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Stumbo opts to run for #2

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A wealthy businessman on Monday joined the already crowded Democratic race for governor, announcing his candidacy with a running mate who prosecuted Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher last year on political patronage charges.

Bruce Lunsford spent \$8 million of his own money before dropping out of the last governor's race days before the primary. He also broke ranks with his fellow Democrats and endorsed Fletcher in the 2003 general election but now says he considers that a mistake.

"This time I really feel a calling," said Lunsford, the seventh Democrat to enter the race.

The Democrats and two GOP challengers hope to oust Fletcher, the first Republican elected governor in more than 30 years.

Lunsford, who served in the early 1980s as commerce secretary under former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr., said he would spend "as much as it takes to get the governor's chair back for the Democrats," and would "prime the pump" with an initial \$2 million.

Lunsford was the founder of Louisville-based Vencor, a company that operated nursing homes and made him a multimillionaire. The company went bankrupt in 1999, emerging two years later as Kindred Healthcare.

His principal business now is Lunsford Capital, a Louisville private investment firm in

(See STUMBO, page eight)



photo by Alex Smith

The home of 95-year-old Jane Wallace caught on fire Friday evening, killing her and her caretaker, Lisa Keith. The home was still standing on Monday, but everything inside was either destroyed or blackened from the fire.

Fire kills two in Prestonsburg

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 95-year-old woman and her caretaker died Friday night in a house fire on Riverside Drive in Prestonsburg.

The owner of the white two-story home, Jane Wallace, was being tended to by 40-year-old Lisa Keith at the time of the fire. Both victims were found in a small upstairs bedroom, with Wallace located lying on the floor next to a bed that Keith was lying in.

The Prestonsburg Police Department was alerted to

the fire when they received a call at 9:47 p.m. from a caller who said smoke and fire was visibly coming out of the residence.

Floyd County Deputy Coroner Roger Rowe pronounced the victims dead at the scene at 11:01 p.m.

An investigation into the cause of the fire is underway by Maj. Bobby Carpenter of Prestonsburg Fire Department and Det. Sgt. Steve Little of Prestonsburg Police Department. Foul play is not suspected as a cause of

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HOMESTYLE HIT-AND-RUN



photo by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg resident Patricia Watson had a rude awakening Sunday night when a large sport-utility vehicle drove into her house, causing significant damage. Watson who lives on Goble Street next to the Floyd County Health Department, says she was home at the time of the incident and neighbors who heard the impact saw a white Chevrolet Tahoe simply back out of the front lawn and drive away. The house sustained two broken windows and major damage to one corner near the front door. The driver of the vehicle later returned to the scene Monday and apologized to Watson, agreeing to reimburse her for the damages. Watson says she thinks the weather may have contributed to the incident and is relieved the driver returned to confess.

Suspect confesses to two armed robberies

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — Two armed robberies in Floyd County which took place on two consecutive days have led police to a suspect who has now confessed to both incidents.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Kentucky State Police received a call from an employee at Newsome Wine & Spirits, located in McDowell, reporting they had just been robbed. The employee described the suspect as a white male wearing a green jacket

and a gray ski mask. According to KSP, the suspect entered the store armed with a knife and demanded cash. After obtaining an undetermined amount of money, the suspect fled on foot.

(See ROBBERIES, page eight)

Tips lead police to kidnapping suspect

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

LEANDER — Police have now found a man who allegedly kidnapped a woman at gunpoint Sunday in Auxier and led police on a difficult chase through dangerous weather conditions.

According to Kentucky State Police, at approximately 9:40 p.m. Sunday night, Post 9 received a call regarding a kidnapping at Meade's BP on Route 321 in Auxier.

The victim, Nancy Lemaster, 39, was working in the store when Charles

Lemaster, 49, Nancy's estranged husband, allegedly entered the store armed with a semiautomatic handgun. Charles Lemaster then allegedly kidnapped Nancy Lemaster from the store and fled the scene in a late 1990s model white Chevrolet truck.

After already being advised of the incident, KSP Det. Mike Goble observed a vehicle fitting the description of the suspect's vehicle in Johnson County at approximately 11:25 p.m. Goble attempted to stop the vehicle, but it

(See SUSPECT, page eight)

Wicker appears for Johnson charges

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The second leg of the Gora Wicker eBay case began Monday in Johnson County, as she was arraigned for a felony count of receiving stolen property.

A Feb. 14 preliminary hearing date was set by District Judge Susan Mullins Johnson. A \$5,000 cash bond

was set, but Wicker is ineligible for release because she is currently serving a 15-year sentence for multiple felony burglary and theft convictions in Floyd County.

Wicker, 59, of Prestonsburg, who began serving the 15-year sentence in November after pleading guilty to 19 theft and burglary

(See WICKER, page eight)



photo by Alex Smith

Kentucky House Speaker Jody Richards held a rally with John Y. Brown III at the Mountain Arts Center on Saturday as the pair wrapped up its "Honest Talk for Real Change Tour." Richards entered the race for governor Jan. 25, with Brown as his running mate for Lt. governor. "I plan to reorganize state government to bring in good, high-paying jobs to Eastern Kentucky," Richards said. Richards said his campaign platform will become more clear in the upcoming weeks, but said when elected, voters in Floyd County can count on more jobs as he plans to add on to the Mountain Parkway by expanding it to four lanes.

ALL A TOURNAMENT

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briefs

Pike man killed in one-car crash

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A 24-year-old Freeburn man died early Saturday morning when his car slid off the road and crashed into a creek.

Eddie D. Wolford was traveling west on Barrenshee Creek Road around 2 a.m. Saturday when his Chevrolet Camaro slid off the roadway and into a creek. The vehicle continued sliding until it collided with the underside of a bridge.

Wolford was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Ernest Casebolt. He was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, which is still under investigation.

State Trooper Jared Alfrey was the first one to arrive at the scene and was assisted by the Pike County Sheriff's Department, Pike County Coroner's Office, DHP Ambulance Service and Phelps Volunteer Fire Department.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Partly cloudy
High: 32 • Low: 22

Tomorrow
Wintery mix
High: 26 • Low: 29

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Obituaries

Edgel "Delano" Davis Jr.

Edgel "Delano" Davis, Jr., age 73, of Nokomis, Florida, formerly of Hueysville, passed away Monday, January 29, 2007, at the Sarasota Hospice House, Sarasota, Florida.

He was born November 19, 1933, in Hueysville, the son of the late Edgel Davis and Nannie Patton Davis. He was a retired construction worker, and an U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include two sons: Edgel Davis III, of Old Town, Florida; Hezekiah James Davis of Fremont, Indiana; a daughter, Deloris Corbin of Nokomis, Florida; a brother, Carmel Ray Davis of Hippo; three sisters: Sandy Manns and Sally Adkins, both of Hueysville, and June Salyers of Ashland; and six grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers: Johnnie Darrell Davis and Franklin Elmo Davis; and two sisters: Thelma Osborne and Brenda Joyce Centers.

Funeral services for Edgel "Delano" Davis Jr., will be conducted Saturday, February 3, at noon, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Cooley Family Cemetery, in Eastern, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is Friday, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Orville (Tom) Hall

Orville (Tom) Hall, age 74, of Harold, died Friday, January 26, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born November 19, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Willie and Florence Hall. He was a former mechanic in the construction business, and a member of the Church of Christ at Betsy Layne.

He is survived by his wife, Rothery Evans Hall.

Other survivors include his children: Sharon Hall (Kevin), of Harold; Sanderl Hall (Bobby), Tommy Hall (Miranda), Charlotte Hall (Richard Lane), Timmy Hall (Loretta), Scottie Hall, and Tammy Clark (Christopher), all of Galveston; five brothers: Forrest Hall of Paintsville; O. C. Hall of Grethel; Phil Hall and Willie Hall Jr., of Lorain, Ohio; and Ottis Hall of Harold; two sisters: Shirley Bauer of Paramount, California; and Ruby Keathley of Betsy Layne; 14 grandchil-

dren: Selina, Shelia, Tina, P.J., Timmy, Calvin, Anthony, Amy, Earl, Ryan, Casey, Syrvelvia, Jessica, and Wendy; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Ray Hall and Oliver Hall; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 29, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Tommy Spears officiating.

Burial was in the Greenberry Hall Cemetery in Galveston, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Hattie Jarrell

Hattie Jarrell, age 79, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born February 23, 1927, in Endicott, she was the daughter of the late John and Virgie Burchett Fannin. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Benedict Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: James E. and Brenda Jarrell of Prestonsburg; a daughter and son-in-law: Joann and Ronnie Goble of Prestonsburg; a brother, Charles Fannin of Prestonsburg; six sisters: Sarah Endicott of Homer, Michigan; Edna Faye Farmer of Marshall, Michigan; Mary Bell Rose and Alice Jarvis, both of Prestonsburg; Gypsie Jean Huff of Arkansas; and Louella Straight of Jackson, Michigan; a half-sister, Dorothy McCloud of Marshall, Michigan; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jackie Lee (Buddy) Jarrell; four brothers: Grover Fannin, Bourbon Fannin, Braxton Fannin, and Ballard Fannin; five sisters: Effie Thompson, Magaline Blackburn, Laura Jarrell, Angie Blackburn, and Wynonia Fannin; a half-brother, Perry Fannin; and two half-sisters: Ruth Jarrell and Mary Alice Fannin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 31, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Bill Collins and Bud Crum officiating.

Burial will be in the Jarrell Family Cemetery, at Slick Rock, in Prestonsburg, under

the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Norcie Lee Lewis Jarrell

Norcie Lee Lewis Jarrell, age 69, of Paintsville, died Sunday, January 28, 2007, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville.

Born September 15, 1937, in Endicott, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Lee and Maudie Jervis Lewis. She was a member of Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, and a retired janitor at Prestonsburg High School.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Jarrell.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law: Troy Gene and Frieda Jarrell of Flat Gap; John Henry Jarrell of Lexington; James Allen and Selena Jarrell of Staffordsville; and John Anthony and Heather Jarrell of Lexington; a daughter and son-in-law: Charlotte Jarrell and Richard Powers of Auxier; a brother, Charles Lewis of Prestonsburg; a sister, Mary Alice Goble of Prestonsburg; 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Ollie Lewis, Glenn Lewis, Richard Lewis, and Woodrow Lewis (her twin); a sister, Edna Faye Burchett; and a great-grandchild, Keith Hunter Taulbee.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 31, at 1 p.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer, Southie Fannin Jr., and Robert Shane Powers officiating.

Burial will be in the Burchett Cemetery, Cow Creek, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation, at the church. (Paid obituary)

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Joe Alex Poe

Joe Alex Poe, age 70, of Salyersville, died Friday, January 26, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born September 23, 1936, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Ned Poe Jr., and Mary Ellen Hughes Poe. He was a general laborer for a concrete construction company.

Survivors include six brothers and sisters-in-law: Bill Henry and Christine Poe of

Salyersville; Leonard Edward and Francis Poe of David; Charles Gene and Vicky Poe of Prestonsburg; Johnny Bruce and Kathy Poe of North Manchester, Indiana; Isaac (Ike) and Alpha Poe of Prestonsburg; and Malcolm Poe of Claypool, Indiana; sisters and brothers-in-law: Pauline and Joner Ousley of Claypool, Indiana; Dorothy and Doug Smith of Scotts, Michigan; and Goldie and Lon Ed Shepherd of Waddy; a companion of many years, Eula Mae Ousley; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 30, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Carl Hughes and Richard Shepherd officiating.

Burial was in the Fitzpatrick Cemetery, Middle Creek, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Active pallbearers: Chris Poe, Joe Poe, Larry Wells, Tommy Marsillett, Richard Mollette, Lon Ed Shepherd, Michael Ousley, and Doug Smith. (Paid obituary)

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Nancy Jane Stephens Wallace, RN

Nancy Jane Stephens Wallace, 95, died Friday, January 26, 2007, at her home in Prestonsburg.

Born in Stanton, May 14, 1911, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Elizabeth Swango Stephens. She was a registered nurse, retired from the Floyd County Health Department. She was one of the first public health nurses in Floyd County. She lived an active life of service to the community and region. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg, the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31, Prestonsburg Homemakers, Methodist Womens Circle, and the Floyd County Board of Health for 19 years.

She is survived by a daugh-

ter, Dr. Zella Wells of Paintsville; a son, Dr. Gabriel R. Wallace of Huntsville, Alabama; a granddaughter, Dr. Pamela Jane Wallace of Huntsville, and a grandson, Jeffery Wayne Wallace of Houston, Texas; and one great-grandson, Jonathan Nelson of Huntsville. She is also survived by one sister, Callie Gambill of Catlettsburg.

She was preceded in death by Robert J. Wallace, her husband of 65 years, who died September 29, 1999; six sisters; and two brothers.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and provided nursing care to thousands of eastern Kentuckians throughout her distinguished career. In 1987, she was awarded a commendation by the U.S. Department of Health for outstanding service

to the field of public health.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 30, at 1:00 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home, with Dr. Harold Dorsey and Rev. Robert Coppings officiating.

Interment was at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Serving as pallbearers: Brian Derickson, Bradley Derickson, Tommy Wallace, Mike McCormick, Ashland Gearheart, John D. Sammons, Ralph Davis Jr., Bob Lewandowski and "Little" Shag Branham.

Contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 256 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who supported me and my family during the recent loss of my Dad, Stewart "Joey" Howard. Throughout this time of sadness I have been constantly reminded of how blessed my family and I are to be surrounded by such thoughtful and caring friends. A special thanks to the Kentucky State Police for their help in honoring my Dad in a way that I know he would want. He will be truly missed by all those whose lives he touched. Thanks again, and God Bless.

SELINA HOWARD

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God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He looked down on His earth and saw my sister's loving face. He put His arms around her and lifted her to rest. He knew that she was suffering, He knew she was in pain. She truly was an angel sent from God in Heaven above. So please understand why we still cry, You don't know how we are feeling or how much we still hurt. People think we should go on with our life, but without you, we have none. But deep down we are so sad, our life now has changed forever. We'll never be the same again, Not today, not tomorrow, but never. Each and every day it's hard to remember you. But we will never forget you. You are in our hearts and soul. It breaks our heart every day that you are not here, but we know that you are flying with the angels. We love you, Judy, you are deeply missed. When we saw you sleeping, so calm and free of pain, We would not wish you back to earth to suffer once again. You now will never hurt again, Judy. So go fly with the angels, we will meet again in that loving place.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email to: features@floydcountytimes.com. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

HRMC February Calendar

Kiwanis: Feb. 1, 8; Meeting Place B; 12-1:30 p.m.
 Childbirth: Feb. 10; Board Room; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Senior Advantage: Feb. 13; East Kentucky Science Center; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 Kiwanis: Feb. 15, 20; Meeting Room C; 12-1:30 p.m.

Ky. Mountain Dental Society: Feb. 24; Meeting Place A & B; 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course: Feb. 26, 27; Meeting Place A & B; 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes Support Group: Feb. 28; Meeting Place A & B; 5-6:00 p.m.

For more information concerning these support groups, contact the Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

Big Sandy Regional Citizen Corps meeting planned

The quarterly meeting of the Big Sandy Regional Citizen Corps Council will be held on February 8, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., at the Big Sandy Area Development District, located at 110 Resource Court at Cliffside. A representative from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security will be attending the meeting and answering any questions that the public might have. The

public is encouraged to attend. Please contact Jeff Sizemore at 606-886-2374 or jeff.sizemore@bigsandy.org to RSVP by February 5, 2007.

SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, to assist people in filing claims for Social Security retirement, disability and survivors benefits. People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung (BL), and a Social Security Number (SSN).

The representative will also assist in filing appeals and answering questions:

The representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic on the following dates for the next quarter:

Tuesday, February 13; and Tuesday, February 17.
 Tuesday, March 13; and Tuesday, March 27.

Hillbilly Travel Club

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A \$100 deposit must be paid no later than Feb. 10 for those wishing to take the Washington, DC trip.

ACHS Class of '96

The Allen Central High School Class of 1996 will be holding their 10-year reunion. For more information, call Amanda at 285-9491 or Leslie at 886-8003.

PHS Class of '97

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14,

2007 at the Best Western, Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please send in all of their personal information including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome. Classmates may send their information to pbs97@bellsouth.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet the FIRST Monday of each month, at 7 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

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Michael E. Toner, the chairman of the Federal Election Commission, last week estimated that the unofficial entry fee for the 2008 presidential race will be at least \$100 million. Candidates who haven't raised that much by the end of 2007 might just as well not leave the barn.

To raise \$100 million, a candidate has to raise \$8.33 million a month, almost \$2 million a week, nearly \$274,000 a day. Every hour of every day, waking or sleeping, he or she has to find five Americans willing to give the maximum \$2,100 donation to his or her primary election campaign fund, plus a few smaller donors. Whoever wins the nomination has to start all over again; the eventual cost of winning the presidency in 2008 will be at least \$500 million.

There is a word for this: "Obscene."

Thirty years ago, fresh from the revelations that big-money donors to Richard M. Nixon campaign fund had funded the Watergate operation, Congress enacted reform laws. Taxpayers could check off a box on their income tax form to help pay for presidential elections; candidates who agreed to abide by the spending limits were eligible for federal matching funds.

The idea was to take some of the influence of big money out of politics, while still abiding by the Supreme Court's decision that campaign donations were a protected form of speech. It wasn't perfect, but it was something. It made it possible for candidates who didn't kowtow to big-money interests to be competitive. Naturally, big-money interests quickly found ways around it, first with "soft money" contributions to party committees and, after that was outlawed, with contributions to special entities set up under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

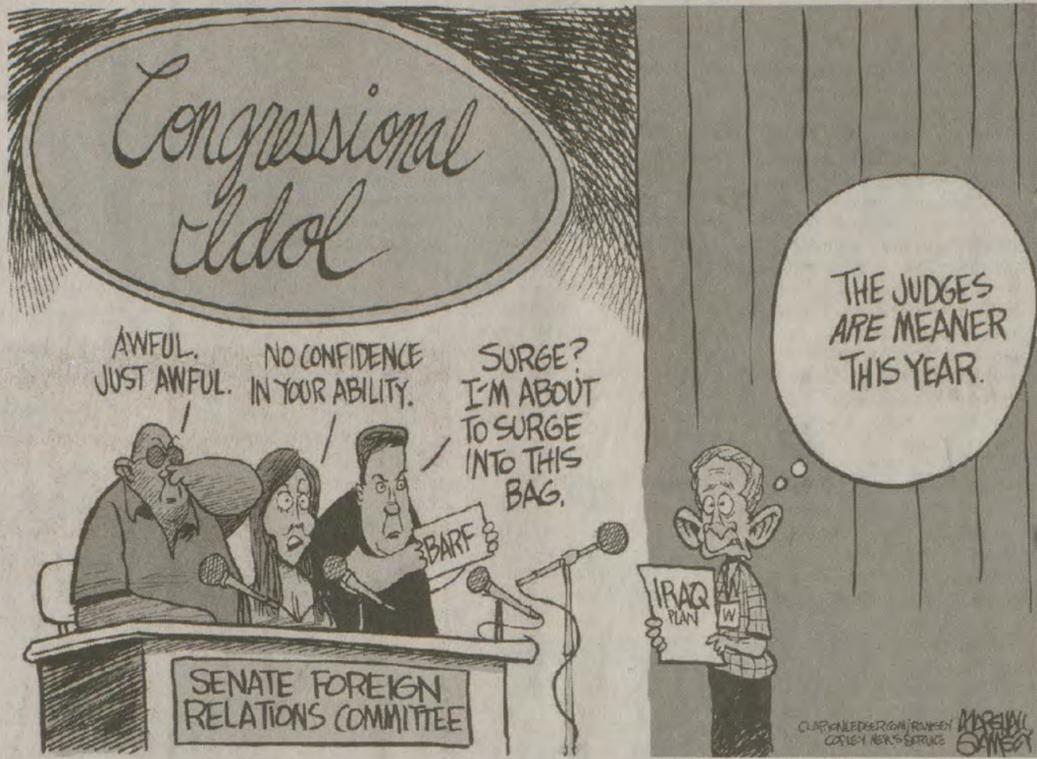
But with the ever-growing importance of television ad campaigns, and with states moving their delegate selection processes up in the calendar, candidates found they needed more money, and they needed it earlier. In 2004, both President George W. Bush and his Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., opted out of the public financing limits in their primary races. Bush raised and spent \$270 million before the GOP convention and Kerry raised and spent \$235 million before he was nominated. Had they stuck with the federal matching funds, they would have been limited to about \$125 million each.

Now comes Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who, in announcing her bid for the presidency, said she wasn't interested in the federal matching funds at all. That triggered a kind of arms race among other candidates. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., are expected to follow suit, as are Republicans Sen. John McCain of Arizona, former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

The arms race already has caused some would-be candidates to drop out. Who knows if Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., or former Gov. Mark Warner, D-Va., could have caught fire? Who knows if Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., or former Gov. Mike Huckabee, R-Ark., will want to spend the next year raising money? Who knows if Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico or former Gov. Tom Vilsack of Iowa can raise enough money to stay in the Democratic race? The test of a person's qualifications to be president should be ideas and experience, not the ability to raise cash.

It's too late to do anything about the problem for the 2008 campaign, but whoever is elected must pledge to restore and expand public financing for campaigns. Meanwhile, America is getting shortchanged.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch



Letters

More pressing issues

We would like to preface our opinion and comments with the fact that my husband was a better than 50-year resident of Floyd County and I more than 16 years. We have also had our children attend school in Floyd County.

We know and understand and have been victim to the cyclic political and narrow minded thought processes that so heavily burden that area of the country. There were many years that we too saw "our way of living in Floyd County" as being the only and more importantly the right way.

Well that myth has since been disabled since we found Christ and He moved us outside the box. We have a new view on the world and most importantly our hometown.

You might not think that news travels far but items of a controversial nature can develop wings and go into places that feet can't travel. Is this how we want our area of the world to be represented?

We have watched the area lose lives through an epidemic that has more of a hold on our young people than a flag or the thoughtless opinions of onlookers who simply want something else to talk about. Illegal drugs

have saturated the hills and hollers of eastern Kentucky. We see small steps being taken toward making those accountable for poor choices but I'm afraid that the efforts of some becomes redirected by insignificant and obviously trivial topics.

Please don't discount the monumental task that John K. Blackburn has as Sheriff of Floyd County is faced with. We appreciate the difference that his work is contributing to the cause. I'm sure when he reads this letter that he has a view similar to ours.

Our nephew spoke at one of the meetings held concerning the flag topic and he spoke from personal experience as a student of Allen Central and being of Hispanic descent. Our observation is the only biased, prejudice or hate that reveals itself is that which is placed in the minds and hearts of our children by adults. No one is born hating; this is a behavior that is learned. If it's allowed and nurtured it can become a less than desirable trait that destroys people, families and communities. It can be as deadly as the drugs that are circulating through the community today. Either way, good or bad life is about choices.

Is Floyd County going to continue to choose to be the victim of generations of poor choices or are they going to pass on the torch of qualities that

are of good report such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are the things that we MUST concentrate on as God has prepared the road to be traveled.

Our prayer of hope is with all of our family and friends in Floyd County and we would like to hear and read that other pressing issues are being tackled head on instead of the mascot of emblem of a school. Band together as a community and become the catalyst to a brighter tomorrow!

David and Sarah Martin
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Pike service offers free tax preparation, bigger refunds

by MICHAEL CORNETT
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What would you do with up to \$4,500 in extra cash in your pocket? If you earned less than \$36,348 in 2006, you should be asking yourself that question thanks to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

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and file your tax return, including helping you determine how much refund you are eligible for under the EITC.

At the Pike County JobSight, staff trained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will prepare and file your tax returns and review the details of the EITC with you to figure out exactly how large of a credit you deserve. Your tax returns will be filed electronically, meaning you will receive your refund as quickly as possible. The services are provided free of charge.

The staff also can determine if you have been eligible

for the EITC during the past three years and help you file amended tax returns for those years to claim any past EITC refunds.

Getting free tax preparation and finding out how much bigger your refund can be through the EITC is as easy as contacting the Pike County JobSight, where those services will be offered free of charge beginning Jan. 23. The Pike County JobSight is located within the Pikeville Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 South Riverfill Drive. Call Jim Stewart at 218-2106 to schedule an appointment.

According to EITC guidelines, families with two or more children who earned less than \$36,348 in 2006 (or less than \$38,348 if married and filing jointly) could get a credit

of up to \$4,536. Families with one child who earned less than \$32,001 (or less than \$34,001 if married and filing jointly) could get a credit of up to \$2,747. Workers without children who earned less than \$12,120 (or less than \$14,120 if married and filing jointly) could get a credit of up to \$412.

Taxpayers are not eligible for the EITC if they file as "married, filing separately."

Tax officials estimate more than 22 million taxpayers collected more than \$41 billion in EITC payments nationally last year. However, 15 to 25 percent of the taxpayers who qualify for bigger refunds through EITC do not claim them. As much as \$125 million could be added into Kentucky's economy if all who are eligible for EITC claim it this year.

When you call the Pike County JobSight to schedule an appointment for the free tax preparation service, staff will tell you what financial and tax-related information to bring to your appointment. You can also get detailed directions. It's your money, so keep more of it with the EITC.

The EITC free tax preparation service is brought to you through a grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the combined efforts of: the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP); Bell, Clay, Perry, and Pike County JobSights; Hazard/Perry County Community Ministries; Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency; Big Sandy Area Community Action Program; Daniel Boone Council;

L.K.L.P. Community Action Council; Owsley County Action Team; Kentucky Office for Employment and Training; Hazard/Perry County Housing Development Alliance; and the Kentucky Department for Community Based Services. The service is part of the Kentucky Asset Success Initiative, which also includes EITC efforts in Clay, Bell, Owsley, Daviess, Magoffin, Whitley, Pulaski, Perry, and Jefferson counties.

Contact the free tax preparation site at the Pike County JobSight today and ask about scheduling an appointment if you think you might be eligible for the EITC. You don't have to wait any longer to reclaim the cash that is already yours, and you don't have to pay for help filing your tax return in order to get it.

Local students win Imagine America Scholarships

PIKEVILLE — Cindy Chafin, of Hardy, Tracy Coleman, of Pinsonfork, Derek Thacker, of Turkey Creek, Rebecca Wallace, of Prestonsburg, Whitney Williams, of Shelbyana, and Naioma Wolford, of Canada, are winners of the Imagine America Scholarship.

The Imagine America Scholarship exists to aid high school seniors planning to attend a career college. Graduating seniors from secondary schools with a GPA of at least 2.5 may be considered for the Imagine America Scholarship. This award is funded by National College and up to three \$1,000 scholarships may be awarded for each participating high school. Wallace and Williams are planning to attend the Pikeville Campus of National College. Coleman, Thacker and Wolford are all currently attending in Pikeville.

The Pikeville Campus, located on 50 National College

Blvd., has been educating students in the Eastern Kentucky region since 1975. The campus offers 5 associate degree programs and 7 diploma programs in fields of business, computer, and health care education.

National College is celebrating 120 years of higher education dedicated to the training and educating of men and women for a full life and a successful career in a number of general and particular fields. Founded in 1886 in Roanoke, Virginia, the College continues to develop students intellectually, culturally and socially. The college enrolls more than 7,000 students at 21 campus locations in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, and Indiana.

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Floyd County, Allen win trophies for Roadside PRIDE

SOMERSET — Floyd County and the City of Allen won trophies yesterday at the fourth annual Roadside PRIDE Awards ceremony at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. The county and city earned first place among counties and cities of their size. Both were first-time winners.

The friendly Roadside PRIDE competition was held during October 2006. Counties and cities in southern and eastern Kentucky earned points for the number of volunteers they recruited, number of road miles cleaned, and amount of trash collected. Counties and cities competed in population-based classes, with Class 1 being for the smallest populations.

Floyd County competed in Class 4, which included counties with populations above 30,000. The county recruited 1,127 volunteers, cleaned 14 road miles, and picked up 14,052 bags of trash and 34 old tires. The participation of 10 local schools — public and private — played a big role in helping the county win its first Roadside PRIDE Award. 1,047 students volunteered 1,695 hours cleaning their school campuses and nearby roadways. They collected 1,024 bags of trash and 20 tires.

Allen competed in Class 4 against other cities with fewer than 1,000 residents. The city recruited 16 volunteers, cleaned 2.5 road miles, and picked up 410 bags of trash and 15 old tires. This was the first time the city competed in the annual Roadside PRIDE competition.

The Roadside PRIDE competition was sponsored by the



Floyd County and the city of Allen won their first-ever Roadside PRIDE Awards Monday. State Environmental and Public Protection Secretary Teresa J. Hill, left, and PRIDE Chairwoman Jean Dorton, right, presented the trophies to Floyd County PRIDE Coordinator Marie Martin-Holbrook and her daughter, Shawna Marie Holbrook.

nonprofit Eastern Kentucky PRIDE Inc., which spearheads an environmental cleanup and education campaign in southern and eastern Kentucky. Across the region, a total of 5,493 volunteers participated and 20,095 bags of trash were collected. PRIDE provided cleanup supplies to Roadside PRIDE participants and reimbursed local governments for their trash disposal expenses.

"Keeping our roads litter free is one of the easiest ways to improve the appearance of our region" said Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), who founded PRIDE. "Through joint efforts like Roadside

PRIDE, we are making our region cleaner and more prosperous. I encourage everyone to build on this momentum and help keep our roads clean in 2007."

"I congratulate the Roadside PRIDE winners on a job well done," Rogers added. "Your community spirit served you well. Elected officials and citizens alike should take pride in what you accomplished by working together as a team."

"Roadside PRIDE taps each community's competitive spirit to beautify the roads that connect us," said Richard Thomas, PRIDE Executive Director. "Neighboring communities

have fun 'talking trash' with each other, the top performers take home trophies, and we all benefit from cleaner road-sides."

The PRIDE initiative promotes Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment in 38 counties. Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, started PRIDE in 1997 to provide government resources to local citizens as they work to clean up the region's environment. PRIDE is funded by grants from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Two candidates enter race to fill Stumbo's spot on last day to file

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Two candidates entered the attorney general's fray Tuesday, a day after the incumbent Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced he was taking a chance at higher office.

Republican state Rep. Stan Lee of Lexington and Democrat Jack Conway of Louisville threw their names into an attorney general field that now tallies six — two Democrats and four Republicans.

Stumbo, a Democrat in his first term, declared Monday he was foregoing a second term to serve as millionaire Bruce Lunsford's running mate.

With hours left before Tuesday's filing deadline, Lee announced his candidacy before filing the required paperwork mak-

ing it official.

Conway, who lost a tight congressional race to former U.S. Rep. Anne Northup in 2002, also filed Tuesday.

Lee said that as attorney general he would push for tougher laws against sexual offenders, and fight drug abuse and gang activity among illegal immigrants.

"I have the right kind of experience," said Lee, who has been a state representative since 2001. "I promise to treat the office of attorney general as a full-time job."

Conway said he would focus on things such as being an advocate for consumers.

"I want the office and it was just an opportunity that I couldn't pass up," Conway said at a Capitol rally attended by state Auditor Crit Luallen and former Kentucky Supreme Court Justice John Palmore.

Conway's entry made the May 22 Democratic primary a two-way race, but it was possible for more candidates to enter before Tuesday's 4 p.m. deadline. Conway faces Robert Bullock, a former longtime assistant attorney general.

Three other Republicans have filed — Louisville lawyer Philip Kimball, Jon Larson and Tim Coleman.

Conway's name had been mentioned as a possible candidate for either governor or lieutenant governor, but Conway said he was not looking at the attorney general position as a springboard to higher office.

Conway said the fact that he had not previously held public office and was mostly known within Jefferson County contributed to his decision.

"I'm known in Jefferson County, but I need to begin a dialogue with people statewide," he said.

Stumbo

which he serves as chairman and chief executive officer. He also is a thoroughbred horse owner and breeder and a partner in a Louisville film production company whose film, "Grace Is Gone," won the audience award for favorite U.S. drama as chosen by balloting among Sundance movie-goers. The movie is a tear-jerker starring John Cusack as a father who takes his young daughters on a road trip to postpone breaking the news that their Army sergeant mother has been killed in Iraq.

Lunsford's running mate, Attorney General Greg Stumbo, led the investigation into Fletcher's administration. The governor was indicted last year on charges that he illegal-

ly rewarded political supporters with protected state jobs.

The indictment was dismissed in a deal with prosecutors, but the special grand jury later issued its findings in the case, saying Fletcher had approved a "widespread and coordinated plan" to skirt state hiring laws.

Fletcher has maintained that the investigation was politically motivated.

Other candidates who have declared for the May 22 Democratic primary are state Treasurer Jonathan Miller, demolition contractor Otis Hensley, Lexington attorney Gatewood Galbraith, House Speaker Jody Richards and former lieutenant governors Steve Henry and Steve Beshear.

Suspect

continued to flee.

The chase continued on to Hannah Branch and then on to a rough dirt road, which given the snowy conditions on that night did not allow for Goble to pursue the vehicle any further. Lemaster traveled on the road until his truck stalled out of Goble's sight. Nancy Lemaster was able to escape and fled on foot back to Goble's car.

Nancy Lemaster was transported to Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center following the incident and was treated and released.

Police continued to look for Charles Lemaster and, after receiving anonymous tips from the public, he was arrested at a residence in the

Leander community of Johnson County on Tuesday at approximately 2 p.m.

Charles Lemaster is lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center and charged with kidnapping, second-degree assault, first degree unlawful imprisonment, first-degree burglary, three counts first-degree wanton endangerment, violation of a protective order and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon. He is also charged with assault and unlawful imprisonment in relation to a prior incident in Lawrence County.

Representatives of KSP said they appreciate all of the support they received from the community which led to the arrest of Lemaster.

Robberies

Police searched the area following the incident but were unsuccessful in locating him.

The next morning at approximately 8 a.m., KSP received another phone call regarding an armed robbery, this time at the Gas 'N' Go in Garrett. Once again, the suspect was described as a white male wearing a green jacket and dark ski mask. The suspect fled the scene on foot with an undetermined amount of cash, but this time was later located

hiding behind a wall.

Kevin J. Slone, 27, of Garrett, was arrested and interviewed by police, at which time he reportedly confessed to both robberies.

Both cases are still under investigation.

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The Republican side of the race has drawn former Rep. Anne Northup of Louisville and businessman Billy Harper of Paducah.

Kentucky is one of three states that will elect a governor in 2007.

Don Dugi, a political science professor at Transylvania University in Lexington, said he's not sure how appealing Lunsford will be to Democrats after having endorsed Fletcher last time around.

"It's hard to read at this point, but I imagine that initial

reaction will certainly be a bit of suspicion," Dugi said. "I really, at this point, wouldn't label him the leading contender by any stretch of the imagination."

Lunsford was appointed by Fletcher to head a 15-member commission charged with studying the efficiency and organization of state government. Lunsford expressed regret Monday for supporting Fletcher.

"The mistake was I really overestimated Ernie," Lunsford said.

Wicker

charges in Floyd County, was charged June 15 with receiving stolen property valued at over \$300, which included plates, jewelry and Dale Earnhardt memorabilia.

Wicker was arrested June 6 for the theft and burglary of what turned out to be estimated at more than \$300,000 worth of items stolen from at least nine homes in Floyd County. Prestonsburg police recovered more than 1,000

pieces of evidence, including many items that had been packaged and readied for delivery to buyers on eBay.

At the time of her arrest, the seller's account which was registered to Wicker and another Floyd County woman who received a 10-year sentence in the same case showed that more than 1,000 items had been sold prior to their arrests and another 93 items were on sale.

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It is during times of trouble and sorrow that the faithfulness and kindness of others really shine. The family of Delmar Hunter wish it to be known, to all our family and friends, that we are grateful beyond what mere words can express, for all the love, care and respect given during our time of grief. Although our world right now is much dimmer, we realize that through our friends and loved ones, we can face each day with a renewed hope. We would like to recognize with special thanks, the following people: The Main Street Church of Christ, Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Parkview Nursing Home, and the Disabled American Veterans.

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Wallace, who was born and raised in Floyd County, was a retired public health nurse. She served 19 years on the Floyd County Board of Health and received an award from the U.S. Department of Health in 1987 for outstanding service in the field of public health.

Lisa Keith's brother, Danny Keith, said his sister was the kind of person who would go out of her way to help anyone and everyone that she could.

"It was ironic that this is how she died," said Danny Keith, who drove from Kokomo, Ind., on Monday to look over what remained of the residence before his sister's body was taken to Fort Smith, Ark., for burial this weekend. "Our house burnt down when I was in high

school in 1983 and we lost everything then."

"She was well-loved by the church and everyone that knew her; she couldn't say no to anyone who asked her for help," Keith said.

Lisa Keith became friends with Jane Wallace after meeting her at First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. Keith spent a lot of time helping Wallace with her activities around the house such as cooking, cleaning and grocery shopping.

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Biographical info on candidates for governor

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REPUBLICANS

NAME: Ernie Fletcher
AGE: 54
HOME: Frankfort
FAMILY: Married to Glenna Fletcher, with two children.
OCCUPATION: Kentucky governor

PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: Fletcher began his political career as a state representative in 1994. He was elected to the U.S. House in 1998. He ran for governor and was elected in 2003, beating former Attorney General Ben Chandler. His administration has been dogged by a patronage investigation that he has called politically motivated. Before politics, Fletcher served as an F-4E aircraft commander and NORAD Alert Force commander. He worked as a family practice physician for 12 years and served as CEO of the Saint Joseph Medical Foundation.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1974; medical degree from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.
RUNNING MATE: Robbie Rudolph, secretary of the Executive Cabinet
WEBSITE: <http://www.erniefletcher.com>

NAME: Billy Harper
AGE: 62
HOME: Paducah
FAMILY: Married to Laura Harper, with four grown children.

OCCUPATION: Owner of Harper Industries, a holding company for several construction-related businesses
PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: He was chairman of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in 1989-90 and has promoted education reform as a stimulus for economic development. He once was the chief fundraiser for Gov. Ernie Fletcher but decided to run against Fletcher, saying he is too politically weak to win a second term. He's also a professional racecar driver.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1966.
RUNNING MATE: Paducah businessman Dick Wilson
WEBSITE: <http://www.harperforgovernor.com>

NAME: Anne Meagher Northrup
AGE: 59
HOME: Louisville
FAMILY: Married to Robert "Woody" Northrup and mother of six children.

OCCUPATION: Former member of Congress, state representative, teacher and Ford Motor Co. employee
PARTY: Republican
EXPERIENCE: Northrup was a state representative from 1987 to 1996 and won five terms as a member of the U.S. House from 1997 to 2006.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in economics and business from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind., in 1970.
RUNNING MATE: Kentucky House Minority Leader Jeff Hoover
WEBSITE: <http://www.northup-hoover2007.com>

DEMOCRATS
NAME: Steven L. Beshear
AGE: 62
HOME: Lexington
FAMILY: Married to Jane Beshear, with two children and one grandchild.
OCCUPATION: Lawyer at Stites & Harbison
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Elected to state House of Representatives in 1974, elected Kentucky attorney general in 1979 and elected lieutenant governor in 1983. Ran for governor, but lost, in the 1987 Democratic

primary. Also lost 1996 bid for U.S. Senate.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in history from the University of Kentucky in 1966; law degree from UK in 1968.

RUNNING MATE: State Sen. Daniel Mongiardo
WEBSITE: <http://www.stevebeshear.com>

NAME: Gatewood Galbraith
AGE: 60
HOME: Lexington
FAMILY: Single
OCCUPATION: Attorney
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Galbraith is a perennial candidate in Kentucky politics. He's run for governor four times, twice as a Democrat, twice as a Reform Party candidate. He was a Reform Party nominee for U.S. House in 2000. He ran as an independent in the 2003 attorney general's race. He's been a longtime advocate of medical marijuana use.

EDUCATION: Law degree from the University of Kentucky in 1977.
RUNNING MATE: Transportation Cabinet employee Mark Wireman
WEBSITE: <http://www.gatewood.com>

NAME: Steve Henry
AGE: 53
HOME: Louisville
FAMILY: Married to Heather French Henry, a former Miss America; two children.

OCCUPATION: Orthopedic surgeon
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Served two terms as lieutenant governor under the administration of Gov. Paul Patton from 1995 to 2003. He became embroiled in a medical misbilling case brought by federal prosecutors. He maintained he did nothing wrong, but settled the lawsuit by paying the federal government more than \$150,000. He also helped develop beads containing large doses of antibiotics that can be packed directly into soldiers' wounds on the battlefield or in other emergency situations. He holds appointments at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.
EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in biology from Western Kentucky University in 1976; medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1981.

RUNNING MATE: Renee True, Fayette County property valuation administrator.
WEBSITE: <http://www.HenryTrueforKY.com>

NAME: Otis Hensley
AGE: 50
HOME: Wallins Creek
FAMILY: Married Sidney Mae Hensley, with two grown sons.

OCCUPATION: Owner of Hensley Construction, a firm that demolishes buildings on land acquired for highway right-of-way projects.

PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Hensley has owned his company for eight years. He also worked for Harlan Farmer's Supply for 20 years as a delivery truck driver and salesman. He's been hauling a large fiberglass bull from town to town, remarking that he'll "run the bull out of Frankfort."
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OCCUPATION: Chairman and chief executive officer of Lunsford Capital, a Louisville private investment firm. He also is a thoroughbred horse owner and breeder and partner in a Louisville film production company.
PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Commerce secretary in the administration of former Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. in early 1980s; dropped out of race for Democratic gubernatorial nomination days before the primary election of 2003.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in political science from University of Kentucky; law degree from Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University.

RUNNING MATE: Attorney General Greg

Stumbo
WEBSITE: <http://www.lunsfordstumbo2007.com>

NAME: Jonathan Miller
AGE: 38
HOME: Lexington
FAMILY: Married to Lisa Miller, with two daughters.
OCCUPATION: State treasurer

PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: First elected in 1999, Miller is in his second term. He formed a bipartisan commission to determine how to best promote better financial literacy among Kentucky citizens.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's and law degree from Harvard.
RUNNING MATE: Jefferson County Attorney Irv Maze

WEBSITE: <http://www.millermaze.com>

NAME: Jody Richards
AGE: 68
HOME: Bowling Green

FAMILY: Married to Neva Richards, with one son.

OCCUPATION: House Speaker; owner of Superior Books Inc.

PARTY: Democrat
EXPERIENCE: Richards has been House speaker since 1995. He was first elected in 1975. He has been chairman of the House Education Committee; was elected chairman of the Majority Caucus in 1987-1994; and was chairman of the Southern Legislative Conference from 2000-01. He narrowly finished second in the 2003 Democratic gubernatorial primary to Ben Chandler, who lost to Fletcher.

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in English from Kentucky Wesleyan; master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

RUNNING MATE: Former Secretary of State John Y. Brown III

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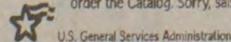


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State takes steps to address needs of aging baby boomers

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — What for decades was simply a warning is becoming reality: A huge population of baby boomers have become bona fide senior citizens.

With that in mind, Kentucky officials are pushing to ensure that boomers, the first of whom turn 60 this year, have adequate services as they enter their later years.

That means communities around the state need to make sure businesses are accessible, sidewalks are safe, elevators are numerous, and home-builders stop constructing so many "Peter Pan houses" for people who think they'll never grow old, because the 60-plus population is about to explode.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher has created the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living to help make sure that hundreds of thousands of boomers in the state have the services and resources they need in years to come.

"By being proactive, Kentucky will be better prepared to provide needed services, deal with the economic and social impacts and meet challenges we are anticipating from a growing aging population," Fletcher said Friday.

His administration has also begun what's known as the Kentucky Elder Readiness Initiative, a collaborative effort that involves government workers and university researchers in identifying potential problems and recommending solutions as the largest segment of the state's population grows old.

"I think we've taken fairly significant steps in the right direction," said Mark Birdwhistell, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. "This is government facilitating the initiative to raise awareness of what we need to do to be prepared for the growing senior population. Government alone can't do this. We're creating the mechanism through which

all sectors of our society will become aware and become engaged in the solution."

Leaders of the readiness initiative have been working to identify strengths and weaknesses in services to the elderly at the state and local levels, and among public and private providers.

While the aging of the baby boomers will affect all states, the increase in Kentucky's elderly population is projected to be much greater than for the nation as a whole.

In Kentucky, which now has nearly 675,000 residents older than 60, nearly a fourth of the population will be over

65 by 2030. And by 2050, more Kentuckians will be 65 or older than will be 18 or younger.

Dr. Graham Rowles, director of the University of Kentucky Center on Gerontology, said the 60-plus population in Kentucky will be one of the largest in the nation, which is why communities should be making plans now to deal with the needs of elderly baby boomers.

Birdwhistell said a series of public meetings across the state has helped to identify strengths and weaknesses at the community level. A more comprehensive study, howev-

er, is under way to determine just what is available as far as community resources to improve the quality of life for the elderly. That study will look at such areas as medical services for the elderly, geriatric care, even the availability of recreational activities.

Michael Childress, executive director of the Kentucky Long-Term Policy Research Center, said some regions of the state will have a much higher concentration of elderly residents than others.

Childress, in a report looking at how the aging population will affect government spending, said Kentucky will

be hit harder than most other states. Childress said Kentucky ranked 28th among the 50 states in the number of people 65 or older in 1995. By 2025, he said the state is expected to rank 14th.

The increase in the number of households headed by individuals 65 and older is important because retirees tend to pay fewer taxes, Childress said in the report. And some parts of Kentucky, especially the western and south-central portions, will have an even higher percentage of elderly.

"Consequently, these counties might begin to feel the effects on their tax bases soon-

er than others," Childress said.

Birdwhistell said the state has increased funding for programs to help the elderly. That includes more funding for programs that help senior citizens, including an additional \$7.5 million over the next two years for home health care and adult day care.

Lawmakers have also enacted tougher laws to protect senior citizens from elder abuse.

Birdwhistell said he's pleased with the steps Kentucky has taken.

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EKU President Joanne Glasser said Monday her university's BEACON — Bring Educational Access to the Commonwealth and Our Nation — would be launched with \$2.8 million in scholarships in the fall and would grow to \$9.9 million by 2010-2011. Eastern Kentucky will offer five kinds of scholarships, offering a variety of financial aid to students based on academic background and family income.

Morehead State's Eagle Access will cover the difference between the student's financial aid package and the full cost of attending school for students whose family income is at or below 120 percent of the federal poverty level, University President Wayne Andrews said.

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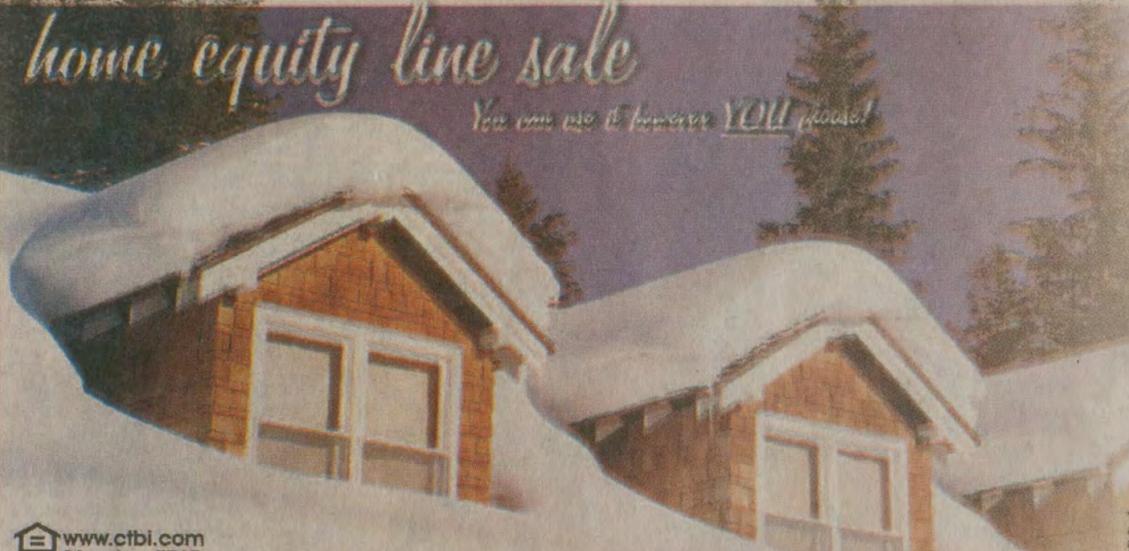
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 99' Eddie Bauer Explorer, loaded. \$5,495.
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EMPLOYMENT

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Job Listings

ROUTE DRIVER/ WAREHOUSE

Airgas has a career opportunity available for Route Driver/Warehouse position at our Prestonsburg, KY location. This position requires a minimum Class B CDL with HAZMAT & Tanker Endorsement. Knowledge of the welding industry & customer service experience is a plus. Airgas offers a competitive salary and benefits which include paid vacation days, holidays, sick days, 401(k), employee stock purchase plan, life insurance, short and long term disability. Please inquire at: **Airgas** Prestonsburg Water Gap Road, Jct 23 & Rt. 80 Prestonsburg KY 41653 Contact Mitch Walker Phone: (606)874-8001 EOE M/F/V/H Visit Airgas on the web at www.airgas.com.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Floyd County Health Department has an immediate opening for a Public Health Service Manager to oversee a new care management program, the Diabetes Center of Excellence. Minimum Education, Training, or Experience is a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in Nursing and two years of progressive responsibility in a supervisory or management capacity in a community or public health organization or a Bachelor's degree with four years experience in public health, community health or similar capacity that would demonstrate the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities. Minimum salary is 20.93 per hour. Job responsibilities will include financial budgeting and program and policy development. Candidates must have some computer and data collection skills and possess excellent written and oral communication skills. Applications may be obtained at and returned to the Floyd County Health Department at 283 Goble Street in Prestonsburg, KY by COB February 7th, 2007. Applicants must include a copy of current KY RN license and a transcript. The Floyd County Health Department is an Equal Employment

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JOB OPENING

Part time house keepers needed. Must have experience and work weekends. Come by and apply at Microtel Inn.

JOB OPENING

CDL Drivers needed. Apply in person at The HT Hackney Company. Harold, KY. Benefits available. Call 478-9591.

JOB OPENING

Employee needed for Dental Office. Could be full time part time. Computer experience would be helpful but not necessary. Send resume to 415 N. Lake Drive Ste. 201 Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

JOB OPENING

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MERCHANDISE

Furniture

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FOR SALE
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LEASE OR LAND CONTRACT. 2 BR AND LOT. Call 791-1986

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RENTALS

APARTMENT

United States Department of Labor
MSHA
 Mine Safety and Health Administration

COAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH INSPECTOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SCREENING

March 2-4, 2007
 Pikeville College
 Community Technology Center
 119 College Street
 Pikeville, KY 41501
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A minimum of one-year of mining experience performing a full range of tasks and operating a variety of equipment is required. After passing math and writing tests, interviews will be conducted for possible employment. Specific requirements and online registration for MSHA-07-030-KY-D6 is located at www.doors.dol.gov. Online advance registration closes February 16, 2007.

For more information about MSHA's Inspector Career Intern Program, and what to expect, please visit our website at www.msha.gov. Equal Opportunity Employer

FOR RENT
 New townhouses for lease 1500 Sq. feet with garages. 3 BR \$700 per month. \$700 deposit. Half mile from Highlands Regional Hospital. Call 606-886-8100 or 606-434-7715

FOR RENT
 1 BR efficiency Apt. for rent private parking, private lot. Furnished including TV. All utilities paid plus cable. \$475 per month plus \$250 deposit. 874-4330.

APT FOR RENT
 Newly remodeled unfurnished ground floor apartment. Located across from Floyd County Technical center on

FOR RENT
 2 BR 1 Bath Duplex Apt. Stove, refrigerator. US 23 and 80 City limits. \$485 + utilities. No pets 1 year lease.

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 1, 2, 3, 4 Bedrooms
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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 55 AND OLDER
 Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

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HOMES For Sale

73 S. Circle Dr. Prestonsburg, Briarwood subdivision. \$249,000. 2,307 Sq ft. 4 BR 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, L.R., Fam.R,DR completely remodeled like new. NEW-heating and cooling, carpet, tile, kitchen cabinets with Corian counter tops. In ground pool/ new liner and beautiful landscaping. Red Brown and Williams Real Estate, Teresa Preston. Call 789-8119 or 205-7890 www.rbandw.com

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HOUSES

FOR RENT
House and trailer at McDowell, must have references. Call 377-6346.

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3 BR 2 Bath Log
Home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill. Central H/A low utility bills. Large covered deck. Large storage barn. Acres of privacy. Open Oct 31. \$1090.00 month or best offer. 850-222-2226. Leave message

HOUSE FOR RENT
At Rt. 23 Allen intersection. Less than 100 yards off 23. Carport, garage, fenced in back yard, new kitchen. Immaculate inside and out! Call 606-886-2444.

HOUSE FOR RENT
2 BR in quiet Neighborhood. 886-3146 after 8:00 pm.

HOUSE FOR RENT
EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD
1600 Sq ft house 3 BR 2 bath, kitchen, utility room, heat pump, built in vacuum. Gated community, references and deposit required. Located in Knott County. No pets, available 12/29 call 438-6104.

Mobile Home

FOR RENT
2 BR total electric. Excellent condition. \$350 per month + utilities and security deposit. References required. Call 606-874-2802

FOR RENT
Doublewide for rent at Banner. Call 874-0267.

LEGALS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Prestonsburg will be accepting bids for the construction of a concession stand to be located at Stonecrest Recreational Fields. Bid must include labor and materials. Approximate size of the two-story building will be 1250 square feet, and is to be built to match the existing concession stand. For a copy of the Preliminary Plan, please contact Ronnie Rice at (606) 886-3537. Sealed bids must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 9, 2007, attn. City Clerk.

The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0341

Transfer
In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Appalachian Fuels, LLC, 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, KY 41102, intends to transfer permit number 836-0320 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, WV 25541. The new permit number will be 836-0341. The operation disturbs 154.00 sur-

face acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.2 mile northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288, and located on Prater Branch. The operation is located on the David & Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8055

Operator Change
In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that DFM Processing, LLC, P.O. Box 726, 173 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-8055 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Appalachian Fuels, LLC, 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, KY 41102. The new operator will be Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541. The operation is located 1.5 mile east of David, in Floyd County. The operation is located approximately 0.6 mile west from KY Route 404's junction with KY Route 850, and located along Lick Fork of Middle Creek. The operation is located on the David and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Ricky D. Bingham. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is R & S Amusement. The nature of the business will be video games. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing

the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than February 15, 2007, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 15, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.
HON. KEITH BARTLEY
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on February 16th, 2007, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, KY 41649, at 11:00 a.m.
1997 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN No. 1G2WP52K3VF318 253
All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.
First Guaranty Bank 39 Triangle Street P.O. Box 888 Martin, KY 41649

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Maurice and Brenda Minix at 151 Peach Street, Ivel, Ky. 41642, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to build a personal garage, 30x50, used by family only. The property is located 151 Peach Street, Ivel, Ky. 41642, 350 feet, behind U.S. 23, 1/2 mile from Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-01213

Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd By and On Relation of Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet Plaintiffs Vs. Scottie Allen Stanley Defendant NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment

and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$3,980.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Land and 1999 Doublewide at the Mouth of Stumbo Hollow in Floyd County, Kentucky. Property is recorded in Deed Book 422, Page 258, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay one-fourth (1/4) cash of purchase price, with the balance on credit for six (6) months.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(f) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(g) The purchaser shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(h) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(i) The purchaser shall be required to

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00358

Maggie Marcum Plaintiff Vs. William Martin and Comellia Martin, His Wife Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF
an Agreed Order, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23 day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action. I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15 day of February, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Frasures Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky and described as follows:

"Beginning at a corner with the Barry Stumbo property and Frasures Creek road; thence following said road up the creek approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence turning right in a straight line to the main channel of Frasures Creek; thence following the creek down approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence running right in a straight line back to the Frasures Creek Road, to the point of beginning. Included in the above described property, but excluded from this conveyance is that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Thomas Meade and Carol Meade, his wife, by Deed dated May the 4th, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 679, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same real estate conveyed to William Martin married by Deed dated October 30, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 456, Page 33, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE

(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to

assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Billy J. Moseley P.O. Drawer 712 Pikeville, KY 41502 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division II C.A. No. 06-CI-518

Long Beach Mortgage Company Plaintiff Vs. Esta Donaldson

The First National Bank of Pikeville Red's Furniture and Pawn Shop Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Esta Donaldson

Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF a

Judgment and Order of Sale,

referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of November, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$60,040.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the highway; thence with Roosevelt Henson Line to the branch; thence running down the branch to Roosevelt line; thence with said Henson line and a wire fence back to the highway; thence up the highway to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed by deed to Cecil Donaldson and Esta Donaldson from James E. Hall and Lynn Hall, dated December 7, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 454, Page 419, of record in the office of the

Clerk of Floyd County, Prestonsburg, KY. Cecil Donaldson died in September 15, 2005, thus conveying all his rights and interest in the aforementioned property to Esta Donaldson, in accordance with the survivorship clause in the Deed, executed on December 7, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 454, Page 419, of the records in the office of the Court of Floyd County, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Kristen Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on January 19, 2007, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649, at 11:00 a.m.

1998 Chevrolet Cavalier VIN #1G1JF52T7W105439

All items are sold "as is where is". Seller reserves the

right to bid, and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.
First Guaranty Bank

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit number 836-5459, Increment #1 and #2, which was last issued on 01/09/06. The application covers an area of approximately 5.1 surface bonded acres, located 0.5 mile south of Price, in Floyd County.

2. The operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Route 122's junction with State Route 979, and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-5459 are Letters of Credit:
Increment #1, \$4,600.00
Increment #2, \$26,000.00
Approximately 60% of the original bond is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed October 15, 2006. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or an informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 28, 2007.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit number 836-5459, Increment #1 and #2, which was last issued on 01/09/06. The application covers an area of approximately 5.1 surface bonded acres, located 0.5 mile south of Price, in Floyd County.

2. The operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Route 122's junction with State Route 979, and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-5459 are Letters of Credit:
Increment #1, \$4,600.00
Increment #2, \$26,000.00
Approximately 60% of the original bond is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed October 15, 2006. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or an informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. II Case No. 05-CI-00934

(Consolidated C.A. Nos. 04-CI-01221 & 05-CI-00934)

U.S. Bank, NA Plaintiff vs. Michelle Roth, et al.

Defendants and Blue View Corporation Plaintiff vs. Michelle Roth, et al.

Defendants RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF

Summary/Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 31st day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$23,227.08, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 1st day of February 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described

real estate, located on Frasures Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky and described as follows:

"Beginning at a corner with the Barry Stumbo property and Frasures Creek road; thence following said road up the creek approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence turning right in a straight line to the main channel of Frasures Creek; thence following the creek down approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence running right in a straight line back to the Frasures Creek Road, to the point of beginning. Included in the above described property, but excluded from this conveyance is that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Thomas Meade and Carol Meade, his wife, by Deed dated May the 4th, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 679, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same real estate conveyed to William Martin married by Deed dated October 30, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 456, Page 33, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE
(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to

assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Kristen Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following items will be offered at public sale on January 19, 2007, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649, at 11:00 a.m.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

1. In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that King Brothers Coal Company, Inc., P.O. Box 524, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, has applied for Phase I Bond Release on permit number 836-5459, Increment #1 and #2, which was last issued on 01/09/06. The application covers an area of approximately 5.1 surface bonded acres, located 0.5 mile south of Price, in Floyd County.

2. The operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Route 122's junction with State Route 979, and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds, and the longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 42 seconds. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

3. The bond now in effect for permit number 836-5459 are Letters of Credit:
Increment #1, \$4,600.00
Increment #2, \$26,000.00
Approximately 60% of the original bond is included in the application for release.

4. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching, completed October 15, 2006. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife.

5. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or an informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 28, 2007.

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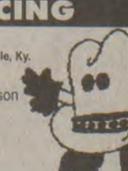
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real estate, located at 4 North Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Goble-Roberts Addition to the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and being Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Block G as shown by plat or map on file in the office of the Clerk of the Floyd County Court, to which reference is hereby made, and all improvements located and situated thereon.

Being the same property conveyed to Michelle Roth by deed dated October 22, 1997, of record in Deed Book 417, Page 647, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, and City of Paintsville, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed

against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Attorney: Hon. Frank Heaberlin 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, KY 41653 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division II C.A. No. 06-CI-317

Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Robert Stumbo and Any Unknown Spouse of Robert Stumbo Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 28th day of September, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$154,284.09, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT ONE: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the Right Fork of Middlecreek on the east side of Kentucky Route 114 near the Floyd and Magoffin County line in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of Tract No. 1 and all of Tracts No. 2 and 3 of the Parker Subdivision at Brainard and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin (set), in the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114, said

point being 60 feet left of the centerline of Kentucky Route 114, and also being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of Lewis Dotson and with the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114 along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 52 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West and a long chord distance of 557.88 feet to a point; said point being 60 feet left of Kentucky Route 114 centerline station 4374+53.35; thence continuing along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 73 degrees 29 minutes 20 seconds West, and a long chord distance of 243.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Isom and Katherine Poe; thence leaving the right of way of Kentucky Route 114 and up the hill with the Isom and Katherine Poe line North 04 degrees 38 minutes 18 seconds East, 179.30 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 107.70 feet to a point; thence North 07 degrees 07 minutes 18 seconds East, 152.00 feet to a point; thence North 17 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds East, 83.70 to a point; thence North 15 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, 183.20 feet to a point; thence North 03 degrees 36 minutes 18 seconds East, 127.40 feet to a point; thence North 19 degrees 33 minutes 18 seconds East, 143.10 feet to a point; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 113.80 feet to a point; thence North 49 degrees 13 minutes 18 seconds East, 157.00 feet to a point on top of the ridge, said point being a corner to John W. and Carol J. Marsillett; thence leaving the line of Isom and Katherine Poe and with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 46 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds East, 195.90 feet to a point; thence continuing with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 33 degrees 01 minutes 42 seconds East 138.60 feet to a point;

thence South 32 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East 145.30 feet to a point; thence South 10 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East, 187.80 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East, 81.00 feet to a point; thence South 08 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 129.70 feet to a point; thence South 57 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds East, 106.70 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds West 163.90 feet to a point; thence South 02 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds East, 106.70 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East 103.00 feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds East 88.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett and with the Lewis Dotson line down the hill South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West 333.71 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of the existing store building; thence continuing with the line of Lewis Dotson South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West, 30.10 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the southeast corner of the existing store building; thence South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West, 50.51 feet to the point of beginning and containing 949,948.29 square feet or 21.8032 acres as determined by survey. Being all of Tract No. 2 and Tract No. 3, part of Tract 1 and part of Tract 55 and part of Tract 56 of the Parker Subdivision and more particularly described in the plat of record in Map File No. 234 in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc., by deed dated September 6, 2001, from Roland Patrick, single, of record in Deed Book 464, Page 602, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price,

with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. John S. Gillum 117 North Main Street P.O. Box 1147 Somerset, KY 42502 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00744

HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. Assignee of Choice Capital Funding, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Bill Justice; The Unknown Spouse, if any, of Bill Justice;

The Unknown Occupants/Tenants, if any, of 130 Ward Avenue, Auxier, Kentucky 41602;

Larry D. Jarvis; and Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Floyd, By and On Behalf of Secretary of Finance and Administration Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of November, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,918.20, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of the Big Sandy River at Auxier, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being the same property conveyed to the First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, by M a s t e r Commissioners Deed, by and thru Marshall Davidson as Master Commissioner of Floyd County, Kentucky, dated December 9, 1983, and of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk in Deed Book 281, at page 364, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the fence line at the intersection of the street and the alley; thence leaving the street and crossing the bottom with the fence line and the alley N 27-41 E 188.02 feet to a stake on the south bank of the Big Sandy River; thence running up the river S 64-40 E 97.90 feet to a stake, a corner to Lot No. 1; thence leaving the river and crossing the bottom and with the west line of Lot No. 1 S 28-17 W 193-40 feet to a stake on the north line of the street; thence leaving Lot No. 1 and with the north line of the street N 61-30 W 95.70 feet to the point of the beginning, containing 0.42 acres more or less, and being the western one-half of

Lot No. 1 as originally laid out. And being the same land conveyed to Anthony W. Bryant and Selena Bryant, his wife, by deed from William Henry Jarvis, deed dated 6th day of March 1998, of record in Deed Book 416, Page 567, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Being the same property acquired by Bill Justice, from Anthony W. Bryant and Selena Bryant, husband and wife, by deed dated September 15, 2005, of record in Deed Book 517, Page 156, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the

United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. William H.B. Rich Clunk, Paisley & Associates 130 North Hamilton Street Suite 101B Georgetown, KY 40324 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. William H.B. Rich Clunk, Paisley & Associates 130 North Hamilton Street Suite 101B Georgetown, KY 40324 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. William H.B. Rich Clunk, Paisley & Associates 130 North Hamilton Street Suite 101B Georgetown, KY 40324 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD... I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before March 2, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	04-P-361	Delcie Gayheart	Rhoda Lanman	10-20-06
Final	04-P-152	James Douglas Collins	Peggy Sue Collins	12-20-06
Final	04-P-413	Roy Ratliff	Eulene Hamilton Ratliff	12-27-06
Final	04-P-420	Gerla Elliott	William M. Elliott	12-28-06
Final	05-P-3	Vernon Flannery	Johnny M. Flannery	01-01-07
Final	04-P-473	Rutherford H. James	William James	01-12-07
Final	04-P-254	Goldia M. Salyers	David Bruce Salyers	01-17-07
Final	06-P-167	Marrow Bentley Jr.	Loretta Bentley	01-17-07
Final	04-P-380	Clyde Hogsed	Linda Turner, Donna Hicks and Constance Barnette	01-18-07
Final	04-P-470	Ida Geneva Artrip	Kenny Artrip & Helen V. Wright	01-18-07
Final	04-P-275	Julius Forrest Moore	Forrest Moore	01-18-07

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
12-18-06	06-P-439	Ethel Mae Meade	Rita Faye Ridgway	
12-21-06	06-P-447	Harry E. Lafferty	Franklin Howell	
12-28-06	06-P-449	Sarah Kathryn Moore	Robert Nelson Moore	
12-28-06	06-P-450	Opal Branham Crisp	Jackie Crisp	Gerald DeRossett
01-03-07	07-P-4	Clifford P. Childers	Patricia A. Shepherd	
01-03-07	07-P-5	Stewart Howard, Jr.	Selina Howard	
01-04-07	07-P-6	Ray Virgil Prater	Sandra Lynn Flanery	
01-04-07	07-P-7	William E. Griffith	Della Griffith	Dwight S. Marshall
01-04-07	07-P-8	Doris Ann Hyden	Jack Clark Hyden Judy Hyden Combs	
01-08-07	07-P-9	Richard E. Price	Donna L. Price	Gordon B. Long
01-08-07	07-P-10	Alva Spurlock	Kenneth H. Spurlock	
01-08-07	07-P-12	Lillian Irene Wells Watson	Marsha Watson Heedick	
01-09-07	07-P-14	Sadie Hunter	Trudy Little	
01-11-07	07-P-15	Eula D. Frazier	Glenn O. Frazier	
11-13-06	06-P-393	Carmel Lee Akers	Nickie C. Hall	Jim G. Vanover
01-17-07	07-P-22	Joseph Osborne	Maxine C. Osborne	
01-18-07	07-P-23	Grace Flanery	Emma Louis Pigman	
01-18-07	07-P-25	Alma Meade	Trula Mae Meade	Dwight S. Marshall
01-22-07	07-P-30	Hubert G. Frye	Glenda Frye	
01-22-07	07-P-31	Barbara Marie Labugen	Randell D. Jervis	
01-23-07	07-P-32	Fred James	Fred James II	
01-23-07	07-P-33	Brian Samons	Randall Keith Samons	
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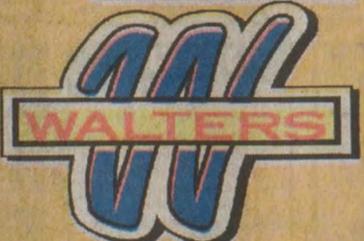
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Blackcats clip Hawks

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BUCKLEYS CREEK – Visiting Prestonsburg jumped out in front early on and forced homestanding Pike County Central to play from behind Friday night. The Blackcats doubled up host Pike Central in the opening quarter. Prestonsburg took an 18-9 lead out of the first quarter and played well enough the rest of the way to post an impressive 74-69 win over the 15th Region rival.

Vance combined for 38 of Prestonsburg's 74 points. Each player hit a pair of three-pointers as the Blackcats hurried out in front in the first quarter.

Hall and Martin each hit a three-pointer early in the second quarter, leading to a 24-9 lead over the Hawks.

The Blackcats had one of their best shooting performances of the season. Prestonsburg hit a total of nine three-pointers in the win.

Pike Central battled its way back into the game in the second quarter. The

Hawks went on a 13-3 run. Prestonsburg eventually took a 30-24 lead into halftime.

Pike Central mounted a couple of comeback attempts in the second half, but could never go out in front of the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg sealed the win from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, hitting 14-of-20 charity shots.

Bobby Hughes scored 15 points and fellow junior guard Jordan Hall added

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



Senior Chayse Martin helped to lead Prestonsburg to an impressive road win over Pike County Central.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Lady Tigers pull away from P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Paintsville Lady Tigers are headed back to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide tournament for a second straight year. On Friday night, Paintsville didn't rest on its smallschool tourney success. The Lady Tigers visited neighboring Prestonsburg and took care of business, beating the homestanding Lady Blackcats 43-33.

After playing even with Prestonsburg in each of the first two quarters, Paintsville pulled away in the second half. The two teams were knotted at 12-12 at the end of the first quarter and 23-23 at the half. Paintsville, which defeated Sheldon Clark less than two weeks ago to earn the right to make the return to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic in Richmond, held Prestonsburg to just five points in each of the last two quarters.

Western Carolina University signee Kendra Carroll led the Mark Baldwin-coached Paintsville team with a team-high 18 points. Lorrin Welch followed with 13 points for the Lady Tigers.

(See TIGERS, page two)



Linsey Fields went up for two points in Friday's game against Paintsville.



Allen Central senior Ryan Collins (14) worked the basketball against Paintsville junior guard Blake Bundy during Saturday's 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game.

photo by Jamie Howell

Tigers top Rebs for 15th Region All 'A' title

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE – Paintsville claimed its seventh 15th Region All "A" Classic title in convincing fashion on Saturday night. The Tigers sprinted out to a 15-2 lead and never let Allen Central challenge for the championship, beating the Rebels 77-63.

Van Ferguson scored a game-high 25 points and Landon Slone netted 24 points and pulled down 13 rebounds as the Tigers won their first 15th Region All "A" title since 2003.

"We couldn't overcome the 15-2 start," said Allen Central Coach John Martin. "Now, we have to get back to work and focus on the rest of the season."

Senior Ryan Collins, despite being saddled with two early fouls, led Allen Central with 24 points. Josh Martin, another senior, joined Collins in double figures with 15 points. No other Allen Central player had more than six points. Paintsville outscored Allen Central

20-8 in the opening quarter. The Rebels put together a run and cut the Tiger lead down to a 11-point advantage (36-25) before halftime. Paintsville was able to keep the Rebels at a distance in the second half. The Tigers took a 60-42 lead out of the third quarter.

Paintsville's five starters accounted for all of the Tiger scoring. JD VanHoose added 17 points for the Tigers.

Eleven different Rebels broke into the scoring column. Josh Prater added six points for Allen Central.

Paintsville will play 16th Region champion Elliott County on Thursday night in Richmond inside Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena at 9:30 p.m. in the final opening round game of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. The statewide small school tournament will get underway Wednesday morning when the girls' teams hit the McBrayer Arena hardwood. The Paintsville Lady Tigers captured the 15th Region girls' All "A" championship.

Boys' 15th Region All 'A' Classic Scoreboard

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Paintsville 67, Pikeville 59
Allen Central 66, Betsy Layne 47
- Jan. 27**
Paintsville 77, Allen Central 63
(Championship)

Lady Bears lose 2OT thriller

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE – Forty minutes just wasn't enough. Apparently, neither was forty-five.

It took two overtimes for the Campbellsville University Lady Tigers to finally put away the Pikeville College women's basketball team, picking up a big Mid-South Conference win, prevailing 85-82.

The two teams were evenly matched during the first half. A layup from sophomore Whitney

(See BEARS, page two)

Eagles stumble versus Brescia

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO – Matt West scored a game-high 22 points and Andrew Howard added 19 as host Brescia University rolled past Alice Lloyd College 73-55 on Saturday in a men's basketball game at the Campus Center.

Brescia shot 52 percent from the field (27-for-52) and outrebounded the Eagles 38-24. Defensively, Brescia held Alice Lloyd to 20-for-55 shooting for 36 percent.

Brescia was able to win without starting point guard Doug

(See EAGLES, page two)

Campbellsville University knocks out Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLSVILLE – The sharp shooting of Bubba Long helped propel the No. 15 Campbellsville University Tigers to an easy 68-55 victory over the Pikeville College men's basketball team at the Powell Athletic Center on Saturday.

Campbellsville never trailed during the game, jumping out to a 19-9 lead after the game's first six minutes. The Tigers increased their lead to 13 after a pair of free throws from Zach Allender at the 7:17 mark.

Pikeville, however, would cut into the Tigers' lead with a 12-6 run over the next six minutes and eventually get within five points

on a running jumper from senior Will Holloman (Jacksonville, Fla.) with 2:20 left. The Tigers would add a bucket and take a 32-25 lead into the locker room.

But any momentum the Bears had was quickly quelled by the hot hand of Campbellsville junior Bubba Long. The guard had only three points in the first half, but he stormed out of the locker room and scored his team's first 14 points, connecting on a layup and four three-pointers in the first six minutes.

Long's shooting was part of a 11-4 run to start the half, which lifted the Tigers to a 43-29 lead, their largest of the game.

Pikeville would cut into the

lead, getting as close as eleven points down with 54 seconds left in the half. But it would not be enough, as Campbellsville held on for the 68-55 win.

The Bears (9-12, 1-2 in the MSC) got a team-high 17 points and nine rebounds from sophomore Bo Harris (Winchester), while freshman Brad Lowe (Pikeville) added 13 points, and senior Donald Thomas (Baltimore, Md.) pitched in 11 points.

Campbellsville (19-2, 2-1 in the MSC) was led by 18 points from Long. Zach Allender also pitched in a double-double, bringing down 11 rebounds and scoring 17 points in the win for the Tigers.



Allen Central High School graduate Becky Thomas, an Alice Lloyd College freshman, earned a pair of player of the week honors last week. Thomas is in her first season with the ALC women's basketball program. She has helped the Lady Eagles into a first-place tie with Berea in the KIAC.

Thomas takes weekly player honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Becky Thomas, a six-foot freshman center for the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball team, claimed KIAC and National Player of the Week honors for the week ending Jan. 21. In a 91-82 win over 17th ranked Berea, Thomas had 27 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. In an 88-75 win over Spalding University, she had 34 points, nine rebounds, two assists and two blocked shots. She finished the

week hitting an amazing 25-of-38 field goal attempts. A Floyd County native, Thomas currently ranks fourth in the country in Division II field goal percentage. Thomas is an Allen Central High School graduate.

The Lady Eagles are playing their best basketball of the season. They are currently tied with Berea College for first place in the KIAC. Last week, Alice Lloyd beat Asbury 81-61 and Midway 94-38, before losing on the road to

(See THOMAS, page two)

Bears

Hogg (Whitesburg) gave the Lady Bears their largest lead of the first half at 17-8 with 9:33 to go. Campbellsville cut into the lead and eventually took a 24-23 lead on a Maranda Wilkinson layup. Still, the Lady Bears managed to regain the lead on a jumper from sophomore Beth Patterson (Middleburg) with 3:04 to go and would hold a 30-24 advantage at halftime.

The second half was not much different. The Lady Bears controlled the tempo for the first ten minutes of the half, even pushing their lead to as many as nine with 10:37 to

play.

But here came the Lady Tigers. Campbellsville cut the lead to two with 2:12 left. A jumper from Pikeville freshman Heather Martin (Kite) gave the Lady Bears a four-point advantage, but it would prove to be the last field goal the Lady Bears would have in regulation.

With 13 seconds left and her team leading by two, senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) went to the line to shoot one and one. But the senior missed the first shot, and Campbellsville picked up the board. Kristi Ensminger ran

the floor and was fouled with less than five seconds left. The freshman hit both free throws, tying the game at 62 and sending the fans into overtime.

After winning the tip in overtime, Campbellsville got a jumper from Julija Ilic and took a 64-62 lead, their first since the 3:23 mark in the first half.

The Lady Bears answered with a jumper from Martin, and the two teams proceeded to trade buckets for the final four minutes of the overtime. With the Lady Tigers leading 73-72, Wilkinson went to the line to ice the game with 10 seconds left. But the sophomore missed both free throws, and Ilic was called for an over-the-back while trying to get the board.

Pikeville sophomore Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne) went to the line to shoot two. Daniels hit the second of her two free throws, tying the game at 73 and forcing yet another overtime.

In the second overtime, however, the hot shooting of Campbellsville sophomore Juliana Brown took over. After hitting an NBA-range three to give her club a 76-73 advantage, the guard connected on a four-point play after being fouled by Daniels.

With the score 80-75 and only 3:33 to go, it seemed the Lady Bears were done. But a couple of key defensive stops allowed Pikeville to cut the lead to 84-82 with 45 seconds to go.

Lady Tigers sophomore Meagan Murphy missed a jumper, but the Lady Bears could not secure the rebound. With Campbellsville in control of the ball, Pikeville had to foul. But Megan Overton missed the one of her two free throws, giving the Lady Bears one last chance, down 85-82 with seven seconds remaining.

Senior Jessica Lovell (Turkey Creek) tried to get a three off with two seconds left, only to have it blocked, and

the Lady Tigers celebrated their first conference win of season.

"We battled," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson, "but we just couldn't finish."

This was the second straight loss in which the Lady Bears held the lead at halftime.

Pikeville was led by Amburgey's team-high 23 points, while Hogg added 14 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore Camille Cook (Whitesburg) pitched in 11 points for the Lady Bears.

But if there were an offen-

sive player of the game it would have gone to Campbellsville's Julija Ilic, who threw in a double-double, bringing down 10 rebounds and scoring 30 of her team's 85 points, despite not playing the final six minutes. The hot-handed Brown also had 23 points in the win for Campbellsville (11-10, 1-2 in the MSC).

The loss was the third straight for Pikeville and dropped the Lady Bears to 7-15 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

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Blackcats

10 for the Blackcats. Trevor Patton and Nat Stephens rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with five and four points, respectively.

David Hess paced Pike Central with a game-high 22 points. Colby Slone followed with 13 points for the Hawks. Tyler Hamilton had 11 points and Joe Nichols netted nine for the Hawks. Michael Boyd Thompson complimented the Pike Central offensive attack with seven points.

The win was Prestonsburg's third in four games. The Blackcats will host South Floyd Friday night in a key 58th District matchup.

Prestonsburg 74,
Pike County Central 69

PRESTONSBURG (7-11) — Martin 21, Vance 17, Hughes 15, Hall 10, Patton 5, Stephens 4.

PIKE COUNTY CENTRAL (9-11) — Hess 22, Slone 13, Hamilton 11, Nichols 9, Thompson 7, Adkins 4, Varney 3.

Prestonsburg.....18 12 15 28-74

Pike Central.....9 15 16 29-69

Tigers

Paintsville, which improved to 10-6, featured six different scorers.

Sophomore guard Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 19 points. Fields was the only Lady Blackcat to reach double figures. Amber Whitaker added seven points for host Prestonsburg.

Paintsville 43,
Prestonsburg 33

Paintsville (10-6) — K. Carroll 18, L. Carroll 2, Welch 13, Russell 2, Adams 5, Jarrell 3.

Prestonsburg (7-12) — Whitaker 7, Fields 19, Chaffin 3, Frye 1, Fitzpatrick 3.

Paintsville.....12 11 9 11-43

Prestonsburg.....12 11 5 5-33

Thomas

Brescia University 87-55. In the game against Asbury, Alice Lloyd led 44-39 on its way to the win.

Thomas followed up her National Player of the Week in fine fashion with 25 points, five rebounds and three blocked shots. She was followed by three other teammates in double figures: Kaylan Richardson (20 pts., 12 rebs.), Chastity Fox (12 pts., seven assists) and Elisha Hall (10 pts., 5 rebs.).

On Thursday night, the Lady Eagles hosted Midway College and came away with a convincing 94-38 win. Five players were in double figures for the Lady Eagles. Richardson (16 pts., six

assists) and Whitney Lykens (16 pts., five rebs., three assists) led the way for Alice Lloyd. Taran Cody had 15 points and 11 rebounds in Alice Lloyd easy win. Thomas had 12 points and five rebounds and Sierra Wynn chipped in 10 points for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Owensboro on Saturday to play Brescia University. Alice Lloyd trailed 45-30 at halftime before finishing on the short end of an 87-55 final score. Cody led the ALC women's team with 16 points and eight rebounds. Thomas had 13 points and six rebounds in the setback.

Eagles

Denton, who was out of action with an ankle injury.

West turned in a double-double for the Bearcats, pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds to go along with his game-high 22 points.

Randy Cayasso added 13 points for homestanding Brescia.

Floyd County native Shawn Newsome and Clay County product Rodney Mitchell each had 11 points for Alice Lloyd. William Dillard, a point guard from West Virginia, added 10 points. Corey Hairston just missed double figures for the Eagles, chipping in nine points.

The ALC men's team was back in action Tuesday on the road at Pikeville in the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center against the Pikeville College Bears. The men's game was being played as part of a men's/women's doubleheader which also featured the ALC Lady Eagles and Pikeville College Lady Bears. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.

Brescia 73, Alice Lloyd 55

ALICE LLOYD 55: Newsome 11, Mitchell 11, Dillard 10, Hairston 9, Rich 5, Day 4, Mullins 2, Hurt 2, Simon 1.

BRESCIA 73: West 22, Howard 19, Cayasso 13, Neighbors 8, McDaniel 4, Meinhart 4, Groves 2, Morris 1.

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JBS Middle School Cheerleaders win State

PIPPA PASSES - The June Buchanan Middle School cheerleading team traveled to Lexington on Saturday to compete in the Kentucky Middle School State Cheerleading Championships. All of the team's hard work paid off as the JBS team was named the Kentucky State Middle School Cheerleading Champion in the small division for the 2007 season. Members of the JBS Middle School Cheerleading Competition squad are Kelsie Jacobs, Brynna Jacobs, Reagan King, Morgan Adams, Hannah Champion, Hailey Champion, Ramsey Dixon, Charity Cook, Kennedy King, Kennedy Damron, Kaydee Smith and Alyssa Gregory.

Rebels rout Betsy Layne in All 'A' Semifinals

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Allen Central broke open a close game on Friday night and ousted 58th District rival Betsy Layne from the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Rebels outscored Betsy Layne 22-5 in the second quarter on their way to winning 66-47 in the semifinals.

Senior Josh Martin led Allen Central with a game-high 19 points. Martin posted 15 points in the first half of the semifinal game. Fellow seniors Ryan Collins and Tyler Slone added 13 points apiece for the Rebels. Josh Prater scored six points and Alex Hammonds had five for Allen Central.

Before blowing the game open in the second quarter, Allen Central clung to a 14-12 lead at the end of the first period. The Rebels led 36-17 at halftime.

Betsy Layne struggled to produce offensively after the opening quarter. Samuel Keathley was the only Bobcat to reach double figures. Keathley drained three three-pointers and scored 12 points for Betsy Layne. Justin Collins scored eight points and Jarod Newman added six for the Bobcats. Allen Central held Trai Witt and Brennan Case, two of Betsy Layne's key players, to five and four points, respectively.

Allen Central led 53-29 at the end of the third quarter.

In the first game of the semifinals, Paintsville pushed past Pikeville.

Paintsville 67, Pikeville 59: Host Paintsville won its way into the 15th Region All "A"



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central senior Tyler Slone (20) looked to move the basketball Friday night against Betsy Layne in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Classic title game for the second year Friday night. Landon Slone scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Tigers past longtime rival Pikeville.

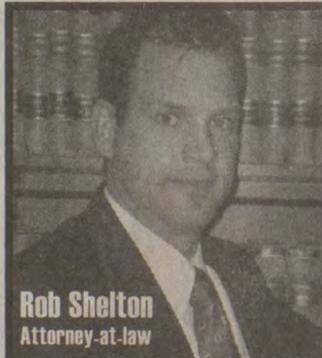
J.D. VanHoose followed Slone in the Paintsville scoring column, adding 12 points. Shane Grimm and Blake Bundy each had 11 points for the Tigers.

Van Ferguson and Jarod Keaton rounded out the

Paintsville scoring with seven and two points, respectively.

Matt Clevenger paced Pikeville with a team-best 21 points. Jacob Sword scored 18 points and Tim Honaker had nine for the Panthers.

Paintsville outscored Pikeville 18-10 in the first quarter and led 32-23 at halftime. The Tigers outscored the Panthers 21-14 in the third quarter.



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Men's College Basketball: Kentucky 76, Tennessee 57

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — With Tennessee's outside shooting specialist Chris Lofton sidelined by an ankle injury, Kentucky's players pulled off a decent impersonation of their state's native son.

The Wildcats got five of their 11 3-pointers as part of a 20-2 run and pulled away from the rival Volunteers 76-57 Sunday afternoon.

"We're a good shooting team — probably a lot better than people expected," said freshman Jodie Meeks, who made four of five 3-point attempts — two of them during the second half stretch.

It wasn't that the Wildcats' victory over Tennessee in the 202nd meeting between the rivals was a surprise. It was the way they did it.

Without Lofton, the Maysville native who leads the

Southeastern Conference in scoring average, the Volunteers (14-7, 2-4) not only couldn't answer the bigger Wildcats' inside game but also got beat from outside.

Kentucky (16-5, 5-2) led 47-46 with 10 minutes left when the Wildcats' shooters started mimicking Lofton by hitting long-range buckets with regularity.

"When you lose a Chris Lofton, you miss him on the offensive end obviously, so you are not going to score as much," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "Once they started shooting it, we were in trouble."

During the run, which lasted seven minutes, Bobby Perry had one of the 3-pointers and Ramel Bradley, who led Kentucky with 21 points, added two more.

The motivation, Bradley said, came from the last two games, in which the Wildcats

squandered leads — including a 17-point one against Georgia — to end up losing.

"We let up against Georgia, and we didn't want that to happen again," Bradley said.

Tennessee's JaJuan Smith led all scorers with 25 points, including five of 11 from 3-point range. But, without Lofton — the All-America candidate — the Volunteers could manage only eight long-range buckets out of 27 attempts.

"We were fortunate to catch them without Chris," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "Chris is a gifted athlete with unbelievable range. He makes clutch shots."

Kentucky learned that the hard way last year as Lofton set what was then a career high with 31 points — including seven 3-pointers. The Volunteers, who went on to win the SEC's regular season title, used the victory at Rupp as a major launch point for

their season.

The deficit could have been even worse for Tennessee, which was outrebounded 42-27, if Kentucky center Randolph Morris hadn't gotten into foul trouble. He picked up two of his four fouls early and was a non-factor for much of the game, finishing with just nine points and four rebounds.

However, nine Wildcats got rebounds — and seven of them had at least three.

"It just demonstrates how much we have grown, how

much we can depend on other players to come in and contribute," Morris said.

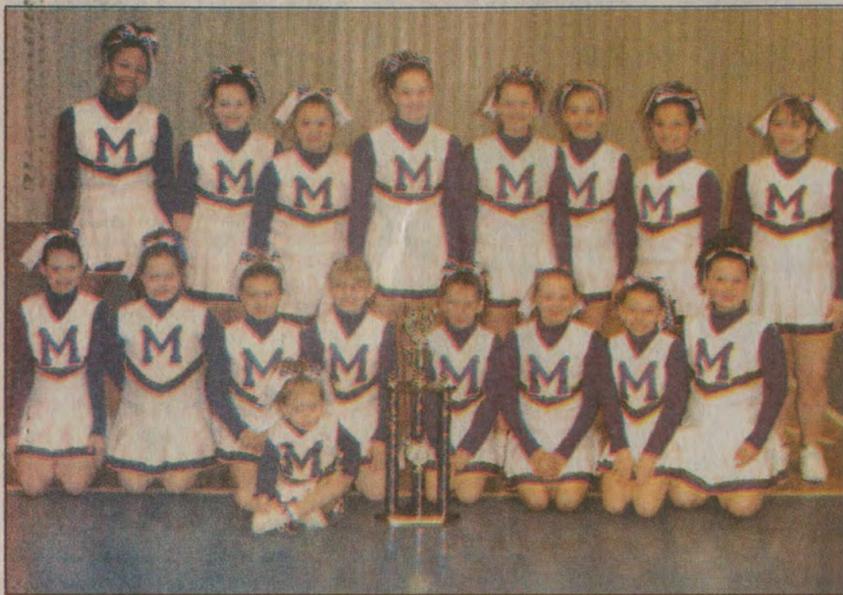
The Wildcats trailed 32-31 at halftime after Joe Crawford beat the buzzer with a dunk. Crawford had 15 points for his 10th-straight double-digit scoring game.

Kentucky had moved into the Top 25 after an 11-game winning streak, but dropped out last week following their back-to-back losses to Vanderbilt and Georgia. Tennessee has now dropped

five of the last six — including back-to-back losses without Lofton.

Until Kentucky went on its run, the two teams traded leads, and it appeared the game would go down to the wire. Although the Wildcats shot 64 percent in the second half, they made just 32 percent of their shots in a sloppy first half.

"It was comforting to see us bounce back and play a decent second half," Smith said. "It's something we haven't seen in a while."



The McDowell Elementary Boys' Varsity Cheerleaders won first-place in the cheerleading competition during the Karen Pack Memorial Christmas Tournament held at McDowell. Pictured, Front Row: Shelby Reffett, Laken Springer, Brandi Stumbo, Lauren Gearheart - Mascot, Molly Tucker, Casey Wright, Jade Cook, Stacey Wright, Taylor Knott. Back Row: Taylor Turner, Savannah Huff, Hayli Wells, Madison Howell, Lauralee Johnson, Christian Salisbury, Skylar McGuire and Shayla Mitchell. The squad is sponsored by Nikki Gearheart.



Crowned Homecoming Queen: Lauralee Johnson was recently crowned basketball Homecoming Queen at McDowell Elementary. She is in the sixth grade at McDowell Elementary where she is a member of the boys' varsity cheerleading squad and on the school's academic team. Lauralee Johnson is the daughter of Leigh Ann and Robbie Fraley of McDowell and Charles Johnson of Bevinville.



Virginia team finishes third in Canadian tournament

Sean Hogan, the 10-year-old son of Kelly and Philip Hogan of Haymarket, Va., and the grandson of Lou and Connely McCray of Prestonsburg, is a member of the Squirts, a Northern Virginia ice hockey team that recently traveled to Niagra Falls, Ontario, Canada, to participate in a tournament, which featured 50 teams from the United States and Canada. The Squirts progressed into the semifinals with a 4-0 record. They faced both Canadian teams that eventually played for the championship, defeating one, and losing to the other. Sean Hogan's team earned the invitation to Canada by winning a regional tournament in Philadelphia in September.

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KIM'S KORNER

Great truths and other wisdoms

By Kim Little Frasure

Great truths that little children have learned:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

Kim Little Frasure

Great truths that adults have learned:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's

(See KORNER, page eight)

POISON OAK

A flood of memories

by Clyde Pack

January 31 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1957 flood.



Clyde Pack

While backwater from the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy was all too frequently creeping into our neighborhood when I was growing up, this time it didn't creep, it rushed.

Being a high school senior that year, this was one of the first times that flooding became a serious matter to me, because I was now old enough that I didn't look upon the event as just another adventure in the life of a coal-camp kid; just something else to experience, then forget, as I continued to do all those things that kids did to entertain themselves in the days before TV and video games.

But to be perfectly honest, when one is a kid, there's no way on earth he could expect to feel a sense of disaster when he sees his school surrounded by backwater—on a school day.

When the water would fill the schoolhouse bottom, it was common practice for boys in the neighborhood to put those ever-present railroad gravels into the pouches of our homemade slingshots and shoot at the dozens of brown Clorox bottles that bobbed up and down among everything else that could float. And rats. There were always rats swimming around or perched on floating chunks of wood. They made good targets, too.

Perhaps it speaks of the innocence of the times, but I honestly never thought of floods as anything other than something to be enjoyed, like a

(See OAK, page seven)



The author's childhood home.



Ralph and Mutt's parents, Harold and Goldia Hall.

Melvin, a little town in a big world

By Ralph Hall

Melvin is a little village nestled between hills on every side. Left Beaver runs alongside of the hill behind the village. Melvin was the shopping center for Tackett Holler, Muddy Gut, Hen Pen, and Abner Fork. In the 1930's, some saw shootouts in the street of the tiny village.

The J.D. Hatfield General Store, in Melvin, and the E.H. Hall General Store, at the mouth of Hen Pen, both were places a kid could go for a candy stick, men for a plug of chewing tobacco, and women to look at a piece of cloth for a new dress.

The post office that served all the hollers was in the center of the village. The post office was one place where everyone showed up at one time or another. The postmaster's name was Gracie. Gracie had two boys, Allen and Phillip (who we called "Moe"). Gracie and her boys lived in a three room house on the hill behind the post office building. Their house was much like the one Mutt and me lived in.

The mail arrived every morning by train. It was brought in from Martin, a nearby town. Martin was a hub for Right and Left Beaver Creeks which ran into the Big Sandy River, at Allen.

The train ran from Martin to Weeksbury twice a day. There was a passenger car on the train and the fare to ride from Weeksbury to Martin and back again was ten cents. Some people went just for the ride, while others went to buy things from the stores in Martin. The train station, back in those days, was no more than a platform where the train dropped the mail and picked up the people who wanted to ride.

Being born in 1936, the post office meant more to me in the 1940's. I always liked going to the post office. I loved Postmaster Gracie. She was a sweet lady who knew how to get along with everyone in our village. I also enjoyed playing on the hillside behind the post office.

Wherever we went, when I was a kid, we walked the railroad tracks. Some of us walked the rail. At night, though, we walked on the dirt road. Reason being that too many stories got told about all the people who got shot down in the middle of the tracks at night, or got run over by the train.

People would tell stories about seeing lights on the tracks and spirits floating above the tracks. The ones who told me stories were mostly on spirits for sure - the kind that came in a mason jar called moonshine. After drinking that moon-

shine, one was liable to see about anything.

It really was something to see that old coal train up the tracks. It's whistle blowing and smoke a-billowing high into the sky. When the train stopped at the station platform, all of us who lived near ran out into our yards to see how many people got off the train, or how many bags of mail came in that day.

There are two stories I want to share with you today. They are too good to keep to myself. Are you ready? Well, okay, then, here we go:

My dad's father was a preacher man in the Old Regular Baptist Church. He married a woman from somewhere on Beaver Creek who loved to dance. Their marriage didn't go well because they didn't get along too well.

My father, who was 17 years old at the time, took matters into his own hands one day. When Grandpa got up early to go to work in his country store, Daddy told her, "Pack your clothes, you're leaving on the morning train."

She said, "Oh, no, I'm not going anyplace." My daddy said back, "Oh, yes, you are." Then he got the old Hog rifle down from over the fireplace and said, "Start packing."

Well, she did just that and after she was all packed, Daddy said, "Let's hit it down the road now so you don't miss your train."

He marched her down to the station and stayed with her until she got on the train. Daddy said that when she got on that train, she danced a step or two and said, "See you around, boy." That was the last day that she ever lived with Grandpa and the best thing that ever happened to either of them.

There was another day I will never forget for the rest of my life. One of the Tackett girls from over in Hen Pen ordered her a mail order cowboy. Well, we all heard he was coming on the train. I think everyone from all the hollers around came to the train station that day. The train pulled up to the station and stopped. A man threw out the bags of mail. Every eye was on that door. Well, the cowboy came through the door, stepped down on the platform and every eye there popped right out!

What a sight to see! Six-foot-three, wearing a real cowboy hat, boots and the whole cowboy outfit! The only cowboys I had ever seen were old Gene and Roy over at the showhouse in Melvin. After seeing that cowboy that was ordered up from Texas, I swore I'd never play "Wild Bill" over at the graveyard again. Hadn't never been an Indian before, but I thought I'd just have to do my best. That was a hard notion for a

little country boy, I sure missed playing Wild Bill.

That Tackett girl kept that cowboy hid well. I never saw him again. I guess she kept him hid from the other girls in the village.

One day, Mutt and me went over to the post office to buy a three-cent stamp for Mother. She was going to write a letter to my Uncle Sylvian who was overseas somewhere fighting with some general called "Patton." We had two pennies left from the nickel she had given us for the stamp, so me and Mutt took off down the tracks to J.D. Hatfield's store to get us a peppermint stick. As always, when we got to the store, a bunch of old, lazy hound dogs were lying out in the yard. Some old men were sitting on the porch telling fish stories. We listened to them for awhile and then took off up the tracks for home. When we got there, we were still licking on our candy sticks.

Mother asked us, "Did you boys get my stamp?"

"Sure did," said Mutt. Mother stamped the letter and sent me back to the post office so the letter would go out with the afternoon mail.

It being a hot afternoon, Mutt and I walked down to the big hole of water for a swim. Mutt jumped first. He walked out on the roof of a big old tree that stood over the water and did a cannonball into the swimming hole. After we had been swimming for a little, two of our cousins, John D. and Danny Ray, came by for a dip in the creek.

John D. asked, "Is the water cold?"

We told him, "Come on in, it's warm!" About that time, Danny hit the water headfirst. All of us boys had a wonderful time swimming in old Beaver Creek that afternoon. We stayed in the water until it was time for Daddy to come home from work. Daddy worked at Koppers Coal Company over in the town of Weeksbury.

Mother liked to have supper waiting on the table when Daddy got home. I went out to sit on the porch and wait for Daddy to get home. The truck Daddy rode in was owned by a man named Ellis Johnson who lived in Pike County, up Long Fork.

Soon, the truck, and Daddy, came along. Daddy got out of the truck and came walking slowly up our yard. I could tell he had worked hard that day. I was so proud of him, he was a good man who had pretty much raised himself after his mother had died when he was nine years old. I wanted to be just like him.

I met him at the edge of the porch and said,

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CRITTER CORNER

Trueisms

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate.

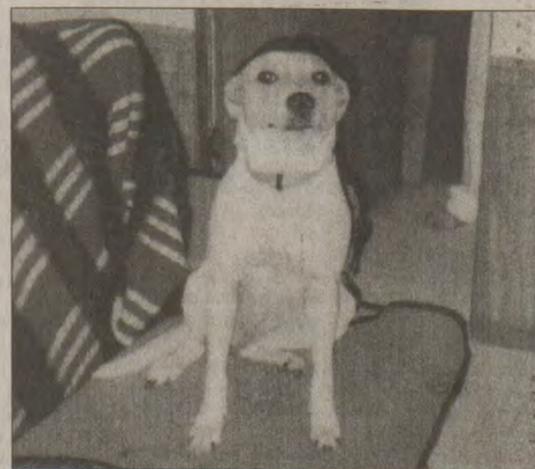
-Sigmund Freud

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult?

-Rita Rudner

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times

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This is "Lady Dog," a member of the Hughes family, of Langley. Her owners write, "Lady Dog is a hyper burst of energy in our home! She loves to travel, riding in the front seat and sitting pretty like a statue."

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

****AMS is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts may be given to any AMS student or dropped off at the school office.**

***Book Club will meet on Thursdays, after school until 5 p.m. New members can still sign up in the YSC office.**

■ Feb. 13, 27 - Magic Me, 3:30-4:30.

■ Feb. 14 - Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in center office. Members are encouraged to attend and all others are invited.

■ Feb. 22 - Parent Support Group, 8:30 a.m., in center. Topic: "Wellness." Refreshments, door prizes. Adams and Clark parents welcome to attend.

■ Sign-ups for spring semester of Respect Society for 6th grade girls now going on. Those interested may stop by the center.

■ Exercise class for adults now in session. Classes conducted by Floyd County Health Dept. staff. Those interested may contact the center for more information.

■ Exercise class for students also being offered. Those interested may contact the center to sign-up.

■ The Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley. Center telephone is 886-1297. Please call for information on center programs and services.

Allen Central High School

■ Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

****Collect Food City receipts and "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to homeroom teachers!****

■ Jan. 30 - WYMT-TV's "Do As I Say, Not As I Do," 4 p.m.

■ Jan. 31 - Respect Class, 7th grade girls

■ Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center 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

■ Lost and Found items will be located in the center. Items not claimed within two weeks will become FRYSC property.

■ Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. 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.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

■ F.L.T. Club meets each Tuesday and Wednesday after school, 3:15-4:15 p.m. (Fitness activities for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.)

****Fridays are "School Spirit" days! (All year long!) Wear Clark colors (green and gold) or Clark t-shirts. Students, staff, parents - show your support for CES!!**

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates. Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

■ 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 again this year! Please drop off your receipts at the school, or mail them to: Duff Elementary School, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622.**

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency clothing use and burnouts. If you have

clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

■ 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.

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 postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

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.

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 12 - Open House. Food will be served. Teacher and parent visits, 6-8 p.m. Date subject to change. Watch school marquee.

■ Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

■ SFMS parents with concerns about your child's grades, visit the STI Home! site at <http://iiod.ssts.com> and click on the STI program. Select state, county, school, child's pin number and password. You may view your child's attendance record, class average, schedule, grades, and discipline referrals. Questions? Call 452-9607.

■ SFHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.

■ Floyd County substance abuse counselor will be on the South Floyd campus half a day on Mondays and for a full day on Fridays. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

■ Call center for: list of visiting speakers and presentations to be held throughout year; to make appointments to attend Parent Volunteer Training sessions; or for information in regard to Adult Education programs.

■ 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.

■ 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 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction"

Family Resource Center

■ Monthly meetings: "Nutrition/Plan Healthy" - second Tuesday of each month, 10 a.m., in library; "OES Homemakers" - second Tuesday of each month, 11 a.m., in library.

■ Resource Center is now taking sign-ups for those students attending OES who would like to participate in the "Eagle's" basketball program. Deadline to sign-up is Friday, Feb. 9. Late sign-ups cannot be accepted!

■ Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within 3 weeks become the property of the FRC.

■ The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

■ The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

■ WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

BSCTC Adult Education & GED

■ Mondays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Ctr., Auxier Learning Ctr., and BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC; 4:30-9 p.m., Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Tuesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., Betsy Layne FRYSC, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.

■ Wednesdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC, Mud Creek Clinic, Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksbury Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

■ Adult Education teachers are: Ron Johnson, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Vanessa Adkins and Susan Stephens.

■ Program manager: Kay Hale Ross (886-7334)

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
The Floyd County
Times,
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,
70 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago

(February 5 and February 7, 1997)

Traffic lights will be installed as a temporary safety measure at the intersection of Route 23/1428, where 11 people have died in traffic accidents...Kimberly Brown, 30, of Garrett, was arrested, Monday, for allegedly phoning Duff Elementary with one of two bomb threats that was made. She is charged with wanton endangerment and terroristic threatening—600 counts, representing the number of students and employees at the school, on each charge...The financial impact of the state's prevailing wage law on the Prestonsburg High School renovation project is not known, according to construction manager Sam Martin, because the increased wage figures have not been set by the state labor cabinet. But, according to documents obtained by the Floyd County Times, the prevailing wage rate for Floyd County was determined by state officials on June 15, 1996...Construction of the new Floyd County judicial annex has put the relocation of the Prestonsburg Post Office on the fast track. Plans to relocate the office were initiated 10 years ago, and postal officials expect to be in a new facility this year...Floyd County's Board of Education has again ignored the advice of one of its employees, voting Monday, to approve another revised cost estimate for the Prestonsburg High School renovation project...Floyd County School Board member Eddie Patton says he will resign his seat on the board after a new superintendent is chosen...The Prestonsburg Nationwide Insurance office was closed, Friday, after Nationwide security officers seized the company's equipment...Fred Bingham, 48, of Prestonsburg, a Floyd County school bus driver, is facing 11 charges, including three felony charges of third degree rape, and two charges of third degree sodomy. He was suspended from his job after being charged with sexual crimes involving an underage female...Interest has apparently grown for the job of superintendent

in Floyd County, according to board member, Ray Brackett, who said Thursday, that there are now 17 applicants for the job...Helene Branham, co-chairman of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Gospel Sing, resigned during a meeting of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, Monday night, at Prestonsburg City Hall...Unless the Floyd County school system comes up with enough money to balance its already broken budget, it looks like there will be five less school board members in office after the end of the school year. Local board members are threatened with removal, because of the budget deficit...A bone marrow donor has been found for seven-month-old Sarah Lafferty, who has been diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia...The Floyd County Times, this week, won, in part, its appeal of the City of Prestonsburg's denial of an open records request to obtain information about delinquent occupational taxpayers. The state Attorney General's Office, this week, determined that the City of Prestonsburg misinterpreted the Open Records Law when it refused to issue the names of delinquent occupational taxpayers to the newspaper...There died: Jessie May Massie, 72, Friday, January 31, in Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mary Thornsberry, 75, of Kite, Sunday, February 2, at her residence; Rosanna Thornsberry, 83, of Dema, Sunday, February 2, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Fredrick A. Bailey, 49, of Betsy Layne, Friday, January 31, at his residence; Quentin R. Terry Sr., 85, formerly of Floyd County, December 29, at Batavia, Ohio; Estle Johnson, 83, of Virgie, Monday, February 3, at Jenkins Community Hospital; Lula Wills Wallen, 94, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Wheelwright, Wednesday, February 5, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Ryan Allen Pennington, infant son of George and Janie Scott Pennington of Williamsport, was stillborn, February 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lona Childers, 78, of Bevinsville, Wednesday, February 5, at Lake Hospital East in Painsville, Ohio; Alberta Rhea, 61, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, February 5, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John Paul Martin, 63, of Prestonsburg, former-

ly of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Wednesday, February 5, at his residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 11, 1987)

Another deficit is looming for the Floyd school district, and immediate staffing cuts must be made in an effort to head it off...Floyd County remains one of only 11 Kentucky counties whose garbage disposal plans still lack state approval...The last picture show may already have flickered across the big screen of the Prestonsburg Drive-in...A state official ducked the main issues when he spoke before a legislative committee on the collapse, last October, of a steel culvert under KY 80 at Martin, House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo charged last week...Former Governor John Y. Brown Jr., and Lt. Governor Steven Beshear were in Floyd County, Monday, and, for a well-publicized moment, found themselves in the same place...Winston Fairchild, 34, of Paintsville, died last Wednesday morning, after he wrecked in Floyd County...There died: Chester Inmon, 61, of Garrett, last Tuesday...Wanda Lee Samons, 49, of Manton, Wednesday...Herbert Preston, 64, of Pikeville, Wednesday...Former Floyd County Clerk Harry T. Hill, of Abbott Creek, died Friday...Hattie Frazier Wright, 95, of State Road Fork, Sunday...Tyler Lee Adkins, infant son of Donnie Wayne and Monica McKinney Akers, of Dana, was stillborn last Wednesday...Harold L. Senterfeit, 57, of Emma, Friday...Lucinda Slone Janow, 67, of Eastern, Monday...Dewey Banks, 87, of Weeksbury, Friday...and William Mitchell, 68, of Dwale, last Thursday.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 9, 1977)

Fire departments of five towns were at the scene of the blaze, which, last Wednesday morning, destroyed the warehouse of the Tackett Furniture Company in New Allen, but

lack of water rendered them powerless to save the building...State help in meeting the water shortage emergency in Allen and vicinity is confidently expected, but a decision as to the source of funds is causing a delay...Unless the five counties involved, find themselves in greater agreement later, than their delegations were, Monday night, in a meeting at May Lodge, to discuss the location of a regional airport, there may be two airstrips instead of the proposed one...An order voted by the Floyd County Board of Education, last Wednesday, became effective immediately upon adoption, and it marked all Floyd County school facilities for school purposes only...An amended school calendar, calculated to end the Floyd school term on schedule, was adopted, at last Wednesday's meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, and it does not include Saturday classes...One of two men held in the Breathitt County jail for want of the \$150,000 bond asked of him and his alleged accomplice, for the murder of Richard Hicks of Garrett, has confessed his guilt, state police detectives said last week...There died: Mrs. Elsworth Crum, 57, of Auxier, February 3, at UK Medical Center in Lexington; Dayrus Montgomery, 87, of Abbott Creek, February 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Josie Pearl Crace, 81, of Town Branch, February 6, at the Middle Creek home of her daughter; Lee Whit, 72, formerly of Garrett, January 31, at a nursing home in Huntington, Ind.; Hazel L. Bentley, formerly of Left Beaver Creek, February 7, at a hospital in Wayne, Michigan; Andy K. Hatcher Sr., 75, formerly of Harold, February 5, at a hospital in Huntington, W.Va.; Bobby Ray Howell, 3, of Justell, February 1; Anna M. Barnott, 77, of Weeksbury, February 2, at Paintsville Hospital; McKinley Turner, 80, formerly of Floyd County, February 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Tivis Colley, 55, formerly of Floyd County, January 23, at a hospital in Cleveland, O.; Kate Foster, 85, of Wayland, February 5, at her home; Lloyd L. Bias, 27, of Glendale Heights, Ill., February 3.

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Yesterdays

Forty Years Ago
(February 9, 1967)

The Floyd County Board of Education, last Saturday, voted to construct a six-room addition to the McDowell Elementary School, which will cost an estimated \$82,000...An eight-inch snow, which fell, Monday night, and Tuesday morning, closed all schools in the county and, followed by bitter cold, slowed all normal activities...Four cottages in the Clark Branch vicinity of Dewey Lake, have been burglarized, Sheriff Joe W. Lewis was notified, Tuesday...Coach Gene Frazier's Maytown High School Wildcats annexed three more victories last week, bringing their season record to 20 won, 3 lost...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Adams, of Prestonsburg, a daughter—Rhonda Susan—Jan. 30, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Mrs. Nancy Honeycutt Collins, 78, of Weeksbury, last Thursday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Mousie Marshall, of Lima, O., formerly of Martin, Saturday, at Lima; Leo Allen, 69, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Raymond Johnson, 53, formerly of Blue River, Monday, at Louisville; Henry C. McCowan, 83, formerly of

Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Jeffersonville, Ind.; John Hamilton, 72, of Grethel, Saturday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Lindy Mitchell, 81, Sunday, at her home at Beaver; Mrs. Rosa Allen, 85, of Eastern, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago
(February 14, 1957)

The American Red Cross is here to see Floyd County through to rehabilitation after the recent flood disaster, and before it has finished that work, it will have spent in this county alone, upwards of \$300,000, it was said here this week...While the Big Sandy River was raging to a record crest on Wednesday morning, two weeks ago, a house came downstream and struck a line tree on the farm of Shirley Morrison, near Cliff. When Morrison and family looked inside the house after the river had receded, they found, from letters, receipts, etc., that the house belonged to Morrison's niece, Patsy J. Hall, who resided in the house at Mullins, Pike County...The Floyd County Board of Education sat down, last week, to undertake the job of cutting back wherever possible on its budget, in order to meet the school crisis created by the recent destructive

flood...The Floyd County Civil Defense organization was formally completed at a courthouse meeting, here, Sunday, and Wayne Ratliff, supervisor of Floyd County Schools, will head the organization...A petition bearing the signatures of 215 residents of the town of Wayland was filed in circuit court, last Wednesday, calling on Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill to dissolve the charter of the town...Born: to Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Salisbury, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital, Feb. 2, a daughter—Mary Halbert...There died: Charlie Hinkle, 87, of Hite, Jan. 22, at Prestonsburg; Burley Akers, 61, of Betsy Layne, Thursday, of last week, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Rev. Winifred Scott Burke, 99, of Left Beaver Creek, Saturday, at the home of a daughter in Lawrence County; Mrs. Maggie Miller Nelson, 76, of Dock, last Thursday, at Ashland.

Sixty Years Ago
(February 6, 1947)

Final report of the grand jury, upon its adjournment here, last Friday, suggested the possibility of a sweeping probe into gambling in all its forms by the grand jury of the April court term...Deputy Constable Robert Taylor, 42 years old, of Hite,

died Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital of revolver bullet wounds received Tuesday night, in a Martin restaurant...Properties damaged or destroyed by fire, this week, were the home of Vernon Blackburn on Highland Avenue here, extensively damaged, Thursday night; home of Oak Osborn, on Salt Lick, near Hueysville, completely destroyed Saturday, the second residence on the same site that Mr. Osborn has lost to fire; home of Norman Martin, on Carter Street, here, damaged, Thursday night; a barn on Short Street, owned by Mrs. W. P. Runnels, burned to the ground, Monday night...Two well-known Floyd County men, Dan Prater, of Prestonsburg and Clayborn Bailey, of Justell, were appointed this week by the Farmers Home Administration to the position of committeemen for this county...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Mullins, of Morehead, a daughter—Karen Lynn—Jan. 28 in St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ousley, of Maytown, a son, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall, of Maytown, a daughter...There died: Miss Mary Johnson, 19, at home at Melvin, Friday; Clabe Conley, 77, at his home on Rock Fork, Saturday; Mrs. Lou Ann Calhoun Marshall, 73, at home on Bull Creek, Tuesday; Mrs. Rose Anna Daniels, 49, of River, January

22.

Seventy Years Ago
(February 5, 1937)

Foul play is suspected in the mysterious circumstances surrounding an injury on the head that caused the death of James E. (Boy) Wells, 39, on Wednesday. An investigation is being conducted to determine whether Wells was struck by a hit-and-run motorist, as first believed, or if he was slugged by a bandit...While stooping to repair a wagon in the driveway, Bill Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunt, of Prestonsburg, was struck by a bus backing up to turn, near the bus station here. The youth suffered broken ribs...An automobile, reported belonging to Elza Hall, ran amuck, Saturday night, at 6:30, on the Mayo Trail, just above the city limits of Prestonsburg, and injured seven persons...There died: Josephine Calhoun, daughter of Mrs. Agnes Calhoun and the late William Calhoun, of Water Gap, Feb. 1, of pneumonia; Shirley Triplett, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Triplett, of Wayland; and Mrs. Mary Salisbury, 49, wife of Millard Salisbury, Wayland chief of police.

Oak

foot-deep snow, or any other unexpected day off from school. Matter of fact, as the little sticks I'd stuck in the ground to measure the rapidity of the rising water would appear to grow taller as the water receded. I'd feel kind of low myself; perhaps a sense that another exciting time in my life was about to end.

But then came the flood of '57, and as seen through the eyes of a

young adult, all I saw was tragedy. Although our house was too far removed from eminent danger, those nearest the river—in the vicinity of the school and the post office—had water all the way to the ceiling. The school and post office were not affected, however, as they were both built on higher ground.

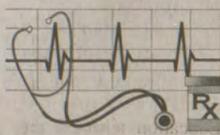
Although I didn't witness it personally, since we were completely

cut off, folks in town were reportedly riding boats down the middle of Paintsville's Main Street.

Newspapers reported that when the water stopped rising, it was at 46 feet, 14 feet above flood stage, and had done more than \$40 million in damages.

It all happened 50 years ago.

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Health And Well-Being

America's Moms Not Getting Enough Sleep

(NAPSA)—Today's modern mom, who often balances work, family life and household responsibilities, does not get enough sleep—a potentially chronic problem that can take a toll on the whole family. Results from a new survey reveal that only 14 percent of moms get a good night's sleep every day of the week and more than half say they would be better parents and be happier if they got more shut-eye.

Moms are the family CEO, which means they are "on call" 24 hours a day and juggle a variety of tasks. More than just lacking the time to get a good night's sleep, many mothers find themselves lying awake at night thinking about the next day's "to dos," stressing about the family's finances or worrying about family issues. For those who consistently cannot fall asleep or remain asleep, it could be insomnia.

"As a working mother, I need to get a million things done in a day. When I get into bed at night, I'm often kept awake because my mind is so busy thinking about my next-day 'to dos,'" said Debi Mazar, an insomnia sufferer for almost 20 years and series regular on the HBO hit "Entourage." "As I struggle to fall asleep, I become more agitated because I know I'll be suffering the next day."

In an effort to help other moms struggling with insomnia, Mazar has teamed up with sleep specialist Suzanne Griffin, M.D., FAPA, Clinical Psychiatrist, of Georgetown University Hospital, to lead the "Sleepless Moms" campaign. The campaign's goal is to let sleepless parents know that they are not alone and to provide useful information about sleep hygiene and educational resources on insomnia and its treatments.

Many moms do not get the recommended eight hours of sleep per night. In a survey, 71 percent of mothers reported getting an average of seven or fewer hours daily. Although sleep problems are common among mothers, many are reluctant to seek treatment. In fact, four out of five have never spoken to their doctor about their sleep problems, and 82 percent have

never considered using a prescription sleep medication.

"Consistently not getting enough sleep and lying awake at night worrying about day-to-day challenges could be more than just sleep deprivation—it could be a sign of insomnia," said Dr. Griffin. "Many parents are afraid to take sleep medications because they feel they will become addicted and/or they want to be alert should their children need them in the middle of the night. Sleepless parents should talk to their doctor to find a treatment option that is right for them."

As part of the "Sleepless Moms" campaign, Mazar and Griffin are encouraging parents to speak to their health care providers about their sleep problems and are providing helpful SLEEP tips:

- Stick to a sleep schedule. Go to bed and wake up at the same time each day, including weekends.
- Lifestyle changes help. Avoid alcohol and foods and drinks high in caffeine late in the afternoon and before bedtime.
- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine to help you wind down from your day before you get into bed (e.g., take a warm bath).
- Environment is key. Create a sleep environment that is cool, quiet, dark and comfortable.
- Prioritize your day. Avoid bringing work and responsibilities to bed.

For more information about the campaign and to get a copy of a free e-brochure, visit www.sleepless-moms.com.

Electrical 101

(NAPSA)—A house's electrical power needs to be maintained just like any other part of a home.

A good place to start is with the service cable—or where power enters your home from the street. Of course, rule number one is to never touch exposed cables and to never get near a power line with a ladder. In fact, most issues with service cables should be addressed by the utility company. But there are still steps homeowners can take to keep power flowing.

The experts at HouseMaster, leaders in the home inspection industry, recommend doing a visual inspection of the power line that runs to your home. Are any tree branches encroaching on it? Does it hang too low? Is its covering frayed? If you see any of these conditions, contact the utility company. If the service entrance cable is buried, assume it runs in a straight line from your meter to the nearest utility pole and make certain no digging, trenching or stake driving takes place along that line.

For more tips on electrical issues and other areas of home maintenance, visit www.housemaster.com/homedefects.

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Critter

before lying down.

—Robert Benchley

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog.

—Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to Heaven, and very, very few persons.

—James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise.

—Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Alpo is up to \$3 a can. That's almost \$21 in dog money.

—Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come from a grocery with the most amazing haul, chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth!

—Anne Tyler

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Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should listen and get used to the idea.

—Robert A. Heinlein

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

—Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, "Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!"

—Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

—Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

—Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.

—Anonymous

Patient's Birthday Wishes Benefit Shriners Hospitals

(NAPSA)—Osteogenesis imperfecta are big words, especially for a 6-year-old. But the words are a medical term that Leigh Dittman is not only able to easily say; she knows exactly what it means.

Leigh was registered as a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Tampa before she was even born. Her parents realized their baby would need orthopaedic care when technicians noticed Leigh's legs were shorter than normal during one of Ellen Dittman's sonograms. Doctors were unable to diagnose the problem before Leigh's birth but knew it was orthopaedic-related. Ellen and her husband, David, contacted the Tampa Shriners Hospital.

When Leigh was born, she measured only 15.5 inches long, and doctors discovered she had broken five ribs and fractured a femur in utero. A few hours after her birth, Leigh was diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), a genetic disorder caused by imperfectly formed bone collagen. The condition is commonly known as "brittle bone disease" and is characterized by bones that break easily, often from little or no apparent cause.

First Treatment At 3 Weeks Old

Leigh received her first treatment at the Tampa Shriners Hospital when she was three weeks old. She now goes in every few months to receive intravenous medicine meant to increase bone density, but Leigh usually stops by the hospital at least once a month to visit her doctors and the many friends she's made there. "We love it," said Ellen. "That hospital is like our second home."

In appreciation of the loving care Leigh receives at the Tampa hospital, the Dittman family began raising money for Shriners Hospitals. "It was actually Leigh's idea," said Ellen. "She says Shriners helps her, so she wanted to help them."

An Overwhelming Response

Beginning with Leigh's fourth birthday party in 2004, the Dittmans asked that, in lieu of bringing gifts, guests donate money to Shriners Hospitals. Due to the overwhelming response from loved ones and the community, Leigh and her family decided to make it an annual fundraising event.

Approximately 450 people attended Leigh's sixth birthday party in August. The event, which included dinner, a special video about the Tampa Shriners Hospital, a chance drawing, a silent auction and dancing, raised more than \$50,000. In total, Leigh's birthday party extravaganzas have resulted in nearly \$78,000 in donations to the Tampa Shriners Hospital.



Leigh and her father, David, accept a donation to the Leigh Dittman Foundation. Leigh's third-annual fundraising event raised more than \$50,000 for the Tampa Shriners Hospital.

Birth



Welcome, baby girl!

Monica Hopkins and Scott Gayheart, of McDowell, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Faith Gayheart, born on January 20, 2007, at 9:22 a.m., at Pikeville Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Alexis is the granddaughter of Greg and Deborah Hopkins, and Thomas and Kim Gayheart, all of McDowell. Thanks to everyone who helped, called, visited, and brought gifts. Your efforts and kind words have not gone unnoticed.

Birthday



Happy 80th, Edgar!

Edgar "Ted" Tackett, of Prestonsburg, celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, January 27, 2007 with family and friends. Bonnie, son Teddy Ray, and Edith all wish him many more happy years to come.

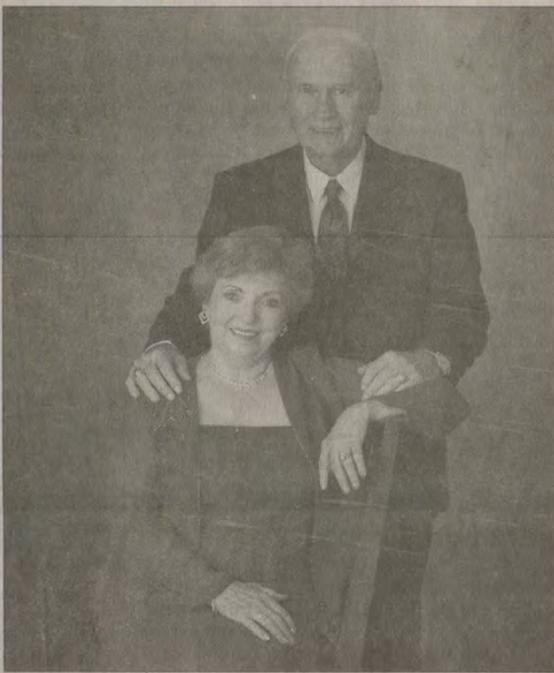
Wedding



Risner-Stephens

Jeffery Darrell Stephens and Treva Elisha Risner are pleased to announce their upcoming wedding which will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg. A reception will follow immediately afterwards in the church annex. All family members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Anniversary



Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Julian V. Campbell, of Wiggins, Mississippi, formerly of Floyd County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 29, 2006, at the Wiggins Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Campbell is a native of Prestonsburg, and his wife, the former Billie Hall, is a native of Melvin. The couple, who met while both were attending Morehead State University, married in 1956, at Melvin, and have spent the years traveling extensively throughout the continental United States and to countries overseas, due to Mr. Campbell's employment with Aerojet General, a corporation that deals in defense and space programs. They have three daughters, Kim Toney, of Petal, MS; Vonnie Werth, of Cocoa, FL; and Tracy Masourik, of Conroe, TX. They have 11 grandchildren.



Mosley honored with family celebration

Mary Howell Mosley, of Wheelwright, was honored by her family with a special New Year's Eve celebration, held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Family members traveled from cities in Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Indiana and Ohio to attend this special event. During the evening, family members exchanged gifts, played games, sang songs, enjoyed a variety of refreshments and shared memories. Mrs. Mosley honored her family by offering a special prayer for the new year as family members held hands in fellowship and worship.



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Jan. 14, 2007 A daughter, MiaRyan Queen-Gilliam, to Leslie & David Gilliam, of Langley

Jan. 15, 2007 A son, Caleb Lee Davis, to Andrea Sue Ratliff, of Paintsville

Jan. 16, 2007 A daughter, Katelynn Marie Elizabeth Maynard, to Dorothy & Jessie Maynard, of Inez

Jan. 16, 2007 A daughter, Alyssa Joy Ritchie, to Melissa & James Ritchie, of Vest

Jan. 17, 2007 A daughter, Alexis Jade Howard, to Lonnie Michelle Spence, of Paintsville

Jan. 17, 2007 A son, Adam Christopher Alley, to Alicia & Benjamin Alley, of Louisa

Jan. 18, 2007 A daughter, Hannah Marie Bailey, to Shirley May & William Lee Bailey, of Falcon

Jan. 18, 2007 A daughter, Kailee Brooklyn McGuire, to Angela & Charles Jason McGuire, of Langley

Jan. 19, 2007 A son, Carter Jase Clemons, to Christina Robinson, of Combs

Melvin

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"Let me carry your dinner bucket," as I had done so many times before. Sometimes he would leave a cookie in his bucket for me, but not today. This day, he had eaten everything. When he walked into the kitchen, Mother said, "How was your day, Harold?"

"Not too bad," he replied. He went over to the wash bench and washed his hands in a pan of clean water that Mother had set out for him.

Then, the four of us, Daddy, Mother, me and Mutt, sat down to a soup bean and cornbread supper. We had no sooner set down at the table until John D. and Danny Ray walked through the back door. I guess the smell of those good old soup beans had just pulled their noses and feet toward our kitchen.

Daddy told them, "Get a plate and pull up a chair." My daddy never turned anyone away from our table. John D. loved soup beans - he would take a piece of cornbread, break it up, scatter it all around his plate, then pour soup beans on top of it. Then, he'd top it off with a big spoon of homemade cow butter. Danny Ray never took time for all that, he just poured beans into a plate, broke a piece of cornbread and said, "Goldia, pass me them taters."

I sure did love them two boys.

After supper, John D. and

Danny Ray said they had better head down the tracks for home before it got too dark. Never knew how many spirits would be floating the rails on a given night, you know.

After they left, Mutt and I fed the animals before we went to bed. Before I went to sleep, I thought back over the day, as was my custom. What a day it had been! A cowboy had come up from Texas to marry a girl over in Hen Pen Holler, I had made two trips to the post office and bought a candy stick at the store. I had heard tales from old men of days gone by, had taken a dip in the swimming hole, and ate supper with two of my cousins and my family.

For two little boys who seemingly had so little in the world, me and Mutt were both the happiest little boys in all the world. After all, we had the whole world right before our eyes to explore everyday, didn't we? I couldn't wait to wake up the next morning to see what the world had in store for me and Mutt, so I went ahead and closed my eyes and said, "Good night, world. See you in the morning."

"Shut up, big mouth," Mutt said. "And go to sleep!"

I just smiled and dug my head into my pillow.

Korner

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like jogging on the inside.

6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Great truths about growing old:

1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.

2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.

3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

The four stages of life:

1) You believe in Santa Claus.

2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.

3) You are Santa Claus.

4) You look like Santa Claus.

Success:
At age 4 success is...not peeing in your pants.

At age 12 success is...having friends.

At age 16 success is...having a drivers license.

At age 35 success is...having money.

At age 50 success is...having money.

At age 70 success is...having a drivers license.

At age 75 success is...having friends.

At age 80 success is...not peeing in your pants.

Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.

'Til next week...
God bless!

New Beginnings



*This cover is dedicated
In Loving Memory of
Floyd County Times employee
Anthony Osborne*

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**Pictured: His wife, Samantha Allen Osborne,
and newborn daughter, Courtney Nicole.**

(See story, page C8)

Babyproofing is no child's play

Many parents attest to the fact that early infancy is the stage of their child's life that they dislike the most. After all, with 2 a.m. feedings, diaper duty around the clock and the inability to understand the needs of their infant, it's easy to see how these challenging few months can be troublesome. However, the real "fun stuff" may be yet to come.

Enter the mobility months and the toddler years. At this point in a child's developmental state he is learning to move and communicate on his own. This involves exploring the world around him, first and foremost his home environment. When baby starts getting into just about everything in the house — even those items deemed off limits — you may wish for the days where your little sweetheart stayed put.

At this age your child is also most prone to accidents — with choking, falls and suffocation among the top causes. In fact, according to a study conducted by the Home Safety Council, children under age one have the highest rates of unintentional home-injury death of all children under 15. That is why babyproofing the home is essential and should be at the top of your list of priorities, even before your little one starts crawling or walking.

GETTING STARTED

It is impossible to predict just what trouble your child will get into when he becomes mobile. However, there are general guidelines you can follow to ensure overall safety.

To begin, view your home from a child's level, meaning get down on hands and knees and see what items may be of interest to an inquisitive young mind. Also see what items are in easy reach. Among your first discoveries may be electrical outlets and power cords, plants, and any knickknacks that you keep on coffee or end tables.

Go from room to room and make an inventory of potential hazards. Don't worry, once you head to the store with list in hand, you'll find a bevy of safety products that will remedy most hazards on your list.

KITCHEN

If there is one room in the home that has the largest number of potential hazards for a child, it is the kitchen. Plus, this is a room in which your attention is often divided between cooking, cleaning and watching your baby.

There are many steps you should take to ensure the space is safe. First, purchase cabinet locks to keep little fingers out of cabinets. These come in a variety of styles, so experiment with the type of lock that is most comfortable and safe. Move all cleaning products and suffocation hazards like trash and sandwich bags to a higher cabinet.

Remember, locks aren't foolproof and a determined toddler may be able to figure out a lock.

Purchase stove guards and refrigerator locks so that these doors cannot be opened. There are also guards that prevent a toddler from reaching up and turning stove knobs. When cooking, use the back burners so that hot pots and pans cannot be pulled off of the stove.

Keep petfood bowls off of the floor when your child is given free reign of the kitchen. Pet food presents a choking hazard and may also contain meat that has not been screened for mad cow disease. It only takes a few inches of water to drown a child, so remove the water bowl as well.

LIVING ROOM

The greatest dangers in this room are unprotected outlets, sharp-edged furniture and heavy electronics.

Secure televisions, entertainment centers and bookcases with safety hooks to prevent them from toppling onto a child who is using these items to pull to a standing position.

Put outlet safety plugs in all outlets and place cushioned corner guards around tables, hearths and any other sharp edges. Use baby "corrals" and gates to block off the head and the foot of staircases and any other

areas that are off limits.

NURSERY

Your child will spend a lot of time in the crib — moments when you are not likely to be in the nursery. If your child can pull to a standing position, make sure the crib mattress is in the lowest position so that he cannot climb out of the crib. Also, remove any toys that can be used to step up and out of the crib or mobiles that can be pulled off and

become a hazard.

Consider window treatments without cords, such as vertical blinds or curtains in lieu of mini-blinds. Or, use cord containers that keep the cords wrapped up so they don't pose a strangulation danger.

If you are placing a toy chest in the room, use one that has an open top or has a gap between the lid and the top of the chest so

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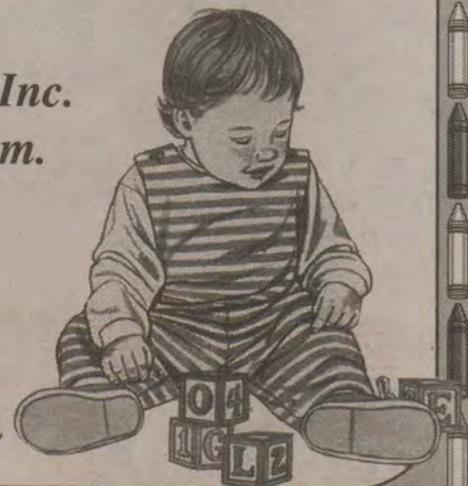
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From the cradle through college

Varia's commitment to 'her children' lasts through life

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Even though Dr. Chandra Varia has not delivered a baby since 1993, she said there isn't really anywhere she can go where she hasn't run into someone that she helped bring into this world.

At the grocery store? Sees them all the time.

While going door to door to campaign for a seat on the Floyd County Board of Education? A boy she delivered was riding his bicycle down the street when he asked her, "Do you know you delivered me?" and then joined her while she went down the street.

At the Blue Grass Airport in Lexington? Even there, she has run into people on several occasions who she has known since birth, and because so many people have taken the time over the years to say kind words to her, she decided to do something kind in return by establishing a scholarship fund to be given exclusively to those that she had delivered.

"I just love it, being able to help these kids succeed," Varia said. "You just feel blessed, to be able to help them go on to college."

The \$1.6 million scholarship program, which Varia says is currently disbursing \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year, is awarded to students who plan to attend one of nine colleges in Kentucky. There are two requirements for students to be eligible for the scholarship; they must have at least a 2.5 GPA, and their parents cannot have a combined income of more than \$100,000 per year. She said after a student is awarded a

scholarship, the school then takes over the leadership role by placing requirements on the student to retain the scholarship, which is distributed every semester for up to four years.

Varia said she has not kept a running tab of the number of students who have graduated from college through her program, but she did say all the colleges involved in the program typically award at least one scholarship per year. The colleges that administer the money include Alice Lloyd College, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State universities, Hazard and Prestonsburg community colleges, Hazard and Mayo technical colleges, the University of Kentucky and Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine.

The move to Floyd County was an unplanned one for Varia, who was born in India and served her residency in New York. She was invited to open a practice in Dayton, Ohio, but remembers saying she could not envision herself working there because she found the city of more than 160,000 to be "too small." Shortly after that opportunity is when she paid a visit to a friend living in Martin, who took her to Our Lady of the Way Hospital. The staff at the time was able to pry her away from New York, but going in Varia said she planned to give the area six months and decide what she wanted to do after that.

Four thousand children and 28 years later, she said she can't imagine living anywhere else.

Varia retired from obstetrics in December 1993 to focus solely on gynecology, but

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Dr. Chandra Varia's commitment to helping children goes well beyond the delivery room. She has established a scholarship program for the children she has delivered. Above, she is shown visiting Allen Elementary classrooms as part of her duties as school board member.

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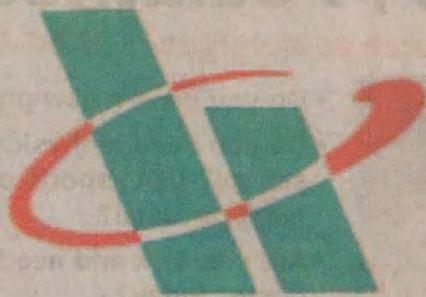
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'Dr. Charlie' says many women can improve health of babies, themselves

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Sixty years old and still kicking, obstetrician Dr. Narong Chalothorn believes that getting important medical care before and during pregnancy is the key to a healthy mother and baby.

Originally from Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Chalothorn, more commonly known as "Dr. Charlie," came to the United States in 1971. After attending medical school, he began a suc-

cessful career in obstetrics and gynecology at Highlands Regional Medical Center in November 1977. Dr. Charlie operated his own practice up until 2002 when malpractice insurance rates became so high that he could no longer afford to pay them. Currently, he sees patients at the Women's Center of Paintsville.

Dr. Charlie has delivered approximately 6,000 babies in his nearly 30 years as an obstetrician and he's very proud that he has been fortunate enough to help so many families. But he says many expectant mothers are not taking

care of themselves the way they should.

According to Dr. Charlie, nearly 50 percent of pregnancies don't receive the needed medical attention they require. "It is important to guide patients to be healthy," says Dr. Charlie. According to him, early detection of possible complications during pregnancy can most likely be found in a patient's family history and it is very important for patients to be honest with their doctor. A patient's social history is also

(See DR. CHARLIE, page nine)



Dr. Narong Chalothorn, better known as "Dr. Charlie."

Taking care of body is important part of preparation for pregnancy, motherhood

She knew that pregnancy and motherhood are physically challenging to any woman, so when Samantha happily found herself pregnant for the first time at age 40, a lot of attention went into staying healthy, strong and flexible. The fact that she was a dancer and is currently a Pilates instructor definitely gave her a head start. Her goal was to gain a healthy amount of weight and stay as strong and as flexible as possible.

Samantha Binah started each day with breakfast. She is a believer in eating three or small balanced meals a day, as opposed to skipping meals and eating one large meal at the end of the day. Breakfast, for example usually consisted of a slice of whole-wheat toast and a soft boiled egg. She often picked yogurt for a midday snack. Lunch was usually a salad with protein, and for dinner she chose a protein with vegetables, rice or potatoes. She allowed herself one sweet each day. Sometimes that meant fruit and sometimes that meant chocolate. During her pregnancy, there were certain periods when her hunger increased. During those times she definitely ate more, but always tried to make healthy choices.

Normally her exercise program consisted of three, one-hour sessions of Pilates and three, one-hour walks per week. During her pregnancy, she continued these two types of exercises, but varied the time spent and types of movements performed to support the changes in her body. For example, some weeks she opted to do 20 minutes of Pilates a day instead of the three full hours. As a Pilates instructor, she knew that 20 minutes a day instead of three hours would be an invaluable way to safely stay strong and prepare for pregnancy and motherhood. Pilates is a weight bearing and low impact strengthening technique.

Samantha chose four areas of the body on which to focus: legs, back, arms and pelvis.

She strengthened all the muscles in her legs and focused on stretching the inner thighs and hamstrings. She worked to keep her ever growing tummy comfortable, and gently stretched to ease any nagging backaches.

She knew that motherhood would challenge her lower back muscles with constant carrying and lifting of baby and baby gear. As she strengthened the biceps and triceps of her arms, she paid special attention to her posture. Keeping a straight, strong upper

back would assist with the lifting in future months.

The last area of focus was the pelvis. She performed several variations of pelvic lifts and mimicked Kegel exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor. Surprisingly, she did not work to strengthen her abdominals. Due to her body awareness, she knew that she already had very strong and tight abdominals. For her body, it was important to allow her uterus to grow without constricting it with

more tightening.

Working with a pregnant client, she might encourage abdominal strengthening for a very short period into the pregnancy. Another reason to be cautious about abdominal exercises is that late in pregnancy abdominal muscles can separate. This is called diastasis.

When she practiced her own routine for pregnancy and when she worked with preg-

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Pregnancy in the workplace — know your rights

You work full time and just found out you are pregnant. Besides thinking about what kind of mother you will be and how your life will soon change, you also wonder how your pregnancy will affect your professional life. Will morning sickness cause you to take too many days off from work? Will you get overlooked for that next big promotion? Will your job be there when you return from maternity leave? When is the right time to tell your boss and coworkers? Will you even want to return to work?

These are important issues that all pregnant working women face and should be concerned about. Though the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 states that employers cannot refuse to hire a woman because she is pregnant, cannot fire her for being pregnant, and cannot treat her differently in any way because of her pregnancy, pregnancy discrimination still exists in today's workplace. According to the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the number of charges of pregnancy discrimination filed with them has increased from 3,385 in 1992 to 4,512 in 2004. That's a 33 percent increase over the last 12 years! With numbers like that, all working women, pregnant or not, need to know what their legal rights are and what kind of maternity benefits their company provides.

So before you decide to tell your boss and coworkers you are expecting, read these helpful suggestions on how to protect yourself and your job, courtesy of Parents magazine.

1. Know your rights in the workplace during pregnancy:

■ If you work for a company with 15 or more employees, your pregnancy must be treated like any other employee disability or medical condition.

■ You can't be fired because you are pregnant or may become pregnant as long as you can perform the major functions of your job.

■ You can't be forced to take leave as long as you can do your job.

■ You are entitled to the same benefits received by other employees with medical conditions.

■ You can take part of your maternity leave before your baby is born.

■ Fathers: You are entitled to insurance coverage for your wife's pregnancy-related conditions if your company's health plan includes spousal coverage.

■ You cannot be denied the standard benefits if you are a single mother-to-be.

■ Under the Family and Medical Leave Act, your job will be protected for up to 12 weeks if you are an employee of a company with 50 or more employees or work for a local state or federal government, and have



Know your rights as a pregnant woman in the workplace.

worked for your employer for one year and at least 1,250 hours during the previous year.

■ Fathers are entitled to up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave.

■ You need not take all 12 weeks of leave consecutively.

■ Breastfeeding is not covered under federal law, but some states do protect a mother's right to breastfeed at job sites and other public places. (Learn the law in your state at the La Leche League Web site, www.lalecheleague.org.)

2. Research your company benefits. Read your employee handbook to determine whether the company offers maternity leave, what the sick leave policy is, and whether it provides short-term disability insurance.

3. Get feedback from coworkers. Speak privately with coworkers who have had children while working at the company. Find out what sort of leave they received.

4. Devise a plan for when you're on leave. Think about how much leave you'll want to take, how you can help organize your work while you're gone, and who might cover your job.

5. Tell your boss when the time is right for you. The timing of your announcement is a personal decision. However, most women wait until their first trimester is over, when there is less risk of miscarriage. But make sure you talk to your boss before you are showing or word has spread through the office grapevine.

6. Arrange a meeting to tell your boss. Be firm and fully prepared. Don't apologize when you tell your boss that you're pregnant. Instead, say, "I have some really great news I want to tell you: I'm having a baby." Be prepared to discuss the duration of your leave and offer suggestions for covering

your work while you are gone.

7. Write a thank-you note. Send your boss a note immediately after the meeting to get your agreement in writing. Include your due date, anticipated leave, and any specifics that you discussed about how your work will be redistributed among your colleagues. That way, you'll be protected should your employer try to renege on the agreement.

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JOY OUT OF SORROW

Family finds happiness in new child, despite shocking loss

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

The dawn of new beginnings often offer us a chance to reshape the lives that we live. Oftentimes we celebrate these joyous occasions with the ones we love. Other times, new beginnings test our courage, strength and will to survive and sometimes hit us unexpectedly.

We spend our lives planning for everything. We plan for school, we plan for work, and we plan for marriage and family. One may assume that's the reason the word "unexpected" was invented. If something is not planned, then we don't expect it.

A lot of parents will say that their only reason for living is their children. But even in the event of the loss of a child, somehow parents find a way to survive.

In November, an entire family was faced with a new beginning, one that they wish had come under better circumstances.

Samantha and Anthony Osborne were married last June 3. Young newlyweds, they were expecting their first child in December. Anthony, was a young man with a bright future, beginning to work his way up in the circulation department at The Floyd County Times. Shortly before he was hired, Anthony's mother, Evelena, began working as the receptionist at the newspaper office and was very happy to know that her only son was well on his way to providing a future for his family.

Nineteen-year-old Anthony worked nights at the newspaper while his wife, Samantha, stayed home and prepared herself for the upcoming birth of their first child.

Everyone who has ever worked at a newspaper knows that the hours can be unpredictable at times and on Nov. 10, Anthony was working a little later than usual, doing his part to make sure that everyone got their morning newspaper. Once the papers were ready to be taken to the post office, Anthony said goodbye to his mother, and left on his way home to see his wife, who at the time was eight months pregnant.

A few moments later, Evelena received a call that would be the start of an unexpected new beginning for her family. Anthony had been in an automobile accident. A coworker rushed her to the scene, where she was notified that Anthony had not survived his injuries.



photo by Jessica Hale

Samantha wears a necklace given to her by family on Christmas, bearing a picture of herself and Anthony which keeps him close to her heart. Courtney will always be surrounded by her family's memories of her Daddy.

That day would forever change the lives of Anthony's family. His wife, his unborn child, his parents and the rest of the family who adored him were forced to face a situation for which they could have never planned. Some way, somehow, they had to find strength in each other to get through.

Three weeks away from her due date, Anthony's wife Samantha went through a whirlwind of emotions. This unexpected turn of events made her realize that her life would never be the same without her husband at her side.

The weeks following Anthony's accident were filled with sorrow when they should have been filled with excitement and joy. While still healing from her loss, Samantha had to pull it together for her daughter Courtney who decided her time to enter into the world was very near.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 4, Samantha was taken to the hospital to deliver her first child. Of course, Anthony's mother Evelena called into the office at The Floyd County Times that morning to let everyone know that she would soon be a grandmother.

With a crackle in her voice she said, "Anthony should have been here."

Trying to juggle two emotions at the same time, especially two that are so far from each other on the spectrum, was hard for the entire family. They were about to bring life into the world, shortly after one had been taken away.

Courtney Nicole Osborne was born in the afternoon of Dec. 4. All seven pounds and 14 ounces of her came into a place where so many were waiting to see the child that

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Joy

Anthony didn't get the chance to see. To family and friends, Courtney is the poster child for perfection.

Samantha knew that Courtney's well being depended on her ability to cope with her loss and face a new beginning.

"Not in my wildest dreams would I have imagined I would have been a single mom," said Samantha. "Anthony was always there before and I guess I took it for granted he always would be."

Courtney, now approaching 2 months old, is growing beautifully. Samantha says Anthony was a wonderful husband and she knows he would have been an even better father.

"He was already wrapped around her little finger," she says. "He loved her so much. He was constantly talking to and feeling my belly, asking if she was moving."

Samantha says once Courtney gets older

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she will answer any questions she may have about her dad.

"I talk about him now to her because I want her to know what a wonderful and caring person he was and how much he loved her," said Samantha.

Her hopes for Courtney are to experience life to the fullest.

"I want her to follow whatever dreams she may have and not be afraid to pursue them. I don't want her to be afraid of trying new things, nor do I want her to let fear of failing keep her from something she really wants to do, and if for some reason she does fail at whatever it may be, I want her to pick herself right back up and try again."

Samantha said, "One of my favorite quotes has always been, 'Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today,' (James Dean).

Dr. Charlie

important in regards to the possibility of drug and or alcohol abuse and sexually transmitted diseases.

Among the list of important health aspects for expectant mothers to think about is nutrition and exercise. According to Dr. Charlie, expectant mothers should steer away from high fat foods and coffee or soda with high amounts of caffeine. They should consume more protein, grains and foods that contain folic acid. Moderate exercise is also good for the baby and the mother.

With the rates of caesarean births increasing over the years, many expectant mothers may have concerns about the upcoming birth of their babies. Dr. Charlie says that caesareans are performed mainly due to the risk of death or injury to the baby or mother.

"Women do request to have caesareans, but I always tell them that the benefits and risks are equal," said Dr. Charlie.

According to Dr. Charlie, expectant mothers are becoming more aware of potential complications during delivery. Complications may vary from having very large babies to life-threatening conditions such as toxemia.

Toxemia is the presence of abnormal substances in the blood. Toxemia may cause pregnancy induced hypertension, or as it is more commonly referred to as high blood pressure. This condition is more common among first pregnancies. The condition may

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vary from mild to severe cases in which both the mother and child are at risk.

Dr. Charlie says that it is ideal to deliver babies after 39 weeks, at which point they have had sufficient time for their lungs and other vital organs to develop completely. Sometimes life-threatening conditions may jeopardize the well-being of the child or mother, and the baby must be delivered immediately.

Being an obstetrician carries a lot of responsibility, but Dr. Charlie enjoys every minute of it.

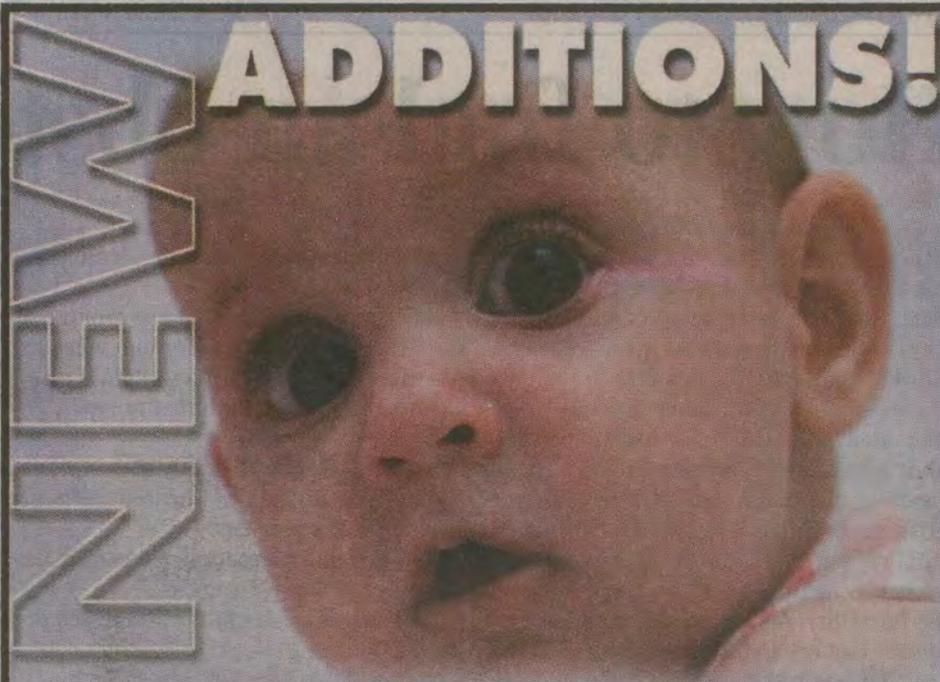
"I enjoy helping people," he says. "People retire at 65 right? Well, I've got a few more years."

Varia

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she has never been able, or tried, to get away from all the children she has seen grow up around her. She said the scholarship will continue until the final group of children she delivered move on to college. Even though that scholarship program will end with those children, she has no plans to cut off her aid to children in Floyd County.

"I'm never going to retire, I enjoy my practice too much," Varia said. "I'm going to continue working, and give money to help kids."



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How to find an obstetrician-gynecologist

Deciding who should be your obstetrician-gynecologist (OB-GYN) is a decision that shouldn't be taken lightly. After all, this person will be bringing your baby into the world, so you want to trust, feel comfortable with, and like this person.

One way to learn about OB-GYNs in your area is to call your local hospital's labor and delivery department and ask to speak to the labor and delivery charge nurse, according to a tip from the forum on OBGYN.net, an online resource for women's health, obstetrics, gynecology and infertility. A sonographer on the forum advises that once you have the nurse on the line, tell her you're new in town and ask her for several references.

Mark Lawson, a sonographer, says that you should also call back and speak with the other charge nurses to hear their references. Any matching referrals are likely to be good doctors. You can also call the chief residents of the OB-GYN department at the hospitals near you and ask who they would choose to see if they had your condition. Other options are checking with family and friends to see who they've used and if they would recommend them again.

If you don't come up with any good names on your own, try calling the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) at (202) 638-5577, or visiting their Web site at www.acog.org, to get names of board-certified OB-GYNs in your area.

Once you have some names, you need to set up an introductory in-person interview with each doctor so he or she can answer any questions you may have. Call all of your references directly to set up a time to meet. At this time, it's also advisable to check if the doctor accepts your insurance plan. This will help you narrow down your choices. Remember, most physicians have only about 10 to 15 minutes to spare for an interview. If the interview takes longer, some physicians may charge a consultation fee. Always call to confirm your appointment the day of, as the doctor may have been called away to deliver a baby.

Here are some questions you may want to ask during your interview.

THE BASICS

- How long has the doctor practiced obstetrics?
- Approximately how many babies has the doctor delivered?
- How much time does he/she allow for each prenatal visit?
- How long is the average office wait?
- What percentage of his own patients does he perform deliveries in any given

month?

■ How can you reach the doctor in an emergency?

■ Is the doctor in a solo or group practice? If solo, who covers for him when he's unavailable? If group, how often will you see other doctors within that group?

PRENATAL CARE

■ What tests does she routinely perform during a pregnancy?

■ How much experience does she have with high-risk pregnancies?

■ What kind of childbirth classes does she recommend?

LABOR AND DELIVERY

■ Does he or one of his partners meet you at the hospital when you're in labor?

■ At what point in your labor does he come to the hospital, and who will be in charge of your care until then?

■ What does he suggest to help you deal with labor pain?

■ What procedures does he routinely perform at the hospital (i.e. enemas, continuous fetal monitoring, IVs, episiotomies, etc.)? What if you want something else, can he do that as well?

■ Will he help you develop a birth plan?

■ If you have complications or need a cesarean, who is the backup obstetrician?

■ How often does he perform c-sections? What is the frequency of this procedure for the group as a whole?

■ Does he perform VBACs (vaginal births after cesareans)? What is his rate of success with this procedure?

After the interview, here are some questions you need to ask yourself.

■ Did you feel comfortable with the doctor?

■ If your partner went with you to the interview, did the doctor make an effort to include him or her as well?

■ Is the office convenient for you to get to?

■ How long did you have to wait?

■ How helpful were the nurses and support staff at the office?

If you have a serious medical or obstetrical problem that will require attention above and beyond the usual prenatal care, consider seeing a perinatologist. A perinatologist is a specialist in maternal-fetal health.

Only after you figure out what your needs are, which OB-GYN can provide you with the right coverage, and which one fits best with your personality, can you feel confident in your choice and make that first appointment.



There are many factors to consider when choosing an OB-GYN. While referrals are always helpful, it's best to do your own research and meet with the doctor in person. That way, you can determine whether or not this person makes you feel comfortable.



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Prenatal tests — what you need to know

During a woman's pregnancy, she wants to make sure that she and her baby are healthy and remain that way until the fetus reaches full term. That entails eating healthier and taking prenatal vitamins, getting enough rest, regularly visiting the doctor, and possibly undergoing a variety of prenatal tests.

Prenatal tests can detect many problems that may occur during a pregnancy including infections, viruses and birth defects. Done at specific stages of a pregnancy, they provide vital health information so that both mother and baby can receive the best care possible.

Obviously, prenatal tests have their advantages, but some are not always accurate and may carry risks. Some may cause "false positive" results, indicating that the fetus has an abnormality when, in fact, it does not. Others have a slight chance of causing a miscarriage. Some are done routinely and others are optional. That's why it's important to discuss the proce-

dures with your doctor so you are fully aware of the risks involved. If any test shows abnormal results, the American Pregnancy Association (APA) strongly recommends seeking second opinions to rule out possible testing errors.

Here is a guide to some of the tests available.

1. Urine Test (urinalysis): Done routinely as part of prenatal care during first prenatal exam and then frequently during subsequent prenatal visits. Used to assess bladder or kidney infections, diabetes, dehydration and preeclampsia by screening for high levels of sugars, proteins, ketones and bacteria.

2. Blood Test: Done routinely as part of prenatal care during first prenatal exam. Used to assess blood type, Rh factor, glucose, iron and hemoglobin levels. Also used to assess immunity to rubella, any sexually transmitted diseases, or a toxoplasmosis infection (a parasitic disease that affects pregnant women). Can also be used to diagnose certain genetic diseases

including cystic fibrosis, sickle-cell anemia and Tay-Sachs disease.

3. Ultrasound (sonogram): A non-invasive procedure that uses high-frequency sound waves to scan a woman's abdomen and pelvic cavity, creating a picture (sonogram) of the baby and placenta. It confirms normal fetal development and diagnoses potential problems. Poses no risk to the mother or developing fetus and may be performed at any point during pregnancy. Frequency varies depending on your doctor. Additional ultrasounds will be ordered if an abnormality or pregnancy-related problem is suspected.

4. Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS): An invasive diagnostic test that detects chromosome abnormalities (i.e. Down syndrome) and other genetic disorders (i.e. cystic fibrosis) with 98 to 99 percent accuracy, but does not measure the severity of these disorders.

The procedure involves removing chorionic villi cells from the placenta by using an ultrasound to

guide a thin catheter through the cervix to the placenta. Recommended if either partner has a family medical history that reveals potential risks.

Usually performed between nine and 12 weeks of pregnancy, one miscarriage can occur out of every 100 procedures performed. The Mayo Clinic reports a one percent chance of getting "false positive" results.

5. AFP Plus (multiple marker screening and triple test): Performed during the 15th and 17th week of pregnancy, AFP Plus is a noninvasive and routine maternal blood screening test (with no risks or side effects) that looks for genetic disorders by identifying the levels of three specific substances:

• AFP (alpha-fetoprotein) — a protein that is normally produced

by the fetus

• HCG (human chorionic gonadotropin) — a hormone produced within the placenta

• Estriol — an estrogen produced by both the fetus and the placenta

This test only notes that a mother is at risk of carrying a baby with a genetic disorder and may have "false positive" results. All pregnant women should be offered the AFP Plus test, but it is highly recommended for women who have a family history of birth defects, are 35 years or older, have used possible harmful medications or drugs during pregnancy, have diabetes and use insulin, had a viral infection during pregnancy or have been exposed to high levels of radiation.

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Is it always colic?

Figure out the reason for baby's cries

Most parents expect for their newborn to cry at certain times during the first few weeks to months of life outside of the womb. But many parents are blessed with a baby who cries much more than others, some to the point where it is greatly impeding the health and sanity of the parents.

Upon looking for an answer from their pediatrician, many parents are given a one-size-fits-all answer: the baby has colic. In fact, Dr. William Sears, a well-known pediatrician and child expert, has admitted that even a few of his colleagues have offered colic as a diagnosis to distraught parents when they weren't quite sure why a baby was so irritable. But the term "colic" is often misused and largely not a five-letter substitute for "I don't know what is wrong." And it could be preventing a parent from discovering the root cause of their infant's trouble.

SIGNS OF COLIC

Although colic, which comes from the Greek word kolikos, meaning "suffering in the colon," is largely a mystery to doctors and parents alike, most understand that it has to do with stomach pain. Many pediatricians follow the "Rule of Threes" when diagnosing the condition. Infants should have extreme crying fits that:

- start in the first 3 weeks of life
- last for 3 or more hours per day
- occur 3 or more days per week
- continue for at least 3 weeks since birth
- very rarely occur longer than 3 months

Colic should not be used to categorize a baby who is just high-need or fussy. Colic cries are truly cries of pain. While some fussy babies may quiet after being held or comforted, typically nothing satiates a colicky baby.

In order to get to the bottom of the colic situation, it is important for parents to make a diary of what triggers these crying jags in their baby, since the baby himself cannot verbalize what is painning him. Do they occur at the same time each day? Does a particular food or feeding style exacerbate the problem? If you are breast feeding, do the episodes of colic change depending upon what you have eaten? Are the baby's bowel movements consistent?

WHEN IT COULD BE MORE

Dietary factors are often a part of colic. Sometimes an infant is allergic or just intolerant to something that is being consumed by a breast feeding mother or elements of infant formula. Changes in diet may be one of the first steps a doctor will offer to help quiet a colicky baby. Other techniques

include smaller, more frequent feedings and holding or rocking techniques to break up excessive gas trapped in the baby's intestines.

For some infants, the root cause of their pain is acid reflux, known as GER (Gastro Esophageal Reflux) or GERD (Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease). Just as adults experience moments of heartburn or stomach aches from food, so, too, do babies. However, in many cases, the suspect cause is an immature LES (Lower Esophageal Sphincter), which is the muscle between the stomach and esophagus. This immaturity causes acid from the stomach to sneak back up into the baby's throat and burn. In fact, many cases of colic are actually undiagnosed and untreated cases of reflux.

Babies who have GER typically exhibit some, if not all, of these symptoms:

- irritability and pain, particularly after eating
- gulping during feeding (the formula or breastmilk temporarily soothes the throat, so baby eats quickly, but soon the reflux begins anew)
- frequent or excessive spitting up or vomiting after feedings
- poor sleep habits with frequent waking when placed flat in the crib; prefers to sleep sitting up or on parent's chest
- arching neck and back during or after eating
- frequent ear infections or sounds of sinus congestion

Infants who have GER typically outgrow the condition on their own, but it could take a few months. Many doctors prescribe medication and offer parents techniques to help soothe the baby. Here are some help scenarios:

- prescription drugs that limit the amount of acid production
- smaller, more frequent feedings
- hypoallergenic formulas that are more easily broken down by baby's stomach, or cereal-thickened formulas that keep down the food
- keeping the infant elevated for 20 to 30 minutes post-feeding to limit reflux
- crib wedges to elevate the child while sleeping

For parents who have an infant who cries very frequently and are concerned about their child's health, share your feelings with the child's pediatrician to narrow down the causes. A good idea is to videotape the baby when he or she is most irritable so the doctor can truly determine if the cries are pain-induced. Some doctors may refer parents to a pediatric gastroenterologist to do more testing to rule out GER and other digestive problems.

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Gestational diabetes a risk for pregnant women

According to the American Diabetes Association, about 4 percent of all pregnant women in the United States are diagnosed with gestational diabetes. It is a type of diabetes that starts during pregnancy (usually between the 24th and 28th week) when the body is unable to make and use all the insulin it needs for pregnancy. And without enough insulin, glucose (blood sugar) cannot leave the blood and be changed to energy, causing a dangerous situation for both mother and baby.

Most women with gestational diabetes have no symptoms indicating the presence of the disease, though it's possible to experience extreme hunger, thirst or fatigue. You are at increased risk if you are over age 30, obese, have a family or personal history of diabetes or previously gave birth to a baby who weighs more than 9 pounds or was stillborn. That's why you'll probably be screened for gestational diabetes between the 24 and 28 week of pregnancy, when gestational diabetes can begin.

If you have gestational diabetes, here's what's happening inside your body. Your

glucose levels continue to rise from inadequate production of insulin. The extra glucose can pass through the placenta to your fetus, subsequently causing high sugar levels in your baby. Receiving more energy than it needs at this stage in life, your baby stores the extra energy as fat, creating a larger-than-normal baby, or macrosomia. These babies may grow so large that a vaginal delivery becomes unlikely. In addition, they may have jaundice, low glucose levels and be at higher risk for breathing problems.

Treatment for gestational diabetes needs to be started immediately. It may include a special diet, regular exercise, insulin injections and/or regular blood tests. Your doctor will devise a plan that is safe and healthy for you and your unborn baby.

Gestational diabetes usually goes away after pregnancy. But it does put these women at a higher risk for developing diabetes in their next pregnancy and later in life. The best ways to prevent the future onset of diabetes are to lose weight, eat a healthy diet and exercise regularly.



A healthy diet is a key component to controlling the blood sugar levels in pregnant women who have gestational diabetes.

Tests

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6. Amniocentesis: A diagnostic test performed during the 15th and 18th week of pregnancy, or following an abnormal triple test result, to detect chromosome abnormalities (i.e. Down syndrome or Trisomy 21), neural tube defects (i.e. spina bifida) and genetic disorders (i.e. cystic fibrosis) with 98-99 percent accuracy. It does not measure the severity of these disorders and may cause miscarriage even though it's considered a safe procedure. According to the Mayo Clinic, the procedure is performed approximately 200,000 times a year, and the risk of miscarriage ranges from 1 in 400 to 1 in 200, depending on how frequently it is performed at the facility being used.

Amniocentesis may also be used in the third trimester if membranes have ruptured prematurely to assess for uterine infections, to help determine the severity of fetal anemia in babies with Rh disease, and to help a physician determine whether the fetus requires blood transfusions. It may also be done shortly before delivery to assess baby's lung maturity.

Amniocentesis involves collecting a sample of amniotic fluid through a needle that is

inserted into the abdomen to the placenta. Although extremely rare, it is possible for the needle to come in contact with the baby. Precautions are taken by using a sonogram to guide the needle away from the baby.

7. Glucose screening: A blood test given between the 24th and 28th week of pregnancy to check for gestational diabetes, a high blood sugar condition that some women get during pregnancy. Pregnant women are most at risk for gestational diabetes if they: have had the disorder during an earlier pregnancy, have previously delivered a very large baby, are over age 35, have high blood pressure or are greatly overweight. Those with parents or siblings who have diabetes are also at risk.

This is not a painful test, but a long one. After drinking a sugary solution, a blood sample is taken an hour later to check the level of sugar in the blood. A positive result doesn't necessarily mean gestational diabetes is present. A second, more definitive exam called a glucose tolerance test (GTT) must be taken to confirm. Source: American Pregnancy Association.

Fitness

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nant clients she encouraged avoiding the supine (lying flat on the back) position in the third trimester and sometimes even into the second. This is because oxygen may be slightly cut off to the baby in this position. She advises those not familiar with an exercise routine to work with a trained professional if exercising when pregnant. During pregnancy, ligaments loosen due to hormonal changes and special care should be taken.

On September 23rd, Samantha's bundle of joy arrived. She delivered her 6 pound, 9 ounce baby naturally, which was a dream

come true. Soon after arriving from the hospital she started to get Noah used to his sleeping arrangement.

Placing her baby next to her own bed, Samantha chose the Arm's Reach Co-Sleeper Bassinet. It fastens securely to the adult bed yet keeps the baby close.

"I am breast feeding and the Co-Sleeper allows me easy access to the baby without getting out of bed. I love it," says Samantha.

For information about the benefits of keeping your baby close, particularly in his early days, log on to www.armsreach.com.

Babyproofing

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that fingers cannot be caught. Also, place door stoppers atop doors to prevent pinched fingers as well.

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You'll need to modify your childproofing methods as your child grows older. Here are some other tips to consider:

- Vacuum regularly to pick up any loose change, paper clips or other items on the floor that your child can find and choke on.
- Remove the rubber tips of door stop-

pers because they can be a choking danger.

- Check the batteries of all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. There should be alarms on each floor of the house.

- Keep bathrooms off limits if possible. There are just too many potentially dangerous items in there. Use a toilet cover lock to prevent drowning in the toilet.

- Don't leave your child alone in a room, even with the best safety methods employed. And NEVER leave him unattended in the bath.

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Understanding and recognizing autism

Expectant parents often try to ensure the health of their unborn child, be it precautionary measures taken to ensure the baby is born healthy or regular doctor visits designed to keep a watchful eye on everything going with the unborn child's development. Parents can never be too cautious when it comes to their child's health.

Each year, however, an unexpected foe that can be hard to diagnose strikes fear in the hearts of parents. Affecting one in every 166 births, autism is the most common of all pervasive developmental disorders, which include Asperger's Disorder as well as Rett's Disorder. And those numbers figure to increase, according to the U.S. Department of Education and other government agencies, which estimate that instances of autism are growing at an alarming rate of 10 to 17 percent each year. All told, nearly four million Americans could be suffering autism in the next decade.

While those numbers justifiably cause concern in many people, it's important to remember autism affects different individuals in different ways. That makes identifying some of the criteria indicative of autism all the more important. While some autism sufferers might only experience mild side effects such as slight delays in language or trouble interacting socially, the Autism Society of America (ASA) warns parents to be on the lookout for the following traits as well.

■ **Resistance to change:** Autism sufferers insist on never breaking from their routine, a trait that was characterized in the 1988 film "Rain Man," where Dustin Hoffman's character is an adult with autism who strongly resists change and breaking from his routine throughout the film.

■ **Not verbalizing their needs and wants:** In lieu of speaking, autism sufferers often resort to pointing or gestures when expressing needs. While this is a common trait in many young children, it is abnormal for toddlers who have already developed language skills.

■ **Verbal repetition:** Rather than holding a conversation, autism sufferers will simply repeat a phrase to reflect a need or want.

■ **Not wanting to be cuddled or make eye contact:** While these are separate traits, they both can be extremely difficult for parents to cope with, possibly making parents feel as though their child is not reciprocating their love. Children will react negatively to being

hugged or cuddled and some autism sufferers refuse to make eye contact as well.

■ **Unresponsive to verbal cues:** Children with autism often act as if they are deaf, despite hearing tests that show their hearing is in normal range.

■ **Difficulty in mixing with others:** At times, autism can be a heartbreaking disorder for a sufferer's loved ones, mainly due to the difficulty autistic children have in communicating and befriending other children. Lacking the capacity to communicate with others is one of the more prevalent traits associated with autism. Parents of children who can't seem to mix with other children should consider consulting a physician.

While each of these are traits associated with autism, parents should know not all of these traits, if any at all, are prevalent in autistic children. As a difficult a disease as autism can be to live with, it can be equally difficult to diagnose. To learn more, visit the ASA Web site at www.autism-society.org.

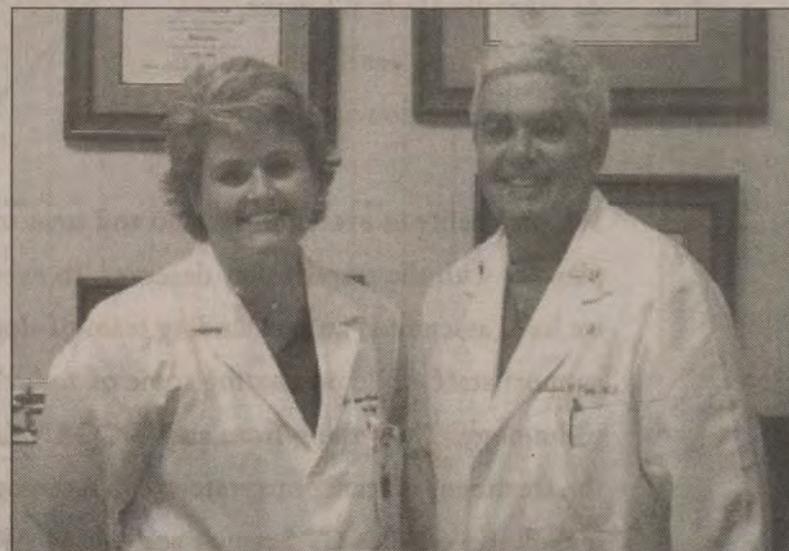


Children with autism can exhibit a multitude of traits related to the disease, making it a difficult one to diagnose.

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