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briefs

State reaches agreement with Kentucky Power on rate increases

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Eastern Kentucky homes will see a smaller increase in utility bills under an agreement between the state attorney general and American Electric Power Company, Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced Thursday.

The company, also known as the Kentucky Power Company, had requested an increase of about \$64.8 million, but Stumbo's office settled for a rate increase of \$41 million. The agreement is subject to the Public Service Commission's approval.

"While any increase is difficult for our citizens, we successfully reduced the increase by 40 percent in this case," Stumbo said in a statement.

About \$350,000 will be available for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Stumbo said.

Kentucky Power primarily serves residents in eastern Kentucky. The company has nearly 175,000 customers in 20 counties.

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Community responds after family of 8 loses home

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — Displaced. It's a word that hardly touches the devastating loss the Slone family has dealt with since just after midnight Monday, when Wayland couple Skip and Artie Slone and their six sons watched their home taken over by flames.

But it could be worse, considering the

fact that nobody in the family was so much as injured, and family members are quick to acknowledge that.

"They were fortunate," said Linda Slone, Skip's mother, who explained Wednesday that her son and daughter-in-law were in Pikeville at the Red Cross receiving numerous items through donation.

It may seem strange to keep this kind of optimism in the face of such loss, but

when there are eight loved ones who walked away and good people around to lend a hand, Linda Slone has reason to be grateful, she says.

"The people are wonderful," she said, "and we thank God for everything that people have done for him."

The Slone's house burned at a total loss in the early morning hours Monday. Slone said the fire started at about 12:30 a.m. and was first discovered when her

son went to the bathroom and found the door hot.

"My son got up to go to the bathroom and that must have been where the fire started," she said. "The door was hot and he wouldn't open it because he could smell smoke. The kids and wife were upstairs and they just got out in time."

The call came to Linda Slone from her

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A LONG WAIT



photo by Sheldon Compton

With only a broken mirror, kindergarten bus driver Charlie Collins felt lucky following a quick hit from an oncoming truck along Stephen's Branch Wednesday, but spent nearly three hours awaiting arrival of police before he could allow the students off the bus.

Kids left waiting, parents still fuming after cops fail to show

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

STEPHEN'S BRANCH — When school bus driver Charlie Collins got clipped by a speeding truck Wednesday afternoon, less than a mile from May Valley Elementary along Stephen's Branch, his first action was to pull over and call local law enforcement to report the incident.

No children were injured and the truck, which kept going after striking a side mirror on the bus, did not return. But Collins followed proper procedures and telephoned police at 2 p.m. His six young passengers settled in and listened to instructions that they were not to leave the bus until the

police arrived.

The incident happened very near at least two of the student's homes, and before long, parents started to assemble around the parked bus.

By 4 p.m., the parents were fully vocal about the long wait.

"We just live right over there," said one parent, who wished to remain anonymous. "My daughter can look out the window and see our house, but she can't get off the bus."

Collins could only shake his head. He had been told that available Kentucky State Police officers were currently seeing to a domestic violence situation, and would be along after resolving that issue.

"None of the kids are hurt or anything, and it's just a busted mirror," Collins said, while the students, looking confused, pulled their coats around them.

Bennie Rose, mechanic with the Floyd County Schools Transportation Department, was at the scene Wednesday and was also confused about the situation.

"We don't know how long it's going to be before these kids can go home," Rose said.

When all was said and done, two state troopers and two county units arrived at approximately 4:45 p.m., just shy of three hours after being contacted.

"It only took them about 15

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Bank robberies, sex abuse among 14 indictments

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ellis Ray Hunter, who was arrested along with his brother and father in connection with three bank robberies spanning from June to December last year, was indicted on charges stemming from those robberies Wednesday.

Hunter was arrested at his home in Wheelwright along with his father, Freddie, and brother, Jason, and charged with three counts of first-degree robbery. The charges were related to robberies of the Citizens National Bank.

The indictment against Hunter alleges that the 22-year-old took part in robbing the bank's Allen location on two separate dates — June 28 and then again on Nov. 30 — and then the Garrett branch on Dec. 15.

On two of the first-degree robbery counts, it is alleged that Hunter threatened Citizens National Bank employee Barbara Hunt during robberies at the Allen location, while a third count says he threatened Garrett branch employee Annie Shepherd.

A fourth count in the indictment charges that Hunter stole a license plate from a 1994 Ford Ranger and placed it on his 1996 Ford Ranger five days following the Dec. 15 robbery.

At the time of his arraignment, Hunter, like his father and brother, was placed under a \$100,000 cash bond.

If found guilty, Hunter could spend up to 20 years in prison.

Another true bill handed down from the grand jury

Wednesday, along with 13 others, including Hunter's, saw Prestonsburg resident Johnny Spears indicted for first-degree rape, a class A felony, first-degree sodomy, a class A felony, and first-degree sexual abuse, a class D felony.

All three charges were brought against Spears, 51, for allegedly raping, sodomizing and sexually abusing a minor younger than 12 years old between Jan. 1 and Nov. 14, last year.

Other indictments returned Wednesday included:

■ Famer Lee Halbert, 19, of McDowell; second-degree escape.

■ Michael L. Colley, of McDowell; two counts first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methadone and oxycodone), possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in original container.

■ Billy James Hall, 52, of Greenville, Tenn.; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine), two counts of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (Tylenol 3 and hydrocodone), third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (clonazepam), possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Larry W. Davidson, 46, of Salyersville; seven counts of receiving stolen property.

■ Thelma S. Davidson, 37, of Salyersville; seven counts of receiving stolen property.

■ James B. Combs, 44, of Leburn; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

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Hueysville man charged after high-speed chase

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A Hueysville man was arrested Tuesday in Garrett after allegedly passing through a traffic checkpoint at a high rate of speed.

Daniel Harvill, 20, allegedly led Trooper B.J. Caudill on a high-speed chase after passing through the checkpoint and

almost hitting the officer, who was interviewing the driver of a stopped vehicle at the time.

Caudill eventually pulled Harvill over and cited him for various offenses, including driving under the influence, fleeing police, wanton endangerment, reckless driving, two counts of failure to wear seat belts, no

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Johnathan Boyd, right, a fourth-grade student from Prestonsburg Elementary, was the winner of the Floyd County Spelling Bee this week. Lynn Craft, an eighth-grader at Adams Middle School, was runner-up in the contest.

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Obituaries



Clifford B. Latta

Clifford B. Latta was born December 8, 1928, in Prestonsburg, the son of Olga May and Clifford B. Latta, Sr. He attended Landon Prep School in Bethesda, Maryland, Prestonsburg High School, and graduated from Kentucky Military Institute, in Lyndon, in 1946. He graduated from Washington and Lee University, in Lexington, Virginia, in 1950, and received his law degree from the University of Kentucky, Lexington, in 1954.

Starting in practice with his grandfather, Andrew J. May, Mr. Latta practiced law in Prestonsburg for more than 50 years. He was a lifetime member of the Kentucky Bar Association, a member and former president of the Floyd County and member of the American Bar Associations, and Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

He was affiliated with First Commonwealth Bank in Prestonsburg for more than 40 years, and was a member of the Board of Directors and Senior Vice President.

Mr. Latta was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 1968, representing the 29th Senatorial District, which at that time, included Floyd, Knott and Martin counties. He served as chairman of the State Government Committee in 1970.

From 1964 to 1968, Mr.

Latta served as Prestonsburg City Attorney. He was also the first chairman of the Big Sandy Area Development Board, predecessor of the Big Sandy Area Development District. He was a member of the Prestonsburg Community College Development Foundation, a former member and past president of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club, and was former executive director of the Prestonsburg Municipal Housing Commission, overseeing development of the Green Acres housing project. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

He was a member, since 1937, of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, and was a former deacon and Intermediate Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Latta is survived by his wife, Ann; children, Clifford B. Latta III, (Paula), of Pace, Florida, Jackson D. Latta of Prestonsburg, and Audrey Hudson of Washington, D.C.; and two grandchildren: Holley Noel Williamson and Adam Charles Williamson, both of Pace, Florida.

He was predeceased by two sons: Robert Andrew and James Parker Latta.

Funeral services for Mr. Latta will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 11, at the First Baptist Church, with Dale Jagers officiating.

Burial will be in the Mayo Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is from 3 p.m., until 9 p.m., Friday, at Carter Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the First Baptist Church, 157 South Front Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Honorary pallbearers will be The Floyd County Bar Association.

Active pallbearers: Charles Atinay, Mark Wyatt, Steve Wyatt, Larry Brown, John Mattox, Matt Hale, William O. Goebel III, G.P. Summers, and Herbert Salisbury III.

(Paid obituary)

Chase

insurance, no registration, possession of an open alcoholic beverage, one headlight, failure to signal a turn and no operator's license.

Harvill was arraigned Wednesday in district court and placed under a \$5,000 cash

bond. He was ordered to not operate a vehicle in Kentucky.

Several of his charges were felonies so a not-guilty plea was entered for him by Judge James Allen and a preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 15.

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Bus

minutes to check the kids and get them off the bus," Rose said the following morning.

But despite the long wait, Floyd County Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning said his office understood that everyone must do what they can, as they can.

"Usually we have prompt response. We always have," Dr. Fanning said Thursday morning. "Floyd County is kind of wide-

spread, and they get there as quickly as they can. The timing was unfortunate, it's regrettable, but our children are safe, and we don't have any issues with the law enforcement. We followed proper protocol and they followed their protocol."

Attempts to reach officials with the state police were unsuccessful yesterday. However, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn said Thursday that

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Fire

daughter in Martin. Skip and Artie, and their six sons — Nathan, 12, Randy, 11, Thomas 8, Sam, 6, and 1-year old twin sons David and Buford — had lost their home.

"The twins sons are 1-year-old today," Slone said Wednesday.

Attempts to reach any of the three fire departments that han-

dled the fire Monday were unsuccessful. Linda Slone said she thought officials may be determining the fire started as a result of faulty wiring.

Several area churches are now asking for donations to help the family get back on their feet, while there have already been an outpouring of help from people in Wayland and other parts of

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Charges

(cocaine), tampering with physical evidence, second-degree persistent felony offender.

David L. Cook, 48, of Carrie; four counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine, methadone, Oxycontin), two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance (Xanax and Valium), tampering with physical evidence, endangering the welfare of a minor.

Kimberley C. Burns, 38, of Hueysville; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine and

methadone), two counts of second-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone and Stragesic), possession of drug paraphernalia, endangering the welfare of a minor.

James J. Griffith, 36, of Martin; operating a motor vehicle while license revoked or suspended for driving under the influence, no insurance, failure to wear seatbelt, expired registration plate, disregarding a stop sign.

Harold Dean Kilgore, 50, David; operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operat-

Road crews to remove signs

PIKEVILLE — Starting Monday, Feb. 13, motorists will see workers again removing signs that are on state right-of-way along four-lane roads and many state primary (two-lane) roads throughout Highway District 12, which includes Floyd, Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Knott, Pike, and Letcher counties.

State workers removed thousands of signs in a massive sweep this past November. "There were hardly any political signs at that time, because the election season was several months away," said Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer. "So candidates may not realize that we are routinely removing illegal signs. We realize that signs are expensive and we want to give people time to retrieve their

signs before we take them down."

It is illegal to install a sign on state right-of-way. It is also illegal to post a sign to a structure already installed on state right-of-way. For example, a sign should not be bolted to guardrail.

"Guardrail is there to protect vehicles. Signs interfere with that protection and create a danger," Hall said.

A sign advertising a telephone number for people to call about jobs should not be nailed to a stake and placed on state right-of-way. Even posting a sign for a yard sale, taped to a speed limit sign, for example, is against the law.

If private individuals or businesses have signs on state right-of-way, and they want to save those signs, they should retrieve

them before Feb. 13.

"We will not be responsible for damage to any sign or sign post that we remove, since it was installed illegally to begin with," Hall explained.

All signs will be taken to the nearest state maintenance garage and kept for 30 days. If they are not claimed by then, they will be destroyed. District 12 has 10 maintenance garages in its seven counties: Minnie and Allen in Floyd County, Lawrence County (near Yatesville Lake), Johnson County (at Staffordsville), Martin County (Route 645 just

outside Inez), Knott County (at Hindman), Letcher County (on U.S. 119 near Mayking), Canada in Pike County, at Dry Fork of Shelby in Pike County, and on Route 194 between Kimper and Phelps in Pike County.

Hall said he understands that people sometimes put a lot of money and work into these signs. "But the fact of the matter is," he said, "they create safety problems, such as limiting sight distance. They also interfere with litter pickup and the opera-

(See SIGNS, page three)

House passes mine safety bill

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Kentucky would double inspections and require potentially life-saving equipment in coal mines as part of sweeping legislation passed by the House on Thursday in response to a mining tragedy in neighboring West Virginia.

"Kentucky is setting the example in the nation," said Rep. Keith Hall, a Democrat from Pike County in the heart of the state's Appalachian coal-fields.

Democrats and Republicans took turns praising the bill.

"This legislation will save lives," said Rep. Howard Cornett, R-Whitesburg.

Democratic Rep. Brent Yonts of Greenville, the bill's lead sponsor, said it balances safety and productivity concerns for miners and operators.

"Maybe neither side is totally happy with it but it represents a product that is good for coal-mine safety," Yonts said following the vote.

The bill sailed to 96-0 passage and heads to the Senate for consideration.

Steve Earle, with the United Mine Workers of America, hailed the House vote and urged the Senate to act quickly without weakening the measure.

"No family should have to

suffer the pain and the agony that our recent coalfield families have had to endure," he said. "If this saves one life, it's worth everything."

The measure would double yearly state inspections at mines to four from two.

It calls for mine operators to store emergency oxygen supplies underground and requires all underground coal miners to wear tracking devices.

Another provision sets a 15-minute time limit for reporting mine accidents. It also would create much stiffer fines for flagrant violators of safety rules.

The legislation became a priority after a series of fatal mining accidents, including one in West Virginia that killed 12 miners last month.


Kentucky led the nation last year in the number of mine deaths with eight people killed on the job, according to the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Stephanie Nichole Hall, 21, of Paintsville, to Kevin Lee Patrick Terry, 28, of Nashville, Tenn.

Lisa Renee Reynolds, 37, of Koskiosko, Ind., to Ronnie Reynolds, 39, of Prestonsburg.

Jessica Marie Sexton, 24, of Prestonsburg, to Byron Tyler Stumbo, 20, of Martin.

Jill Danette Conn, 27, of Prestonsburg, to Brian Chaffin, 21, of Martin.

Jessica Ann Evans, 23, to Christopher D. Meade, 21, both of Pikeville.

Melissa Dawn Sexton, 19, of Prestonsburg, to Willard Jon Johnson, 29, of McDowell.

Judith Solomon, 44, of Martin, to Paul Howell, 57, of Toler.

Civil Suits Filed

First Guarantee Bank vs. Vicky Slone, estate of Ricky Slone; debt complaint.

Geneva Walker vs. Charles Walker Sr.; divorce.

John Stephens vs. Emily Adams; auto accident complaint.

Mary Karen Stumbo and Gregory D. Stumbo vs. Bizzack Inc.; property damage complaint.

Country Wide Home Loans vs. Vikki Woodward, Franklin Woodward, spouse of Donisha

Scheneck, Morehead State University; debt complaint.

Dollie Newsome vs. Tina Brooks; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Jackie Hall vs. Wal-Mart Stores East; personal injury complaint.

Darwin Kidd vs. Monica Shelby; petition for health care insurance.

Barbara Hall vs. Edward Sazabo; petition for health care insurance.

Melissa Howard vs. Robert Lafferty; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Margaret Jones vs. Randy Jones; divorce.

Ford Motor Credit vs. Anthony Allen; debt complaint.

Ford Motor Credit vs. Jeffrey Curry; debt complaint.

Boone Account Recover vs. Nancy Hall, Joseph Hall; debt complaint.

Rebecca Rose vs. Nicholas Cole; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Mattie Howell, Kathy Plummer, administrator of the estate of Kathy Robinson vs. Charles Gibson Jr.; wrongful death, personal injury complaint related to an automobile accident.

Kashetta Reffitt vs. John Reffitt; petition for health care insurance.

Green Tree Servicing vs.

Gregory Goble; debt complaint.

Kentucky Medical Services vs. Mearion Banks; debt complaint.

Linda Compton vs. Sheldon Compton; divorce.

Ronald Collins vs. Elizabeth Collins; divorce.

Small Claims Filings

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Lonnie Coots; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Stella McCown; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Willis Spears; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Billy Curnutte Jr.; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Pam Bayes; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Kester Dotson; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. Judith Hager; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. John Hitchcock Jr.; debt complaint.

Paintsville Utility Commission vs. David Labor; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Little Dozing; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Tina

Mosley; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Diane Light; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Lannie Hall, Debbie Hall; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Sharon Perkins; debt complaint.

Morris Tackett's BP vs. Ricky Stewart; debt complaint.

Mitzi Crisp Mynhier vs. Willie Shannon Branham; unpaid rent and property damage complaint.

Harold Meade vs. Glen Muncy; debt complaint.

Interstate Battery vs. Charlie Daniels; complaint regarding batteries missing on consignment.

Jimmy Johnson vs. Lisa Gearheart; debt complaint.

Charges Filed

Earl Hall, 21, Printer; fourth-degree assault, third-degree terroristic threatening, first-degree wanton endangerment.

Emitt Kidd, 19, Prestonsburg; second-degree burglary.

Lisa Young, 40, Wheelwright; fugitive.

Madeline Hannaford, 38, Wheelwright; attempted escape from a penitentiary.

Courtney M. Harris, 23, Banner; endangering the welfare of a minor, first-degree terroristic threatening.

Melissa Handshoe, 31, Hueysville; driving under the influence, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, fraudulent registration, no or expired registration plates, no or expired registration receipt.

Desiree Calhoun, 19, East Point; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Amy Bailey, 20, Prestonsburg; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Keith J. Paige, 26, McDowell; fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Nathan Sturgill, 21, Raven; public intoxication, misdemeanor theft by unlawful taking.

Christopher Cox, 20, Garrett; third-degree criminal mischief.

Roberta Little, 41, Martin;

harassment.

Danny Waddles, 31, Prestonsburg; public intoxication, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Christopher Ratliff, 25, Hueysville; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Jamie Wright, 25, Paintsville; violation of an emergency protective order.

Michael Newsome, 28, Martin; public intoxication.

Tivis J. Neeley, 27, Hueysville; public intoxication.

Rita Stevens, 48, Harold; fourth-degree assault.

Inspections

Yates Mobile Home Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lots not properly numbered, lot size not in compliance standards, park lighting not in compliance standards. Score: 94.

Home Town IGA, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, wiping cloths improperly stored, single-service items improperly stored, leak noted in drain of three-compartment sink, garbage containers insufficiently covered, floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair, clothing items stored improperly, cleaning equipment stored improperly. Score: Food 93, Retail 89.

Allen Middle School, regular inspection. Violations noted: Garbage container improperly covered, paint coming off floor tiles in food prep area, cleaning utensils improperly stored. Score: 96.

Long John Silver's, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food contact surface in disrepair, wiping cloths improperly stored, outside of ice machine has a minimal build up of ice. Score: 96.

Property Transfers

Patty and Ricky Allen, Bonnie and Kevin Betterly to Elk Horn Coal Company, property located at Frasure Branch.

John and Shirley Blair to John Lloyd and Alisha Blair, property located at Bull Creek.

Paul Blanton to Derek and

Shella Click, property located at Whitaker Branch.

Dennis and Margaret Conn to Dustin Ryan Conn, property located at Arkansas Creek.

Thomas and Trudy Crawford to Sirva Relocation Credit, property located at Little Paint.

David and Anita Gibson to Timothy J. Lance, property located at McDowell.

David, Dennis, Gary, Julie, Mary, and Vernie Hall to Gary L. Hall, property location undisclosed.

Deborah and Steven Haywood to Floyd and Stephanie Williams, property located at Haywood Heights.

Gerald and Peggy Koontz to Eugenia Robinette, property located at Eagle Trace Subdivision.

Boyd, Daniel, Darlene, David, Donnie, Edna, Eileen, James, Joseph, Kathleen, Laurie, Kathleen, Opal, Robbie, Tracy, and Wilma Maynard to Deborah and Randy Akers, property located at Big Mud.

Elva and Wilovene McKinney to Steven Douglas McKinney, property location undisclosed.

Kelley and Mary Moore, to Gary L. Hall, property location undisclosed.

Anita, Barbara, Glen, and Timothy Mullins to Ike Spears, property located at Weeksbury.

Leonard and Martha Ray to Elk Horn Coal Company, property located at Frasure Branch.

Riverside Apartments to Henrietta and James Pennington, property location undisclosed.

Donisha Schenck to John Mann, property located at Abbott Creek.

Hazel Sexton to Janice Little and Mary Newell, property located at Left Beaver.

Sirva Relocation Credit to Barbara and John Fortune, property located at Little Paint.

Ancilla and Lynn Stumbo to Jon and Lisa Howell, property location undisclosed.

George Summers to Summers Properties, property located at Abbot Creek.

Diann and Thomas Waddles to Jerry and Lee Ann Scarberry, property located at Abbot Creek.

Pike man killed in wreck

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Steele native was killed Tuesday when the car he was piloting on U.S. 460 crossed into oncoming traffic and struck two other vehicles. Dencil Ray Sullivan, 35, was traveling west on U.S. 460 when he crossed the center line around 1 p.m. and struck a 2001

Chevy Malibu driven by Spencer Hale. Sullivan continued on after the collision and struck a 1995 Chevy Blazer that was being driven by Reginald Roberts.

Sullivan was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Coroner Russell Roberts.

Hale and Roberts were taken to Pikeville Medical Center for

injuries sustained in the collisions.

An investigation into the accident is being conducted by Kentucky State Police Det. Eddie Crum. Assisting at the scene were Det. Rick Conn, Elkhorn City Ambulance, Ferrell's Creek Fire Department, the Pike County Sheriff's office and Coroner Roberts.

Signs

tion of heavy equipment used to mow the shoulders and medians."

In addition to the safety concerns, the Transportation Cabinet is preparing for major beautification projects along some of the more highly traveled roads in the district.

"We spent \$40,000 in October 2005 to prepare and fertilize our grass medians to strengthen the soil so that grass will grow thicker and choke out more weeds," said Darold Slone, Operations Branch manager. "We have used herbicides to kill weeds in the areas designated for wildflower gardens. Plantings are under way that should result in a beautiful array of wildflowers at several interchanges this coming spring."

The first round of beautification locations in District 12 include the intersection of U.S. 23 and U.S. 460 at Paintsville, the intersection of Route 114 and U.S. 23 in Floyd County, the intersection of US 23 and KY 80 at Watergap in Floyd County, two locations along U.S. 23 in Letcher County, and the intersection of Route 292 and U.S. 119 in Pike County near the West Virginia state line.

As part of the Transportation Cabinet's beautification program, which involves \$18.2 million statewide, litter pickup and mowing cycles have increased. Additional mowing schedules have also been added. The recent practice has been to mow three times each year. In 2006, four-lane roads will be mowed

five times, with litter removal included in each mowing contract. Two-lane state primary roads will be mowed four times, also with litter removal.

"The emphasis on safety and beautification is important for all of us in Eastern Kentucky. Removing signs that are illegally posted on state right-of-way is simply part of the job," Hall said.

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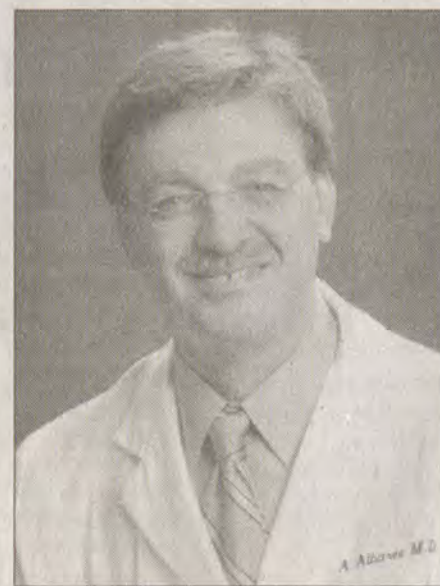
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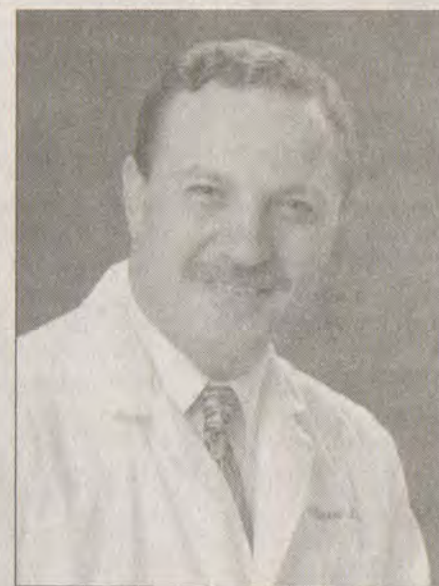
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Worth Repeating ...

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— Albert Einstein

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on balancing profits and worker safety for miners:

Just three weeks after an explosion led to the deaths of 12 coal miners, two more men died in an underground mine fire. Both West Virginia tragedies have prompted a national outcry for better enforcement of federal mine safety regulations. But it's hard to enforce rules when they don't exist, or when they did but were deep-sixed. It's fair for workers to be questioning whose interests federal regulators serve.

The Sago Mine disaster, in which the men succumbed to carbon monoxide poisoning, has miners clamoring for mandatory underground oxygen caches. The idea first came up six years ago, then was scrapped by the Bush administration. The Aracoma Mine accident, in which a conveyor belt caught fire, has legislators wondering why a Clinton-era rule requiring fire-resistant belts was erased by Bush. In all, this administration has junked 18 proposals for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

But look who's running the show. Until 2004, it was Dave Lauriski, a former mine executive who's been accused of covering up a toxic coal slurry spill by Massey Energy, owner of the Aracoma Mine. His nominated replacement, Richard Stickler, is a longtime coal man whose Pennsylvania mine safety record has come under fire.

Many presidents, including Bush's predecessor, have made dubious appointments. But this leader's nominees stand out either for their inexperience — a la FEMA's Michael Brown — or their cozy ties to the industries they govern. Recall that now-indicted former Enron CEO Kenneth Lay once was eyed for Energy Department secretary. ...

Worker protections and corporate interests don't have to be mutually exclusive. The Senate must vet Bush's new mining administrator to ensure his interests aren't tilted too heavily toward either. In the meantime, it would be wise to revisit those 18 junked mine proposals so that the safety of West Virginia — and Illinois — miners isn't compromised further.

Walla Walla (Wash.) Union-Bulletin on tracking voter information:

Sometimes it takes a controversy to get government to fix problems (relatively speaking) quickly.

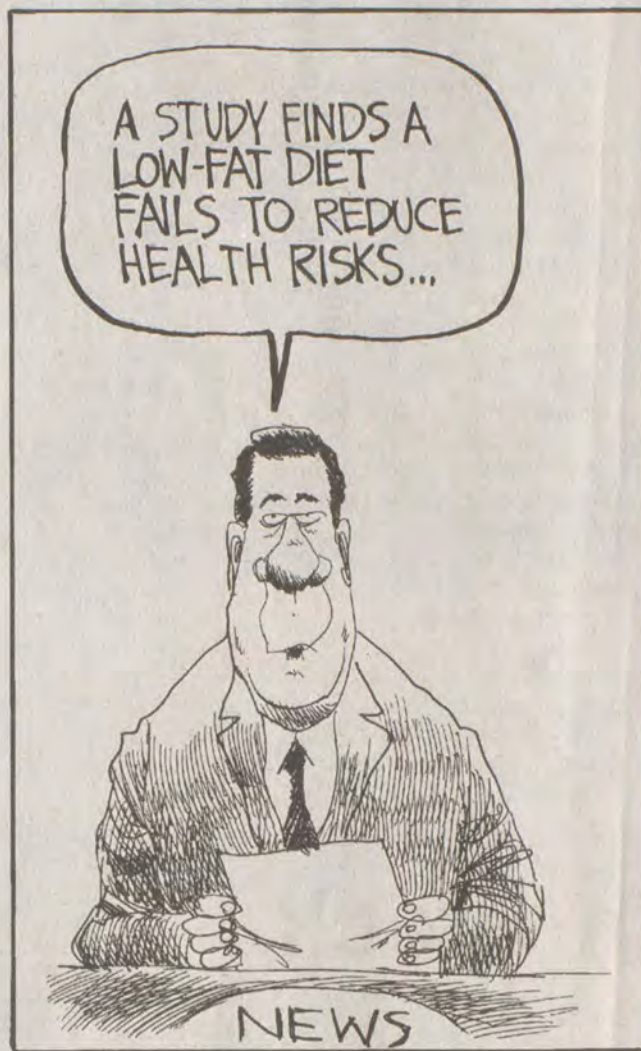
But it took two controversies to really light a fire under Washington's elected officials to implement a plan to fix flaws in the way the state tracks (or doesn't track) registered voters.

Recently, Secretary of State Sam Reed released the first report from the state's new \$6 million voter registration database paid for by the federal government. The database contains all of Washington's 3.8 million voters and immediately shows if someone is registered to vote somewhere else in Washington.

The database showed 8,000 dead and duplicate registered vote and 37,000 registrations that are still being investigated.

The new system brings Washington into compliance with the 2002 Help America Vote Act, which was passed by Congress after the controversial 2000 presidential election that centered on voting concerns in Florida. The 2004 election for governor made it clear to officials in this state — as well as everyone else — that the database was necessary.

In the future, Washington's elections won't be 100 percent error free, but with the database in place (as well as other recently enacted reforms) fewer problems will arise.



Sticks & Stones

Getting the ink flowing again

It's been some time since I've pecked around in a newsroom. It's good to be back. I just finished a six-month stint as a training and development specialist with Nextel/Sprint, and my family still makes fun of the fact that I can't change the ringtone on my cellphone. But it wasn't a bad experience. Mostly I dealt with people, good people who were hired for jobs they sorely needed. While training new hires, that was the thing I was most struck by throughout the whole thing — how appreciative these folks were to have jobs. It's the centerpiece for life anywhere — gainful employment. Officials recently released numbers

for the jobless rate here in the commonwealth and also across the nation. The basic numbers would tell us that the jobless rate is the lowest its been in years nationwide, while people in Eastern Kentucky would be very quick to tell you that that number is an average.

In Magoffin County, the percentage of people without work is the highest across Kentucky at just over 11 percent, while jobless rates across much of the rest of Eastern Kentucky rest at about 6-to-7 percent.

Sitting behind this desk, writing this column, I am only thankful to have work. When training for Nextel, new hires, as they were called, had that same look, for the most part. Eager to work, eager to learn and happy to have an opportunity at both. The numbers for those job-

less across the region don't show the details of that statistic. We don't see the people sitting in unemployment offices wringing their hands, searching computer databases there and the classifieds at home, praying to land on something that will work for them, that will help them get back on track.



SHELDON COMPTON

Work is just something that's on my mind as I start hitting the streets again, looking for news and things important to the communities I serve. It takes up the greatest part of our lives, demanding nearly all of our attention during the course of an average day, so we have to make sure it's something that is rewarding, fulfilling and helpful. I'm very fortunate to have all three of those with my work, and can only wish the same for others.

Letters

Read the bills

Many editorials around the country have identified some of the many problems with Congress. While these editorials are long on rhetoric about special interests, earmarking, K Street lobbyists, etc., they all lack any workable solutions. An innovative approach proposed by a blog site called "DownsizeDC.org" is the "Read the Bills Act." (RTBA) Under RTBA, every senator and representative would be required to attend sessions where bills would be read to them in their entirety. If RTBA were to come to a vote, it would be political suicide to vote against it because any member of Congress doing so would be taking the position that they don't want to know what they are voting on. Imagine how concise bills would then become. Huge omnibus bills would likely become a thing of the past (who would want to listen while 1,000-plus pages are read to them?). And if bills containing earmarks and special-interest concessions were exposed to the light of day, it's less likely that they would be passed as well. Perhaps then we would truly no longer have "Legislation Without Representation."

Heidi Coleman
Betsy Layne

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Biery, Arnett co-chair 2006 Pikeville College Phonathon

PIKEVILLE — Two dedicated Pikeville College employees and volunteers will co-chair the 2006 Pikeville College Phonathon.

The annual Phonathon will be conducted Feb. 13 through Feb. 23 in Sturgill Board Room on the third floor of Record Memorial. The College will be seeking \$175,000 in new gifts and pledges during the event.

John Biery and Margaret Arnett, two of the most active callers for the Phonathon for several years, have agreed to serve as co-chairs. Biery is an assistant to the vice president

for student services and president of the Pikeville College Alumni Association. He also serves as the College's cross-country and women's golf coach. Arnett is the college nurse, and a former president of the Pikeville Woman's Club. She has been active in several community organizations and currently serves on the Pike County Domestic Violence Board and Judi's Place for Kids.

"John and Margaret are great examples of the dedicated employees and volunteers who have made Pikeville College so special for 117 years," Terry

Spears, vice president for advancement said. "They both give above and beyond the call of duty, volunteering to assist with numerous College events, including the Phonathon. Their dedication to helping students is tremendous."

Pikeville College alumni, faculty, staff, students and community volunteers will call more than 2,000 alumni and friends of the College during the two weeks. Funds from the Phonathon will be used to provide scholarships and financial assistance. Pikeville College provides more than \$3 million

annually in undergraduate scholarships and financial assistance, with more than 90 percent of its students benefiting from this funding.

"Phonathon is an important event for the College each year, as an effective way to reach out to those alumni and friends who have a strong commitment to education, our students, and our region," Spears said. "The participation and hard work of our co-chairs and our other outstanding volunteers have us extremely excited about this year's Phonathon."

Spears said more than 100

volunteers will be calling the College's alumni and friends to ask them to support the scholarship fund. While it is important to have callers, there are other duties which can be assigned to volunteers who do not want to solicit gifts, said Spears.

Normal calling hours will be from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening; however, the College will work with volunteers' schedules to provide space and support for callers whenever it is convenient for the volunteer. Dinner, courtesy of Aramark, will be served to the volunteers each day at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering may notify the College of their intent to assist with the Phonathon by calling the Development Office at 218-5276, by e-mailing development@pc.edu, or online at <http://giving.pc.edu/phonathon.htm>. Pre-registration is not necessary to volunteer, as individuals are invited to show up at

their convenience to assist with the event.

Anyone who would like to make a gift to the scholarship fund may call the Development Office at 606-218-5276. If you would like to make a secure online gift, go to <https://www.pc.edu/cert/giving/cc.htm>.

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Center names Marsh newest community liaison

SOMERSET — Stephanie Marsh, of Paintsville, joined The Center for Rural Development team on February 6 as their newest community liaison representing Eastern Kentucky.

"I love this region and the people in it," said Marsh. "I'm excited to work with an organization that provides tools to be more successful in business, improved public safety, increased arts and culture opportunities, and advancements in leadership training."

As a community liaison, Marsh will be a primary contact between The Center and local government officials, civic, community and business leaders

and business interests in her region. She will also be responsible for promoting Center programs and services that will benefit the communities she represents. Included in Marsh's service area are these counties: Lee, Breathitt, Bath, Rowan, Menifee, Morgan, Wolfe, Magoffin, Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd, Martin and Pike. She will join The Center's other two existing community liaisons in their efforts to better represent and see first-hand the needs of The Center's 42-county service area.

"We're excited to have Stephanie on our team," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. "She shares

our passion and truly believes in our mission to create better lives for the citizens for Southern and Eastern Kentucky."

Marsh attended Prestonsburg Community College and later Eastern Kentucky University where she studied law enforcement. She also brings 10 years experience as a paralegal at the law offices of Riley and Allen in Prestonsburg and Pikeville. Marsh's most recent experience comes from the 24th Judicial Circuit Family Courts Office where she served as judicial secretary for the Family Court Judge.

Marsh is married to Geoffry Marsh, an attorney in Prestonsburg and she has three

children: a son, James, 21, a junior at Virginia Tech University studying horticulture with a minor in vineyard management and control; a daughter, Taylor, 14, an eighth grader at Paintsville Junior High; and a daughter, Kelsey, 12, a sixth grader at Paintsville Elementary.

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Local legislators met with the Floyd County Family Resource Youth Service Center coordinators during their trip to Frankfort. The FRYSC coordinators were in Frankfort to show support to local legislators and to highlight programs that the center is working on. Pictured left to right, front row, are Rebial Reynolds and Michelle Keathley. Back row, left to right, are Keith Smallwood, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Deedra Gearheart, Rep. Chuck Meade, D-Allen, Sharon Collins and Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville.



Congratulations, Joshua McKinney

The Touchstone Energy ALL A CLASSIC and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are proud to announce that Joshua McKinney has been awarded a Touchstone Energy ALL A Classic scholarship.

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Rental

"Psycho."

■ "Torn Curtain" — Paul Newman made his one-and-only Hitchcock appearance in this Cold War thriller that features the most protracted death scene Hitchcock ever lensed.

■ "Shadow of a Doubt" — The director's first big hit in the States is a terrifying portrait of what happens when murder hits too close to home. Joseph Cotton stars as cinema's first sociopath who comes to regret a visit to his extended family when his young niece begins to ask too many questions about

what he's been up to, which amounts to marrying rich widows and arranging for their untimely demises.

■ "Marnie" — Hitchcock teamed with Sean Connery for this thriller that centers on a man who tries to help a young woman with a tortured memory. It also features a cameo by a very young Bruce Dern.

Dern also turns up in the final film in the group which was lensed in 1976 and represents the last work by Hitchcock.

■ "Family Plot" — Is a whimsical thriller that pits a pair

of ruthless diamond thieves (well played by William DeVane and Karen Black) against a goofy couple that include a psychic (Barbara Harris, who is hilarious) and her cab-driving husband (Bruce Dern, who gets his first big screen role here as a romantic lead). This was Hitchcock's last film and a superb blend of thrills and laughs with characters that are fun to spend time with.

Next week brings the thriller sequel "Saw 2" and the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Proof."

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Fletcher reports progress in increasing broadband access

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Teenage entrepreneur Jarad Fugate craves more speed for his Web design company. The problem is that high-speed broadband Internet service hasn't reached him in the eastern Kentucky mountains.

Instead, he uses a dial-up service, which means sharing a phone line that has slower access, he said Wednesday. The 17-year-old high school junior from Breathitt County said the experience has taught him patience. But he hopes to tap into broadband service soon for his fledgling business, which

has 10 or 11 clients.

"It would mean I could publish my Web sites quicker. I could incorporate technologies that are kind of state-of-the-art but require broadband," he said in an interview after receiving a technology award from Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

On Wednesday Fletcher reported progress in linking all of Kentucky to broadband service, a goal he called crucial to economic growth and education.

In the past two years, more than 240,000 Kentucky households have gained access to broadband service, Fletcher said at the event at the Capitol. Now, 77 percent of Kentucky house-

holds can tap into the high-speed service, up from about 60 percent in 2003. The goal is to expand such availability to 90 percent of Kentucky households by year's end, and for full access in Kentucky by the end of 2007, Fletcher said.

Kentucky has led the nation in the growth rate of new subscribers to high-speed Internet in the last two years, the governor said. During that time, home broadband usage in Kentucky has increased from 22 percent to 32 percent.

The progress report was compiled by ConnectKentucky, an alliance of technology companies and state gov-

ernment agencies striving to make broadband available statewide.

Fletcher said such widespread availability "is crucial to our long-term educational and economic development goals."

The progress report estimated that full broadband development would add 14,000 jobs statewide and \$5 billion to Kentucky's overall economy.

The report said that in 2003, Kentucky's high-tech workers, on average, earned \$17,000 more than the average wage in Kentucky's private sector.

Another winner of the Governor's Technology Award was John Williams,

founder and chairman of Computer Services Inc. in Paducah. Through broadband use, Williams' company provides integrated banking services for hundreds of banks around the nation.

Williams said advances in telecommunications technology provide "immense opportunities for enhancing the effectiveness" of businesses.

The other award winner was Humana Inc., the Louisville-based health benefits company. Humana's Web site allows its members to find doctors, manage benefits and set up an individualized Medicare benefit tracking system.

House panel reviews bill aimed at curbing methamphetamine

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — As a farm store manager, Jobee Thrasher wants to stop a common crime in western Kentucky's grain belt — the theft of anhydrous ammonia, a chemical in the illegal drug methamphetamine.

But Thrasher had some misgivings Wednesday with a bill to require farm supply distributors to add a nontoxic dye to anhydrous. Supporters see it as a way to halt the pipeline in which the stolen fertilizer winds up in meth labs.

Thrasher, who manages Southern States stores in Henderson and Morganfield, said he isn't convinced a product exists yet to make anhydrous ammonia useless as a meth ingredient. And he thinks the proposal would put an unfair burden on the farm sector.

"We don't think it's fair for the retail industry and the farm community to bear all that cost since it is a societal problem,"

he said in comments to the House Judiciary Committee, which reviewed the bill but took no vote on it.

Truitt Clements touted GloTell, an anhydrous additive that he said has been effective in deterring meth-related fertilizer thefts at a small cost.

"If a thief steals anhydrous with the GloTell in it, when they start the (meth) process it turns into a gooey mess," said Clements, a spokesman for GloTell and a Union County farmer in western Kentucky.

Law enforcement officers have found meth labs that included anhydrous spiked with GloTell, he said. The meth makers left the equipment and the product, he said.

Clements said that applying GloTell would cost about 82 cents per acre, or less than a half-penny per bushel. For farm supply retailers, it would cost about \$9 for every ton of anhydrous, he said. Still, he agreed that it was unfair to expect retailers and farmers to shoulder

the costs to fight the drug problem.

He urged state lawmakers to seek federal funding to combat meth.

Clements said the product doesn't hurt the soil, crops or ground water.

Committee chairman Gross Lindsay, the bill's sponsor, said Clements' cost estimates had "taken care of that myth that it is extremely expensive."

Thrasher said the \$9 per ton could put Kentucky farm stores near the state's border at a disadvantage with competitors that don't have to add the dye.

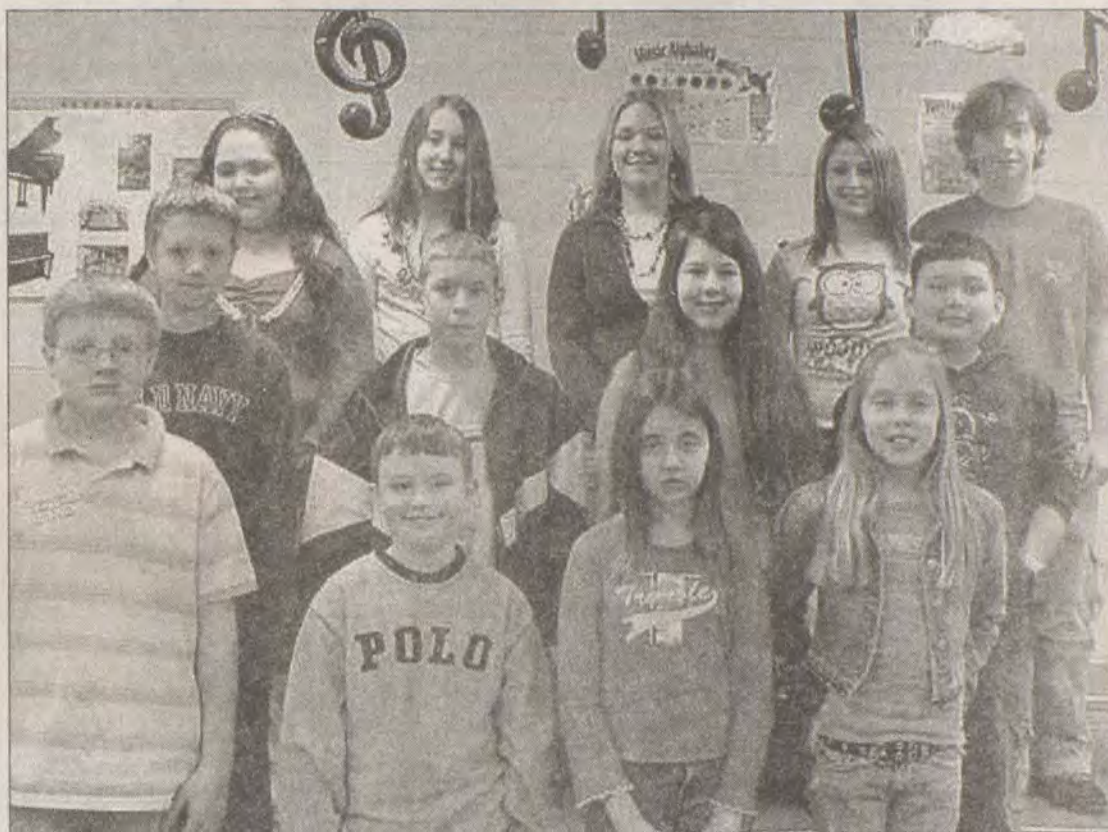
Blake Harrison, a criminal justice analyst with the National Conference of State Legislatures, said he was unaware of any other state requiring the anhydrous additive to combat meth. A few states are studying such methods or are offering incentives such as tax credits to farmers who take steps to curb anhydrous theft, he said.

Lindsay, D-Henderson, said

his bill was a followup to a law enacted last year that restricts the availability of cold medicine commonly used in making

meth. He said the law has helped curb meth production and his bill was offered as another deterrent.

"We're just trying to find an answer," he said following Thrasher's testimony. "If you've got one, let us know."



Participants in the Floyd County Spelling Bee included eighth-grader Jonna Lynn Craft, of Adams Middle School; eighth-grader Megan Spradlin, of Allen Central Middle School; eighth-grader Emily Bryant, of Allen Elementary; seventh-grader Taylor Watkins, of Betsy Layne Elementary; fifth-grader Sean Ly, of Clark Elementary; fourth-grader Joshua Bailey, of Duff Elementary; fifth-grader Brittany Hamilton, of McDowell Elementary; fourth-grader Shad Click, of May Valley Elementary; seventh-grader Sdina Lawrence, of Opportunities Unlimited; sixth-grader Tabitha Allen, of Osborne Elementary; fourth-grader Johnathan Boyd, of Prestonsburg Elementary; eighth-grader Laken Hall, of South Floyd Middle School; sixth-grader Kevin Johnson, of Stumbo Elementary; and eighth-grader Seth Perry, of Mountain Christian Academy.

Bill seeks exemption for having guns in schools

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill approved by a Senate panel on Thursday with backing from the National Rifle Association would block prosecutions for carrying guns on school property if no signs are posted informing people that weapons are banned.

The measure cleared the Judiciary Committee but drew

opposition from a couple of senators who worried that it would weaken the hand of law enforcement.

"If we pass this bill, we're going to have a loophole you could drive a Mack truck through, and it's going to make prosecution almost impossible," said Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington.

NRA representative Darren LaSorte said the bill was meant to protect people from prosecu-

tion for innocently bringing guns to schools when school administrators fail to post signs banning weapons. In some instances, people carry guns while on property that they have no idea is owned by a school district, he said.

"That person can still be charged and convicted for a felony," LaSorte said. "This is very serious stuff."

(See GUNS, page eight)



CRIT LUAllen
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive
Honorable John K. Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff
Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2004. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents, fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2004, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2005, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit LuAllen
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Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed-
October 27, 2005

The above transmittal letter accompanied the audit report presented to the fiscal court. KRS 43.090(2) requires that this letter be published in this newspaper. Copies of the complete audit report, including the accompanying financial statements and additional information, are available in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by contacting the Auditor of Public Accounts, 105 Sea Hero Road, Suite 2, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-5404 or by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Odds & Ends

■ **RENO, Nev.** — She spelled it right. The judge said it was wrong. And she's not getting a second chance.

Sara Beckman, an eighth-grader from O'Brien Middle School spelled "discernible" correctly during Tuesday's spelling bee at the University of Nevada, Reno. But the judge rang the bell anyway.

Her parents are furious, but organizers say they had to protest the call immediately. Sara's mom said they waited until the bee was over to avoid interrupting it.

School spokesman Steve Mulvenon likens it to a referee's call in an NFL game. The protest has to come before the next play starts.

Sara says she'd just like another chance, since it's her last spelling bee.

Her mother Cindy calls herself a "momma bear with her bear claws out" and is ready to go to court.

Mulvenon hopes everybody can sit down together and work something out.

He says defending a lawsuit over a spelling bee isn't a good

way to spend school district money.

■ **MONTEREY, Calif.** — A foghorn got stuck in the "on" position and wailed every few minutes for hours and hours because no one in the area knew how to fix it.

"We are just a search-and-rescue part of the Coast Guard," explained Petty Officer 1st Class Lance Benedict.

The foghorn and accompanying light at the end of the Coast Guard Pier off Lighthouse Avenue are meant to prevent water travelers from running into the breakwall, Benedict said.

The horn was turned on during foggy conditions earlier in the week, and the problem was reported Tuesday to the Coast Guard's repair staff in San Francisco.

By Thursday morning, it was fixed, according to a security officer who identified himself as John Jones, an officer at the Harbormaster Office in Monterey. Jones said he had "not heard it all night" but did not know when the horn was

turned off.

■ **TEXARKANA, Ark.** — Gov. Mike Huckabee is an avid duck hunter. But there's one duck he doesn't want to see fall from the sky.

A duck named for Huckabee is one of 24 ducks the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is tracking in the name of science.

"Huck the Duck," a mallard released by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission from the Bois D'Arc Lake near Hope, is part of the commission's satellite mallard tracking program

that collects data on migrating mallards.

"As an avid duck hunter, this will be the first time I've ever wanted the duck to beat the hunters instead of the other way around," Huckabee said.

The program will document migrating mallards along with the central flyway of the Mississippi River. It will also define habitat characteristics of spring staging areas, nesting areas and post-nesting areas of adult mallards migrating from Arkansas.

Each duck involved in the

research is fitted with a transmitter that weighs 30 grams and is designed to fit like backpack on the mallards. The ducks, including Huck, can be tracked on the commission's Web site.

■ **WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Police didn't have to do much to sniff out this theft suspect.

Felix Cabrera, 34, of Tampa, was charged with stealing a tractor-trailer carrying more than \$1.9 million in perfume and cologne.

Cabrera took the vehicle

from a Fort Pierce truck stop after the driver left the keys in the ignition, according to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office. The items were being driven from New York to Fort Lauderdale.

Authorities spotted the truck headed south on the turnpike near Boynton Beach about 10 a.m. Wednesday. Cabrera pulled over, ran from the truck and swam across a canal before being apprehended, police said.

He was charged with grand theft and resisting arrest.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2006. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 10, 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

On this date:

■ In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

■ In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

■ In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

■ In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

■ In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold more than 1 million copies.

■ In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

■ In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

■ In 1968, Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

■ In 1981, eight people were killed, 198 injured, when fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

■ In 1989, Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to head a major U.S. political party.

Ten years ago: President

Clinton signed a \$265 billion defense bill, but said he would battle for repeal of a section forcing the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus. A slab of mountainside crushed a highway tunnel on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, killing 20 people. World chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a match in Philadelphia against an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue."

Five years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory on the international space station. Former New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame died at age 94.

One year ago: Playwright Arthur Miller died in Roxbury, Conn., at age 89 on the 56th anniversary of the Broadway opening of his "Death of a Salesman." Britain's Prince Charles announced he would marry his divorced lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, in April. North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons. New York civil rights lawyer Lynne Stewart was convicted of smuggling messages of violence from one of her jailed clients, radical Egyptian sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, to his terrorist disciples on the outside.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 79. Actor Robert Wagner is 76. Singer Roberta Flack is 67. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 66. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 56. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 46. Movie director Alexander Payne ("Sideways") is 45. ABC's "This Week" host George Stephanopoulos is 45. Actress Laura Dern is 39. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 34. Pop singer Rosanna Taveraz (Eden's Crush) is 29. Actress Emma Roberts is 15.

Thought for Today: "Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets." — Arthur Miller, American playwright (1915-2005).

Guns

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If the bill becomes law, people with weapons in such instances would be asked to leave the school property, he said.

Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, said he worried the bill would be too restrictive for law enforcement officers who encounter someone they think is suspicious.

"I want them to be in a position to do something, and not just ask somebody to leave the property," said Neal, who also voted against the bill.

The bill would require

schools to clearly post no-gun signs at all entrances to school buildings, gymnasiums, stadiums and cafeterias. Under current law, schools are expected to display the signs in "prominent locations."

Sen. Ray Jones, a bill supporter, said it's easy for someone with a permit to carry a concealed weapon to forget they have the gun when walking into a school that doesn't post signs banning weapons.

"And all of a sudden they're a felon," said Jones, D-Pikeville.

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P'burg boys paste Rebs

Blackcats build 30-point first half lead

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After losing their first game in nearly three weeks on Saturday, the Prestonsburg Blackcats were looking to get back on the winning track on Tuesday as they hosted the Allen Central Runnin Rebels in a 58th District matchup.

In the first meeting of the season between the two, Prestonsburg would build as much as a 34 point lead before Allen Central stormed back to come within two points of taking the lead in the final minute. Blackcat coach Jackie Day Crisp wanted his team to play well for four quarters on Tuesday and the Blackcats responded in a big way en route to a 91-56 win over the Rebels.

Senior forward Lewis Barnette led all scorers with 25 points as Prestonsburg improved to 10-8 on the season. Barnette poured in 12 points in the first 6:00 and Prestonsburg built a 27-15 lead after one quarter.

Senior guard Michael Stephens heated up in the second quarter, scoring 11 points and dishing out three assists.

Allen Central fell behind 53-22 with less than 1:00 remaining in the first half before Allen Central's Josh Martin knocked down a three point shot to end the first half. Martin led the Rebels in scoring with 14 points. Prestonsburg continued to extend its lead in the second half as Barnette added seven points in the quarter.

Allen Central trailed by as many as 35 points in the second half as Prestonsburg would come away with the lopsided win. Senior forward Nick McGuire added 13 points for Prestonsburg and Brooks Herrick finished with 10. Prestonsburg shot well from the charity stripe, finishing the

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photo by Jamie Howell

Senior Lewis Barnette again claimed game-high scoring honors for the Blackcats Tuesday night.

P'burg Little League signups underway

Prestonsburg Little League is holding signups for the upcoming season throughout the month at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen. Signups are being held each day, during all business hours.

Bobcats rout Raiders



photos by Guillermo Cuenca

ABOVE: Mane Klokocar dished off a pass in Betsy Layne's win over South Floyd. BELOW: Derek Case pulled up for a successful jumper. Case and fellow senior Brandon Kidd led the Bobcats with 16 points apiece.

Betsy Layne takes early lead, rolls to district win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne continued to play well versus 58th District competition Tuesday night. The Bobcats, playing at home against a shorthanded South Floyd team that was minus two of five regular starters, jumped out to an early lead and with four players scoring in double figures, rolled to a convincing 79-69 win.

South Floyd, the defending 58th District Champion, played without junior guard Ethan Johnson and senior bigman Ryan Little. The absence of Johnson and Little took its toll on the visiting Raiders.

Betsy Layne, thanks to some hot-shooting from more than one Bobcat exited the first quarter with a solid 22-10 lead. After heading into halftime with a 45-30 lead, Betsy Layne outscored South Floyd 19-9 in the third period.

Seniors Brandon Kidd and Derek Case led Betsy Layne with 16 points apiece, Kidd, who was honored for reaching the 1,000 points scored milestone, worked well inside against the South Floyd defense.

Pat Stapleton added 15 points for the Bobcats. Center Trai Witt was also active on the offensive end for Betsy Layne, scoring 12 points.

Mane Klokocar narrowly missed double figures for the Bobcats, finishing with nine points.

Betsy Layne improved to 6-12. Four of Betsy Layne's six wins have

(See BOBCATS, page two)



Ladycats handle South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Ladycats remained in the win column Tuesday night, beating rival South Floyd 50-31 at the Dome.

Megan Hamilton led the charge for Betsy Layne with a game-high 14 points. Candice Meade also reached double figures for the Ladycats, scoring 11 points.

Betsy Layne led the Lady Raiders 29-12 at halftime. The Ladycats went on to outscore South Floyd in every quarter.

Whitney Tackett and Lindsey Martin added seven points apiece for host Betsy Layne. The balanced Ladycat scoring attack included seven different scorers. Amby Tackett flipped in five points, Krista Flanery scored four and Faith Reynolds added two for the winning team.

The Ladycats finished 11-of-17 from the free throw line.

Betsy Layne rolled out of the third quarter with a comfortable 42-20 lead.

Chelsie Tuttle led the Lady Raiders with 11 points. Danielle Tackett followed for Tuttle in the scoring column for South Floyd, tossing in seven points. Heather Dean added five points for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd shot a dismal five-of-16 from the free throw line. The Lady Raiders connected on four three-pointers, but made just seven field goals.

Betsy Layne made good on a trio of three-point field goals.

The win was Betsy Layne's second straight, both of which have been 58th District victories. The Ladycats beat Allen Central 62-42 in another 58th District matchup Saturday.

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- Feb. 17 at Pike Co. Cent. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Pikeville, 7:30 p.m.



Betsy Layne Megan Hamilton worked the basketball against the defense of South Floyd's Kayla Hall.

Lady Blackcats top AC

P'burg remains unbeaten in district play

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Tuesday evening turned out to be a very productive time for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats. Not only did Prestonsburg claim at least a share of the 58th District title, but junior Meaghan Slone was also recognized for going over 1,000 points for her career as Prestonsburg knocked off Allen Central 38-26. Prestonsburg led 8-6 after one quarter of

play before outscoring Allen Central 14-2 in the second quarter to take a 22-8 lead into halftime. Slone tossed in 12 points to lead Prestonsburg as the Ladycats improved to 4-0 in district play.

With district tournament time quickly approaching, Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack seized the chance to play some of his younger players. Nine players took the floor in the first half as P'burg built the 14-point lead at the half. Amber Whitaker tossed in nine points for the winning team, before fouling out late in the game.

Darcey Hicks finished the game with eight points. Julianne Frye, Pam Slone and Elizabeth Chaffin each added three points for Prestonsburg.

Alanna Cline led Allen Central in scor-

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg head coach Jack Pack recognized junior Meaghan Slone for scoring over 1,000 points in her Lady Blackcat basketball career. The Lady Blackcats beat Allen Central Tuesday night in another pivotal 58th District game.

And the beat goes on and on

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

OK, I admit it. I'm tired.



Rick Bentley

I'm tired of a lot of things, I suppose. Better stated, a lot of things have contributed to my general state of weariness.

Regular readers hear know I've real-

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Bentley

ly grown out of basketball, but with Sunday's Super Bowl behind us and pitchers and catchers not yet reporting, it's about all we're left with.

Pikeville College was to commence baseball season today, but the mid-week weather report was keeping me from getting altogether excited about the prospects of it actually happening.

I'm excited about this year's Bears. I think Johnnie LeMaster's club should continue to show improvement and begin to move up the ranks of the Mid-South Conference. As usual, it will boil down to three things: Pitching, pitching and healthy pitching.

The same can be said of Robert Staggs' softball team. I wouldn't be surprised to see this team take a serious step up the ladder this spring.

The Reds hired a new general manager this week. What do we know about him? Well, his two most recent employers were the Minnesota Twins and Texas Rangers, so he should know what it feels like to be with a

club that pinches the pennies. Still, the hiring is a reminder that we're closing in on another baseball season. This spring training will be something of a change with the World Baseball Classic taking place smack in the middle of it.

Do you know the roster limits for these clubs? Try 60. That's right, sixty. Keep in mind Major League clubs spend five months working with 25, and even in September nobody ever comes close to the limit of 40. Makes me wonder how many of these guys will even be at every game.

Still, it's baseball, so I'm willing to give it a shot.

Of course, this week's news has been dominated by the fall-out of Super Bowl XL, where Jerome Bettis has finally fallen out of the spotlight thanks to the miserable guys in striped shirts.

You could debate most of the calls, like Ben Roethlisberger's touchdown or Darrell Jackson's offensive pass interference flag. But the worst call of the night was the illegal block called on Matt Hasselbeck, the one which

came when he wasn't so much blocking as tackling and was necessary only because of his interception.

The NFL, however, has upheld its officials, saying the game was well-called. They'll have a hard time convincing the talking heads of such.

Yet because this weekend's Pro Bowl hardly counts for meaningful entertainment, we're left to bouncing basketballs.

This hasn't been a great hoops season from here. Neither Pikeville College team has recorded a win in league play which begins its second half tomorrow. There are upsides for both teams, however.

Bill Watson's freshman class is very impressive and has shown tons of potential. I have a lot of faith in this group and hope it will continue to grow and keep its positive attitude both on and off the court. If they stick together and stay healthy, there's a bright future here.

The men's team took a serious hit at the semester break but interim Head Coach Dale Brown has his team working hard and giving him everything it has. If you like watching a team hustle, this one's for you.

Then there's Tubby Smith's Wildcats. I've finally accepted the notion that it's entirely probable this team will not make the NCAA tournament in March. They haven't always played hard and clearly suffered from the early-season distractions surrounding Randolph Morris. Many feel there are still deep-rooted issues on this club, which hasn't dealt well with the fallout.

But I'll admit to you Tuesday's loss hit me pretty hard. I've never took Wildcat losses well, but there was something about how it played out Tues-

day night in what no less a source than Smith had labeled a "must-win" for his team.

Still, this season has numbed even the most hard-core of Wildcat fans, making losses like this more acceptable as they happen more frequently.

But Tuesday's debacle really bothered me and brought home the lack of talent on this team. And before you have a big belly-laugh at my expense, understand this: It's not the physical talent that bothered me this week; it was the mental makeup that has brought me down.

I'm used to watching teams fade when the score reached 60-all in the waning minutes. It's been happening since the days of Joe B., through Eddie Sutton and Slick Rick and, until now, into the Smith administration.

But these breakdowns didn't happen to the guys in blue, and certainly not in games played in Rupp Arena. This is how the other guys handle the pressure of coming to crunch time against the Big Blue in one of the sports greatest venues.

Only this time, it was our Cats failing to get shots off on consecutive possessions against (gulp) Tennessee, which looked for all the world like the SEC team poised for a run to the Final Four.

When did our world turn? When did this happen?

It all has resulted in one tired sportswriter on the weekend before Valentine's Day. Is it that the winter version of dog days has hit me particularly hard, or is it just a lot of losses we've never grown accustomed to?

Either way, I'm tired. Dog tired.

Here's hoping the madness of March will be just what the doctor ordered.

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P'burg

game 15-of-19.

Allen Central ended the game 12-of-28 from the line.

Sophomore Bobby Hughes came off the P-burg bench to finish with seven points. Sean Leslie tossed in eight points after being saddled with foul trouble throughout the game. Leslie continued his good defensive play, coming up with six blocked shots in the win.

Alex Hammonds tossed in 12 second-half points for Allen Central and Tyler Slone finished the night with 10 as the Rebels fell to 4-17.

Prestonsburg coach Jackie Crisp was happy with the way his team responded after the loss on Saturday.

"I thought we played really well on the defensive end and were able to take Allen Central out of what they wanted to do," commented Crisp.

Prestonsburg will host Betsy Layne tonight in a very important district game. Betsy

Layne can clinch the 58th District title with a win while Prestonsburg can earn at least a share of the title with a victory. Prestonsburg has one district game remaining next week at South Floyd. The game was originally set for Feb. 3, but was rescheduled for Tuesday, Feb 14 after South Floyd won the 15th Region All-A title.

PRESTONSBURG 91, ALLEN CENTRAL 56

ALLEN CENTRAL — Collins 4, Martin 14, Slone 10, Hammonds 12, Music 2, Jacobs 2, Prater 5, Webb 2, Shepherd 5

PRESTONSBURG — M. Stephens 11, N. Stephens 1, Herrick 10, Barnett 25, McGuire 13, Leslie 8, Mullins 4, Hughes 7, Hall 3, Clark 3, Slone 2, Vance 4.

Allen Central.....15 10 16 15-56
Prestonsburg.....27 26 20 18-91

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Bobcats

come versus 58th District opponents.

"We played really well on offense," said Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose. "We moved the ball and shot the ball really well."

"Even though South Floyd was short handed that shouldn't diminish from our play," Rose added. "Our kids are gaining confidence and really buying into team play and I believe we are going to make a nice run the rest of the month and in the tournament if we can keep this type of intensity up."

Mason Hall led South Floyd with a game-high 20 points. Ryan Johnson followed with 11 points for the Raiders. Justin Slone also reached double figures for South Floyd, scoring 10 points.

Lyle Johnson, seeing a significant amount of playing time for the Raiders, added six

points. South Floyd (12-12) will host Allen Central tonight. In a separate 58th District tilt, Betsy Layne will travel to Prestonsburg to face the Bobcats. Tip-off for both boys' basketball games is set for 7:30 p.m. A girls' basketball games between the two schools will precede the boys' contests.

BETSY LAYNE 79, SOUTH FLOYD 64

SOUTH FLOYD (12-12) — M. Hall 20, T. Hall 3, L. Johnson 6, Akers 4, R. Johnson 13, Little 4, J. Slone 10, A. Slone 4, Henry 2.

BETSY LAYNE (6-12) — Thacker 6, Stapleton 15, Kidd 16, D. Case 16, Witt 12, B. Case 1, Klokocar 9, Lafferty 1, Blair 1, McKinney 2.

South Floyd 10 20 9 25-64
Betsy Layne 22 23 19 15-79

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Whitney Tackett, Betsy Layne High School Girls' Basketball



Derek Case, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball

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Blackcats

ing with nine points.

Sara Johnson added seven points in the losing effort and Amanda Thacker finished with six as Allen Central fell to 3-18 on the year.

Prestonsburg, which improved to 11-7 with the win, has two remaining games in district play with games against Betsy Layne and South Floyd. One win in the remaining two games will give Prestonsburg the outright title in the 58th District.

The upcoming 58th District Tournament will be held at Pre-

stonsburg, Feb. 27-March 2.

The 15th Region Tournament will see a change in venue this season as the new East Kentucky Expo center will host the event.

PRESTONSBURG 38, ALLEN CENTRAL 26

PRESTONSBURG — M. Slone 12, Whitaker 9, Hicks 8, Frye 3, Chaffin 3, P. Slone 3.

ALLEN CENTRAL — Cline 9, Johnson 7, Thacker 6, Mullins 2, Dingus 1, Biliter 1.

Allen Central.....6 2 8 10-26
Prestonsburg.....8 14 7 9-38

Floyd County Tournament tips off Saturday

by JAMIE HOWELL CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HI HAT — South Floyd High School will host this year's boys' Floyd County Grade School Basketball Tournament. The tournament will tip-off on Saturday with 11 first round games taking place. McDowell Elementary School will serve as the host school for the tournament. First round games will begin on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. on Saturday evening. The A-team bracket will see first round games pitting Betsy Layne against Mountain Christian Academy (MCA); South Floyd will take on Wesley and Allen Central will tangle with John M. Stumbo. Adams will battle Allen in the final first round game in A-Team action.

B-team brackets will pair Allen Central and Wesley Christian with the winner meeting Betsy Layne in the semifinals. Stumbo will take on either Adams or South Floyd while Allen will be paired with either Adams or South Floyd. C-Team pairings will see John M. Stumbo taking on MCA with the winner playing Allen Central. McDowell will play Wesley Christian while Adams will tangle with Betsy Layne. Osborne will play Allen in the final C-team game of the first round.

Seeding for the tournament is as follows:

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B-TEAM — No. 1 Betsy Layne; No. 2 Adams or South Floyd; No. 3 Adams or South Floyd; No. 4 Allen Central; 5 Wesley; No. 6 Allen; No. 7 JM Stumbo

C-TEAM — No. 1 Allen Central; No. 2 Betsy Layne; No. 3 McDowell; No. 4 Allen; No. 5 Osborne; No. 6 Wesley; No. 7 Adams; No. 8 MCA; No. 9 JM Stumbo.

The semifinals for the B- and C-team tournament will be held

on Feb. 13 and Feb. 15 with the championship game to be held on Feb. 16th.

The semifinals for the A-team tournament will be held on Feb. 17 with the championship game set for Feb. 20.



UP IN THE AIR: A Betsy Layne High School cheerleader performed a stunt during Tuesday night's district game versus South Floyd.

photo by Guillermo Cuenca

Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg

SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK

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Stewart's title defense, Gordon and Earnhardt among things to watch

by ENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart maked his time off by flipping a sprint car during a race, visiting the White House and battling a winter cold. It was hardly the estful, relaxing off-season he hd in mind.

Now, a mere two months after winning his second Nextel Cup championship, Stewart heads to Daytona International Speedway to begin his title defense. The 2006 season revs up Saturday night with the made-for-TV Budweiser Shootout, followed by the Feb. 19 Daytona 500.

Although he's had little time to catch his breath, Stewart is ready to race again.

"It's a nice feeling starting the season knowing we're the defending champions," he said. "With that, I mean, it starts the year off right for our team. Everybody is positive and having fun."

"We're not going to reinvent the wheel this year. We're just going to keep doing what we've been doing all along."

For Stewart and some others, that philosophy may very well translate into another successful year. But for Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and the rest of the 2005 also-rans, the new season marks a fresh start in the race to make the Chase for the championship.

Both Gordon and Earnhardt, NASCAR's two biggest stars, failed to make the field last year and were forced to watch the championship battle from afar.

Each driver used their time out of contention to get a jump on 2006. Gordon replaced veteran crew chief Robbie Loomis with newcomer Steve Letarte for the final 10 races of last year, while Earnhardt reunited with Tony Eury Jr.

Now both believe they head into the new year well prepared to turn their past troubles around.

"Our goal this year is to just come out of the box, be better in our performance, put ourselves into those positions to have good luck and good things happen for us," Gordon said. "Chemistry with the team is obviously really important. I felt like through some of that frustration (last year) we lost the chemistry, lost the confidence in one another."

"I know I lost confidence in what I was doing out there. It's just about building that back."

Their progress is just one of the many story lines in NASCAR this season.

The sanctioning body will be keeping a close eye on its new testing limits, which only allows teams to practice at six specific sanctioned facilities. Teams used to be able to test at seven tracks of their choice.

A new tire leasing program

will also be implemented, preventing teams from stockpiling unused Goodyears. The new policy calls for Goodyear to distribute tires prior to the start of each NASCAR test session and all unused tires will be collected.

NASCAR will also spend the year readying itself for Toyota's entry into Cup racing in 2007. The Japanese automaker is expected to pursue some top-level drivers, and undoubtedly will have Kevin Harvick on the top of the list unless car owner Richard Childress can sign him to a long-term extension before he becomes a free agent.

And teams will be forced to focus on the Car of Tomorrow, a NASCAR-designed chassis that will begin racing on a limited basis in 2007.

The on-track competition will center on Roush Racing, which placed all five of its cars in the Chase last season. It will be difficult to repeat, but it's hard to figure who might falter this year. Greg Biffle and Carl Edwards were stout all season long, and Mark Martin will try to mark his final season (for real this time!) with a championship. Matt Kenseth is a proven winner and Jamie McMurray will be stepping into a strong ride as Kurt Busch's replacement.

Busch, meanwhile, will be trying to reverse one of the biggest tumbles from the top in NASCAR history. He won the

title two seasons ago, then spent much of last year finagling his way out of his Roush deal so he could replace Rusty Wallace at Penske Racing. His release finally secured, the Roush camp kicked him to the curb with two races left in the season after he had an altercation with Phoenix police.

Busch, one of the least popular drivers on the tour, will now try to rebuild himself in the No. 2 Dodge — one of the most recognizable cars in NASCAR.

"It still feels strange for many different reasons — I kind of feel a little like Rusty Wallace," Busch said. "I think of it more as just carrying on his legacy, the good times he's had, the championship, all the race wins."

Bobby Labonte will be looking to reclaim some of the glory of his earlier years. The 2000 Cup champion has struggled since that season, hasn't won in 72 races and was 24th in points last year. He split with Joe Gibbs Racing to drive for underwhelming Petty Enterprises — but in the famed No. 43 Dodge. He'll be working with Loomis, who won a championship with Gordon, and veteran crew chief Todd Parrott, who earned a title with Dale Jarrett, in an effort to jumpstart his career.

Meanwhile, his brother, Terry, will end a 29-year career at the end of 2006. The two-time series champion will run a limited



photo by Steven Stremming
Tony Stewart, pictured during a recent interview at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, reigns as the defending NASCAR Nextel Cup Champion.

ed schedule this year, starting with the first five races of the season in the cockpit of NASCAR's newest team.

Terry Labonte will be a part-time driver for Hall of Fame Racing, the team owned by former NFL quarterbacks Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. He'll drive seven in all for the upstart team, give way to Tony Raines for the rest of the season, and finish his career out with 10

He's not sure what his final event, the Nov. 5 race at Texas Motor Speedway, will be like.

"I haven't given it a lot of thought, what it will feel like that final race," he said. "Last year was a little adjustment, but I really enjoyed the limited deal. It was nice to sit back and not go to every race. I'm not sure what it's going to feel like to not go to any races at all."

NASCAR greets deep rookie class

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — For many years, NASCAR rookies simply stuck yellow stripes on their back bumpers, then tried to stay out of the way.

Jeff Gordon changed that in 1993 when he got a top ide at Hendrick Motorsports and immediately showed he could race with the elite in what was then the Winston Cup series. Gordon didn't win, but he came up with a pole, five top fives and 11 top 10s on the way to winning Rookie of the Year.

The bar was elevated even more in 1999 when Tony Stewart set a rookie record with three victories. Since then, a lot more has been expected of the first-year drivers — and a lot more has been accomplished by them.

Matt Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr. raced to victories in 2000, and Kevin Harvick won in just his third start in 2001. The next year, Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson waged one of the best rookie battles, combining for four wins and 10 poles and both finishing among the top six in points.

In 2003, Jamie McMurray and Greg Biffle went down to the wire for rookie honors. The next year, Kasey Kahne had five runner-up finishes and was in contention for the Chase for the Championship until the final qualifying event. Last year, Kyle Busch showed the way with a pole, two wins and nine top 10 finishes.

This season could offer the deepest and most talented rookie field in NASCAR history. The race for the 2006 Nextel Cup Rookie of the Year begins Feb. 19 with the Daytona 500, with eight official rookie candidates aiming for starting spots in the 43-car field.

The most heralded is Martin Truex Jr., moving to the top series full time after two straight Busch Series titles. But, like boss and teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr., who also came to the Cup after winning

two straight Busch titles, it won't be easy.

Earnhardt lost the rookie title to Kenseth, and Truex will be hard-pressed to hold off a group of competitors that includes Clint Bowyer, Reed Sorenson and Denny Hamlin — second, fourth and fifth in last year's Busch standings — former U.S. Auto Club short track champion J.J. Yeley, 2003 Busch Rookie of the Year David Stremme, 2004 ARCA series runner-up Brent Sherman and Craftsman Truck Series veteran Chad Chaffin, 24th in that series last year despite missing four races.

Five of this year's rookies are in their 20s. Sorenson, who turned 20 on Feb. 5, is the youngest; Sherman (31) and Chaffin (37) are the oldest.

Truex will race for Dale Earnhardt Inc. Bowyer joins Harvick and Jeff Burton at Richard Childress Racing. Sorenson and Stremme replace McMurray and longtime star Sterling Marling at Chip Ganassi Racing. Yeley and Hamlin join reigning and two-time Cup champion Stewart at Joe Gibbs Racing. Sherman replaces veteran Kenny Schrader at BAM Racing, and late-addition Chaffin will drive for little-known Front Row Motorsports in a ride held last season by several drivers, including Chaffin.

"If Martin has the equipment, he's going to be there," Bowyer said. "The bottom line is every one of these guys can take away the rookie of the year honors. It would be pretty cool to come down to the end of the year in a battle with Martin like it was last year and have that shoe on the other foot."

Burton was part of a 10-man group of rookies in 1994 — the most ever. Among them were Jeremy Mayfield, Joe Nemechek, John Andretti, Steve Grissom, Mike Wallace, Ward Burton, Loy Allen Jr., Billy Standridge and Curtis Markham. Jeff Burton wound up Rookie of the Year despite only three top 10s and finishing 24th in points.

"It seemed like a lot of people, but we all drove junk," said Burton, who raced that year for the Stavola Brothers team. "We didn't drive for Richard Childress and Rick Hendrick. We drove for people that didn't have the finances that it took to be competitive. The expectation was very low."

"Some of these rookies won't make it. Somebody will give up on some of them. The difference is, though, when I was a rookie, no one expected success. You just had to prove you weren't a dummy."

Rookie of the Year candidates may have driven up to seven Cup events in any previous season. And each of this year's rookies has driven in at least one Cup race with the exception of Sherman. His NASCAR credentials include a total of 27 Busch races over the last two years, with one top 10.

Truex, with nine Cup races, including seven last year, has the most experience.

"It's important to at least get to get the feel of a Cup car and work with the team," Truex said. "It's a big learning curve and I don't know how well we'll do this year, but the goal is certainly to make the Chase and be the top rookie."

Hamlin has had the most success among the Cup neophytes. In seven races last year in a Gibbs Chevrolet, he won a pole, had three top 10 finishes and an average finish of 17.1.

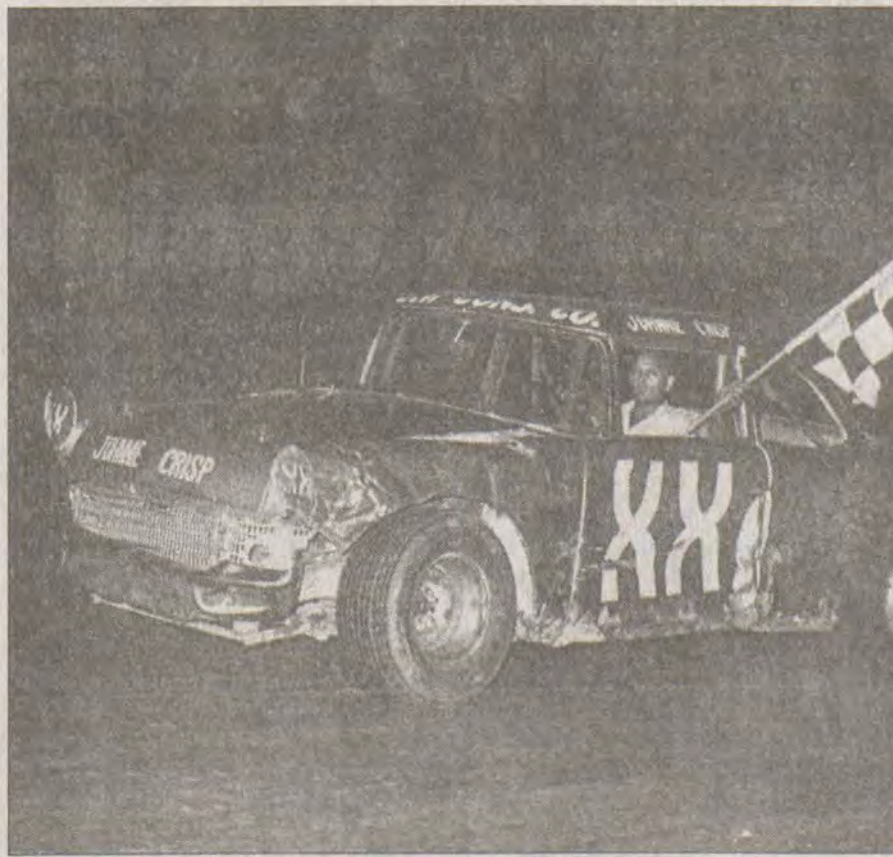
"If we can just have the same average finish this year, we can make the Chase," Hamlin said. "Finishing races is so important. That's how we got that top five finish in the Busch Series. We really weren't a top-five team, but we did it by consistency. That's what we want to do this year."

Looking at the rookie chase, he added, "It's going to be very difficult to beat out all these guys. But, the way I look at it, we've got the most momentum of any of them. If we don't back up what we did in those first seven (races), I'd consider it a waste."



RACING REMEMBERED:

Johnnie Crisp had his way on several area dirt tracks including the old Martin race track. In upcoming weeks, more racing photos from past race seasons will appear in The Times.



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KHSAA NOTEBOOK

Regional swim results posted

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Results for the five regional swim meets have been posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/swimming. State qualifiers include the top two finishers in each event from each regional meet, as well as the next 14 at-large times from each event (highest scores in diving).

The 2006 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for Feb. 17-18 at the University of Kentucky Letcher Aquatic Center. State Meet psych sheet entries were posted on the Association website Wednesday. Results will be posted on the website each day following each event.

Tickets to the event are \$6 per session per day. Capacity is very limited and a sell out is expected.

Regional Wrestling Tournaments are slated for today and Saturday, Feb. 10-11. The top four wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the State Wrestling Championships. The State Championships are scheduled for Feb. 16-18 and will be held at the Frankfort Convention Complex.

Tickets to the State Wrestling Championships are \$6 each per session. An all-session pass will be available for \$22.

Draws for the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments were conducted last Friday at WKYT-TV in Lexington. Complete brackets are posted on the Association website.

2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament Bracket

<http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/boys/sweet16/2006/boystatebracket2006.pdf>

2006 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Bracket State Basketball Tournament Bracket

<http://www.khsaa.org/basketball/girls/sweet16/2006/girlstatebracket2006.pdf>

For the third consecutive year, as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16@ State Basketball Tournament, National City will be touring the Boys' Championship trophy.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop or access the form through the KHSAA website. Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16@

as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 24. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Feb. 14 — Danville at Casey County

Feb. 17 — Madison Central at Franklin County

Tickets to the 2006 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office or online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$108 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$58 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 24. Beginning March 3, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

Feb. 16-18 — State Wrestling Tournament, Frankfort
 Feb. 17-18 — State Swimming & Diving Championships, Lex.
 Feb. 20 — KHSAA Special Appeals Meeting, Lexington
 Feb. 24 — Deadline for National City/KHSAA Sweet 16@ scholarship applications
 Feb. 27 — March 4 — District Basketball Tournaments
 March 6-14 — Regional Basketball Tournaments
 March 14 — Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center Bluegrass Ballroom
 March 15-18 — National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16@
 March 22-25 — Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16@
 The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is special meeting to review appeals. The meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 20 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

Lady Cougars KO Knott Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Knott Central...10 16 7 10-43
 Letcher Central...24 16 14 17-71

WHITESBURG — The Letcher County High School girls' basketball team won its fifth straight game Monday night, beating defending 14th Region champion Knott County Central 71-43 in a home matchup.

Heather Martin, a transfer from Knott County Central, paced the Lady Cougars with a game-high 27 points. Stephanie Whitaker added 15 points for Letcher County Central.

The Lady Cougars went out of the first period with a commanding 24-10 lead and held Knott County Central to just 17 points in the second half. Letcher County Central outscored the Lady Patriots 31-17 in the second half.

Megan Mosley led Knott County Central with 10 points. Grace Phillips added eight points and Natasha North seven for the Lady Patriots.

LETCHE CO. CENTRAL 71, KNOTT CO. CENTRAL 43
 KNOTT CO. CENTRAL — Mosley 10, North 7, King 2, Phillips 8, Slone 5, Thomas 2, Gibson 4, Conley 3, Pratt 2.

LETCHE CO. CENTRAL — Morris 4, Lowe 12, Martin 27, Whitaker 15, Sexton 4, Baker 5, Newsome 4.

Commodores edge Sheldon Clark

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD — Host Perry County Central had just enough Tuesday night to slip by upset-minded Sheldon Clark.

Tyler Bailey, a transfer from Hazard, led Perry County Central with a game-high 22 points. Robert Paul Amis added 16 points for the Commodores.

Brandon May paced the Cardinals with 19 points.

The Commodores went into halftime with a slim 32-30 lead.

Perry Central, after trailing at the end of the third quarter, outscored Sheldon Clark 21-17 in the fourth quarter.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL 65, SHELDON CLARK 64
 SHELDON CLARK (9-12) — May 19, Robinson 3, Torres 17, Johnson 5, Hinkle 2, Crum 15, Porter 3.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL (18-4) — Amis 16, Gross 6, Campbell 4, Bailey 22, Kelly 6, Brashar 9, Willis 2.

Sheldon Clark...20 8 19 17-64
 Perry Central...12 20 12 21-65

Pike Centra pushes past rival Belfry

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BELFRY — In a key rivalry game Tuesday night, Pike County Central took care of business, outlasting rival Belfry 77-72.

The Hawks played well early and late. Pike Central outscored Belfry 22-17 in the fourth quarter.

Brad Lowe, back from a recent ankle injury, led Pike County Central with 23 points. David Hess added 18 points for the Hawks.

Jamie Case led Belfry with a game-high 31 points. Matt Maynard scored 16 points and Zack Bowman added 10 for the Pirates.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL 77, BELFRY 72

PIKE CO. CENTRAL (15-7) — Lowe 23, C. Slone 8, Hamilton 2, E. Slone 9, Hess 18, Ratliff 17.

BELFRY (15-6) — Maynard 16, Case 31, Bowman 10, Steele 2, May 9, Reed 4.

Pike Central...13 23 19 22-77
 Belfry...17 18 20 17-72

58TH DISTRICT HOOPS



photo by Jamie Howell
TOP: Allen Central's Josh Martin tried to work his way around Prestonsburg senior Lewis Barnette when the Rebels visited the Blackcats Tuesday night.

photo by Jamie Howell
MIDDLE: Lady Blackcat mentor Jack Pack gave his team instructions during a timeout.

photo by Guillermo Cuenca
LEFT: Betsy Layne center Trai Witt went up and over South Floyd senior T.J. Hall with a shot when the two Floyd County rivals hooked up Tuesday night at the Dome

Lady Tigers tap East Ridge, 67-39

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — The Paintsville Lady Tigers showed little rust Monday night after getting back from last week's Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic semifinals appearance. Paintsville outscored visiting East Ridge 41-16 in the second half and defeated the Warriors 67-39.

Chelsee Jarrell led Paintsville in scoring with a game-high 23 points. Jarrell was one of three players to reach double figures for the Lady Tigers. Kendra Carroll flipped in 21 points for Paintsville and Laura Carroll added 14.

Paintsville led 26-23 at half-

time. The Lady Tigers broke the game open early in the second half, outscoring East Ridge 20-9 in the third quarter.

Courtney Conley led East Ridge with 14 points. Brittany Hogston flipped in 11 points for the Lady Warriors, giving East Ridge two players in double figures.

PAINTSVILLE 67, EAST RIDGE 39

EAST RIDGE — Conley 14, Hogston 11, Smith 6, Yates 6, Baldrige 1, Adkins 1.

PAINTSVILLE — K. Carroll 21, C. Jarrell 23, L. Carroll 14, Adams 2, Welch 2, A. Jarrell 2, Clay 1.

East Ridge...11 12 9 7-39
 Paintsville...17 9 20 21-67

BGP.COM Basketball Rankings

Boys

1. Scott County
2. South Laurel
3. Elizabethtown
4. Pleasure Ridge Park
5. Pendleton County
6. Eastern
7. John Hardin
8. Shelby County
9. Male
10. Lexington Catholic
11. Jeffersontown
12. Ballard
13. Doss
14. Holmes
15. Owensboro Catholic
16. Henry Clay
17. Warren Central
18. Lafayette
19. Fern Creek
20. Highlands

Girls

1. Lexington Catholic
2. Scott County
3. Christian County
4. Assumption
5. Clay County
6. Mercy
7. DuPont Manual
8. Central Hardin
9. Iroquois
10. Christian Acad. Louisville
11. Corbin
12. Sacred Heart
13. Notre Dame
14. Butler
15. Franklin-Simpson
16. Monroe County
17. Henry Clay
18. Muhlenberg North
19. Graves County
20. Perry County Central

Phelps sends Pike Central reeling, 68-63

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PHELPS — Host Phelps would not be denied at home Monday night. Freshman forward scored 15 points, pulled down 19 rebounds and blocked seven shots to lead the Lady Hornets to a 68-63 win.

Phelps, after trailing in the first half, outscored Pike Central 23-9 in the third period.

Kim Coleman chipped in 12 points and 14 rebounds for the Lady Hornets.

Pike Central junior guard Haley Ratliff added a game-

high 34 points, eight rebounds and eight steals for the Lady Hawks.

Kayla Lowe also reached double figures for the Pike Central girls, scoring 18 points.

PHELPS 68, PIKE CENTRAL 63

PIKE CENTRAL — Ratliff 34, Harris 2, Lowe 18, Pennington 5, Coleman 4.

PHELPS — Rife 10, Coleman 12, Keene 13, Hall 15, Slone 15, Johnson 3.

Pike Central...14 21 9 19-63
 Phelps...12 19 23 14-68

Warriors scalp Paintsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LICK CREEK — Visiting Paintsville came up empty on the road Wednesday night. The Tigers, playing on the road in Pike County at East Ridge trailed at the end of the first quarter and were outscored 17-6 in the final period as the War-

riors claimed a 65-56 win. Anthony Coleman led a balanced East Ridge scoring effort with 18 points.

Landon Slone led Paintsville with a game-high 24 points. Junior guard Daniel Pugh dumped in 15 points for the Tigers.

EAST RIDGE 65, PAINTSVILLE 56

PAINTSVILLE — Pugh 16, Grimm 1, VanHoose 9, Slone 24, Bundy 4, Pack 2.

EAST RIDGE — McCoy 9, Fletcher 12, Mullins 6, Bartley 15, Rowe 4, Coleman 18.

Paintsville...13 15 22 6-56
 East Ridge...18 14 16 17-65

No. 11 Tennessee 75, Kentucky 67

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

cats in third place — three games behind the Volunteers, who won at Rupp Arena for the first time since 1999.



Chris Lofton

LEXINGTON — When Tennessee hired Bruce Pearl as coach last year, he said part of his recipe for success was reaching Kentucky's level. On Tuesday night, the Volunteers surpassed it.

No. 11 Tennessee (17-3, 8-1) snapped an eight-game losing streak to the Wildcats with a 75-67 victory, solidifying its lead in the Southeastern Conference's East Division.

"I think we are fortunate to have Kentucky as our rival," Pearl said. "It is what is going to help me build this program into something."

Kentucky (15-8, 5-4) dropped to 2-3 in conference home games, leaving the Wild-

The architect of Tennessee's resurgence against the Wildcats happened to be a Kentuckian. Chris Lofton, a native of Maysville, had a career-high 31 points — including seven 3-pointers — in his return home.

"My teammates gave me the ball and I was just knocking them down," Lofton said.

Lofton made his first four 3-pointers and finished 7-of-10 from beyond the arc for the game. The total matched his career high in 3s, most recently on Feb. 26, 2005, against Arkansas. That game was also his previous scoring high with 30.

But in Lofton's 3-point fest,

three late scores from inside the arc may have meant the most. Tennessee took the lead for good with 2:30 left on a layup by Major Wingate, but Lofton scored the next seven points — including a three-point play — to ice the victory.

"He was happy, and we were all happy for him," said C.J. Watson, who had 10 points for Tennessee.

In his previous three meetings with the Wildcats, Lofton was solid — averaging better than 15 points a game. In this one, he was spectacular.

But this wasn't the first time he had haunted Kentucky coach Tubby Smith, who was coaching his 300th game at the school. Lofton, the former "Mr. Basketball" in Kentucky, led Mason County High School to the state title in 2003 over a team featuring Smith's son, Brian.

"I was impressed," the Kentucky coach said of Lofton.

"He's a solid player. He's a Kentucky player who knows how to play the game."

Randolph Morris led Kentucky with 20 points, including two free throws that gave the Wildcats a 65-63 lead with 3:30 left, and Ravi Moss added 14.

Wingate had 12 points for the Volunteers.

Kentucky was 4-of-16 on 3-pointers and 7-of-15 from the free throw line.

Tennessee's press bothered Kentucky most of the night. The Wildcats threw the ball away on a key possession midway through the second half, even after calling a timeout to set the play. Kentucky had 15 turnovers, and the Volunteers scored 21 points off them.

Both teams were solid offensively in the first half, shooting an identical 15-of-29 from the field (51 percent). The difference was Tennessee hit more 3s.

Tennessee led by as many as 10

points in the first half, but Kentucky scored nine of the last 12 points of the half to get within 39-36.

Lofton's 3s all seemed to come at the worst possible times for the Wildcats. One of them gave the Volunteers breathing room midway through the second half, after Morris scored on a layup to pull the Wildcats within one.

"This is one that really, really hurts," Smith said. "You've got to hope you come in and take care of home court, and we didn't."

The game was the 200th between the schools. In the SEC, only Mississippi and Mississippi State have faced each other more times — 232.

Kentucky leads the series 137-63.

12, Lofton 11-18 2-2 31, Bradshaw 1-4 0-0 2, Watson 3-11 4-4 10, Ja.Smith 3-9 0-3 8, Asumnu 2-3 1-2 5, Howell 0-2 0-0 0, Childress 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 27-61 11-17 75.

KENTUCKY (15-8)—Perry 2-6 0-0 5, Morris 9-14 2-5 20, Rondo 5-12 1-4 11, Sparks 1-2 0-0 2, Crawford 5-9 1-3 12, Stockton 1-4 0-0 3, Moss 5-9 3-3 14, Thomas 0-4 0-0 0, Sims 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-62 7-15 67.

Halftime—Tennessee 39-36, 3-Point Goals—Tennessee 10-26 (Lofton 7-10, Ja.Smith 2-6, Childress 1-1, Bradshaw 0-2, Howell 0-2, Watson 0-5), Kentucky 4-16 (Stockton 1-2, Perry 1-3, Crawford 1-3, Moss 1-4, Sparks 0-1, Rondo 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Tennessee 38 (Patterson 10), Kentucky 36 (Morris 7). Assists—Tennessee 16 (Howell, Watson 4), Kentucky 13 (Rondo 6). Total Fouls—Tennessee 16, Kentucky 16. A—24,184.

No. 11 TENNESSEE 75, KENTUCKY 67
TENNESSEE (17-3)—Patterson 2-6 0-0 4, Wingate 4-6 4-6

Cincinnati 74, Louisville 68

by TERRY KINNEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taquan Dean had 16 and Andre McGee 14.

Louisville, which beat Cincinnati 67-50 two weeks ago, has won just twice in eight games but was coming off an overtime victory over Notre Dame. Cincinnati had lost six of eight. Both teams had expected to have more of an impact in their first year in the Big East.

"Sometimes it comes down to a very simple reason why you win or lose," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said. "They were perfect from the line and we were very imperfect. It was a very disappointing game for us. Rebounding has been our Achilles heel all year."

Cincinnati outrebounded Louisville 42-30.

Jenkins tied the game at 41 before Hicks, who sat out the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second half, returned and the Bearcats regained control.

Louisville made one more run, pulling within 67-66 on a 3-pointer by Dean with 3:40 left. But Downey hit a 3-pointer and drove for a layup, and Muhammad hit a pair of free throws.

"We had it," Dean said. "It's the same story. We had it and we lost it."

He said Cincinnati was more physical than the last time the teams played.

"UC was much more

CINCINNATI — Eric Hicks smacked the floor so hard he didn't remember the next several minutes, but he came back to lead Cincinnati to a 74-68 victory over Louisville on Monday night.

"He was lobbying the doctors to get back into the game, but he was out of it (at halftime)," coach Andy Kennedy said. "He always looks a little crazy, so it was hard to tell."

Hicks, who has averaged a double-double over the past 14 games, had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Cincinnati (16-8, 5-5 Big East).

"I guess that hit on the head helped me," said Hicks, who was 10-of-10 at the line to help Cincinnati to a school record 18-of-18.

Hicks, without question, is the inspirational leader of the short-handed Bearcats.

"He was literally wobbling on his stool," Kennedy said. "We had to let him play, or else we would have had to wrestle him. Our doctors are strong, but I don't think they're up to that fight."

Jihad Muhammad had 19 points for Cincinnati, Devan Downey 15 — including seven in the final four minutes — and James White had 14.

Brandon Jenkins led Louisville (15-8, 3-7) with 20.

aggressive," Dean said. "When they came to our house, they weren't as aggressive. Tonight, they were very aggressive."

Dean hit a 3-pointer for the first basket of the game, but the Cardinals missed their next five shots while Muhammad made a pair of 3's to start Cincinnati on an 18-3 run that gave the Bearcats their largest lead at 18-6.

Louisville chipped away, but Hicks single-handedly kept Cincinnati in front, accounting for all eight of Cincinnati's points during a four-minute stretch.

A 3-pointer by Chad Millard with 1:52 left in the half gave Louisville a brief lead at 31-30. But Cedric McGowan hit a basket, and White drove the baseline for another to make it 34-31.

A pair of free throws by Dean with 1.8 seconds in the first half left pulled Louisville within 1.

Hicks, who came down hard on the play that resulted in Dean's free throws, went to the locker room while Dean was at the line.

Louisville, which hit a season-high 13 3-pointers against Notre Dame, was 6-of-10 from behind the arc in the first half.

Hicks returned to the locker room shortly after the second half started. Louisville's 6-foot-11 David Padgett was able to dominate until Hicks returned with 15:46 to play.

Eagles top Virginia-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The short handed University of Virginia-Wise Highland Cavaliers men's basketball squad dropped a non-conference affair at Alice Lloyd College Tuesday night. The University of Virginia's College at Wise played without two starters and its backup center but battled hard before falling

70-58 to host Alice Lloyd.

K.J. Waterman led the way for Alice Lloyd with 17 points and seven rebounds. Waterman was joined in double figures scoring by teammates Rodney Mitchell and Jeremy Daniels. Mitchell, a Clay County High School graduate, scored 13 points. Daniels, a Betsy Layne High School grad, added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Parker Gemmill dropped a

game-high 19 points on the night for UVA-Wise (10-16). Both Joey Blackwell, who went four for four from three-point land, and Zydrunas Rackauskas added 12 points apiece. Ray Bailey chipped in nine points for the Cavs.

The Cavs led 35-34 at the half before the lack of depth from the missing players took its toll. Alice Lloyd improved to 15-11.

Uva-Wise women beat ALC, win ninth straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — For the ninth time in nine games, the University of Virginia's College at Wise women's basketball team came out on top. UVA-Wise saw three players in double figures in a 79-56 win at Alice Lloyd College Tuesday evening.

The Lady Cavs improved to 19-7 with the ninth-straight vic-

tory. Sarah Helton led the scoring for the visiting team with 21 points while guards LaShay Collier and Chelsea Lee also hit double figures with 17 and 10 points, respectively.

UVA-Wise led Alice Lloyd (12-14) 36-26 at the intermission.

The Lady Cavs were 18-of-25 from the free-throw line and outrebounded Alice Lloyd 41-37. Uva-Wise also forced the

Lady Eagles into 36 turnovers.

The Lady Eagles struggled shooting from the field (23-of-73) and behind the arc (five-of-27).

Whitesburg High School product Chastity Fox was the only Lady Eagle to reach double figures in the scoring department. Fox led Alice Lloyd with 13 points. Kristal Daniels scored nine points for the Lady Eagles while Rhonda Adams added six.

Eagles upset Eastern

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — Ryan Allen scored 19 points and Quinton Smith added 17 points to lead a balanced attack, and Morehead State defeated Eastern Kentucky 78-66 Monday (Feb. 6) evening in Richmond.

MSU, now 3-17 overall and 2-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference, also got 14 points from Quentin Pryor, a game and career-high 13 rebounds from Clinton Reisz, eight assists from Smith and a total of 13 steals.

EKU, 10-12 overall and 7-7 in the league, was led by Matt Witt who scored 19 points, 16 of them in the first half. Michael Brock had 13 points, and Julian Mascoll added 12 points.

"I'm proud of the effort of all of our players," said Eagle Head Coach Kyle Macy. "Ryan (Allen) and Clinton (Reisz) stepped up inside. Everyone played well. Maybe we can take that next step now and win more of these close games."

The game was tied 38-38 at halftime. The Eagles led by as many as 13 points in the second half and made their final 10 free throws in the last 1:15 to preserve the victory.

MSU hit 49.1 percent from the field (26-of-53) to only 39.7 percent (23-of-58) for Eastern Kentucky. The Eagles won the battle of the boards, 34-to-32. And, MSU forced 22 Colonels turnovers, while the Eagles committed only 12 turnovers.

In the women's game, Eastern held on to win 67-60.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
MOREHEAD ST. 78, EASTERN KENTUCKY 66

MOREHEAD ST. (3-17)—Pryor 5-14 3-4 14, Allen 8-10 3-3 19, Reisz 1-4 3-4 5, Ballard 3-6 2-2 9, Smith 4-9 5-7 17, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Cockerham 2-5 2-2 7, Rogers 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 26-53 18-22 78.

EASTERN KENTUCKY (10-12)—Brock 4-9 3-4 13, Mascoll 5-12 0-0 12, Hird 4-5 1-2 9, Witt 7-14 0-0 19, Rose 1-13 0-0 3, Long 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 1-2 2-3 4, Dials 1-3 4-6 6, Redford 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-58 10-15 66.

Halftime—Tied 38. 3-Point Goals—Morehead St. 8-17 (Smith 4-8, Rogers 1-1, Cockerham 1-2, Ballard 1-2, Pryor 1-3, Brown 0-1), E. Kentucky 10-27 (Witt 5-11, Brock 2-4, Mascoll 2-4, Rose 1-7, Brown 0-1). Fouled Out—Reisz. Rebounds—Morehead St. 34 (Reisz 13), E. Kentucky 32 (Hird 12). Assists—Morehead St. 22 (Smith 8), E. Kentucky 12 (Witt 6). Total Fouls—Morehead St. 13, E. Kentucky 15. A—3,300.



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Cardinals release 2006 football schedule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville will get a chance to avenge its loss to West Virginia in front of a national audience.

The Cardinals released their 2006 schedule on Tuesday, including a Thursday night game at Papa John's Stadium on Nov. 2 against the Mountaineers, who beat the Cardinals 46-44 in Morgantown last season.

The West Virginia game is one of three weeknight contests on the schedule. The Cardinals will play Middle Tennessee in Nashville on Friday, Oct. 6 and travel to Rutgers on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Louisville will play perhaps

its most challenging non-conference schedule under head coach Bobby Petrino. The Cardinals open at home against Kentucky on Sept. 2 and host Miami (FL) on Sept. 16 in a rematch of a 41-38 Miami victory in 2004.

The Cardinals begin Big East play on Oct. 14 at home against Cincinnati. Then it's on the road against Syracuse on Oct. 21. Following the Rutgers game, the Cardinals will host South Florida on Nov. 18, travel to Pittsburgh on Nov. 25 and play Connecticut in the season finale on Dec. 2.

Louisville went 9-3 overall and 5-2 in its first season in the Big East last fall, losing to West

Virginia and South Florida during the regular season. The Cardinals finished ranked 19th in the country following a loss to Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl.

LOUISVILLE 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 Kentucky
Sept. 9 at Temple
Sept. 16 Miami (FL)
Sept. 23 at Kansas State
Oct. 6 at Middle Tennessee (Nashville)
Oct. 14 Cincinnati
Nov. 2 West Virginia
Nov. 9 at Rutgers
Nov. 18 South Florida
Nov. 25 at Pittsburgh
Dec. 2 Connecticut

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THROUGH MY EYES

All's fair?

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

So, it's almost "that" time of the year again. That icky, yucky day when everything is all about hearts, roses, champagne kisses, expensive jewelry and "from the depths of my very soul" expressions of love enduring.

Sorry, Ms. Holland, but I just can't help it. I'm just a big ole' Valentine Scrooge and I just can't seem to get past it.

Travel back in time about 30 years, however, and you'll discover a much younger me, naive and full of optimism, that used to wait breathlessly an entire year just for this day to arrive. I think my fondness of the holiday began even a bit earlier on, in elementary school, when the biggest task of the winter season began right after Christmas, as soon as school started back and things got settled in enough to begin the planning of our annual classroom Valentine party.

For weeks, excited discussion centered around how we were

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POSTSCRIPT

Where the money goes

Last week I warned you I was working on an outrage column.

(Some might consider it outrageous.)

Perhaps you already know this, but I didn't until a few months ago. You can subscribe, for free, to the headline news from the New York Times, via the Internet.

The site is for those of us who want a hint of what's going on, but don't have the time or the stomach for a full helping. If you see a headline that intrigues you, you can open it up and read the entire article.

Please know that I don't necessarily advocate this, because it is easy to become outraged.

A few weeks ago, one headline in particular grabbed my attention. It said, "Audit: US-Led Occupation Squandered Aid."

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How I caught a handsome man with a pineapple

By Phyllis Puffer
BSCTC PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY

The sun was bright and clear, the air hot and humid on the seacoast of the Central American country of Guatemala. We were preparing a picnic, but it wasn't the ordinary picnic to which we North Americans were accustomed. We were on a yacht, but the yacht wasn't going anywhere, and no one present owned it.

Ten or fifteen of us college students from the US, plus various administrators and faculty members, had ridden a bus from Guatemala City, the capital of the country, down from the high chilly mountains to the coast. We students were all enrolled for a summer session at the University of San Carlos, primarily to learn Spanish. Also included in the program were weekend culture trips, such as this one to the President's yacht. That is, president of the country, not president of the university. I wondered at the political and social connections that would make such an arrangement possible.

The picnic featured fresh pineapple. All of us were from Northern states and had no idea how to prepare it. A Guatemalan crew member showed me how to cut it lengthwise in strips. The local custom did not know Dole's method of cutting crosswise, removing the core, and serving golden circles. When the Guatemalan process was completed, a pile of sweet, golden, rectangular slices lay ready as well as a long, squared-off core standing on a handle of leaves.

My place beside the pineapple cutting process happened to be just next to a stairwell leading up from below. For some reason, the crew member had handed the core to me. I held it upright in my hand like an oversized ice cream cone, not quite clear about what to do next.

At that moment, a young man came bounding up the stairs. It was Norman, a Guatemalan I had noticed before, who was conspicuous to me by not looking or acting typically Guatemalan. Norman was heavier and taller than most Guatemalans, also lighter complexioned. Guatemala possessed the highest and most rugged mountains in Central America which had pro-

tected the indigenous Indian population against the 15th century Spanish invasion. As a result, Guatemala today possess the highest proportion of indigenous Indians in the population and the people are also conspicuously shorter, thinner, and darker than elsewhere in the region. Norman was also calmer than others I met. He did not move in quick, jerky motions as others did, and he never got either wildly excited or deeply depressed. Norman behaved more like the reserved, even-tempered Scandinavians than the emotional Latins. Norman never referred to his background, other than one reference to his mother, and I never knew anything about his personal history, but because of his size, temperament, and first name I suspected a U.S. father.

"Here," I told him and impulsively held the pineapple treat out to him. He took it with a smile and began chewing on it. It was later apparent that pineapple was to Norman Gonzales the equivalent of double fudge chocolate.

It turned out to be a lovely summer romance.

FLYLADY

Do you hate your mornings?

by Marla Cilley

Do you hate your mornings? Do you wake up in a bad mood? Do you feel like you got up on the wrong side of the bed? Your mornings do not have to be like this. All it takes is a little thought to change the CHAOS you have been living in.

That little thought is as simple as knowing what clothes you are going to wear when you get up. If you will think about your morning before you actually have to face it, your mornings will run smoother. It all starts with a little before

bed routine.

Half the battle with your morning has to do with you not being prepared to start your day. You run around in a tizzy trying to do all those last minute things you procrastinated about the night before. Here is what happens when we put something off. Let's start with our before bed routines:

1. We go to bed at 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. and have to get up at 7:00 a.m. We procrastinated by not going to bed at a decent hour. Then we can't get up on time.
2. After you hit the snooze button a few times and then finally rouse yourself

to find that is now 7:30 am and to get to work on time you have to leave at 7:45 a.m., you now have only 15 minutes to get dressed and out the door. Complicated even further by the fact that you have no clean clothes.

3. Not only did you go to bed late, but you did not lay out your clothes for the next morning. So there again you have procrastinated and now you are rushing around.

4. Now you are feeling the time crunch pretty intensely and the pressure of being late to work or an appointment - again.

This is when the guilt starts to pile on.

5. With the guilt comes the "blaming others" and not looking at what your role was in your perpetual tardiness. Then you have to have "martyrdom" and the loud, yelling, belittling voices in your head that just add to the stress along with the guilt.

6. Now we are half dressed, jumping in a car trying to put on makeup while driving and not paying attention to what we are doing. Not to mention that you



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have skipped breakfast and there is not even time for a quick drive through the golden arches. Well, that could be the only positive thing about rushing - no time for negative nutrition with fast food.

7. Next thing we know the blue lights are flashing in our rearview mirror and we have yet another speeding ticket to have to explain and pay for.

8. That is, if we are lucky and we haven't had a car accident with our babies in the car.

9. More money wasted - all because we procrastinated and didn't go to bed at a decent hour so we could get up and start our day on the right foot instead of behind the eight ball.

Just writing this makes me nauseated. I could not live this way anymore. The constant surge of adrenalin is hard on our bodies. We have to find a way to relieve the stress that our procrastination causes in our lives. Are you listening to me?! Procrastination can kill us

and maim our children. It can be a slow, painful death of our bodies turning on us because of the constant surge of adrenalin with immune dysfunction, or it can be a quick one with a car accident. You have the choice to stop this right now!

If I can ever get you to make peace with your mornings by establishing a few simple habits in your life, you will never go back to living this way. The calmness of your mornings will start you out on a firm and steady pace that will last for your whole day.

Before you go to bed:
1. Gather up the items you will need for tomorrow and put them by your front door.
2. Check your calendar for tomorrow's appointments.
3. Lay out your clothes for tomorrow.

4. Brush and floss your teeth and wash your face.
5. Go to bed at a decent hour - this way you will feel like getting up!

When you get up in the

morning:
1. Get dressed as soon as your feet hit the floor
2. "Swish and Swipe" the bathroom while you are getting dressed.
3. Eat breakfast, drink water and take your supplements and medications.
4. Gather up the items you need to take with you.
5. Do not wait till the last moment to leave your home. It is "OK" to be early!

These simple habits will change your life. The main thing you have to do is go to bed at a decent hour so you will have the energy to get started on your day. You can do this.

Are you ready to FLY though your day with a simple "Before Bed" routine and "Morning" routine to start you off each day on a calm note?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net

Postscript

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The Associated Press story dissected an audit by federal auditors of money that was supposed to be used to rebuild Iraq, the country we have had a hand in destroying.

The audit indicated that tens of millions of dollars have been squandered in the rebuilding process, which is led not by Iraqis, but by, guess who? Americans, our own comrades.

Here are some examples cited of the misuse of money, much of which you and I sent over there, by way of our tax dollars.

Bricks of \$100 bills taken from a vault without documentation.

Close to \$700,000 in cash kept in an unlocked footlocker.

\$60,000 in reconstruction funds gambled away in the Philippines by a US soldier.

Tens of millions of dollars in cash going in and out of a vault without any tracking of who deposited or withdrew the money.

US officials in the town of Hillah being unable to account for \$97 million of the \$120 million in Iraqi oil revenues earmarked for rebuilding in that region. 97 million out of 120

million????
A \$662,800 payment to a contractor who certified he replaced an elevator in a hospital - three Iraqis subsequently plunged to their deaths when the "new" elevator malfunctioned.

\$108,140 spent to replace pumps and fix an Olympic swimming pool, which, it turned out, the contractor had only polished the old plumbing to make it look new - when the pool was filled, the water was muddy.

The departure of two field agents and \$700,000 in unaccounted funds.

\$88 million disbursed to contractors who never submitted bids or never finished the work.

A contractor was paid \$14,000 on four separate occa-

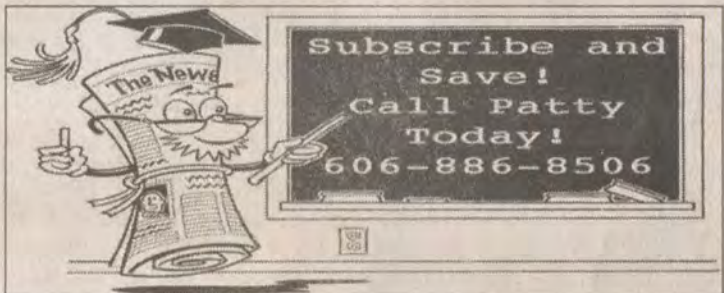
sions for the same job.
\$945,000 spent for seven armored Mercedes-Benzes that were too lightly armored for Iraq, with only six cars accounted for.

Of more than seven million dollars spent on a policy academy, only four million accounted for.

Payment for 68 personal computers for a library, which received only 18, and payment for installation of Internet wiring which never occurred.

And there's more, but my outrage is turning purple. Is it just me, or does this not concern our elected officials in Washington?

This is something to think about as we fill out our tax forms.



Eyes

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going to decorate our Valentine "mailboxes" that year. These ornate and often over-decorated mailboxes began life humbly, in the form of ordinary shoeboxes. By mid-February, however, they had been transformed into works of art. Now embellished with paper and lace doilies, construction paper hearts, glue, glitter, and brightly colored pipe cleaners, the mailboxes became symbols of our hopes for the future. Wrapped up in their gaudy trappings, we glued and glittered as we dreamed of white picket fences, softly scented rose gardens, tall husbands, beautiful wives, delightful children, and happy families.

Armed with a list from our teacher, my girlfriends and I would spend hours at a time picking out our boxes of Valentines and going carefully over each and every one of them as we decided which were most special and which "most special" people were to receive them. Here, things would sometimes get a little sticky, because one had to be careful, you know, about giving away closely

guarded secrets. For instance, did I really want the "cutest boy in class" to know that I thought so of him? Hmm, maybe I should give him one of the more ordinary cards in the box to avoid possible future humiliation...?

And how was I ever going to convince my mother to allow me to purchase a second box of cards because the first one had only one "Best Friend" valentine in it? Got to be mighty careful with those best friends, you know.

Finally, the long-anticipated day would arrive and we would gather into school, armed with our boxes of Valentines and our mother's cupcakes. The day would seem so long and the hours until party time simply unending. Once the appointed time arrived, however, the gaiety that ensued far outshone most every other holiday party. Christmastime was great fun, but there was just something very special about Valentine's Day - a quiet eagerness and excitement compared with the much noisier Christmas holiday. At Christmas, everyone knew

that they would receive a gift, but Valentine's Day, now that was another matter altogether. My girlfriends and I had all worked very hard to make the day special - what if, horror of horrors, what if we gave out all of our cards, emptied our little mailboxes, and got nothing back?

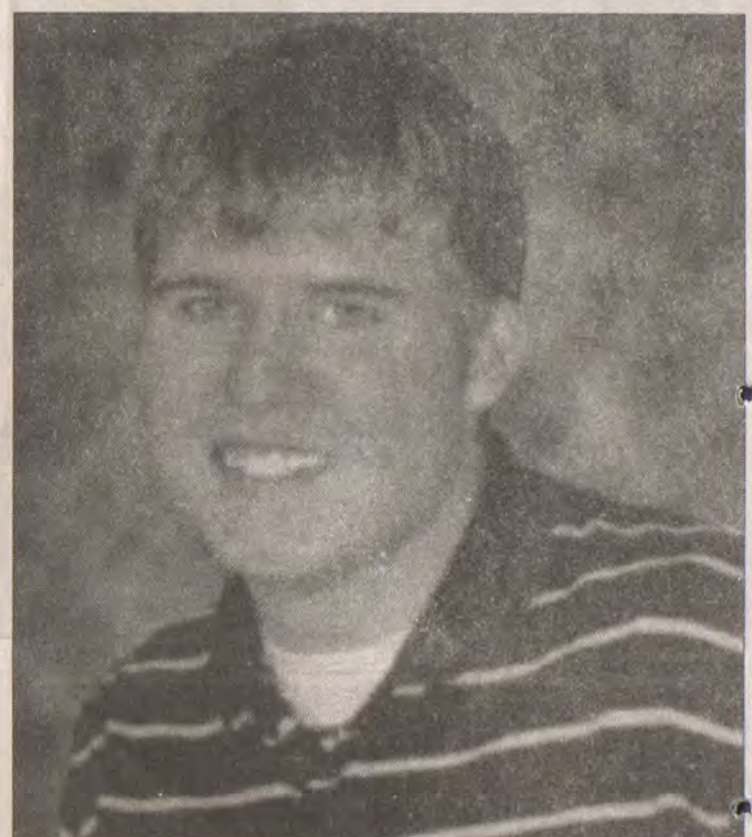
Fortunately, this never happened. Our mailboxes were always filled with little folded paper cards that, unfolded, contained such sweet sentiments as "Bee mine, Valentine" (flirty little bumblebee with long eyelashes) and "My hearts racing for you" (picture a Hot Wheels race track and a sporty little hot rod).

So, looking back over this little discussion, I'm now wondering what it is about the holiday that I have grown to dislike so much?

Guess maybe just that childhood dreams are so entrenched in innocence - too bad that we have to grow up and discover that there just aren't enough of those white picket fences to go around.

McKinney named WYMT Mountain Classic scholar

Joshua Neil McKinney, of Allen Central High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Scholarship program on Tuesday, January 10, 2006. This program solicits high school senior nominees from across the region for scholarship awards based on academics, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and other criteria determined to be important by the scholarship selection committee. The WYMT Classic Scholarship program is made possible through the proceeds of the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Basketball Classic and generous donations collected from its local business communities. Joshua is the son of Keith and Regina Parsons, of Allen. He is the grandson of Dale and Hilda McKinney, of Prestonsburg, and Fudd and Cindy Parsons, of Allen.



School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for February: "Fairness" and "Perseverance."

■ Feb. 13 - Rick Bender presentation on "Smokeless Tobacco." 9 a.m.

■ Feb. 15 - WYMT's "Connect with Kids" program "Affluenza." 7 p.m., on WYMT.

■ Feb. 21 - Magic Me, weather permitting.

■ Sign-ups still going on for Beginner Sewing Classes. Stop by YSC if interested.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ 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. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

■ Feb. 10 - Valentine Dance, 6-9 p.m.

■ Feb. 13 - Tobacco presentation - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

■ Feb. 15 - Respect class, 7th grade.

■ Feb. 22 - Respect class, 7th 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.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office.

■ Feb. 13 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in family resource center. Public welcome.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. 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 available 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

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

■ 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

■ 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.

Prestonsburg High School

■ Feb. 18 - PHS Varsity Basketball Cheer Clinic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. For students preschool thru fifth grade. Location: PHS gymnasium. Learn basic cheer skills, receive free t-shirt and free admission to PHS vs. Magoffin game on Feb. 22. "Drop-ins" welcome, but must register and pay by Feb. 10 to ensure child receiving t-shirt. More

info., call Leslie Ousley at 874-0317; Janice Hamilton at 478-2139; or Cindy Porter at 886-1642 or 226-3447.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

■ School will be participating in the Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

■ 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. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ 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 Tristin Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

The Piarist School

■ School is participating in Food City's "Apples for Students" program

this year. This school/community partnership awards educational equipment to schools that accumulate store register tapes. In past years, this program has awarded more than \$250 million in needed classroom learning tools FREE to participating schools. The Piarist School urges all parents and community members to support this invaluable program by sending their Food City register tapes to the school with their children, or by dropping them off at the school office. Register tapes will be collected until March 11, 2006. For more information, contact Audrey Collins at 285-3950.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

■ Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksburg Community Center. Classes are FREE.

■ Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

■ If you would like more information on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

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.



Family Medicine



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Editor's Note: Next week, as mentioned in the text, is national "Through with Chew Week" so this column is time sensitive.

Question: Isn't spit tobacco safer to use than smoking cigarettes? If it isn't safe, how can I quit?

Answer: At the heart of your question is a common misconception. Since public health officials have been so successful in getting the message out about the dangers of smoking, some people assume that smokeless forms of tobacco

are safe. This could not be further from the truth.

Let me give you a few facts on spit tobacco, more commonly called chew or dip. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, spit tobacco contains more than 28 cancer-causing agents and is a proven cause of human cancer. Specifically, this type of tobacco can cause cancer of the oral cavity — including the tongue, lips, gum and cheek. Oral cancer is very serious and has only a 50 percent five-year survival rate.

This five-year survival rate has remained unchanged for the past 50 years. Experts feel that this is due pri-

Spit tobacco dangerous, contains more nicotine than cigarettes

marily to the unfortunate fact that most oral cancers continue to be diagnosed in advanced stages. A number of studies have shown that the survival rate for oral cancer patients increases dramatically when the diagnosis is made in the early stages. This alone is a good reason to see your dentist twice a year for teeth cleaning and an oral examination. That will insure an early diagnosis of any oral cancer that you might develop.

The best strategy, however, also involves lowering your odds of contracting oral cancer in the first place. This means quitting spit tobacco if you use it. Because spit tobacco contains even more of the addictive drug nicotine than cigarettes, quitting can be hard. For example, a two-can-a-week snuff dipper gets as much nicotine into his or her blood as a pack-and-a-half-a-day smoker. Though it's difficult, many people have been successful. It can be done, and you can do it.

Since next week is "Through With Chew Week," this might be an espe-

cially good time to quit. Here are a few suggestions that will help:

* Pick a definite "quit date" and write it down. Since it'll take you time to prepare to quit, this should be a date at least a week from now — but not more than a month away.

* Get mentally prepared to quit by repeating to yourself the reasons you want to quit. This could be health reasons, to save money, because members of your family don't like your habit, or because your physician or dentist told you to quit.

* Cut back before you quit. This can help reduce the withdrawal symptoms you'll experience when your quit date arrives. A good rule of thumb is to try to cut back to half your usual amount before you quit. You might try to substitute sugar-free gum, hard candy, or even mint-leaf snuff every other time you'd normally take a dip of your regular snuff or chew.

There are many other places where you can find help in your efforts to kick

the spit tobacco habit. You can talk to your dentist or family physician, or call your local chapter of the American Cancer Society or the American Lung Association. Many local health departments are an excellent resource for this kind of information. Also, you can call the National Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669).

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BLHS senior named WYMT Mountain Classic scholar

Tara Denise Burchett, of Betsy Layne High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, from the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Scholarship program. The program solicits high school senior nominees from across the region for scholarship awards based on academics, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and other criteria determined to be important by the scholarship selection committee. The WYMT Classic scholarship program is made possible through the proceeds of the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Basketball Classic and generous donations collected from within the business community.

Tara is the daughter of Gary Dean and Diane Burchett, of Ivel.



Mitchell named WYMT Classic scholar

Kendra Nichole "Nikki" Mitchell, of South Floyd High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Scholarship program. The program solicits high school senior nominees from across the region for scholarship awards based on academics, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and other criteria determined to be important by the scholarship selection committee. The WYMT Classic scholarship program is made possible through the proceeds of the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Classic and generous donations collected from within the business community. Nikki is the daughter of Rhonda and Kenny Joe Mitchell, of Minnie.



George awarded Mountain Classic scholarship

Savannah N. George, a Lawrence County High School student, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the WYMT-TV Mountain Classic Scholarship program on Tuesday, January 10, 2006. This program solicits high school senior nominees from across the region for scholarship awards based on academics, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and other criteria determined to be important by the scholarship selection committee. The WYMT Classic scholarship program is made possible through the proceeds of the annual WYMT-TV Mountain Basketball Classic and generous donations collected from within the business community.

Savannah is the daughter of David and Donna George, of Louisa.



Riverview Healthcare recognizes staff

January holds several recognition dates regarding employees at Riverview Health Care Center. January is also "Human Resources Month" at the center. Mrs. Lana Calhoun, HR Director, has been employed by the health-care facility for three years. Lana works diligently for the center and is a strong advocate for the center's employees. Lana shares that she feels that it is "an honor" to work at Riverview and that she "works with the best."

January 18 is "Maintenance Day" at the facility. The center's maintenance department, supervised by Mr. Donnie Cole, ensures that Riverview residents are provided with a safe environment in which to live. Mr. Cole, Mr. Clay George, and Mr. John Campbell keep the building beautiful and in great shape.

Ms. Pam Pennington, Activities Director, has been with Riverview for 18 years. Ms. Pennington and her assistants, Ms. Jerri Coleman and Ms. Missy Mullins, continually create new activities for our residents to enjoy.

Director Missy Allen and all

the Riverview staff would like to extend their appreciation to Lana, Pam, Jerri, Missy, Donnie, Clay, and John for a job well done. The Riverview team strives to provide their residents with the best quality of life available, thanks to our award winning team.

Christmas Royalty

Virginia Artrip, accompanied by last year's "Christmas King" John Turnley, represented the Martin Area Senior Citizens as "Christmas Queen," at the annual Christmas party held in December at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The Martin Senior Citizen Center was honored to have the distinguished pair represent them at the special holiday occasion.



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In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

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, 866-3863, 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.; Nathon 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.; Hobert Meek, 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 Eqt. 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.; Wed., 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, 6:30 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.; Pastor Roger Truist.

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.

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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.

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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.; Jerry Manns, Pastor; Willie Crace Jr., Assistant Pastor.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville; Worship Service, 2nd & 4th Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Pastor, Allen Chaffins, phone 946-2123.

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.

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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.; Sherm Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428; Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

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.



Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

Song of Solomon 1:2



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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.

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 Mitchell, 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 8:00 p.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.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland 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.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 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.; Phillip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proffitt.

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. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 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.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 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.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

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.; Malcom Stone, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN

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. Rev. Mike Chamberlin, interim pastor.

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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 p.m.; 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, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; 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.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

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

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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; Darlene W. Arnette, 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. Kerry 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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The FLOYD COUNTY TIMES does not knowingly accept false or misleading advertisements. Ads which request or require advance payment of fees for services or products should be scrutinized carefully.

AUTOMOTIVE

110-Agriculture

FOR SALE: 474 New Holland Haybine Very good condition. \$2,800. Call after 6 pm. 874-0024.

130 - Cars

FOR SALE 2005 Pontiac Vibe 11,000 miles. Perfect cond. Take over payments or payoff. \$16,200 886-0108.

FOR SALE 2003 Ford Taurus 4dr 52,000 miles \$7500 (606)886-8398.

\$500 POLICE IMPOUNDS Honda/Chevy/ Ford! From \$500! For listings 800-439-3998 ext A919.

150- Misc.

2002 27 FT America Light by Gulfstream camper with slideout A/C and awning. Call 874-2879. \$8500.

160-Motorcycles

For Sale 1998 YAMAHA YZ80 New tires, pro-circuit pipe. \$1600. Call 606-452-9599 for more info.

180-Trucks

FOR SALE 1989 F150 4x4 runs & drives perfect. Automatic. Looks great. 886-0108.

190- Vans

FOR SALE: 1998 Ford Windstar Van. v6, Auto, all power, excellent shape. \$3500. 606-686-3082.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope.

Call Tonya to place your ad today!
886-8506

Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

HOST PHOTO

205- Bus. Opp.

SHOOT Raise \$\$\$ for yourself, school, church, business. 1-800-892-7604. Glamour, Antiques, Families.

NEEDING PHYSI-

210-Job Listing

CAL therapists & physical therapy assistant for H.H. for Floyd/Pike Co area. Excellent pay. Please call Ian Kage at 859-543-9463.

HEAVY EQUIP-

MENT steam cleaning company needs employees. Must have valid driver's license & up to date surface mining papers. Call 606-886-1759 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

MINING ENG CO

seeks Autocad Tech or Permit Tech. FT, familiarity with all aspects of UG and Surface permits, appl & drawings, Word Perfect, Survcadd, Excel, Sedcad, & stability is a plus but not required. Benefits include Medical INS, pd holidays, and vac, Delta Dental available. Overtime as needed. Pay based upon qualifications. Office located at Hueysville. Call 358-4481.

CLASS A CDL DRIVERS

needed. Apply in person Big Sandy Wholesale. 8am-4pm.

Oil Field Company

has openings for hard working responsible drivers. Must be of age 21 or older. Must have CDL with HAZ-MAT and tanker endorsements, good driving record and some mechanical aptitude. Please apply in person at: Universal Well Services, Inc., 5252 Rt. 1428, Allen, KY

41601 606-874-3487. Accepting applications Mon. thru Fri. between the hours of 8am and 4pm.

220-Help Wanted

WANTED: Lady to sit & care for an elderly lady in Floyd Couty. 20-30 hrs / week. Experience preferred. 502-295-0855.

PILGRIM MINING COMPANY

is now taking applications for AUTOCAD TECHS and TRANSITMAN. Surveying applicants must have at least 1 year experience running an instrument in addition to a valid Kentucky Underground Mining Card with all training up to date. AutoCAD and/or SurvCADD experience preferred but not required. AUTOCAD TECHS must have a good understanding of surveying in addition to AutoCAD/SurvCADD skills. Interested, qualified candidates, may apply at: Pilgrim Minig Company, ATTN: Human Resources Dept, PO BOX 2046, Inez, KY 41224, 606-395-6881.

Company provides an exceptional benefits package including medical /prescription/ vision/ dental coverage, life insurance, pension, 401 (k), paid holidays and vacation. Massey Energy Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WORKER NEEDED

with CDL license. Work requires labor. Climbers needed with experience. Pole and anchor work with Communications Construction Company. General labor positions available. Must be able to pass drug test. For more information call Mary Holbrook at Star Construction 606-874-1263.

MOUNTAIN MANOR

of Paintsville is taking applications for CNAs. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, Kentucky from Mon-Fri

between 8 am - 4:30 pm.

100 WORKERS NEEDED Assemble crafts, wood items. To \$480/wk. Materials provided. Free information pkg. 24 Hr. 801-428-4649.

AVON REPS NEEDED:

\$10 to sign-up. CASSIE - 886-8737, WANDA - 285-9486. MELISSA- 886-2649.

MOUNTAIN MANOR

of Paintsville is taking applications for a LPN (7pm-7am) position. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply in person at 1025 Euclid Ave, Paintsville, KY from Mon-Fri between 8am-4:30 pm.

FINANCIAL

330 For Sale

ESTABLISHED BUSINESS for sale. Call 432-9331 or evenings 874-8132. Serious inquiries only.

MERCHANDISE

445-Furniture

MOVING SALE 4 rooms of furniture, odds/ends & small appliances. 473 S. Lake Dr. Suite 204 near "S Curve" P-burg.

RAY'S BARGAIN CENTER

Going out of business sale. Everything must go! Come in now for big savings. Call 377-0143.

470-Health&Beauty

WOLFF TANNING BEDS

FREE Color Catalog Full Body units from \$22 a month! Buy factory direct and save! Call ETS Inc NOW! 1-800-781-5173. www.np.estan.com

480-Miscellaneous

WEDDING DRESS

FOR SALE: Size 12, pearl and sequins intricate design on bodice and train. Must see to appreciate beauty. For more information, call 886-8506 ask for Tonya or after 5:00 call 886-0048 and leave message.

FOR SALE:

Icemaker & bin Hoshizaki model KM900 make 900 lbs in 24 hrs. \$1500. Schaefer glass door freezer \$1000. Hobart slicer will slice automatic model 1712 \$1000. 1988 Volvo 240 DL \$300 358-4333.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Hardwood \$50 per load. 886-4038.

REAL ESTATE

530-Homes

FOR SALE by owner. 3BR 1.5 BA Ranch Style w/inground pool, attached poolhouse with half bath, 25 plus acres. Asking \$141,500. Shown by appointment only. 606-886-0812.

A foreclosure!

3 BR only \$15,400. For listings 800-429-7008 ext B183.

FOR SALE: 3 BR 2 BA CH/A newly remodeled behing Porter School in Oaklawn Estates. 889-9747 or 886-8003.

550-Land/Lots

LAND FOR SALE

near Martin Red Ison Hollow. 27+ acres, blacktop road. 285-9442.

BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

on 16.5 acres, some flat, at Prater Frk Floyd Co. 606-358-3498.

FOR SALE

2 Lots for sale (joining) sold as one. Stone Crest Golf Course. 889-

570- Mobile Homes

CNA's

We are currently hiring for open CNA positions for the 7 a.m.-3 p.m., and 3 p.m.-11 p.m. shifts. We offer an excellent benefits package and competitive wages. If you are interested in joining our caring team, please apply to:

Salyersville Health Care
571 Parkway Drive
(606) 349-6181
E.O.E./A.A.P.

ICG

International Coal Group, Inc.

International Coal Group (ICG) will be conducting a JOB FAIR for Underground Miners!!!

We currently have the following positions available in the Knott County area:

**Underground Equipment Operators
Underground Electricians
Section Foremen**

We will conduct a job fair on Thursday, February 16, at Pine Mountain Grill in Whitesburg, KY, at the intersection of route 15 and route 119. The job fair will run from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You may put an application in at the job fair, on you can go to our Pike County or Knott County office. You may get additional information by calling 606-432-7525.

Equal Employment Opportunity-M/F/D/V

people. Good location in downtown Martin. Call Mon- Sat between 10 am-6pm. 285-3233.

FOR RENT

Stairs 2BR apt, CH/A very clean. 1-2 people preferred. Call 478-1510 or 478-7590.

1-2 BR FURNISHED

Apts. Clean. In Prestonsburg. 886-8366.

2 BR 1 1/2 bath

Townhouse also 1 bed room furnished or unfurnished located in Prestonsburg, NO PETS call 606-886 8991

Furnished 1 bed

room Apt. Central heat & air. Rent starting at \$375. month, + \$300. deposit water included. Located near HRMC. 606-889-9717.

620Storage/Office

1900 SQ. FT. RENTAL SPACE

8 rooms 2 full baths full kitchen, closets, all electric-excellent condition, City sewers, city waters, AEP. Parking for 8 or 9 cars. Secure fenced in property. Just across Auxier bridge adjacent to new OB/GYN Clinic. Suitable for physicians, dentist, lawyer, insurance, CPA or other office use. Could be split for Home/Office combos. For lease \$800 month. Call 886-1416 or 886-3680.

BUILDING FOR LEASE

30x60 metal storage building on RT 80. 886-8366.

OFFICE SPACE

for lease in Prestonsburg. Approximately 1850 sq feet with parking

only two blocks from courthouse. Call 874-1700, 285-0900 or 874-9976.

FOR RENT:

3 Room office suite. \$600 month. Call 886-1020 ask for C.V. Stop Renting! buy a 3 BR only \$8000. For listings 800-429-7008 ext B930.

630-Houses

FOR RENT 3BR

house with 2 car garage located in New Allen, KY. Nice neighborhood. \$650/mo. Call 886-1428 after 5pm 874-2843 or 874-6700.

FOR RENT 2 BR 1.5

BA CH/A on US 23 1 mile n. of P-burg. Dep required. No pets. 886-9007 or 889-9747.

640- Land/Lots

Trailer lot for rent

on old U.S. 23 between Prestonburg and Paintsville call 606-886-9007 or 889 9747

Trailer Lot For Rent.

Large Yard. Call 886-8366

For Rent :

newly constructed Mobile Home Lots in new Allen, reference required call 606-874-2212

650- Mobile Homes

MH FOR RENT 2BR

Allen area. 874-0267.

FOR RENT 2BR MH

at RT 80 Garrett. Call 385-9351.

FOR RENT 2 BR MH

in partially furn. w/ stove, refrigerator, gas & water pd. no pets. Call 606-886-

3628.

FOR RENT LRG 3 BR 2 BA trailer. Good cond. Close to P-burg. \$375/mo. plus utilities. Dep/ renters ins. required. Serious inquiries only. 874-9691.

MH FOR RENT

Very nice 3BR 2BA located near Cliffside Apts. CH/A, garbage, water, & sewage provided. \$477/mo \$300 deposit. 606-874-2166 cal before 4:30 pm

FOR RENT 2 BR MH

fenced in lot \$400/mo. \$250 dep. plus utilities. No Pets. Available March 3. 874-4330.

FOR RENT:

MH 14 x 80 3 BR 2 BA 886-8366.

SERVICES

713-Elderly Care

MOUNTAIN MANOR nursing home of Paintsville Kentucky, a long term care facility, will accept residents and render services without distinction due to race, color, national origin, handicapping condition or age. Patient referrals can be made at the facility at 1025 Euclid Avenue, Paintsville, Kentucky or by phone 606-789-5808.

770-Repair/Services

CARPENTRY WORK

all types. New construction or remodeling. Garages, decks, etc. Concrete work & siding. Free estimates. Call 886-8896.

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	10	17.00	30.60	40.80	47.60	51.00	51.00

LEGALS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION 836-5479

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Dekalb Recovery, Inc., P.O. Box 166, Eastern, KY 41622, has applied for an underground mining operation, located approximately 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 4.68 surface acres, and will underlie 16.72 acres, and the total permit boundary will be 21.40 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 mile southwest of the junction of KY 550 and KY 80, and is approximately 0.03 mile northwest of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin 7 1/2 U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ned Hall, and underlies land owned by Ned Hall.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, at 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or 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.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received by the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127, Frankfort, KY 40601, within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303, AMENDMENT NO. 2

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 112.54 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 322.30 acres, of which 223.62 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 795.68 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 F. W.

Newsom Heirs, Walker Tackett, et al., Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Maggie Hamilton, Carmel and Marie Clark, Anthony and LuAnn Tackett, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., and Arnold Turner Jr., et al. The amendment will underlie land owned by F. W. Newsome Heirs, Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Maggie Hamilton, Carmel and Marie Clark, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., and Arnold Turner Jr., et al.

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, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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

ADVERTISE- MENT FOR BID

The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for a New Prestonsburg Area Elementary School. Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, February 28, 2006. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Bids must be mailed or delivered to Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, so as to arrive prior to the time established for their opening. All risks involved with the proper and timely delivery of any Proposal shall be assumed by the Bidder. Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be rejected. Facsimile transmissions ("Faxes") will not be accepted.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Lynn Blueprint, 328 East Vine Street, Lexington, Ky 40507,

(606) 255-1021, for a deposit of \$250.00. The plan deposit amount shall be issued by check, payable to the Floyd County Board of Education. All mailing charges, if required, are to be arranged in advance by the Contractor. The refundable check will be returned to all bidders, who submit a bonafide bid and return the plans and specifications in good condition within fourteen (14) days after the bids are opened, otherwise no refund will be due. Plan holders who do not submit a bonafide bid will receive fifty percent (50%) of their deposit if the plans and specifications are returned in good condition within fourteen (14) days after the bids are opened, otherwise no refund will be due.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the Office of the Architect, Office of the Owner, Associated General Contractors of Kentucky, Inc., Lexington, Builders Exchange, Louisville, Offices of F.W. Dodge Corporation, Louisville, Lexington, and Kingsport.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a BID BOND, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT (5%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, a Contract will be immediately entered into and the performance of it properly secured. The Contractor awarded a Contract for this project will be required to provide a 100% Performance and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the Project Manual.

Proposal Forms must be properly filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. In the event the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory contract and bond, he/she shall be eliminated and shall forfeit their certified check, cash or Bid Bond and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failures.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis or in the proper form shall be returned unopened.

The Owner reserves the right to

accept any or to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality therein, all as it deems to be in its best interests.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify Mary Jo Halbert, her unknown spouse and/or their heirs; Zella Mae Pruitt and Paul Pruitt and/or their heirs; Joe Smith, his unknown spouse and/or their heirs; Helen Frazier, her unknown spouse and/or their heirs, Thomas L. ("Tommy") Smith, his unknown spouse and/or their heirs; and Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs and/or heirs; that a civil suit has been filed against them in Floyd Circuit Court, styled Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. vs. Joe Smith and Unknown Spouse; Mary Jo Halbert and Unknown Spouse; Helen Frazier and Unknown Spouse of Helen Frazier and Unknown Heirs of Helen Frazier and Unknown heirs of Unknown Spouse of Helen Frazier; Thomas L. Smith and Unknown Spouse and/or heirs of Thomas L. Smith and heirs of Unknown Spouse of Thomas L. Smith; Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs, her husband and/or Unknown heirs of Joan Isaacs and Martin Isaacs; and Zella Mae Pruitt and Paul Pruitt, and assigned Civil Action No. 06-CI-00103. The basis of this suit is a Petition for Declaration of Rights, action filed against each of the named defendants by Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. The Complaint alleges that each of the named defendants are heirs of the late Emily Layne, and that said heirs failed to execute a deed of conveyance of a certain tract of land located in Betsy Layne, Kentucky, that was purchased by Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. from said heirs on or about February 28, 1980, and therefore Kentucky Oil & Refining Company, Inc. is seeking a declaratory judgment from the Court that said heirs, have absolutely no ownership interest in said tract of land. The named defendants identified above, and/or their respective heirs shall have up to and until March 21, 2006, within which to file a written Answer to said lawsuit with the Floyd County Circuit Clerk, if they desire to assert any interest

that they may claim in the property. If these Defendants do not appear in the pending lawsuit or otherwise present a defense to the claims asserted against them within that time period, then a judgment may be entered against them.

Clyde Combs, Jr., Esq.
Warning Order Attorney
P.O. Box 1746
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-7009

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM-Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 901, 116 Main Street, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a coal haul road affecting 8.0 acres, located approximately 1.10 mile northwest of Endicott, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.79 mile southeast from State Route 3385's junction with State Route 194, and located at Johns Branch. The latitude is 37°39'21". The longitude is 82°37'28".

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502,

(606) 874-9003, Permit No. 836-5429, will be blasting at Salyers Branch of Salltick Creek in Floyd County, Latitude 37°30'45", Longitude 82°53'06". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren; one (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one: (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonation in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals (siren), shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-7009

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The proposed operation is approximately 1.79 mile southeast from State Route 3385's junction with State Route 194, and located at Johns Branch. The latitude is 37°39'21". The longitude is 82°37'28".

The proposed operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 min. quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Company.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502,

Technical Assistance Section, Water Management Division, EPA Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, or by fax at (404) 562-9318. Sincerely, J.J. Palmer, Jr., Regional Administrator

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$1,231,750. The remainder of the project will be funded by a Coal Development grant. This project involves the replacement of water system components and is eligible for a categorical exclusion consistent with the criteria specified in 40 CFR §6.107 in that:

BLASTING SCHEDULE

This is notice that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, 436 Daniels Creek Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, (606) 874-9003, Permit No. 836-0300, will be blasting at Salyers Branch and General Allen Branch of Salltick Creek, and Mudlick Branch of Brush Creek, Latitude 37°30'45", Longitude 82°53'57". Blasting will be done Monday through Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast; a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonations. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

1. The project will not have a significant adverse effect on the quality of the human environment, either individually, cumulatively over time, or in conjunction with other federal, state, local, tribal or private actions.

2. The action will not directly nor indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resource areas.

3. The action is not known or expected to directly or indirectly affect environmentally important natural resource areas such as floodplains, wetlands, important farmland, or aquifer recharge zones.

4. The action is cost effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by EPA and the publication of the newspaper notice of determination by the applicant in accordance with 40 CFR 6.400(f), and can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision is on file at the office of the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission, 2560 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, and is available for public viewing upon request by contacting Mr. David Ellis, Superintendent, at (606) 886-6871. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed by mail to Mr. Jim Adcock, Construction and

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Atlanta Federal Center 61 Forsyth Street Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960 FEB. 2, 2006 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION Waterline Reinforcement and Water Tank

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the Jenny Wiley State Park, May Lodge, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of grant applications for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007, for rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy valley area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submission. The grant applications will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2006.