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## SORTING THE EVIDENCE



photo by Alex Smith

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn catalogued evidence seized during a drug raid last Friday. Blackburn was unable to fit everything he found on top of his desk, as there were so many prescription pill bottles recovered that it took several hours to count and sort through everything.

## Sheriff's office seizes drugs, guns and cash in raid

by ALEX SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three of the five people arrested during a drug raid in Floyd County last Friday were arraigned Monday morning.

Two of those arraigned had preliminary hearings set for Feb. 19, while one, Ballard H. Allen, 46, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of public intoxication, paying a small fine and ending the case. The two remaining suspects have posted bail and will be arraigned Feb. 20.

The raid began Friday afternoon after the Floyd County Sheriff's Office had received information from a resident living near the home on Route 4

near Middle Creek that there was a high amount of drug activity taking place at the house. A search warrant was obtained and executed by the Floyd County Sheriff's Office with help from Magoffin County Sheriff Bob Jordan.

Those who still face felony charges stemming from the raid include Ezra Allen, 51, Jason Howard, 27, Jessica Howard, 25, and Phillip Wilkerson, 28, all of Prestonsburg.

Ezra Allen and Jason Howard were both charged with a felony drug possession charge and a possession of drug paraphernalia charge. Allen has been charged with felony trafficking in marijuana, while Howard is charged with a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge.

Jessica Howard faces a trafficking in a controlled substance charge, a felony. Ezra Allen and Jessica Howard are both scheduled for arraignment Feb. 20. Allen posted a \$20,000 cash bond on Monday, and Howard posted a \$5,000 bond on Sunday.

Wilkerson, who remains in the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$25,000 cash bond, faces the most charges, including felony trafficking in marijuana, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, having a prescription not in its original container, and felony trafficking in a controlled substance. He has

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## State board urges schools to review mascots

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — A recent resolution adopted by the Kentucky Board of Education aims to urge all schools throughout the state to review the appropriateness of their school mascots and symbols that may be offensive to some groups of people.

Recent concerns regarding Allen Central High School and Allen Central Middle School's use of the Confederate flag and mascot have attracted national attention and sparked disputes that garnered attention on the state school board level.

Last Thursday, the KBE adopted a resolution which recommends "schools and school districts should set an example and provide leadership in their communities in supporting and furthering human rights." Also, the resolution goes on to say that the board "urges all schools to review the appropriateness of their symbols and mascots and recommends that all schools and school districts abandon the use of symbols and mascots that are offensive to any group of people."

Floyd County Supt. Dr. Paul Fanning was contacted and asked what the next step would be to alleviate the dispute, and in his response he seems to think that the issue will resolve itself over time with the cooperation of site-based councils and the district itself.

"I've sent copies (of the resolution) to all of our

schools," Fanning said. "We are going to let this process work."

According to Fanning, Rev. Louis Coleman, a civil rights activist who has recently brought himself into the spotlight in our area, has been in contact with him on several occasions regarding the mascot dispute. In his opinion, Fanning says Coleman was probably a significant pusher for the state board to take some sort of action, noting that Coleman told him that he planned on asking the state board to get involved.

Fanning says that Allen Central's flag and mascot are not the only schools throughout the state that have been questioned in the past, but he wants to be careful with any decisions due to what he says are "legal issues" that should not be overlooked.

Fanning also made mention of similar incidents in our nation's past, such as the Tinker vs. Des Moines case in 1969, in which two high schools students were suspended from school because they protested the Vietnam War by wearing black armbands. That case made it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where it was decided that the students could wear the armbands as long as it did not cause any sort of disruption.

Fanning cited "grossly misinformed information" on the issue as the cause of the dispute from the beginning. He also said that the school board welcomes suggestions from citizens

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## briefs

## Stumbo warns of scams

As part of National Consumer Protection Week (February 4-10), Attorney General Greg Stumbo issued a consumer alert today, cautioning Kentuckians to be wary of new trends in Internet auction scams.

Online shoppers have become recent targets of "second chance" offers in which they are given an opportunity to purchase an item they may have previously viewed or bid upon. The victims are contacted by a con artist and lured to illegitimate auction sites to purchase the item, which usually does not exist.

"While the Internet has become a valuable tool commonly used for online communication, banking and shopping, it has unfortunately also become a haven for swindlers ready to take advantage of consumers," said Attorney General Stumbo. "These crooks are getting savvier in their approach and can make an illegitimate offer look very realistic. In recent months my office has received several consumer complaints from Kentucky residents who have fallen victim to online auction scams."

The scams have recently surfaced on eBay, a

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## 2 DAY FORECAST

### Today



High: 24 • Low: 10

### To tomorrow



High: 25 • Low: 7

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

## Duncan addresses party in Western Ky.

The Associated Press

MURRAY — A new Republican National Committee chairman called for unity and embracing the party's core values in western Kentucky as three GOP candidates for governor pitched their messages to the party faithful on Saturday.

Longtime GOP activist Mike Duncan, who grew up in Inez,

serves as Republican National Committee chairman with Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla. The two will share the chairmanship duties.

As keynote speaker to approximately 340 people attending the dinner at Murray State University, Duncan said that Republicans have a historic pattern of winning elections

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Members of the Healthy Floyd County 2010 Dental/Oral Health Action Team were present for the signing of the proclamation by Judge Executive Dr. R. D. "Doc" Marshall recognizing February as Children's Dental Health Month.

## Highlands establishes new foundation

by JESSICA HALE  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Regional Medical Center hopes to further expand health care service for the area through a new nonprofit foundation.

HRMC was opened in 1973

and since that time it has been critical to the health of the surrounding communities. According to HRMC, the hospital would not be here today without the generous support of the community.

Highlands Foundation Inc. will focus on promoting philanthropic support to the hospital for

the purpose of promoting health, development of community services, and establishing programs of community education and involvement.

Currently the foundation is developing goals and objectives to lead them along the path to success and is working on developing a community board.

Various community action programs and support groups will be formed through the foundation as well as expansion of inpatient and outpatient services, new technology funding, and capital building projects.

Kathy Rubado, former direc-

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Kathy Rubado

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# Obituaries

## Olin Amburgey

Olin Amburgey age 81, of Louisa, formerly of Langley, husband of Shirley Ratliff Amburgey, passed away Friday, February 9, 2007, at the Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa.

He was born January 20, 1926, in Red Fox, the son of the late Ruben and Minnie Adams Amburgey. He was a retired coal miner, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the U.M.W.A.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, Shirley, include two sons, Olin Gene (Glenda) Amburgey of Louisa, and Stephen Allen (Edwina) Amburgey of Langley; two daughters, Jacqueline (Lenny) Garrison of Howell, Michigan, and Sherry Ann (Randy) Amburgey of Cincinnati, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Olin Amburgey were conducted Monday, February 12, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Lenny Wheeler officiating.

Burial was in the Jimmy Ratliff Cemetery, in Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Kevin Hughes, Roger Collins, Shawn Amburgey, Nick Amburgey, Michael Ousley, and Brian Ratliff. (Paid obituary)

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## Ernest Baldrige

Ernest Baldrige, 84, of Fountain Lakes, in Estero, Florida, passed away at his home, Sunday, February 4, 2007.

He was born April 4, 1922, in East Point. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He studied law at the University of Kentucky, and Ohio State University, and worked for 33 years as a claims manager for Westfield Insurance Company, in Columbus and Lima, Ohio.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, and he was an excellent carpenter and mechanic. He became, late in life, very skilled with computers.

He leaves behind Mary Pat Baldrige, his beloved wife of almost 62 years; and children Betty Schuster of Hansville, Washington; Teri Kozsey (Philip) of North Royalton, Ohio; and James Baldrige (Sue) of Dayton, Ohio.

He is also survived by his sister, Janet Taylor of Columbus, Ohio; his brother Jack Baldrige (Ernestine) of Rock Island, Illinois; and three grand-

children, and two great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday at 10:00 a.m., at Naples Memorial Gardens, 525 111th Avenue, Naples. (Paid obituary)

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## Farish Bradley

Farish Bradley, age 77, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, February 8, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born December 26, 1929, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Jake and Phoebe Hyden Bradley. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Jean Ousley Bradley.

Survivors include: a son, Farish Timothy Bradley Jr. (Renea) of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Linda Johnson, Melissa Stanley (Tim), and Phoebe Michelle Hughes (Rick), all of Prestonsburg; five brothers: Otis Bradley, Jake Bradley Jr., Jimmy Bradley, Frank Bradley, and Loren Bradley, all of Prestonsburg; four sisters: Alva Hackworth of Pyramid, Winnie Ellen Ousley of Prestonsburg, and Phyllis Bolen and Dorothy Bolen, both of Garrett; and six grandchildren: Eukie Jean, Brandon, Nicole, Dakota, Cody, and Briana.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Woodrow Bradley and Edgel Bradley; a sister, Susie Ousley; and a son-in-law, Donald Johnson.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 12, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Jimmy Stephens, Malcolm Slone, Glen Slone, and Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial was in the Stephens Family Cemetery, at Mays Branch, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Mae Clay

Mae Clay, age 86, of Jamestown, formerly of Ligon, died Thursday, February 8, 2007, at her residence.

Born January 28, 1921, in Jacks Creek, she was the daughter of the late Dave and Nancy Hall Mullins. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church in Melvin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Brother) Clay.

Survivors include a son, William Ronald Clay of Jamestown; three daughters:

Blanche Patton of Lawrenceburg, Kathleen Caudill of Martin, and Nesba Dailey of Ligon; a brother, Clinis Mullins of Franklin Furnace, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Arnold Clay; seven brothers: Ellis Mullins, Frank Mullins, Crockett Mullins, Enis Mullins, Hilbert Mullins, Jerry Mullins, and Fines Mullins; and six sisters: Okla Tackett, Frankie Hamilton, Fancy Isaac, Anna Mullins, Lizzie Newman, and Mary Holbrook.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Dave Mullins Family Cemetery in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Jeremy Ellis Gibson

Jeremy Ellis Gibson, age 27, of Langley, passed away Monday, February 12, 2007, at Our Lady of The Way Hospital, in Martin.

He was born November 24, 1979, in Pikeville, the son of Deborah Gail Sturgill Gibson of Allen, and the late Charles Brent Gibson.

He was employed by ACS of Pikeville, and attended the Church of Christ, in Prestonsburg.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include a sister, Leann Nicole Gibson of Allen; his paternal grandmother, Joyce Ann Ellis Gibson of Langley; an uncle, Michael Gibson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Charles Laban Gibson, and his maternal grandparents, Forrest and Katie Sturgill.

Funeral services for Jeremy Ellis Gibson will be conducted Thursday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Rick Kelley officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Steven Slone, Chris Caudill, Corey Little, Landon Slone, Justin Prater, and Todd Sturgill.

Honorary: Dustin Little and

Jerry Stanley. (Paid obituary)

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## Denzil Humble

Denzil Humble, age 68, of Printer, died Monday, February 12, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born February 18, 1938, in Printer, he was the son of the late James Isaac and Ollie Meade Humble. He was a retired materials superintendent for Johnson Controls, in Plymouth, Michigan; a member of John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, in Martin; a past master of Livingston Lodge No. 76, in Pinckney, Michigan, in 1999; an Honorable Kentucky Colonel; and a member of the Spurlock Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Rose M. Stephens Humble.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Randy Isaac and Martha Humble of Printer, and Rodney A. and Carrie Humble of Pinckney, Michigan; a daughter and son-in-law: Deborah Sue and Danny McCoy of Printer; a sister, Patricia Conn of Printer; 10 grandchildren: Amos, Adam, Maggie, Andrew, Austin, Erin, Natalie, Brett, Larry, and Brody; and six great-grandchildren: Megan, Makayla, Jessie, Wesley, Waylan, and Logan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: James Milton Humble and Leonard Humble; a sister, Juanita Conn; and two half brothers: Ivan Carroll and Dwayne Carroll.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 15, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Meade Cemetery, at Spurlock, in Printer, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home, and Masonic rites will be held on Wednesday night, at 6:30 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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## Eliza Thornsberry Johnson

Eliza Thornsberry Johnson, age 88, of Stanford, formerly of Kite, widow of George Johnson, died Saturday, February 10, 2007, in the Ephriam-McDowell Hospital, in Danville.

She was born December 13, 1918, in Kite, a daughter of the late M.L. and Rosanne Hall Thornsberry. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Theodore Johnson, of Topmost, Elwood Johnson and Brownlow Johnson, both of Kite; a daughter, Betty J. Gallagher, of Stanford; a brother, M.H. Thornsberry of Belleville, Michigan; four grandchildren, four step grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and several step great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers: Claude, French, Joneth, Amos, Roscoe, and Mack Thornsberry; five sisters Alice, Hazel, Barbara, and Gracie Thornsberry, and Allie Hall, and two grandchildren: Cynthia Ann Johnson and Michael "Pee-Wee" Johnson.

Funeral Service of Eliza Thornsberry Johnson were conducted Tuesday, February 13, at 11 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the King Cemetery, in Kite, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Esta M. "Sissie" Stegall wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke words of comfort. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service.

THE FAMILY OF ESTA M. "SISSIE" STEGALL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Joey Edwin Howell would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way, upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Homer Howell, Abe Howell, and Mike Justice, for their words of comfort, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF JOEY EDWIN HOWELL

## Card of Thanks

The family of Edgel "Delano" Davis wishes to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. Thanks to the Hall Funeral Home for all they did; special thanks to Brother Jerry Manns for his service; a very special thanks to Magistrate Jackie Owens and crew; and also to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Thanks,  
Carmel, Janet, and The Davis Family

## Card of Thanks

From the Family of Annie Handshoe

The family of Annie Handshoe would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many people who helped comfort us during our time of sorrow.

Whether you said a prayer, sent flowers, brought food, or gave of a monetary gift, we thank you for your thoughts and generosity.

To all the doctors and nurses who cared for our mother, we appreciate everything you did to ease her pains and keep her comfortable.

To the pastors and singers for giving of their time, and consoling us with songs and prayers.

To Hall Funeral Home for providing a place for family and friends to gather together to mourn the loss of our mother.

To all the family members who came from far and near, it meant so much to have you all here.

Words cannot express enough our deepest appreciation, but to you we say, **Thank you!**

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### HRMC February Calendar

Kiwanis: Feb. 15, 20; Meeting Room C; 12-1:30 p.m.

Ky. Mountain Dental Society: Feb. 24; Meeting Place A & B; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Course: Feb. 26, 27; Meeting Place A & B; 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Living Well With Diabetes Support Group: Feb. 28; Meeting Place A & B; 5-6:00 p.m. Topic: "Get in the Rhythm: Taking Care of Your Diabetic Heart."

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

WHS Classes of '87 and '88 The Wheelwright High School Classes of 1987 and

1988 will have a combined class reunion on Saturday June 23, 2007. A family picnic will be held at Dewey Lake Dam, Shelter #2, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. An evening event is planned at 7 p.m., at the Best Western, in Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

### Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Spring Classes

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Quilting Class: Mondays - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesdays - 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin on Monday, March 12. Cost: \$30 for 8 weeks. Pre-registration necessary as class space is limited. Also, earn a free computer by registering for classes! For more information, call 886-0709.

### SS Representative to visit Mud Creek Clinic

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

(SSN).

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

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

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

### Hillbilly Travel Club

Now scheduling trip for the upcoming year to: Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. Also, guided tour, entry to area attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Call Ed at 452-4149 for more information.

### ACHS Class of '96

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

### PHS Class of '97

The Prestonsburg High School Class of 1997 is currently planning their 10 year reunion. The reunion is scheduled to be held on July 14, 2007 at the Best Western, Prestonsburg. Those wishing to attend should please send in all of their personal information including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets.

All teachers from 1993 to 1997 are also welcome.

Classmates may send their information to pbs97@bell-south.net or mail to Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41640

### Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available

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<b>Cinema Two • PG-13</b> STARTS WED., 2/14 <b>MUSIC AND LYRICS</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25), 7:10-9:25	<b>Cinema Seven • PG-13</b> STARTS FRI., 2/16 <b>GHOST RIDER</b> Mon.-Sun. 6:50-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 6:50-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (1:50-4:20), 6:50-9:20
<b>Cinema Three • PG-13</b> HELD OVER <b>BECAUSE I SAID SO</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20), 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20), 7:00-9:20	<b>Cinema Eight • PG-13</b> HELD OVER <b>NORBIT</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30
<b>Cinema Four • PG-13</b> HELD OVER <b>THE MESSENGERS</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25), 7:05-9:25	<b>Cinema Nine • PG-13</b> STARTS WED., 2/14 <b>DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS</b> Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:00-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:30), 7:00-9:30
<b>Cinema Five</b> HELD OVER <b>EPIC MOVIE</b> PG-13—Mon.-Sun. 7:15; Fri. (4:30), 7:15; Sat.-Sun. (4:30), 7:15	<b>Cinema Ten</b> HELD OVER <b>NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM</b> PG—Mon.-Sun. 6:55; Fri. (4:15), 6:55; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15), 6:55
<b>HELD OVER</b> <b>SMOKIN' ACES</b> R—Mon.-Sun. 9:30; Fri. 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15), 9:30	<b>HELD OVER</b> <b>CATCH AND RELEASE</b> PG-13 Mon.-Sun., 9:15 only

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## Guest View

### It's real. It's here.

No one can seriously argue anymore that global warming isn't happening and that human activity isn't a significant part of the cause. The question now is what to do about it.

The summary of the latest report by an international panel of scientists put together by the United Nations says that global warming is a reality and that it is very likely - a 90 percent probability, the panel says - that human activity in the form of greenhouse gas emissions is making a significant contribution to the warming trend. The full report won't be available until May, but the summary for policymakers recently released makes clear what the final report will say.

Yes, there are still serious questions on the details - just how much the average temperature will increase, how high sea levels will rise, how crops and the environment will be affected - but the crux of the matter has been settled.

Now, the debate needs to move to policy issues and questions of how to best mitigate the effect. The most important question to ask is not what the world will be like 20 or 30 years from now but what it will be like 100 or 200 years from now if nothing is done.

Since it's a global problem, the warming trend requires a global response. There will be winners and losers, and some will bear more of the cost than others. Mitigating global warming won't be easy, and it won't be cheap. But spread the cost as broadly as possible - share the pain - and it should not be unbearable for any single country or people.

The basic answer lies in reducing the consumption of fossil fuels and reducing the emissions of the fuels when they are used.

Everything should be on the table. This includes a new international agreement on global warming, new taxes on oil and on carbon emissions, rewarding conservation, placing caps on emissions, promoting mass transit and the research of alternative fuels and finding safer ways to dispose of nuclear waste. Yes, nuclear power - which emits nothing - can be a part of the solution if the will and a way can be found to deal with the significant problems caused by nuclear waste.

So can energy-efficiency and the development of technology that, for example, would allow buildings to use less energy to heat or cool.

Internationally, a new agreement is necessary to supplant the ineffective and unpopular Kyoto treaty. That new agreement needs to spell out the responsibilities of each country and set limits on greenhouse gas emissions. And it needs to include China, India and other nations that are rapidly expanding their economies and their use of fossil fuels. Chinese leaders are right when they say that wealthier countries need to take the lead on curbing emissions, but China needs to commit to being part of the solution.

Nationally, a federal tax on oil consumption - perhaps in conjunction with a tax on carbon emissions - needs to be considered. Consumers aren't likely to cut back on driving or to buy vehicles that use less gasoline unless consuming gasoline becomes more expensive. Utilities will no doubt pass along the costs of any carbon emissions tax to ratepayers, so perhaps some sort of subsidy could help offset the cost. New investments will have to be made in clean coal technology, but the most significant increase should come in non-fossil fuel alternatives. Right now, that means biomass, wind and solar, but more is needed, and President Bush's initiatives - announced in his State of the Union address - are a step in the right direction.

In Wisconsin, Gov. Jim Doyle has taken a bigger step with his call for a state task force on global warming and a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Other measures should include a reconsideration of the state's heavy reliance on coal plants. Because of that reliance, Wisconsin's emissions have grown faster than the average of other states, as the first installment in a series of articles on global warming points out in Monday's Journal Sentinel.

That reconsideration should include a very careful look by the state Public Service Commission at last week's proposal by Alliant Energy Corp. of Madison, Wis., to build a new coal plant in southwestern Wisconsin. The PSC needs to ask just how badly the plant is needed and whether alternatives could meet the need. We Energies, which is building two coal plants in Oak Creek, Wis., says it is experimenting with cleaner coal technology at its Pleasant Prairie, Wis., plant. Such experiments need more of a push.

Do state residents really want to place such a heavy reliance on coal when it is likely that they will be paying a greater price for use of that coal, perhaps through a tax on carbon emissions or a cap on those emissions?

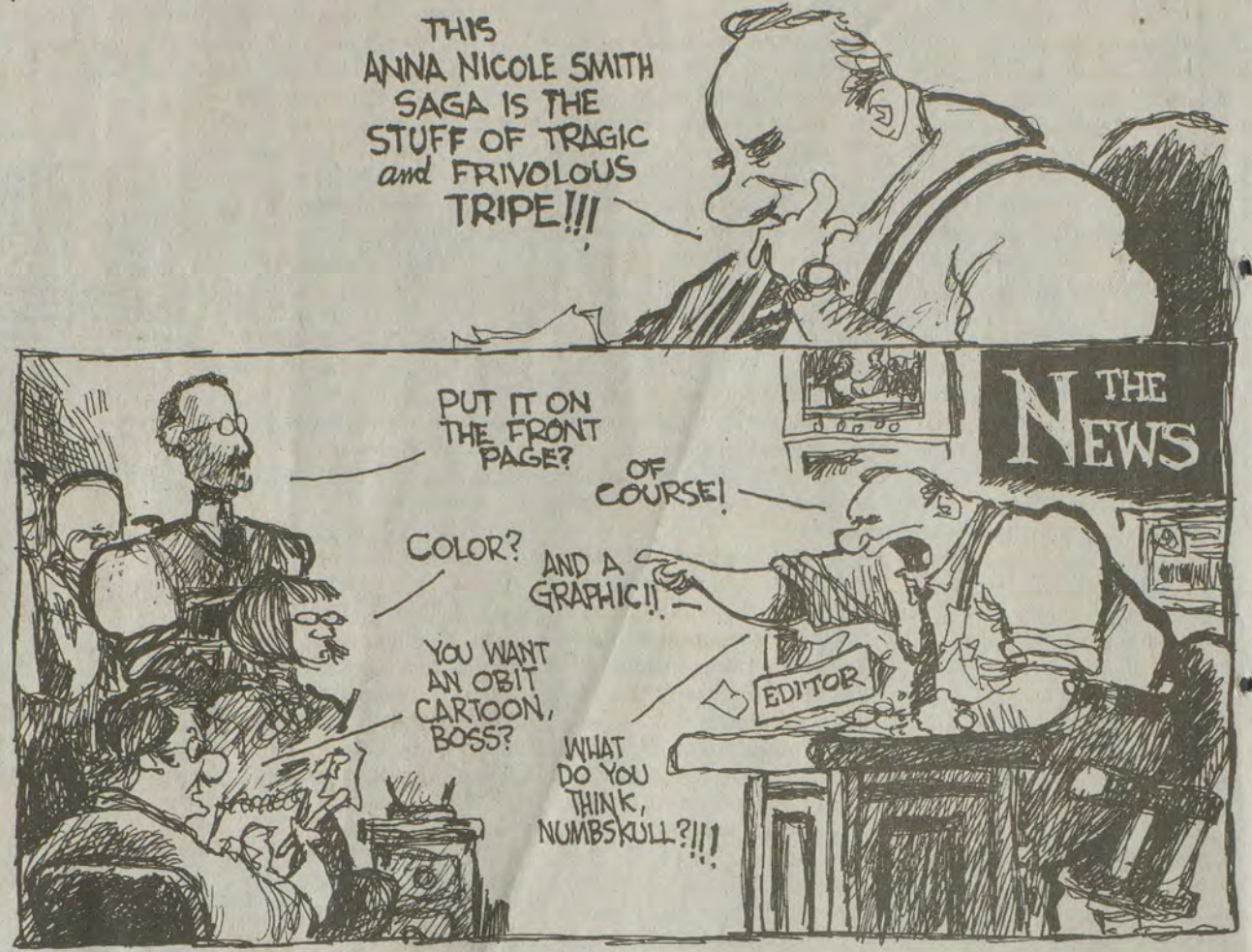
Consumers also need to start thinking about what they can do to curb their use of fossil fuels. This includes driving less, buying more fuel-efficient cars and energy-saving light bulbs and using the furnace and air conditioner a little less. One family turning down the thermostat may not mean much. But a million families doing so makes a difference.

Just what effect global warming will have remains an open question. The U.N. panel offers six scenarios, ranging from an almost negligible effect to far more dire consequences. In most, sea level increases are actually less than earlier predictions.

But even if the final result is less serious than some fear, reducing the consumption of fossil fuels will still leave the world a better place with less smog, less small-particle pollution and reduced ozone levels. Doing whatever it takes to mitigate global warming will be worth the effort and will help make the world of 2107 one worth living in.

— Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

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## Letters

### Fill in the gaps

My name is Kenton Dickerson and I live approximately 10 miles west of Prestonsburg. I feel I speak for concerned citizens in this letter. I have tried all available sources to gain high speed broadband or DSL to my area, without any success.

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I have come to the end of my rope. I was hoping this letter would attract attention to this problem. High speed internet can be obtained 1.5 miles east (Charter) and 1.5 miles west (Foothills) of my location. Why don't they fill in the gap of about 25-to-30 households?

Kenton Dickerson  
Middle Creek

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It is easy to recommend this book. It is so enjoyable, so well-written, and please note the author is "home grown."

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# Doctors: Rural residents far less likely to survive crashes

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — With the help of her father, Christi Teitloff made her way to the front of a conference room crowded with doctors and paramedics to show just how important their work is.

The 32-year-old, limping slightly but wearing a broad smile, beat the odds by surviving a horrific car crash in rural Kentucky, overcoming a long list of ailments that included a severe brain injury, ruptured spleen, collapsed lung, broken hip and three months in a coma.

Doctors pushing for a statewide trauma system say Teitloff was fortunate to have survived her life-threatening injuries in a remote part of the state.

Dr. William Barnes, a western Kentucky trauma surgeon, said people critically injured in rural areas are 50 percent more likely to die than those injured in urban areas with major hospitals.

"That puts everybody in western Kentucky and their children and their grandchildren in grave danger," Barnes said.

The American College of Emergency Physicians lists Kentucky among 14 states without trauma systems for routing critically injured people to the closest appropriate trauma center.

People in far eastern and western Kentucky towns have no nearby trauma centers and have to be transported to distant cities for treatment, said Barnes, a Livingston County physician. He is among a group of doctors urging lawmakers to create a statewide trauma system that would ensure the most critical patients be moved as quickly as possible to big-city hospitals that can provide necessary medical care.

Kentucky has only three designated trauma centers — at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville medical centers and at Taylor Regional Medical Center in Campbellsville.

Dr. Andrew Bernard, a trauma surgeon at the University of Kentucky, said people give little thought to the issue until they or a family member are critically injured. Even so, Kentucky needs to create regional trauma centers in outlying towns like Pikeville and Paducah, which would allow patients to stay closer to home and reduce the amount of time they spend in ground and air ambulances, Bernard said.

Under current protocol, every trauma victim in outlying communities gets transported to big-city hospitals, whether in Kentucky or an adjoining state.

Barnes said people have the misconception, primarily from watching prime-time television, that every hospital emergency room has the latest technology and is capable of handling whatever medical emergencies arise.

"In reality, that is not true," he said.

Dr. Jeff Violette, an emergency physician from Lexington, said that makes it

all the more important to have an established protocol that would get the most seriously injured people to top-tier trauma centers fast.

"You've got about an hour to make a difference in saving lives in a serious injury," Violette said.

Legislation introduced last week by state Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, would require the state to create the Kentucky Office of Trauma Care that would oversee the development of a cooperative system between emergency doctors, hospitals and paramedics.

In the bill, Marzian cited the importance of providing medical care within the "golden hour," the hour immediately following traumatic injury. To ensure that happens, Marzian is calling for the creation of the statewide trauma care system.

Trauma centers see large numbers of uninsured patients and face high malpractice insurance premiums. That, Marzian said, discourages them from operating full-scale trauma centers.

Because of that, Marzian is proposing the creation of a trauma fund to provide financial assistance for creating new trauma centers, for operating the Office of Trauma Care, to cover the cost of uncompensated care provided by hospitals and physicians.

Ashlee M. Melendez, executive director of the Kentucky Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, said the bill intentionally requests no specific level of funding.

"My hope is that they pass this bill, and then we can work on how best to fund it," she said.

Teitloff, who was 16 when she had her car crash, urged officials to do what's necessary to provide medical care to trauma victims.

Barnes, who treated Teitloff, said she survived because the local hospital had a trauma center. That's no longer the case.

"It's scary," said Teitloff's mother, Mikey. "If this had happened today, she probably wouldn't have survived."

Barnes said rural trauma patients are likely to spend hours being shuttled about, first in a ground ambulance to a local emergency room to be assessed by the physician on call, then put on a helicopter and sent to an urban hospital. He said the transfers, plus the local emergency room triage, often taken four to six hours.

"Where is that golden hour?" he asked.

Dr. Kraig Humbaugh, a physician at the state Department of Public Health, said traumatic injuries are the leading cause of death for Kentuckians under 45. In most cases, those injuries are the result of car crashes and falls.

Some rural Kentucky counties, Humbaugh said, have car crash rates three times higher than urban counties.

Paramedic Mark Harrison of Benton, president of Kentucky Ambulance Providers Association and director of the Marshall County ambulance service,

said routing patients to local hospitals, then to Louisville or Nashville, can take much too long.

"It's a logistical nightmare," Harrison said. "Without a statewide plan, everyone is really on their own."

Melendez said if paramedics and ambulance personnel know what services are being offered at each hospital at any given time they would know where to transport patients. And a state trauma system, she said, would make that information available.

Under the current, uncoordinated approach, paramedics have to gather that kind of information themselves.

"It works when it works, and when it doesn't work, it's bad," Melendez said. "It really depends on the luck of the draw."

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# Federal judge stalls Fletcher deposition in hiring case

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A federal judge on Monday stalled the possibility of Gov. Ernie Fletcher giving a deposition as part of a case connected to the state hiring probe.

Attorneys were planning for Fletcher to give a deposition in the case of former Transportation Cabinet official Mike Duncan on Feb. 20. But the ruling by U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell delays that possibility until a decision is made on the governor's request for a summary judgment in the case.

Duncan, a Democrat with ties to U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, is claiming in a federal lawsuit that his civil rights

were violated when Fletcher administration officials allegedly fired him for his political affiliation. Duncan was fired as the cabinet's top investigator in May 2005.

For more than a year, Attorney General Greg Stumbo investigated allegations that Fletcher and other administration officials steered protected state jobs to political supporters. Fletcher was eventually indicted on three misde-

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# Pike group wins Governor's Award in the Arts

FRANKFORT — The spotlight is on Kentucky as Pike County has bragging rights on pioneering the first Cooperative Extension Program in the nation to focus on the arts.

Cooperative Extension Service agencies, with oversight from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, connect land grant universities to local communities with educational programs that usually focus on agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth development. With the changing times, the universities and the extension services have also found the need to provide services in areas of community and economic development.

In just a few short years, the

Pike County Extension for Fine Arts, a cooperative program of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, the College of Fine Arts and the Pike County District Board of Cooperative Extension has demonstrated the power of the arts in strengthening communities and the economic benefit they can provide. Pike County Extension Agent for Fine Arts Stephanie Richards, along with an action based 25-member advisory board have been paving an expansive path of success for the arts.

Through community based planning, the Extension Service established Pike Arts as a non-profit organization to develop arts partnerships and deliver quality programming in

all art forms. Pikeville, Belfry, Shelby Valley, Phelps and Elkhorn City were identified as geographic anchors to serve every resident of Pike County. Pike Arts successfully incorporates an aggressive arts marketing plan, a collaborative program to assist Pike County schools in arts implementation across the curriculum and active partnerships and collaborations with the Pike County Artisan Center, Artists Collaborative Theatre, the Pikeville Medical Center, Pike County Homeless Shelter, local media and area churches.

Pike County Extension for Fine Arts and Pike County Schools collaborated to form the Pike Arts Cooperative Extension initiative, which enhances the resources available to advance the creative arts in every school, for every child. The initiative has established a professional development plan to make a noticeable

difference in day-to-day learning, improve testing scores and utilize the arts across the curriculum. An arts and humanities resource library is available to educators and opportunities were created for students to create artwork for patient rooms at Pikeville Medical Center.

Pike Arts was instrumental in opening the Pike County Artisan Center in May, 2006 which encourages all artistic endeavors with classes, perfor-

mances and a revolving visual art exhibit highlighting a different local artist each month. It has also worked with the Artist Collaborative Theatre, home of the highly successful Kentucky Women's Playwright Festival, in its capital campaign to raise funds to complete the construction of a 5,000 square feet, 120-seat black box theatre in Elkhorn City. Pike Arts has also focused on the needs of the medical community by provid-

ing innovative programs at the Pikeville Medical Center. Some of the highlights have been art exhibits, journaling classes, ballroom dance lessons and play productions.

The Pike County Extension for Fine Arts has been the organizing force to bring an already arts-rich county together to improve the quality of life for its residents, strengthen community ties and leverage the arts' potential to enhance the area's economy.

## Free child safety seat checks planned in Pike, Johnson counties

Certified child passenger safety technicians have planned free child safety seat inspections this week in Eastern Kentucky.

Suetta Clevinger, child safety seat training specialist with the Pike County Health Department, will join volunteers from Highway District 12 as well as several area fire departments in conducting the inspections.

Drivers must have with them the child who normally uses the safety seat. If a seat is deemed in appropriate for the child's height or weight, is in some way defective, or does not meet federal safety seat specifications, the driver will have an opportunity to acquire an appropriate, approved safety seat by trading in their old one.

Seats will be inspected on a first come, first served basis. Each inspection takes about 20 minutes. There is no charge. The locations, dates, and times are as follows:

■ Thursday, February 15, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Belfry Fire Department, Pike County.

■ Thursday, February 15, from 1 until 4 p.m. at the Pikeville Fire Department, Chloe Road, Pikeville.

■ Friday, February 16, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at John Gray Motors, 1004 Third Street, Paintsville, Johnson County.

You do not have to be a resident of Pike or Johnson counties to take advantage of this free service. The Kentucky Child Passenger Safety Team and the Kentucky Department of Transportation Safety periodically conduct these free inspections so that Kentucky's infants, toddlers, and young children will be safe and protected while traveling in vehicles.

"Our only concern is for the safety of the child," said Terry Tackett, Drive Smart Coordinator for Highway District 12. "Whether you're a parent, grandparent, or babysitter, it doesn't matter. If you have a child safety seat in your vehicle, bring it and the child who normally uses the seat and we will make sure the seat is installed correctly, is an approved model, and is appropriate for the child's weight and height."

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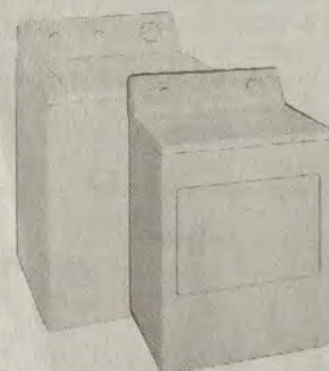
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a Feb. 19 preliminary hearing scheduled.  
Floyd County Sheriff John

K Blackburn said he had never seen so many pills in one place at one time. More than 20 pre-

scription pill bottles containing pills were found at the home, many of which had to

be sent to Frankfort for testing. Hundreds of pills were confiscated during the raid, including two bottles of methadone wafers as well as Valium. Sheriff's deputies also seized over \$6,000 in addition to a large cache of firearms, including eight handguns, five shotguns and nine rifles.

Sheriff Blackburn said his department had been looking into several of those arrested for quite some time, but the amount of drugs they found at

the home was larger than they expected. Many of the prescription pills were filled at various pharmacies around the state, as well as in North Carolina, which Blackburn said led him to believe that several of those arrested during the raid had been doctor shopping. People who doctor shop generally visit several doctors and obtain large amounts of medication which they sell.

Blackburn said he is not sure whether additional charges will be filed against those arrested for allegedly bringing controlled substances across state lines for sale, but he said both sides, doctors and law enforcement, need to work together to stop incidents like this from happening.

"Doctors need to work with law enforcement to cut down on the prescription pill problem," Blackburn said.

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**Foundation**

tor of marketing and public relations at HRMC, has been chosen to head the foundation and will serve as the executive director and chief operating officer.

When asked what she hopes the new foundation will bring to the area, Rubado said, "An added dimension of com-

munity development, continued improvement in health care services for the community and collaboration with other charitable organizations."

Hospitals around the country that have similar foundations have seen much higher growth and expansion of services in their own communi-

ties. Highlands Foundation will make it possible to bring new specialists to the area and make a difference in the health care available for area citizens.

Donations to Highlands are tax deductible. Anyone interested in learning more about the new foundation can call (606) 886-6271.

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**Scams**

well-known Internet auction company. Investigators believe that scammers are contacting losing bidders of an auction. The scammer redirects the victim to a site unregulated by eBay and then entices them to pay through anonymous payment methods.

Scammers may also obtain the email address of their target by researching profiles and bids, matching victims with emails and initiating contact off-eBay.

Another way people are falling prey to online fraud is through phishing. Phishing takes place when a scammer

sends emails to "spam lists." The targeted victims are told to log-on to eBay by a provided link which then redirects victims to a fake website. The scammer then has access to vital information enabling him or her to take over the eBay account.

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**Duncan**

when they push for lower taxes and limited government, and return power to working men and women, the Paducah Sun reported.

The first step for Republicans is to keep a Republican governor in Frankfort and then move on to 2008 and elect a Republican successor to President Bush and retake both houses of Congress, Duncan said.

Making only his second trip outside Washington, D.C., since his selection, the Eastern Kentucky banker stressed the upcoming elections need to have a united party effort.

"I want to talk my two passions — the Republican Party and the commonwealth of Kentucky," Duncan said. "We are going to be proud this

December when we gather in Frankfort to inaugurate a Republican governor. Then in 2008, we will retake the House, retake the Senate and keep a Republican in the White House.

"I'm not going to try to spin things for you. Last year was not a good year. But what should we change? The programs? The policies? When we don't embrace our core values, we lose ground. We can't shy away from who we are."

Also speaking were Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his two GOP challengers in the May 22 primary, Paducah businessman Billy Harper and former 3rd District congresswoman Anne Northup of Louisville.

The audience included state and local elected officials, candidate supporters, and college

students.

Duncan urged everyone to become involved in grassroots campaigns and be prepared to answer attack questions about values of the party. He used two-term President Ronald Reagan as an example.

"He easily beat an incumbent president (in 1980) and won 49 states four years later. How did he do that? He did not shy away from who he was," Duncan said.

Harper was the first candidate to give brief remarks, followed by Northup and Fletcher. Both Harper and Northup alluded to the investigation into the administration's hiring practices that marred Fletcher's term.

Fletcher has called the investigation politically motivated.

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**Obituaries**

arrangements.  
Pallbearers: Mark Johnson, Danny Johnson, Dougie Johnson, Bimbo Huff, Hermis Johnson, Bobby Joe Hall, William Johnson and Charles Johnson.  
(Paid obituary)

**Buell Spears Jr.**

Buell Spears Jr., age 52, of Langley, passed away Monday, February 12, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born August 1, 1954, in Pike County, the son of Virginia Allen Spears, of Langley, and the late Buell Courtney Spears.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Jonathan Richard Spears of Langley; a daughter, Michael Courtney Spears of Pike County; a brother, Joey Douglas Spears of Pikeville; two sisters: Carol Robinson and Marsha Wade, both of Port St. John, Florida; and a grandson, Steven Spears.

Funeral services for Buell Spears Jr., will be conducted Friday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will follow in the Leonard Allen Cemetery, in Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is after 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.  
(Paid obituary)

**Flora Bates Thornsberry**

Flora Bates Thornsberry, 102, of Cecilia, formerly of Melvin and Knott County, died Friday, February 9, 2007, at her residence.

Born September 12, 1904, in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Joseph "Joe" and Mary Alice "Babe" Vanover Bates. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Left Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Columbus "Boog" Thornsberry.

Survivors include a son, Andrew "Jack" Thornsberry of Louisville; and a daughter,

Lonnie Little of Cecilia; 13 grandchildren, and several great- and great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Landis "Buster" Thornsberry; seven brothers and four sisters: Uriah Bates, Andrew Bates, Clarence Bates, Landis Bates, Ernest Bates, Columbus (Dib) Bates, Tilden Bates, Mary Ann Gibson Meade, Rosie Cole, Lilly Flair

Lucas, and Nebraska Bates.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 11, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church in Melvin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery in Melvin, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was at the church.  
(Paid obituary)

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who think they may have a solution or an alternative stance regarding the current problem.

"We're trying to take a calm perspective on this thing," Fanning said.

He expects that Allen Central's site-based council will come to some sort of resolution by spring and resolve the situation from any further controversy.

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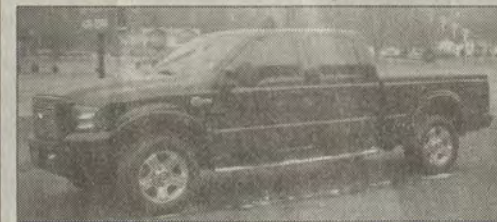
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# Legislature Briefs: House panel seeks limits to gubernatorial pardons

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Future governors could not pardon people until after they have actually been charged with a crime, under a proposed constitutional amendment that cleared a House panel Tuesday.

"Before you can have a pardon, you have to be charged with a crime," Rep. Rob Wilkey, the bill's sponsor, told the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

Wilkey said the proposal was not about Gov. Ernie Fletcher and his decision to pardon his entire administration after some officials were indicted during a grand jury's investigation into state hiring practices. The amendment, however, would prevent future governors from granting the same kind of pardon Fletcher did.

Under the proposal, voters

would be asked to change the wording of Kentucky's constitution so that those who receive pardons would have to be charged with or convicted of a crime and then accept amnesty.

An investigation into state hiring practices began in May 2005 after allegations arose that protected state jobs were being steered to Fletcher's political supporters.

By the time Fletcher issued the blanket pardons later that summer, nine administration officials or supporters had been charged with various crimes stemming from the probe. Later, Fletcher himself was charged with three misdemeanors that were eventually dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Fletcher has maintained that the investigation was politically motivated.

The proposed amendment cleared the committee and heads to the full House for consideration. If approved by

the General Assembly, the matter would go before Kentucky voters in the 2008 general election.

### Panel clears proposed amendment on felons' voting rights

People convicted of nonviolent crimes would automatically have their voting rights restored under a proposal approved Tuesday by a House panel.

The proposed amendment to Kentucky's constitution is intended to bypass a regulation requiring felons to ask the governor to restore their voting rights.

Supporters of the amendment say a policy imposed by Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration delays felons from getting their voting rights restored.

Under the proposal, people convicted of murder or sexual offenses would still have to

seek intervention from the governor.

The proposed amendment heads to the full House for consideration. If the General Assembly approved the idea, it would go to voters in the November 2008 general election.

### Veterans hiring preference clears House

A bill aimed at giving military veterans a preference when seeking a state government job cleared the Kentucky House on Monday.

When filling state jobs, hiring officials would be required to interview at least five candidates who are military veterans. And veterans' military background would be highlighted on state government applications under the plan.

Currently, military veterans receive a boost over other applicants when seeking a state job. They get extra points on state hiring exams; five

additional points for veterans and 10 for disabled veterans.

Separate plans under consideration before the General Assembly seek to help veterans in other ways, such as a proposal to give an income tax

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The veterans' preference measure cleared the House on a 95-0 vote and heads to the Senate for further consideration.

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## Top blood donor in Floyd County urge people to give to offset severe shortage fueled by bad weather, flu

McDOWELL — One of the county's top blood donors is urging people to step up to close a dangerous gap in the regional blood supply. Recent winter storms and the flu bug are taking a toll on local donations.

"We can't stress enough how important it is for healthy donors to donate now, rain or shine, through ice or snow, to help prevent an emergency situation," said Seldon Horne of Prestonsburg, who has personally donated 135 pints of blood in and around the area.

The region has been hit hard on two fronts. "Bad weather has canceled at least a dozen blood drives and health officials have also listed Kentucky in the widespread flu category," said Dan Dickson, the Blood Center's Communications Director.

Bad weather and illness have forced the cancellation of 12 blood drives during the first week of February, preventing an estimated 416 pints of blood from being collected.

In January and so far in February, transfusions at the 67 Kentucky hospitals served by CKBC ran ahead of the number of donations that were

received. That's why an upcoming community blood drive in Floyd County is important to refill the blood bank. Community drives are open to everyone and are a convenient way for people to donate near where they live or work.

The blood drive is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the bloodmobile at McDowell ARH Hospital, 9788 Route 122, McDowell.

At the drive, every donor will receive the Blood Center's new "lifesaver" t-shirt.

Donors must present a photo I.D., be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and be in general good health.

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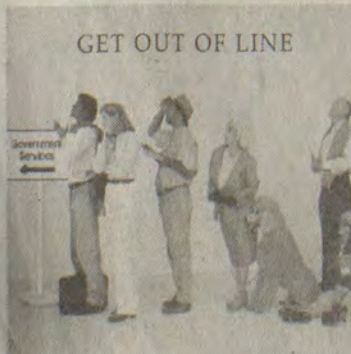
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## Odds &amp; Ends

■ OKLAHOMA CITY — Two Oklahomans who moved to Oregon lost all their possessions when their moving van was stolen, but people in their new home — led by an NFL quarterback — are helping the couple recover from their losses.

Nicole Bennett, 29, and Eddy Fagan, 39, moved with their three children last month to Clackamas, Ore. Last week, their moving van — which contained all their possessions — was stolen. It was later found abandoned and empty.

Since their story went public, the family has received numerous offers of help. Miami Dolphins quarterback Joey Harrington visited the family Sunday and brought a laptop computer, a printer, a fax machine, a \$3,000 gift certificate from Nike and donations of appliances and furniture.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's office set up donation drops for the family, and within two hours, a truck larger than the stolen moving van had been filled with donated items.

"Our faith in people has been totally restored. It's just been unbelievable how people have responded. This has been the worst and best thing to ever happen to us," Bennett said Monday.

■ MIAMI — If you thought pillow menus in hotels were over the top, how about customized mini-bars?

The Catalina Hotel and Beach Club in Miami's South Beach is offering themed mini-bar packages for \$50 each and up. Forget pretzels and tiny bottles of vodka; the hotel is calling this deal "Pimp Your Fridge."

You'll actually get that bottle of vodka in the Rock Star mini-bar, which also comes with Krispy Kremes and Red Bull. For the morning after, you get Visine, Alka Seltzer, a chilled eye mask and Gatorade. You get a pack of cigarettes with that, too, but there's no smoking in the hotel, so you'll have to step outside to light up.

The Get It On mini-bar package includes edible body paint, champagne, whipped cream, maraschino cherries, strawberries, scented candles and oil and a Barry White CD.

The Sweet Tooth mini-bar has chocolate goodies, while the Nostalgia mini-bar will take you back to your youth with fruit roll-ups, candy cigarettes and a cheese-like substance in a spray can.

Nightly room rates start at around \$130. The mini-bar packages must be reserved in advance.

■ KENTON, Ohio — Someone's getting some extra kibble.

A man in western Ohio said the family dog likely saved him and his fiancée from a weekend fire at their home.

The dog, named Katie Bell, was sleeping near the couple after they went to bed in an upstairs room. She woke them

around 4 a.m. Sunday by whining and acting restless, said Greg Weaver.

When Weaver tried to let the dog out of the bedroom, she tried to stop him by blocking the doorway, Weaver said. When he did open the door, he was greeted by black smoke.

Weaver and Misty Parker escaped the fire by climbing out a window and jumping into the bed of Weaver's pickup truck below, he said.

"We lost a lot of things that are unreplacable," Weaver said. "But if it weren't for Katie crying, we wouldn't have woken up."

Kenton Fire Chief Russ Blue said the fire started on the first floor, where an extension cord was plugged into a space heater.

■ AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Romeo, Romeo, where are your clothes Romeo?

An Amsterdam judge has ruled that peep shows — where sex workers performing strip shows and explicit acts can be watched from booths — are a form of theater and club owners are therefore entitled to a hefty tax break.

"Admitting customers to peep shows is equivalent to admitting them to a theater performance," an Amsterdam Appeals Court judge wrote in a ruling late last month that was publicized Tuesday. "The erotic character of the performance does not diminish that."

The national daily De Telegraaf reported that owners of peep shows could receive thousands of dollars back as a result of the ruling.

"Working in a peep show is very labor intensive, so it's great if you have to pay less tax," Andre van Dorst, of an association of Dutch sex club owners, told De Telegraaf.

■ MAPLEWOOD, N.J. — The last thing Lorraine Grossman expected to see as she gazed out the kitchen window of her daughter's home was a 211-pound bear.

"I was making a pot of coffee, and I turned around and there he was in the window looking at me," said Grossman. "For a minute I didn't realize there was a glass between him and me."

The scream Grossman let out was loud enough to startle the wandering bear, who turned tail and scurried some 40 feet up a tree.

More than 50 neighbors gathered to watch and the bear soon grew tired. As the bear gave a lazy yawn, the crowd cooed loudly in appreciation.

"He's really kind of cute," said Joanne Penaluna.

The bear remained wedged in a web of branches until it was shot with a tranquilizer dart Sunday. The bear hung on for 10 minutes before dropping neatly into a taut net set up below.

The bear, a male estimated to be 2 or 3 years old, was released at a state wildlife-management area.

"It's not something you get

to see every day," said Pete Samek, who hoisted his 5-year-old daughter, Lucy Rose, on his shoulders. "Bears falling out of trees."

■ TRENTON, Ohio — Edgewood City Schools Superintendent Tom York said he was perplexed when he logged onto the district's Web site to announce a one-hour delay for cold. He found an announcement that school was canceled for snow — which wasn't in the forecast.

"I didn't make that call, and I'm the guy who does, so I knew something was up," York said.

Indeed. Now two teenage girls are accused of gaining unauthorized access to the Web site and posting the fake winter school closing.

The two Edgewood High School students were charged Friday and face expulsion. The fake notice, posted last

Monday, confused many parents and persuaded some students to stay home.

The company that runs the Web site, RCH Networks Inc., said no security breach was detected. Administrators say the girls must have gotten the password somehow.

■ MANILA, Philippines — A 66-year-old German tourist, annoyed by stringent security at Manila's airport, dropped his pants before walking through an X-ray machine, newspapers said Monday.

Authorities were not amused.

Instead of boarding a flight to Frankfurt on Friday, Hans Oskar von Naguschewski was detained after police filed a complaint of lasciviousness against him, the Philippine Daily Inquirer and the Philippine Star reported.

"He must have been

annoyed that he was asked to walk through the X-ray twice so he took off his pants," airport security chief Angel Atutubo said.

Oskar spent the weekend in police detention and was to face the prosecutor Monday. If convicted, he could face six months to six years in jail.

"He was clearly irked and he showed it by disrobing," police Superintendent Atilano Morada told the Inquirer.

■ WASHINGTON — Drivers on their way to break-

fast in northern Virginia found it all over the road after nearly 165,000 eggs spilled out of an overturned tractor-trailer on the Capital Beltway.

"It looked like a large omelet," said Michael Karbonski, of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The tractor-trailer crashed into a guard rail early Sunday, spilling its runny load and

forcing officials to close an exit ramp to Interstate 66 and the far left lane of Interstate 495 north for several hours. Everything reopened just after 11 a.m.

The truck driver fled the scene before police arrived. State police spokesman Sgt. Terry Licklider said the driver would likely face charges for fleeing and possibly other offenses.

"For him to just up and leave like that, that's kinda odd," Licklider said.

Transportation spokeswoman Joan Morris said the eggs made their way to a drainage ditch, where they created "a river of yellow yolk."

The cleaning crew used kitty litter — 250 pounds of it — to absorb the highway omelet then swept it up and took it away in three trash bins, Morris said.

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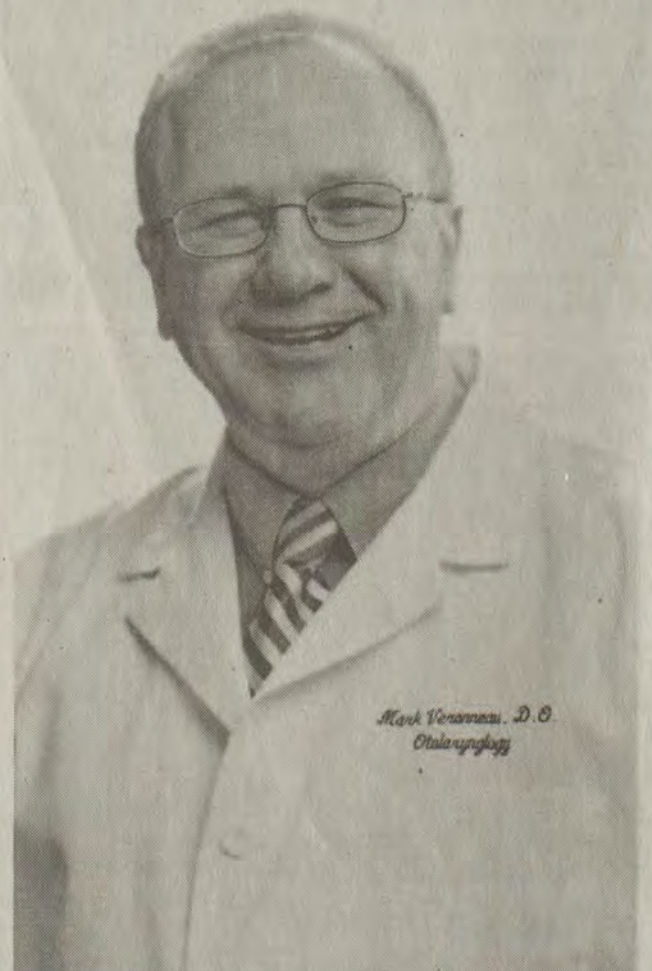
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### Parks honors Ritz-Bennett for outstanding sales work

FRANKFORT — The Department of Parks recently recognized Mary Ritz-Bennett for her outstanding work as group sales coordinator for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park near Prestonsburg.

Ritz-Bennett received the "Run, Run Reindeer Award," which honors the park with the overall best number of holiday parties and revenue.

Ritz-Bennett has been with Jenny Wiley for the past 11 years. Before her work with state government, Ritz-Bennett was perfecting her hospitality talents as the director of sales and marketing for the Carriage House Hotel and Conference Center in 1985 in Paintsville. She has also served on the Paintsville Tourism Board and Kentucky Travel Council.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park offers a variety of activities including nature trails, fishing, disc golf, boating and



Mary Ritz-Bennett

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# Creativity and Realism Capture the Heart This Valentine's Day

## Experts Offer Tips on Expressing Love, Your Style

PAMMI PRATT/FRATERS

Cleveland, Ohio — We live in an age when the Internet and mass media provide access to the latest trends at the click of a mouse or the touch of a remote. As a result, people want their homes, their fashions and even their holiday celebrations to reflect their individual style and personality. Luckily, this Valentine's Day there are more ways than ever to say "I love you" with creativity and flair.

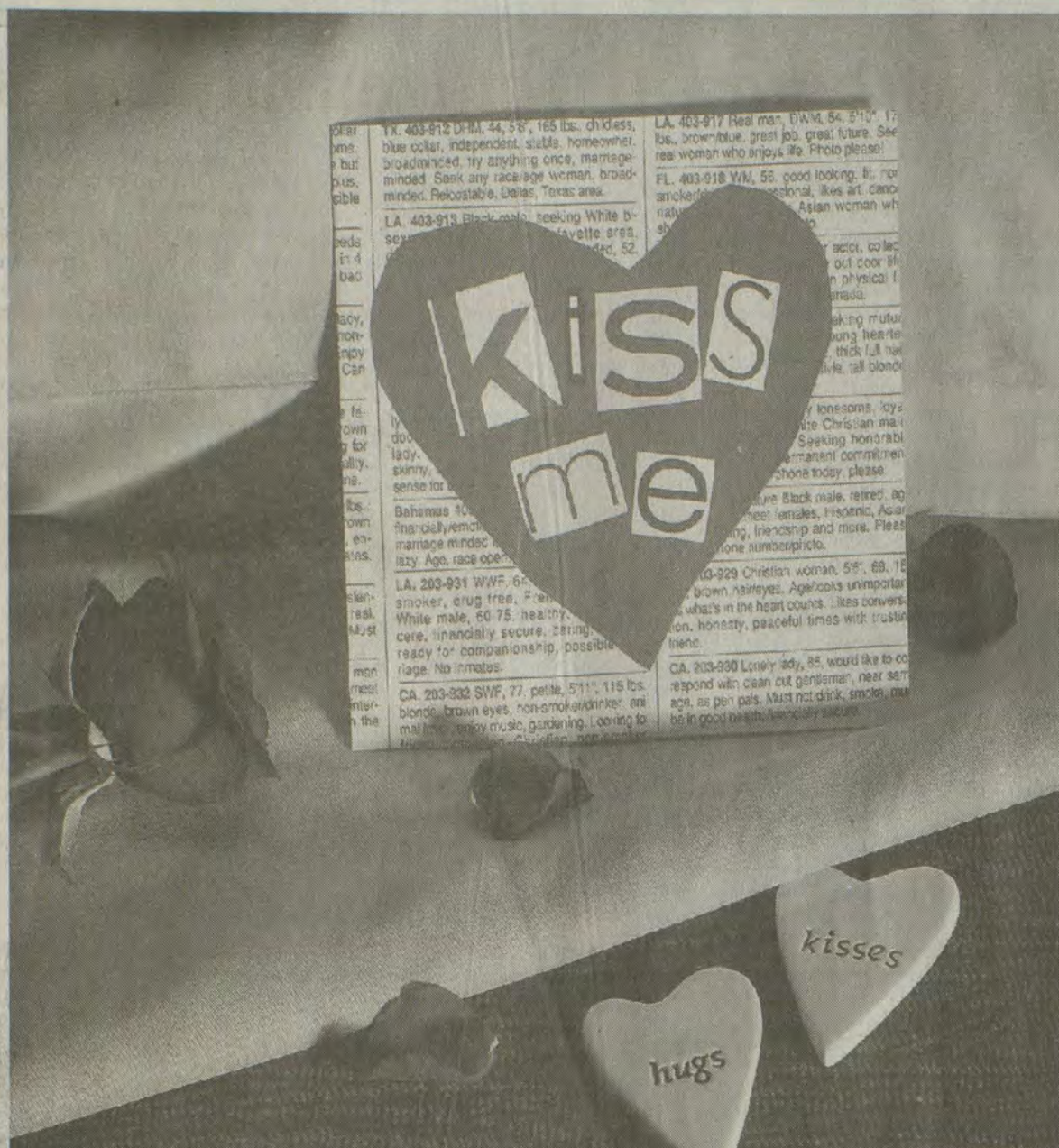
There's good news for the unattached, too. Valentine's Day used to be the most dreaded day of the year for those who were not part of a couple. Social changes, like women marrying later, have been helped along by the influence of fictional icons like "Bridget Jones" and "Carrie Bradshaw." In today's world, being single no longer relegates women to second-class status. In fact, many women use the occasion as an excuse to celebrate their friendships with a girls' night dinner party.

American Greetings offers special cards for singles, ranging from irreverent anti-Valentine's Day messages to sincere expressions of friendship. "True friends nurture the spirit and revitalize the soul," says one card. Another downplays the perceived seriousness of the day with the words: "Happy Feb. 14th" on the front. Inside, the message continues: "Oh, and have a nice Valentine's Day."

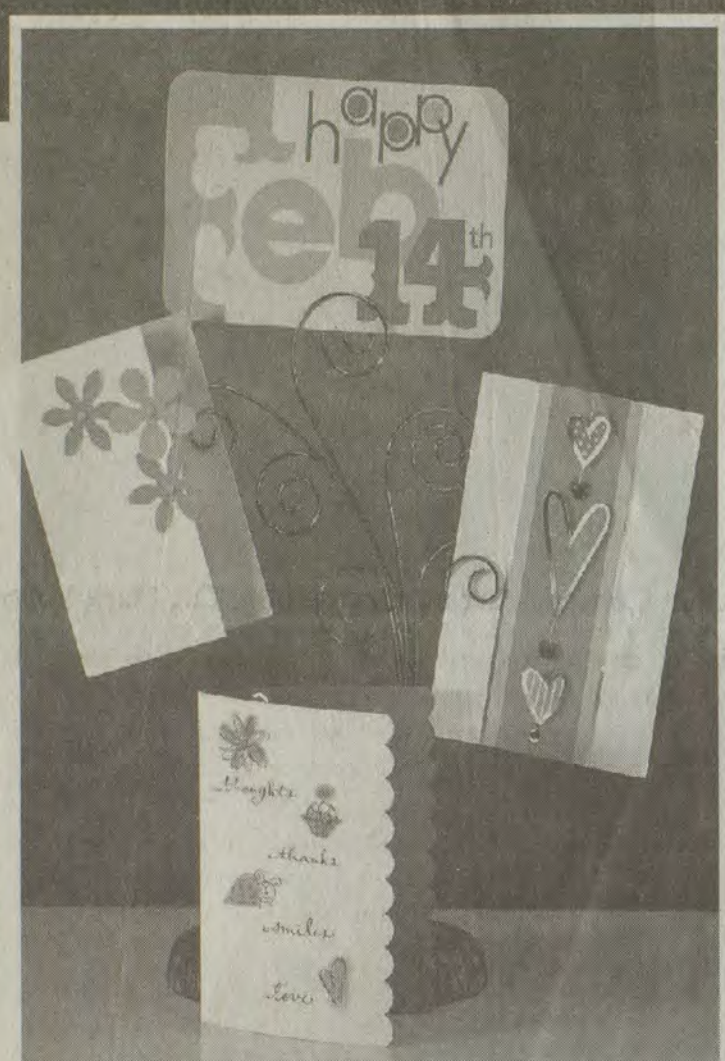
"From the turn of the century all the way through the '40s and '50s, Valentine's Day remained a pretty traditional romantic holiday," said Nicole Fraser, senior creative consultant at American Greetings. "It was all about cards with cupids, flowers and rhyming verses and presenting those big, heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. However, beginning in the '60s, people began to think of Valentine's Day as a day to express love to anyone important in their lives. Over the years, that trend has continued, and today, nearly 40 percent of all valentines are sent to other family members and friends."

"Exchanging school valentines has also become an American tradition. For most children, decorating Valentine's Day shoeboxes or paper bags and signing and delivering valentines to classmates will be one of the first times they will express their appreciation to others with a card."

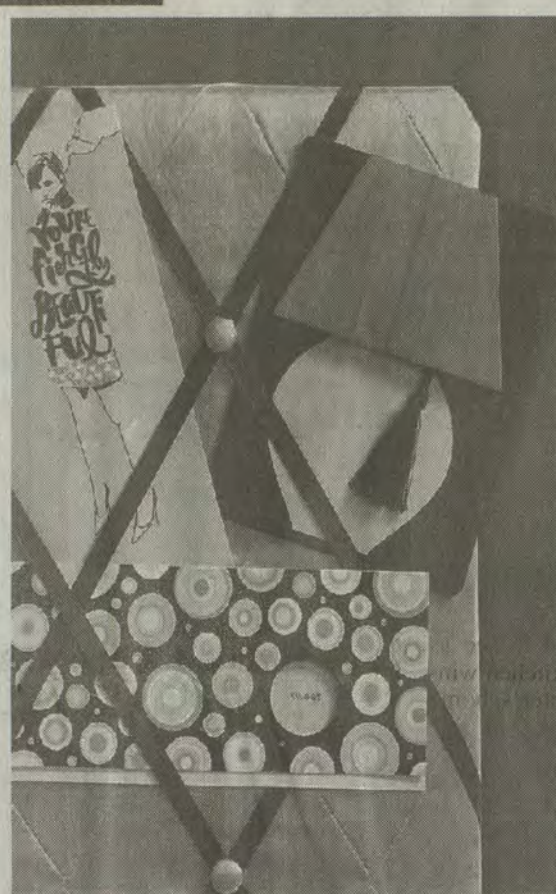
If you're best known for your standout sense of fashion and design, consider an unusual format of valentine, like this one from American Greetings that features romantic messages on several strips attached by a metal grommet.



Receiving a card on Valentine's Day may be expected, but extra-special delivery will enhance the romance.



Valentine's Day isn't just for couples. There are selections for family and friends and even cards that joke about being single.



This year, it's all about expressing personality and style. Pictured are a variety of Valentine's Day cards from American Greetings that are as diverse as the people sending them.

### Valentine's Day Entertainment Ideas

Okay, so now you've found the perfect card and personalized it with a romantic message. What's next? Consider the way you celebrate as well. "Whether you're cooking a romantic dinner for two or planning an informal girls' night in for your single friends, today it's all about expressing your own style and adding your own creative touches," said Sandra Lee, life and style expert, New York Times best-selling author and "Semi-HomeMade" Food Network star. "Here are some quick and easy ideas that will make the celebration extra special."

#### An Enchanted Evening for Two

- Place a valentine with an invitation inside on their pillow the night before, or send an e-vite to work.
- Greet them with their favorite cocktail.
- Set an intimate red-and-white table for two with lots of chocolates and play romantic music.
- Serve a small-effort meal with a big impact — like fillet mignon topped with blue cheese, a salad and steamed green beans (even if you have to order it because of time or culinary constraints).
- For the big finish, feed each other a sensual dessert like white and dark chocolate-covered cherries or strawberries — or maybe a rum raspberry trifle served in a champagne flute or martini glass.



#### Girls' Night In

- **Movie Night** — Send "ticket" invitations requesting guests bring their favorite chick flick and movie snack to share.
- **"Just Desserts"** — Show your gal pals how special they are by serving a sweet buffet of decadent desserts, like a Chocolate Box (made with chocolate bars and filled with an easy mousse of store-bought pudding from snack cups mixed with whipped cream) and Wonton Napoleons (succulent layers of fried wontons, whipped cream and berry slices). More dessert recipes are available in Lee's book "Semi-HomeMade Desserts," or on her Web site: [www.semihomemade.com](http://www.semihomemade.com).
- **Queen of Hearts Card Party** — Settle in for a card night. Decorate with cards and dice, and crown each friend with a tiara from the toy department.
- **Come Out 'n Play** — Break out the board games. Decorate with dice, game boards and pieces. Dust off the golden oldies like Mystery Date, Clue, the Crazy Eight Ball or the Ouija Board and serve candy you enjoyed as a kid.

#### Raspberry Trifle With Rum Sauce

- 3/4 cup butter
  - 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
  - 3/4 teaspoon imitation rum extract
  - 3/4 cup water
  - 1/2 cup raspberry jam
  - 1 frozen pound cake (12-ounce), thawed and cut into quarter-size cubes
  - 3 containers (4 ounces each) refrigerated prepared vanilla pudding
- Fresh raspberries, for garnish

Heat butter in a large glass bowl in microwave on high until melted, about 30 seconds. Whisk in confectioners' sugar, rum extract, and water, stirring to form a smooth sauce. Heat jam in a small glass bowl in microwave on high until just melted, about 30 seconds. In six small bowls or wineglasses, evenly distribute pound cake cubes. Pack cubes down slightly. Drizzle rum sauce and jam evenly over each. Spoon 3 tablespoons of pudding evenly over each. Refrigerate for 45 minutes. Garnish with raspberries and serve.



### How to Find, Personalize and Present a Valentine That's "You"

Romance is still a big part of the day, of course. The difference is that now there are cards for every conceivable stage of a relationship, from those who are just flirting, to new couples, to those who are deeply committed and in love. Today's relationships are far removed from quaint little Cupid and his bow and arrow; now cards paint a much more authentic picture of real-life relationships. The artwork and messages are as diverse as the people who send them.

**Are you a romantic who wants to express your deepest emotions?** Romance will never go out of style. This year, heartfelt, romantic cards are as diverse as the people sending them. For instance, one of American Greetings' new cards says, "Lips are meant to be held. Lips are meant to be kissed. Words are meant to be spoken. Dreams are meant to come true. You and I are meant for each other." If your style is short and sweet, you might opt instead for one that pictures raffle tickets on the front, and says: "I won the prize, I happy Valentine's Day."

**Are you in a new relationship?** You could select a card in the nontraditional color of Tiffany blue with a heart composed of brown velvet dots with the simple words: "You're my boyfriend. I love saying that."

**Looking for a slightly sultry card as a prelude to a romantic evening at home?** American Greetings offers one that reads: "My husband. My hottie. Be mine ... today, tonight, 'til the end of time. Love you."

To make the most impact, take a few minutes to write a personal message. If you're having trouble getting started, consider these tips:

- Don't get too hung up on how to say it. This is a love note for the most romantic day of the year. Express how you feel in a way that sounds natural and right for you, and it will be wonderful.
- Start by making fun lists:
  - Things you love about your valentine, like "your hot, passionate kisses" or "what a wonderful father you are to our children"
  - Things the two of you love doing together
  - Private jokes, nicknames or code words
  - Favorite memories starting with how you met
- Don't stop after finding just the right card and declaring your feelings inside. Get creative with the presentation. The unexpected surprise of discovering a card in a briefcase or the special delivery of a valentine with a single red rose on the bed pillow is sure to delight.

# Medicaid applicants struggle with new ID, citizenship rules

by MATT LEINGANG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — With money tight, Melinda Shea and her family turned to a government program to pay their medical bills.

But she is one of thousands of Ohioans whose Medicaid applications have been denied or delayed because they are having trouble getting birth certificates or other documents proving U.S. citizenship. Advocates for the poor say it is an unintended consequence of a federal mandate to deny the coverage for illegal immigrants.

"It's extremely frustrating," said Shea, 27, of Cincinnati.

Shea and her 2-year-old son could not get Medicaid benefits for a month while they waited until January for a local health department to provide certified copies of their birth certificates. Their Medicaid eligibility cards finally arrived last week.

Shea's husband, however, remains without coverage because he hasn't received his birth certificate from state health officials in Kentucky, where he was born.

"He's uninsured, and all we can do is hope he doesn't get sick," said Shea, who works part-time at a day care center. The couple make about \$1,600 a month.

Ohio began enforcing the citizenship verification requirement in late September. Medicaid enrollment fell by 22,000 over the next three months, according to the latest state data.

It's the largest drop since 2000, when a stronger economy helped produce more jobs that provided employees with private health insurance and reduced the number of Ohioans seeking Medicaid benefits, said Jon Allen, a spokesman with state Department of Job and Family Services.

Delays obtaining citizenship papers for people who should be eligible appears to be the only factor driving the decline in enrollment, but state officials want more time and more data before reaching that conclusion, Allen said.

Documentation problems also have caused Medicaid enrollment to decline in Wisconsin, Virginia, Kansas, Iowa, Louisiana and New

Hampshire, according to a study of data from those states released last week by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonpartisan research group in Washington. Again, the burden is falling mostly on U.S. citizens in those states, the group said.

The federal mandate requires all people applying for Medicaid or renewing their coverage to show a passport, birth certificate or other documentation. A driver's license alone doesn't suffice because it doesn't prove citizenship.

Previously, Ohio and many other states required people to check a box on their Medicaid applications to attest, under penalty of perjury, that they were citizens. Case workers in Ohio's 88 counties, who determine eligibility, also had the right to request further proof if they felt it was necessary.

Immigrants obtaining Medicaid by falsely claiming citizenship was not considered a widespread problem in Ohio, Allen said.

"What we have here is a solution looking for a problem," said Mary Wachtel, director of public policy at Voices for Ohio's Children in

Columbus who is a critic of the documentation requirement.

People who are already enrolled in Medicaid and can't provide proof of citizenship are allowed to continue receiving benefits as long as they demonstrate that they are trying to obtain the necessary paperwork, Allen said. But first-time applicants who can't meet the requirement must remain uninsured.

People seeking certified copies of their birth certificates, which cost \$16.50, can get same-day service at the Ohio Department of Health offices in Columbus, spokeswoman Moriah Needham said. However, it can take up to three weeks to process mail-in requests, she said.

State officials are working on reducing the red tape, said Loretta Adams, executive director, the Ohio Job and Family Services Director's Association. In the coming months, upgrades to a computer system will allow county case workers who are review-

ing Medicaid applications to directly access birth certificates and other vital records in Ohio, she said.

"For a lot of people, this

should help accelerate things," Allen said. Cost of the upgrade is \$250,000, but the federal government will cover half the cost, he said.

*Happy Valentine's Day*  
**Anthony**



*We Love and Miss You, Always.*  
**Mom, Dad, Samantha,  
Courtney, and all the family**

## Probe

meanors stemming from the case, but the charges were dropped in a deal with prosecutors.

Fletcher has asked the federal court to dismiss Duncan's claims of civil rights violations.

"Frankly, it's not a lawful suit when you look at it,"

Fletcher said. "It's a frivolous suit, and I think our appeal to dismiss that was appropriate."

Thomas Clay, one of Duncan's lawyers, said he planned to ask Caldwell to reconsider her decision and allow him a chance to respond.

"I haven't had a chance to respond to anything, and that

does cause me some concern," Clay said.


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Happy Valentines Day to Gregory Dean Hall! We met in 2002 and every since then, its been like a dream. Your smile brightens my day, your heart is like a blanket of flowers on a warm spring day, your eyes are beautiful like the crystal blue sky. You are very generous and sweet and I appreciate every thing you have done for me. Our love began as two and today it is as of one. I love you from the depths of my heart. Judy

From the first time we met, I knew. I can't explain it but it was there. Maybe it was the bounce in your step, the sparkle in your eyes, or the gleam in your smile, but it was there. Now after two years of being together, every day just brings more joy, more laughter, and more love in my heart for you. The love you give to me through the rough times, the attention you show me to get me through the lonely times, and the advice you gave to get me through the tougher decisions in my life. You are a beautiful, sweet, caring, wonderful wife. I love you more today than I did yesterday and I will love you more tomorrow than I do today. Happy Valentine's Day, Heather, my love

I never knew until I met you how great life could be. The look in your eyes tells me how much you care, and your actions show me. You make all my days start out bright, and there always full of happiness. You make my life worth living, and our relationship well worth while. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY BABYDOLL!

Happy Valentines Day to Samantha, a wonderful daughter in law.

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Happy Valentines Day! I love you so much! -LeighAnn

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd By and On Relation of Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet Plaintiffs Vs. Scottie Allen Stanley Defendant NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$3,980.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
Land and 1999 Doublewide at the Mouth of Stumbo Hollow in Floyd County, Kentucky. Property is recorded in Deed Book 422, Page 258, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

**TERMS OF SALE**  
(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay one-fourth (1/4) cash of purchase price, with the balance on credit for six (6) months.  
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.  
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00358**  
**Maggie Marcum Plaintiff Vs. William Martin and Comellia Martin, His Wife Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF an Agreed Order, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23 day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15 day of February, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Frasures Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky and described as follows:  
Beginning at a corner with the Barry Stumbo property and Frasures Creek road; thence following said road up the creek approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence turning right in a straight line to the main channel of Frasures Creek; thence following the creek down approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence running right in a straight line back to the Frasures Creek Road, to the point of beginning. Included in the above described property, but excluded from this conveyance is that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Thomas Meade and Carol Meade, his wife, by Deed dated

426.530.  
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.  
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.  
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Dwight S. Marshall, Assistant Floyd County Attorney, P.O. Box 1000, Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00358**  
**Maggie Marcum Plaintiff Vs. William Martin and Comellia Martin, His Wife Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF an Agreed Order, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 23 day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15 day of February, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located on Frasures Creek Road, in Floyd County, Kentucky and described as follows:  
Beginning at a corner with the Barry Stumbo property and Frasures Creek road; thence following said road up the creek approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence turning right in a straight line to the main channel of Frasures Creek; thence following the creek down approximately 313 feet to a stake; thence running right in a straight line back to the Frasures Creek Road, to the point of beginning. Included in the above described property, but excluded from this conveyance is that certain tract or parcel of land previously conveyed to Thomas Meade and Carol Meade, his wife, by Deed dated

May the 4th, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 318, Page 679, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Being the same real estate conveyed to William Martin married by Deed dated October 30, 2000, and recorded in Deed Book 456, Page 33, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk. **TERMS OF SALE**  
(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.  
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.  
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.  
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.  
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Billy J. Moseley, P.O. Drawer 712, Pikeville, KY 41502  
William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division II C.A. No. 06-CI-317**  
**Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Robert Stumbo and Any Unknown Spouse of Robert Stumbo Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 28th day of September, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$154,284.09, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
**TRACT ONE:**  
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the Right Fork of Middlecreek on the east side of Kentucky Route 114 near the Floyd and Magoffin County line in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of Tract No. 1 and all of Tracts No. 2 and 3 of the Parker Subdivision at Brainard and being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at an iron pin (set), in the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114, said point being 60 feet left of the centerline of Kentucky Route 114, and also being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of Lewis Dotson and with the existing right of way of Kentucky Route 114 along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 52 degrees 07 minutes 03 seconds West and a long chord distance of 557.88 feet to a point; said point being 60 feet left of Kentucky Route 114 centerline station 4374+53.35; thence continuing along an arc to the left having a radius of 954.93 feet, a chord bearing of North 73 degrees 29 minutes 20 seconds West, and a long chord distance of 243.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Isom and Katherine Poe; thence leaving the right of way of Kentucky Route 114 and up the hill with the Isom and Katherine Pole line North 05 degrees 53 minutes 18 seconds East, 83.23 feet to a point; thence continuing with the Isom and Katherine Poe line North 04 degrees 38 minutes 18 seconds East, 179.30 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 107.70 feet to a point; thence North 07 degrees 07 minutes 18 seconds East, 152.00 feet to a point; thence North 17 degrees 49 minutes 18 seconds East, 83.70 feet to a point; thence North 15 degrees 25 minutes 18 seconds East, 183.20 feet to a point; thence North 03 degrees 36 minutes 18 seconds East, 127.40 feet to a point; thence North 19 degrees 19 minutes 18 seconds East, 143.10 feet to a point; thence North 55 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East, 113.80 feet to a point;

thence North 49 degrees 13 minutes 18 seconds East, 157.00 feet to a point on top of the ridge, said point being a corner to John W. and Carol J. Marsillett; thence leaving the line of Isom and Katherine Poe and with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 46 degrees 16 minutes 42 seconds East, 195.90 feet to a point; thence continuing with the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett down the ridge South 33 degrees 01 minutes 42 seconds East 138.60 feet to a point; thence South 32 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East 145.30 feet to a point; thence South 10 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East, 187.80 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East, 81.00 feet to a point; thence South 08 degrees 21 minutes 42 seconds East 129.70 feet to a point; thence South 57 degrees 58 minutes 42 seconds East 128.20 feet to a point; thence South 59 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds East 105.00 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds West 163.90 feet to a point; thence South 02 degrees 36 minutes 42 seconds East, 106.70 feet to a point; thence South 21 degrees 41 minutes 42 seconds East 103.00 feet to a point; thence South 07 degrees 59 minutes 05 seconds East 88.26 feet to an iron pin (set), said point being a corner to Lewis Dotson; thence leaving the line of John W. and Carol J. Marsillett and with the Lewis Dotson line down the hill South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West 333.71 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of the existing store building; thence continuing with the line of Lewis Dotson South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West, 30.10 feet to an iron pin (set), 10 feet East of the southeast corner of the existing store building; thence South 48 degrees 43 minutes 51 seconds West, 50.51 feet to the point of beginning and containing 949,948.29 square feet or 21.8032 acres as determined by survey. Being all of Tract No. 2 and Tract No. 3, part of Tract 1 and part of Tract 55 and part of Tract 56 of the Parker Subdivision and more particularly described in the plat of record in Map File No. 234 in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, Kentucky. Being the same property conveyed to Cumberland Lake Shell, Inc., by deed dated September 6, 2001, from Roland Patrick, single, of record in Deed Book 464, Page 602, Floyd County Clerk's Office. **TERMS OF SALE**  
(a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff,

shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.  
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.  
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.  
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.  
(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.  
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein.  
Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. John S. Gillum, 117 North Main Street, P.O. Box 1147, Somerset, KY 42502  
William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00744**  
**HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. Assignee of Choice Capital Funding, Inc. Plaintiff Vs. Bill Justice; The Unknown Spouse, if any, of Bill Justice; The Unknown Occupants/Tenants, if any, of 130 Ward Avenue, Auxier, Kentucky 41602; Larry D. Jarvis; and Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Floyd, By and On Behalf of Secretary of Finance and Administration Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
BY VIRTUE OF a Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 14th day of November, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,918.20, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:  
That certain tract or parcel of land, lying and being on the waters of the Big Sandy River at Auxier, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being the same property conveyed to the First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky, by Master

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Commissioners Deed, by and thru Marshall Davidson as Master Commissioner of Floyd County, Kentucky, dated December 9, 1983, and of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk in Deed Book 281, at page 364, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the fence line at the intersection of the street and the alley; thence leaving the street and crossing the bottom with the fence line and the alley N 27-41 E 188.02 feet to a stake on the south bank of the Big Sandy River; thence running up the river S 64-40 E 97.90 feet to a stake, a corner to Lot No. 1; thence leaving the river and crossing the bottom and with the west line of Lot No. 1 S 28-17 W 193-40 feet to a stake on the north line of the street; thence leaving Lot No. 1 and with the north line of the street N 61-30 W 95.70 feet to the point of the beginning, containing 0.42 acres more or less, and being the western one-half of Lot No. 1 as originally laid out. And being the same land conveyed to Anthony W. Bryant and Selena Bryant, his wife, by deed from William Henry Jarvis, deed dated 6th day of March 1998, of record in Deed Book 416, Page 567, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. Being the same property acquired by Bill Justice, from Anthony W. Bryant and Selena Bryant, husband and wife, by deed dated September 15, 2005, of record in Deed Book 517, Page 156, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no

bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. William H.B. Rich, Clunk, Paisley & Associates, 130 North Hamilton Street, Suite 101B, Georgetown, KY 40324. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Ricky D. Bingham. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is R & S Amusement. The nature of the business will be video games. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than February 15, 2007, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 15, 2007, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY Floyd Circuit Court Division II C.A. No. 06-CI-518 Long Beach Mortgage Company Plaintiff Vs. Esta Donaldson The First National Bank of Pikeville Red's Furniture and Pawn Shop Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Esta Donaldson Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of a Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 1st day of November, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$60,040.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 15th day of February, 2007, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the highway; thence with Roosevelt Henson Line to the branch; thence running down the branch to Roosevelt 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, dated December 7, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 454, Page 419, of record in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Prestonsburg, KY. Cecil Donaldson died in September 15, 2005, thus conveying all his rights and interest in the aforementioned property to Esta Donaldson, in accordance with the survivorship clause in the Deed, executed on December 7, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 454, Page 419, of the records in the office of the Court of Floyd County, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE (a) At time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described

property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter continued herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Kristen Mudd Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss, P.O. Box 5480, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner, P.O. Box 268, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFORMANCE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0330 AM #2 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for January 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, concerning the above application filed by Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Ky. 41642 (606) 889-8440. The proposed operation has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 miles southwest of Brainard, Kentucky and in Floyd and Magoffin Counties. The amendment will add 386.77 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 632.67 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.75 miles southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch and located 0.92 miles southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude 37°39'26". The longitude 82°54'44". The proposed amendment is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Kennie Carpenter Jr. & Ron Cooley, Debbie & Phillip Ousley, Luther Miller Estate C/O Kathleen Miller, Fork Farm Inc. C/O Della W. Burke, Osie Dunn, Green Holbrook Heirs C/O Charles Bays, Bill England Heirs C/O Glen Allen, Jamie & Lisa Powell. The operation will be use the area mining method of surface mining. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of Puncheon Camp Creek Road and Rough and Tough Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Ste. 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-

1410. Any person whose interest may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 860-5275 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601 has applied for a permit for an underground mining operation located 2.3 miles southwest of Betty in Knott County. The proposed operation will disturb 5.61 surface acres and will underlie 431.30 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 436.91 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.9 miles southeast from KY 550's junction with Big Spring Branch Road and located adjacent to Big Spring Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc. The operation will underlie land owned by CONSOL of Kentucky Inc., Teddy Slone - Heirs, Otis Cox - Heirs, et.al., Alex Ritchie, Homer Gibson, Ella Keen - Heirs and Ernest Keen. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Big Spring Branch County Road, but no closer than 0' of Big Spring Branch County Road. The operation will not

involve relocation or temporary closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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Ladsey Martin dished off a pass during host Betsy Layne's district/conference game versus Prestonsburg.

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## Ladycats edge Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** – Despite a three-point shooting barrage from Prestonsburg junior Julianne Frye, Betsy Layne held on to beat the visiting Lady Blackcats 56-53 Friday night.

Frye hit a game-high five three-point

field goals for the Lady Blackcats. The Prestonsburg junior hit five three-pointers in the second half.

With the win, Betsy Layne remained undefeated in the Floyd County Conference/58th District.

Megan Hamilton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 26 points. Taylor Hott followed with 16 points for the Ladycats,

giving Betsy Layne two players in double figures. Kaitlin Lawson scored five points and Krista Flannery added three for the Ladycats.

Hamilton hit four three-pointers for the Ladycats. The Betsy Layne freshman scored 15 of her game-high 16 points in

(See LADYCATS, page two)

## Senior trio lifts AC past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**EASTERN** – The senior trio of Ryan Collins, Josh Martin and Tyler Slone combined for 52 points Friday night as host Allen Central defeated Floyd County Conference/58th District foe South Floyd 75-58. In a close game, Allen Central pulled away in the fourth quarter. The Rebels outscored South Floyd 27-11 in the final period.

Allen Central faced a 10-point deficit at halftime.

"It was a tough game for us," said Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin. "They shot the ball well – especially in the first half. In the second half, we were able to pull away late. Defending the three-point shot better in the second half helped us a lot."

Martin also said he was pleased to see his team return to the hardwood and play well despite being out of the normal routine of being in school every day. All Floyd County schools were out of school last week due to winter weather.

Collins paced Allen Central with a game-high 27 points. Martin scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Rebels. Slone finished with 12 points and eight rebounds.

The two teams were tied 15-

(See REBELS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Senior Josh Martin scored 13 points to help Allen Central to an all-important conference/district win over South Floyd.



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Betsy Layne's Justin Collins worked inside against Prestonsburg defenders Chayse Martin and Trevor Patton as he looked to go up with a shot on Friday night.

## Case leads Bobcats over P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**BETSY LAYNE** – After suffering two straight losses, Betsy Layne returned to the win column on Friday night with a hard-fought 57-50 home victory over Floyd County Conference/58th District rival Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne held some sort of lead over Prestonsburg at the end of each quarter.

Junior guard Brennan Case paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 17 points. Senior center Trai Witt followed with 10 points for the Bobcats.

"It was a real good win for us," said Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose. "Obviously, both teams have improved a huge amount since we played in December."

When the two teams met at Prestonsburg in December, Betsy Layne pulled out a 64-55 win.

Rose liked the way his team distributed the basketball in the conference/district win.

(See BOBCATS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

Junior Brennan Case paced Betsy Layne in Friday's conference/district win over Prestonsburg.

## Lady Raiders post first-ever district win vs. Lady Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**EASTERN** – Any homecourt advantage the Allen Central Lady Rebels may have had heading into Friday night's Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup against longtime rival South Floyd didn't go too far. The Lady Raiders posted their second straight conference/district win, beating Allen Central 61-54.

It was the first-ever conference/district win for South Floyd over an Allen Central girls' basketball team.

"Our kids stepped up and played well," said South Floyd Coach Tony Isaac. "Being out of school and then having to come in and play was a big concern. We hadn't played since Jan. 27. Balanced scoring and making our free throws when we had to helped tremendously."

South Floyd got over the top in the final quarter when it outscored Allen Central 17-10.

Eighth-grader Chelsie Tuttle paced South Floyd with a game-high 21 points. Senior Heather Dean turned in a double-double performance of 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Raiders. Andrea Conn also had 11 points

(See RAIDERS, page two)



**UP STRONG:** South Floyd senior Heather Dean pulled down a rebound in Saturday's win over Pikeville.



photo by Steve LeMaster

With family, coaches, teammates and friends in attendance Monday afternoon, Prestonsburg senior Tyler Layne signed to play football next fall at Pikeville College.

## Blackcat lineman Layne signs with Pikeville College

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**PRESTONSBURG** – Prestonsburg High School senior Tyler Layne made his college choice on Monday afternoon during a signing ceremony. Layne, a lineman, signed with Pikeville College as family members, coaches, teammates and friends joined him for the ceremony.

"I'm looking forward to attending Pikeville College and playing football," Layne commented. "It's close to home and that's good, too."

Pikeville College assistant

coach BJ Connolly attended the signing.

"Our number one goal is to recruit Eastern Kentucky kids," Connolly said. "It's important for us to get the area kids into our program."

During his prep gridiron career, Layne received numerous accolades, including all-district honors. He was a leader on both the offensive and defensive lines during various parts of his four-year high school career.

"Tyler was an asset to our program," said Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett. "We're proud of him and his choice to attend Pikeville College and

play football for the Bears. Pikeville College is getting a student-athlete who'll get in there and work hard – both on and off of the football field."

Layne joins a Pikeville College football program under the direction of second-year head coach Mac Bryan.

The Bears play out of the Mid-South Conference. Pikeville ended its first season under Bryan with a record of 4-6 overall and 2-3 in the East Division.

Layne has been invited to attend Pikeville College's spring practice in March.

# Amburgey reaches 1,000, but Lady Bears fall

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville senior Tonya Amburgey (Pinetop) reached the 1000-point plateau, but the Pikeville College women's basketball team was unable to avenge an early-season loss and fell to the West Virginia University's Institute of Technology 69-66 at the Pikeville College Gym.

The Lady Bears, who have now lost their last three games, fell to 0-6 in the Mid-South Conference and 8-18 overall this season.

As the game began, it appeared that the Lady Golden Bears would pick up where they left off earlier this season, when they beat Pikeville 76-56 on Jan. 20. Though Tech scored the first six points of the game, Pikeville quickly rebounded, taking the lead at 12-11 on a jumper from

Amburgey with 14:00 left to play.

The lead switched hands three more times before the Lady Bears went up 30-29 on a free throw from sophomore Camille Cook (Whitesburg) with 30 seconds left in the half.

Once more the Lady Bears held the lead at halftime, but Tech was determined to jump back in front, again opening the half with six unanswered points and taking a 35-30 lead.

Tech led by as many as nine, but the Lady Bears would not go away. Pikeville cut the lead to 48-41 when Amburgey hit a jumper with 10:37 left, scoring her 1,001st career point for the Lady Bears.

That seemed to ignite a fire beneath the Lady Bears, who used two consecutive threes from sophomore Alice Daniel (Meally) to tie the

game at 49 with 9:45 left.

The lead changed hands three more times before the Lady Bears retook the lead at 59-57 on a jumper from sophomore Kristal Daniels (Betsy Layne) with 3:42 to play.

But from there the Bears went cold. Tech guard Kierra Wilkins swiped three straight steals and scored six points in less than a minute and a half and suddenly the Pikeville saw itself on the short end of a 66-59 game with 1:29 remaining.

With little time left, the Lady Bears were forced to foul. However, Tech managed only to drain two of six free throws over the final minute and a half, still Pikeville a fighting chance.

Daniel connected on the last of her six three-pointers with 12 seconds on the clock, cutting the Tech lead to 68-66.

After being fouled with only four ticks left, Tech's Shantrelle Matthews bucketed only one of her free throw attempts. Down three, the Lady Bears tried running down the floor but could not manage to get a shot off as time expired, giving Tech the season sweep.

"We do everything but win games," said Pikeville head coach Bill Watson, shaking his head. "We've had so many games like that this year, where we take a good team down to the wire. The only way we're going to feel better about ourselves is if we win one of these tight games."

Like games earlier this season against Campbellsville and Georgetown, the Lady Bears struggled in the final minutes, managing only two field goals once they took the lead with 3:42 left.

"We just can't finish," added

Watson.

Daniel led all scorers with a season-high 20 points, going 6-11 from beyond the arc, while Amburgey added 11 points. Freshman Chelsea Jarrell (Paintsville) also had a season-high 12 rebounds in the loss.

West Virginia Tech (19-5, 4-2 in the MSC) got double-digit scorers out of three players; Matthews with a team-high 18, Wilkins with 12, and Marche Westray with 11. Orlandrea Moore also had a team-leading 11 points in the victory for the Lady Golden Bears.

The Lady Bears will be back in action Thursday (Feb. 15) when they travel to Georgetown College for a rematch with the Lady Tigers. That game, part of a men's/women's Mid-South Conference doubleheader, will tip-off at 6 p.m.

## No. 1 Florida holds off Kentucky, 64-61

by JEFFREY McMURRAY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Last year, Florida ran through the NCAA tournament. This season, the Gators are dominating the Southeastern Conference.

Top-ranked Florida (23-2, 16-0) won its 16th straight overall, 64-61 on Saturday night, and fifth in a row against No. 20 Kentucky — the program that has been the league standard bearer.

"We're just trying to build and be like Kentucky is," Gators coach Billy Donovan said. "Sometimes maybe people have harsh expectations, and that's unfair. We're trying to build a program, build a tra-

dition."

This one came down to a last-second 3-point attempt by Ramel Bradley that would have tied the score, but the defending national champions held on for the victory.

"I thought it was going to fall in," Bradley said. "It was a tough shot to get off."

Florida was up 63-54 with 20 seconds left before Bradley hit consecutive 3s to cut the margin to three. Prior to that, Kentucky (18-7, 7-3) had made just one of 19 attempts from beyond the arc and was threatening the school-worst 1-of-19 performance set in 2002 against South Carolina.

It had been 20 years since the Wildcats, college basket-

ball's winningest program, lost five times in a row to one opponent. Tennessee was the last to do it from 1975-77. No team has beaten Kentucky in six straight.

"Everyone just stepped it up a little more, and you definitely need to do that when playing in front of a great crowd like (Kentucky's), here at a historical place," Florida guard Taurean Green said.

A record crowd of 24,465 was hoping to see Kentucky's 400th victory at Rupp Arena. Instead, the Gators won back-to-back games in the building for the first time since 1988-89.

During practices this week, Kentucky players watched

footage of a game between the two teams in 2003 in which Florida came in No. 1 but instead was walloped by the Wildcats 70-55.

This one was far different, both in the outcome and the margin.

Corey Brewer scored 16 points to lead the Gators. Bradley had 20 points and Randolph Morris added 18 for the Wildcats.

Green nailed a 3-pointer with 8 minutes to go in the first

half that gave the Gators their biggest lead at 30-14. But Kentucky followed seconds later with a 10-0 run, pulling within four on a jumper by Bobby Perry.

Green hit his third 3-pointer in three attempts to stop the run, and Jonathan Mitchell made a layup just before half-time to stretch the Gators' lead to 36-27.

The Gators kept the Wildcats at a distance until early in the second half, when

Florida big men Joakim Noah and Al Horford picked up their third fouls. That's when Morris went to work.

Morris scored three straight buckets for the Wildcats midway through the second half and used an off-balanced jumper to cut the Florida lead to 43-40. Florida misfired on several possessions to keep Kentucky close.

Backup Florida center Chris (See KENTUCKY, page three)

### Raiders

for host South Floyd.

Kayla Hall gave South Floyd a fourth player in double figures, adding 10 points.

Allen Central led South Floyd 12-11 at the end of the opening quarter. At halftime, South Floyd owned a 30-25 lead.

South Floyd won, despite hitting just 16 of 35 free throw attempts. The Lady Raiders, however, hit nine-of-12 free throws in the final quarter.

Faith Little, Danielle Tackett and Lindsey Dye each had two points for the Lady Raiders. Gabrielle Bailey and Ashley Castle each hit a free throw for visiting South Floyd.

Sara Johnson led Allen Central with a team-best 15 points. Amanda Thacker and Brandi Brown each had 12 points for the Lady Rebels. Jamie Mullins scored four points and Liz Dingus netted three for Allen Central.

Allen Central (2-14) finished 21-for-36 from the free throw line. South Floyd held the Lady Rebels to just 16 total field goals. Allen Central only hit one three-pointer.

The loss was Allen Central's third straight.

South Floyd 59, Pikeville 51: The South Floyd Lady Raiders enacted some revenge

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FREE THROW EFFECTIVE: South Floyd's Kayla Hall hit a free throw during Saturday's non-district game against Pikeville.

against Pikeville on Saturday. Playing on the road at Pikeville against the Lady Panthers, South Floyd took a 10-point lead into halftime and pulled away to beat the Lady Panthers 59-51. Earlier in the season, Pikeville beat South Floyd in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd with a game-high 18 points. Danielle Tackett scored 11 points and Chelsie Tuttle tossed in nine for the Lady Raiders. Andrea Conn and Lindsey Dye tossed in six

points apiece for South Floyd. Senior Heather Dean pulled down 14 rebounds for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd led 33-23 at halftime and took a 42-33 advantage out of the third quarter.

The Lady Raiders connected on 23-of-33 free throw attempts. South Floyd hit six three-pointers in the late-regular-season win.

Christina Johnson paced Pikeville with 15 points. Anna Sanders added nine points for the Lady Panthers.

South Floyd (7-9) has won four of its last five games.

### Blackcats

"I was really happy with the way we shared the basketball," Rose added. "That is the best we have passed and looked for our teammates all season."

Betsy Layne led Prestonsburg 17-14 at the conclusion of the opening quarter. The Bobcats went into halftime ahead 28-24.

Jarod Newman entered the game in off of the bench and added nine points for the

Bobcats. Justin Collins and Samuel Keathley finished with eight points apiece for host Betsy Layne. James Michael Lafferty rounded out the Bobcat scoring with four points.

Betsy Layne clung to a 35-33 lead at the end of the third quarter before pulling away.

Jordan Hall led Prestonsburg with a team-best 11 points. Chayse Martin

tossed in 10 points and Bobby Hughes added eight for the Blackcats. Trevor Patton and Nathaniel Stephens each had seven points for Prestonsburg. Mason Vance and Taylor Clark got into the scoring act for Prestonsburg, adding five and two points, respectively.

Friday night's loss broke a two-game Prestonsburg winning streak.

Ethan Johnson led South Floyd (3-18) with a double-double effort of 24 points and 12 rebounds. Johnson also dished out five assists in the South Floyd setback. Lyle Johnson followed with 15 points for the Raiders. Adam Slone scored seven points and Wes Akers added five points for South Floyd.

The Raiders were seven-of-11 on free throw attempts.

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### Rebels

15 at the end of the first quarter. South Floyd ultimately hit six first-half three-point field goals and led Allen Central 38-28 at halftime.

Allen Central went back out in front in the third quarter, outscoring the Raiders 20-9. Leading 48-47 at the start of the final quarter, Allen Central limited the Raiders offensively in the final eight minutes. The Rebels held South Floyd to just one second-half three-

pointer.

Josh Prater added seven points and nine rebounds for Allen Central (17-5). JR Robinson and Farley Joseph each had six points in off of the bench for the Rebels. Alex Hammonds scored four points, pulled down two rebounds and dished off two assists for Allen Central.

Allen Central finished 14-for-21 from the free throw line.

### Ladycats

the second half.

The win was Betsy Layne's third straight and fourth in five games.

Betsy Layne threatened to run away with the win as early as the first half, outscoring Prestonsburg 15-6 in the first quarter. The Ladycats eventually doubled up Prestonsburg in the first half and led 30-15 at intermission.

Lindsey Martin, Amby Tackett and Andie Meade each had two points for host

Ladycats.

Betsy Layne was out in front 49-35 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Friday night's victory completed a season sweep for Betsy Layne. The Ladycats slipped past Prestonsburg 56-55 when the two teams met earlier in the season on Dec. 19.

Frye finished with 21 points, a team-best total for the Lady Blackcats. Linsey Fields scored 13 points and Amber Whitaker added 11 for

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Prestonsburg. Fields pulled Prestonsburg to within a field goal (53-51) with 30.4 seconds remaining. Lawson helped to send Betsy Layne to the win, hitting three of five free throws in the final quarter.

The loss was Prestonsburg's third straight.

Hannah Fitzpatrick scored four points, Rikki Hughes added two and Elizabeth Chaffin connected on a free throw for the Lady Blackcats.

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# Brescia beats Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**PIPPA PASSES** — Freshman Andrew Howard hit six-of-nine attempts from behind the 3-point line and finished with 24 points as the Brescia University men's basketball team topped Alice Lloyd 76-67 on Saturday at the Grady Nutt Athletic Center.

Matt West contributed a double-double for the visiting Bearcats (12-16), finishing with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Randy Cayasso added 10 points and eight rebounds for Brescia.

Rodney Mitchell led Alice Lloyd with a team-best 20

points. Former 14th Region standouts Eric Mullins and Daniel Day added 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Brescia led Alice Lloyd 34-25 at halftime. The Bearcats outrebounded Alice Lloyd 35-27.

## Kentucky

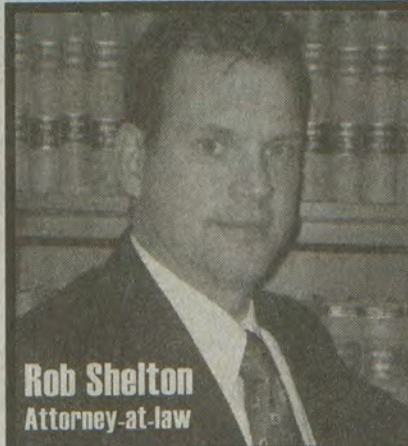
Richard had a dunk less than 8 minutes into the game to set a season high with 11 points.

"He's a talented player," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "He would be starting on many teams in many programs in America."

Kentucky held the nation's field-goal percentage leader to

47 percent, but the Wildcats managed to make just 38 percent of their shots — and 14 percent from 3-point range.

"We learned that we can play with anybody," Kentucky freshman guard Jodie Meeks said. "Florida is the No. 1 team in the country, and we came out and played them hard."



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## Piarist 51, Riverside Christian 33

TIMES STAFF REPORT

**MARTIN** — On Senior Night, Josh Ousley scored a game-high 22 points and Matt Doyle added 11 as the Piarist Knights rolled to a 51-33 win over Riverside Christian.

Jake Moak added seven points while Chris Baker and Caleb Hoskins scored three apiece for the Knights.

Piarist outscored Riverside 15-13 in the opening quarter. The Knights led 20-19 at half-time.

Piarist pulled away in the second half. The Knights outscored visiting Riverside Christian 20-6 in the final quarter.

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**Shedding some light**

By: Kim Little Frasure

The following article was recently published in the Salyersville Independent.

If you have ever experienced divorce - be it yourself, your parents, family or friends - I am guessing you will find this article most interesting, I sure did.



Kim Little Frasure

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By: Pastor Michael R. Tackett

I want to look at the touchy subject of divorce this week.

Although a lot of preachers don't want to deal with this subject, I think it is imperative seeing that the divorce rate is the same among church-going people as it is with those who don't attend church.

When Jesus spoke about divorce in the book of Matthew, he let us know that divorce was not God's Will. However, he did give fornication as a reason for divorce.

So we can conclude that divorce is wrong except in the case of fornication. We can also conclude that if it is wrong then it is a sin.

Now let's look at the good news. If

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**POISON OAK**

**One-eyed Jacks and the man with the ax**

By Clyde Pack

From the wheel to the paper clip, there's always been an invention so simple that we wonder why we couldn't have thought of it ourselves, why it couldn't have been us riding high on the wagon, instead of some other person, who simply thought of it first.



Clyde Pack

All this came to mind the other day as I was playing with the remote, and came across a bunch of guys

playing poker—on one of the sports channels, no less.

Since it was on TV, a lot of people other than the players are making a lot of money. Who would have ever thought that poker would ever be considered a spectator sport, and that anybody could make money by charging people to sit around watching a bunch of other people sitting around discussing deuces, one-eyed Jacks, and the man with the ax?

I was probably not more than 10 years old when watching people play poker was a regular occurrence for me. I might add here, however, it never made me one red cent. It was a bit educational, though, as it vastly increased my vocabulary...with words forbidden within earshot of Mom and Dad, or any other adult in the camp.

Anyway, poker playing in Muddy Branch in 1949, was an outdoor activity, as most every day—until the weather got so cold the dealer couldn't deal—a game would be in progress behind the machine shop, which sat

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Melissa Johnson Napier, the author's grandmother, in later years, standing before her corncrib.

**Grandmaw's little corncrib**

By Ralph Hall

Grandmaw always grew corn on her hillside farm. She used the corn to feed the animals on her farm. Each one of us who were a part of her clan, helped to raise the corn, it was a lot of hard work. We worked from early spring until fall just to raise a crop of corn. Hoing a crop of corn on a hot summer day is an itchy job. A cool dip in the old swimming hole after working in the cornfield all day was a small blessing one would not soon forget.

I always hoed corn in a long sleeve shirt. I couldn't stand for the blades of the corn to touch my bare skin. I remember I was always so happy when Grandmaw would finally say, "Today, we are going to lay that field of corn by." What Grandmaw was saying was, "This will be the last time we will hoe that field of corn this season." But, Grandmaw had more than one field of corn!

There are so many ways corn can be made to eat. That's why Grandmaw wanted to raise it every year. I can't remember, though, of Mutt ever working in the corn field. He was too little, I guess. I mostly remember Grandmaw, reason being, she was the corn hoeing-est woman I ever did see. She would hoe her row out real fast and then help me hoe my row out real fast. I always hated having to realize that my fifty-year-old grandmother could hoe corn faster than I could!

The cornfield was the only place I knew of that I couldn't play "Wild Bill" or an Indian chief. You know, I couldn't be the hero! Dag gone it, why did Grandmaw want to be the hero in her cornfield, anyhow?

When Grandmaw would, lay down them hoes and say, "We're gonna rest for a spell," I would think to myself that no words were ever spoken that ever sounded so sweet. I would throw down my hoe

and head for a shade tree. I would prop myself right down under that shade tree, my whole body soaked with sweat and dripping right into my eyes like someone had thrown a bucket of water in my face. One couldn't get no relief because of the bugs and sweat bees, the only "Off" they had back in those days was, "Get away from me, you stupid bugs!" Didn't seem to help, though, they were to stupid to understand. So there we were, under the shade tree, fighting bugs with one hand and fanning sweat with the other. Hoing corn was more fun than the break we took from it! The only way I know how to enjoy a cornfield is on a cold winter day when it's covered with snow!

Well, before that cold winter day would come, we found ourselves in the cornfield almost everyday during the hot summer. About the end of summer, we would hear Grandmaw say, "The corn is coming in, it's ready to eat. You boys get a bucket and head on up the hill and bring them buckets back filled with some corn ears."

Some of the corn we ate, while some of it Grandmaw sold over in the village of Melvin. "Well," Grandmaw would say, "I am going to boil some of them 'roastin' ears', then I'm going to fry some of that good old sweet corn." At that moment, my mouth would begin to water, and I would begin to smack my lips. All my brain could think of was corn and cornbread. When Grandmaw set that good old corn on the table that all of us had worked so hard to grow, it was almost a fight to see all those spoons and forks going into those bowls. I got me some of that fried

corn right fast being hungry as I always was and all. Well, I was like John D. and the soup beans, I broke me off a piece of cornbread, grabbed the dish of cow butter, took my spoon and got me out a big chunk of that butter and put it on top of my hot, fresh corn. As it began to melt down onto my plate of corn, I could hear my mouth saying, "Corn, that first bite was like manna sent down from heaven!" After all, only God could make something that grew on a

cob taste so good! We forgot about all the hard labor and pain it had taken to grow it, now our only thoughts were of how good it was

and to say to our table partners, "Pass the corn!"

Well, we couldn't sit there and eat corn forever, we did have a farm to run, after all. My grandfather got killed by a train in 1933, leaving Grandmaw with eight children to raise. But, if ever there was a woman up to the task it was her. She pickled corn, canned it and sold it by the bushel. She sold eggs, corn, stack cakes, fried apple pies, chickens, and pigs, too. She was a good businesswoman. The way I saw her, she was the best Grandmaw a boy could ever hope for, a good mother who worked hard to take care of her family. Proverbs 31:10 says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Grandmaw was also well loved in her community. It was hard for me to admit that she was my hero, but Wild Bill, Gene or Roy could never take her place. I could say that without any doubt, she was the best thing that ever happened to my family. She made every day "Grandparents Day." I could tell stories about her for the rest of my life and all the stories would never get told.

One day, Grandmaw came into the house with an ear of corn in her hand and said, "The corn is ready to pick." So, everyone who was big enough got a bucket and took off up the hill to the cornfield.

L. A. hitched "Tony the Pony" to the sled and had him pull the sled to the cornfield. Then he turned the sled around and had it ready to head down the hill once we filled it with corn. We went through all the rows, filling our buckets with corn. We emptied the buckets into the sled until the sled was full. Then Uncle L.A. would say, "Get up Tony, and get down the hill." The two of them would go off to put the corn in the barn. After a little while, they would come back up the hill to get another load of corn. In between, we waited with our buckets filled with corn to put in the little sled. I loved that little sled. Many times, I rode in it up and down the holler road.

L.A., Tony and the sled made many trips up and down the hill on those days. I never knew how many days it would take to get all the corn in the barn loft, I just knew we needed to

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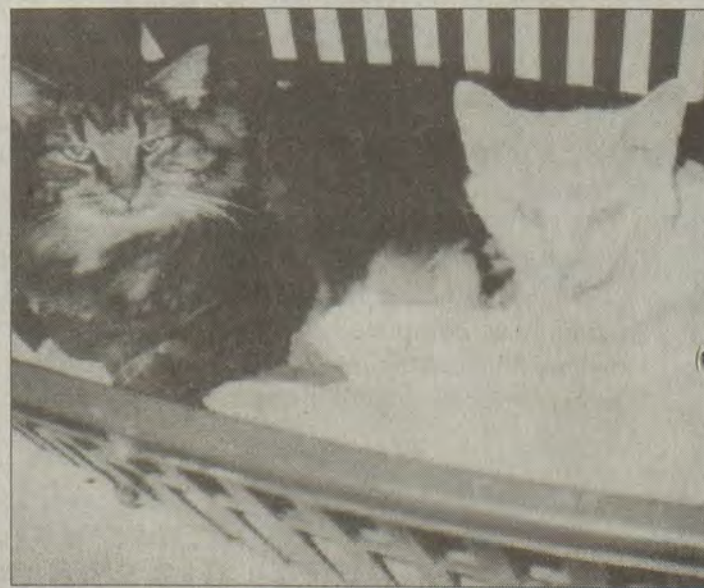
**People looking for longevity should start looking at the nearest animal shelter.**

According to numerous studies dating back more than a century, interaction with animals has a beneficial effect on human health. The Centers for Disease Control reports that pets can decrease blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and triglyceride levels, as well as alleviating feelings of loneliness and the depression that can result.

"Our animal companions serve as a link to Nature and through Nature our spirits are elevated. Yet, sadly many of us have lost awareness of this relationship - this connectedness," says noted pet expert Dr. Diane Pomerance in her book Finding Peace After the Loss of a Loved Animal Companion, which is the fifth book in her

Animal Companion Series consisting of books and CDs (Polaire Publications). "Pets can provide us with so many gifts. They can increase the longevity and improve the quality of life physiologically, psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually."

Not only does interaction with pets decrease stress and related cardiovascular illnesses, but caring for a pet has practical everyday benefits. Having a dog, for example, increases the likelihood of regular outdoor exercise. Daily walking is a known benefit for cardiovascular fitness, and having a dog to walk increases opportunity not only for exercise but for socialization. Indoor pets also provide substantial benefits. A study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society reported that senior citizens who own pets are less likely to be depressed, are better able to tolerate social isolation, and are more active than those who do not



These two cuties are "Fluffers" and "Sandy," two "basket buddies" that spend lots of time grooming one another in the laundry basket at the home of the Hughes family, in Langley. What sweet kitties!

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## Anniversary



### Celebrate 45th Wedding Anniversary

Crandell and Wanda (Crisp) Slone, of Shelbyville, formerly of Allen, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2006, with family and friends. Crandell and Wanda were married on December 2, 1961, in Clintwood, VA. Crandell retired from his duties as a Kentucky State Police Trooper in April, 1991, and in 2001 from his duties as a Kentucky State Police Civilian Certified License Examiner, in Louisville. Crandell and Wanda have lived in Shelbyville since January, 1968, upon Crandell's graduation from the Kentucky State Police Academy. They have one son, Crandell Jr. (Janis), of New Boston, MI, and three grandsons, Crandell "CJ" III, of Shelbyville (CJ resides with his grandparents), and Coty, and Jacob, of New Boston. Crandell is the son of Nova Slone Conn, of Martin (Arkansas Creek) and the late Miles Slone. Wanda is the daughter of the late Gomer and Lottie (Pitts) Crisp.



Susan Johnson, cosmetology program coordinator (left) and Rachel Sexton, program instructor, were honored with the STARR award at Hazard Community & Technical College for being the No. 1 program at HCTC for 2006-07.

## Cosmetology chosen as the No. 1 program at HCTC

The Cosmetology department at Hazard Community & Technical College has been named the No. 1 program for 2006-07 because of its overall academic excellence. Cosmetology was awarded the third annual STARR award, which stands for Student Success and Service, Teaching Excellence, Advancement, Recognition, and Resource development. Susan Johnson, program coordinator and Rachel Sexton, program instructor, were honored with the award.

Interim President/CEO Dr. R. Kathy Smoot said she was most impressed by the enthusiasm and the student focus of Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Sexton. "Susan and Rachel are two of our great shining stars and their commitment to excellence has made their program very attractive to the large number who enroll," Dr. Smoot said.

"Most of our students are prepared to go to work the day after they successfully complete their board exams," stated Ms. Johnson. "We have trained students who have continued to excel. Some are traveling from coast-to-coast and performing master their skills to be able to go anywhere and have a successful career."

platform work. Students have the capability to learn right here and

Ms. Johnson and students praised the facilities at the Technical Campus, where the program is housed. "We have state-of-the-art equipment. We have equipment that is presently not available at some salons," noted Ms. Johnson. Student Bridget Jones Clemons said she explored other colleges before she enrolled at HCTC. "We have more modern equipment here at Hazard," Bridget said.

Besides praising the facilities, students also praised the faculty. Student Ashley Sexton shared, "The teachers are wonderful. They have incredible knowledge and they are always willing to help in any given situation."

Student L. Trent Conley echoed, "Both are excellent instructors. They've been in the industry for an extensive period of time and that helps them be exceptional instructors. I researched several others schools before enrolling, both public and private, but this program was the best."

Conley wrote a letter of support for the program to be honored. He stated in his letter, "I consider my education at HCTC the most thorough, informative, and inspiring of any of my other choices."

Working in the cosmetology field was natural for faculty member Rachel Sexton, whose mother and two aunts are hairdressers. "Teaching is my passion. It excites me to see students learning," Mrs. Sexton said. "Our students are definitely prepared when they leave us and go into the workforce," she added.

The program's involvement in the community also warranted their award. Not only does the program open their doors to provide hair and nail services for the public at a reduced cost, the students also go out and provide services for our Senior Citizens in addition to other community based projects, noted Dr. Smoot. "Just about every salon in the region is either owned by a former graduate or has one of our graduates working for them," Dr. Smoot said. One such owner, Charlene Boggs of Cut-Ups Salon, praised the program. "The knowledge and skills attained in the program along with the encouragement and support of my instructor, Susan Johnson, has enabled my business to be successful for the last 14 years."

Dr. Smoot also praised the program for having a retention rate increase of 24 percent. "This is an excellent testimony to the fact that students believe cosmetology is a quality program," she said, adding that the number of credentials awarded last spring was more than double the number awarded in the previous year. Graduates of the program have had a 100 percent pass rate on the Kentucky State Board Examinations each year.

Past recipients of the HCTC STARR program awards are the Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education program in 2006 and the Radiography Program in 2005.

## Birthday



Jayla Nicole Little will turn 2 on Thursday Feb. 15 and celebrate her birthday with a JO JO circus party on Saturday, Feb. 17. Jayla is the daughter of John and Stacy Little of Drift.



Pictured are: Heather Blair, Kristal Bradley, Brenda Thornsberry, Penny Marcum, Deanna Rice, April Collins and Deitra Hackworth.

### HRMC Nurses Achieve Clinician I Recognition

In recognition for their hard work and dedication, several HRMC nurses have achieved Clinician I recognition in Highlands Regional Medical Center's Clinical Ladder program.

The Clinical ladder program was initiated in the 1980's to recognize registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who provide direct patient care and who exemplify an extraordinary commitment to their profession, hospital, and community. The requirements for the program are extremely stringent requiring nurses meet attendance, education, and performance guidelines. The program stresses professional development, customer service, and community involvement. Highlands Regional Medical Center is a 184-bed (154 acute care, 18 skilled nursing, and 12 geriatric psychiatric) not-for-profit, community owned and operated healthcare facility that is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. As a full-service facility with an active medical staff of more than 100 physicians, Highlands Regional Medical Center features 24-hour emergency care, same-day surgery and outpatient care, advanced pulmonary care, physical therapy and rehabilitation services, broad-based diagnostic services including on-site CT and MRI, cardiac services, pediatric care, senior wellness programs and an on-site clinical laboratory.

## Births



### New Arrival

Terry and Shirley (Wise) Willis Jr., of Richmond, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandria Jaye Willis, born December 23, 2006, at 9:11 p.m., at Central Baptist Hospital, in Lexington. She weighed 4 lbs., 10 oz., and was 17 inches long. Alexandria is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Valerie Wise, of Dwale, Virginia Willis, of Albany, Oregon, and Terry Willis Sr., of Pocatello, Idaho.

## Korner

divorce is a sin, then the same blood that Jesus shed on Calvary to wash all other sins away is also efficient to wash away the sin of divorce. In the eyes of God sin is sin and the blood cleanses all.

I am not making this point to give someone a license to divorce, but to help those who may already be in that position to understand that God still loves them. Many church organizations have taken such a strong stand in this area that a person who has been divorced is almost shut outside of the very place that should be trying to help restore them.

Let's look at some of the scriptures that have caused some of this kind of thinking to get into the church;

And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery; and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery Matthew (19:9)

It is apparent that divorce, except in the case of fornication is considered adultery. However, many have perceived that the married couple is living in a state of adultery. Not so, Jesus only said that they were committing adultery when they married another. Adultery falls under the category of sin, so it too is a sin that is washed away by the blood when one repents.

People tend to try to hold others in

bondage according to their thinking instead of what the bible really says. For example, some even try to hold it against someone who was divorced prior to their conversion. In either case, whether before or after they were saved, God still forgives sin when a person truly repents.

Let's look at a scripture concerning preachers (bishops);

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach (1 Timothy 3:2)

This scripture has always been taken by many denominations to mean a man could not preach if he had been divorced. Read it for yourself, it does not mention divorce. It does say he must be the husband of one wife. Well, even a divorced man that is remarried only has one wife, in most states it is the law.

What if we take a different view of this scripture? It says he must be the husband of one wife. Taken literally, that would mean he must be married. In that case a single man could not be a Bishop. Also, a preacher who had been in the ministry for years would have to quit if he lost his spouse. He would no longer be the husband of one wife.

Could it be that Paul was instructing Timothy to make sure the preachers were lined up with God's idea of a family, one

man married to one woman?

During the time of Paul's writing it was not uncommon for a man to have more than one wife. I believe this to be the case. We can get a little more insight from Paul's letter to the Corinthian church:

Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? Seek not a wife. But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you (1 Corinthians 7:27-28)

Paul did not condone divorce nor encourage it, but he did recognize that there were those who were in that position to which he added, "But and if thou marry, thou has not sinned."

It amazes me that a person could have been a murderer, child molester, rapist, or some other vile thing and still be welcomed to take part or even preach in some churches. However, if they have been divorced, then they cannot be used.

Jesus shed his blood to wash away all sin. When a person is born again old things are passed away and all things become new. There are some wonderful people sitting around in churches. They are just waiting to be used. How about forgetting their past the way God does and give them a chance?

Be Blessed. Til Next Week...

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