday night, both teams struggled for offense. Allen Central held Prestonsburg to seven or less points in three of the game's four quarters. However, Allen Central, playing in a game that early on was a defensive struggle, also got off to a slow start. Host Allen Central excited

the opening quarter with a 6-4 lead. Prestonsburg's most offensive productive quarter of the game came in the second period. The Blackcats scored 10 points in the second quarter as Allen Central took a 15-14 lead into halftime.

The Lady Rebels outscored Prestonsburg 10-3 in the third quarter and 16-7 in the final period.

The 24-point output was Prestonsburg's lowest of the sea-

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son. The loss put Prestonsburg back under the .500 mark.

Senior Molly Burchett led Prestonsburg (10-11) with seven points. Darcey Hicks and Kelly Key each finished with five points. Meaghan Slone added four points and Amber Whitaker netted three.

Allen Central will play host to South Floyd tonight. Prestonsburg will be on the road at Betsy Layne.

Throws

The game was South Floyd's first after an appearance in this year's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic.

Prior to Tuesday night's game, South Floyd head coach Barry Hall stressed the fact that his team, following the All "A" Classic, had to get ready for the rest of the regular-season.

"If we're not ready to play, it's our own fault," Hall said, prior to Tuesday night's game against Betsy Layne.

Johnson finished with 12 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Steven Stanley added 12 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two blocks. Burnett Little and

Ethan Johnson both added 10 points. Little also pulled down 10 rebounds for the game's only double-double.

South Floyd doubled Betsy Layne up in the first quarter, leading the Bobcats 22-11 at the end of the initial period. However, foul trouble plagued the Raiders — early in the first half and throughout the game.

Betsy Layne shot 18 free throws in the first half alone. South Floyd led 36-39 at halftime, but had to come from behind in the game's final quarter.

Betsy Layne, led by 20 points apiece from senior Preston Simon and junior Brandon Kidd, led 55-51 at the

end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Betsy Layne nursed a four-point lead with a little over one minute remaining when South Floyd unveiled its game-winning rally.

Wes Hall chipped in nine points for the Raiders. Mason Hall had one of the game's most complete lines with seven points, nine assists, three steals and two rebounds. Ryan Little added four points and five rebounds.

Nathan Lafferty added nine points for Betsy Layne. Pat Stapleton scored seven points and Brandon Thacker flipped in three. Tyler Hamilton and Trai Witt each had two points.

Blackcats

25-14 to take a 51-34 lead after three quarters.

Prestonsburg has struggled from the charity stripe this season, but on Tuesday the Blackcats finished the game eight-of-10 from the line for an 80-percent shooting clip. Juniors Michael Stephens and Sean Leslie, both starters, each finished with seven points for Prestonsburg and Lewis Barnett came off the Blackcat bench to toss in four points for the winning team. Joe Blackburn and Kyle Ousley rounded out the Blackcat scor-

ing with two points apiece.

Allen Central, which lost its fourth straight game, got eight points from eighth-grader Josh Prater in the losing effort. Justin Jacobs and Ryan Collins each pitched in four points for Allen Central and Nick Music added three.

Ryan Hammonds added two points for the Rebels.

Allen Central shot only 12-of-22 from the free-throw line. Prestonsburg improved to 9-8 overall and 3-1 in district play, while Allen Central fell to 2-17 and 0-4 (58th District).

Prestonsburg, which has now won four of its last five games, will travel to Betsy Layne tonight for a crucial 58th District game with the host Bobcats. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m. South Floyd will travel to Prestonsburg on Saturday for what could be a battle for the district title.

The 58th District Tournament is right around the corner and with only two district games to be played for each team, the title is still up for grabs. When the dust settles on Monday, we should have a 58th District regular-season champion.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jesse Chaffin,
Prestonsburg
High School
Boys' Basketball

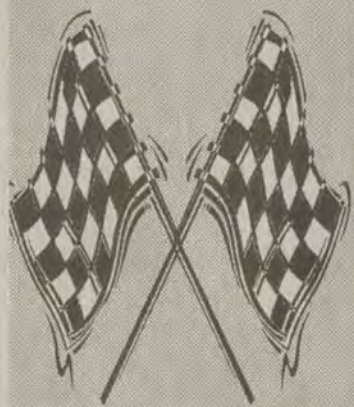


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High School
Girls' Basketball

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ored tooth protector (not clear or white) will be required.

Diehl said that in a survey of helmet manufacturers, it was determined that new helmets are being produced with the four-snap chin strap. He said the four-snap chin strap will increase the possibility of the helmet staying in place during game action more than the traditional two-snap chin strap.

"The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommended that a colored tooth protector be required," Diehl said. "The official's responsibility is more easily completed with the use of a colored product. There is no additional cost for a colored tooth protector."

Two changes were approved by the committee to help officials better determine the 11 legal offensive players in the game. The first change will require a mark 12 inches in length, 4 inches in width and 9 yards from each sideline to be located on each 10-yard line. The other change will require all offensive players to be, momentarily, between the 9-yard marks after the ready for play and prior to the snap, and adhere to all other pre-snap requirements. The 9-yard markings are not required on fields that are visibly numbered.

"The Football Rules Committee has considered various issues over the past few years to address substitutions and the balance between offense and defense," said Brad Cashman, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee. "Teams were reportedly returning to previous practices of hiding players near the sideline, as well as attempting to deceive the opponents with various substitution abnormalities."

"The previous rule requiring each offensive player to be within 15 yards of the ball was inconsistently applied, as it contained no easily verifiable fixed reference point for officials to administer."

In addition to the substitution rule mentioned above, several other substitution and illegal participation rules were

revised by the committee to clarify omissions and eliminate conflicts within the rules.

In Rule 3, the substitution rule was changed to make the entry of a substitute during the down a foul for illegal participation rather than illegal substitution. Rule 3-7 was amended to require all players, replaced players and substitutes to leave the field on the side of their team box, and that replaced players or substitutes go directly to their team box. Rule 9-6 was amended to classify the entry of a player, replaced player or substitute as illegal participation if such happens during the down, and to clearly state the penalty for illegal participation.

In addition to the one forward pass restriction, two other changes were approved in Rule 7-5 dealing with forward passes. Hindering an opponent's vision without making an attempt to catch, intercept or bat the ball is pass interference, even though no contact was made. This change provides rules support for what has been interpreted as a foul. In addition, contact by a defender obviously away from the direction of the pass is not considered pass interference.

"This addition to the forward-pass classification clarifies that contact away from the direction of the pass would not constitute forward-pass interference," Diehl said. "This change does not remove the restrictions on illegal use of the hands, holding or a personal foul that is committed during any play."

Beginning with the 2008 season, hand pads must meet the same standard as gloves concerning the level of tackiness. The hand pads shall bear the NF/NCAA label indicating compliance with test specifications on file with the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association as of January 1, 1994.

"More and more products are being produced that apparently are tackier than the specifications allowed for gloves," Diehl said. "This situation is causing concern that players are gaining an advantage; therefore, the same require-

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ments for gloves will apply (in 2008) to hand pads."

With a revision to the exception in Rule 8-5-2a, the momentum rule will now apply to a grounded ball. Previously, the momentum rule applied only to an intercepted forward pass, fumble or backward pass by an opponent or a caught scrimmage or free kick.

Other changes approved by the committee:

Rule 1-5-3 — The manufacturer logo/trademark restriction, now includes any company reference.

Rule 3-3-4 — A period shall not be extended when a foul occurs that specifies a loss of down. This will prevent a team from gaining an advantage by committing a "loss of down" foul.

Rule 7-2-1 Penalty — "Illegal procedure" terminology has been removed from the rules book and signal chart.

Rule 9-4-2 — Non-players were added to those who are covered under the illegal personal contact rule.

Six- and Eight-Player Football — At least five offensive players shall be on their line of scrimmage at the snap and may have any legal jersey number.

In addition to these rules changes, the Football Rules Committee approved four points of emphasis for the 2005 high school season — heat and hydration and their effect on weight; sparring, butt blocking, face tackling and chop blocks; sideline management; and game management.

In terms of participants, football is the No. 1 sport for boys at the high school level. Combined with 24,958 participants in six-player, eight-player and nine-player football, a total of 1,057,640 boys participated in high school football in 2003, according to the 2003-04 High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. Eleven-player football (1,032,682 participants) ranks fourth in terms of school sponsorship for boys with 13,680 high schools sponsoring the sport. In addition, 1,615 girls participated in football (1,527 in 11-player) during the 2003 season.

Pike County Central 70, Russell 62 (OT)

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BUCKLEYS CREEK - Regulation couldn't hold Pike County Central and Russell when the two teams met Tuesday night. Host Pike County Central went eight-for-10 from the free throw line in overtime and pulled away from the Red Devils.

Russell got into the overtime period when Johnathan VanHoose hit a three-pointer with 0.3 remaining.

Anthony Gibson led Pike Central in scoring with a game-high 24 points. Chase Snodgrass and Brad Lowe each had 12 points.

VanHoose led Russell with 22 points.

Shelby Valley 73, East Ridge: On Tuesday night, Shelby Valley beat East Ridge for the second time this season. Mitch Riddle scored 16 points and Patrick Tackett added 15 to lead the Wildcats. Kris Bentley added 13

points for the winning team.

Shelby Valley outscored East Ridge in each of the first two quarters. The Wildcats outscored East Ridge 20-10 in the first quarter.

East Ridge senior Aaron Branham fired in a game-high 34 points. Jordan Coleman had 11 for the Warriors.

Breathitt County 81, Pikeville 49: The host Bobcats got out to an early lead and maintained it in a runaway win over Pikeville.

Andrew Sewell led the Bobcats in scoring with 23 points.

Breathitt County (18-4), coached by Floyd County native Brian Hall, got 18 points and 16 rebounds from Jacob Hundley.

Freshman Tim Honaker, a player who played in junior high at Betsy Layne Elementary, led Pikeville (6-14) with 14 points.

Phelps 74, Fleming-Neon 43: In the victory over Fleming-Neon, the Homers got 18 points, 10 rebounds

and eight assists from freshman guard Charlie Hunt. Sophomore Ryan Dotson also played a key part, scoring 16 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

Lee County 62, Magoffin Co. 59: Lee County (10-16) came up with a three-pointer at the buzzer and upended Magoffin County (2-18).

Kenny Brandenburg led Lee County with 18 points.

Bradley Marshall scored a game-high 20 points for Magoffin.

Knott Co. Central 81, Wolfe Co. 64: After trailing at half-time, Knott County Central outscored Wolfe County 24-16 in the third quarter and went on to win.

Scott Mosley led Knott Central with 25 points. Josh Stacy added 20 points and Derrick Miller flipped in 16.

Cody Gilbert led Wolfe County with 22 points.

State basketball tournament tickets remain on sale

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office through Feb. 23 by calling 859/299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Beginning March 1 tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com for the boys' event and through the Diddle Arena Box Office for the girls' event.

Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament

will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR,

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 18-19 - State Swimming & Diving Meet - UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington

Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26 - State Wrestling Championships - Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort

Tues., March 15 - Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet - Lexington Center, Lexington

Wed.-Sat., March 16-19 - National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament - Rupp Arena, Lexington

Wed.-Sat., March 23-26 - Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament - WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green

15TH REGION RECORDS

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	18-4
East Ridge	14-7
Johnson Central	13-7
Pike County Central	13-8
Belfry	12-5
Phelps	12-7
South Floyd	12-13
Betsy Layne	11-8
Paintsville	10-12
Prestonsburg	9-8
Pikeville	7-14
Sheldon Clark	6-13
Allen Central	2-17
Magoffin County	2-18
Piarist School	1-13

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Team	Record
Magoffin County	16-5
Johnson Central	16-6
Pikeville	14-6
Belfry	14-6
Betsy Layne	14-7
Phelps	12-8
East Ridge	11-8
Prestonsburg	10-11
Pike County Central	10-12
Paintsville	8-10
Allen Central	6-10
South Floyd	5-9
Shelby Valley	5-14
Sheldon Clark	2-14
Piarist School	1-13

H.S. BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

BOYS

(Tuesday's Games)

Bell Co. 87, Pineville 73
Berea 65, Nicholas Co. 54
Breathitt Co. 81, Pikeville 49
Cawood 68, Lee, Va., 40
Clay Co. 67, Oneida Baptist 38
East Carter 53, Greenup Co. 49
Elliott Co. 88, Menifee Co. 64
Fleming Co. 58, Estill Co. 54
Franklin Co. 70, Jackson Co. 46
George Rogers Clark 66, Paris 62
Harian 59, Cumberland 53
Hazard 69, Leslie Co. 65
June Buchanan 101, Riverside Christ. 47
Knott Co. Central 81, Wolfe Co. 64
Mason Co. 58, Bishop Brossart 44
Middlesboro 79, Red Bird 67
Montgomery Co. 68, Bath Co. 43
North Laurel 63, Lincoln Co. 43
Paul Blazer 64, Portsmouth, Ohio 51
Perry Co. Central 77, Whitesburg 45
Phelps 74, Fleming-Neon 43
Pike Co. Central 70, Russell 62 OT
Pulaski Co. 78, McCreary Central 40
Pulaski S.W. 105, Wayne Co. 83
Raceland 45, Fairview 43
Rowan Co. 77, Lewis Co. 44
Shelby Valley 73, East Ridge 65
South Laurel 56, Somerset 41
West Carter 46, Boyd Co. 32
Whitley Co. 74, Knox Central 69

GIRLS

(Tuesday's Games)

Allen Central 41, Prestonsburg 24
Cawood 52, Lee, Va., 47
Corbin 64, Williamsburg 35
Lex. Catholic 66, Rockcastle Co. 58
Wayne Co. 48, Pulaski S.W. 30
Whitley Co. 67, Knox Central 42

David School plays first varsity basketball game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSON - The David School recently played its first varsity basketball game. In the historic contest, Jackson City beat the Falcons, 61-35. The David School was recently admitted to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and has been playing a schedule consisting of freshman and junior varsity games.

The first quarter of the first-ever varsity game was not a memorable experience for the

David School team. Jackson City led 27-2 at the end of the first quarter. But the game did offer its bright spots for the David School team.

"The good news is we outscored them in the second half," David School Coach Ned Pillersdorf said.

Patrick Henderson led the Falcons in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Henderson also had three rebounds. John Moore added six rebounds and three points for the David School.

James Stephens had two three-

pointers and finished with six points, while Brandon Caudill and Brandon Brown each had four points.

The Falcons will be back in action on Tuesday against East Ridge. After the game against East Ridge, the David School team will play another varsity game on Thursday on the road at Riverside Christian in Breathitt County.

The David School plays all road games. The gym at the school is currently under construction.

Spring soccer registration scheduled

PRESTONSBURG - Floyd County Youth Soccer Association has announced that registration

for the Spring, 2005 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 and Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Volunteers will be at Dairy Queen to accept registrations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee, which covers uniforms and the other costs associated with the soccer program, is \$40 per child.

All children who were

born after August 1, 2000 and before July 31, 1986 are eligible to participate in recreational soccer. Players in the U6 and U8 divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the U10 division and older also play teams from surrounding counties. Games are played on the fields at the Christ United Methodist Church at Allen. During the Fall, 2004 season, approximately 170 boys and girls from Floyd County participated in youth soccer.

Garrett 93, Saline 75

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Another game played on the road Tuesday night resulted in another win for the Garrett Christian Academy boys' basketball team. Garrett Christian beat Saline Christian 93-75. The Warriors outscored the host team in every quarter.

Ryan Slone and David Franklin led Garrett Christian in scoring with 23 points apiece.

Two other Garrett Christian players joined them in double figures. Robbie Vanderpool had 19 points and Brian Vanderpool added 12. Garrett Christian got points from seven different players.

Slone canned a trio of three-pointers.

The Warriors slowly pulled away. Garrett Christian led 25-17 at the end of the first quarter. The Warriors took a 49-34

lead into halftime and led 69-53 at the end of the third quarter.

Two players combined for 54 points to lead Saline Christian.

Tyler Slone flipped in nine points for Garrett. Matthew Potter and Pete Youmans finished with five and two points, respectively.

Garrett Christian is again preparing for tournaments on both the statewide and national levels.



photos by Jamie Howell
Betsy Layne Elementary, Floyd County C-Team Champion.



Adams Middle School, Floyd County C-Team Runner-up.

Bobcats claim C-Team title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GRETHEL - The basketball future at both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg high schools looks quite bright.

The Adams Middle School Blackcats and favored Betsy Layne Elementary Bobcats met in the Floyd County Tournament C-Team Finals on Wednesday night at John M. Stumbo Elementary. site of this year's county tournament. The Bobcats cruised to a 16-

6 halftime lead on the strength of good defense. The Blackcats were hot shooting from the line throughout the tournament, but hit on just two-of-12 first-half free throws. Two of the misses were front ends of the bonus. Adams finished only five-of-20 from the line. The Bobcats shot five-of-nine from the line. Betsy Layne went on to win the county C-Team title, beating Adams 29-13.

In scoring, one player reached double figures for Betsy Layne

and four other Bobcats scored points. Derek Tackett led C-Team county champ Betsy Layne with 12 points. Nick Conn scored six points and Nathan Martin added five. Andrew Roberts added four points for Betsy Layne and Casey Adkins rounded out the scoring with two points.

Adams was led in scoring by Joseph Jamerson with nine points. Alex Griffith added three for Adams and Wil Allen scored on a free throw.

Raiders cap unbeaten county season with title

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GRETHEL - After running through the Floyd County regular-season unbeaten, the South Floyd Middle School Raiders came into the championship game of the Floyd County Tournament as the number one seed and a load of pressure on their backs. Allen Central came into the game as the underdog and looked to upset the regular-season champs. The game opened with Allen Central taking control early behind the play of Jonathan Shepperd as the Rebel center tossed in the games first six points to help his team to an early 6-0 lead. South Floyd started slowly just as they did in their semifinal win over Adams, but like any good team does, South Floyd found a way to come back and claim a hard-fought 36-31 win over the Rebels.

Allen Central led 12-8 after one quarter and 18-13 at the half, but a 5-0 run by South Floyd to open the second half tied the game at 18-18. Jody Tackett tossed in all five points to open the third quarter Behind Tackett's play, the

Raiders battled back to even the game.

Tackett led all scorers with 14 points. After trailing by as many as eight points, South Floyd trailed by only one point to start the fourth quarter and opened the fourth quarter with a jumper from Chad Patrick to take a 27-26 lead. South Floyd and Allen Central exchanged baskets early in the fourth quarter before the Raider defensive pressure caused Allen Central to turn the ball over on three straight possessions.

Deven Adams pumped in 10 points to finish in double figures for the winning team and the tandem of Chad Patrick and Brandon Tackett each added four points. Adam Slone and Kyle Howell rounded out the scoring for South Floyd with two points each.

Allen Central got five points from Blake Meade and four points each from Josh Prater, Logan Crowder and Chris Stumbo. South Floyd outscored Allen Central 11-5 in the fourth quarter to come away with the 36-31 win. Brandon Tackett pulled down seven rebounds for

the winning team. He was followed closely by Adams, who finished with six. Adam Slone came up with six steals on the night with two of those coming in the fourth quarter.

SPOTLIGHT: Coaches and team members for the 2004-05 Floyd County Champion South Floyd Middle Raiders included Head Coach Dwayne Johnson, Assistant Coaches Marty Adams and Danita Johnson. Stat Book: Sandy Johnson. Players - Josh Blevins, Shannon Turner, Jimmy Skeens, Chris Gibson, Jonathan Cochran, Jordan Moore, Raymond Jones, Matt Tackett, Jody Tackett, Brandon Tackett, Kyle Howell, Morgan Mullins, Chad Patrick, Adam Slone and Deven Adams.



photos by Jamie Howell
South Floyd Middle, Floyd County A-Team Champion.



Allen Central Middle, Floyd County A-Team Runner-up.

No. 5 Kentucky 69, Florida 66

by MURRAY EVANS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky-Florida rivalry has been awfully one-sided lately. Kelenna Azubuike scored 18 points and the fifth-ranked Wildcats rallied from a nine-point second-half deficit to beat Florida 69-66 on Tuesday night — Kentucky's eighth straight win over the Gators.



Rajon Rondo

"I don't know if you can call it a rivalry," Florida junior Matt Walsh said, "until we win some. I've never beaten Kentucky."

The Wildcats (18-2, 9-0 Southeastern Conference) beat the Gators (14-6, 6-3) for the 10th time in 11 games. Kentucky holds a three-game lead in the SEC East over second-place Florida with seven games remaining.

Kentucky's streak against the Gators has spanned the gamut from the sublime — a 70-55 romp in 2003, when Florida was ranked No. 1 — to the ridiculous — scoring the final 11 points in a three-point win last season.

On Tuesday, it was more of the same. Florida, which routed then-No. 11 Alabama by 31 points on Saturday, looked to be in control against Kentucky as well, leading by 11 in the first half and by nine with 16:57 left.

But Kentucky scored 13 of

the next 15 points to go ahead 47-45. The Wildcats took the lead for the first time since early in the game when Rajon Rondo threw a behind-the-back pass to Ravi Moss for a lay-in with 13 minutes left.

The Wildcats went ahead for good at 53-52 on Azubuike's 3-pointer with 9:52 left and held the lead thanks in good measure to the play of Rondo, their freshman point guard.

The 6-foot-1 Rondo had 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists. He also helped shut down Anthony Roberson, the SEC's second-leading scorer, in the second half, when he had eight mostly meaningless points after scoring 15 in the first half.

Rondo, a 50 percent free-throw shooter, even went 8-of-10 from the line. Kentucky, which entered the game shooting 65.8 percent from the line, went 18-of-24 (75 percent) against the Gators.

Rondo "is quick enough to make Roberson work harder," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "After halftime, he figured out how to guard him."

Kentucky only had three second-half turnovers after committing eight in the first half.

Kentucky led 64-54 after a three-point play by Azubuike with 3:37 left. Florida came within four points with a minute left and had two

chances to pull closer, but Walsh and Roberson each missed 3-point attempts.

Chuck Hayes, who had 11 points and nine rebounds, made two free throws for Kentucky with 26 seconds left and Moss went 1-of-2 from the line with 10 seconds left, sealing the Wildcats' eighth straight win since a home loss to Kansas.

Florida coach Billy Donovan blamed the loss on his team's inability to make it to the free-throw line where the Gators went 8-of-13.

"They made more free throws than we took," Donovan said. "Instead, we took 14 3s in the second half. I think some of those were late and we had to take those to try to get back into the game."

"I don't feel like our guys let up. I thought maybe we made some bad plays, but I don't think we let up."

Walsh scored 18 points for Florida. The Gators, who outrebounded Alabama by 25, were outrebounded 34-27 by Kentucky.

Led by Roberson, Florida shot 54.2 percent in the first half and took a 36-29 lead.

Kentucky has won 18 straight against SEC competition, but Smith said the Wildcats don't pay attention to that streak.

"That's the past," Smith said. "Once the game is over, everything that happened prior to that is history. We try to concern ourselves for the next task, which is getting ready for Georgia. It is good to be winning and we're happy with it."

Memphis 85, No. 9 Louisville 68

by CHRIS DUNCAN
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LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Rick Pitino insists that the ninth-ranked Cardinals should not yet be considered one of the nation's elite teams.

Now, he has a game film to prove it.

Freshman point guard Darius Washington scored 25 points and Memphis coach John Calipari earned his 300th victory Wednesday night in the Tigers' 85-68 rout of Louisville.

The Cardinals (20-4, 8-2 Conference USA) were leading the nation in margin of victory coming into the game (plus 23), but were dominated from the start by the more aggressive Tigers.

"I knew it was coming," Pitino said. "I just didn't think it would be this bad."

Taquan Dean and Ellis Myles each scored 17 points for Louisville, which suffered its worst home loss in four seasons under Pitino.

The frustrated coach kept his players away from the media afterward.

"Our locker room is closed," he said. "I don't think they are worthy of speaking to you."

The Cardinals were outrebounded 41-30 and shot a season low 33 percent (19-of-58). But Pitino was more critical of the Cardinals' defense, which allowed the Tigers to shoot 51 percent for the game and 68 percent in the second half.

"We've been relying on making shots and when a night comes like tonight, it's not there," Pitino said. "We have to get back to basics defensively."

Rodney Carney added 24 points and Anthony Rice had 15

— all in the second half — for the Tigers (14-10, 7-3 Conference USA), who beat a Top 25 team on the road for the first time in five tries this season and snapped Louisville's nine-game winning streak.

"I'm calm now," said Calipari, who turns 46 on Thursday. "But when I get near the plane, I'm going to do some back-flips up the steps. I'm so happy."

The Cardinals rank second in the nation in field goal percentage defense, but the Tigers' defense took control early, triggering a 16-5 opening run by holding the Cardinals without a point for more than 9 minutes.

Louisville, averaging 85 points per game, missed seven straight shots and committed five turnovers during the drought. At the end of one sloppy possession, Myles threw up just the ninth 3-point attempt of his career, missing it badly.

"The first 10 shots we took were terrible shots," Pitino said.

The Tigers, meanwhile, committed only one turnover in the first 12 minutes after coughing up a season-high 26 in a loss to Houston last Saturday.

Much of that was due to Washington, who repeatedly glided through the Cardinals' full-court pressure for layups.

"I was breaking the press, getting in the middle," said Washington, who had five assists and five rebounds. "I was taking it and they just fell."

Myles made two free throws with 7:47 left in the half to end Louisville's scoreless stretch. He had a layup and zipped an assist to Francisco Garcia to trim Memphis' lead to 16-11.

Carney then hit two 3-pointers during a 10-2 run that muted

the capacity crowd. He and Washington scored 28 of the Tigers' 34 first-half points. The Cardinals mustered only 22 first-half points after missing 15 of 20 shots.

Louisville continued to sputter in the second half, missing 10 of its first 13 shots.

Rice hit a 3-pointer with 16:49 left to launch a decisive 16-2 run. Garcia hit a free throw with 11:05 left, but Rice made a 3-pointer to push the lead to 57-31, the Tigers' biggest to that point.

"I was shocked," Washington said. "We got them down and we kept them down."

Dean hit a 3-pointer with 7 minutes left as Louisville's defense finally started generating turnovers and easy baskets.

A layup by Myles with 5:12 to go trimmed Louisville's deficit to 66-49, but Rice made four free throws over the next minute as the Tigers pushed the lead back over 20.

The victory was a vital confidence boost for a team that's dealt with its share of adversity. Last month, guard Jeremy Hunt was briefly suspended after he was charged with assaulting his ex-girlfriend and forward Sean Banks was ruled ineligible because of poor grades.

"It helps us a lot to beat Top 25 team," Carney said. "Not a lot of teams come in here and win."

Louisville had a 10-game home-court winning streak snapped and matched its worst defeat at Freedom Hall since a 74-57 loss to UAB on Feb. 28, 2001, former coach Denny Crum's final regular-season home game.

Garcia, Louisville's leading scorer, went 1-for-8 and scored seven points.

King 71, Alice Lloyd 63

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Visiting King College outscored the host Alice Lloyd College Eagles by four points in each of the two halves Tuesday night. King, led by 16 points and eight rebounds from Justin Seaver, beat the host team 71-63.

King had 22 defensive rebounds and went 10-of-15 from the free throw line,

Derek Linkous added 14 points for King. Brent Bradshaw came in off the King College bench and added 12 points. Middlesboro native Eric Ely was a fourth King player in double figures. He finished with 10 points.

King outrebounded Alice Lloyd 34-29. The visiting team from Tennessee blocked four shots and recorded five steals.

Jimmy Stumbo led Alice Lloyd (13-16) in scoring with 16

points. Jeremy Daniels followed with 12 points, six rebounds and four assists. K.J. Waterman finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Shannon Akers came in off the Alice Lloyd bench and added 10 points.

Jordan Kidd, now a starting guard for the Alice Lloyd men's team, finished with eight points and four assists. Brent Prichard and Byron Hall finished with four and two points, respectively.

Lady Eagles fall in OT

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — The host Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles couldn't make a four-point halftime lead stick Tuesday night and eventually fell in overtime, losing to visiting King College. Alice Lloyd led 35-31 at halftime, but King eventually prevailed, winning 74-71.

At the end of regulation, the two teams were deadlocked at 63.

King College won the rebounding battle, outrebound-

ing Alice Lloyd 42-36. Rebekah Wilson led King College with 15 points and 18 rebounds.

Four different players scored 11 or more points for visiting King College. No King College player scored more than 15 points. Two different King players scored 13. Britt Holappa and Melissa Ervin each had 13 points.

King College shot 14-of-23 from the free throw line.

Alice Lloyd committed 25 turnovers and King committed 24. King's defensive pressure was more imposing. King fin-

ished the game with 11 steals.

Jessica Justice led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 18 points. Alice Lloyd freshman Whitney Lykens had a game-high in rebounding. Lykens scored 16 points and pulled down 20 rebounds. Belicia Mullins scored 13 points and Amy Jackson added 10. Chasity Fox scored six points and Devon Reynolds netted four. Rhonda Adams tossed in three points and Brandy Williams scored on a made free throw.

Alice Lloyd was 19-of-29 from the free throw line.

Helton named AAC's Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — UVa-Wise sophomore Sarah Helton's (Wise, Va./J.J. Kelly High) spectacular performance on the basketball court last week has earned her the Appalachian Athletic Conference's Player of the Week honors for the period ending Feb. 6, conference officials announced Tuesday.

Helton, who is second in the conference with 18.2 points a game, was the leading scorer in all three of the Lady Cavaliers' victories over the past week, pouring 31, 33 and 25 points in conference games against Alice Lloyd College, Tennessee Wesleyan College

and Milligan College, respectively.

The Wise native also had a couple of double-double performances, grabbing 10 rebounds in each game against Alice Lloyd and Milligan. Helton leads in the AAC in double-doubles with seven this season.

On the defensive side of the court, Helton averaged nearly four steals a contest as her team won each of its games last week by an average margin of 15 points.

"Sarah really deserves the award," UVa-Wise head coach Rachel Clay-Keohane said. "She has worked so hard and has had a phenomenal week and a phenomenal season."

UVa-Wise currently is on a four-game winning streak and has climbed back to two games above the .500 mark in the AAC at 10-8.

The Lady Cavaliers (10-14 overall) play their final two home games of the season this weekend. Conference foe Covenant College comes to Wise Friday for a 5:30 p.m. tip-off. The AAC's second place team, Bryan College, invades Greer Gymnasium Saturday at 4 p.m.

Editor's note: The Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Tournament is just around the corner. More on the AAC can be found online at www.aacsports.com.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL:

Only one unbeaten left, and it's Illinois

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illinois is the last team with a chance at an unbeaten season.

The top-ranked Illini extended their perfect start to 24-0 with a 57-51 victory over Michigan on Tuesday night.

Boston College couldn't keep pace, however, as the fourth-ranked Eagles had their 20-game winning streak ended with their first loss of the season, 68-65 to Notre Dame.

Dee Brown had 16 points — including three straight steals he turned into baskets — for the Illini, who rallied from an eight-point deficit early in the second half in their lowest scoring game of the season.

Now Illinois is the only Division I team with a chance to win them all.

"It's a good feeling, but there's a bigger target on us now," Brown said.

Boston College (20-1, 9-1 Big East) was the first team in the conference to start a season 20-0, and the Eagles broke the school-record winning streak by one game.

"Being unbeaten, that's nice and all, but that's not our goal," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "Our goal is to be as successful as we can in the league. The fact of the matter is, we're in first place."

In other games involving ranked teams Tuesday, it was: No. 5 Kentucky 69, Florida 66; No. 18 Pittsburgh 55, St. John's 44; and Colorado 88, No. 23 Texas 79.

Brown took over when Michigan was clinging to a 39-35 lead midway through the second half.

His three steals in just over a minute led to three baskets, including the three-point play that gave the visiting Illini, who improved to 10-0 in the Big Ten, the lead for good with 7:54 left. Brown finished with four steals and four assists.

"He's electrifying," Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said. "He ignites their team and he does it in so many ways. He made everything happen."

Dion Harris had 21 points and seven rebounds for the Wolverines (12-12, 3-7), who have lost seven straight, their

longest losing streak since the 1999-2000 season.

Two weeks ago, the Illini overcame an eight-point deficit in the second half to beat Wisconsin 75-65, one game after Iowa pushed them to overtime before losing 73-68.

"We've won a couple this year ugly," Brown said. "You just can't beat everyone by 20 or 15."

Illinois hosts No. 20 Wisconsin on Saturday.

Notre Dame 68, No. 4 Boston College 65: Colin Falls was 7-of-12 from 3-point range in matching his career high of 23 points, and Chris Thomas added 19 points and nine assists for the Irish (14-6, 6-4), who shot 51 percent from the field.

Jared Dudley had 16 points for the Eagles, but leading scorer Craig Smith missed his final eight shots and finished 4-of-14 for nine points with eight rebounds.

Skinner said the road loss wasn't all bad since the Eagles are off for eight days.

"It definitely comes at a good time," he said. "It gives us a

chance to get refocused, sit down and start again."

It was Notre Dame's second win over a ranked team in three games as they beat No. 19 Connecticut 78-74 on Jan. 30.

No. 18 Pittsburgh 55, St. John's 44; Chevon Troutman had 19 points for the Panthers (16-4, 6-3 Big East), who pulled away after leading 17-15 at halftime.

Daryll Hill had 18 points for St. John's (8-12, 2-8), which upset Pitt 65-62 in New York on Jan. 18. The Red Storm dropped to 0-8 on the road.

Colorado 88, No. 23 Texas 79: Richard Roby scored 22 points and the Buffaloes (12-9, 4-6) withstood a big second-half run to beat Texas for the second time in nine games.

Brad Buckman had 27 points and 21 rebounds for the visiting Longhorns (15-7, 4-5), who have lost four of five and are down to seven scholarship players because of injuries and academics. Texas trailed 58-36 with 14 minutes left and got as close as 61-57 with 7 1/2 minutes left.

No. 3 Kansas 74, Kansas St. 65

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Keith Langford scored 24 points and Wayne Simien had 23 points and 13 rebounds — his 30th career double-double — as the Jayhawks (19-1, 9-0 Big 12) beat Kansas State for the 29th consecutive time. They won in Manhattan for the 22nd straight game — a streak that dates to 1984.

Fred Peete and Jeremiah Massey each had 20 points for Kansas State (13-7, 3-6), which has lost three in a row overall.

No. 13 Michigan St. 83, Ohio St. 69: Chris Hill snapped out of a monthlong shooting slump by going 8-for-10 from the field and scoring 26 points for the Spartans (16-4, 7-2 Big Ten). Hill, not in the starting lineup for just the third time in two seasons, was 6-for-7 from 3-point range.

Terence Dials had 22 points for the visiting Buckeyes (16-8, 5-5), who had a four-game winning streak snapped.

No. 17 Alabama 72, Tennessee 54: Kennedy Winston scored 18 points and the visiting Crimson Tide (18-4,

7-2 Southeastern Conference) finished with a 43-19 rebound advantage in beating Tennessee for the sixth straight time.

C.J. Watson had 15 points for the Volunteers (11-12, 4-6).

No. 20 Wisconsin 72, Iowa 69: Kammron Taylor scored a career-high 26 points to lead the Badgers (16-5, 7-3 Big Ten), who trailed 52-39 with 12:43 remaining but rallied to improve to 15-0 at home following road losses under coach Bo Ryan.

Greg Brunner had 27 points for the Hawkeyes (15-7, 3-6), who dropped to 0-2 since leading scorer Pierre Pierce was kicked off the team after police confirmed he was the subject of an investigation into a matter at the town house of a former girlfriend. Pierce was charged Wednesday with burglary and domestic assault.

No. 25 Texas Tech 83, Baylor 67: Ronald Ross was 8-for-10 from the field and scored 25 points for the Red Raiders (15-5, 7-2 Big 12), who won in their first game since moving into the Top 25 this week.

Patrick Fields scored 18 points

No. 7 Duke 71, No. 2 North Carolina 70

by AARON BEARD
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DURHAM, N.C. — For the second straight year, Roy Williams watched North Carolina squander a chance to win in Cameron Indoor Stadium.

David Noel dribbled the ball out of bounds as the buzzer sounded, sealing the second-ranked Tar Heels' 71-70 loss to No. 7 Duke on Wednesday night. It was their 15th loss in the last 18 meetings with the Blue Devils, and fourth in a row at Duke.

It was another painful finish for the Tar Heels (19-3, 8-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) in an arena where they have won just once in nine years. Last season, they trailed by three points when Rashad McCants lost the ball in front of the Carolina bench with 4.4 seconds left in a 70-65 loss.

This time, they couldn't get

off a final shot in a game in which they trailed most of the way.

"We'd have folded last year and got beat by 20," said Sean May, who had 23 points and 18 rebounds. "We had an opportunity to win. We just didn't make the play at the end."

The botched possession capped a night in which Duke's defense harassed Raymond Felton and the Tar Heels, who couldn't protect the ball, get out in transition or score the points that have come so easily all season.

Duke (18-2, 8-2) kept the game almost entirely in the half-court, slowing the pace and derailing an offense that came in averaging a national-best 92 points per game. North Carolina finished with 23 turnovers — eight coming from the normally sure-handed Felton — that led to 26 points for the Blue Devils.

Instead of running with the Tar Heels, Duke held the ball on many possessions, milking time

and letting J.J. Redick, DeMarcus Nelson or Daniel Ewing drive in the waning seconds of the shot clock. The strategy worked perfectly.

"They slowed us down when they got the job done on offense," Williams said. "I mean, they spread the floor and controlled the tempo that way. And in their pressure defense, there's no question that bothered us, too."

Duke went 21-for-22 from the free-throw line, punishing the Tar Heels each time they failed to play foul-free defense.

"When you're trying to play great defense for 35 seconds every time and end up with a foul, that takes a lot out of the team," said McCants, who finished with just 11 points on 3-for-13 shooting.

The Blue Devils committed 15 turnovers and shot just 36 percent, but built an early lead and answered every North Carolina run to keep momentum

in front of a raucous crowd. North Carolina, which trailed 36-29 at halftime, twice tied the game only to see Redick and Ewing hit 3-pointers on the following possessions.

Redick finished with 18 points and hit four 3s, while Nelson provided a huge contribution with 16 points. That included two 3-pointers in a span of about 90 seconds in the second half to help Duke take a 49-42 lead. The freshman also made all four of his free throws, belying his 51 percent season average — something a despondent McCants pointed out in the locker room after the game.

"It was obvious that DeMarcus just played at a level, or even a couple of levels, higher than he's played," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We really needed that. To win a game like this, at times you need something that's different from what you normally do.

DeMarcus did that."

For the Tar Heels, Nelson's contribution was just one of several plays that turned the game in the favor of the Blue Devils. But it was their failure to get off the potential game-winner that stood out.

After Redick missed a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down, North Carolina got the ball with 18 seconds left. The play was designed for Felton to hit McCants on the wing or May inside, but neither was open. Felton spun away from Ewing and had an open look, but passed it up.

With the seconds ticking away, he forced a pass to Noel, who lost the ball on the sideline and sent the Cameron Crazies into an earsplitting celebration.

"It seemed like a long time, and I was just hoping that that clock went down before they got a shot off," Nelson said. "We played some great defense, and

we made them try to do something that they weren't ready for," Felton said he should've taken the open shot.

"It was a mistake I made," Felton said. "I was looking for Rashad on the other side of the screen, so I took it back out. He wasn't open, and Sean wasn't open on the slip. So the whole play just got terminated just like that."

North Carolina looked poised to stun the Blue Devils, rallying from a 67-58 deficit with about five minutes left. Felton finally managed to get penetration and score six quick points, while McCants — in the Tar Heels' only fast-break basket of the game — hit a layup to make it 71-70 with 51 seconds left.

Then came that painfully familiar feeling.

"People around Chapel Hill will probably be talking about this game until we play them again," May said.

COLLEGE TENNIS:

Louisville struggles, falls at No. 13 Kentucky

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky claimed the doubles point and took five of six singles matches on its way to a 6-1 victory over No. 40 Louisville Wednesday evening at UK's Boone Indoor Tennis Center.

Senior Matt Emery and junior Alex Hume led a Wildcat sweep of doubles play with an 8-3 win at second doubles over Jhonny Berrido and Matt Kennedy. Junior Nate Emge and freshman Nolan Polley followed with an 8-6 win over Damar Johnson and Tony Teufel at the third doubles spot, and seniors Jesse Witten and Tigran Martirosyan closed out the doubles point with an 8-5 win at No.

1 over Jakob Gustafsson and Stanville native Jeremy Clark.

Witten gave Kentucky a 2-0 lead with a 6-4, 6-4 win over U of L's Johnson at first singles. Junior Nate Emge survived two long sets to defeat Louisville's Gustafsson for a 3-0 margin, and Emery clinched the win with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 win over Nicolas Houard.

Louisville's Teufel cut the deficit to 4-1 with a win over Jason Mallaiah at No. 5 singles, but Martirosyan and Polley recorded third-set tiebreak victories to keep the Cardinals from getting any closer.

No. 13 Kentucky 6, No. 40 Louisville 1
Doubles

1 Witten/Martirosyan (UK) def. Gustafsson/Clark (UL) — 8-5

2 Emery/Hume (UK) def. Berrido/Kennedy (UL) — 8-3

3 Emge/Polley (UK) def. Johnson/Teufel (UL) — 8-6

Singles

1. No. 3 Jesse Witten (UK) def. No. 124 Damar Johnson (UL) — 6-4, 6-4

2. Matt Emery (UK) def. Nicolas Houard (UL) — 6-3, 4-6, 6-2

3. No. 120 Nate Emge (UK) def. Jakob Gustafsson (UL) — 7-6, 7-5

4. No. 108 Tigran Martirosyan (UK) def. Octavian Nicodim (UL) — 6-7, 7-5, 1-0 (4)

5. Tony Teufel (UL) def. Jason Mallaiah (UK) — 6-4, 7-5

6. Nolan Polley (UK) def. Jhonny Berrido (UL) — 7-6, 6-7, 1-0 (5)

Look West for weekend's top Derby prep

by RICHARD ROSENBLATT
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An early matchup of top Kentucky Derby contenders is set for Sunday, with Bob Baffert's Roman Ruler and D. Wayne Lukas' Consolidator making their 3-year-old debuts in the San Vicente Stakes at Santa Anita.

Roman Ruler was fifth as the favorite in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile in October, but gets a new rider in Hall of Famer Jerry Bailey, who replaces Corey Nakatani.

"He looked like the Roman Ruler of old," Baffert said this week after his colt worked six furlongs in 1:11.40, the fastest time of the day.

While three-time Derby winner Baffert has 12 horses nominated for the Triple Crown races, Roman Ruler enters the Derby chase as the trainer's No. 1 prospect, with three victories in five starts.

Consolidator, fourth in the BC Juvenile after getting bumped, worked five furlongs in 58.60 on Sunday. Owned by Bob and Beverly Lewis, Consolidator will be ridden by Victor Espinoza, who takes over for Rafael Bejarano.

Lukas, with four Derby wins, also has 12 Triple Crown nominees, including Going Wild, winner of last week's Sham Stakes and owned by the Lewises.

Also running in the Grade 2, seven-furlong San Vicente is Kirkendahl, owned by country music star Toby Keith. The colt won his first two starts but was last of five as the favorite in the San Rafael on Jan. 15.

A few stakes races Saturday have Derby implications: the Risen Star at the Fair Grounds and the Whirlaway at Aqueduct.

Storm Surge, winner of last month's Lecomte, looks to add the 1 1/16th-mile Risen Star to his resume but will have a tough time in the field of 11. Harlington was the early favorite at 3-1, followed by Rush Bay at 9-2. Storm Surge was 5-1. Also entered are Lecomte runner-up Smooth Bid at 10-1 and California-shipper Scipion at 12-1.

Galloping Grocer makes his 3-year-old debut in the 1 1/16th-mile Whirlaway. The New York-bred gelding — sound familiar, Funny Cide fans? — could face as many as nine challengers.

Trained by Dominick Schettino, Galloping Grocer won his first three starts before

losing the Remsen by a neck to unbeaten Rockport Harbor on Nov. 27. Aaron Gryder gets the call because regular rider John Velazquez will be in Louisiana to ride Harlington for trainer Todd Pletcher.

The Kentucky Derby Future Wager begins this weekend with 24 betting interests listed by Churchill Downs. Bets can be placed Thursday to Sunday.

The mutuel field — all 3-year-olds other than the other 23 betting interests — was listed as the 3-1 favorite by oddsmaker Mike Battaglia, with 2-year-old champion Declan's Moon next at 6-1, Rockport Harbor at 8-1 and Afleet Alex and Proud Accolade both at 12-1.

This week's top 10, with early Derby future wager odds:

1. Afleet Alex (Tim Ritchey, trainer; John Velazquez, jockey); Remains in training at Oaklawn Park for next start in Rebel Stakes (March 19), followed by final prep in Arkansas Derby (April 16) ... Odds: 12-1.

2. Declan's Moon (Ron Ellis, Victor Espinoza); Unbeaten colt worked six furlongs in 1:12.60 Wednesday at Hollywood Park, the fastest of 18 works at same distance ... Next start: Santa Catalina (March 5) ... Odds: 6-1.

3. Roman Ruler (Bob Baffert, Jerry Bailey); Bailey replaces Corey Nakatani ... Worked six furlongs in 1:11.40 on Sunday, fastest of 20 works at same distance ... Next start: San Vicente (Sunday) ... Odds: 12-1.

4. Rockport Harbor (John Servis, Stewart Elliott); Decision whether to run in Southwest

(Feb. 19) to come after Thursday's scheduled workout at Oaklawn Park ... Next start: Rebel (March 19) ... Odds: 8-1.

5. Wilko (Craig Dollase, Nakatani); Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner worked leisurely three furlongs in 38.40 at Hollywood Park on Feb. 3 ... Next start: Santa Catalina ... Odds: 30-1.

6. Sweet Catomine (Julio Canani, David Flores); 2-year-old champion filly won Santa Ysabel in seasonal debut ... Next start: Santa Anita Oaks (March 13) ... Odds: 20-1.

7. Closing Argument (Kieran McLaughlin, Cornelio Velasquez); Won 1 1/8-mile Holy Bull at Gulfstream last week by 1 1/2 lengths over Kansas City Boy ... Next start: Undecided ... Odds: 20-1.

8. Proud Accolade (Todd Pletcher, Velazquez); Won 7 1/2-furlong Hutcheson at Gulfstream for fourth victory in six career starts ... Next start: Swale or Fountain of Youth (March 5), or Louisiana Derby (March 12) ... Odds: 12-1.

9. Going Wild (D. Wayne Lukas, Espinoza); Won 1 1/8-mile Sham at Santa Anita last week ... Owned by Bob and Beverly Lewis ... Next start: Rebel ... Odds: 30-1.

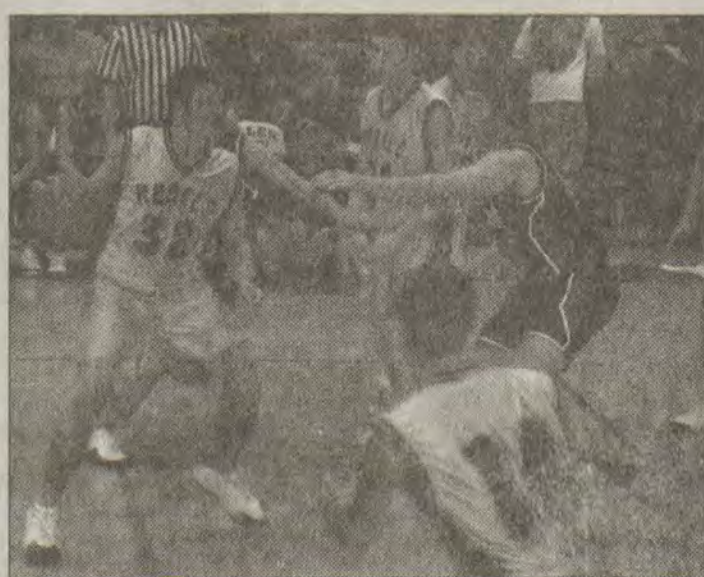
10. Consolidator (Lukas, Espinoza); Espinoza replaces Rafael Bejarano ... Worked five furlongs in 58.60 at Santa Anita on Sunday ... Next start: San Vicente (Sunday) ... Odds: 20-1.
KEEP AN EYE ON: Galloping Grocer, Harlington, Storm Surge, Sun King, Texcess.



Top: Ryan Johnson stared down a set of free throws that eventually led South Floyd to a win over visiting Betsy Layne. Middle: Mason Hall drove the lane and went up with a shot against the South Floyd defense. Bottom: South Floyd center Steven Stanley let go of a shot.



Above: South Floyd's Tabitha Trammell and Betsy Layne's Rachel Hamilton each tried to get a hand on a rebound. Left: Hamilton tried to pass around the defense of South Floyd sophomore Heather Dean.



Allen Central senior Ryan Hammonds dribbled against the P'burg defense.

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THROUGH MY EYES 'Love'-lied day of the year...NOT!

Here it comes again, the most "dratted" day of the year in my opinion - St. Valentine's! Especially set aside for those head over heels "in love." (Excuse me while I turn my head...)

Well, you know what they say about sour grapes and all...

Anywho, in special recognition of the "glorious" day, I have chosen from a few tidbits sent along my way via email. They may be a bit nasty, but not any more so than this hateful day is to those of us who live our lives unloved and unwanted (yep, get that pity party organized!).

And, without further adieu:

"A married couple in their early 60s were out celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary in the same quiet little cafe in which they shared their very first meal. All was serene, if not exciting, when suddenly, a beautiful fairy godmother appeared.

"For being such an exemplary married couple for all these years," she said, "And for being faithful to one another for all this

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POSTSCRIPT

Bath tales

Big Dog Ben likes nothing better than to plop down in the middle of a big mud puddle or a polluted creek. His hair is extremely thick, truly a fur coat, and in summer, I'm sure, the water provides soothing relief.

Trouble is, if we're walking and he decides to rest in a mud hole, he carries home a bellycoat full of grit and sand.

And the trouble is, the creek he's most likely to wallow in is the one that separates my cousin's property from her neighbors. Calling it a creek is a stretch; it's really a branch that comes out of the hills and runs into a creek.

It would be all right if Ben went farther up the branch to cool off. But, unfortunately, he goes in below where the neighbor's straight pipe runs into the branch.

Which means he's a pretty ran-

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Kathy Prater
 Lifestyles editor

BOB visits Prestonsburg Tourism

During the annual Lexington Boat, RV, and Travel Show, a short visit was made by "BOB," the acclaimed movie star hopeful and interstate traveling Chihuahua, at the Prestonsburg travel and vacation exhibit with Fred James, Prestonsburg Tourism Director. Fred admired BOB's sunglasses and attire and explained to BOB and Louise, BOB's agent/owner, that Prestonsburg was a great place to enjoy evening enter-

tainment at the Kentucky Opry and the Jenny Wiley Theatre and that golf is exciting at StoneCrest Golf Course, fishing is fun at Dewey Lake, and that BOB would love the new East Kentucky Science Center and the craft and souvenir shopping available in Prestonsburg. BOB accepted the invitation with a quick K-9 bark and wink, while the gathered crowd applauded BOB's style.



BOB, the traveling Chihuahua, with Louise, his owner, and Fred James, Director, Prestonsburg Tourism.



photo by Mary Music
 Opal McKenzie, 94, led the ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday.

'Growing pains' = big gains Auxier gets new church

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

AUXIER—An old soul spread its wings Saturday during a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Opal McKenzie, 94, was about 36 when the church opened for its first service on August 24, 1947.

McKenzie, who suffers with arthritis, hasn't attended services in Auxier for quite some time, but she still gets regular visits from the church pastor, Bobby Jo Spencer, who requested her presence at the ceremony Saturday.

Standing beside the Auxier Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and a group of young children—the new generation—McKenzie raised her time honored hands and cut the ribbon to the doorway of the church she's been a part of for more than 30 years.

It started out as a tent revival, McKenzie

says, where people would gather to rejoice and seek understanding.

"It was a small church," she said. "There was a tent here, where this building is now and we a revival. After the revival, all the preachers got together and organized the church. It was a small congregation, but they was good Christian people who came here."

After cutting the ribbon, McKenzie settled into the back of the 600 seat sanctuary and watched the dedication ceremony unfold. Occasionally, she would nod her head in agreement. Occasionally she would glance over and up, noticing the people sitting across from her, the articulate design of the church's interior, or the carvings of the crosses decorating the pews.

Construction started at the church last March, Pastor Spencer said, and culminated last month with the completion of the 10,000 square foot facility. It couldn't have come at a more perfect time.

"The devil told me it was going to rain," he said, smiling, standing outside the church doors with the sun on his face. "It's time we enjoy the fruits of our labor. The Lord promised us that he'd always be with us, that he'd never forsake us, or ever leave us."

That's a truth in life, church member Shirley Shelton says.

She's been a part of the church for about 30 years now.

"It's a requirement of life," Shelton said. "I couldn't make it without it. God sustains me and so do the people in this church."

Shelton says she's seen many miracles in her life. Several years ago, her son was almost killed in an automobile accident.

His vehicle slammed into the back of a parked coal truck. The impact sliced the top of his car off and left him with a broken leg.

"When my son wrecked it terrified me," she

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THINGS TO PONDER

Relationships of the Heart

Since there is typically so much attention paid to February being "Heart Month," a plan was to look at the psychological aspects of "matters of the heart," such as romantic love and relationships. The intent of last time's topic was to emphasize how a truly, loving relationship is thought to be grounded in each individual having the capacity to love him/herself. After all, if a person cannot love herself, does she have the potential to love another? Once a person decides she is ready for a "meaningful"

romantic relationship with that special partner, how does it all fall together?

First of all, a romantic relationship is thought to consist of three stages: attraction; being maintained over time; and termination. The basic characteristics of successful relationships are happiness a temporary mood state, and life satisfaction, a long-lasting sense of belonging. Two individuals, being content within an ongoing relationship, tend to share a sense of meaning, common interests, and short-term and long-term goals. An example might be the couple that enjoys outdoor activities together, decide to establish their careers before having children, and/or agree about spiritual beliefs.

Where, how, and why do these matters of romance happen? As we know, the

basic components of a romantic relationship require arousal of the heart and a willing partner. There's nothing that can be more disappointing than one person not returning the expressed interest of the other person. Lots of research has been done about how a couple gets together, seemingly sometimes by chance. A sure way to predict that a spark will be created and the actual time and place be set aside for that intense inner excitement of meeting that very special person have never been determined. Cupid is to do a variety of things to get the chemistry going and cause the heart to "race away." We continuously hear in the media that men look twice at tall, slender, females with long, blonde hair. Some people bank on that first glimpse, with its resulting magic,

whether the person is nearby or across a crowded room. That certain smile, position of the head, level of the eyelids, body language, and many different little motions might be the one thing that stimulates the inner heart of one person for another. In the meanwhile, according to evolutionary psychology, women chose their mate based on his commitment to monogamy, due to her needing him to help raise children, with his consistent attention being necessary for a variety of tasks.

The need to touch in some manner is an overwhelming component of relationships, whether it is sexual or non-sexual touching. As expected, sexual touch predominates during the initial, euphoric stage of a



Mable Rowe Lineberger, Ph.D.

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New Church

said. "He could have easily been taken out and he was not ready, at least I didn't feel like he was. It made me stop and take a look at how fast things can happen to you."

Shelton says that she knows it was God who kept her son alive that day. It was also God who kept her faith strong and fed the congregation with the strong heart it has now for the community.

"It's been my experience in my business that good architecture is because of good clients," Architect Randy Burchett said. "This church has a motive and obviously God was with everything. He was with everyone working. He was with everyone designing. He was with everyone dreaming. He was behind them 100 percent. I've never seen a group of people so dedicated to the word, so dedicated to the dream, to this church."

Burchett says the church is in a "pivotal" location both geographically and spiritually for residents in Auxier and Northern Floyd County.

He thanked the congregation during the ceremony for helping him keep a "balance" in his life.

The church sponsors several missionary organizations. They raise money to support missionaries in Japan and France. They also support Hispanic Missions, where a traveling pastor teaches Hispanics moving into

Kentucky about the Freewill Baptist belief system.

With the new and improved facility, the congregation is also adding more variety to its weekly gatherings. They've added a nursery and are implementing a new men's group, the Master's Men, to coordinate with its already existing women's auxiliary group, the Women's Movement for Christ.

"Seeing this church built today truly brought victory to God and Defeat to Satan," Floyd County Clerk, Chris Waugh said after telling the congregation about growing up in the footsteps of his father, a pastor, who built his own church several years ago.

The victory surrounds the possibilities that now await the church, said Jim Patton, a representative of the Kentucky State Association of Freewill Baptists.

"I'm going to commit to be praying that God will just reign down his glory on this place," Patton said. "I'll pray that it'll catch this whole community and county and state and that God will send the fire of revival."

The "fire of revival" has occurred several times at the church during the last 58 years. Fifty Seven people were saved during a revival in 1949. One hundred changed their lives during a revival in 1967. Hundreds have followed their steps since that time. The

church has also fed the spiritual world, ringing out ordained ministers who have went on to spread the religion in other arenas. Brothers Danny Cole, Calvin Setser, Southie Fannin, Jr., Shane Powers, and Ronnie Diddle are listed in the churches history as former congregation members who became ministers. Their names are compiled along with hundreds of others who have worked with the church for more than half of a century: Brother Dow Webb, who obtained donated land for the church in 1947. Pastor Will Horn, 1950. Pastor James Sturgill, 1959. Pastor Douglas Burkett, 1962. Pastor James Sturgill, 1956. Pastor Douglas Burkett, 1961. They have come and gone, but their spirit remains in the congregation that remembers them.

Sunday, Pastor Spencer focused his sermon on "Growing Pains." He says that people must go through a lot of pain to get to where they're going in life.

"The only thing that never left Auxier, Kentucky is the spirit of the Lord," he said.

The church opens Thursday nights at 7 and holds Sunday School services at 10 a.m. Regular services begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday. An evening service is also held at 6 p.m.

The church extends gratitude to the people and businesses who helped fund the expansion.



photo by Mary Music

The new Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.



photo by Mary Music

Old hands and young hearts, that's what has kept the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church swinging for more than 50 years.

Postscript

cid dog when he lolls around in the slow-moving, additive-laden stream.

Anyway, knowing this, you'd think Ben is a dog who loves water. Well, yes, but only to a point.

I knew he feared the water hose, but that's hardly the same as a slow or still body of water. After all, the water hose is unpredictable and often stinging.

Bathing was another matter. For six years of his life, Ben was an outdoor dog. The closest he ever came to a bath was an occasional rubdown with the canine equivalent of Wet Wipes.

Last summer, with the relocation of his half-brother Bubba to a country home, Ben became an indoor dog. He adapted beautifully, never once mistaking a chair for a tree.

Still, he had never experienced the singular experience that most house dogs need to go through - the bath.

Last Sunday, I finally determined that we were way past due. Little white dog Daisy was

the first into the bath tub. She hates the experience, but she accepts the inevitability.

All the while, I was debating about involving Ben. He's filthy, but what if he bolts? He loves water, but what if he hates the soap?

The fact that I got dirt under my nails every time I scratched his butt convinced me to give it a try.

He was, of course, somewhat leery when he saw me carrying the ever-reluctant Daisy into the bathroom and, a few minutes later, he saw her racing through the house, shaking furiously and rolling around on the floor.

When his turn came, Ben was averse to following me into the bathroom, so I had to pick him up - all 50 to 60 pounds - and carry him. He did not defy me, but neither did he help.

In the tub, he wined softly and I felt his heart pounding as I held him in the tub. I feared he may have a heart attack, as the beats escalated to triple-time.

I had to pour water over him by the bucketsful to reach the skin through the mass of hair. I'm not even sure I made a real dent in the dirt, but both of us survived.

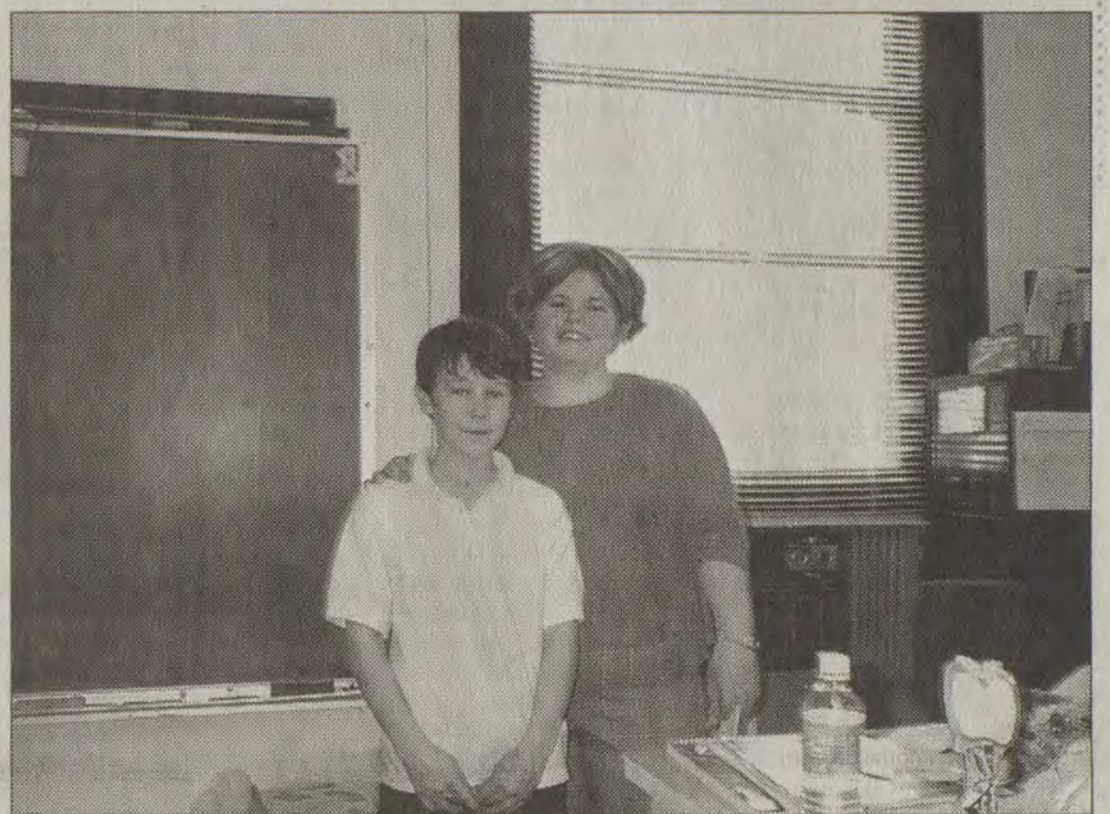
Afterward, he appeared to be OK with the whole ordeal. Of course, I'm not really surprised. He's such a sweet dog who wants to please, as are most of his kind.

How can we not treasure pets like these?

I read about the dog in Floyd County that was shot and left to die, although it turned out to be a lucky dog. And then I read about the little Pekinese in Pikeville that was tied up outside without food and water during the coldest part of the winter thus far and that was found literally frozen to the ground. It was not so lucky; its injuries were so bad it had to be euthanized.

How can we not treasure these precious creatures?

The cruelty, the inhumanity, is beyond my capacity to understand.



OLM introduces new faculty member

Our Lady of the Mountains is proud to announce the addition of Aramina Opell to their faculty. Graduating from Morehead with both a degree in History and Elementary

Education, Miss Opell arrived at OLM bubbling over with plans for science activities. She enjoys writing songs to use when teaching and is looking forward to leading

her class on an "Arctic Expedition." She will be teaching the first/second grade class. She is shown here with student, Colin Greene.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ If you would be interested in volunteering at AMS, contact the Youth Services Center to schedule a time for Volunteer Orientation.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley; Assistant - Sheila Allen.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in Food City receipts and General Mills box tops to home room teachers!

■ Feb. 11 - Valentine Dance.
■ Feb. 15, 22 - Field trip to Floyd County Tech School, for 6th grade.

■ 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, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, 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 appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.
■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers,

Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations. Currently scheduling exams for students who will be in the 6th grade in the next school year. Call for an appointment - 886-0815.

■ 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 collecting Food City receipts again this year! Receipts must be dated Sept. 12, 2004 - March 12, 2005.

■ Feb. 14, 15 - Quality Kids presentation, for K-4th. Subject: Hygiene.

■ Feb. 23 - "Someone You Know," part of the "Connect with Kids" series, will be shown on WYMT-TV, at 7 p.m.

■ Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program, for 5th grade, at the Martin Community Center.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); 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. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

■ Parent Lending Library is avail-

able to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start 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.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ Please collect Food City receipts! School goal is \$500,000 in receipts. Anyone in the community may mail receipts, in care of PES, to 236 North Lake Drive, or drop them off at the school office.

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

■ 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

**School is participating in the "Apples for Students" program. Please turn in your Food City receipts to office

or send with a student. Thanks!

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public.
■ 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.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource 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

Character Words for the Month: Tolerance and Kindness.

■ Feb. 11 - "Heart Health" presentation by Kim Sanders, OLWH, for 4th and 5th grade students, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.

■ Feb. 21 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day Holiday.

■ Feb. 24 - "The Magic Guy" (Skip Kane). School-wide assembly, 1:45 p.m., in gymnasium.

■ Feb. 25 - "Dollars & Sense" program for Floyd County 5th grade students. To be held at the Martin Community Center (tentative).

■ "Lost & Found" is located in the

FRC. If your child has lost any clothing or other personal items, please remind them to check in the FRC. Items not claimed within 2 weeks, become 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.

Wesley Christian School

■ Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

■ For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Floyd County Adult Ed Class Schedule

■ BSCTC, Prestonsburg campus: Mon., Wed., Fri. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tue., Thur. - 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Contact: Jason Cassell - 886-3863, ext. 67219. Room m207 (second floor, Library).

■ Auxier Lifelong Learning Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Lucille Fuchs - 886-0709.

■ Martin Extended Education Service Center: Tue., Thur. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Vanessa Tackett - 285-5111.

■ Wayland EESC: Mon., Wed. - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Vanessa Tackett - 358-3400.

■ Wheelwright: Mon., Wed. - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact: Penny Fell - 452-4324.

■ McDowell: Tue., 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

■ For more information about Adult Education class schedules, contact the David School at 886-8374. All classes and materials free of charge.



Family Medicine



Daughter needs meningitis vaccine and full "shot record" check

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Associate Professor
of Family Medicine

Question: My child is going to college next fall. I just got a letter from her college recommending that she have a meningitis vaccine before starting school. Do you think she should have this? Are there other immunizations she needs at her age?

Answer: I, too, have a daughter starting college in the fall, and she will be getting her meningitis vaccine soon. The vaccine you refer to is for bacterial meningitis, which can be a fatal disease. College freshmen living in dormitories are at significant risk for meningococcal meningitis. This disease can rapidly spread through any living community where people are

housed together in close quarters. Army barracks have also been known to have serious outbreaks of this disease.

Usually after one or two cases, the public or military health authorities can stop further spread, but the first few cases are often fatal. When a person does recover from a case of bacterial meningitis, he or she can suffer permanent brain damage. The seriousness of the disease and the relative ease of preventing it are why all of my children have had, or will have, meningitis vaccine before starting college — so should yours.

There are other immunizations that you should be sure are up to date before your daughter starts college, as well. In fact, this applies to other readers who have children who may be a few years

away from high school graduation. Use the following information to determine if your child's "shot record" indicates that he or she is under-immunized. If so, you should get your child's immunizations caught up.

First thing to check on is your child's immunization against diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis (whooping cough). According to the National Institutes of Health, immunization against all three of these diseases is recommended for all infants and children from 2 months of age up

to their 7th birthday. Those 7 and older should receive immunizing agents that contain only diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and not pertussis vaccine. And, while you are at it, check your own record. There are probably many adults who are overdue for a diphtheria and tetanus booster. Adults should receive these booster shots every 10 years for the rest of their lives.

Your child should have had two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunizations after the age of 1. Most

states require the second shot before starting elementary school.

The Hepatitis B vaccine was introduced in the mid to late 1980s, and many college age men and women still have not received this immunization. Given as a three-shot series over a six-month period, it prevents hepatitis B, which is transmitted through blood products or sexual contact. Often there are no symptoms, but it can cause illness. If you child is entering a health-related field like medicine or nursing, it is especially important that they receive this series.

Finally, the varicella vaccine for chickenpox should be given if you daughter has not had chickenpox. Adults do get chickenpox, and it can be a serious illness in an adult. The vaccine is a two-shot series, with the doses given at least four weeks apart.

So pull out her shot record and call your doctor or health department to get these vaccines started. Having her fully immunized will give you one less thing to worry about as you send your

daughter off to college.

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Eyes

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time, I grant you each a wish." "Ooh!" said the wife, "I know what I would like! I wish to travel around the world with my darling and beloved husband."

The fairy godmother waved her magic wand in the air, and "Abracadabra!" two tickets for a trip around the world via luxury liner appeared in the loving wife's hands.

Now, it was the husband's turn. He thought for a moment and then said, "Well, this is all very romantic and all, but an opportunity like this comes only once in a lifetime, so, I'm sorry, my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than myself."

The wife, and the fairy godmother, were both sorely disappointed, but, a wish is a wish and so the fairy godmother once again waved her magic wand through the air... "Abracadabra!" she proclaimed.

And, the not-so-wily husband became...92 years old. (Fairy godmothers ARE female, you know.)

Why Men are Happier

Well, because: One, they don't have to change their last names when they get married; wedding plans take care of themselves; wedding dress purchase, \$5,000 - tuxedo rental, 100 bucks; the entire garage belongs to them; they can never get pregnant; they can wear white t-shirts to water parks; they can wear NO t-shirt to water parks; car mechanics tell them the truth; they never have to drive to another gas station restroom because "this one is too icky"; they do the same work, for more pay; their wrinkles only "add character"; people never stare at their chests when they talk to them; the occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected; new shoes don't cut, blister or mangle their feet; they have only one mood - all of the time; phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat; a five-day vacation requires only one carry-on bag; they can open all their own jars; they receive extra credit for just the slightest act of thoughtfulness; if some-

one forgets to invite them, they still remain friends; their underwear comes in packs of three for less than \$7; three pairs of shoes are more than enough; they are unable to see wrinkles in their clothes; the same hairstyle lasts them for years, sometimes even decades; they only have to shave their face and neck; they can play with toys all their lives; their bellies hide their big hips; one wallet, one pair of shoes - all seasons; they can wear shorts, no matter how their legs look; they can "do" their nails with a pocketknife; they have freedom of choice when it comes to growing a mustache; they can Christmas shop for 25 relatives, in 25 minutes, on Christmas Eve, and still come home feeling jovial. No wonder men are happier!

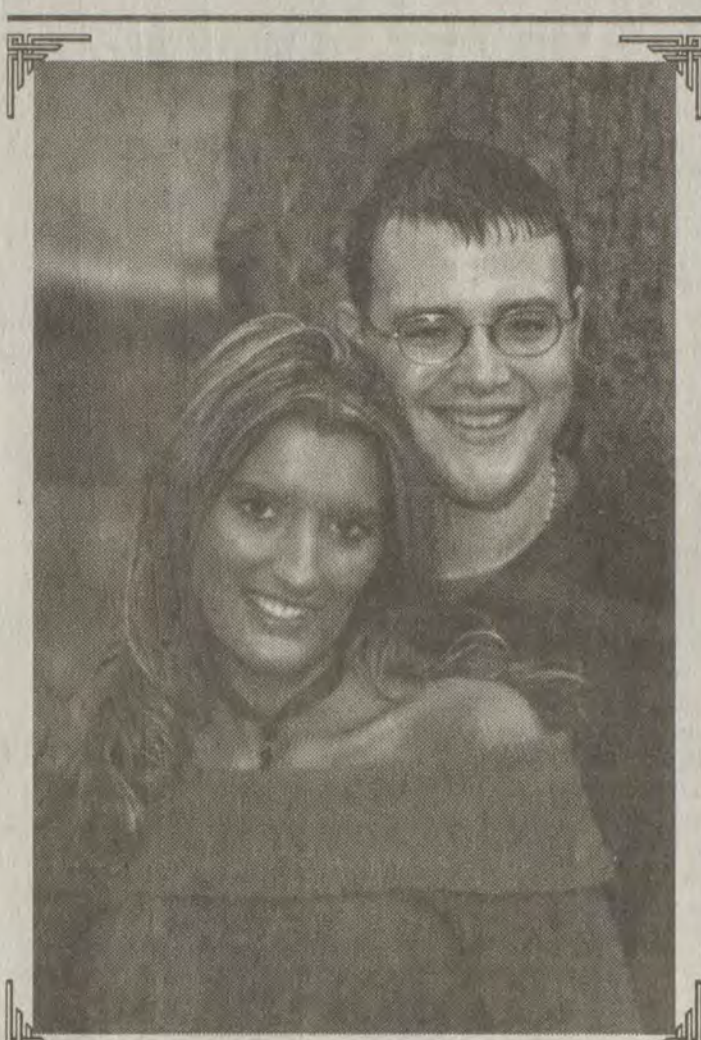
That aside, now to correct a few things from last week's column. Here's an update from Dr. Carol Combs-Morris: Floyd County has a new dog warden - his name is David Shepherd and Dr. Carol says he seems very "competent, concerned and willing to get the job done." He will be traveling around the county in a bright yellow truck with a camper top - the words "Floyd County Animal Control" will be easily seen. The public can reach him by calling 791-3747 (cell phone).

Also, in regard to last week's column, the woman who brought in the second dog who was suffering a gunshot wound to Dr. Carol's office a couple of weeks back, was not the dog's owner. Again, it was a stray that she had been kindly feeding.

And, SNOOP has a new number - so don't look it up in an old telephone directory like I did last week. The new number is 358-3009. The SNOOP mailing address, however, is still the same: P.O. Box 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Now! See ya later, alligators, and, watch out for that little guy in diapers carrying a quiver full of arrows! Those things can really sting, you know!

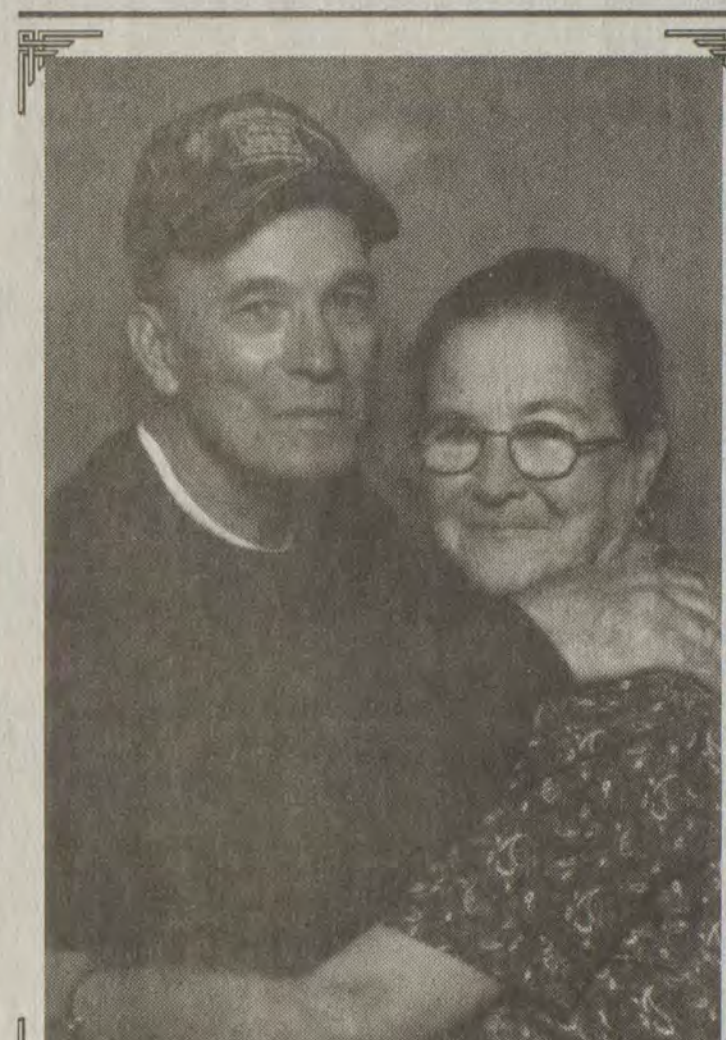
Weddings



Runyon-Cornett

Ms. Janice Marie Runyon and Mr. Vernon Christopher Cornett are happy to announce their upcoming wedding, to be held Saturday, February 12, 2005, at the Ramada Inn Carriage House, in Paintsville, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Ms. Runyon, of McDowell, is the daughter of Tomeca Runyon, of Ashland, and Wilbur D. Runyon, of Lexington. She is a graduate of both Pikeville High School and Pikeville College. She is employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. Ms. Runyon is the granddaughter of Marvin and Janice Williams, of Slater's Branch. Mr. Cornett is the son of Sylvia Eversole, of McDowell. He is a graduate of South Floyd High School and Eastern Kentucky University. He is also employed by Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. He is the grandson of Vernon Cornett, also of McDowell. The gracious custom of an open ceremony will be observed.

Anniversaries



50th Wedding Anniversary

Elva and Wilma Smith will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on February 12, 2005 with friends and family. The very best of wishes and congratulations are sent their way.

Birthday



Turns 21

Laine Arthur Daniel Hall celebrated his second birthday on January 17, 2005, with his family at his home in Lexington. He is the son of Jeffrey and Dr. Madonna Hall, formerly of Floyd County. His maternal grandparents are Janice Howell, of Treasure Island, Florida, and Luther Hall, of Pikeville. He is the paternal grandson of Joyce and Malcolm Hall, of Grethel.

Free tutoring for college students

The Academic Resource Center on Lees College Campus of Hazard Community and Technical College wants to help you achieve great success in all your college courses. Free tutoring is available at the center in a variety of subjects including math, English, computers, biology, statistics, physics, psychology, sociolo-

gy, calculus, history, accounting, business, and anatomy and physiology. Don't fall behind. Get started today with a qualified tutor, and get ahead on your road to success.

Call Amanda or Judy at (606) 666-7521, extensions 73530 or 73538 or stop by the center located on the second floor of Breathitt County Life Skills Center on Main Street in Jackson



Davis-Bentley

Ms. Trish Davis and Mr. David S. Bentley are pleased to announce their upcoming wedding, to be held on February 19, at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, at The Pines, in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Dinner and dancing will follow. Trish is the daughter of Phyllis Davis, of Langley, and the late A.L. "Bear" Davis. David is the son of John P. "Butch" and Myrtle Bentley, also of Langley. The gracious custom of an open ceremony will be observed.

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Ponder

relationship, so that typically, sex is the major focus of that new special beginning. It seems the "connection" and communication of interest and desire eventually occur in as many avenues as possible. Then, as mature love begins to take over, non-sexual touch creates its own meaning. For example, sexual touch might communicate sexual feelings, as non-sexual touch can simply communicate your love, care, and affection for each other.

While physical closeness and touching stimulate the continued growth of loving relationships, it is not unusual for one or both partners to start taking each other for granted. There are also instances, for a variety of rea-

sons, that one or both partners do not want to be touched. Sometimes it reflects traumatic issues from childhood. But be alert! When touch between partners stops, it is clearly an indication that the relationship is in trouble. If you are to practice the art of loving throughout your day, you need to be motivated to do your best to identify "what can I do to help/support my relationship." Try to avoid leaving all of the efforts to the other person. It takes two! Since touching is an integral part of this art of loving ourselves and others, knowledge, effort, and most of all, practice are necessary. Show affection to each other during those quiet moments throughout the day.

Strive to touch your partner often and regularly, such as hugging and kissing each other before leaving and when you return home or holding hands while walking down the street. Show physical closeness to each other in public, as well as at home, but without being excessive - that sometimes is a "turn-off."

Not surprising, researchers have found that men and women have differing viewpoints regarding their relationships. One example was that men think that the bigger the gift to the woman, the better. In contrast, women supposedly see several small gifts as showing more caring and carry more weight for her. Men and women also are

apt to view the other person as interfering with the relationship in a negative fashion. Women found the following male characteristics as unacceptable: becoming angry too easily; being jealous too often; being too demanding regarding sex; being too domineering; criticizing her speech; not communicating often enough; being sexually unfaithful; spending money on foolish things; drinking alcoholic beverages too often; and having irritating personal habits. Men rated these negative descriptions of women in relationships: get hurt too easily; are sensitive to criticism; are too moody; tend to be an irritating person; spend money on foolish things; are too dis-

interested in sex; are more interested in others; and want to talk about insignificant things.

Many folks would agree that there is not going to be perfect relationships, but they are going to have its advantages and disadvantages. Sometimes, it is a mystery that two individuals will maintain a relationship for as long as they have. What do you think is the most important characteristic of a lasting relationship? Some writers think that the most valuable part of an ongoing relationship was forgiveness, but it was also recognized that there are difficulties related to truly forgiving another person for an act that produces undue emotional pain. Even though one person forgives

another, the healthy process of forgiveness requires that both individuals accept the responsibility of setting boundaries and not repeatedly accepting inappropriate behaviors.

By all means, do a "road check" on your relationship with a special other. How might you look back and rate it 10 years from now? Would you prefer to make some changes? Or is the person you would want to be your Happy Valentine "just fine?"

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice, New Perspective Psychological Services, in Prestonsburg, and provides psychotherapy and psychological testing for all age groups.

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Big Sandy Community College is College of Choice for most

by Rachelle Burchett

Enrollment at Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges (KCTCS) exceeded 70,000 in the 2004 fall semester with over 4600 enrolled at Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC). Over 70,000 individuals deciding to get an education is an incredible number. Imagine the impact this will have on our future. Why have so many individuals decided to become college students? According to recent interviews conducted on the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC, 16 out of 25 students enrolled in college, "to get an education in order to get a better job." For example, Tina Blevins, a 25-year old single mother, realized that in order to give her daughter more in life, she needed to get an education. The 2005 Spring semester marked a stepping stone for Tina as this will be the semester she graduates. "Getting an education has changed my life," stated Blevins, "I can't believe that I have made it this far." Her decision to return to college wasn't difficult because she wanted a promising future for the bright eyed little girl that blessed her presence every day. "I want to give my daughter so much more than I ever had and I know that getting an education is my only hope. Although my little girl is only three, I am so encouraged

each time I hear her say, 'My mommy goes to college.' I realize now that I am not only building a better future for her but I am setting an example as well," stated Blevins. Blevins has discovered wisdom at a young age and her education will prove to be a priceless gift for herself and her daughter. Other students found themselves enrolled in college due to the loss of a job while some simply wanted to accomplish something with their life.

Although students had different reasons for attending college, they each had one thing in common and that was choosing BSCTC. "Big Sandy is close to home," is the response given by 20 out of 25 students surveyed. The 2005 spring semester will be student Allie Murray's second semester at BSCTC. After graduation instead of going away to college she decided to stay close to home and continue her education. Murray has been very content with her decision, "Taking classes at BSCTC has been great. I have been able to keep my part-time job, be at home with my mom and little brother and get an education. I have other friends that went away to college and after listening to them talk about how large their class sizes are I am definitely glad I chose BSCTC. It is nice to be known by your name and not a number," stated Murray. Although

the majority of students agreed that the location brought them to Big Sandy CTC others expressed that it is the one-on-one instruction and the low tuition cost that made the difference.

BSCTC Provost Nancy Johnson says that the college is excited to offer so many opportunities to students. "In addition to the over 25 technical programs providing certificates, diplomas and degrees, we have a wide array of general education classes to support these programs and prepare students for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Those who know exactly what they must complete to meet their goals as well as those who may be struggling to determine the right direction for their life all can find the appropriate assistance at BSCTC. More ways to learn new skills and enhance one's knowledge lead to an increasing enrollment. We strive to offer students the flexibility they need and provide quality faculty along with the support services requisite for success. We will continue to be the College of Choice!" stated Johnson.

The numbers prove that Big Sandy Community and Technical College is the college of choice for individuals who want to get an education, stay close to home and experience one-on-one instruction at an affordable cost.

A Corps spring forest fire reminder

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Kentucky Division of Forestry manages or protects approximately 12,113 acres of forest land surrounding Paintsville Lake. This area is home to many small game animals such as the squirrel, raccoon, turkey, rabbit, grouse and quail, just to name a few. Kentucky's big game animal, the white-tailed deer, is also found living abundantly throughout this area. These forest residents are totally dependent upon you to protect them and their habitat from raging forest fires.

Kentucky's Spring Forest Fire Season will begin on February 15 and will end after April 30th. It is unlawful during this time to set a fire to any flammable material capable of spreading fire, located in or within 150 feet of any private woodland or brush land, except

between the hours of 6:00 pm and 6:00 am local time.

Kentucky's new "6:00 pm burning law" allows those who burn brush and debris for gardens to burn during the early evening when wind has started to die down, air temperature is lower, and relative humidity is increasing. These conditions make a fire much more manageable and less likely to get out of control. If the fire does get in the woods, it is much easier to put out. However, even after 6:00 pm, no fire should be started if there are high winds, or light fuels such as tall dry grass nearby. Kentucky law also requires someone to stay with their fires to be sure they don't get out of control.

The Corps of Engineers reminds you that when visiting Paintsville Lake, fires are not permitted except when contained in fire grills, designed especially for that purpose.

When fires are built, care must be taken to completely extinguish them to prevent a restart that could get out of control. Smokers should make sure that a cigarette is completely safe before it is discarded.

In the event of a forest fire that occurs on or near the Paintsville Lake area, Johnson and Magoffin county area residents can contact the Kentucky Division of Forestry at Betsy Layne at 1-800-866-0048. Morgan county residents can contact the Morehead Division of Forestry at 1-800-866-0052. Persons can contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers Resource Manager's office, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm at 606-297-6312. To report fires on weekends and holidays, persons can either call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at the above phone numbers or call 911. Remember - only you can prevent forest fires.

"Photography from Around The Globe"



photograph by Andrew Busroe. France Harbor

An Exhibit by Andrew Busroe Now through February 26, 2005 at the Mountain Arts Center

Andrew Busroe was born and raised in Morehead. He has a Bachelors Degree in History and Government from Morehead State University, a Masters Degree in Political Science from Eastern Kentucky University and a Master of Library Science from the University of Kentucky. He has been a librarian at Alice Lloyd College since 1996 and has

served as the Library Director since January 1999.

Andrew has been interested in photography for as long as he can remember and has seriously pursued it for about 15 years. He has traveled and photographed throughout the state, country, and Europe. Some of his favorite photographic locations are Eastern Kentucky, Yellowstone National Park,

Arizona, and Italy. His future plans include photographing Alaska and Hawaii. This is his third photographic exhibit.

All photographs on display are for sale, \$65 each. To inquire about additional sizes and prices please contact Andrew Busroe by mail at P.O. Box 121 Pippa Passes, KY 41844, or by phone at 606-368-2134 (home) or 606-368-6113 (office).

Across the Miles to My Little Valentine

by Francis Cantrell

Every night I think of you and wonder how much you've grown.
It seems I've been gone for eternity. I wish I could be home.

I miss the pitter patter of little feet just down the hall,
I miss our visits to the park and playing catch the ball.

I miss the little efforts that you put forth to sing,
I miss us playing on the slide and pushing you on the swing.

I miss our little popcorn treats while we sit and watch cartoons,
I missed your latest birthday, the cake and all the balloons.

You're on my mind and in my heart. I think of you everyday,
I just have to close my eyes and I can watch you play.

There's a surprise to this valentine, as you can easily see,
Please color all the paper dolls and send them back to me.

FCCD annual free tree give-away

The Floyd County Conservation District will distribute free tree seedlings to the residents of Floyd County, beginning Saturday, February 12, from 7 a.m. to 1

p.m., and Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., until all trees are gone. This is a first-come, first-serve event. Office is located 1/2 mile from the Lancer-

Watergap intersection, traveling toward the Jenny Wiley State Park. For more information, email to: conserve@mikrotec.com, or call 889-9800.

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For Sale 1993 Ford Crown Victoria. 138,000 miles. \$1,200. call 606-874-0467

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210-Job Listing

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Procedure: Formal applications are available at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Office of Human Resources, Johnson Administration Building, Room 110, or via email: jackie.cecil@kctcs.edu or by phone: (606) 886-3863, Ext. 67370, or on our website: www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu. Completed applications may be submitted to: Jackie B. Cecil, Director of Human Resources, One Bert Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College is an equal access, equal opportunity/affirmative action institution and is committed to providing equal opportunity through its employment practices. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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380-Services

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530-Homes

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550-Land & Lots

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570-Mobile Homes

New 3 Bedroom Home. Central Heat & Air, W/D, Skirting, Delivery & Set-Up + \$500 Tax Relief & Refund Good Through February, For Less Than \$199 per Month. Call 1-800-406-5274 (W.A.C.)

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INVITATION TO BID

The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, KY, is now taking bids for laundry service. Bids will be received until Friday, February 18, 2005, at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Thomas Ramey at 606-886-1037 ext. 104, or Teresa Carroll at 606-886-0077. The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center reserves the right to reject any or all bids received.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission seeks bids on the renovation of the Tourism Office Building (Old Post Office), located at 113 S. Central Avenue in Prestonsburg. Work needed includes roof repair, electrical upgrade, floor tile, added lighting, bathroom construction, loading dock enclosure, and general wall repair. Project specifications may be acquired by calling (606) 886-1341. Bids must be received by March 1, 2005. Prestonsburg Tourism Commission has the authority to accept the best bid, or reject all bids. The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5416, AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for an Amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.9 mile west of Woods in Floyd County, Kentucky. The amendment proposes to add 75.00 acres of underground acreage, making the total area 930.41 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.25

mile east from KY 194's junction with Ky. 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will underlie land owned by Roy & Patsy Conn, Delmer & Irene Jervis, Burnis & Markiutta Jervis, Zenis & Janet Jervis, Maryland Jervis, George & Bridget Vanover, Glen & Mary Burchett, Greg & Pam Conn, Thurston & Delcie Endicott, Lester Jervis Bill & Pat Jarrell, Brad & Sally Goble, Ornes & Earl Spears and Reed Heirs.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5307, RENEWAL #2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt Co., Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 0.5 mile northeast of Emma, in Floyd

County. The proposed operation, will disturb 21.00 surface acres and will underlie 842.70 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 863.70 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 mile north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194, and located 0.08 mile east of the Levisa Fork.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

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Notice is hereby given that Carl Conley, 141 Race St., Hueysville, KY 41640, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to stabilize yard. The property is located at Hueysville, about one mile from Garrett, on Right Beaver. Any comments, or objections, concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 584.46 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner Jr., et al., Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Betty Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W. Newsom Heirs, and Carmel Lee and Ollie Tackett. The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method of surface mining. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South,

Ellery Owens, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Lonzo Bowling of P.O. Box 67, Prestonsburg, KY, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a single-family dwelling. The property is located at Lancer on the corner of Riverview Lane and Poplar Street. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0303, AMENDMENT NO. 1

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia, 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, of Floyd County. The amendment will add 120.59 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 274.06 acres,

of which 184.58 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 584.46 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and Ellery Owens, Carmel and Marie Clark, Arnold Turner Jr., et al., Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Ray and Betty Hall, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil and Betty Hall, Darin Carroll, Wallace and Melinda Hamilton, Walker and Jeromia Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, F. W. Newsom Heirs, Olivia Hamilton, Darvene and Anna L. Hamilton, and Carmel Lee and Ollie Tackett. The amendment will underlie land owned by Jennifer and Jesse Akers, Dinah and Jack Tackett, Loretta Rogers and

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Say It With Love

February 11, 2005



A Special Supplement to The Floyd County Times

Eight fun ways to meet Mr. or Ms. Right

Do you have the Valentine's Day blues? Are you tired of seeing happy couples snuggling on park benches and walking hand-in-hand in the mall? Don't be relegated to another night with the DVD player and a pint of premium ice cream. There's no need to be envious of those strolling lovers' lanes or cringe at the sight of a card store decked out in red and pink hearts. You too can find the match of your dreams by choosing the best places to meet the right people.

The bar or club scene rarely works. How can you meet an ideal match when you're guzzling drinks and pumped up on adrenaline? Rather, think about your interests and values and the interests and values you'd like in a potential mate, and then head to the places where these traits can be best realized. Sound confusing? It's not ... read on.

1. Take up a sport or hobby — You'll meet a guy or a gal in her element. You'll see what gets this person smiling and how he or she deals with competition, defeat and success. Plus, you'll have something in common to discuss, other than the weather or politics. Golfing is one way to network. You can chat while strolling the links and get in some exercise in the process.

2. Volunteer — If you desire an altruistic dogooder, a person who puts other's needs ahead of his or her own, check out not-for-profit organizations. You can be won over by his or her charitable spirit and easily strike up conversations. Plus, you'll be doing something positive for people in need.

3. Get exercising — Sign up for a bike tour, walk or run that is designed to raise money for a cause. Often, the people who participate in these events have good hearts and are physically



Get out there and meet that special person. Bike tours and hobbies generate ideal social opportunities for finding a love match.

fit. If fitness is a requirement for your perfect guy or gal, what better way to measure that than when you're both out getting your heart pumping?

4. Be spiritual — Regularly attend services at your house of worship. You'll meet members of the opposite sex who share the same values and religious beliefs.

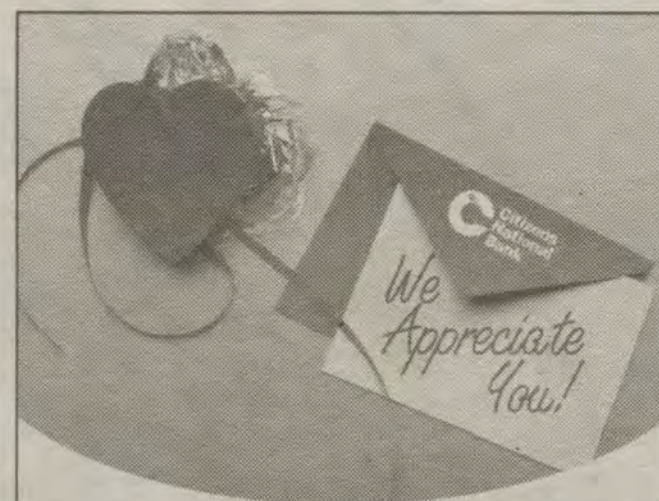
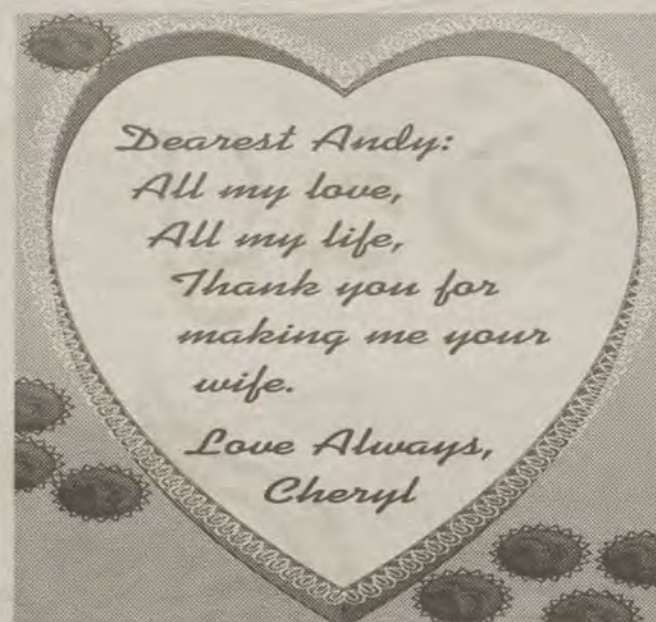
5. Head to a salon — A new trend emerging is salons offering a day of pampering and a chance to mingle with other singles. Be daring and go for a dramatic new cut or color, and strut your stuff as you walk around decked out in the salon's stylish smock and towel accessories.

6. Get a dog — It may seem like the oldest pick-

up strategy in the book, but a dog forces you to be outdoors (at least twice a day for bathroom breaks), and pets naturally attract attention. Head to a neighborhood dog-friendly park, and mingle with others who are also pampering their pooches.

7. Take a vacation ... alone. — Maybe limiting yourself to your local dating scene is preventing a match from being made. Schedule a trip to another state or country and go exploring. Or go on a singles-only tour group. You could find a mate while you take in the local culture.

8. Embrace blind dates — Don't be so quick to run for cover when a potential set-up is announced. Your friend, coworker or distant relative might really know that guy or gal of your dreams. Have fun with the adventure of meeting new people. You just may be pleasantly surprised at who you'll be introduced to.



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kissed my mind each morning, and the last blissful thought I had before falling asleep. We took a trip to Ashland in which she expected nothing out of the ordinary. As the day faded into dusk, she and I were walking through town holding hands. I stopped in front of several bystanders and dropped to one knee. I told her that my life was nothing without her and that I wanted to spend eternity with her. As several onlookers cheered me on, Marian told me the most wonderful word I have ever heard; YES. She is the place my life began, and she'll be where it ends.

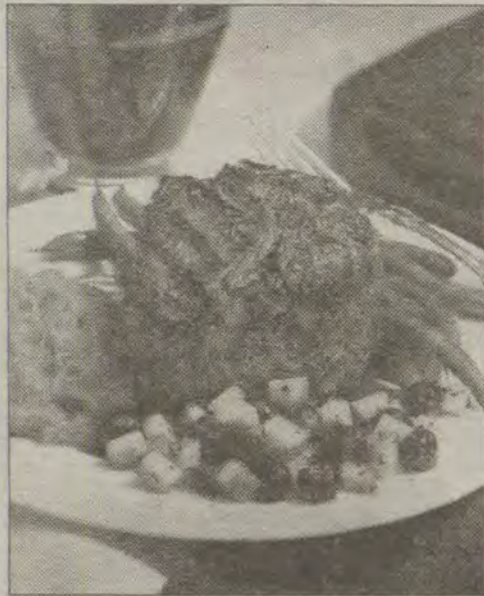
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When shopping for fresh American lamb, the first stop is the local butcher or the meat counter of the grocery store, and pre-order whenever possible. Look for meat that has soft pink to red coloring with white marbling. The remaining recipe ingredients are all available at most grocery stores.

Accentuate this intimate lamb dish by pairing it with a hearty merlot or cabernet wine. Red wines offer adequate tannins to work well with the rich lamb chops and often have herbal nuances that pair well with many herbs, especially rosemary.

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Rosemary Grilled Lamb Loin Chops with Cranberry and Peppered Apple Relish

Chef Brooke Vosika, Four Seasons (New York)

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Cranberry and Peppered Apple Relish (makes about 1 cup)

- 1/8 cup dried cranberries
- 1/8 cup apple juice, heated
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/8 cup fresh or frozen cranberries
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil

- 1/2 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon course ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon brown sugar, packed
- Pinch salt

Combine all ingredients.

Tip: This relish is best made a day ahead to allow flavors to blend.

Grilled Lamb Loin Chops

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves, finely chopped
- 2 double-cut Fresh American Lamb loin chops
- 2 teaspoons sea salt
- 2 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Combine olive oil and rosemary. Dip chops in mixture. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Grill over medium-hot coals about 20 minutes or to desired degree of doneness. Use meat thermometer to test lamb, medium-rare 145 degrees F; medium 160 degrees F or well done 170 degrees. Serve with Cranberry and Peppered Apple Relish.

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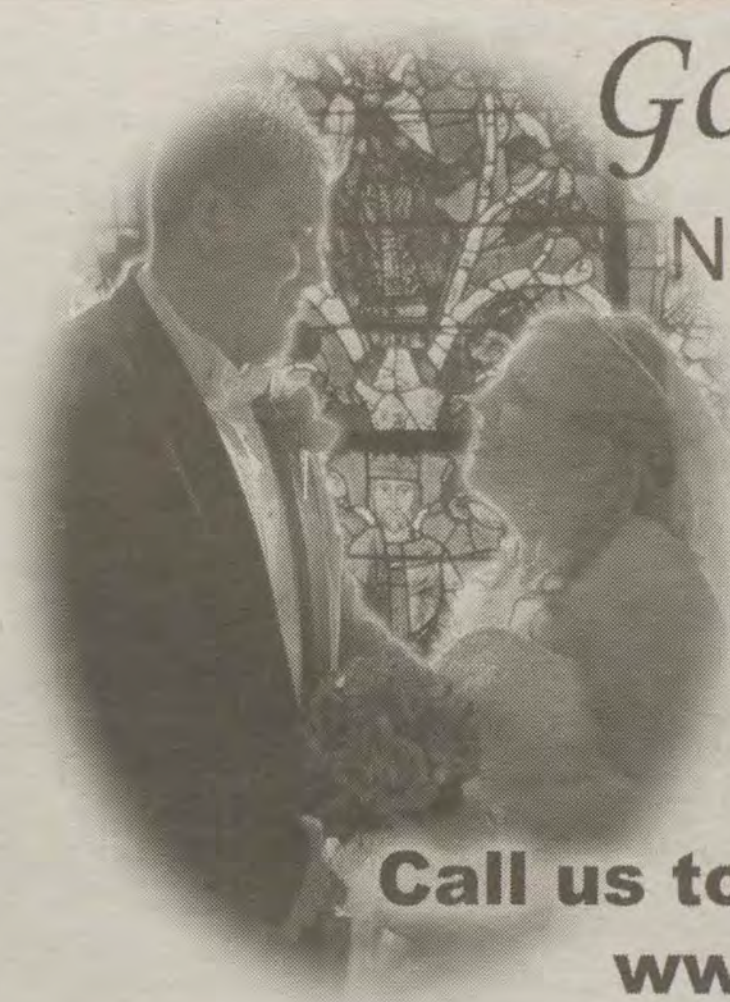
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Rose colors decoded

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■ In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week, coining the contemporary term, "to wear your heart on your sleeve."

■ Europeans in the Middle Ages believed that birds

chose their mates each year on February 14. Some people believed that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man but be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

■ Some people said that if you found a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved would have the matching glove. TF052306

Nearly everyone has been given roses at one time or another. Maybe it was for a birthday, a valentine, or to brighten your mood when you were feeling under the weather. However, depending upon the color rose chosen, your bouquet could be offering a hidden message. Here is the meaning behind each color.

- Red — love, desire, courage, good job
- Dark red — unconscious beauty
- Pink — perfect happiness, admiration
- Dark pink — appreciation, gratitude

- Light pink — admiration, sympathy, grace, joy
- Yellow — joy, friendship, delight, gladness
- Coral/orange — desire, enthusiasm
- Black — death
- Lavender — love at first sight, enchantment
- Peach — let's get together, closing of the deal
- White — purity, innocence, secrecy, silence

- Pink and white — I will always love you
 - Red and yellow — congratulationS
 - Orange and yellow — passionate thoughts
 - White and red — unity
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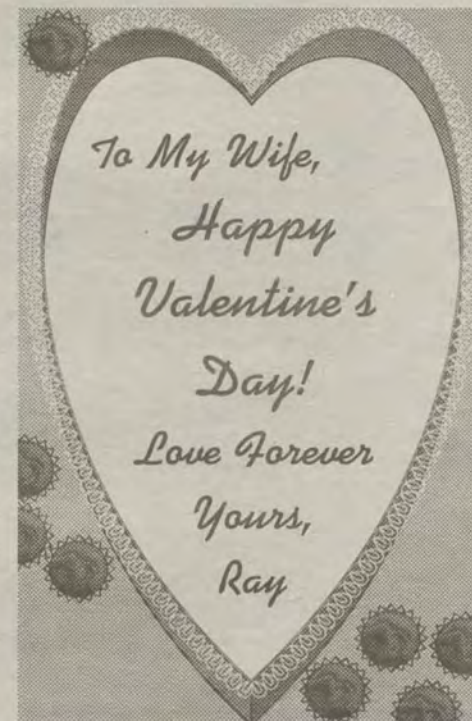
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Kobie Adam Hicks



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"Bigun!"



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in the world.
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Love,
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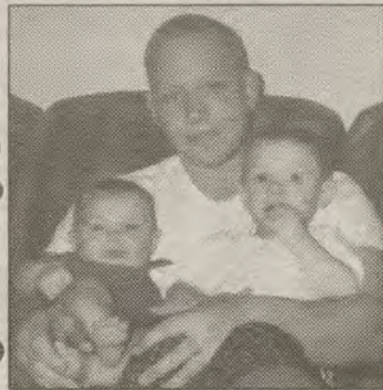


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