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briefs

Court hires employees, buys trucks

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Thursday's special Floyd County Fiscal Court Meeting was very short and to the point, with several resolutions on the agenda.

Two resolutions to void a couple of checks passed through approval quickly and made way for the next resolution to hire new employees. Matthew Stephens will be hired as a full-time Floyd County deputy jailer at a rate of \$11.29 per hour. Pamela Clark will be replacing one of the full-time cooks at the jail at an hourly rate of \$8.50 per hour.

The last resolution was an action to open bids for the purchase of three dump trucks. The court only received one bid from Worldwide Equipment FOR a total amount of \$276,204, with each truck costing \$92,068. The court accepted the bid and will receive the trucks within the next week.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 30 • Low: 12

Tomorrow



High: 32 • Low: 16

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Four plead guilty to smuggling drugs

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Five of the eight people who conspired to smuggle drugs into the Floyd County Detention Center pleaded guilty Wednesday and Thursday to conspiring to introduce drugs into the jail last May.

Two of the conspirators were inmates of the jail at the time of the indictments, with one scheduled for sentencing March 2 while the other will be sentenced on March 16. Two others charged in the drug-smuggling case have

not yet entered a plea in the case but are expected to on March 2. All eight of the conspirators were indicted in June on charges of conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance, conspiracy to traffic in marijuana and conspiracy to promote contraband.

The investigation began last May when 46-year-old Auxier native Velma Sparkman was arrested outside the jail after visiting her son, Travis Banks, who was an inmate at the time awaiting a trial for burglary. Sparkman was

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Twenty-eight-year-old Shawn Thacker was one of five people who conspired to smuggle methadone and marijuana into the Floyd County Detention Center last year. He received a two-and-a-half-year sentence for his role in the case, which saw four other defendants plead guilty to conspiracy charges Wednesday and Thursday.

photo by Alex Smith

CENTER OF ACTIVITY



photos by Ralph B. Davis
May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park was campaign central Thursday, as two candidates for statewide office appeared at luncheon. Gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith, above right, greeted voters before conducting a press conference. Coincidentally, Jack Conway, right back corner, stopped at May Lodge for lunch with former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson, County Attorney Keith Bartley and Magistrates John Goble, Ronnie Akers and Donnie Daniels.



Woman pleads guilty to acting as UNITE officer

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Teaberry woman who handcuffed and robbed an elderly man at his home after he allowed her into his home thinking she was an officer working for Operation UNITE, pleaded guilty to impersonating a peace officer Wednesday and will serve 10 years in prison.

Evelyn Delynn Hall, 30, also pleaded guilty to an unrelated case to five felony forgery charges and a misdemeanor theft charge after using a friend's stolen checkbook to cash fraudulent checks in Stanville.

The robbery case occurred July 16, when

Hall used a fake badge, which was later found to be nothing more than a black wallet with an honorary Fraternal Order of Police badge slid into a slot for pictures inside, to enter the home of Herman Johnson, saying she was there as part of a drug raid for illegal prescription drugs.

Hall handcuffed Johnson's hands behind his back and searched his home for over an hour, taking with her eight guns, \$360 and several prescription pill bottles. When Hall was leaving to load the items into her car, she told Johnson that her partner was waiting outside for the

(See GUILTY, page two)

Former county judge, RECC president dies

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Former Floyd County Judge-Executive Bill Wells died Wednesday at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

He was 75.

Wells was born April 23, 1931, in Glo. Wells worked for Floyd County Judge-Executive Henry Stumbo in the 1980s and served the final two years of Stumbo's term, after he died while in office. Wells ran for reelection and won, serving one term. Before becoming judge-executive, Wells was a three-term magistrate for District 1 in the 1970s.

Wells worked as an

assistant at Big Sandy RECC from 1959 until 1965. He served as RECC president from 1969 until his retirement in 1995, when he was also serving as general manager. For more than a year following his retirement, Wells continued working for RECC as a consultant.

Wells was a member of the Spurlock Bible Church and was an active member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge and was a member of the 32nd Mason for 50 years.

Wells is survived by his wife, Pauline Sparks Wells of Prestonsburg, as well as two sisters, two sons and two stepsons.

A full obituary appears on page A2.

Influential leaders being chosen

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

The nominations for the 20th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference in Pikeville on April 26 and 27 are now in.

Twenty leaders from throughout the state who have helped shape the history of East Kentucky have been chosen. The leaders who are nominated must have either been born in or lived most of their lives in one of the counties of the East Kentucky Coal Fields, and have had a significant impact on their community, region, state or nation. Nominees can-

not currently be elected officials or seeking elected office.

Nominations are still being accepted through the web site until Feb. 28.

Currently the nominations are:

- Harriette Louise Simpson Arnow (1908-1986)
- Alexander Alan Arthur (1846-1912)
- James Black (1849-1938)
- William O'Connell Bradley (1847-1914)
- Mary Carson Breckenridge (1881-1965)
- Bert T. Combs (1911-1991)
- John Sherman Cooper (1901-1985)

■ William J. Fields (1874-1954)

■ Mary Elliot Flannery (1867-1933)

■ Larry Claxton Flynt (1942-)

■ Theophilus Toulmin Garrard (1812-1902)

■ Eula Riley Hall (1927-)

■ Tom T. Hall (1936-)

■ Mathias "Tice" Harman (1886-1968)

■ Martin Himler (1888-)

■ Elhanan M. Howard (1888-1948)

■ Alice Geddes Lloyd

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Murder charge filed after fatal accident

by ALEX SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A 34-year-old Allen woman was indicted for murder Tuesday after she was involved in a fatal two-vehicle accident Oct. 20.

Melissa M. Conn, of Allen, was indicted by a Floyd County grand jury on a murder charge. The indictment states that Conn wantonly killed 61-year-old Lorene S. Griffith, of Martin, by crossing the center line of Route 1428 near Allen and hitting Griffith's

car head-on.

The accident occurred Oct. 20 at approximately 1 p.m. while Conn was traveling westbound in a 1999 Nissan Altima when she crossed into oncoming traffic and struck a 1990 Chevy Lumina being driven by Griffith.

Griffith was pronounced dead at the scene, while Conn was transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin and was later transferred to Saint Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, W.Va. Conn suffered head and abdominal trauma in the accident.

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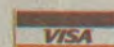
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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Jennifer Lynn Mills, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Christopher Neil West, 32, of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Midland Funding NCC-2 Corp. vs. Shirley Anderson; to collect debt
Capital One Bank vs. Lorrina Samons; to collect debt
Daniel Gardner vs. Wes Hamilton and Artisha Hamilton Sturgill; to collect debt
Capital One Bank vs. Rebecca A. Fraley; to collect debt
Midland Funding, LLC vs. Billy Slone; to collect debt
ARH-Whitesburg Hospital vs. Erica Bryant; to collect debt
Capital One Bank vs. James S. Robinson; to collect debt
Sandy Valley Financial Services, Inc. vs. Pamela Bentley and Billy Hunt; to collect debt
Capital One Bank vs. Glenn D. Rackey; to collect debt
MRC Receivables Corp. vs.

Kimberly Hall; to collect debt
McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital vs. Brenda Lawson; to collect debt
Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center vs. Kendall N. Lafferty; to collect debt
MRC Receivables Corp. vs. Brenda C. Owens; to collect debt
Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Gwen Justice; to collect debt
First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Audra J. Gayheart; to collect debt
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company vs. Katie Collett and Arik Hall; to collect debt
Midland Funding LLC vs. Juanita Smith; to collect debt
U.S. Bank vs. Kathy Lynn and Jason Johnson; motion for appointment of guardian and litem
Walter Mullins vs. Troy Spradlin and Kaley Transport, Inc.; collateral source certification
Betsy Newman vs. Oliver Pipe and Equipment, Inc. and Donald A. Baldwin; compensatory and punitive

damages
Tammy K. Bragg vs. Donald R. Bragg; petition for health care insurance
Gina R. Holbrook vs. Randal C. Holbrook; petition for health care insurance
Rosemary Carroll and Ivan Ugene Carroll vs. Cecil E. Boyd and Floyd County Board of Education; interrogatories and request for production of documents to defendant, Cecil E. Boyd
Jaime Michelle Kohl vs. Christopher William Kohl; status quo order
Olen Cornett vs. Joan Gayheart Cornett; dissolution of marriage
NCO Portfolio Management Inc. vs. James D. Hunt; to collect debt
Dara Damron vs. Derek Damron; dissolution of marriage
Paul R. and Elaine Gearheart vs. Linda Saylor; to collect debt
Citifinancial Auto Corporation vs. Stuart King; to collect debt
Kimberly Layne vs. James

Edward Layne; dissolution of marriage
Tina Padgett vs. Ronnie Jackson Padgett; dissolution of marriage
Coe E. Lewis vs. Charlene A. Lewis; petition for health care insurance
Tony R. Conley vs. Melissa J. Slone; petition for health care insurance
Danny Allen vs. Corey B. Allen; petition for child support and health care insurance
Don E. Craft vs. Tina G. Hall; petition for health care insurance
Danny Allen vs. Kristy D. Dorton; petition for child support and health care insurance
Nancy Hurt vs. Eric Newsome; compensatory and punitive damages
Penni Martin vs. William R. Hackworth; compensatory and punitive damages
Michael Howell vs. Linda Howell, Bill Howell and Allstate Insurance Company; compensatory and punitive damages

Bank of America vs. Pamela S. Baker; to collect debt

Small Claims Filings
Big Sandy Physical Therapy Inc. vs. Joy Osbourne; to collect debt

Charges Filed
Charles Lemaster, 49; second-degree assault, violation of Kentucky emergency protection order, three counts first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree unlawful imprisonment, kidnapping with serious physical injury, first-degree burglary
David Lee Hall, 27; obscuring the identity of a machine over \$300, receiving stolen property over \$300
Angela M. Howell, 28; theft by unlawful taking over \$300
Jonathan Eric Coleman, 29; receiving stolen property over \$300
Tracey Mullins, 31; theft by unlawful taking over \$300
Kevin J. Slone, 27; first-degree

(See RECORD, page three)

Obituaries



Cameron Wells; five great-grandchildren: Madison, Dakota, Zachary, Hunter, and Olivia; three stepgrandchildren and one stepgreat-grandson.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 10, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Stephens and Rev. Steve Pescosolido officiating.

Interment will be in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Visitation is Friday, 5 p.m., until 9 p.m. Masonic services, will be conducted Friday, at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to: Spurlock Bible Chapel, 6227 Spurlock Creek Road, Prestonsburg.

Active pallbearers: Zack Wells, Todd Wells, Wesley McGuire, Worth McGuire II, William McGuire, Dan Hitchcock and Cameron Wells.

Honorary pallbearers: Frank Fitzpatrick, Richard Fitzpatrick, Worth McGuire, Albert Burchett, Dr. Charles Arnett, Dr. Larry Leslie, Dr. Chuck Tackett, Dr. Jack Kendrick, and Henry (Mutt) Harris Jr.

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

and a former magistrate of District No. 1. He was a member of the Spurlock Bible Church, and a member of Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lottie Francis (Billie Jo) Fitzpatrick Wells, who died October 12, 1988.

He is survived by his second wife, Pauline Sparks Wells of Prestonsburg.

Other survivors include two sons: Kenneth Ray Wells (Jan) of Prestonsburg, and Michael Keith Wells (Heather) of Prestonsburg; two stepsons: William McGuire of Emma, and Worth McGuire of Richmond; two sisters: Betty Palmer and Peggy Conley, both of Lexington; four grandchildren: Zack Wells, Todd Wells, Kalan Wells and

Smuggling

arrested by Prestonsburg police after a brown paper bag she was carrying was found to contain methadone and marijuana.

An investigation was opened by County Attorney Keith Bartley and Officer George Tussey, who listened to over 100 hours of recorded phone calls originating from the jail. They determined that Banks and another inmate, 28-year-old Shawn Thacker, had put the operation together.

The phone calls, which started with the inmates contacting their mothers or girlfriends and having them call a third party to obtain the drugs, asked them to drop the drugs off at a predetermined location after they came for visits behind the old courthouse in Prestonsburg where the

inmates would have access to them. The investigation also turned up several letters written by Travis Banks to Angela Banks, who pleaded guilty to charges in January, containing information about his plans to sell the drugs inside the jail.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Wayne Taylor said that once Sparkman was arrested and investigators had listened to the suspects' phone recordings, it was fairly easy to make a case against all eight suspects.

"What's interesting about this case is all phone conversations are recorded at the jail," Taylor said. "All the proof is taped telephone conversations to their mothers and girlfriends, asking them to bring the drugs to the jail."

Travis Banks and his moth-

er, Sparkman, both entered their guilty pleas on Wednesday. Banks, who is currently serving a 10-year sentence at Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex in West Liberty, agreed to a six-year sentence. Sparkman avoided jail time by agreeing to cooperate fully against all of the other defendants in the case, agreeing to a five-year sentence which was suspended and probated for five years.

Shawn Thacker, 53-year-old Lucille Thacker, his mother and 29-year-old Lisa Marie Compton, pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance and conspiracy to promote contraband on Thursday.

Shawn Thacker agreed to a two-and-a-half-year sentence for criminal conspiracy to traf-

fic in controlled substances and two 12-month sentences for conspiracy to traffic in marijuana and promoting contraband. He will be formally sentenced March 16.

Lucille Thacker and Lisa Marie Compton both were sentenced on Thursday to matching 12-month sentences on all three charges, which were suspended and probated for a period of 24 months.

The final two members of the group, 34-year-old Robbie Kennard and his mother Deborah Kennard, 54, both of Salyersville, are scheduled to enter pleas on March 2. Both were indicted on the same offenses and allegedly were in charge of supplying the other conspirators with the drugs they planned to introduce into the jail.

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local police to arrive and to remain seated until they arrived.

As Hall walked out the door, Johnson's daughter was coming in. Hall told her the same story and Johnson's daughter, having no reason not to believe that Hall was who she said she was, helped her load the items into Hall's car.

Johnson and his daughter waited for the police to arrive for several hours before finally contacting the state police, who arrived and called the local fire department to come and cut the handcuffs off of Johnson.

An officer for UNITE

began investigating the incident and received a tip that Hall had apparently been telling people she worked for the agency. The officer acquired a photograph of Hall from the caller, and was able to begin searching for her after confirming with Johnson that Hall was the one who had robbed him.

On July 19, a second complaint was received from a couple who reported that a woman claiming to be an officer for UNITE had tried to gain access to their home, but they turned her away and called the police. The investigator arrived at the

couple's home the same day and was able to confirm Hall was the woman who had tried to rob them. Hall's car was found parked near the couple's residence and Hall was located and arrested later that day. A search of her vehicle turned up the black wallet and badge used to gain entry to Johnson's residence, as well as a matching pair of handcuffs and over \$600.

"Obviously it's a very unusual case, but it's very serious what she did here, particularly with the elderly victim who was handcuffed," said Commonwealth's Attorney

Brent Turner. "Obviously he was traumatized, and someone could have really been hurt."

Hall will be sentenced in both cases on March 2. She agreed to five years each on five counts of forgery and 12 months for a theft charge, all of which will run concurrent with one another and concurrent with the plea agreement in the robbery case. Hall agreed to a plea of five years in prison for three counts of impersonating a peace officer and the unlawful imprisonment of Herman Johnson, and a 10-year sentence for second-degree robbery.

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Leaders

- (1876-1962)
- John P. Martin (1811-1862)
- Andrew Jackson May (1829-1903)
- John C.C. Mayo, Sr. (1864-1914)

- Edwin P. Morrow (1877-1935)
- Paul E. Patton (1937-)
- Carl D. Perkins (1912-1984)
- Flem Sampson (1875-1967)

- Harland Sanders (1890-1980)
- Willie Sandlin (1890-1949)
- Cora Wilson Stewart (1875-1958)
- Jesse Stuart (1906-1984)

- Grady Stumbo (1945-)
- Ida Lee Willis (1897-1978)
- Simeon Willis (1879-1965)
- Fred Vinson (1890-1953)

Kentucky ranks third in prescription drug use, BlueCross says

The Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Tennessee led the nation in prescription drug use and ranked second in prescription drug spending in 2005, according to a report by BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.

The insurer's study "Inside Tennessee's Medicine Cabinet" found that the state's prescription drug use stood at 17.3 prescriptions per person compared with the U.S. average of 11.3 prescriptions per capita.

The insurer cites data from 2005, the same year that Gov. Phil Bredesen began cutting 170,000 adults from TennCare and cutting prescription benefits to thousands more.

It's not yet known if data for 2006 would show a significant change in the state's prescription drug use.

Other Southeastern states also ranked above the national average: West Virginia with an average of 16 prescriptions, Kentucky with 15.7 and Alabama with

15.2.

As for costs, prescription drug spending in Tennessee equates to \$1,192 per every resident.

"For all our drug use and spending, Tennessee still ranks 47th in health status for its citizens," said BlueCross health policy director Bill Cecil, citing the state's ranking in a report issued in November by the United Health Foundation.

He added that criteria for appropriate prescription drug use is needed to prevent health risks, as well as maximize the benefits.

Each year, medication mistakes injure more than 1.5 million Americans, according to the Institute of Medicine. The drug errors and prescription overuse can result in accidental poisonings, drug addiction, and even death.

"The dangers that prescription overuse pose to our health and our wallets should cause concern for all Tennesseans," said Terry Shea, director of pharmacy services for BlueCross.

"Fortunately, the health care communi-

ty is engaging in many collaborative efforts that explore mechanisms such as electronic health records and education to address our prescription drug problem."

Blue Cross Blue Shield has been chosen to administer the state's new health insurance program for low-income working Tennesseans, beating out bids from United Healthcare, Aetna and Cigna.

The Cover Tennessee plan calls for the state, workers and participating employers to each pay one-third of the average monthly premium of \$150.

Express Scripts, Inc. is the contractor hired to administer the prescription drug benefits of the Cover Tennessee program, called Cover Rx.

Hazard banker, philanthropist dies at 83

The Associated Press

HAZARD — C. Vernon Cooper Jr., a wealthy retired banker who traveled the world but loved his home in eastern Kentucky, died Wednesday. He was 83.

The retired president of People's Bank and Trust Co. died at Hazard Appalachian Regional Healthcare Medical Center.

"I've been around the world, but this is the most special place in the world to me," Cooper said in 2005. "Hazard is my home, and where there's a need, I like to help."

A 1941 graduate of Hazard High School, Cooper still attended the school's football games in his 80s.

He gave the Hazard Independent School District \$120,000 in 2003 to install lights at the high school baseball and softball fields. A much smaller 1999 donation — \$500

for football summer camps at the University of Kentucky — was pivotal in an investigation into the university's football program.

Recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett endorsed and misappropriated Cooper's check and was eventually fired, and in 2002 the NCAA sanctioned UK for recruiting violations.

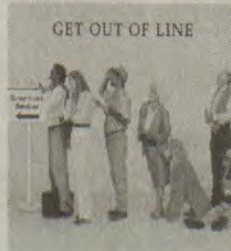
Cooper also gave \$200,000 to the hospital in Hazard to help build an open-heart surgery unit. Ashland, Pikeville, and London — each more than 60 miles from Hazard — had been the only eastern Kentucky towns to offer the open-heart procedure.

He also served as chairman of the Kentucky River Area Development District and chairman emeritus of the State Advisory Council on Libraries.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday at Hazard High School's gymnasium. Visitation will be at the school on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m.



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Record

robbery

James D. Kerr, 31; second-degree forgery
Earnest Bowman, 38; fugitive from another state

Vernecia J. Perry, 47; operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, rear license not illuminated, three counts of failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, fail to give right of way to vehicle passing opposite, careless driving, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, two counts controlled substance prescription not in original container, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree traffic in a controlled substance, first-degree promoting contraband, license plate not legible

Ronald W. Blackburn, 51; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, reckless driving, resisting arrest, first-degree terroristic threatening, disorderly conduct

Inspections

Double Kwik #2065, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, food not protected during storage, operators not providing chemical test kits where chemical sanitization methods are employed, cloths used for wiping nonfood contact surfaces being used for other purposes, improper storage of single service articles, garbage and refuse containers not covered as required, lighting not provided as required, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 93, Retail, 96.

Jerry's Food Mart, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, dishwashing facility not properly designed, toilet room doors not self closing, floors not in good repair, attached equipment not in good repair on walls and ceiling, cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: Food, 93, Retail, 95.

Property Transfers

Garland Lewis Arnett Jr. to Larry Michael Jervis, property located at Holbrook Branch.

Lisa Lynn Arnett to Larry Michael Jervis, property located at Holbrook Branch.

Buena Bentley to Patricia Cooper, property location undisclosed.

Lonzo L. Bowling to Charles and Victoria Ray, property located at Prestonsburg.

Ramona Kay Bowling to Charles and Victoria Ray, property located at Prestonsburg.

Donna Boyette to Kentucky Power Company, property location undisclosed.

Jim Boyette to Kentucky Power Company, property location undisclosed.

Estate of Donna Jean Branham to Pelphrey Investments LLC, property location undisclosed.

Monty Dean Branham Executor to Pelphrey Investments LLC, property location undisclosed.

Roberta Burchett to Charles Burchett, property location undisclosed.

Deborah Hall Calhoun to Lisa R. and Terry Von Chaffins, property located in Martin.

Mud Creek Baptist Church to Riverside Missionary Baptist Church, property location undisclosed.

Jill Ferrari to JP Morgan Chase Bank, property location undisclosed.

John Ferrari to JP Morgan Chase Bank, property location undisclosed.

Joyce Rene'e Gilkerson to Joyce Rene'e Gilkerson, William Douglas Gilkerson and James E. Hargrove, property located at Crestwood Subdivision.

William Douglas Gilkerson to Joyce Rene'e Gilkerson, William Douglas Gilkerson and James E. Hargrove, property located at Crestwood Subdivision.

Billy Hamilton to Olivia Mitchell, property location undisclosed.

Tiffany Holbrook to Ricky and Tonia Robinson, property located at Creekside Development.

William E. Holbrook to Ricky and Tonia Robinson, property located at Creekside Development.

JP Morgan Chase Bank to JP Morgan Chase Bank, prop-

erty location undisclosed.

Estate of Helen Prevost Mayo to Mayo Harkey LLC, property location undisclosed.

Helen Prevost Mayo Trust to Mayo Harkey LLC, property location undisclosed.

W. Porter Mayo Trust to Mayo Harkey LLC, property location undisclosed.

Estate of Walker P. Mayo II to Mayo Harkey LLC, property location undisclosed.

Walker P. Mayo II Trustee to Mayo Harkey LLC, property location undisclosed.

Gary McCoy to Lisa R. and Terry Von Chaffins, property located in Martin.

Terri Hall McCoy to Lisa R. and Terry Von Chaffins, property located at Martin.

Malln Mitchell Jr. to Olivia Mitchell, property location undisclosed.

Mud Creek Baptist Church to Riverside Missionary Baptist Church, property location undisclosed.

Anna Lee Ousley to Carl Bailey Jr., property located at Jim Potter Branch.

Unknown spouse of Anna Lee Ousley to Carl Bailey Jr., property located at Jim Potter Branch.

Molly Owens to Joseph Owens, property location undisclosed.

Danny Ray to Darren J. Combs, property located at Mare Creek.

Sharon A. Ray to Darren J. Combs, property located at Mare Creek.

Ricky Robinson to Tiffany S. Holbrook and William E. Holbrook II, property located at Abbott Creek.

Tonia Robinson to Tiffany

S. Holbrook and William E. Holbrook II, property located at Abbott Creek.

Ruth Runnels to Lonzo and Ramona Bowling, property located at West Prestonsburg.

William P. Runnels to Lonzo and Ramona Bowling, property located at West Prestonsburg.

Albert D. Scalf to Anita and Darren Stapleton, property located at Mare Creek.

Albert Devon Scalf to Anita and Darren Stapleton, property located at Mare Creek.

John Schickel US Marshall to Carl Bailey Jr., property located at Jim Potter Branch.

Henry Setser Jr. to Fannin Enterprises, property located at Allen.

Sharon Setser to Fannin Enterprises, property located at Allen.

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Johnson named PMC chief operating officer



Jerry Johnson

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center's Jerry Johnson was promoted last week to the position of Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the hospital. Johnson had been serving as Special Assistant to the President and CEO prior to accepting his new job. With over 24 years of hands-on experience in management and a strong public service background, Johnson brings strength and proven ability to this new position. Before coming to Pikeville Medical Center last May, Johnson worked as Chief Executive Officer of Pikeville Medical Development Corporation in Louisville, a development corporation of Pikeville Medical Center, a post which he has held since March 2005. This corporation finds and facilitates new research opportunities for Pikeville Medical Center, and assists in creating new economic opportunities in the area. Prior to his work in Louisville, Johnson spent 10 years working in state government, with eight of those years in the governor's office.

Johnson has managed new construction projects, the hospital's physician staff offices, many of the hospital's operations units and other special projects as needed, since arriving in Pikeville last spring. He also continues his work with the Pikeville Medical Development Corporation. The Harlan native accepted his new position after former COO Debbie Puckett accepted her own promotion and new role at PMC as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Rehabilitation Hospital.

Veterans preference plan clears committee

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Military veterans seeking protected state jobs would have an advantage over regular civilians going for the same post under a bill before the Kentucky General Assembly.

Veterans already receive a preference when they apply for state jobs under the current system. The plan, which on Wednesday cleared a legislative committee dealing with veterans issues, would give them an added boost.

"Veterans really don't have a preference in state government hiring," said Rep. Mike Cherry, D-Princeton, the bill's sponsor.

The legislation is among a number of bills pending in the legislature this year that aim to help military veterans, active duty members and their families. A separate plan, for example, would give an income tax break to active duty military personnel.

Kentucky's merit system, the state's version of civil service jobs, was at the center of a lengthy investigation into Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration. A Franklin County special grand jury investigated allegations that Fletcher and other administration officials doled out protected state jobs to the governor's political supporters. According to state law, such jobs are supposed to be based on a candidate's qualifications, not political ties.

Fletcher was indicted on three misdemeanors stemming from the probe, but the charges were eventually dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Cherry and other supporters of the plan said that veterans, however, should get an advantage over other applicants when seeking employment with the state. Currently, veterans get a five-point bonus when they apply for a protected state job, and disabled vets get a 10-point boost.

Cherry said that's not enough of a preference because only about 14 percent of the protected jobs in state government

require a test in which the added points can be calculated.

Under the proposal, every veterans' application would be clearly marked and state officials would be required to interview at least five candidates who are veterans for every job.

Similar plans cleared both chambers during the 2006 session but failed to become law.

The measure sailed through the House committee on the legislature's second full day of work. It was part of the House Democrats' 2007 agenda.

Now, it heads to the full House for consideration.

Paul Schlisser, a Vietnam veteran and a veterans' service office at Fort Knox, said he thought it was "a great bill." It would give someone with military service a chance to "catch up" with those who did not serve.

"It's about time that the veterans get a preference," Schlisser said.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Four films hit the shelves this week and the good news is that only one ought to be left there.

"The Grudge 2" — Let's just get this one out of the way. Director Takashi Shimizu delivers his sixth take on this material in as many years with this sequel to the American version. The film picks up with Sarah Michelle Gellar confined to an asylum after surviving her foray into a house haunted by a family massacre. This time the curse gets all over town and menaces Gellar's sister (Amber Tamblyn). Shimizu has proved he can do this stuff in his sleep and deserves a chance to direct something new. Avoid this one and the series might just go away.

"Flags of Our Fathers" — Clint Eastwood continues his trend of making his best films as he sloughs through his gold-

en years with this adaptation of a book about the men who raised the flag at Iwo Jima and became instant celebrities. The movie follows the prewar life of all six men and hits its stride when it places them all at the battle of Iwo Jima. The film then embarks on an examination of how the participants felt that they betrayed their fellow Marines when they were whisked off to promote bonds while their friends died in massive numbers in the Pacific theater. Eastwood manages to tell this story without melodrama and presents some of the grittiest war sequences since "Saving Private Ryan."

"Running with Scissors" — There are plenty of laughs and heartfelt drama in this adaptation of Augusten Burroughs' novel about growing up in a

family that must cope with mental illness. Annette Benning, Brian Cox and Jill Clayburgh star.

"Hollywoodland" — Film fans will get a kick out of this dramatic retelling of the death of actor George Reeves (TV's Superman). Many of Reeves' friends have insisted that the actor never would have taken his own life and this movie looks at an alternate scenario. Reeves is played by Ben Affleck, who does a fine job and gets ample support from Bob Hoskins, Diane Lane and Adrien Brody. This one fizzled at the box office but deserves a second chance on DVD where it should get off to a good start after the blitz of Superman titles which hit the racks in the wake of the release of "Superman

Returns."

Next week look for Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson in Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" while Billy Bob Thornton provides the yucks in "School for Scoundrels."

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Betsy Layne to honor Wallace as first inductee into Hall of Fame

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – In between tonight's home Floyd County Conference/58th District basketball games against Prestonsburg High teams, Betsy Layne High School officials will honor legendary alumnus Grady Wallace as the first inductee into the school's Hall of Fame. The Betsy Layne-Prestonsburg boys' basketball game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. tipoff. The Hall of Fame ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of the boys' game.

Wallace and the other members of the 1953 BLHS team, as well as

cheerleaders and managers will be recognized during the ceremony. The Betsy Ladycats and Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats will take to the court for a conference/district matchup in the nightcap.

Under the guidance of Coach William Hunter, Wallace played basketball at Betsy Layne High School from 1950-1953. The Mare Creek native played at a couple of different colleges on a path that would result in him leading the nation in scoring.

When he ended his prep career at Betsy Layne, Wallace moved on to nearby Pikeville College, where he played two seasons under Coach Walt Hambrick. Upon Hambrick accepting

a position as an assistant coach, Wallace followed. It was in South Carolina where Wallace notched himself into the college basketball record books.

Wallace played for South Carolina from 1955-1957. The Mare Creek native averaged 23.9 points per game during his junior season in 1956. He followed the junior campaign with his record-breaking season in 1957.

Wallace led the nation in scoring in 1957, averaging 31.3 points per game. He was the nation's leading scorer, ranking ahead of Mississippi's Joe Gibbon, Seattle's Elgin Baylor, Kansas center Wilt Chamberlain and

(See WALLACE, page eight)



Coach Brent Rose will guide his Betsy Layne Bobcats into tonight's home game against the Prestonsburg Blackcats.

photo by Steve LeMaster

Cleaning out the notebook

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Kicking the weekend off with another edition of notes:

■ Wanna talk about a good night? Does it get any better than a day when Kentucky wins and Duke loses? I think not, even when North Carolina gets the "W" over the Devils.

■ Then again, when South Carolina puts 44 on you in a 12-minute stretch (the last 12), you have to wonder what's going to happen when Donnie Jones leads the Florida Gators to town on Saturday night.

■ Alright, let's pause for just a minute and examine some football.

One of the latest people to interview to be the person who fronts for Jerry Jones as head coach of the Cowboys is Chicago defensive coordinator Ron Rivera.

Think about that. I know the Bears had a good defense this year, but that's nothing new. They always play solid on the defensive side of the ball. But how seriously can you consider Rivera when he had two weeks to prepare for Peyton Manning and that's the best he could do.

■ That said, at the risk of really ticking off Jerry Boggs, I was pretty happy for Manning. He doesn't need that saddle strapped around him the rest of his career. Manning is a prolific quarterback who could be, in time, the best to ever play the position.

Right now you'd have to say there are two categories of quarterbacks when breaking down the best. There's the winners and the top statistical guys.

Really, on the list of winners, there's only two names: Joe Montana and Tom Brady.

(See BENTLEY, page eight)



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM: The Prestonsburg High School Varsity Cheerleaders are 15th Region KAPOS Champs and headed to state competition in Richmond.

P'burg takes 15th Region KAPOS title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Floyd County is again home to a regional champion. The Prestonsburg High School Varsity Cheerleaders recently captured the 15th Region KAPOS (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) Traditional Division championship. By winning, Prestonsburg earned the right to compete for a state title on Feb. 24 in Richmond at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena. Prestonsburg is scheduled to begin competition that morning at 11:30 a.m.

This is the only the third time in history a 58th District cheerleading squad has accomplished the feat of winning a regional championship and the first time in 25 years. The 1981 Prestonsburg High girls' varsity squad and the 1982 varsity unit captured regional titles.

Members of the regional championship cheerleading teams, as well as any former PHS cheerleaders and coaches, will be honored at Prestonsburg High School on Monday, Feb. 12 in between games of a P'burg-South Floyd boys-girls basketball doubleheader. Blackcat fans are asked to wear red in support of the 2007 championship squad.

Sponsors being sought: The Prestonsburg High School varsity cheerleaders are currently acquiring individual or group sponsorships in the amounts of \$25, \$50, \$100 or greater in order to attend the 2007 KAPOS State Cheerleading Competition.

The PHS cheer squad doesn't receive any designated Title IX or local school funding. As a result, squad members and their families are responsible for all fees related to cheerleading. These fees include, but aren't limited to purchasing uniforms, accessories and supplies, participating in camps and competitions, and travel expenses throughout the school year.

Each sponsor will be recognized on the back of the annual basketball season youth cheer clinic T-shirt on Saturday, Feb. 17. The T-shirt will be given to each clinic participant (80-100 youth cheerleaders from across the region). In addition, sponsors will be recognized at the remaining home basketball games. Anonymous sponsors will not be publicly acknowledged per their request.

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MEET THE PHS VARSITY CHEER TEAM

Seniors: Jennifer Belcher, Kristin Boyd, Ashley Fletcher, Jackie Joseph, Allison Hamilton, Ashley Moore, Pam Slone.

Juniors: Kim Collins, Courtney Gullet, Andrea Johnson, Kristen Little, Nakeasha Maines, Brittany Phillips, Emily Stanley.

Sophomore: Chelsea Lafferty.

Freshman: Kate Herrick.

Coaches: Leslie Ousley, Nikki Shepherd, Janice Hamilton.

Mascots: Maddy Ousley, Emma Grace Porter.

Trainers: Steve Slone, Jody Hackworth.

Pom Routine Choreographer: Jody Shepherd, of Dance, Etc.

Fleming-led Valley turns back Lady Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK – The Allen Central Lady Rebels dropped their second straight game on Monday night, falling to host Shelby Valley. Senior Esther Fleming scored a game-high 29 points and Sally Roberts rolled in 10 as the Lady Wildcats totted to a 73-47 win over the Lady Rebels.

Nine different Shelby Valley players scored in the rout.

The Lady Wildcats wasted little time in going out in front of Allen Central. Shelby Valley outscored the Lady Rebels 20-6 in the opening quarter. Allen Central, the 58th District runner-up last season, crept back into the game in the second quarter.

(See FLEMING, page eight)

Early soccer signups scheduled

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Floyd County Youth Soccer Association will conduct early registration on Saturday during Prestonsburg Junior Pro basketball games. The youth basketball games are held beginning in the morning at Adams Middle School in Prestonsburg. All children at least four (4) years of age, but less than 19 years of age on August 1, 2006, are eligible to participate in the recreational soccer league. Parents may be asked to provide a birth certificate or other record for verification of the child's birthdate. The registration fee, which covers costs associated with youth soccer, is \$40.

Floyd County Youth Soccer Association enjoyed another successful fall season. The league fields teams in various age groups in both fall and spring seasons.

Woods signs with Eku

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - After recently completing a stellar gridiron career at Prestonsburg High School, Wes Woods signed a national letter of intent with Eastern Kentucky University on Wednesday. The 6-foot-2, 256-pound senior will head to Eastern Kentucky, where he will play on either the offensive or defensive lines.

Woods led a much-improved Prestonsburg defense to a regional championship game appearance in 2006. While attending football camp at Eku over the summer, Woods claimed the outstanding lineman award.

Several factors contributed to Woods choosing Eastern Kentucky.

"I liked the camp and the facilities at Eastern and I was also pleased with the coaching staff," said Woods.

Playing college football close to home and at a place like Eku played major roles in helping Woods make his decision. The coaching staff at Eku has told Woods to expect to redshirt during the upcoming 2007 season.

(See WOODS, page eight)



Among family, coaches, teammates and friends, Prestonsburg High School senior Wes Woods signed Wednesday to play football at Eastern Kentucky University.

photo by Jamie Howell

Bentley

Everybody else — and this is a fairly short list, like Bradshaw and Aikman — is well back in the field.

As for the top stat guys, you have to look at Manning and Favre and then the guys without titles like Marino and Fouts.

What would separate Manning from the pack would be if he could find himself on — and therefore, clearly, atop —

both lists. Then we'd have something.

■ So Duke has lost three straight? Excellent.

■ Seriously, was that a sweet throw-down by Derrick Jasper Wednesday night or what? Of course, it was the only second-half highlight for the Big Blue, but it was special indeed.

■ So what about the Reid kids?

Britt Reid, the son of Philadelphia Eagles Coach Andy Reid, was arrested on about nine counts recently for allegedly pulling a gun which he claims was a large flashlight on a motorist.

Oh by the way, he was also charged with possession of cocaine, Oxycodone and marijuana after those, um, items, were found in his vehicle.

This happened shortly — and

I mean very shortly, as in later in the day — before his brother Garrett was involved in a traffic incident and admitted to the cops he'd used heroin earlier in the day.

In an unrelated note, the Reid brothers are at the top of the wish list in the Bengals' war room for draft day.

■ Last night before Georgetown knocked off Louisville, the powers that be

finally got around to honoring Denny Crum by naming the court in Freedom Hall after him.

■ I know Tubby Smith doesn't delve into personnel issues a lot, but I'd sure like to know why freshman Perry Stevenson spends so much time on the bench.

■ Yes, that actually was Bobby Perry scoring 18 points Wednesday night. And I'm as

Confused as any of you.

■ Yes, Ramel Bradley had 21 points Wednesday, but I was much more impressed with his nine assists. He has to keep dishing the ball if this team is to be successful.

■ Think there's a chance Tubby might vote for Tre' Kelly on the all-conference team? In two blowout losses to the Cats this season, Kelly burned them for 55 points.

Fleming

outscored Shelby Valley 17-10.

After leading 30-23 at half-time, Shelby Valley nearly equaled its first half point total in the third quarter. The Lady Wildcats outscored Allen Central 27-11 in the third quarter.

Laura Perkins pushed in nine points and Kayla Cantrell added seven for Shelby Valley. Brook Coleman contributed

six points for the Lady Wildcats.

Sara Johnson led Allen Central with a team-best 14 points. Brandi Brown followed with 13 points for the Lady Rebels. Amanda Thacker narrowly missed double figures scoring for Allen Central, finishing with nine points. Liz Dingus, Kim Biliter, Jamie Mullins and Cynthia Meade each had two points for visit-

ing Allen Central.

Shelby Valley (18-2) will host Pikeville (7-11) tonight in a 59th District contest.

Allen Central (2-13) will return to the hardwood tonight against Floyd County Conference/58th District rival South Floyd (5-9) in a game played as part of a boys-girls doubleheader.

Shelby Valley 73, Allen Central 47

ALLEN CENTRAL (47) — Johnson 14, Brown 13, Thacker 9, Dingus 2, Biliter 2, Mullins 2, Meade 2.

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Woods

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett discussed what a talented player that Eastern is getting in Woods.

"Wes is such a great player and his work ethic is tremendous," said DeRossett. "Wes will make Prestonsburg proud and we look forward to traveling to Eastern to watch him play on Saturdays."

Woods was named to the All-District team this season and was also a Louisville Courier-Journal All-State Honorable Mention selection. Woods is the son of Larry Woods and Debbie Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

Wallace

Columbia's Chet Forte. That same season, Wallace also led the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in rebounding.

Wallace set the South Carolina school record for points in a single-game, tossing in 54. The Floyd County product was named All-American during his senior season at the Columbia, S.C. school.

Wallace scored 1,456

points in his two seasons at South Carolina. His career scoring average of 28 points per game remains the best in school history.

After college, Wallace played a couple of 70-game seasons for the industrial league's Phillips Oilers. After graduation from South Carolina, Wallace remained in state and coached at Cardinal Newman High

School for nine seasons. He

led the South Carolina high school to a pair of state championships.

Wallace resided in Columbia, S.C., before passing away in June of 2006.

At a later date, the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse gymfloor will officially be named "The Grady Wallace Basketball Court" in honor of the legendary Bobcat.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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College honoring 2007 Hall of Fame class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four stand-out student-athletes from Pikeville College's history will receive the school's highest honor on Saturday when they're inducted into the Pikeville College Athletics Hall of Fame.

Basketball players David Collier and Claire Fuller West will join baseball star Craig Delong and baseball coach Johnnie LeMaster as new members of the Hall of Fame.

Also, two longtime friends of Pikeville College athletics will be enshrined into the Honorary Hall of Fame. They are Herb Kingsley and Charlie Pinson. And Pikeville College will recognize all former student-athletes from the Pikeville College Academy and the Pikeville College Training School during the noon ceremony.

The induction ceremony will take place Saturday at noon in Booth Auditorium on the campus of Pikeville College. Between games of the basketball doubleheader with West Virginia Tech that day, the honorees will be introduced to the crowd.

In addition, during halftime of Saturday's men's game the college will announce its representative for this spring's Mountain Laurel Festival.

The basketball action will begin Saturday at 2 p.m. with a women's game. The men follow at 4.

David Collier — In an era when players had only three seasons of eligibility, David Collier posted some amazing numbers. He played in 98 consecutive games, scoring 1,860 points in his stellar career. He had 21 double-doubles as a Bear, and during the 1968-69 season, Collier was named his team's Most Valuable Player thanks to pulling down 11 rebounds per game and hitting 92 percent from the free throw line.

For his career, he averaged

15.25 points per game and was an 87 percent free throw shooter.

Craig Delong — A four-year starter at third base for the Bears, Johnson Central High School product Craig Delong had an impressive career at Pikeville College. Delong made an immediate impact on the KIAC, winning the triple crown as a freshman in 1990 en route to being named all-conference and all-district as well as being named honorable mention All-American.

That was the first of three All-KIAC seasons for Delong, who was named All-NAIA District 32 twice in his career. In his four seasons as a Bear, Delong had a lifetime batting average of .348 with 28 home runs and drove in 198 runs.

Johnnie LeMaster — Paintsville native Johnnie LeMaster finished up a 13-year career in Major League Baseball and was named head coach of the Bears during the 1994-95 season. During his 12 seasons with the Bears, LeMaster became the all-time leader in career coaching wins with 277.

LeMaster was the 1997 Coach of the Year in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletics Conference and led the Bears to a school-record 40 wins during the 2000 season. His career as baseball coach was highlighted by helping four players sign contracts to play professional baseball with Major League affiliates.

Claire Fuller West — Mention the name of Claire Fuller to any basketball fan in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and you'll get one immediate reaction: She was a remarkable three-point shooter. After graduating from Feds Creek High School, where she averaged 33.3 points per game as a senior and scored 2,625 points, she brought with her to Pikeville College the shooting touch that enabled her to set the national record for three-

point shots in a single game when she hit 13 against the talented Elkhorn City Lady Cougars.

As a Lady Bear, Claire scored 1,167 points in a career that saw her excel both on the playing floor and in the classroom. Personifying the term student-athlete, she was named academic all-conference three times and academic all-district once.

Honorary Inductees — Pikeville College is pleased to honor Herb Kingsley and Charlie Pinson for their longtime friendship and contributions to the department of athletics.

Kingsley has served the athletics department in many roles, assisting several teams in their day-to-day preparations and practice sessions as well as in-game performance. "I honestly don't know what we'd do without Herb," said Bill Watson, head coach of the Lady Bears.

"If there's anything at all that needs to be done, Herb is always there to step in and take care of it. He has also been a loyal friend to many of our players through the years. He deserves this as much as anyone who has ever received it."

Pinson is the longtime voice of Pikeville College football on the local cable television station, WPRG. "In many ways, Charlie is responsible for much of the publicity Pikeville College has gotten through the years, particularly in the early stages of the football program," said Rick Bentley, sports information director.

"The Gearhart family, which has owned WPRG from its inception, have been very generous to us through the years, and Charlie has been the guy making long road trips and providing us outstanding coverage from the beginning. It will be a pleasure for us to honor him on Saturday."

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3. Scott County	3. Bryan Station
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5. Central Hardin	5. Warren Central
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7. Franklin-Simpson	7. Covington Catholic
8. Assumption	8. Male
9. Butler	9. Jeffersonton
10. Elizabethtown	10. Doss
11. Lexington Christian	11. Clark County
12. DuPont Manual	12. Madison Central
13. Paul Dunbar	13. Pleasure Ridge Park
14. Henry Clay	14. South Laurel
15. Nelson County	15. Trinity
16. Clay County	16. Tates Creek
17. Notre Dame	17. Christian County
18. Perry County Central	18. Eastern
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College Basketball: No. 20 Kentucky 95, South Carolina 89

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
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LEXINGTON — Kentucky coach Tubby Smith doesn't tend to boast after blowouts, let alone games in which his team comes within an eyelash of giving up a 28-point lead.

So, when Smith started waxing philosophical about the greatness of his Wildcats following their 95-89 victory over Southeastern Conference cellar dweller South Carolina on Wednesday night, sarcasm was clearly at work.

"We've got the best concentration of any team in America," Smith said. "I never see a slip. Our concentration is at an all-time high."

Later, he deadpanned: "I've got to laugh instead of cry."

With top-ranked and defending national champion Florida coming to Lexington on Saturday night, Kentucky approached this tuneup as a major test. The No. 20 Wildcats (18-5, 7-2) got a passing grade in the first half, but failed miserably in the second — giving up 61 points to a team they had previously defeated by 38.

"It was a combination of two things," said Kentucky forward Bobby Perry, who had 12 of his season-high 18 points in the first half. "We had a mental lapse, and South Carolina — they weren't going to give up."

Last month in Columbia, Kentucky handed the Gamecocks (12-10, 2-7) their worst home loss since 1915. This one appeared headed that way too before South Carolina

made a furious second-half run to make it close.

Kentucky built a 50-28 halftime lead — its highest first-half point total since getting 60 against Florida A&M in the first round of the 2004 NCAA tournament.

"I thought we were fortunate to be within the same county at halftime," South Carolina coach Dave Odom said.

But with 3 minutes left, South Carolina used two steals to get three baskets — two by Brandon Wallace — in the span of just 12 seconds to cut the lead to 87-77. Tre Kelley got five of his career-high 36 points in the final seconds before time ran out on the comeback attempt.

Smith made the first change to his starting lineup in 16 games, putting

Lukasz Obrzut at center in place of the team's leading scorer, Randolph Morris. Smith said Morris, who ended up playing 22 minutes, had violated an undisclosed team rule.

Morris had 17 points and showed off some new dunks, including a thundering backward one. Morris said he wasn't letting off steam because of his temporary demotion.

"I was just trying to get up in the air," he said.

Ramel Bradley scored 21 to lead four Wildcats in double figures.

Defense was the focus after a let-down Saturday against Arkansas. The Wildcats held the Gamecocks to 38 percent shooting in the first half, but 57 percent in the second.

Kentucky never trailed in the game as Obrzut made an immediate impact,

getting the opening tip and scoring on a three-point play. After that, Perry provided the offense to give the Wildcats an early cushion.

Perry had 10 points before South Carolina scored its sixth as the Wildcats got out to a 20-5 lead. He scored eight of his points — including two 3-pointers — in about a minute.

The Wildcats used a 13-0 run early in the first half and a 15-2 run a few minutes later on the way to what appeared would be their second straight rout of the Gamecocks. But Kelley — a senior whose previous career high was 29 last month against Vanderbilt — had four of the team's 12 3-pointers.

"It means nothing to me when we lose the game," Kelley said. "I just tried to do anything positive."

Not in the Cards: No. 22 Georgetown 73, Louisville 65

by WILL GRAVES
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LOUISVILLE — On a night when Louisville honored one of its greats, it was Georgetown that ended up turning back the clock.

The 22nd-ranked Hoyas continued their rise Wednesday night, easing by Louisville 73-65 for their sixth straight win.

"We are definitely settling into a groove and a lot of the experiences that we went through earlier in the year are paying off now," said Georgetown coach John Thompson III.

If the Hoyas (17-5, 7-2 Big East) keep dominant performances from center Roy Hibbert, their early season struggles may finally be behind them.

Hibbert controlled things at both ends of the floor, scoring 20 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while making 9-of-10 from the field and limiting Louisville center David Padgett to just

one field goal.

"I just wanted to be dominant as much as I could," Hibbert said. "I was just open on the baseline ... and my teammates got me the ball down there."

Hibbert scored in a variety of ways, getting dunks, lay-ups and even mixing in a jump shot. He never tired despite playing a season-high 35 minutes and helped the Hoyas keep their composure whenever the Cardinals made a run.

"I just felt we needed to keep him in there," Thompson said. "His presence at both ends was felt. What I didn't want was David to get into a comfort zone. I felt Roy's size would kind of contain him a little bit."

Earl Clark tied a career-high with 14 points for Louisville (16-8, 6-4), who had been searching for a signature win to bolster its hopes for an NCAA Tournament bid. But the Cardinals shot just 33 percent from the floor in losing their 13th straight

game to a ranked opponent, spoiling a night when Louisville named the floor at Freedom Hall in honor of former coach Denny Crum.

"We could have played them 10 times and they would have won nine," said Louisville coach Rick Pitino. "We would have had to play almost a perfect game to win."

The Cardinals were nearly perfect in one sense, committing just one turnover to set a school-record low and setting a Big East record in the process. Still, it wasn't nearly enough to stop the Hoyas, who rarely let the Cardinals get off an uncontested shot and came up with every important rebound and loose ball.

The Hoyas outrebounded the Cardinals 35-30, outscored them 30-14 in the paint and shot 56 percent from the floor. Forward Jeff Green was nearly as hot as Hibbert, making 7-of-10 from the field and adding seven rebounds.

"We used our height advantage and

they couldn't defend us," Green said. "We got stops on defense and ran our offense."

The Hoyas did whatever they wanted offensively, getting it inside to Hibbert and Green with ease. Whenever the Cardinals sent extra bodies to double-team, the Hoyas simply kicked it out for open 3-pointers.

The win was Georgetown's first by single digits this season. And while the Hoyas were never really threatened — Louisville never got closer than five in the second half — Georgetown responded each time the Cardinals made a run.

"We've been in this environment, in very difficult environments like this all year," Thompson said. "The crowd gets into it, they go on a run and our guys are used to that. We did a good job of just settling down."

Louisville pulled within 58-53 on a free throw by Edgar Sosa with under four minutes to play, but Hibbert dunked on Georgetown's next posses-

sion, and DaJuan Summers followed with a 3-pointer to push the lead up to 10. Louisville would get no closer than seven the rest of the way.

"We stuck together when they made runs," Hibbert said. "We didn't want to go back-and-forth. We wanted to keep it to our tempo."

As dominant as the Hoyas were, Thompson is wary of getting ahead of himself. Georgetown started the season ranked in the Top 10, only to fall all the way out of the rankings in December. They're back in the Top 25 and confident they're not the same unfocused bunch that stumbled out of the blocks three months ago.

"We're much more of a team," Hibbert said. "We've gotten older and we're smarter."

The Hoyas will need that maturity in the coming weeks, beginning Saturday against No. 11 Marquette.

"The games are getting tougher," Green said. "We've just got to keep playing this way. We can't let down."

Bearcats beat Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO — Brescia University hit 56 percent from the field in the first half to build a 17-point lead and rolled to an 80-59 win over Pikeville College Tuesday night.

On senior night, two Bearcats went out with a bang. Matt West, a hometown product, tossed in a game-high 27

points while classmate Randy Cayasso tossed in 13 in the win.

Pikeville (11-14) rallied in the first six minutes of the second half, opening with a 12-2 run capped by a dunk by sophomore Bo Harris to cut the 17-point halftime deficit to seven at 44-37. But from there the Bearcats righted the ship and held on to secure the win.

The win earned Brescia a split in the season series; Pikeville knocked off the Bearcats 74-69 in Pikeville on Dec. 9.

West and Cayasso were joined in double figures by freshman Andrew Howard, who tossed in 16 in the win.

Harris paced the Bears with 25, 17 of which came after halftime. Senior Will Holloman

joined him in double figures with 17.

The Bears will be back in action on Saturday afternoon when they return to Mid-South Conference play. They will entertain West Virginia Tech in the second half of a double-header, which begins with a women's game at 2 p.m.

Saturday is Hall of Fame day at Pikeville College, with four alumni entering the Hall and two longtime supporters being inducted in the honorary Hall of Fame. In addition, former athletes from the Pikeville College Academy and Pikeville College Training School will be honored.

That ceremony will be held in Booth Auditorium on the campus of Pikeville College at noon.

PC bowlers continue to roll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, Ill. — The Pikeville bowling teams had another strong showing at the McKendree Baker Challenge, which was held Feb. 3-4 at the St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights. While the Bears took home gold in the event, the Lady Bears finished third.

What made the McKendree Baker Challenge different from past tournaments was the fact

that final point-standings made little difference. Rather than ending the tournament after six games, the top eight teams advanced to a mini head-to-head tournament. Because of this, there was no all-tournament team.

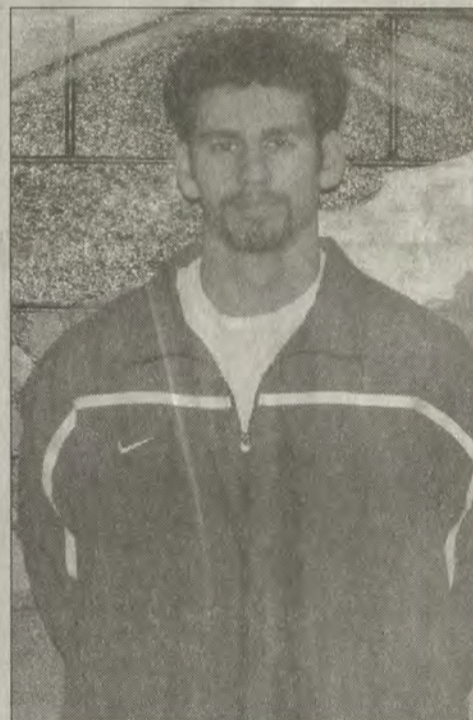
The Bears finished seventh overall in points, earning them a spot in the head-to-head event, which was set up as a best two-out-of-three playoff. The Bears handled the University of Wisconsin in the first match, and then took care of Lindenwood, the 2005 National Champion. In the championship match, the Bears faced Newman University. The Pikeville squad defeated the Newman University team easily in two games, 208-182 and

215-203.

The Lady Bears took third place in the overall point standings, taking on host McKendree College in the first round of match play. Pikeville handled their hosts, but fell to Ball State in the semifinals. Ball State went on to take tournament crown by beating Western Illinois University.

The victory was the second of the season for the men's bowling team. The women, meanwhile, have not placed lower than third in any tournament this season.

The Pikeville bowlers will return to tournament play when they travel to Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 17-18 to compete in the University of Indiana's Hoosier Classic.



Jeff Musgrave



Jessica Drake

Alice Lloyd College cross country runners Jeff Musgrave and Jessica Drake were recently honored for their work in the classroom.

ALC runners honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College cross country runners Jeff Musgrave and Jessica Drake were recently named NAIA All-American Scholar-Athletes for the 2006-07 school year.

Musgrave is from Barbourville. He is a graduate of Barbourville High School. Drake is from Campton. She is a graduate of Wolfe County High School.

In addition to other requirements, a recipient of

the award must be a junior academically with a minimum 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average.

Both ALC runners enjoyed a successful 2006 season, finishing competition in the campaign during the fall.

Kentucky Signings

Players who signed to play football at Kentucky in Wednesday, with position, height, weight, high school:

- Moncell Allen, rb, 5-7, 225, Fork Union Mil. Academy, New Orleans, La.
- Michael Bailey, db, 6-0, 185, La Grange HS, La Grange, Ga.
- James Beets, ol, 6-2, 290, Saddleback College, Sancho Santa Margarita, Calif.
- Brandon Burden, db, 6-2, 168, La Grange HS, La Grange, Ga.
- Chris Cessna, lb, 6-3, 219, North Laurel HS, North Laurel, Ga.
- Chris Drayton, db, 6-1, 196, Hargrave Military Academy, Evans, Ga.
- Robert Dufrene, lb, 6-2, 210, John Christian School, Cut Off, La.
- David Durham, ol, 6-5, 310, Rockcastle County, Mount Vernon, Ky.
- Wane Glenn, de, 6-4, 235, Broome HS, Broome, N.C.
- Philip Hibbard, ol, 6-7, 300, South Laurel HS, South Laurel, Ga.
- Art Hines, ol, 6-5, 275, Bowling Green HS, Bowling Green, Ky.
- Brandon Jackson, rb, 5-11, 202, Marist HS, Marist, Ore.
- Josh Jefferson, wr/db, 6-0, 180, Holmes HS,

- Covington
- Jake Lanefski, ol, 6-4, 255, Toolen Catholic, Mobile, Ala.
- Kyrus Lanxter, wr, 6-3, 180, Alcoa HS, Alcoa, Tenn.
- Matt Lentz, qb, 6-3, 205, Greenville HS, Simpsonville, S.C.
- Shane McCord, dl, 6-3, 260, Hart County HS, Hartwell, Ga.
- Greg Meisner, de, 6-2, 240, Hempfield Area, Greensburg, Pa.
- Anthony Mosley, wr, 6-0, 170, Tucker HS, Ellenwood, Ga.
- Billy Joe Murphy, ol, 6-7, 280, Monroe County HS, Gamaliel, Ga.
- Charles Mustafaa, de, 6-3, 231, Westlake HS, College Park, Ga.
- Taiedo Smith, wr/db, 6-0, 175, Dennellon HS, Dennellon, Fla.
- Ronnie Sneed, lb, 6-2, 230, Tallahassee, Fla.
- D. J. Stafford, de, 6-3, 262, La Grange HS, La Grange, Ga.
- Antonio Thomas, wr/db, 6-2, 195, Broome HS, Cowpens, S.C.
- Ryan Tydlacka, k/p, 6-1, 201, Trinity HS, Louisville
- Greg Wilson, db, 6-2, 185, North Clayton HS, Atlanta, Ga.
- Josh Winchell, ol, 6-4, 330, NW Mississippi Comm. Coll., Southaven, Miss.



DUE TO PLAY AGAIN: The South Floyd Lady Raiders will host the Betsy Layne Ladycats in a make-up game later this month.

EKU Football program adds 17 signees for 2007

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – Eastern Kentucky University head football coach Danny Hope announced Wednesday that 15 student-athletes, including three from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, signed National Letters of Intent to play for the Colonels next fall. In addition, two other student-athletes joined the EKU program this past January. The class includes six linemen, three linebackers, three defensive backs, three wide receivers, one quarterback and one kicker. Prestonsburg High lineman Wes Woods was among the 17 signees.

"I was really pleased with the class that we signed," Hope said. "The recruiting process went very

smooth this year. We went after players that would make a difference for our program and love to play football. We also specialized a little more this year – wide receivers, edge rushers, cornerbacks, a punter/kicker – and felt like we hit on every need that we had."

Six of the incoming players earned all-state honors including linebacker Trey Blackman and defensive back Jeremy Caldwell. Blackman was a first team 6A all-state player out of Lake Brantley High School. The native of Altamonte Springs, Fla., helped his squad reach the 6A state championship game. He also played both

ways in the Central Florida All-Star game. Caldwell, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., was the 2006 Region 4-4A Defensive Player of the Year. A three time all-region player, Caldwell compiled 41 tackles, three interceptions, 12 pass break-ups and two PAT blocks in 2006.

Quarterback Trevor Hoskins, wide receiver Charles and Woods all hail from Kentucky. Hoskins earned 2006 Conference Player of the Year accolades after throwing for 2,106 yards and 24 touchdowns at Middlesboro High School. The Middleboro native also rushed for 779 yards and 14

scores. Johnson was a two-year starter at Lloyd Memorial High School where he twice picked up all-county honors. He was also a member of the school's 4x100 relay team which was runner-up for the state championship. Woods was the 2006 EKU Line Camp MVP.

Both Aaron Jones III and Irving Fryar, Jr. enrolled at Eastern Kentucky for the 2007 spring semester. Jones, a transfer from Florida State, was a USA Today second-team All-American defensive lineman as a prepster at Edgewater (Fla.) High School. An all-league, all-area and all-state player in his senior season, Jones racked up 80 tackles and five sacks on his way to being rated the 10th best defensive tackle in the nation by Rivals.com. Jones' father, Aaron Jones, played football at Eastern from 1984-87 and was draft-

ed in the first round of the 1988 National Football League draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Fryar was a first team all-district and all-academic performer at Northern Burlington County (N.J.) High School. The wide receiver compiled 90 catches for 1,100 yards and 30 touchdowns as a senior prepster. He originally signed with New Mexico State out of high school. Fryar's father played 17 years in the NFL, mainly with the New England Patriots, and was a five-time Pro-Bowler.

Eastern Kentucky finished the 2006 campaign with four straight wins to finish 6-5 overall and tied for fourth in the OVC with a 5-3 record. EKU will be in search of its 30th consecutive winning season next year and first league title since 1997.



KHSAA Notebook: State swim meet set for this weekend

The 2007 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9-10, at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the University of Louisville campus. Preliminary heats and competition will be held on Friday with the State Championships awarded on Saturday. Tickets are \$6 per person per session. Children under six will be admitted free. Seating capacity is limited and likely to sell out for all sessions.

Parking will be free of charge at

designated lots at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. A shuttle, courtesy of UofL, will run throughout Friday and Saturday.

For detailed parking instructions, go online to the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/swimming. Friday's preliminary entries are posted on the site as well. Results will be posted on the site following each event.

Wrestling enters regional competition this weekend in prep for the 2007 State Wrestling Championships scheduled for next Thursday through

Saturday, Feb. 15-17, at the Frankfort Convention Complex. The top four wrestlers in each weight class from each of the eight regions will advance to double elimination State Championships. Wrestling qualifiers and draws for the 14 weight classes will be posted on the Association website next Monday, Feb. 12.

The 2007 National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball Tournament Trophy Tour is winding down with just two stops left. On the tour, students are able to pick up

scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 23. For

additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following are the remaining sites of the 2007 National City/KHSAA Trophy Scholarship Tour: Feb. 9 – Jeffersonton at DuPont Manual; Feb. 16 – Mercer County at Danville.

The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is a special meeting to review appeals and will be held on Monday, Feb. 19 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA. - Times Staff Report

Education board hears sports eligibility plan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT – State education officials listened Wednesday to a debate raging between Kentucky's public and private schools over stricter sports eligibility rules that could be in place by 2008.

A vote on the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's plan to create a "feeder system" for high school athletes likely won't come until April, said David Webb, a Kentucky Board of Education member. Still, one of the board's committees heard arguments about the plan,

aimed at limiting recruiting in high school sports.

Students who switch to schools outside of their feeder system would lose a year of eligibility under the plan.

The proposal already has been approved by the KHSAA's 18-member control board but requires approval by the state school board before it can be implemented. A majority of KHSAA member schools have also signed off on the plan.

But debate over the matter hasn't ceased.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, said the plan interfered with parents' rights to choose where their children go to school.

"To penalize these children because their parents have made a decision grounded in their faith's tradition strikes at the very core of the fundamental value of which America was founded – the right to worship without governmental interference," Shaughnessy said.

15TH REGION BASKETBALL

BOYS		GIRLS	
Team	Record	Team	Record
Shelby Valley	19-3	Magoffin County	21-3
Allen Central	15-5	Shelby Valley	18-2
Paintsville	15-7	Belfry	15-5
Phelps	14-4	Paintsville	13-7
Belfry	14-7	Johnson Central	13-8
Magoffin County	11-12	Pike Central	13-10
Pikeville	10-6	Sheldon Clark	13-10
Lawrence County	10-10	Lawrence County	12-10
Pike Central	10-11	Betsy Layne	11-8
Betsy Layne	8-11	Pikeville	7-11
Prestonsburg	8-11	Prestonsburg	7-13
East Ridge	8-12	South Floyd	5-9
Johnson Central	7-14	East Ridge	5-15
Sheldon Clark	5-16	Phelps	4-14
Piarist School	4-21	Allen Central	2-13
South Floyd	3-17	<i>(Thursday's games not included in records.)</i>	
David School	0-20		

Garrett Christian upends Gate City Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

GATE CITY, Va. – The Garrett Christian Warriors traveled to neighboring Virginia on Monday night to take on Gate City Christian. Playing on the road, Garrett Christian managed to pull out a 71-61 win over the Virginia team.

Both teams got going on a fast start with Gate City hitting three three-point field goals. Garrett answered Gate City's run with all five of its starters scoring during the first quarter. The Warriors held a 22-16

lead at the end of the first quarter.

The two teams would soon be deadlocked again. Gate City continued its hot-shooting and was able to tie the game at 34-all and send it into halftime even.

After some defensive adjustments made during halftime, Garrett started to create some turnovers during the second half. The Warriors led 52-45 at the conclusion of the third quarter. Keeping pressure on Gate City in the fourth quarter, Garrett was able to pull away for the win.

Travis Scott led Garrett with a double-double of 21 points and 10 rebounds. The double-double was Scott's first of the season.

Jan Hicks and Andrew Zsabo followed with 16 points apiece for the Warriors. Wes Prater added a solid effort of eight points and nine rebounds for Garrett.

Matthew Potter pushed in eight points and dished off six assists for Garrett in the winning case. Bobby Prater added two points for the victorious Warriors.



LOOKING AHEAD: South Floyd's Wes Akers (23) worked against Prestonsburg's Jordan Hall during a game last month. Prestonsburg will entertain South Floyd Monday night in a district game.

Prestonsburg cheerleaders to be honored Monday night

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg High School boys' varsity cheerleaders, under the direction of Leslie Ousley, have captured the 15th Region championship and advanced to the State KAPOS competition. This year's state competition will be held in Richmond on Feb. 24. Only two other times in the history of Prestonsburg High School School has a cheerleading squad claimed a regional championship. The 1980-81 PHS girls' varsity cheerleaders won the regional competition and advanced to the State KAPOS competition. The 1981-82 PHS boys' varsity cheerleaders also achieved the

feat. Both squads were the direction of coach Bonnie Spencer. Others who were involved with the squads were Sally Allen, Faulty Sponsor; Henry Young, Gymnastics Trainer; and Sally Anne Goebel, Choreographer. Tim Collins and Steve Slone assisted Young in gymnastics at the time and Slone is now the gymnastics trainer for the current award-winning squad.

The members of the current and previous PHS regional championship cheerleading squads will be recognized on Monday night (Feb. 12) when the Prestonsburg basketball teams host South Floyd in a pair of Floyd County Conference/58th District games.



Members of Prestonsburg High School's 1980-81 Girls' Varsity and 1981-82 Boys' Varsity regional KAPOS championship teams will be recognized Monday night at PHS. The 1980-81 team (pictured above) included Denise Ousley, Paula Spencer, Doris Click, Laura Hereford, Jonni Harris, Mary Porter, Rachel Allen, Ramona McKinney, Gina Little and Stephanie Branham. The 1981-82 team (left) included Jonni Harris, Paula Spencer, Hope Sword, Mary Burchett, Brenda Stapleton, Rachel Allen, Linda Whitten and Mary Porter.



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THROUGH MY EYES

Sometimes we just gotta cheat...

Okay, so last week I noted that some consider it cheating to use friendly email in place of actually sharing thoughts, feelings, angst and worries in this space. But, sorry Shea! Once you make it past 40, you'll understand why this little offering from CBS 60 Minutes correspondent Andy Rooney is a gem I simply could not refuse to use!



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

And Rooney says: "As I grow in age, I value women over 40 most of all. Here are just a

few reasons why:

A woman over 40 will never wake you in the middle of the night and ask, "What are you thinking?" She doesn't care what you think.

If a woman over 40 doesn't want to watch the game, she doesn't sit around whining about it. She does something she wants to do, and it's usually more interesting.

Women over 40 are dignified. They seldom have a screaming

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DINNER DIVA

Take-out confessional

by Leanne Ely

Have you ever been in a position of finding yourself with a couple of extra pounds on your frame and you can't figure out how they got there? How did they get there, anyway? This is especially valuable for those of us who have taken off a considerable amount of weight. I asked myself that question and came up empty-handed, so you know what I did?

I blamed everyone and everything else for the weight gain except myself. Since I got married right around the same time that we self-published Body Clutter, I blamed my new happy, marital state (eating more, enjoying a glass of wine several times a week with my sweet man). And while I was happy, I was also tired—I began getting about an hour's less sleep a night due to my new husband's sleep habits. I also had an issue getting my thyroid medication right, so I blamed my sluggish

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Riding the "combi" is an experience any visitor to Botswana should not miss out on, according to the author.

Riding the Combis in Gabs with the Bots

By Dr. Phyllis Puffer

A slim, active, teenage boy leaned out the open side door of a white van driving along the city street. He looked at me standing by the side of the road and held up four fingers. I nodded slightly. This was the one I was waiting for.

The van stopped briefly. The boy jumped down. One or two people climbed out. I climbed in. The boy jumped back in and slid the door shut. The driver started up.

This was a combi in Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, following route four, which was named "Klokweng" after a street on the city's edge. This important information was clearly printed on the vehicle's side and front.

The combi is a great invention. A combi is a white van and dozens and dozens of them skitter around the city of Gaborone. This African city is known informally as "Gabs," especially when the conversation is racing along and the talkers want to hurry on to the next word. Inside, a combi has four rows of seats. The front row holds the driver and two passengers. The two middle rows hold two passengers each, but when business is brisk and lots of people are traveling, a fold up seat at each end of the middle rows adds a third. The back seat holds four. It's a little crowded but nobody is crammed in and nobody has to stand. The worst problem I ever faced as a very frequent rider is when I had to sit in the back row and both fold-up seats

ahead of me had bodies sitting in them. Under those conditions, my need to get out when nobody else did caused general amusement.

It would be lots of fun to be able to say that a combi ride is a wild, adventurous experience. Not so. You could take your two-year-old grandchild on a combi or your 85 year old grandmother. Both ride them all the time.

While the ride is safe and unexciting, plenty of color in a combi ride is provided by the "conductor" and the radio. Not all combis have a conductor, especially on slow days and hours. The conductor is a teenage boy whose job it is to drum up business and to take the money. The combi stops at regular points at the sides of the roads. The conductor's job begins when the vehicle stops. He slides the van door open, jumps down and calls out the route number the van follows, which is also conspicuously painted on the front and sides of the van. At the same time that he calls out the number, he holds out one, two, three, four, or five fingers for the different routes.

In places and times of day with few passengers, the "advertising" part of the conductor's job becomes especially important. He looks all around quickly, vigilantly, and frequently, scanning the surroundings for passengers. When the van is stopped, he stands up with his head sticking out over the roof to see better. He calls out. He encourages. He gestures. He tells the far-off passenger to hurry. His is an athletic and

sometimes acrobatic and diverting performance. Reasonably enough, conductors are a thin group of people. Some conductors are especially active and entertaining, but all are serious when the combi has filled up.

When the combi is full or no other passengers can be seen, the most important of the young man's duties commences. He slides the door shut and looks at the passengers. People start handing him two pula or about 30 or 40 cents. It's about the best deal in town.

Besides the conductor, the second source of entertainment is the combi's radio. Some drivers like silence but, in my experience, about a third or half enjoy some diversion and share it with their passengers. During the World Cup, many combis played what was clearly the soccer games. Interestingly, the programs didn't air the crowd sounds, but it was clearly a play-by-play announcer. It was all in Setswana and I don't follow sports anyway, so much of it was lost on me, but I could see that the other passengers were following the program. Whenever I asked who was playing or what the score was, anybody could answer.

After the World Cup ended, sometimes the combi radio played music. None of it, thank heavens from my biased viewpoint, heavy metal or related and certainly not amplified. The saints be praised. The selections were various kinds of popular instrumental tunes which in turn were a combination of indigenous music heavily influenced by Western music,

notably a heavy, regular, drum beat. Beyond that, I am helpless to describe it. It was just good to listen to.

The other passengers were all Bots, the shortened form for "Botswana" which foreign English speakers, such as I, found easy and convenient to pronounce. The Bots were friendly but quiet as bus riders are elsewhere, not spending enough time together to start up a conversation. The little children tried not to stare at my strangeness but couldn't resist peeking. I smiled and waved at them as adults often do in such situations with children, and sometimes the adults smiled faintly, also. I am quite sure those adults wished they were children too, so they could stare a bit.

The passengers, the drivers, and the conductors were all eagerly helpful. Whenever I voiced the tiniest need for help with directions or at combi stops, help with which one to take, everyone sprang into action. Often I received more information than I could handle. On one particularly complicated route, volunteers even escorted me to the next stop.

Anyone who visits Gabs and does not take a combi at least once is missing an important and easily accessible part of the "real" Botswana off the tourist track.

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FLY LADY

Make it fun and the family will help

by Marla Cilley

As Sidetracked people, we are put off by anything that sounds like mundane housework! We are a fun-loving people. Why do we have to be stuck doing jobs that we think will take us forever, when others are out having a

great time, we wonder. I have heard you all many times, as well as my own voice. We have a challenge every day to muster up enough gumption to get our frannies moving. This is why I have tried to make it fun.

Timers have added an extra bit of fun and challenge to a project, but they also help keep us on track. We all need to be reminded from time to time what we are working on. We can stay focused if all we have to do is 15 minutes. Children love timers, too.

House work is such an ugly word. This is why I have tried to help you realize that you are not working when

you are blessing your family! We have been raised to believe that house cleaning is an all day affair. No one needs to spend that kind of time maintaining a home. When you establish your routines and start dancing through your day with every move "blessing" your family, it is not like work at all!

I have always hated to dust. My mother made us remove everything from the tables, then dust and put everything back; it took what seemed hours. Now all I do is pull out my magic feather dusting wand and buzz around my home while I am on the phone and before I know it, our whole

home - every surface - has been dusted. No mess or fuss! It has been done and I felt like a fairy princess gliding and dancing around my home! When was the last time you had that much fun dusting?

If you take 2 minutes and feather dust every day, you will never have to see dusty finger streaks on your furniture. You know, the ones where someone in the family writes, "DUST ME!" In fact, you may never see dirt and dust again.

A real feather duster is a fun tool and mine even has some purple feath-

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Family Medicine

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Question: How do I know if I have the flu or a cold? When should I go to the doctor? Everyone at work is sick. They all seem to have the same symptoms, but each one says they have a different thing. Also, if this is the flu, is there anything the doctor can do about it?

Answer: This is a timely question because we are right in the middle of flu season. While you can come down with influenza at any time of the year, it is most common in the United States from December to March — give or

take month or so. During some winters it can reach epidemic proportions.

There are three types of influenza virus: A, B and C. Two of these — A and B — are usually the most severe and contagious. These viruses are constantly mutating and the strains that circulate around the world change every year. It's hard for the body's defense mechanisms to keep up with these changes. That's why it's important to get a flu shot each year.

The flu vaccine is generally made to cover the A and B viruses. This is because C usually produces only very mild symptoms, if its presence is even

High fever, body aches, fatigue - telltale flu symptoms

noticed at all. It does not produce epidemics and is not a public health concern.

Type A and B influenza attack the nose, throat, and lungs. The symptoms usually come on suddenly and may include high fever, headache, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, body aches and fatigue.

With a cold, the onset is more gradual, the fever is usually low grade if present, and the symptoms are primarily in the upper respiratory tree — head, nose and throat. It's much less common to have high fever, body aches and fatigue with a cold.

Both the flu and colds are spread by air-borne droplets from coughing, sneezing and even talking by an infected person. You may be infected and spreading the virus for several days before you have symptoms of illness. The virus can live on surfaces, like the phone, the counter top, the door handle and the remote control. If

you touch a contaminated item and then rub your nose, mouth or eyes, you can give yourself the virus.

There is a rapid test for influenza that your physician may do in his or her office. It is a nasal swab that in about 15 minutes can determine if you have influenza type A or B. This can help the physician determine if antiviral medications should be used. Antiviral medications shorten the length of the viral illness and help to lessen the symptoms as well.

Though anti-viral medications are being developed for the common cold, none have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration at this time. If you don't have the flu, the currently available antivirals will not be of much help.

If you get the flu and your doctor rules out anti-viral medication, you should try the standard old-fashioned treatments. These include bed rest, drinking plenty of fluids, and taking

medication, like acetaminophen (Tylenol), to manage the fever and body aches. If you have a cold, the treatment is somewhat similar: bed rest, fluids and ibuprofen or acetaminophen. If you have a scratchy or sore throat, you may also find it helpful to gargle with warm salt water or use throat sprays or lozenges.

For both colds and influenza, the best treatment is, of course, prevention.

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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!****

■ Feb. 9 - "Serious O'Sillies," a juggling presentation for all students.

■ Feb. 13, 14 - Tobacco awareness presentation, 7th & 8th grades.

■ Feb. 20 - Bullying and Conflict Resolution presentation, 6th grade.

■ Feb. 21, 27 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

■ Feb. 26, 28 - Bullying and Conflict Resolution presentation, 7th & 8th grades.

■ 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.I.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

■ Feb. 13 - Parent meeting, 1 p.m. Topic: "Wellness." Meeting to be conducted by Lola Ratliff, of Floyd County Board of Education.

■ Feb. 20 - Program on nutrition, to be conducted by Carol Jo May, of Our Lady of the Way Hospital, for first graders, from 9-11:25 a.m.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

■ Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

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, Weeksby Comm. Ctr.; 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC, Betsy Layne YSC., Weeksby Comm. Ctr.; 4:30-9 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.

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

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

Fly Lady

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ers in it. I feel so special when I use it. Just let me warn you, they can be addictive. When your family sees how much fun you are having, they will want to do it for you! This is kind of like Tom Sawyer whitewashing the fence. Children love them, too; a tool becomes a toy that does a job in the hands of your babies. Of course, you have to set the example and teach them how to use it.

Have you ever wondered how to get your children excited about keeping their rooms clean? I have a friend who figured it out many years ago and now she is making it available to everyone. Her creativity has children cleaning their rooms all over the

world. Pam Young created the persona of the House Fairy. Go check out this other great tool for our children; www.HouseFairy.org. Your children will run to clean their rooms.

Housework doesn't have to be dreaded, it can become a fun family game with everyone pitching in. You just need to make it enjoyable.

*For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her new book, *Body Clutter* published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.*

Eyes

match with you at the opera or in the middle of an expensive restaurant. Of course, if you deserve it, they won't hesitate to shoot you if they think they can get away with it.

Older women are generous with praise, often undeserved. They know what it's like to be unappreciated.

Women get psychic as they age. You never have to confess your sins to a woman over 40.

Once you get past a wrinkle or two, a woman over 40 is far sexier than her younger counterpart.

Older women are forthright and honest. They'll tell you right off you are a jerk if you are acting like one. You don't ever have to wonder

where you stand with her.

Yes, we praise women over 40 for a multitude of reasons.

Unfortunately, it's not reciprocal. For every stunning, smart, well-coiffed, hot woman over 40, there is a bald, paunchy relic in yellow pants making a fool of himself with some 22-year old waitress.

Ladies, I apologize. For all those men who say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free?', here's an update for you:

Nowadays 80 percent of women are against marriage. Why?

Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage!"

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And, as a woman over 40, what more can we say? Have a great weekend, folks!



Conservation District Cost Share Program announced

The Floyd County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28, 2007.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was in 1994 created by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural and silviculture operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This financial and technical assistance program assists individual agriculture producers in the development and implementation of their agriculture water quality plans, which are required under state law. Any person engaged in agricultural or silvicultural operations is eligible to apply through the local conservation district, which oversees the installation of best management practices. The State Cost Share program gives a high priority to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The best management practices, approved through the State Cost Share Program, help reduce animal waste nutrients, prevent the loss of topsoil, and minimize sediment and other pollutants to Kentucky's streams, rivers, lakes and groundwater supplies. Among the eighteen practices eligible under the State Cost Share Program, some of the most frequently installed practices are Agricultural Waste Control Facility, Heavy Use Area Protection, Rotational Grazing System Establishment, Stream Crossing, and Streambank Stabilization. Please contact your local conservation district office for details on all eligible practices. In the first twelve years of this program, the Division of Conservation has received 21,465 applications seeking \$214 million in cost share assistance. Based on the available funds to the program in each of these years, 7,725 of those applications have been approved for a total of \$82.5 million.

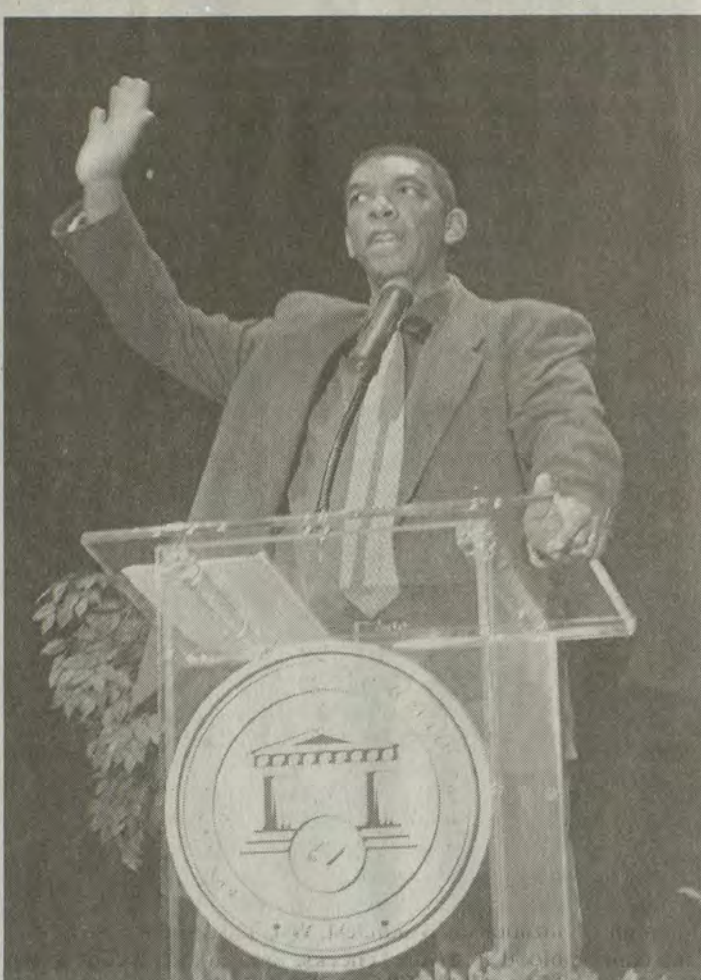
Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available. Approved applicants will be notified in July of 2007 and they will have 12 months to complete their practice.

For more information stop by your local conservation district office located at 18 Mayo Branch Brandykeg, Prestonsburg Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone: 889-9800

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Celebrates Black History Month



Pictured are: Faith Lyons, Dominique Mccloud, Le'Andrew Brown, Marquisha Matthews, Ian Betea, Dr. Nancy Johnson, Dr. Aaron Thompson, Bernadette Tiapo, Bonita Dove, Michelle Richardson and Andre Fountain.



Dr. Aaron Thompson

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) kicked off a month long celebration of Black History Month with the opening of the Ernest Withers Exhibit. Mr. Withers is a photo journalist from Memphis, Tennessee who is world renown for his photographs of the Civil Rights Movement. Withers said, "I look for things of time and value. None of my images deal in violence - they deal in time." The Withers exhibit will be on display through February 13 in the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus Art Gallery. BSCTC/ Carl D. Perkins Job Corps students also have on display at the BSCTC Diversity Resource Center drawings, and display boards featuring African American Timelines, Notable African American Government Officials and Civil Rights Leaders. This display will be available through out the month of February, 2007. The public is welcome to both of these exhibits.

Dr. Nancy Johnson, BSCTC Provost, welcomed those gathered in the Gearheart Auditorium on Monday, February 5 to hear Dr. Aaron Thompson speak on "Turning Obstacles Into Opportunities." Dr. Thompson presented an inspired lecture which detailed his life as a young black boy growing up in rural Appalachia. He presented the audience with a story of determination, focused goals, and perseverance which had helped him overcome economic and social barriers to become a successful educator and author. Dr. Thompson summed up his presentation by saying, "My story is not a story about black people. It is a story of humanity."

BSCTC and Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Students; Faith Lyons, Michelle Richardson, Danielle Banbridge, Andre Fountain, Ian Betea, Marquisha Matthews, Altez Green, Dominique Mccloud, and Le'Andrew Brown presented a program of inspiring readings in poetry, songs and dance.

Black History Month will continue with The Bathroom Cleaner, a monolog performance written by Elizabeth Orndorff, which will be presented by Regina Lang on Tuesday, February 20 at the Pikeville Campus and on Wednesday, February 21 at the Mayo and Prestonsburg Campuses. BSCTC and Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Students will perform another selection of music and biographies on Wednesday, February 21.



Ken Mellons joins Don Rigsby's Homecoming Show

Popular singer songwriter, Ken Mellons, has just been announced as a special guest at Don Rigsby's Homecoming Show at the Mountain Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 10. Ken Mellons, his self-titled debut album released in 1994 boasted the smash hit "Juke Box Junkie" which received ASCAP's and BMI's 1 million airplay award. Other releases from that album included his first single "Lookin' in The Same Direction," "Workin' for The Weekend," and the fan favorite "I Can Bring Her Back," which Mellons considers one of his favorite songs he's ever written and recorded. On his second album in 1996 Ken shared his more humorous side with the hit song, "Rub-A- Dubbin." This sophomore release continued to showcase his mastery of soulful ballads and hard core honky tonk music. Sweet, the independent album, which was released in 2004, contains his version of the hit song, "Paint Me a Birmingham." Packed full of star power including guest performances by such artist as, George Jones, Vince Gill, Rebecca Lynn Howard and Earl Scruggs, Mellons claims this is his best work yet.

- Singles**
 "Lookin' In The Same Direction"
 "Jukebox Junkie"
 "I Can Bring Her Back"
 "Workin' For the Weekend"
 "Rub-A-Dubbin"
 "Ladies Night"

Other special guest performers at Don Rigsby's Homecoming Concert include J.D. Crowe and New South with opening act Bottomline. What? Don Rigsby's Homecoming Concert Where? Mountain Arts Center When? Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 PM Who? Don Rigsby and Midnight Call, J.D. Crowe and New South, Ken Mellons, Bottomline and Surprise Guest? How? Reserved seating - 1-888-MAC ARTS or locally 886-2623.

Lindsey Wilson College honors 19 degree earners at Big Sandy-Prestonsburg

A total of 19 graduates of Lindsey Wilson College's School of Professional Counseling program were honored recently during a pinning ceremony held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

A total of 11 undergraduate students received bachelor of arts degrees in human services and counseling and eight graduate students received master of education degrees in counseling and human development from Lindsey Wilson thanks to a cooperative program with Big Sandy Community and Technical College-Prestonsburg Campus.

Local educators challenged the graduates to invest in the community as much as Lindsey Wilson had invested in them.

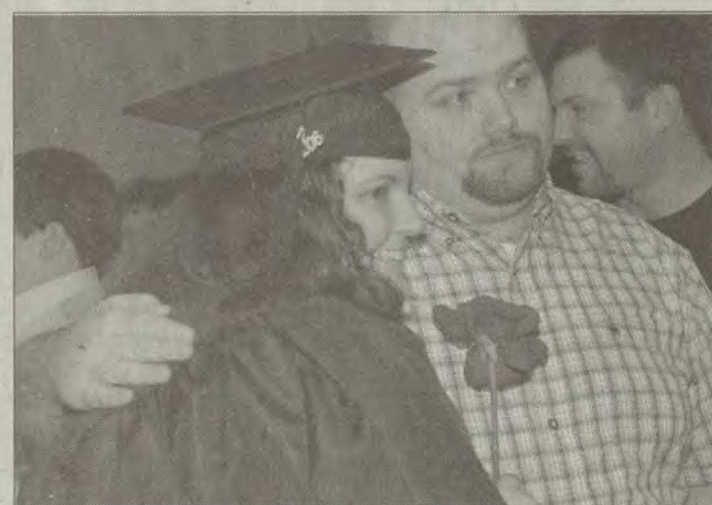
"We have enjoyed our relationship with Lindsey Wilson College, which has so willingly provided the opportunity to learn to our community and students," said Nancy Johnson, Big Sandy Community and Technical College provost. "By bringing their program, they are bringing an important facet of education and growth to our area. Invest in yourself, in your career, in your friends and in your family. Have fun on the journey, and face it with a smile."

The students earned their degrees by attending weekend classes at Big Sandy CTC-Prestonsburg. The classes were taught by full-time Lindsey Wilson faculty, who drove to Prestonsburg each weekend from the college's Columbia campus in Southcentral Kentucky.

Lindsey Wilson named Big Sandy CTC President George Edwards the Community Advocate Award, which recognizes a community member who has supported the college's extended campus in Cumberland, Ky. As president of Big Sandy CTC, Edwards has "been instrumental in establishing the School of Professional Counseling program in Prestonsburg" said Dean of the School of Professional Counseling John Rigney.

The following students were honored for earning a bachelor of arts degree in human services and counseling: Tracy Collins of Vanlear, Ky.; Stacy El Harrab of Thelma, Ky.; Wendell Hamilton of Pikeville, Ky.; Anna Harvey of Dema, Ky.; Kevin Horn of Hueysville, Ky.; Joshua Justice of Betsy Lane, Ky.; Tiffany McCoy of Prestonsburg; Andrea Meade of Harold, Ky.; Ashley Newsome of Pikeville; Jessica Perkins of Prestonsburg and Micca Ratliff of Hueysville.

The following students were honored for earning a master of education degree in counseling and human development: Jamie Adkins of Shelbyana, Ky.; Karen Browning of Matewan, W.Va.; Chadwick Gilliam of Prestonsburg; Martha Humble of Printer, Ky.; Deborah Maynard of Inez, Ky.; Kristin Overstreet of Elkhorn City, Ky.; Nona Thornsby of Williamson, W.Va.; and Donna Todd of Inez.



Family Pride

Tiffany Leigh McCoy of Prestonsburg and her husband, Nicholas, share a happy moment for their family during Saturday's Lindsey Wilson pinning ceremony, held at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Diva

metabolism on my under-medicated thyroid.

All of these are contributing factors, to be sure. But do you know what the real culprit was? My newly attained hankering for takeout Chinese once a week. Oh yes, I love this place and like I always tell my Menu-Mailer subscribers, the reason we only give you the menu for 6 days is because even God rested on the 7th day! And in my opinion, getting Chinese takeout was about as good as it gets. Talk about your easy button!

But I always thought Chinese food was relatively

healthy. Better than pizza. I reasoned. But I just went by what I THOUGHT. I never really did the math. Till today.

Okay, now for the moment of truth. Can I have a drum roll please?? Here's what this "easy button" was costing me in calories and fat. Put your seatbelts on, it will BLOW you away!

Spring roll, 200 calories, 12 grams of fat (an occasional indulgence)

Low Mein, 240 calories, 11 grams of fat

Kung Pao Chicken, 720 calories, 45 grams of fat

Fried Rice, 450 calories, 14 grams of fat

The grand total, ladies and gentlemen, is 1610 calories, with 82 grams of fat!!

This is for ONE MEAL! No WONDER I've gained weight! I eat about 1600 calories daily—not for ONE STUPID MEAL!!

For now, I'm swearing off Chinese food, as much as I love it. Yes, I know you can have steamed Chinese vegetables, plain rice and all and it's really quite healthy, but that's not why I order Chinese food! Sometimes we all need a

reality check of what we are REALLY doing. Keeping a food journal of what you fix yourself and eat at home is all very good and fine, BUT the rub is what you're eating when you get takeout or go out (you want to talk about portion distortion? ALWAYS split your meal with someone or at least a to-go box—you don't NEED that much food, I promise!).

This week, let's remember to write down EVERYTHING that crosses the thresholds of our lips. Doing this will help us keep tabs of what's going to our hips! We also need to remember that INCLUDES

food we eat in restaurants and takeout, as well.

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website: www.SavingDinner.com or her Saving Dinner Book series published by Ballantine and her new book Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2007; Leanne Ely Used by permission in this publication.

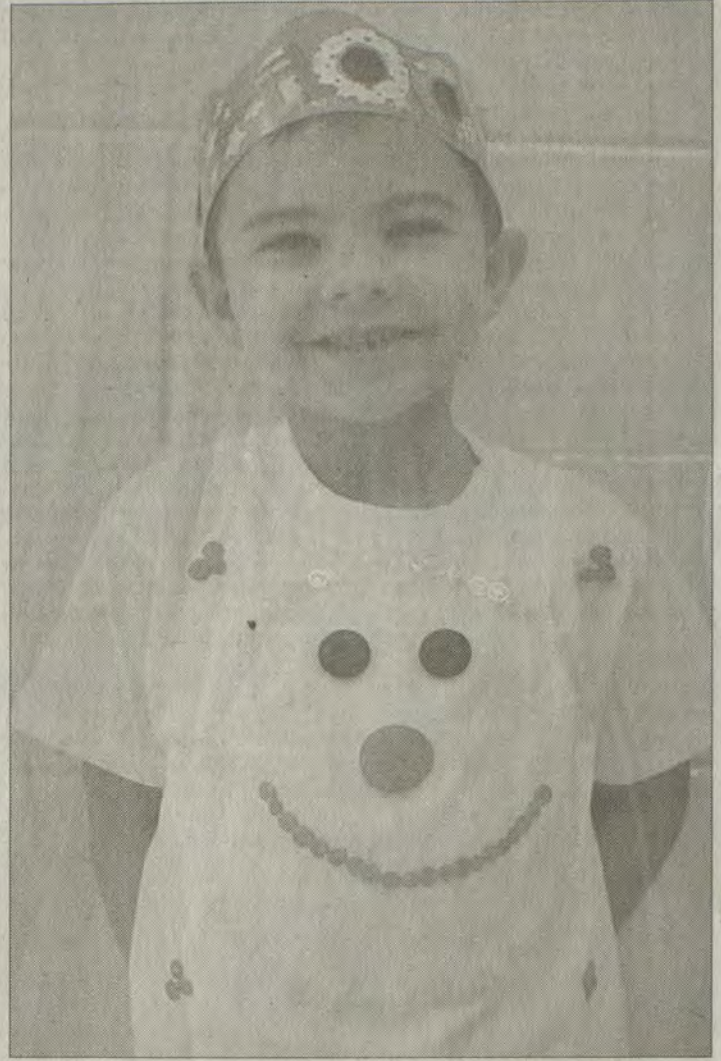
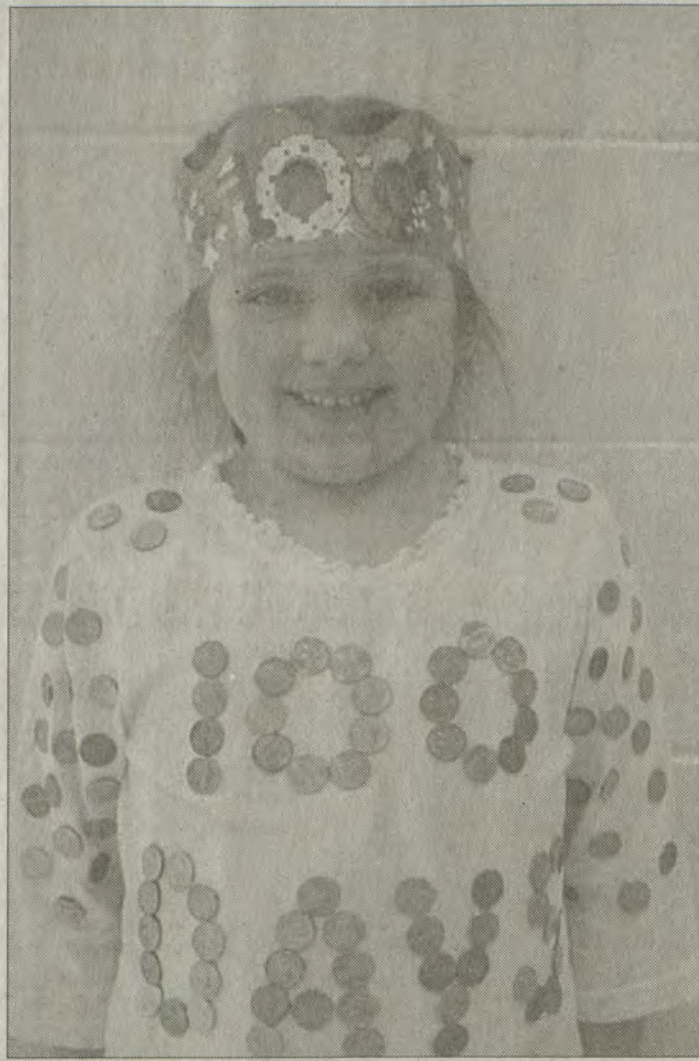
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FLOYD COUNTY Around Our Schools



100 - a number to celebrate

Mrs. Miller's first grade class at Betsy Layne Elementary School recently celebrated the fact that they are now "100 days smarter." The students have been doing activities geared toward reinforcing the number 100 along with marking the 100th day of school. One activity included having the children design t-shirts with 100 objects on them.

Prestonsburg Elementary School Honor Roll

First Grade

Mrs. Allison
A Honor Roll: Seth Hammonds, Jacob Dyer
B Honor Roll: Brooke Ratliff, Jakob Osborne, Destiny Wright, Charley Hinton, Nikki Burchett, Niah Andueza, Cory Smith, Ashly Jones, Cameron Smith

Mrs. Stewart
A Honor Roll: Aaron Blevins, Olivia Francis, Rachel Hale, Kate Lackey, Isaac Owens
B Honor Roll: Cheyenne Combs, Jonathan Dotson, Jacob Gardner, Brandon Goble, Cheyanna Hatfield, Kerrie Rackey, Skyla Slone, Alexis Stricklin, Michael Taulbee

Ms. Tackett
A Honor Roll: Nikolis Wagner
B Honor Roll: Allanis Carroll, Mikia McCoy, Samantha Mendes, Christina Phillips, Elijah Tackett

Mr. Tackett
A Honor Roll: Ryan Goodman, Jada Morgan, Micheal Shepherd III, Blake Tarver, Dalton Trust, Shaleigh Walker, Robert Eli Wilks
B Honor Roll: Lauren Click, Phil Cornett, Lauren Dotson, McKenzie Holliday, Dakota Hughes, Sarabeth Johnson, Aaron Nelson, Katie Slone, Joshua Sparks

Mrs. Walker
A Honor Roll: Katherine Bailey, Alyssa Blair, Logan Dotson, Embry Gullett, Alyssa Hensley, Carley Hyden, Anna Rose, Camryn Slone, Ryne Slone, Makensie Willoughby
B honor Roll: Montanna Cavins, Morgan Davis, Kinsey Hall, Hannah Kelly, Cade Lara, Paige Lemaster, Chandler Nelson, Isaiah Nixon, Jordan Pennington, Katrina Salisbury, Gavin Slone, Hannah Stratton, Madison Willoughby,

Second Grade

Mrs. Bingham
A- Grace Tackett, Grace Maynard
B- Kirstin Blair, Tanner Allen, Tyler Jarrell, Emily Dillon, Karissa Wall, Dalton Goble, Dylan Slone, Tabitha Coburn, Vanessa Hall, Kaitlyn Mohan, Austin Ratliff, Kirklen Wireman, Brenden Wright, Austin Samons, Camron Price, Andrea Wallen, C.J Gray, Madison Stricklen

Mrs. Justice
A Honor Roll: Samantha Prater, Alexa Scott, Bryce Tucker
B Honor Roll: Kari Blackburn, Nicholas Caudill, Kayla Cobern, Zion Echols, Kassidi Ellis, Ryan Gayheart, Alexandra Goble, Dawson Hamilton, Haley Maines, Amira Pinson, Blake Ratliff, Justin Rowe, Jonathan Spradlin,

Cody Wallace
Ms. McCoy
A Honor Roll: Kelsey Bates, Chelsey Moore
B Honor Roll: Shelby Allen, Andrew Blackburn, Angelena Collins, leShea Collins, Ahmad Iskandarani, Keilee Justice, Jakob LeMaster, Mason McCoy, Morgan Meade, Alexis Reynolds

Mrs. Turner
A Honor Roll: Hannah Depoy, Lucas George, Jenna Layne, Clay Slone,
B Honor Roll- Brianna Branham, Katlyn Conn, Brayden Hall, Angela Hayden, Tanner Hicks, Reece Ison, Drake Nunnery, Shannon Patrick, Katlyn Stanley, Megan Thompson

Third Grade

Mrs. Bragg
A Honor Roll: Tanner Rorer
B Honor Roll: Alex Campbell, Jacob Carpenter, John Wesley Cooksey, Charity Hess, Caitlyn Johnson, Amber Marsillett, Tyra Nairn, Grace Powers, Nicholas Rowe, Scott Stapleton

Mrs. Little
B Honor Roll: Kaitlyn Allen, Aaron Bertrand, Alison Collins, Brennan Goble, Destiny Knox, Courtney Lafferty, Makayla Minix, Maddy Ousley, William Salisbury,

Kyle Salyer, Austin Slone, Shawn Walker, R.J. Wallen, William Wallen, Cameron Wells, Emily Williamson, Ethan Wright

Mrs. Slone
A Honor Roll- Tate Greene, Kaleigh Kendrick, Hannah Little
B Honor Roll- Emily Wright, Caroline Frye, Wyatt Martin, Kaitlyn Branham, Shelby Hitchcock, Kyle Owsley, Hannah Hunt, Katie Goble

Mrs. Stumbo
A-Honor Roll, Dustin Blair, Dakota Collins, Tanner Hall Grant Minix, Dylan Slone
B-Honor Roll, Jaden Clark, Tiffany Clifton, Brittany Hall, Darian Marsh, Morgan Marshall, Cole Ousley, Ryan Rice, Adam Treadway

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Goble
B Honor Roll: Sarah Ratliff, Emma George, Courtney Mosley, Grant Martin, Mariah Hackworth, Makayla Wells, Alexis Younce, Seth Marcum, Taelor Blevin

Mrs. Cornett
"A" Honor Roll, Kelli Marsillett, Masann Potter
"B" Honor Roll Josh Crider, Alexandria Caudill, Gabriel Walker, Katie Porter, Ronnie Newsome,

Steven Little, Chelsea Osborne, Miles Goodman, Tyler Bays, Lauren Davis, Makala Silcox, John Dillon, Grace Boleyn

Mrs. Minix
B Honor Roll: Christian Kelley, Heaven McCown, Jordan Ray, Shaelyn Hicks, Alyvia Hall, Mariah Ratliff, Amber Kidd, Kyle Branham, Aleshia Hall

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Conn
B Honor Roll: Heather Bailey, Griffin Baker, Johnathan Boyd, Ashley Case, Allyson DeRosset, Kendra Gambill, Taylor Hackworth, Ashleigh Hayton, Haley Howell, Makala Jones, Jenna Little, Macy Minix, Marissa Thompson

Mrs. Holland
B Honor Roll-Jacob Blair, Sarah Hackworth, Weston Martin, Kayanna Mullins, C. Jay Ousley, Kierra, Shelton, Lizzie Wilson, Madison Wright.

Mrs. Nairn
A Honor Roll: Austin Bailey
B Honor Roll: Allison Hale, Jordon Marcum, Kaegan Dove, Cathryn Clhoun, Hunter Brown, Kaitlyn Campbell, Kaylee Collins, Austin Bertrand, Chastity Sizemore

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AUTOMOTIVE

Cars

HICKS AUTO SALES

David Road February Special
 '99 Jimmy 4x4 2 door \$2,500.
 2002 Ford Taurus SES 80,000 miles. \$5,495, Moonroof. 92 Pathfinder, automatic, \$2,495
 96 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited Edition. \$3,495.
 01 Chevy Ventura 80,000 Miles. \$4,995
 886-2842
 886-3451.

FOR SALE
 1994 Ford Thunderbird V-8 new engine, \$2000 must see 24 foot round above ground pool with decking \$2000. Call after 4:00. Kenton Dickerson. 606-889-0123.

EMPLOYMENT

When responding to Employment ads that have reference numbers, please indicate that entire reference number on the outside of your envelope. Reference numbers are used to help us direct your letter to the correct individual.

Job Listings

JOB OPENING
 Part time cleaning person needed for corporate office building in Prestonsburg. \$8.00 per hour. World Wide Equipment, Inc. Contact HR office @ 874-2772 or apply in person @ 1428 E Prestonsburg, KY Corporate offices. Must be honest, reliable, have references, past pre-employment drug test.

JOB OPENINGS
 C & S Vaults, manufacture of steel burial vaults is seeking a driver for the Inez warehouse. Applicants must have a class B CDL license. Ability to perform physical labor. Must be dependable. Drivers load, unload, and deliver steel grave vaults through out regions in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. Must be comfortable dealing with customers. Benefits available after 90

days. Full time positions. Please fill out an application and sign up for an interview at C & S Vaults Industrial Dr. Inez, Ky 41224

JOB OPENING
 Communications construction-Labors and CDL drivers needed class A or B experience helpful but not mandatory. Insurance- Holiday- and Vacation- 401K. To apply call Star Construction at 874-1263

JOB OPENING

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Mechanic. This is a full-time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office located at 12 Blaine Hall Street, Prestonsburg, KY, between the hours of 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm each day, through February 16, 2007. General requirements for this position are ability to perform difficult skilled work in general maintenance, repair and modification of authority owned buildings and related equipment and appliances.

MARTIN TO HINDMAN AREA.

The Lexington Herald-Leader has a morning newspaper route available in your area. Routes take about 3-4 hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1,500 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to be bonded required. Call 1-800-999-8881.

JOB OPENING

Mine Component Mechanic, Welder Fabricator. Both positions are for shop work. May inquire at 606-87496441 between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm.

JOB OPENING

Fat boys pizza and grill has openings for a cook and delivery drives in Martin. call 285-1000

JOB OPENING

Wright Lumber Company has job openings for inside sales person. Must be energetic, neat in appearance and willing to work. Apply in person at the Martin Location. No phone calls.

JOB OPENING

RN/LPN- competitive wages based on experience, health and dental insurance, up to 4 weeks vacation, 9 paid holidays, no weekends, send resume to PO Box 2887 Pikeville.

JOB OPENING

Local medical office is seeking an energetic, experienced collection / billing clerk. Excellent pay depending on experience with health and dental insurance. Send resume with photo to PO Box 2887, Pikeville 41502.

JOB OPENING

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has an opening for an Assistant Property Manager/Intake Worker. The Assistant Property Manager/Intake Worker must have a high school diploma or equivalent plus at least three years office experience including basic computer skills. General requirements include the ability to communicate orally and in writing, organizational skills, the ability to work with confidential information and to work well with the public. Applicants must have a valid KY Drivers License. This is a full time position with health insurance, retirement and other benefits. Applications will be taken at the Green Acres Office in Prestonsburg from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm each day through February 23, 2007.

JOB OPENING

Renos Roadhouse in Prestonsburg is now hiring for all positions. Shifts- Day and Night. Apply in person only.

MERCHANDISE

FOR SALE
 Desk, Washer, Dryer, Microwave, Microwave cabinet, Dinetette, Refrigerator, 22,500 BTU AC, Cedar bed, Cedar Chest, Bed Hollywood frame, computer, printer, scanner, copier, computer desk, chair. Call 358-2330 or 358-0180

PROM DRESS

Size 2. Coral in color, worn twice. Call 886-7980

Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY
 Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

Misc.

FOR SALE
 JK'S Cafe in Downtown Winchester, KY Gourmet sandwiches- Soups- Desserts. Annette Goebel Tom Goebel and company. 859-749-0342
 www.tomgoebel.com

Wanted To Rent:

Researcher needs lodging in Wheelwright June 1 through August 4. Prefer furnished or semi-furnished w/utilities included. Will pay up to \$1800. Project information available at www.coaltowns.net. Contact Lisa at lisa@coaltowns.net or 870-316-8534.

REAL ESTATE

Houses

HOUSE FOR SALE 388
 Hammond Rd Prestonsburg 4 BR 3 full bath, jacuzzi tub in master bedroom. All kitchen appliances, security system, family room has hardwood floors with gas fire place. All new paint. 1 car garage, large deck over looking 1/2 acre flat fenced yard. 2 min. to RT. 23, 5 min to downtown Prestonsburg. Recently appraised at \$156,000. Priced for quick sale \$145,500. Immediate occupancy. Call 285-9277 422-8197 226-4551.

HOUSE FOR SALE

Two houses one two bedroom kitchen living room with bath built over work shop and wash house. One four bedroom kitchen dining and living room with bath. All carpet, except baths. Two storage buildings, natural gas. All on 0.70 acres fenced in lot. Hueysville area. \$46,000 OBO in next 30 days. Call 606-358-9346

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FOR SALE

Antique Sewing Machine with cabinet. First electric model made in 1935. Sews good. Looks good. 587-2777

ATTENTION BALL ROOM DANCE PARTNER NEEDED!

Must have previous experience OR have interest in taking dance classes. Must be capable of going to dance class. Ages 50-70. If this applies to you please call LeighAnn at 886-8506 to apply.

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HOUSE FOR SALE

Property for sale between Prestonsburg and Painstville. Also, double wide for rent. \$500 plus deposit. Call 606-789-6721 or 792-792-6721. No pets.

FARM FOR SALE

Floyd county 75 acres more or less, rt. 1100 off US 23 East Point Upper Little Paint. Lum Derossett Branch. Call 606-325-4430 or 606-325-2809. Level- Sloping and timber.

RENTALS

APARTMENT

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

Newly remodeled apartment located in Prestonsburg, above safelite. 1 BR, 1 bath. Call 478-8100 for price.

PICTURE INCLUDED JUST \$75.00. CALL LEIGHANN WILLIAMS TODAY TO SALE YOUR HOUSE FAST! 886-8506.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR 2 bath 2000 sq ft. Basement area, located near Allen at traffic light, excellent neighborhood, city water/sewage. Only minutes from Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Painstville. \$167,500. Call 874-2972 or 454-4579.

FOR RENT

1 BR efficiency apt \$350 per month. 1 BR with garage \$500 per month. 2 BR 1 1/2 bath w/ carport. \$575. 2 BR house 2 bath \$675. Call 434-6516 or 226-1925 or 285-9639.

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Newly remodeled unfinished ground floor apartment. Located across from Floyd County Technical center on Route 122 at Martin. \$500 per month plus utilities. Must furnish references. Call 285-9112. NOT HUD APPROVED.

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HOUSE

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #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 Number 836-8065 Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Martin Coal Processing Corporation, P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 12.0 acres located 0.15 miles east of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed facility is approximately 0.67 miles Southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80 and is located adjacent to the Left Fork of Beaver

Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees 33 minutes 19 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds.

The facility is located on the Harold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by Martin Coal Processing Corporation and CSX/Chessie System.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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, togeth-

er 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 a 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 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.

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Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Permit No. 858-0165

Increment No. 11 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, HC 64, Box 915, Debord, Kentucky 41214, has applied for a Phase 1 bond release on Increment #11 on permit 858-0165,

which was last issued on March 26, 2006. The application covers an area of 601.58 acres, located 1.89 mile southeast of Odds, in Martin, Johnson, and Floyd Counties.

The permit area is approximately 1.89 mile southeast of County Road #129's junction with KY Route 3, and is located along the Right Fork of Daniels Creek.

The bond now in effect for the Increment #11 is a surety bond for \$288,500.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$173,100.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching. The revegetation achieved is in accordance with the approved plan as outlined in the permit application. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field

Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 26, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on February 27, 2007, at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 26, 2007.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's

PUBLIC NOTICE
Bates Quick Shop doing business at Melvin, Ky 41650 owned by Brian Bates hereby declares their intention to apply for a license as a retail beer dealer under state law.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., a Kentucky Corporation has asked the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky, for approval of an adjustment of rates to become effective March 3, 2007, for service rendered on and after March 3, 2007. The present rates charged in all territory served by Columbia are as follows:

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULES GS			
Residential (GSR) 1/			
First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	6.95	1.4269	7.0085
Over 1 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085
EAP Rider	0.0579		0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105
Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/			
First 1 Mcf or less per Mo.	18.88	1.4269	7.0085
Next 49 Mcf per Mo.	1.8715	1.4269	7.0085
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153	1.4269	7.0085
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296	1.4269	7.0085
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802	1.4269	7.0085
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service			
Administrative Charge	55.90		55.90
Standby Service Demand Charge			
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement	6.5482		6.5482
Delivery Rate Per Mcf			
First 400 Mcf per Mo.	1.8153		1.8153
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.7296		1.7296
All Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.5802		1.5802
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IS			
Customer Charge per Mo.	116.55		116.55
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467	7.0085	7.5552
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905	7.0085	7.2990
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
Standby Service Demand Charge			
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement	6.5482		6.5482

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service 1			
Administrative Charge	55.90		55.90
First 30,000 Mcf	0.5467		0.5467
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.2905		0.2905
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE IUS 1/			
For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269	7.0085
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Service			
Administrative Charge	55.90		55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.3038	1.4269	1.7307
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE			
Administrative Charge	55.900		55.90
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858		0.0858
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the Base Rate Charge and applicable Riders only. The Base Rate Charge is also applicable to General Service Propane.

The proposed rates to be charged in all territory served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. are as follows:

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE GS - GENERAL SALES SERVICE			
Residential (GSR) 1/			
Customer charge	12.75		12.75
All volume consumed	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085
EAP Rider	0.0579		0.0579
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105
Commercial or Industrial (GSO) 1/			
Customer charge	28.00		28.00
First 50 Mcf per Mo.	1.8241	1.4269	7.0085
Next 350 Mcf per Mo.	1.7142	1.4269	7.0085
Next 600 Mcf per Mo.	1.6324	1.4269	7.0085
Over 1000 Mcf per Mo.	1.4806	1.4269	7.0085
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105
RATE SCHEDULE IS - INTERRUPTIBLE SALES SERVICE			
Customer Charge per Mo.	200.00		200.00
First 30,000 Mcf	0.6027	7.0085	7.6112
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192	7.0085	7.3277
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement	6.5482	6.5482
RATE SCHEDULE IUS - INTRASTATE UTILITY SERVICE 1/		
Customer Charge per Mo.	255.00	255.00
For All Volumes Delivered Per Mcf	0.5905	1.4269
NGR&D Rider	0.0105	7.0085

Demand Charge times Standby Service Volumes (Mcf) in Customer Agreement	6.5482	6.5482
RATE SCHEDULE DS - DELIVERY SERVICE		
Administrative Charge per billing period	55.90	55.90
Customer Charge per billing period 2/	200.00	200.00
Customer Charge - Grandfathered Service only	28.00	28.00
Customer Charge - Intrastate Utility only	255.00	255.00
Delivery Rate per Mcf 2/		
First 30,000 Mcf	0.6027	0.6027
Over 30,000 Mcf	0.3192	0.3192

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
Delivery Rate - Grandfathered Service only			
First 400 Mcf per billing period	1.7142		1.7142
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	1.6324		1.6324
All Over 1000 Mcf per billing period	1.4806		1.4806
Delivery Rate - Intrastate Utility only			
All volumes per billing period	0.5905	1.4269	2.0174
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105

Base Rate Charge	Gas Cost Adjustment Demand	Gas Cost Adjustment Commodity	Total Billing Rate
\$	\$	\$	\$
RATE SCHEDULE MIDS - MAINLINE DELIVERY SERVICE			
Administrative Charge	55.90		55.90
Customer Charge per billing period	200.00		200.00
Delivery Rate Per Mcf	0.0858		0.0858
NGR&D Rider	0.0105		0.0105
Banking and Balancing Service	0.0206		0.0206

1/ Customers taking Small Volume Gas Transportation Service (SVGTS) are charged the base rate charge and all applicable riders only.
2/ Applicable to all Rate Schedule DS customers except those served under Grandfathered or Intrastate Utility provisions

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF CHANGES

Miscellaneous Fees

The Company is proposing to increase the following fees as indicated:

	Current	Proposed
Return Check Fee	\$8.00	\$15.00
Reconnect Fee	\$15.00	\$55.00

The foregoing rates reflect an increase of approximately 7.99% to Columbia. The estimated amount of increase per customer class is as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$10,539,821	11.07%
Commercial	\$1,498,857	2.77%
Industrial	\$382,525	4.89%
Wholesale	\$12,400	5.29%
Other	\$211,920	21.57%

The average monthly bill for each customer class to which the proposed rates will apply will increase approximately as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Residential	\$7.38	11.0%
Commercial	\$9.61	3.0%
Industrial	-\$16.45	-0.5%
Transportation	\$9.29	11.0%
Wholesale	\$517.00	6.5%

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia; however, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

In addition to the adjustment of rates described above, Columbia is also seeking approval from the Public Service Commission for an Accelerated Main Replacement Program and a Post In-Service Carrying Charge. The Accelerated Main Replacement Program is designed to accelerate the replacement of the aging pipes and facilities on Columbia's system in order to maintain safe and reliable service for customers. The Post In-Service Carrying Charge is designed to encourage the investment in pipeline extensions and facilities for new customers to receive gas service.

Any corporation, association, or person with a substantial interest in this matter may, by written request, within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice of the proposed rate changes, request to intervene; intervention may be granted beyond the thirty (30) day period for good cause shown. Requests to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission at the address listed below.

Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the rate application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting Cynthia Benham at:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
2001 Mercer Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40511-1018
(859) 288-0261

Any person may examine the rate application and any other filings made by Columbia at the offices of Columbia or the Commission, as listed below:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
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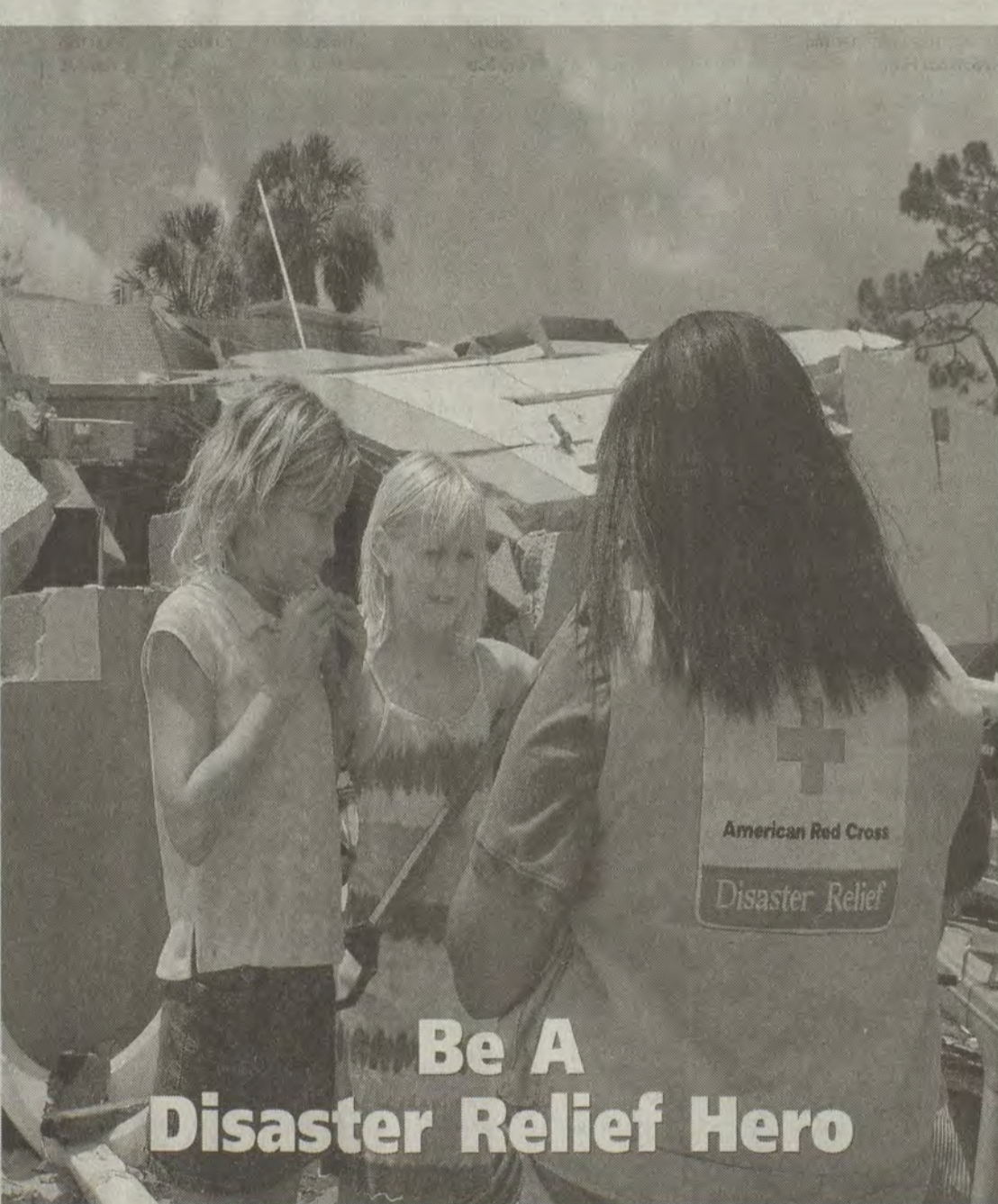
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