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Floyd native killed serving in Iraq

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

A 25-year-old Floyd County native was killed on Thursday during combat operations in Baghdad.

Army Staff Sgt. Terry W. Prater spent a large portion of his life in Floyd County. At the time of his death, his immediate family was living in Speedwell, Tenn.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, Prater and four other soldiers in his unit were killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near them during combat operations. They were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas.

Prater joined the Army in April 2001 as an infantryman and had been with Fort

Hood since September 2001.

During his service with the Army, Prater received numerous awards which include, the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism (Expeditionary) Medal, Global War on Terrorism (Service) Medal, Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, and a Driver's Mechanic Badge.



Staff Sgt. Terry W. Prater

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briefs

Belfry student killed in wreck

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

HARDY — A fatal car collision in Hardy on Friday has claimed the life of a 16-year-old Belfry High School student.

Paige Necole Dennis, 16, was a passenger in a car driven by her boyfriend, 17-year-old Ethan Bolin. According to Kentucky State Police, Bolin crossed the center line on Route 319 at Hardy and struck another vehicle operated by Cindy Chaffins.

Dennis was pronounced dead at South Williamson ARH by Deputy Coroner Mike Hall.

The accident is still under investigation by KSP Trooper Tony Tackett.

Classes were canceled Tuesday at Belfry High School, where the funeral for Dennis was held.

HOUSING HELP



photo by Jessica Hale

Volunteers with LINKS marked the beginning of construction on a new house located at Bonanza that will provide a local woman with a place to call home. Pictured are, back row, Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Katie Reisz, Portia Langley, Dan Gosselin, Shane Cook, Andrea Behr, Jerry Jones, Floyd County Deputy Judge-Executive Barry Davis and Shane Mosley; and, front row, Jamie Papageorgiou, Anna Capezera, Morgan Reed and Joe Becker.

LINKS providing housing help, seeking donations

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Low-Income Housing Coalition of East Kentucky (LINKS) continues to be an integral program in Eastern Kentucky for counties providing housing assistance for families in need.

LINKS is a non-profit corporation that works to provide safe, decent and affordable housing to low-income families. Funded by federal, state and local agencies, LINKS still depends on donations from private individuals, groups and

businesses that are important to the accomplishments and achievements of the program.

LINKS serves all five counties in the Big Sandy area, but according to program coordinators, Floyd County has been one of its most loyal supporters.

"We certainly get more than we pay for by supporting LINKS and will give whatever it takes to maintain the level of support that has been given in the past," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. Marshall.

Although LINKS receives numerous funds from several federal and state entities, volun-

teer groups do much of the work that must be completed once the money has been received.

Currently, AmeriCorps volunteers are working on a LINKS home in Bonanza, where they are spending their time participating in the construction of a home for a person in need.

LINKS is always actively looking for volunteers to participate in their "Missing Link" program and anyone interested should call Bertha at (606) 886-0152. Both groups and individuals are welcome.

Robbers invade Prestonsburg couple's home

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police say that a Prestonsburg couple was robbed and beaten Friday night during a home invasion.

According to Kentucky State Police, at approximately 12:55 a.m., they received a call regarding a robbery on Route 321 in Prestonsburg.

Apparently, two male suspects wearing dark clothing and bandanas over their faces entered the shared home of Keenan Robinson and Melony

Shumate armed with handguns and demanded cash from the couple. The suspects bound both the victims with duct tape and assaulted Robinson with a baseball bat.

The suspects fled the scene with three firearms, a small amount of cash and various personal items.

Both Robinson and Shumate were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released.

This incident is still under investigation and anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to contact KSP.

Program highlights hidden dangers of abandoned mines

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON — A "Stay Out — Stay Alive" campaign launched by the U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration aims to increase the public's awareness of the dangers on mine property.

More than 200 people have died in recreational accidents at surface, underground and abandoned mine operations across the country since 1999. According to MSHA, at least 30 people ranging in

age from 17 to 51 were fatally injured while trespassing on mine property.

The monthlong campaign runs March 19 through April 20. Federal mine safety and health professionals will be visiting schools, scouting groups and other venues to talk to young people about the dangers of playing on mine property.

Many people who often venture onto mine property don't realize all of the hazards that cannot be easily seen. Hidden shafts that

(See MINES, page five)

Spending bills may hinge on future of pensions

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — As a veteran state employee of 16 years, Bobbie Walters treasures her retirement benefits.

That's why talk in the General Assembly about a possible change to future employees' benefits has her asking lawmakers for caution. If the state's pension plan falls more in line with the private sector, as proposed, that might deter quality job prospects

from pursuing public employment in the future, Walters fears.

"It is the benefit of being a state employee," Walters said. "There is no reason to continue to be a state employee without it."

Currently, a plan pending before the legislature seeks to overhaul state government's pension plan, which covers retirement benefits for state and county public employees, and police and firefighters across the state.

(See SESSION, page five)



McDowell Elementary fifth-grade teachers Rachel Crider and Nikki Gearheart represented Floyd County while presenting at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference March 8 at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville. Teachers, principals, directors of instruction and superintendents from across the state attend the conference every year. All presenters were chosen from an application process in December. Crider and Gearheart were chosen to present a session on "Team Teaching: How and Why it Works." The hour-and-half session demonstrated the advantages of a team teaching situation.

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Obituaries

Carolyn Sue Gibson

Carolyn Sue Gibson, 65, of Weeksbury, died Thursday, March 15, 2007, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center.

Born July 7, 1941, in Wheelwright, she was the daughter of the late James Elbert and Juanita Brown Gibson. She was disabled; and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include two sisters: Linda Senig of Weeksbury, and Francis Gardner of Chicago, Illinois; a cousin and friend, Peggy Ousley of Prestonsburg; sisters-in-law: Irene Gibson, Maxine Gibson, and Joan Gibson; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Everett Lee Gibson, James Elbert Gibson, and Carlos Jennings Gibson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 18, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Lester Ray officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.
www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

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Maxie Mae James

Maxie Mae James, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born May 20, 1919, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Bailey and Emogene Blackburn Hite. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rutherford James.

Survivors include four sons: William (Janice) James, Russell (Jeanette) James, and Bobby (Barbara) James, all of Prestonsburg, and Dean (Linda) James of Bagdad; a daughter, Betty (Arvil) Bowling of Loads; a brother,

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Wilburn Hite of Salem, Ohio; and four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Tive Hite, Elijah Hite, Sherman Hite, and Bourbon Hite; and two sisters: Margie Clark, Lula Montgomery Scott.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 21, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.
www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com
(Paid obituary)

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Gordon Victor Moore

Gordon Victor Moore of Prestonsburg, passed away on Monday, March 19, 2007, at home, following an extended illness.

He was born January 5, 1923, on Riverside Drive in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Ida and Earl Moore.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Sue; his son, Alan Kyle Moore, and his wife, Gina; and a grandson, Benjamin Andrew Moore; a brother, Edsel Moore, and his wife, Katherine; a sister, Evelyn Stephens, and her husband, George, both of Frankfort; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gordon, also affectionately known as "Red Moore," was well-known all over Kentucky, and especially in eastern Kentucky, where he was a businessman, and covered high school sports in the 15th region for more than 30 years.

He was a sports reporter for the Louisville Courier-Journal, the Lexington Herald-Leader, the Ashland Daily Independent, and the Huntington Herald-Dispatch. Earl Ruby and Earl Cox, former sports writers for the Louisville Courier-Journal, were his close friends.

He graduated from Morehead State University, and while there served as the schools sports information director. He later coached several sports at a high school in Woodstock, Ohio, and became an educator. He served as president of the Morehead University Alumni Association, and was enshrined in the Morehead State University "Hall of Fame," a few years later.

Gordon, in earlier years, loved to entertain at his "Red Moore Lodge" at Jenny Wiley Lake. He was an avid fisherman all his life. He also was well-known for his production of a variety of hot peppers and hot cheese, which he shared with many of his friends.

Gordon has left an unparalleled legacy in eastern Kentucky sports, having

because of Gordon. He has gone to a better place, but he will never be forgotten.

Funeral services for Gordon Moore will be conducted Thursday, March 22, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Jim Stratton officiating.

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

Visitation is from 3 til 9 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First United Methodist Church, 256 South Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.
(Paid obituary)

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Ralph Moore

Ralph Moore, age 91, of Hi Hat, husband of Nova Isaac Moore, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born March 23, 1915, in Price, the son of the late Harry Moore and Fannie

Florida; two brothers: Girdle Moore of McDowell, and Arnold Moore of Cheyenne, Wyoming, 10 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sons: Clyde "Pinkie" Moore, Terry Moore, and Phillip Moore; six brothers: Edgel Moore, Russell Moore, Clyde Moore, Rufus Moore, Ballard Moore, and Ranal Moore; and a sister, Opal Hayes.

Funeral services for Ralph Moore will be conducted Friday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell, with Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial will follow in the Harry Moore Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

(See OBITUARIES, page 12)

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FROM: THE WILLIAM MAYNARD FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Icy Lee Jones 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 Clergyman Louie Ferrari for his 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 ICY LEE JONES

Card of Thanks

The family of Eunice Virginia Hall 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 Justin Williams and Christopher Caudill for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their unsurpassed service.

THE FAMILY OF EUNICE VIRGINIA HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Thomas Jackson "Jack" Webb would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, or spoke kind words to our family. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Bob Varney for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF THOMAS JACKSON "JACK" WEBB

Card of Thanks

The family of Ancil Stumbo wishes to thank all of those friends, neighbors and family who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Father Bob Darmron for his comforting words, the St. Martha Catholic Church, for all the compassion shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services.

THE FAMILY OF ANCIL STUMBO

Card of Thanks

The family of Sherrill Rodney Hicks 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 to our family. A special thanks to Ken Gayheart for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service. All your kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF SHERRILL RODNEY HICKS

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Jenny Wiley Chapter AARP plans first meeting of year

Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will hold its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, March 20, in the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. Don Rose, AARP Chapter Specialist from Winchester, will present a program on AARP activities and membership services. The meeting begins at 6 p.m., and John M. Rosenberg, president, encourages all members and friends to attend.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00, at the Floyd County Library.

Picking for the American Cancer Society

The Pike County Pickers will be having a bluegrass show at the Big Lots Parking Lot on March 24. The program will go to the American Cancer Society. The music will begin at 11 a.m., featuring, Lost Mountain and other local performers. Anyone interested in participating in this event should call Mike Morley at (606) 432-5848.

Friendly words and faces in scary places!

"Keeping Children Safe is Everyone's Business" Community Collaborations for Children and Families First invites you to take part in a free community training event on April 3, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Workshops: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. "Know Your Neighborhood"—UNITE will provide information on community drug awareness and protection, and information about Community Watch programs.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 a.m., "The Unknown Neighborhood"—KSP Scott Hopkins will present information on safety awareness and internet safety.

The above workshops will be repeated in an afternoon session beginning at 1 p.m.

Seating is limited! Please pre-register for the event by calling 606-788-7108, or by emailing debra.wilcox@ky.gov or malinda.salmons@ky.gov by close of business March 23rd.

Spring Fling

Paintsville Main Street Association will present their "Arts in Action" Spring Fling on Saturday, April 28, from 1 to 6 p.m., in downtown

Paintsville. Live music, antique road show, children's court, featuring petting zoo, inflatables and games, author's corner, art and craft show, plant sale, food booths and much more. Bring a chair and come on down! More info., call Carole Logsdon at 789-6487 or email to: downtown_main@bell-south.net

Victorious Women hosts 2007 spring retreat

Christian recording artist, Damaris Carbaugh joins Victorious Women Incorporated for its spring retreat, to be held March 30-April 1, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Ladies age 16 and older are welcome. Pre-registration is necessary for lodging, meals, and full service. Brochures are available at local Christian bookstores or by calling (606) 666-2359 (Bev); (606) 251-3513 (Carol), or Carol Ann, 606-789-6982.

MCA Class of '87 to hold class reunion

Mountain Christian Academy Class of 1987 will be holding its 20th class reunion. The reunion is scheduled for June 30, at MCA in Martin. Any student who attended MCA from 1983 to 1987 is also invited to attend. Anyone interested can visit our group site at <http://groups.msn.com/mcareunion> or email mca87reunion@hotmail.com. Emails can be directed to Clarizza Singayao or Tammy Bailey.

BLHS planning 'Decades' reunion

The Betsy Layne High School reunion committee is planning an event for the classes of the 1930s, 40s, 50s,

and 60s, in June, 2007. For more information contact Marvin Williamson at 478-3310; Betty Conn at 478-5987; Sue Reynolds at 874-2574; or Joe Hinchman at (859)-373-0518.

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 contact Reunion Coordinators Steve Cole and Jami Campbell Cole at (859) 986-1883.

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, March 27.

Hillbilly Travel Club

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attractions (Maid of Mist boat ride, IMAX theater, and more). Please call Ed or Linda for more information at 452-4149.

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

Members of the PHS Class of 1997 are planning their 10-year reunion. The reunion will be held on July 14, 2007, at Best Western Prestonsburg Inn. Those wishing to attend, please send personal information, including name, address, phone number, occupation, spouse, children, and pets. All teachers from 1993 to 1997 also welcome to attend.

Send all information to: phs97@bellsouth.net, or mail to: Mark McKinney, 69 Hospital St., Martin, KY 41649.

Please visit us at www.myspace.com/phsblackcats97 for further information.

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006

(See CALENDAR, page six)

Elizabeth (Mrs. Mack) Tackett

of Allen, Kentucky



The Children and Grandchildren of Elizabeth Tackett of Allen, cordially invite all friends, relatives and neighbors to a reception in honor of her 89th birthday, on Saturday, March 24th, from 2 to 5 p.m., at Pleasant Home Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Watergap, Ky. No gifts, please. Just come and share this wonderful occasion with us.

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Amendment 1

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Guest View

Industries must share in breaking oil addiction

Legislation designed to destroy the American auto industry was delivered to Congress this week, and it's evident that the bills' sponsors care little about good public policy or American jobs.

Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., and Rep. Todd Russell Platts, R-Pa., and Sens. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and Larry Craig, R-Idaho, introduced two separate bills this week — in advance of Wednesday's congressional testimony by auto executives — that call for a minimum increase of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards of 4 percent a year and place the responsibility for climate change squarely on the shoulders of the auto industry.

The bills were written in large part by the Energy Security Leadership Council, a group of corporate executives and retired military officers co-chaired by Frederick W. Smith, chief executive of the FedEx shipping company. Note that the recommendations cause no hardship for FedEx or the companies headed by other council members. The council's mission is to isolate the burden for addressing oil dependency on the auto industry and avoid paying a price themselves.

In their congressional testimony Wednesday, the heads of the Big Three automakers, Toyota and the United Auto Workers advocated a comprehensive approach that includes automakers, but all other industries as well. They also rightly reminded members of Congress that CAFE is a failed policy. Arbitrarily increasing the standards will have no effect on the consumption of oil. But it will result in fewer American jobs and more deaths on the highways. Four percent increases in CAFE standards would cost the Big Three an estimated \$85 billion to implement and divert research dollars from more promising long-term solutions. It could also make cars more dangerous. A Harvard University/Brookings Institution study says CAFE standards already contribute to 3,900 highway deaths a year.

The auto executives suggested as a better path tax breaks and subsidies to build an ethanol delivery infrastructure in America as well as accelerate the research and development of battery technologies, biofuels, and hybrid and electric vehicles. Though there are serious questions about these proposals as well, they're more likely to produce the desired results than increasing CAFE.

For example, General Motors Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said if all flexible-fuel vehicles on the road now and those the Big Three have committed to build in the next decade were to run on E85, America could eliminate 22 billion gallons of gasoline a year. But there's no point building those vehicles if motorists can't find service stations that deliver the fuel.

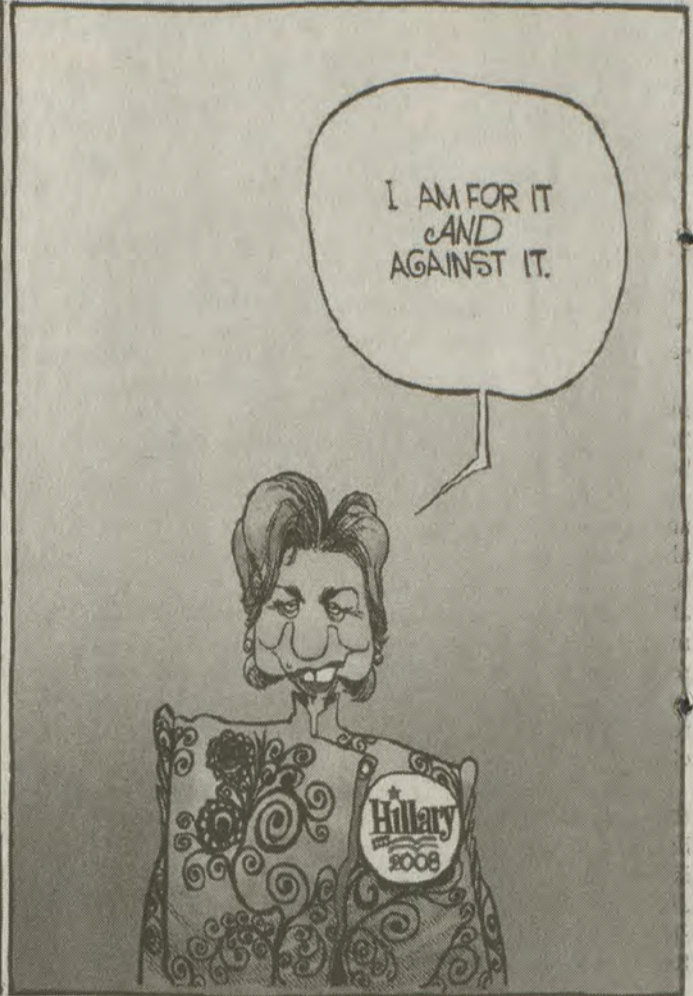
The auto executives clearly are interested in being part of the solution. All support a fundamental change in CAFE if the standard is geared more to individual cars and trucks rather than fleetwide averages.

But it was Chrysler Group Chief Executive Tom LaSorda who put on the table the only real solution to reducing oil consumption. Not surprisingly, he found little interest among the congressmen for his proposal to raise gasoline taxes to European levels. When asked whether Markey would support higher taxes, which Congress could enact, a spokesman said it was an option but unlikely.

No kidding. Taking meaningful steps to curb the nation's appetite for oil would require a broad national sacrifice.

Congress would rather destroy an industry than ask consumers — voters — to share the pain.

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Letters

Scrap Confederate flag

It was a moving, albeit sad experience to attend last Thursday night's public meeting at the Light House Temple in Wheelwright. The subject was diversity and human dignity. As local African Americans related how they had experienced discriminatory actions during their lifetimes here in Floyd County, I wished that members of our Board of Education, the Allen Central Site Based Council and students could have been there to listen. It might have given them a better insight from a local perspective of why the continued use of the symbolism of the Confederacy as the hallmark of one of our local schools is so objectionable to them.

I hope that the leadership in our school system will take seriously the need for discourse in our community, so that parents and students will understand why there is a need for change.

A representative of the Community Relations Service of the United States Department of Justice was present at the meeting, as was a representative of the Kentucky Human Rights Commission. These agencies can help to facilitate such discussions, if necessary.

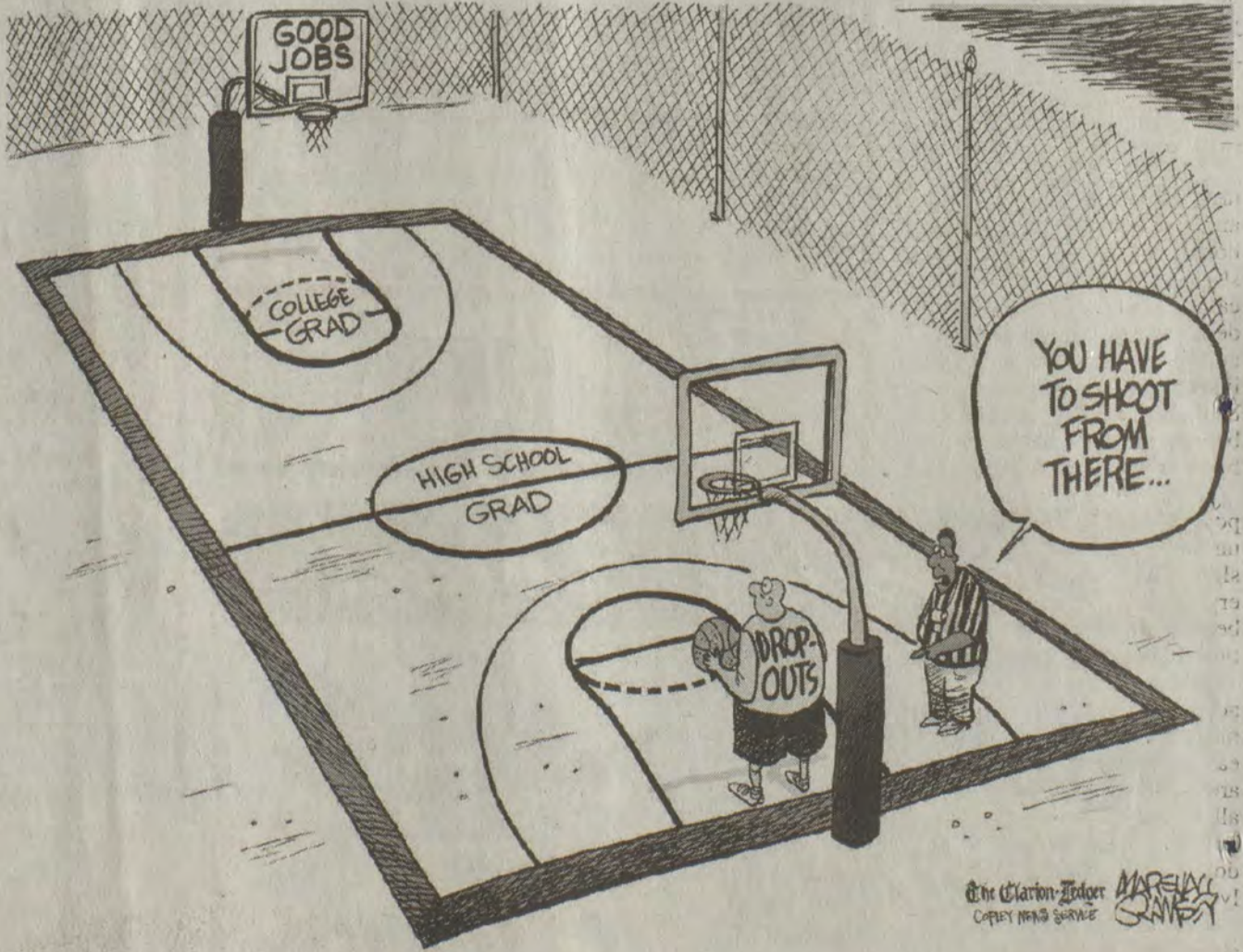
Rev. Lewis Coleman and one of his colleagues from the Justice Resource Center in Louisville were also present. They reminded those present of the recent resolution by the Kentucky Board of Education. The resolution states that schools should set an example and provide leadership in the furtherance of human rights and that the use of mascots, nicknames, and other school symbols

should recognize human dignity and make all students welcome and included in the life of the school. The resolution, which reaffirmed an earlier version, recommends that schools should abandon the use of mascots and symbols that are offensive to any group of people. While the language of the resolution is not mandatory, hopefully it will be enough to give momentum to the need for change.

We need to recognize that, to African Americans throughout this nation, that flag symbolizes a period of slavery and oppression in our history which runs contrary to the values we cherish in our free society today — and it should not continue as a symbol of one of our public institutions. Virtually all public institutions in this country that have used the flag as a symbol in the past have replaced it with something.

Abandoning the use of the Confederate flag and Rebel does not mean that we should not have reenactments or rewrite history. I, too, have been deeply interested in the Civil War, and especially how it affected our area. I have served as a director of the Friends of the May House almost from its inception. I did most of the legal work which led to its restoration and I am proud of what we have achieved. I am also proud of the development of the Middle Creek National Battlefield. They are important parts of the history and culture of our county. But we should be able to take pride in the region's history and heritage and at the same time give meaning to the state school board's resolution which recognizes the worth and human dignity of all segments of our society.

John Rosenberg
Prestonsburg



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Session

Public school teachers are covered under a similar plan, which would also receive a financial boost under the proposal.

Democrats and Republicans joined forces this session to push the legislation through the GOP-led Senate. Now the proposal is pending in the Kentucky House, which is controlled by Democrats, and has an uncertain future.

Without a change, state government could stand to lose an extra \$200 million this year, Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, has said. And state pensions could go broke by 2022 — which would mean annual payments of about \$2 billion, Williams said.

"It is the most crucial fiscal matter facing the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Williams said last week.

Under the Senate-endorsed plan, the state would sell more than \$800 million worth of bonds to bolster the pension plans for public employees and teachers. The plan would also alter future employees' benefits; eliminating traditional pensions and creating one more similar to private sector retirement offerings.

Current employees' and retirees' benefits would not change under the plan.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, has said he supports the bond issue but not changes to employee benefits. Further study is needed there, Richards said.

"Our House is absolutely against it," Richards has said.

Fletcher has said he might call the General Assembly into a special session to deal with pensions and other matters.

Whether the two chambers will have a legislative showdown over pensions is uncertain.

But when lawmakers reconvene on March 26, the issue may be key to how the legislature deals with about \$370 million worth of projects Gov. Ernie Fletcher vetoed from last year's budget.

Heading into the session, leaders in both chambers said they favored restoring those projects which they agreed to last year.

Past disagreements between the House and Senate over public financing of governor's races and a proposal to overhaul the state tax code have resulted in stalled budget negotiations. The legislature adjourned in those years without passing a state budget.

Williams said last week the Senate felt "very strongly" that the legislature should tackle its current debt load before adding more. Reinstating the projects would allow various universities to take on additional debt to finance their projects. But Williams said he has

not linked passage of other bills to the fate of the pension proposal.

"I've never said that," Williams said.

Other matters waiting for lawmakers include a spending proposal with about \$28 million funding for the Kentucky Horse Park, \$9 million for a runway relocation project at Blue Grass Airport and \$25 million in grants for communities affected by the lowering of Lake Cumberland.

Lawmakers are also considering a plan to beef up protections for social workers, and the future of a possible runoff election if a candidate in either the Democratic or Republican field doesn't get at least 40 percent of the vote.

Fletcher is seeking re-election and facing Republican challengers in the May 22 GOP primary. Meanwhile, Richards is seeking the Democratic nomination in a seven-candidate field.

Senate Minority Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond, said he did not believe passage of other matters was linked to the pension proposal.

"I don't think anything is tied to anything," Worley said.

Rather, the current proposal was a "great opportunity" for the state that would ensure there would be money to pay for current employees' and retirees' pension benefits, Worley said.

Charles Wells, executive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, said he thought the House was "resolved to stand their ground on this issue." Lawmakers have time to make changes next year, Wells said.

"This is a very complex issue with a lot of possibilities to create more problems than good," Wells said. "That's why it's so dangerous to do this hurriedly."

The question of how to handle debt within state pension systems has been an issue across the country.

Other states such as Illinois, Kansas, Oregon, New Jersey and Wisconsin have sold pension bonds to give their systems a cash infusion, said Keith Brainard, a research director at the National Association of State Retirement Administrators in Washington. Washington, Oregon and Indiana have similar plans to what's proposed in Kentucky but require employee participation, Brainard said.

Selling the bonds and making changes to benefits should be considered separately,

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Brainard said.

"What I've seen they're trying to do in Kentucky is they're trying to produce a solution virtually overnight when the problems have been years in the making," Brainard said.

Walters, who works in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said she's most concerned about how the plan might affect future employees who might not be able to afford saving for retirement. Walters said she could likely earn more money in the private sector, but her benefits make up for that.

"I know it needs to be fixed, but I want it to be fixed correctly," Walters said.

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drop hundreds of feet down and are covered by rotten boards can give way under the slightest weight. Tunnels can cave in and may even contain deadly gases, flooded sections and poisonous snakes and insects. Old explosives left behind by mine operations can become unstable and be set off by the slightest movement.

Water-filled quarries also pose hidden dangers, including unstable rock ledges, slippery slopes, and even old machinery and sharp objects left behind after a mining operation shuts down.

Old surface mines are characterized by hills of loose materials in stockpiles that can easily collapse. Surface mines are particularly popular with all terrain vehicle enthusiasts, but often rides on these abandoned sites can result in deadly roll over accidents.

"There are about 500,000 abandoned mines and another 14,000 active operations throughout the United States," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "Many of them contain hidden hazards and, for those not trained to work in mines, the outcome can be deadly. That's why we urge hikers, bikers, rock hounds and swimmers to 'Stay Out and Stay Alive.'"

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 That you were going through.
 I thought about so many things,
 as I held tightly to your hand.
 Oh, how I wish that you were strong,
 and happy once again.
 But your eyes were looking
 homeward,
 to that place beyond the sky.
 Where Jesus held His
 outstretched arms,
 It was time to say goodbye.
 I struggled with my selfish thoughts,
 For I wanted you to stay.
 So we could walk and talk again,
 like we did...Just yesterday.
 But Jesus knew the answer,
 and I knew you loved Him so.
 So I gave you life's greatest gift,
 The gift of letting go.
 Now my heart will carry memories,
 of the love you gave to me.
 Until we meet again in heaven,
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UNITE

The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet, beginning in March, on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.

•March 12 - KASPER drug monitoring program.

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

Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

Free Body Recall classes

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

'Earn While You Learn'

The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training

Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

Senior employment program

Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

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

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

Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.,

Extension Office.

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

Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.

Special interest groups:
Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

Newbees Quilt Group: 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)

Looking for a Support Group?

•Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

•Overeater's Anonymous - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

•Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

•Kentucky Baptist Homes

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•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

•PARENTS! - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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Since receiving my real estate license in 1985, I have sold property in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, and surrounding counties. In addition, I expanded my résumé as a mortgage loan officer with a local lender from 1997 to 2003. Upon resuming my full time career in real estate, I received my Apprentice Auctioneer license to further diversify options in which to sell real estate and offer estate sales to my clients. Call me for professional, experienced service!

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I have been a full time Realtor for the past 2 1/2 years. During my first year in Real Estate, I received the 2005 "Rookie of the year" award for highest number sales. I am a resident of Johnson County and a veteran. During my three years active duty, I served in Operation Desert Storm and for my efforts was awarded the Bronze Star. Since my discharge from the Army I have worked in the Johnson, Floyd, and Pike County area. My pledge to you is "I will work hard so you don't have to."

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REAL ESTATE

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Baby farm for sale possible commercial site 6.50 acres with house and out-building approximately 3/4- 1 acre building site out of floor plain. Location : Just above Mtn. Arts Center on Mountain Parkway. Contact Franklin Fitzpatrick at 886-3533 after 6pm. Interested parties only.

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HOUSES

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HOUSE FOR RENT
2 BR house on Martin. \$500 per month. Call 606-794-0249 or 606-437-0910.

HOUSE FOR RENT
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LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 99-CI-693
Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd By and on Relation of Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet Plaintiffs Vs. Daniel Houston Stephens Minnie Grace Sutherland and Alice Harris 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 10th day of October, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$23,054.96, 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 29th day of March, 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:

The subject property is two tracts of property, approximately 25 acres located on Middle Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, described in the deed from W.C. Allen, widower, to Daniel Houston Stephens, single, dated April 9, 1984, recorded in Deed Book 283, Page 232, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Plaintiff's Counsel:
Hon. 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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 06-CI-00884
HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Chad Lovely, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Chad Lovely, Glenda Lovely, Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Glenda Lovely on July 29, 2005, County of Floyd 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 5th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$49,701.54, 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 28th day of March, 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 a

stake on a line midway between House No. 1029, and House No. 1030, witness North 31 degrees 44 minutes East 33.54 feet to the Southwest corner of House No. 1030; thence with line midway between House No. 1029 and House No. 1030, North 5 degrees 10 minutes East 125 feet to a stake; thence South 84 degrees 50 minutes East 65 feet to a stake on a line midway between House No. 1031 and House No. 1030, South 5 degrees 10 minutes West 125 feet to a stake; thence North 84 degrees 50 minutes West 65 feet to the beginning and containing 0.19 acres, m/l.

Being the same property conveyed to Chad Lovely, a single person, from Glenda Lovely, a single person, by Quitclaim Deed dated July 29, 2005, Floyd County Clerk's Records, and known as 90 North Railroad Street, Wayland, Kentucky 41666.

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

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

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

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel:
Hon. Jerry R. Howard
Hon. Mary Beth Keeling
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 06-CI-00838
HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Nominee of Homeowners Loan Corporation Plaintiffs Vs. Clinton Ray Campbell a/k/a Clinton Campbell; Carla Campbell, the Unknown Occupants/Tenants, if any, of 9746 Kentucky Route 1428, Martin, Kentucky 41649; the Unknown Spouse, if any, of Lillian Blackburn; 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 Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 5th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$45,198.94, 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 5th day of April, 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:
Situated in Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being described as follows:
First Parcel: Lot No. 28 in the E.M. Moore Subdivision of the Harry Branham Farm, a map of same being recorded in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, containing two lots 25 feet frontage on the highway.
Lot No. 5 of Lot No. 27, being a 25 foot frontage adjoining Lot No. 28, being 1/3 of Lot No. 27. Beginning at a stake where swinging bridge adjoins highway; thence up the highway 75 feet; thence straight to Beaver Creek to the swinging bridge; thence down said Beaver Creek 75 feet; thence back to the highway to starting point. Being Lot Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in the E.M. Moore Subdivision and lying between Virgil Moore property and Willie Frazier and facing Highway No. 80.

The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance. Parcel No. 063-00-04-008.00

Being the same property conveyed to Clinton Ray Campbell by deed from Lillian Blackburn dated May 15, 2003, recorded on May 29, 2003, in Deed Book 486, Page 643, in the Clerk's Office of Floyd County, KY.
TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$111,332.30,

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 28th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a metal fence post (found); said fence post being approximately 3' from the edge of Buckhead Branch Road and being a common corner with Michael and Constance McGuire Lot No. 2 (Deed Book 472, Page 565); thence with the McGuire property and remaining Lot No. 1, thence leaving the McGuire property and running with Lot No. 1, N 06°47'26" E, 149.71' crossing an approximate 50' right of way and gas line of the Ky. W.Va. to an Iron Pin/Cap Set, PLS #2878; thence S 82°47'00"E, 143.48' to an Iron/Pin/Cap Set PLS #2878; said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Branch Road; thence crossing the Ky. W.Va. gas line, S 14°52'00", 8.00' to an Iron Pin/Cap Set #2878, said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Road, thence S 05°23'15" W, 141.40' to the point of the beginning, containing 0.49 acre, and being portion of Lot No. 1.

Being the same property conveyed to Phillip Estep, unmarried, from John Wallen and Lorena G. Wallen, husband and wife, by deed dated October 29, 2004 and recorded on December 3, 2004, in Deed Book 506, Page 6, of the 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 \$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.

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel:
Hon. William H.B. Rich
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William S. Kendrick
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P.O. Box 268
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 06-CI-00546
JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee Plaintiff Vs. Phillip Estep County of Floyd Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of

the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 27th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$111,332.30, 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 28th day of March, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a metal fence post (found); said fence post being approximately 3' from the edge of Buckhead Branch Road and being a common corner with Michael and Constance McGuire Lot No. 2 (Deed Book 472, Page 565); thence with the McGuire property and remaining Lot No. 1, thence leaving the McGuire property and running with Lot No. 1, N 06°47'26" E, 149.71' crossing an approximate 50' right of way and gas line of the Ky. W.Va. to an Iron Pin/Cap Set, PLS #2878; thence S 82°47'00"E, 143.48' to an Iron/Pin/Cap Set PLS #2878; said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Branch Road; thence crossing the Ky. W.Va. gas line, S 14°52'00", 8.00' to an Iron Pin/Cap Set #2878, said iron pin being approximately 6' from the edge of the Buckhead Road, thence S 05°23'15" W, 141.40' to the point of the beginning, containing 0.49 acre, and being portion of Lot No. 1.

Being the same property conveyed to Phillip Estep, unmarried, from John Wallen and Lorena G. Wallen, husband and wife, by deed dated October 29, 2004 and recorded on December 3, 2004, in Deed Book 506, Page 6, of the 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 \$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.

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Plaintiff's Counsel:
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 05-CI-1172
Wachovia Bank of Delaware National Association fka First Union National Bank of Delaware Plaintiff Vs. Melissa Bentley, Ricky D. Bentley,

(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 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:
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 06-CI-00907
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. d/b/a America's Wholesale Lender Plaintiff Vs. Harry J. Wallace, Helen I. Wallace, Countrywide Bank, N.A. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$20,294.27, 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 28th day of March, 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:

Beginning at a large post in the ground in the line of the property of Goble Branham at the edge of the Old County Road; thence running in a northerly direction down with the line of the Old County Road a distance of 100 ft. to the property line of Albert Burchett in the edge of the Old County Road; thence turning at left angle and running across the bottom a distance of 250 ft. more or less, to a drain, at

the property line of Alice Bays; thence turning at near left angle and running up the river with the drain a distance of 100 ft. more or less, to the property line of Goble Branham; thence turning a left angle and running with his line to the point of beginning. Said property was conveyed to Harry J. Wallace and Helen I. Wallace, husband and wife, by Albert Burchett and Susie Burchett, husband and wife, on March 7, 1968, by a deed recorded on March 12, 1968, in Deed Book 196, Page 71, 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 \$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.

Unknown Defendant, Spouse of Opal Campbell on June 24, 1997, United States of America, County of Floyd Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of Judgement and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 11th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$83,391.43, 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 5th day of April, 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: Beginning at the northeastern corner of Peggy Oliver's property line and running a northern course with the old country road a distance of forty (40) feet to Leonard Sexton's; thence turning and running in a western direction with Leonard Sexton's line to an iron stake, thence turning and running in a southern direction a distance of twenty (20) feet to an iron stake, a corner to Peggy Oliver; thence turning and running in an easterly direction with Peggy Oliver's line to the point of beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Ricky Bentley and Melissa Bentley, his wife, by deed dated, June 24, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 407, Page 463, of said Floyd County Clerk's office. Parcel No. 028-30-07-009.00

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the 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 equals to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Richard Mark Rothfuss, II Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00613 Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS 2003-05 Plaintiffs vs.

(1) Constance McGuire, (2) Michael McGuire a/k/a Michael G. McGuire, (3) Commonwealth of Kentucky Division of Collection Department of Revenue, (4) Quest Diagnostics, (5) Unknowns: All Unknown Occupants and/or Tenants of the Subject Real Estate, (6) Unknowns: All Unknown Spouses of Any Party hereto, and all other Persons Living or Dead, Whose Names Are Unknown, Who Claim Any Interest in The Subject Real Estate Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF In Rem Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$82,712.76, 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 5th day of April, 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: Situated in the City of Prestonsburg, County of Floyd, State of Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Right Fork of Bull Creek, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the edge of the road and line of David Sepos; thence running with the road in a south-westerly direction a distance of 90 feet to a stake; thence running in a north-westerly direction a distance of 145.82 feet to a stake; thence a northeasterly direction a distance of 89.95 feet to a stake at the line of David Sepos; thence running with the line of David Sepos a distance of 145.96 feet to the beginning. The above legal description being the same as the last deed of record, no boundary survey having been made at the time of this conveyance. Parcel #036-00-00-047.02

Being the same property conveyed to Michael McGuire and Constance McGuire, his wife, by deed from Sandra Conn, single, dated April 17, 2002, recorded May 10, 2002, in Deed Book 472, Page 565, in the Clerk's Office of Floyd County, Kentucky. TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment. (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530. (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not

yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Philip M. Kleinsmith Kleinsmith & Associates, PC 6035 Erin Park Drive, Suite 203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds. (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Philip M. Kleinsmith Kleinsmith & Associates, PC 6035 Erin Park Drive, Suite 203 Colorado Springs, CO 80918 William S. Kendrick M a s t e r Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00945 Household Finance Corporation II, Assignee of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Nominee of Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC Plaintiffs vs.

Jeffery D. McGuire a/k/a Jeffery McGuire; Terri McGuire; The Unknown Occupants/Tenants, If Any Of 417 Johnson Road, McDowell, Kentucky 41647; 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 In Rem Default Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 6th day of December, 2006, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$71,005.19, 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 5th day of April, 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: Lying and being on waters of Left Beaver Creek, and more particularly described as follows: One Lot No. 10 beginning on corner of Lot No. 9 on railroad right of way and corner of Lot No. 9A. Thence with line of said lot reversed N 00-30E 392 ft. to a stake on the point in line of "dowery" lot of Hanna Stumbo; thence up the point with her line N 43 W 83 ft. to a stake, thence leaving the point down Hill S 00 W 30+20 ft. to a stake, in line of said railroad right of way; thence with the same S 88 ft. 43 E 60 ft. on place to point of beginning, containing one acre more or less. Being the same property conveyed to Jeffery McGuire and Teri McGuire, husband and wife, by deed dated August 24, 1996, of record in Deed Book 398, Page 175, in the Office of the County Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky. Tax ID Number 052-00-00-108.00.

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

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

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT Division I C.A. No. 06-CI-00285 Manufactures and Traders Trust Company, as Trustee, on Behalf of the Holders of the Home Equity Loan Pass-Through Certificates, Series 1998-4 Plaintiff vs. Randal Holbrook Gina Holbrook County of Floyd City of Wheelwright Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Amended Final Judgment and Order of Sale 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 \$36,288.64, 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 29th day of March, 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: Tract No. 1 Lot No. 59 shown on a plat of the City of Wheelwright, prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File 348A, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. Tract No. 2 Lot No. 57 shown on a plat of the City of Wheelwright, prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File 348A, in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. There is excepted from the above described property, and not hereby conveyed, that portion of same which was previously conveyed by Deed

from predecessors in title, Hesia Bates and Vince Bates, her husband, to City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, dated May 23, 1986, of record in Deed Book 300, Page 558, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land, lying in

Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a nail in pavement located in the west side of Main Street at the intersection with the north side of Branham Street; thence N 56°00' W, 35.78 feet to a nail in pavement on the

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north side of Branham Street; thence S 61°37'45" E, 28.33 feet to a point; thence S 44°12'32" E, 7.52 feet to a point in the west edge of Main Street; thence S 23° 53' W, 1.26 feet to the point of beginning, containing 54 square feet. Being a part of Lot No. 59 as shown on a plat of the City of Wheelwright, prepared by Richard E. Martin, and recorded in Map File 348A in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Being the same property conveyed to Randal Holbrook and Gina Holbrook, his wife, by Bill Hall and Sandra Hall, his wife, by deed dated September 18, 1996, and filed September 23, 1996, in Deed Book 398, Page 692, in the Office of the Court Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, and known as 2027 Branham Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky 41669.

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

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

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

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2006, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, and City of Wheelwright, 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.

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Plaintiff's Counsel:
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on April 6, 2007, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, KY 41649, at 11 a.m.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8030, Renewal

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Ram Processing, Inc., 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an existing coal processing/tipple facility affecting 2.66 acres located at East McDowell in Floyd County.

(2) The proposed operation is located 1.00 miles east from KY 680's junction with KY 1929 and located just north of Hall Branch.

(3) The proposed facility is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Corporation.
(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, Dept. for Surface Mining, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, 606-285-3681. All proposals must be received at the housing authority office by 2 p.m., local time, March 23, 2007. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Noble Coal Limited Liability Company 8360311
Issued, #070209
The Elk Horn Coal Company Limited Liability Co. 8365463
Issued, #070220

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KAR 350.093 notice is hereby given that AEP KENTUCKY COAL, L.L.C., P.O. Box 270, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for Phase III release on Permit Number 898-0657, Increment #13. The last issue date is 4/14/2004. The approximate acres covered by Increment 13 is 27.57.

The operation is located 1.6 miles east of Gulnare in Pike County. The permit is approximately 1.7 miles west of Routes 194's junction with Route 2061 and is located on Walker Branch of Johns Creek. The operation is located on Broad Bottom U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map.

The bond now in effect for 898-0657, Increment 13 is \$13,500. The remainder of the bond is being requested in this release.

Reclamation work performed on 3/15/2002. Written comments, objections and requests for public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 6, 2007.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. May 7, 2007. The Department for Natural Resources, Floyd County Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 6, 2007.

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Odds & Ends

■ **POWELL, Wyo.** — Reporter Alison Stewart of the Powell Tribune proved this week she's willing to go to great lengths to get the scoop.

She reported in Thursday's edition that her recent survey of 3.6-acre Washington Park revealed at least 108 dog poop piles.

The city passed an ordinance in 1991 requiring owners to pick up after their dogs, but Stewart's on-the-ground reporting proves that some owners aren't paying attention.

Bill Fields, superintendent of the Powell Parks Department told Stewart he's frustrated by the situation. City officials are considering plastic bag dispensers, banning dogs from city parks, or possibly encouraging residents to turn in scofflaws.

Stewart said she lives a block from Washington Park in the northern Wyoming town and has been following the situation for some time.

"I wrote an article a couple of years ago, so this was just following up," Stewart said.

Stewart enlisted a friend to help with the survey.

"We divided the park in half, and then just did it sort of in quadrants," Stewart said.

But Stewart, who covers city government, said the assignment wasn't the worst she's ever faced.

"I didn't have to ask anybody any questions they were avoiding," she said.

City Attorney Sandee Kitchen said in order for the city to prosecute, it would have to identify the person and dog and know the time and date of the offense.

Municipal Judge James Allison said he's never had a dog defecation case. But if one

ever comes before him, he said, he would consider a \$100 fine, suspended if offenders cleaned up their messes and didn't reoffend for six months.

Until then, Powell residents will just have to watch their step.

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — Astronomers may have stopped calling Pluto a full-fledged planet, but it's on its way to regaining that status whenever it's visible over New Mexico.

A nonbinding memorial approved this week by the state House of Representatives declares that Pluto be designated a planet whenever it "passes overhead through New Mexico's excellent night skies."

The International Astronomical Union reclassified Pluto as a dwarf planet last August because its orbit overlaps with Neptune's. That caused hard feelings in New Mexico, home of Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who located Pluto in 1930.

"We really took it as an affront," said Democratic Rep. Joni Marie Gutierrez, who introduced the memorial.

The measure was pending in the Senate as lawmakers go into their final day of work Saturday.

Patricia Tombaugh, the 94-year-old widow of Pluto's discoverer, said the memorial probably won't change any scientific minds. "But it's a very nice gesture," she said.

■ **SUPERIOR, Wis.** — Jeff Rolson is just relieved he didn't get sent to the principal's office.

The 40-something Rolson last week dropped by Superior Senior High School, where he graduated in 1977, to get a copy

of his transcript for a plumbing apprenticeship. That's when he found out he had two outstanding debts — \$7.95 for a missing algebra book and \$5 for an unpaid physical-education fee.

A secretary told him he had to pay up before he could get his transcript.

"I told her, 'do you realize this was 30 years ago?'" he said.

Rolson says he doesn't understand why the school didn't contact him earlier. After all, he still lives in Superior — and his daughter attends the school.

"Nobody contacted me, so I ended up paying the \$13 to get my transcript," he said.

State law prevents a school district from withholding documents such as transcripts and diplomas, said district superintendent Jay Mitchell. But it's not uncommon for districts to try to collect unpaid fees and fines before providing documents, he said.

Rolson caught one break, though.

"She did forget the \$2 fee for the transcript," he said.

He's also grateful the school didn't charge him interest.

"It was 13 bucks. If they had

charged me interest all these years — compounded for 30 years — I don't know what the bill might have been," he said.

Maybe he didn't have the algebra book after all.

■ **BANGOR TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Marylou Morin has no use for mice, but she thinks their bigger cousins make great pets. That's right, domesticated rats. And her dog likes them, too.

Morin, known as the "rat lady," has babied rats for about eight years, ever since her daughter brought home a lab rat named "Wicket" from Western Michigan University. The one-pound, white male rat with pink eyes would fall asleep in her lap while she watched television.

She and her husband, Don, once had as many as 13 rats in their home. It's not uncommon for Morin to have a rat or two on her shoulder. The preschool teacher lets them crawl all over her.

The little animals — her current critters are "Cubby," "Sweet Pea" and "Little Bit" — relieve the stress of the daily rat race.

"They help me relax a whole

bunch. They're gentle creatures, and they're just very loving," she told The Bay City Times.

Unlike wild rats, the domesticated rodents don't pose health risks, Morin said. They groom themselves frequently and even groom each other.

Her 26-pound miniature schnauzer, BobbiAnne, herds the three 8-ounce rats like a border collie rounds up sheep.

"She thinks they're her babies," Morin said. "She lets them chew on her beard, and sometimes they'll lie on her back."

■ **FLUSHING, Mich.** — Jean Toney had warned people Randy the cat had a biting problem. Her brother learned that the hard way — for both of them.

He sued her after the Siamese cat bit his hand, causing his fingers to swell up like "plump hot dogs," as his lawyer put it, and putting him in a hospital for three weeks.

The jury took his side on Friday, awarding \$122,400 to the injured sibling, Michael Sabo, 57.

Sabo's lawyer, Tom Pabst,

said the cat leapt into Sabo's lap in March 2004 and bit his right hand. An infection from the bite put him in the hospital.

Sabo tried to get his sister's Farm Bureau Insurance homeowner's policy to cover the cost of the bite, but when the request was refused, Pabst said his client had no choice but to sue.

Pabst said the insurance company would be expected to pay the jury award for medical bills, lost income and compensation for pain and suffering.

There was no answer Monday morning at a telephone listing for Toney. A message seeking comment from Farm Bureau Insurance was not immediately returned.

The case has put a strain on Sabo's relationship with his sister, Pabst said. As for Randy, Pabst said the cat is still alive.

"(Toney) loves the cat," he said. "He's named after her dead husband."

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Drafting exhibit at Big Sandy CTC

PRESTONSBURG — "Drafting: The Language of Industry" is the title of an exhibit opening on March 26 at the Big Sandy Community & Technical College in Prestonsburg for a two-week stint. The event, which is being coordinated by BSCTC's associate professor of drafting, Judith Blanton, and Professor John Shiber, will explore the great variety of careers for which drafting serves as a basic course of study.

The exhibit will focus on the tools of drafting, from early 20th century to the present, the role it plays in architectural and mechanical structure and specific fields of study that drafting expertise can lead to.

On display will be actual, hand-drawn floor plans and building designs accompanied by miniature models of buildings that must be created before their actual construction takes place. Professor Blanton's drafting class and

University of Kentucky students' work will be featured, and materials about pre-engineering, engineering and architectural programs available at Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, University of Louisville, and University of Kentucky will be distributed to interested parties.

"This is definitely an entertaining exhibit for everyone," says Professor Blanton, "but particularly for people who are good in math and are considering vocations in engineering or architecture. It is simply amazing how many careers a knowledge of drafting can lead to."

The exhibit hours will be Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning March 26 through Friday, April 6.

Groups should call Dr. Shiber at (606) 789-1017 or send an e-mail to John.Shiber@kctcs.edu or JudithJ.Blanton@kctcs.edu to arrange a date & time.

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Fletcher supporters received paving contract despite higher cost

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Two major donors to Gov. Ernie Fletcher's re-election campaign benefited from a decision by the state Highway Department to use more expensive asphalt to rebuild a portion of Interstate 75 in Lexington.

A staff engineer had recommended using concrete, a material that would have saved the project more than \$1 million, according to records obtained by The Courier-Journal of Louisville.

Transportation engineer Paul Looney wrote in a memo that the "concrete alternate was shown to be 23.82 percent cheaper on initial cost and

25.53 percent less on life-cycle cost."

Looney estimated that the concrete would have been about \$1.1 million cheaper than the estimated \$6 million cost of asphalt. The total amount of the contract awarded to L-M Asphalt Partners of Lexington was \$25 million.

State Highway Commissioner Marc Williams said there are higher maintenance costs for concrete and there have been problems with concrete projects in recent years.

L-M Asphalt is a partner-

ship of two Lexington companies; L-M Holdings, which is headed by Lexington asphalt contractor Leonard Lawson, and CR Holding, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Lexington road-building company Central Rock Mineral Co., whose chairman is William Sturgill of Lexington.

The newspaper reported that Lawson's road-building interests and Central Rock are among the largest contributors to Fletcher's re-election campaign.

Lawson, his family, employees and officials of his

and his son's various companies and their families contributed at least \$42,500 to the Republican governor's campaign last summer. People employed by or affiliated with Central Rock and their immediate family members gave at least \$24,000.

Lawson and his son, Steve, director of L-M Holdings, could not be reached for comment, and David Curry, executive vice president of Central Rock, declined to comment.

Williams said political contributions play no role in department decisions.

He said the state has experienced problems with poor drainage beneath concrete surfaces in recent years, causing them to deteriorate and require costly maintenance.

"Until we understand why that's happening, I have a difficult time making a multimillion-dollar pavement decision — particularly on our interstate highways — with something that we hope we might get right this time," Williams said. "My challenge to the concrete industry is to improve their product."

Jim Render, chairman of

the Kentucky Concrete Pavement Association, said he was "shocked" by the decision to exclude concrete from consideration for the project.

Render disputed Williams' characterization of concrete's quality and the failure of the surface on recent projects.

"Concrete and asphalt each have their own advantages," he said. "We're not saying our product is best in every application. We're just asking for consideration for work when the engineering shows it makes sense — as it did in this case."

Obituaries

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in Martin.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, with Masonic services at 7:00 p.m., at the Funeral Home; and after 4:00 p.m., Thursday, at the church.

Pallbearers: Monroe Jones Jr., Monica Hall, Tommy Jones, Jeff Moore, Teresa Tomlinson, Chris Moore, Eric Moore, Arthur Hall, Zachary Hall, and Nicole Moore.

(Paid obituary)

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Johnnie Thornsberry

Johnnie Thornsberry, 91, of Auxier, died Friday, March 16, 2007, at his residence.

Born April 10, 1915, in Kite, he was the son of the late William and Alice Hall Thornsberry. He was a retired coal miner, a United States Army veteran, and a member of the County Line Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Cole Thornsberry.

Other survivors include two sons: Billy Thornsberry of Virgie, and Roger Thornsberry of Melvin; two daughters: Fredia Thornsberry of Auxier, and Reba Penix of Boons Camp; three brothers: Coleman Thornsberry of Topmost, and Charlie Thornsberry and Freeman Thornsberry, both of Detroit, Michigan; 11 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters: Millie Anger and Oclene Baker; three brothers: Ed Thornsberry, Miles (Buck) Thornsberry, and Ellis Thornsberry; and three sisters: Thelma Anderson, Lona Thornsberry, and Verlin Thornsberry.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was Saturday, March 17, at the funeral home, and Monday, at the church.

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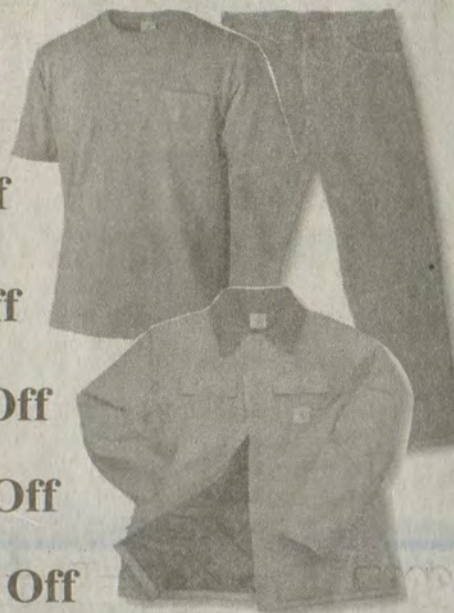
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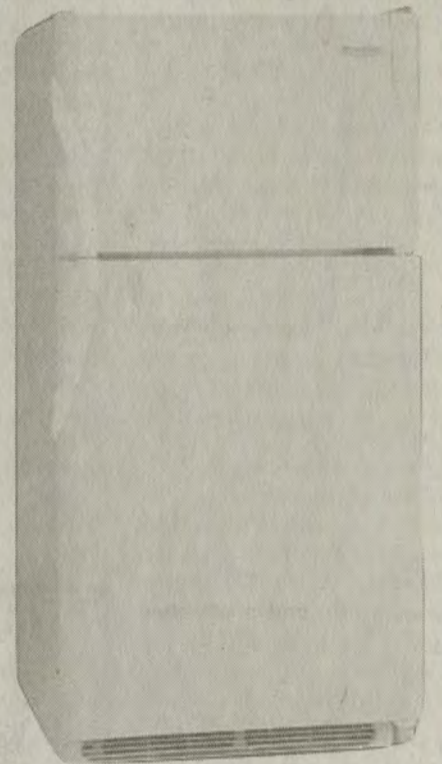
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Transportation Cabinet distributes maps to promote knowledge of Kentucky geography

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is beginning the process of distributing Kentucky Highway maps to middle schools all across the Commonwealth. The maps will be used for geography, math, and social studies classes, as well as for reference materials in school libraries.

"We had excess highway maps in storage and we think this is a golden opportunity for our school children," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. "When children become familiar with names and places on a map and see how various routes connect different locations, that knowledge can encourage them to learn more about Kentucky's geography, history, and other facts."

When the determination was made that there was a large supply of surplus maps, the Transportation Cabinet contacted Education Cabinet officials, who, in turn, invited middle school principals and teachers to submit their requests for highway maps.

The two Cabinets joined forces in a similar project last year, which involved the distribution of maps to elementary schools. "Our successful partnership with the Transportation Cabinet is a shining example of how various agencies of state government can work together to improve student achievement," noted Education Cabinet Secretary Laura Emberton Owens. "This collaborative effort has produced a 'Win-Win' situation for everyone."

"This generous offer from the Transportation Cabinet will provide valuable resources to Kentucky's middle school students," said Kentucky Interim Education Commissioner Kevin Noland. "Teachers will find many uses for the maps, and students will

gain practical knowledge from a reliable, well-produced reference tool."

Transportation Cabinet representatives from the Central Office in Frankfort and from each District Office will be involved in delivering the maps to middle schools. To date, more than 300 map requests have been received from teachers, principals, and superintendents in every area of the Commonwealth. The requests from Highway District 12 include the following:

- Allen Central Middle School, Floyd County
- Fleming-Neon Elementary, Letcher County
- Jenkins Middle School, Letcher County
- Betsy Layne Elementary, Floyd County
- Whitesburg Middle School, Letcher County
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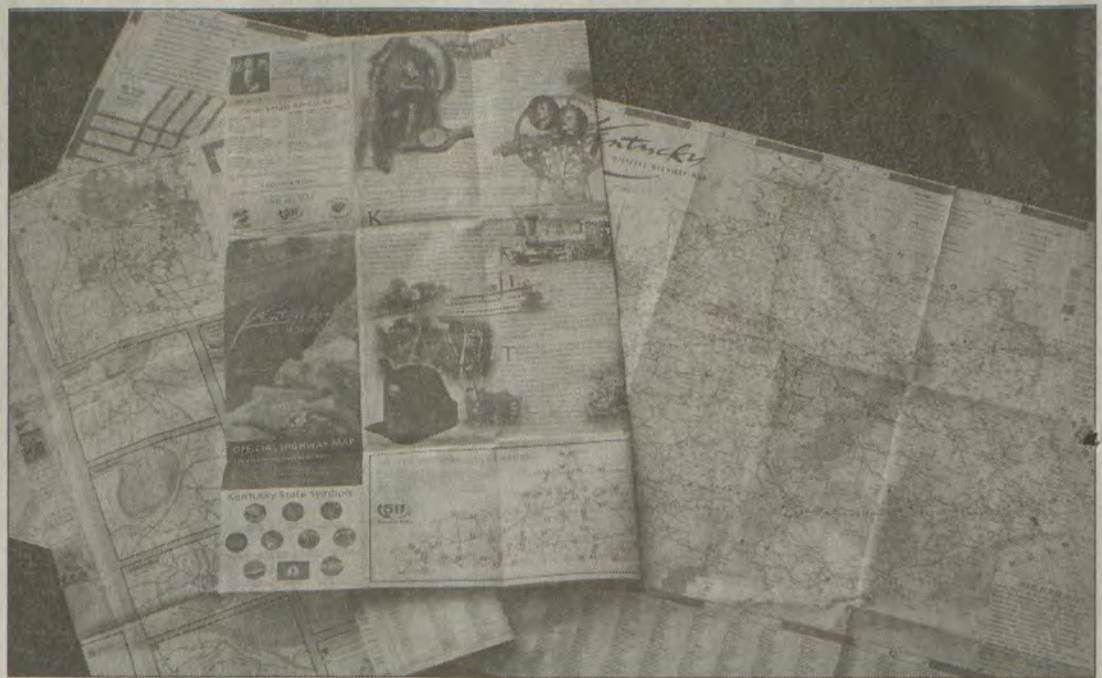
School, Floyd County

■ Martha Jane Potter Elementary, Letcher County

"This is an excellent way for the Transportation Cabinet to help expand the horizons for our school students," said Dan Hall, PE, Chief District Engineer for Highway District 12. "We are pleased to be involved with a project that provides additional learning tools for students in the counties of our district."

Hall explained that representatives from the district's maintenance garages will deliver the maps to the schools within the next three to four weeks. "We have to transport the maps from Frankfort and then divide them into packets and boxes for each school according to how many the school or the individual teacher requested. It may take several weeks, so those who made requests should expect a visit from Highway District 12's maintenance folks within the next month."

"This project is consistent with two very important themes in Governor Fletcher's overall vision for the Commonwealth," concluded Transportation Cabinet Deputy Secretary Crystal Ducker. "It advances education and fosters a cooperative spirit among various state government agencies. The Transportation Cabinet's maps initiative promotes the Governor's vision with Unbridled Spirit!"



Maps such as these have been given to some area students to promote their knowledge of Kentucky geography.

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Jobless rates down in 88 counties from January 2006 to January 2007

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates fell in 88 Kentucky counties between January 2006 and January 2007, rose in 26 counties and stayed the same in six counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training in the Education Cabinet.

In Floyd County, the rate dipped slightly from year to year, from 7.1 percent in 2006 to 7.0 percent this year. Similar drops were recorded in Pike and Johnson counties, while Martin County remained

Floyd, Pike, Johnson all record slight drops

the same from one year to the next. Magoffin County, on the other hand, saw a 0.6 percent increase and posted highest unemployment rate in the region at 12.5 percent.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 4 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 4.2 percent; Warren County, 4.7 percent; Madison and Scott counties, 4.9 percent

each; Jessamine County, 5 percent; Bourbon and Franklin counties, 5.1 percent each; and Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties, 5.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 14.4 percent. It was followed by Clay and Magoffin counties, 12.5 percent each; Wolfe County, 11.8 percent; Owsley County, 11.5 percent; McCreary County, 11.4 percent; Menifee County,

11.1 percent; Muhlenberg County, 11 percent; Morgan County, 10.6 percent; and Bath County, 10.4 percent.

Overall, the number of Kentucky counties with an unemployment rate at or above 10 percent remained the same in January 2007 as compared to January 2006, when 10 counties had a jobless rate at

or above 10 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed

Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and counties figures.

Learn more about the Office of Employment and Training at www.workforce.ky.gov.

State park campgrounds ban out-of-state firewood

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State Parks will not allow out-of-state firewood to be brought into campgrounds this year to reduce the risk of bringing an unwelcome insect into the state.

The ban is intended to keep the emerald ash borer, an insect that kills ash trees, from entering the state. The insect has been found in states north of Kentucky — including Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana. These states have quarantined the movement of firewood out of infected counties. However, the ban applies to all states, other than Kentucky.

The emerald ash borer is a slender, metallic-colored beetle about one-third to one-half an inch in length. It can be transported unknowingly in firewood from infected areas into uninfected areas.

A federal quarantine went in place Dec. 1, to prohibit the transportation of potentially infected ash products into uninfected states. The quarantine regulates many ash prod-

ucts from nursery stock to raw lumber.

State park campground visitors are asked to use firewood from Kentucky. Campers with out-of-state firewood will be allowed to turn their firewood in at check in for proper disposal. Kentucky State Park campgrounds will have firewood for sale.

Other private and public campgrounds in Kentucky may be adopting the same pol-

icy. Campers should check advance.

For information about the emerald ash borer, contact Tim McClure with the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 502-564-4496. The Web address is www.forestry.ky.gov.



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The Prestonsburg District has been recognized as one of Social Security's best offices. It is considered a "model office". Most recently the Prestonsburg Level I office received the 'Best Level I Office Award in the Atlanta Region'. (The Atlanta Region includes Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, North and South Carolina, Mississippi, and Florida.)

The Prestonsburg, KY District consists of the Prestonsburg Level I office and the Pikeville Level II office. Both offices are modern, highly specialized offices exclusively designed for Social Security. The offices use state of the art technology while focusing on customer amenities including large free parking areas,

comfortable reception areas, interviewing privacy and handicap accessibility. The offices were designed to serve Social Security customers in an efficient, professional and courteous manner. Prestonsburg District offices are 'people friendly' providing service in a very positive manner through professionalism, courtesy, dependability and competency.

Your offices in Prestonsburg and Pikeville equal or exceed the facilities available in other parts of Kentucky. The district is composed of five counties - Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Pike Counties. The Prestonsburg KY Level I office serves Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties. Our Pikeville office provides service to the residents of Pike County.

The Prestonsburg District administers Social Security payments to 41, 684 people.

Social Security Payments exceed \$35,000,000.00 each month. Social Security also administers Supplement Security Income payments to 14, 232 people.

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The combined amount of Social Security and SSI benefits paid each year in the Prestonsburg District exceeds \$504,000,000.00. Each year, we respond to over 47,000 in-office visitors, 45,000 telephone



Social Security District Manager, Greg Reynolds

calls and more than 15,000 written requests for information or services.

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Greg Reynolds, Level I District Manager, Prestonsburg

Deputy Commissioner's Citation Presented To Pikeville District Manager

In November, 2006, Kenneth Hale, District Manager for the Pikeville, KY Social Security office was selected to receive a Deputy Commissioner's Citation. The Deputy Commissioner's Citation is the Social Security Administration's second highest award and is presented to employees for their outstanding performance. During the 2006 fiscal year, Ken served in a dual role as Manager for the Pikeville field office and Project Manager for all Kentucky field offices (27 in all) during the

Independence Day Assessment (IDA). The IDA process involved the successful transition from paper applications to a fully electronic claims taking system.

Linda S. McMahon, Deputy Commissioner for Operations stated in the citation that Ken's "exemplary leadership skills and outstanding work ethic are qualities that exemplify the standards that all SSA employees should emulate."



Janet Cline, Operations Supervisor Prestonsburg Level One Office

Mrs. Cline began her career with the Social Security Administration while still a student at the Prestonsburg Community College. She has held the positions of Development Clerk, Service Representative, Claims Representative, Technical Expert and most recently was promoted to Level I Operations Supervisor. She has received various recognitions for her outstanding public service including two Regional Commissioner's Citations. Janet resides in Floyd County with her husband and two sons.



Social Security 2007

A message from Attorney Eric C. Conn

A lot has changed since the last Social Security insert. The biggest change, in my opinion, is the appointment of Greg Reynolds as the Social Security District Manager of our area. District Manager Reynolds' territory includes Pike, Floyd, Martin, Johnson and Magoffin counties. District Manager Reynolds does not seek the limelight but his dedication to providing first-rate service to the public is laudable.

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits will increase 3.3 percent in 2007. The 3.3 percent Cost-Of-Living Adjustment began for Social Security beneficiaries in January 2007 and began for Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries on December 29, 2006. Unfortunately, Medicare Part B premiums will rise 5.6 percent in 2007.

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 established a New Medicare Part D program for prescription drug coverage. This benefit began on January 1, 2006 and it allows everyone with Medicare to sign up for this drug coverage through a prescription drug plan. The different drug plans and their cost will vary depending on the plan that the person decides is best for him or her. Fortunately, Medicare Part D also includes a subsidy program that

will help people with low-income to pay their premiums, deductible, and their part of the cost of the drug they receive under the plan. Medicare Part D is not part of the original Medicare program legislation. On the contrary, it is being handled by private insurance companies that are being reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

On February 12, 2007 Michael J. Astrue was sworn in today as the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration. His six-year term will expire on January 19, 2013. Since 1993 Mr. Astrue has held positions with several pharmaceutical companies. Astrue in 2001 was President Bush's choice to head the Food and Drug Administration. His nomination was blocked by Sen. Kennedy who felt that Mr. Astrue had too many ties to the pharmaceutical industry. It is commonly speculated that Mr. Astrue will support privatization. However, Mr. Astrue has stated in confirmation hearings that he would not use the position as commissioner as a "bully pulpit" to push for any proposal (e.g., privatization) changes in Social Security.

Presently, there remain many changes being discussed about the Social Security Disability process. 2007 will be an interesting year.



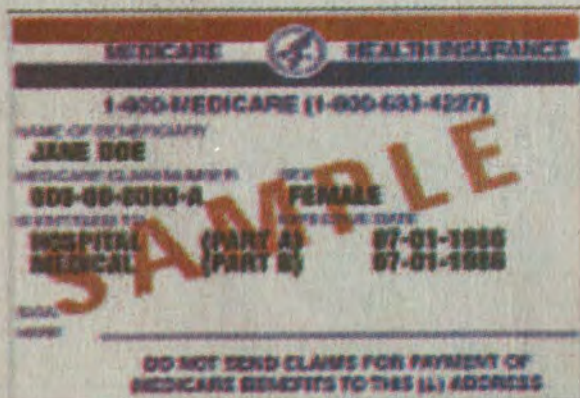
Eric's sure-fire ways to lose your Social Security/SSI case

by Attorney, Eric C. Conn
Mr. Social Security/SSI



1. Have bad nerves and don't go for counseling.
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5. Get medical records and wait until time of your hearing to bring them.

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Kinzer finishes 14th in SAS Shamrock 60

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Allen Super Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer claimed a 14th-place finish Saturday in the 12th Annual SAS (Southern All-Stars) Shamrock 60 at Cleveland Speedway.

It was a busy weekend for the Kinzer Motorsports raceteam. Kinzer piloted the No. 18 into the Advance Auto Parts Thunder Series (APTS) Tennessee Thunder Thaw 50 feature event Sunday at Tazewell Speedway. Kinzer finished 24th in the feature event that also included fellow

Kentucky drivers Chris Wilson, Tommy Bailey, Chris Wilson and D.J. Wells. Complete results from each of the two feature events follow.

12th Annual SAS Shamrock 60: 1. Chris Madden, 2. Jonathan Davenport, 3. Ray

(See KINZER, page two)



Brandon Kinzer raced in a pair of Late Model features over the weekend, finishing 14th in one of the two races.

photo courtesy of DT52 Photos

Lexington Christian ousts Pike Central

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOWLING GREEN — Emily London scored 21 points as Lexington Christian slowly pulled away from Pike County Central Saturday to win 64-49 and earn its first state championship berth in school history in the afternoon semifinal.

Lexington Christian (33-3), winner of Region 11, moved on to face Iroquois in the state title game. Iroquois, making its first appearance in the championship game, defeated Assumption 46-4 earlier on Saturday.

Pike County Central (22-11), representing Region 15, led 21-

(See PIKE, page two)



CHAMPS: The Mountain Christian Academy volleyball team claimed the top honor in the first annual Spiketacular Volleyball Tournament. MCA, the tournament host, finished the event undefeated.

Mountain Christian wins first-ever Spiketacular

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Host Mountain Christian Academy defended its home gymfloor in convincing fashion both Friday and Saturday. MCA hosted the first annual Spiketacular Volleyball Tournament. The event featured middle school volleyball teams from Floyd, Pike, Johnson and Letcher counties. MCA dominated the tournament, posting an undefeated record against all opposing teams.

Teams that joined MCA in the first-ever Spiketacular were Allen Central, South Floyd, John M. Stumbo, Johnson County, Johns

Creek, Belfry and Letcher County. MCA defeated Letcher County in the championship match. Letcher County annually produces some of Eastern Kentucky's top prep volleyball players.

Members of the MCA volleyball team are Kaitlyne Hackworth, Shonda Bailey, Rebekah Potter, Kelli Akers, Leigh Williams, Audra Hall, Sha Quesenberry, Kes Moore and Andreea Gabor.

Sherry Robinson and Donna Potter coach the MCA volleyball team.

South Floyd seventh-grader Ashley Castle captured the tournament's Most Valuable Player award.



South Floyd's Ashley Castle was named tournament MVP.

Ratliff, Lowe make all-tourney team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BOWLING GREEN — Two Pike County Central players landed on the Girls' Sweet Sixteen All-Tournament team after the Lady Hawks played their way into the semifinals.

Pike Central's Haley Ratliff and Kayla Lowe were each named to the All-Tournament team.

The rest of the All-Tournament team was made up

(See HONORS, page two)

LexCath picked to repeat

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Lexington Catholic is atop the preseason Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association poll. The Knights compiled a 36-6 record last season, beating Beechwood 6-4 in the state title game.

The rest of the preseason Top 25 poll shapes up like this: 1. Lexington Catholic; 2. Pleasure Ridge Park; 3. Paul Dunbar; 4. Lexington Christian; 5. Trinity; 6. Christian County; 7. Male; 8. Ballard (tie), Owensboro Catholic (tie); 10. St. Xavier; 11. Boyd County; 12. Beechwood; 13. Danville; 14. Harrison County; 15. Daviess County; 16.

(See LEXCATH, page two)

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Shelby Valley-Elliott Co., 6:30 p.m.
Warren Cent.-JBS, 8 p.m.



INDIVIDUALS HONORED: The first annual Spiketacular All-Tournament team included players from several middle schools in four different counties. Host Mountain Christian Academy (MCA) was well-represented on the all-tournament team.

Food City Family Race Night set for Thursday

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

BRISTOL, Tenn. — It's become quite the event, the spectacular Food City Family Race Night that tens of thousands of race fans look forward to each March at Meadowview Convention Center in Kingsport, Tenn..

Food City's Family Race Night, which precedes the sold-out Food City 500 Nextel Cup and the Sharpie MINI 300 at Bristol Motor Speedway, takes place on Thursday, from 3-9 p.m.

A number of drivers from both the Cup

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Kentucky falls to Kansas in NCAA second round, 88-76

by **NANCY ARMOUR**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Seeing "Kentucky" on the opponent's jerseys was motivation enough for Brandon Rush.

Knowing Michael Jordan was watching made it a day to remember.

Rush was a career-best 6-of-7 from long range Sunday, including 4-for-4 in the second half as top-seeded Kansas romped past Kentucky 88-76 in an NCAA tournament matchup of two of the game's most storied programs.

Rush finished with 19 points, and Chicago native Julian Wright scored 15 of his 21 in the second half. The Jayhawks shot a blistering 64 percent in the final 20 minutes to pull away and win their 13th in a row.

"We just had a mind-set that nobody could guard us," Rush said.

Kind of like another guy who played at the United Center.

The Kansas squad spotted Jordan's tricked-out Range Rover before the game, and the Jayhawks were thrilled to know His Airness would be watching them.

"I wanted to give him a great performance," Rush said

of Jordan, who watched from a luxury suite. "The whole team wanted to."

Kansas (32-4) now plays fourth-seeded Southern Illinois on Thursday in the West Regional semifinals in San Jose, Calif.

Kentucky is the winningest program in college history, while Kansas claims Dr. James Naismith, the inventor of the game. It's special whenever they meet, especially considering it doesn't happen too often. Only 25 times, in fact, and Kentucky had a decided edge for years.

But it's been all Kansas lately, with the Jayhawks now undefeated in the last three matchups.

This rout was practically a repeat of last year's meeting between the teams in Lawrence, Kan. Rush led the way in that one, a 73-46 blowout that was Kentucky's worst loss in Tubby Smith's 10 years as coach.

The eighth-seeded Wildcats didn't have Randolph Morris in that one, as he served out a 14-game suspension for entering the 2005 NBA draft. But his presence Sunday made little difference as Kentucky (22-12) lost for the seventh time in 11 games.

Morris finished with 22

points, including 14 from the line. Bobby Perry added 21.

"No one wants to end the season on a loss," Smith said. "My hat is off to Kansas. They were really ready, they shot it extremely well. We didn't really have an answer for Brandon Rush."

"We had some chances, but when they are shooting the ball the way they were, it makes it tough to fight back."

The loss won't do much to get Smith back in the good graces of Kentucky fans. Despite winning a national championship and five Southeastern Conference titles in his 10 years at Kentucky, Smith has been criticized by the Wildcats faithful in recent weeks for "underachieving."

Athletic director Mitch Barnhart gave Smith a vote of confidence after the SEC tournament, but the fact it was needed shows just how far from favor Smith has fallen. Smith said Sunday he will

meet with Barnhart, but plans to return.

"I expect to be back," he said. "Just put it that way."

Kansas likes to get out and run, but Kentucky slowed the Jayhawks down enough in the first half to keep it relatively close.

That changed in a hurry in the second half.

"Mario (Chalmers) told me he was going to start looking for me a lot more in the first couple minutes," Rush said. "He was going to get me situated and get me into the game."

Rush opened the second half with a 3 that gave Kansas a nine-point lead, its largest of the game to that point. Perry responded with back-to-back 3s that pulled Kentucky within 39-36 with 18:51 left to play.

But Morris left after picking up his third foul with 17:46 still to play. And just like last year, the Jayhawks steam-rolled Kentucky with Morris

on the bench.

"He's critical," Smith said. "When he went out, that's when we kind of lost momentum."

Wright made a jumper and scored on a follow as Kansas ran off eight unanswered points as part of a 13-2 run. An irritated Smith called a timeout, and Shera Thomas stopped the Kansas run with a layup afterward.

It had all the effect of a speed bump.

Wright scored again, this time on a layup, and Rush hit another 3-pointer that extended Kansas' lead to 54-40 and brought the Kansas faithful — including Chicago Bull Kirk Hinrich, a member of the 2003 Kansas team that lost to Syracuse in the NCAA final — to its feet.

"In a tournament like this, you can't hope. You've got to go out there and make shots," said Kentucky guard Ramel Bradley, who had nine assists.

"We didn't do a good job of that today."

Morris returned with just over 12 minutes to play, but the damage was done. Kansas had found its legs.

Darnell Jackson beat the shot clock buzzer on a layup, and Sherron Collins — another Chicago native — fed Russell Robinson for a fastbreak layup that put the Jayhawks up 62-47 with 9:02 to play.

It was showtime after that, as the Jayhawks put their considerable skills on display with a dizzying array of fast breaks, slick passes and shots that even Jordan might envy.

"I guess it's just that 'Kentucky' on the jersey. It helped my jumper," Rush said. "Today, I felt pretty good. The team felt pretty good."

They felt even better when the game ended.

"There's a little celebrating," Rush said. "This is our first Sweet 16 as a whole team. We feel pretty happy."

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Pike

20 on a Holly Harris basket with less than two minutes left in the first half, but the Lady Eagles closed the half with a 7-0 run and never trailed again.

Courtney Clifton scored 17 points and Anna Martin added 13 for Lexington Christian.

The Lady Hawks were led by Kayla Lowe, who finished with 17 points. Haley Ratliff finished with 13 points for Pike County Central, which never got closer than five points in the second half.

Pike County Central defeated Notre Dame in the second round. More on the second round triumph follows.

Pike County Central 66, Notre Dame 60: Kayla Lowe scored 24 points to lead Pike County Central past Notre Dame 66-60 Friday night.

Lowe made 10 of 16 shots from the floor in leading the Lady Hawks past the Pandas (29-5), the champion from Region 9.

The game was close throughout with neither team holding more than a six-point lead in the second half.

Pike County Central put the game away on six consecutive free throws by Haley Ratliff in the final 43 seconds, never allowing the Pandas to get closer

than four points. Haley Ratliff finished with 15 points for Pike County, while Kayla Ratliff added 12.

Nicole Dickman and Emily Drees formed a solid inside one-two punch for Notre Dame, but it was not enough. Dickman finished with 22 points and 11 rebounds, while Drees had 16 points and 14 rebounds.

The Pandas outrebounded the Lady Hawks 41-24, but were undone by 34 percent shooting (21 of 61) compared to 50 percent (24 of 48) for Pike County Central.

Honors

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of Thia Gholson (Assumption); Lauren Huter (Assumption); T.J. Thomas (Barren County); Adia Mathies (Iroquois); Asia Mathies (Iroquois); Stafonia Taylor (Iroquois); Emily London (Lexington Christian); Anna Martin (Lexington Christian); Courtney Clifton (Lexington Christian); Mackenzie Lee (Montgomery

County); and Mic'a Prince (North Hardin). London was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player after Lexington Christian defeated Iroquois in the state title game.

Eventual champion Lexington Christian defeated Pike County Central 64-50 in the semifinals. The Lady Knights beat Iroquois 71-62 in the state championship game.

Race

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and Busch Series' will be on hand for Race Night. Among the NASCAR drivers expected to appear and sign autographs are Scott Riggs, Ward Burton, Denny Hamlin, Mike Bliss, Morgan Shepherd, Steve Wallace, David Ragan, Eric McClure, Kevin Conway, Danny O'Quinn, Jon Wood, Marcos Ambrose, Stephen Leicht, Shane Huffman, Caleb Holman and Jason Leffler. Driver appearance times can be found at www.foodcityracing.com

NASCAR legend Bobby Allison is also slated to appear, as is Rusty Wallace, Junior Johnson and artist Sam Bass.

The 75-year-old Johnson will be honored on stage for his accomplishments in the sport at 5:30. Expected to be on hand for Johnson's honor is NASCAR president Mike Helton, as well as O. Bruton Smith, CEO of Speedway

Motorsports Inc., and Jeff Byrd, president and general manager of Bristol Motor Speedway.

A number of Cup and Busch Series show cars will be on display and several simulators will be available for fans to enjoy. The giant Food City Shopping Cart also will be on display.

Live entertainment is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and food sampling will take place from 4:30-9 p.m. as long as supplies last.

Tickets purchased at Food City stores in advance of Race Night are available for \$4. Tickets purchased day of event are \$5.

Food City will be running a shuttle service beginning that day at 1 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium on Fort Henry Dr., and at 5:15 p.m. at the Toy F. Reid Employee Center on Wilcox Dr.

Kinzer

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Cook, 4. Clint Smith, 5. Mike Marlar, 6. Shane Clanton, 7. Mark Vineyard, 8. Ivendent Lloyd, 9. Stacy Holmes, 10. Dwayne Powell, 11. Brady Smith, 12. Jackie Boggs, 13. Shawn Chastain, 14. Brandon Kinzer, 15. Jake Knowles, 16. Randy Weaver, 17. Jimmy Owens, 18. Skip Arp, 19. Jason Smith, 20. Scott Bloomquist, 21. Earl Pearson Jr., 22. Ricky Arms, 23. Kevin Gibson, 24. Anthony White.

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Covington Catholic; 17. Eastern; 18. Bates Creek; 19. Apollo; 20. Henry Clay; 21. Elizabethtown; 22. Bourbon County; 23. South Laurel; 24. North Hardin (tie), Lafayette (tie); 25. Henderson County.

Several area teams received votes in the preseason poll.

Others receiving votes in the poll were Oldham County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Mercer County, Bowling Green, Ashland Blazer, West Jessamine, Heath 10, Franklin Simpson, Edmonson County, Somerset, Hopkinsville,

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Lexington Christian 71, Louisville Iroquois 62

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BOWLING GREEN — Only a couple of times did the Lexington Christian Eagles show any youthful jitters in claiming the Girls' Sweet Sixteen state championship in their first attempt.

Sophomore Anna Martin scored 25 points to spark Lexington Christian past Iroquois 71-62 Saturday night to give the championship to a team with only one senior and one that had never before been in the Sweet Sixteen.

"I think the first night (against Henderson County) we were a little bit (nervous), and this morning we were, when we were the heavy favorites (against Pike County)," Coach Jason Seamonds said. "I think they put pressure on themselves. But once they started making some plays, they kind of loosened up a little bit."

The championship run actually dates all the way back to the beginning of the season, according to sophomore Courtney Clifton, who finished with 17 points, including a 3-point shot that iced the game with 1:11 to play.

"At the beginning of the year, our coach told us this was a special team, even though we were mostly sophomores and freshmen, and we really believed that if we came

out and played hard, we could play with anybody," Clifton said.

The Lady Eagles (34-3), champion of Region 11 and a first-time participant in the state basketball tournament, became the eighth team in the event's history to win the championship on its first attempt. Lexington Catholic was the last to do so in 1999.

Lexington Christian's victory also marked the seventh consecutive season that a private school has taken home the championship.

Iroquois (32-3), representing Region 6, was only the third public school team to appear in the finals in the past six tournaments. The 62 points scored by the Lady Raiders was also the highest total ever scored by the losing team in the title game.

Lexington Christian, which led 38-30 at halftime, steadily built its lead in the second half, leading by as many as 15 points, before Iroquois made a late run and trimmed the lead to 63-58 on Kayla Hickman's 3-pointer with 2:04 to play. Lexington Christian put the game out of reach on Clifton's 3-point shot with that made the score 68-60 at the 1:11 mark.

Clifton finished with 19 points, while tournament MVP Emily London, the team's only senior, had 11 points. Clara Mitchell had 10 points and

grabbed 16 rebounds.

Hickman led Iroquois with 15 points, while Asia Mathies scored 14 and Adia Mathies

finished with 11.

Like Lexington Christian, the Iroquois starting five was made up of all underclassmen.

"We start four 10th graders, and I think this is going to make our team hungry to win," Lady Raider Coach Al

Northington said. "I don't think Kentucky has heard the last of Iroquois."

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ALC baseball team keeps busy during Spring Break

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College Baseball Eagles played five games during Spring Break week. On Tuesday of last week, ALC traveled to West Virginia Tech for a doubleheader. The Eagles lost two close games, 1-0 in 10 innings and 5-4. In the first game, the Eagles managed only five hits. Lamar Williams had two hits and Kyle Potter, Matthew Toney and Adam Adkins each had one. Justin Woodard went eight innings, giving up only one hit. Robert Smith was the losing pitcher. Travis Slusher was the starting and losing pitcher in the second game. The Eagles had eight hits, including two each by Potter, Kevin Slone and Robert Smith. Toney, Smith and Allen Central High School graduate Tyler Turner each had an RBI.

The Eagles hosted Shawnee State (Ohio) on Thursday. Alice Lloyd lost another close game, 5-4. Williams had an RBI and three of the team's nine hits. Potter, Smith and Trenton VanHoose also had

RBI's. Jason Bufka was the losing pitcher. On Sunday, the Eagles hosted West Virginia Tech in a doubleheader. Tech won the first game, 10-6, and the Eagles came back to win the second game, 4-3. Williams pitched a complete game and was the winning pitcher. Turner, Adkins and C.J. Lynn each had two hits. Ronnie Johnson, Lynn, Adkins and Slone each had an RBI. In the first game, Turner was the losing pitcher. Williams had four hits, including a double. Toney and Carlos Armenteros each had two hits.

SOFTBALL: The ALC Lady Eagles did not play any games during Spring Break. This week, they have three doubleheaders scheduled. They will travel to Union College today and Pikeville College on Friday. On Saturday, the ALC softball team will host Brescia University at 11 a.m.

GOLF: The ALC men's golf team will open its season Tuesday, March 27 at the Raven Rock Golf Course in Jenkins.

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State set to host two premier women's golf events

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The year 2007 will be an historic year for women's amateur golf in Kentucky, as two of the most prominent women's amateur competitions in the United States, the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links

Championship and the Women's Trans National Championship, will be conducted in the state.

The 31st U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship will be conducted June 18-23 at Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington. This will mark the first visit to

Kentucky for this historic Championship, and will mark the second USGA Championship for Kearney Hill Golf Links (1997 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship). The list of past champions of this historic event include Heather Farr, Danielle Ammaccapane, Jill

McGill, and Michelle Wie. Also, a sectional qualifying round will be conducted at Charlie Vettiner Golf Course in Louisville on Wednesday, May 23. For more information, visit www.usga.org and www.uswapl.org.

The 77th Women's Trans National Championship will

take place July 9-14 at Persimmon Ridge Golf Club in Louisville. This will mark the first visit to Kentucky for the historic Championship. The list of past champions of the historic event include Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame Member Marion Miley, Patty Berg, Babe Zaharias, Betsy Rawls, Jo Anne Gunderson Carner, Nancy Lopez, Carol Semple

Thompson, Grace Park, and Brittany Lang. For more information, go online and visit www.womenstrans.com.

Kentucky's family of organizations looks forward to welcoming the great championships to Kentucky, and sends best wishes to contestants and to Kearney Hill Golf Links and Persimmon Ridge Golf Club.

Department of Parks offering golf trail card

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Department of Parks, through the Kentucky Golf Trail, is again offering a trail card that provides unlimited paid green fees for the cardholder.

The trail card fees have remained the same as the prior two years. Trail cards are sold at all state park golf courses and are valid through Dec. 31, 2007. Cards start at \$350 for senior players (62 and older). For more information on the trail card, visit www.parks.ky.gov.

The trail cards can be used at all state park courses, including the seven "Signature Series" that offer championship play surrounded by some of the most scenic natural beauty the parks have to offer. Four of the Signature Series courses have received national accolades from

Golf Digest as Best New Affordable and Best New Places to Play.

Lake Barkley State Resort Park is the newest member of the Signature Series courses. "Traditionally Lake Barkley has been a favorite among golfers in years past," said State Park Golf Director Dan Strohmeier. "The course has improved dramatically over the past two years with improvements and conditioning warranting this new status."

Besides the addition of Lake Barkley to the Signature Series, new clubhouses are being built at Mineral Mound in Eddyville, Dale Hollow near Burkesville, Yatesville Lake in Louisa and Grayson Lake near Grayson. New driving ranges are scheduled to open in the spring at Dale Hollow and late fall at Yatesville Lake in 2007.

General Burnside Island State Park is

currently undergoing a complete renovation for a new 18-hole golf course. Brian Ault, designer of Dale Hollow and Hidden Cove at Grayson Lake, both recognized nationally by Golf Digest, was selected as the architect for the course. The course is projected to open in spring 2008.

Kentucky State Parks will continue offering the Tee's & Zzz's golf and lodging packages at resort parks. Rates start at \$89 per person per night from November through March and \$109 April through October. Kentucky State Park resorts also feature lodges, cottages, campgrounds, restaurants and other activities such as hiking, swimming, boating, and wildlife programs. For more information about state park golf trail cards, Tee's and Zzz's packages, and course photos, visit www.parks.ky.gov.

Texas A&M 72, Louisville 69

by WILL GRAVES
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LEXINGTON — A hostile crowd. A big shot. A season on the line.

All in a day's work for Acie Law.

The Texas A&M point guard whose cool demeanor earned him the nickname "Captain Clutch," did it again. Law took over late and led the Aggies past Louisville 72-69 Saturday in the second round of the South Regional.

The third-seeded Aggies (27-6) reached the round of 16 for the first time in 27 years, surviving a raucous Rupp Arena crowd.

Rick Pitino's Cardinals had their chances, too. Especially Edgar Sosa.

Sosa scored 31 points but, after going 15-for-15 from the foul line, missed two free throws with 30 seconds left and Louisville trailing by a point.

The sixth-seeded Cardinals (24-10) caught a break when Texas A&M's Joseph Jones missed two free throws at the other end. Sosa got another chance, but hit the back of the rim on a long 3-point attempt.

With a sea of red-clad Louisville fans screaming, Law made two free throws with 1.7 seconds to go, giving him 26 points.

Sosa's halfcourt heave bounced off the top of the backboard at the buzzer, setting off a celebration for the

Aggies.

In the end, Law and the Aggies were simply too tough, too poised, too ready to make the next step under third-year coach Billy Gillispie.

The hugs for the Aggies were well-earned after a physical matchup between two of the better defensive teams, one that featured 70 free throws and 51 fouls.

Louisville did its best to frustrate the Aggies with their full-court pressure, but Texas A&M handled it easily even with Law frequently bouncing from the bench to the floor after picking up his second foul about halfway through the first half.

The Aggies said before the game they wouldn't be bothered by the hostile atmosphere, which featured thousands of Louisville fans who made the 80-mile trip east for the game.

While they were clearly rat-

ted at points, the Aggies turned the ball over just three times in the second half while Louisville and its roster packed with underclassmen finally ran out of magic.

The win gives the Aggies some validation for their rise under Gillispie, who has turned the Aggies from a Big 12 also-ran into a rising national power in just three years.

Still, for awhile in the second half it appeared the Aggies' season would end with a second-round disappointment at the hands of a quickly improving team for the second straight season.

Last year it was LSU and Glen Davis who sent the Aggies home. Saturday it was Sosa, the New York City point guard whose play helped lead Louisville's turnaround season.

While Louisville centers David Padgett and Derrick

Character struggled to stay out of foul trouble, Sosa threw his 6-foot-1 frame into the breach, attacking the basket again and again, often drawing a foul or twisting in for a layup.

But Sosa faltered just enough for Law and the Aggies to move on.

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Johnson grabs win with late pass on Stewart

by MIKE HARRIS
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HAMPTON, Ga. — Jimmie Johnson already has his eye on the big prize.

The reigning NASCAR Nextel Cup champion passed Tony Stewart three laps from the end Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway and went on to win his second straight race.

"We're thinking championship already," said Johnson, only four races into the 36-race season. "That's really the mode anymore. You have to think about points and being in the top 12 all the time."

Johnson had the car to beat Sunday, leading 132 of the first 238 laps. But the only laps he led the rest of the way in the 325-lap event on Atlanta's 1.5-mile oval were the last three.

The 25th victory of his Cup career moved Johnson within 28 points of current series leader Mark Martin, who plans on skipping next week's race at Bristol and the race the following week at Martinsville.

That would leave Johnson just 20 points behind Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jeff Gordon and 17 behind Jeff Burton going into Bristol, the fifth of the 26 races that will determine the 12 drivers in the Chase for the championship.

"Right now, it's easy to feel good about things and there no doubt that the championship is what's on our minds," Johnson said. "When you come into the sport, you focus on victories and top 10 and now the Chase is a big mark for the teams to make."

"But, after you win a championship, I think it changes you a little bit and that's what you really focus on and what you want to do again and again. Since we came into '07, the team meetings and discussions, everything is about trying to win another championship. Right now things are going good and we're doing the right things, but it's way too early to get too excited."

Johnson, who overcame a penalty in the pits at Las Vegas to beat Gordon the previous week, had some problems with tire wear late in Sunday's Kobalt Tools 500.

Stewart, a two-time Cup champion, appeared on the

way to his first victory of the year after coming off pit lane ahead of Matt Kenseth and third-place Johnson after the final stops by the leaders during a caution flag on lap 311.

After the green flag waved with 11 laps to go, Johnson took just three laps to get past Kenseth, then took off after Stewart in the duel of Chevrolets.

Johnson pulled side-by-side with Stewart just past the finish line on lap 322. Johnson then got his nose out ahead and, as the two cars drove through turn two, Stewart scraped the wall.

Johnson easily led lap 323 and continued to pull away from Stewart, going on to win by about half the front

straightaway. He credited crew chief Chad Knaus for making some key adjustments on the last pit stop.

"At the end, when it came time to race for checkered, Chad made some great adjustments to help me on the short run," Johnson said. "That's the one thing I was lacking compared to the 20 (Stewart). At the beginning of a run he had a little more grip and could drive a little harder."

"At the end, I can't say that I've driven a race car that hard before. It really was challenging internally in my own head to drive that hard to chase Tony down and get by him. That was just a great, great race."

Stewart, who overcame a

long pit stop in the early going when one of his crewmen dropped a lugnut, led 121 laps and was happy with second place. But he wasn't particularly happy with Johnson.

"I wish he had at least given us room to race for it," Stewart said. "But we gained some points today and that's what this team needed."

Johnson apologized, saying he wished he had given Stewart more room.

"Tony had a good run on the inside coming off the corner and when I heard he was coming it was just too late for me to adjust," the winner said. "I certainly squeezed him into the wall and didn't leave him a lot of room, but it wasn't intentional."

Kenseth wound up third, followed by Jeff Burton and heralded rookie Juan Pablo Montoya, who barely held off Clint Bowyer to record his first top 10 and by far his best finish in five Cup starts.

"I'm getting the handle of it," said Montoya, who also won a Busch Series race on a road course in Mexico City several weeks ago and got as high as third in Sunday's race before slipping a bit at the end.

Martin, who finished 10th, remained in the lead by eight points over Gordon, who overcame a tire problem and a lost lap to finish 12th. Burton remained third, 11 points behind, and Johnson stayed in fourth, moving to 28 points back.

But longtime NASCAR star Martin switched teams this year in order to cut back to a partial Cup schedule and has said he will sit out the next two races, despite leading the points.

"Somebody told me I was still leading the points," the 48-year-old Martin said, grinning. "I don't really know, but that will be gone after next week. At least we can say we were leading when we took a break."

The Bristol race next Sunday will also be the debut of NASCAR's new Car of Tomorrow, which could throw a wild card into the mix, depending on which teams figure out of the all-new, bigger and boxier car first.

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Floyd chapter to host turkey hunting seminar

MARTIN — The Floyd County Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) will host a turkey hunting seminar on April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Martin Community Center. Applications for a special youth turkey hunt will be available at the seminar. Vendors are welcome at the event. Free NWTf memberships will be given to those ages 15 and under and all turkeys taken during the youth hunt will be registered with the NWTf.

For more information, contact Paul Hagans at 285-0176 or Paul Robinson at 874-2701.

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KIM'S KORNER

Say what you mean – Mean what you say

By: Kim Little Frasure

Man, oh, man, can words cause some trouble. I have said it before and I will say it again, I do believe the tongue instead of money can be the root of all evil.

Communication is key, and something we have all heard time and again. And there are many who feel the computer is one form of evil in today's society and depending on how it is used it most certainly can be.

Take emails for instance. There are those who send or receive email in great length and explanation taking pain and time trying to make sure their words come across the way they are intended, leaving no room for mistake or the proverbial reading between the lines.

Yet even then, some will do just that and misconceive or interpret an entirely different meaning than was intended and "wha-la!" chaos erupts, hurt feelings swell, egos are bruised and you've got a mess on your hands.

Yes, the wonderful world of cyberspace has allowed us to communicate worldwide with just a click of our fingers. This hurry up and multi-task

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POISON OAK

An evening in Paris...sort of

by Clyde Pack

When I was about five or six years old, Mom would warn my little brother and me not to "show out" when

company came. The term "show out" could be — a n d often was — interchanged with "act briggidy." When she used either, we knew exactly what she was talking about.

Anyway, I used the term "show out" at work the other day, and believe it or not, only one of the six other individuals in the office, at that time, had ever heard that particular term before, at least in that context.

But the ensuing conversation stirred a memory of one particular time when a crowd of people came to eat dinner with us on a Sunday afternoon, following the annual footwashing meeting at the Thealka Free Will Baptist Church. On such occasions, Mom always issued that warning.

Really, though, unless some of the visitors brought along small children our age, there was no reason to show out. What we usually did when only adults showed up, was busy ourselves in our usual manner and hope that — since the children always ate last — there was something left of the chicken besides the neck and wings. It was too much to hope, for that some of Mom's chocolate pie would be left.

But the only time I recall getting in trouble with the "church crowd" was a time when I was definitely not showing out. Although I knew the rule about children being seen and not heard, what I was doing, was simply being honest.

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A STOP AT AUNT JOSIE'S



The author's Aunt Josie, holding her great-granddaughter, Beth.

The way to 'low gap'

By Ralph Hall

It's another day in my young life and me and Mutt have set out for a trip to the low gap. The low gap was beside the graveyard where I had played "Wild Bill" so many times. Almost everyone on Hen Pen, Abner Mt., and Melvin walked across the low gap every once and awhile. So today me and Mutt are going to the low gap. As we walked up the railroad tracks, I talked and Mutt just shook his head now and again as if to say, "Don't you ever stop talking?" I don't think our old dog, Sooner, wanted to hear me, either because he tagged along about 25 feet behind us, wagging his tail slowly as he walked. What does an old hound dog know, anyway? I guess, though, that Mutt knows me better than I know myself, so I just kept right on talking. And those railroad ties were really hot on our bare feet.

Just about everyone walked back in the '40's in Melvin because very few people owned cars. As we walked by the hometown store, some holler boys were setting on it's front porch. They asked, "Where you two going?"

"To the low gap," we told them.

"What for," they wanted to know.

"Just want to go, no special reason," I told them.

Well, we passed by the little three room schoolhouse and headed on up the holler road that would take us to the low gap. Aunt Dell's house was the first house on this road above the school.

We saw her sitting in a rocking chair out in her yard as we approached. Mutt said, "Let me talk to her, now Ralph, you'll take too long."

"Oh, shucks," I said, "go ahead."

And before Aunt Dell could say a word to us, Mutt said, "We're on our way to the low gap."

"What for," she asked, just like the boys at the store.

"Just want to go," Mutt said, "no reason."

"Well, watch out for snakes goin' up that hill," she cautioned us.

"We will," Mutt called back as we wandered on up the dirt road. Aunt Dell was still talking even as we were almost out of her sight. "How's Goldia? Did your daddy go to work today?" she wanted to know. "They're both just fine," Mutt told her as he ushered the both of us along, but Mutt's rushing didn't stop Aunt Dell - she talked right on. "Why didn't you boys wear shoes," she wanted to know. "There's snakes up through there, you know!"

Mutt called back from our spot on the road past her, "Who needs shoes? It's summertime, Aunt Dell!" When we could no longer hear her, Mutt said, "Hey, Ralph, guess what?"

"What?," I answered back.

"Guess who you're like."

"I don't know," I answered him.

"You're like Aunt Dell," he said.

"How you figure that," I wanted to know.

"Cause you never stop talking and neither does she," he said. Mutt, being a boy of few words, had, for once, rendered me speechless.

"Aunt Dell," I thought to myself, "I'm like Aunt Dell? How could that be?" Aunt Dell weighed over 200 pounds and I weighed about 55 pounds, soaking wet. I guess, though, that Mutt was talking about talking 'cause Aunt Dell sure could talk your head off!

"Yep! Just like Aunt Dell," he said again.

Well, that was the end of that bit of conversation as we now kept on for the low gap. It seemed like everyone had "what for" on their minds today.

As we passed by Grandmaw's house, we saw that she was sitting on her front porch, breaking up white halfrunner beans. Before she said a single word, Mutt said, "We're off to the low gap."

Grandmaw never got to ask the question of the day, "what for?"; just said, "Stop and eat some of these beans on your way back down."

"Okay, we will, if we come back this way," Mutt hollered over at her. "But we may cross the gap and walk down Abner to home," he informed her. As we left behind our view of Grandmaw's house, we walked by our great-grandpaw's log cabin. Great-grandpaw's name was Kool Johnson. He was my Grandpaw Isdora Johnson's father. From his log cabin, we went up a steep little hill that would take us past Aunt Josie's barn.

After we had made it to the top of the little hill, we stopped as we always had in the past, to look back at how far we'd come. There was a dog path that led down to Hen Pen Creek. In the creek was a hole of water where horny heads and sucker fish filled the stream. So we took off down the path to the creek just because we wanted to see them fish. After watching the fish for awhile, we took off back up the path - mostly on our hands and knees since the path was so steep.

Finally, we found ourselves descending the little hill we had crested and when we came to the bend in the road, Aunt Josie's barn was off to the left. Aunt Josie's farm was the halfway point between Melvin and the head of Hen Pen Holler. Aunt Josie's turned the dirt road in Hen Pen to an

oasis on a dusty road. There were two big sycamore trees on the side of the road nearby and Aunt Josie's had a bench built between them for the people who passed by to sit on to rest their legs from walking. That bench would seat eight people. There was an open well in her yard, too, and she always placed a clean half pint Mason jar there every day so that anyone who might want a drink of water could help themselves. If a person happened by who was hungry, Aunt Josie would feed them. In the wintertime, school kids who lived above her in the holler would stop at her house to warm their cold bodies as they were going and coming from school every day. Aunt Josie was like a mother hen to all the kids on Hen Pen and they all loved her.

Me and Mutt made it to the bench and sat down for a rest as we always had before. I walked over to the well box, let the bucket down into the water and brought up a bucket of clear, clean well water. I took a deep drink of that water, it was cold and felt so good as it went down into my stomach. I said, "Hey, Mutt! You gonna get some of this water?"

"You bet, I am," he answered me. Mutt walked over to the well, picked up the Mason jar, rinsed it out as he poured water from the bucket and then poured himself a full jar and began to drink his fill of that good water. As we were walking back out of the yard, we heard the screen door open and as we looked that way, out walked Aunt Josie.

She had two plates of food that she handed to us as she said, "Go sit on the bench over there and eat."

"It's not much," she told us, "just some biscuits and bacon left over from breakfast but I also went to the garden and cleaned off some green onions to go with it. Go on now, sit down over there and eat."

So, me and Mutt sat down and dug into our food, we were hungry and it sure tasted good, too.

Aunt Josie told us, "I'll be right back, boys, sit still." When she came back, she was carrying two glasses of milk. "Brought you something to drink," she said. People say if you want friends, be friendly, well Aunt Josie sure was a friendly woman as everyone on Hen Pen knew. She fed most of those who stopped for a rest, it may have just been bread and onions or a piece of gingerbread, but it was always something. Personally, I always loved her gingerbread, just about as much I loved Grandmaw's apple pies.

Aunt Josie sat down on the end of the bench beside us and said, "Let's talk for awhile, boys." Boy, how I loved those words - "talk for awhile"; and Mutt couldn't do anything about it, else he'd be rude.

"Where you two going today," Aunt Josie asked.

"To the low gap," we told her.

"Well, you're almost there, then, aren't you? You can see it from here," she said.

We talked with Aunt Josie for a little while and then she said, "You boys be careful in that low gap today, there's rattlesnakes up there, you know. I need to get back in the house, now. I got buttermilk to churn." We all got up from the bench and me and Mutt thanked Aunt Josie for the food and then got along on our way again.

As we walked, we passed by Uncle Willie's house. Uncle Willie was in his yard feeding his coon hounds. "Where you two going," he wanted to know. Everyone wanted to know!

"To the low gap," we said for the umpteenth

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CRITTER CORNER

Wildlife 'Baby Boom' time Human intervention may result in orphaned babies

Wildlife baby season is here which means people may come face-to-face with newborn squirrels, deer, rabbits, birds, raccoons and skunks during spring-cleaning. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) receives an increase in calls this time of year from panicked homeowners who have stumbled across wildlife babies in their yards, attics, sheds, garages and yards.

According to Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife for The HSUS, "Thousands of people contact us throughout the spring because they have found baby animals and assume that they need human help because the mother is nowhere in sight. Most people have very good intentions however all too often human intervention can result in orphaned wildlife."

When baby wild animals need human help:

Baby squirrels: If they fall from a tree being cut down, immediately cease the tree-cutting and leave the babies out for the mother to retrieve. If it is cold, put the squirrels on a heating pad on low (using an extension cord) and place a flannel shirt underneath the squirrels so they do not overheat. If the mother does not retrieve them by nightfall, contact a wildlife rehabilitator. Note: assume that any adult squirrels in attics right now are mothers with young.



This is "Rusty," or "RussellRoo" as owner, Glenna Woods, of Allen, has nicknamed him. Rusty, says Glenna, is a dog sort of "owned by a village." His original owners had to move about a year and a half ago and were unable to take him along, so Lois Jenkins, a neighbor, took him in. Following an accident in which Lois broke her leg, rendering her unable to look after the good-natured dog, Glenna took him in and he has been with her ever since. Rusty, Glenna shares, "loves to lay in the grass, chew on rawhides and play with his squeaky toys." He is very well behaved and always comes when Glenna calls him. Glenna says that Rusty is still "somewhat of a neighborhood adopted dog" and many of her neighbors, such as Lois and her son, Phillip Greene, still look out for him and help care for him by dropping by "big bags of dog food" and new toys. Happy ending to a wonderful story! Thank you, Glenna!

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School Happenings

****Floyd County Schools 2007-2008 Kindergarten registration packets are available at local schools. Parents and guardians are invited to visit their schools and pick up a packet.****

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ "Get Moving AMS," an exercise/nutrition program for students will meet on Wednesdays, during the month of March. Heather Nelson, Floyd County 4-H Agent, will facilitate. Interested students may sign up in the YSC.

■ March 19 thru 23 - Spring Book Fair. Parent volunteers who wish to assist may call 886-1297.

■ March 22 - Parent Support Group meeting for AMS and Clark parent/guardians, 8:30 a.m., in YSC office. Refreshments and door prizes.

■ March 27 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

■ To learn about Smarty Camp scholarships, contact the center. Smarty Camp will instruct students in art, music, drama and science, as well as providing recreational activities.

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

■ March 21 - Youth leadership at BSCTC.

■ March 24 - ACT workshop.

■ March 24 - Military Ball.

■ March 27 - TAG trip.

■ March 28 - Sophomores order class rings.

■ March 29 - Internet safety at ACMS, 6 p.m.

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

Allen Central Middle School

■ March 21 - Parent support group meeting, 1:30 p.m. Topic: "Discipline/Managing Behaviors."

■ March 22 - Respect class, 2 p.m., 7th grade girls.

■ March 26, 27, 28 - Genetics presentation, 7th and 8th grades.

■ March 29 - Parent support group meeting, 6 p.m. Topic: "Internet Safety," presented by Trooper Scott Hopkins. Everyone welcome!

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

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

■ Call Allen Elementary Youth Service Center at 874-0621 to schedule your child's Hepatitis B vaccination, immunizations, and WIC appointments.

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Clark Elementary

■ Dairy Queen coupon cards for sale - \$10 each. Contact any Clark student or call Family Resource Center for information.

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

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

■ Nurse services: Floyd County Health Department nurses will be in the Resource Center on selected dates (March 22). Now taking appointments for 6th grade exams, WIC, and well-child exams for birth-18 years. Flu shots may also be scheduled. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.

■ Lost and Found located in Resource Center.

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

Duff Elementary

■ Yearbooks on sale - \$22.

■ FRC is also in need of clothing, sizes 3T thru adult, for emergency

clothing use and burnouts. If you have clothing to donate, please call the FRC.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

■ March 21 - Program on personal hygiene.

■ March 27 - V.I.P. Parent Support Group meeting; 1-2 p.m., in library.

■ March 29 - Presentation on weather by the Jackson Weather Station.

■ March 30 - Big Sandy Singers.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ April 10 - FRC Advisory Council meeting, 4:30 p.m. All FRC members are urged to attend.

■ April 12 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mountain Arts Center. All parents invited!

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

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting applications for enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2007 fall semester. Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

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

■ MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

■ The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

■ All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

■ For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource &

Youth Service Center

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

W.D. Osborne

"Rainbow Junction"

Family Resource Center

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

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

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

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

Wesley Christian School

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

BSCTC Adult

Education & GED

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

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

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

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

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

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

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(March 26 and March 28, 1997)

School bus driver, Marshall Fraley, 43, of Van Lear, was injured, Friday afternoon, when a dump truck struck the mirror of a Floyd County school bus and broken glass hit him in the face...Thomas Emerson, an assistant attorney general has determined, in an opinion issued March 25, that the mayors of Prestonsburg and Paintsville did not violate state law when they assumed new administrative responsibilities and their salaries were increased. The opinion was a response to questions posed in November 1996, by The Floyd County Times and The Paintsville Herald...Dale Wallen, 29, owner of Wallen's Carryout at Allen, and his father, Russell Wallen Jr., 68, were cited for illegal sales to minors when Russell Wallen sold a 12-pack of Bud Light to two underage decoys...Some members of the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission were concerned, Monday evening, that Floyd County was going to be used as a "guinea pig" with a process of bioremediation proposed for closing the Garth landfill...The results of two surveys concerning the issue of community colleges' separating from the University of Kentucky conflict, and Governor Paul Patton is expected to be at PCC to discuss the post-secondary educational reform plan...State ABC commissioner Rick Johnstone kicked off a series of statewide town meetings, Monday, at Allen Central High School, and vowed to get tough on alcohol retailers who sell to minors...The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved, Tuesday, the issuance of emergency food stamps to flood victims who live in the Stephens Branch Road area, Route 7, Garrett, West Garrett, and Lower River Road in Wayland areas...Four people were

transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, Monday, after a two-vehicle accident on Route 114 caused a Dodge Caravan to turn onto its side and a Ford Escort wagon to run off the road. The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad assisted ambulance crews with treating the patients at the scene. Governor Paul Patton told a decidedly hostile audience, Thursday, gathered to hear his views on severing the community college system from its ties to the University of Kentucky, that he had "no argument" to counter the "emotional appeal" of the community colleges' association with the University of Kentucky. Despite that concession, he made no retreat from his proposal to take the administration of 14 UK community colleges out of the university's hands, and put them under the control of a new board, that will also oversee, the state's 26 vocational and technical schools...Floyd County leaders and concerned citizens organized a new committee, Thursday, which will focus on projects to clean up the county and keep it that way...Nora Lee Mastin, 40, and Charles Ray Moore, 38, both of Amburgey, a brother and sister, will be arraigned on federal bank robbery charges, Monday, in United States District Court in Pikeville. They are both charged with the July 1996, armed robbery of the Garrett Branch of the Bank Josephine...Floyd school officials are looking at canceling a contract with the Johnson County school system which allows Floyd County students to attend schools, in that county. Under the reciprocal agreement, Johnson County students may also attend Floyd County schools...Gary Tackett, 31, of Beaver, who showed up in court for jury duty, Thursday, found himself in jail when he allegedly appeared in court under the influence of alcohol...McDowell Elementary is the only school in eastern Kentucky selected by state officials to be a model school for a new discipline policy. The school was picked to participate in the Kentucky Department of Education

Model School Project over more than 50 other schools...There died: Eugene Moore Sr., 68, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of Price, Sunday, March 23, at his residence; Rex Allen Stewart, 41, of Prestonsburg, March 24, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Dorothy Blevins, 82, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, March 19, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Edsel Ray Little, 66, of Wheelwright, Friday, March 21, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Clell Broglin, 84, of Wheelwright, Thursday, March 20, at the Columbia Trinity Hospital in Erin, Tennessee; Jewel Faye Newsome, 66, of Ligon, Friday, March 21, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mary Olinger, 64, of Dayton, Ohio, Sunday, March 23; Roosevelt Goble, 55, of Cow Creek, Saturday, March 22, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Maude Evelyn Osborne, 53, of Melvin, Friday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Taulbie Slone, 89, of Beaver, Thursday, March 20, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Larry Moses Tackett, 21, of Taylor, Michigan, Monday, March 24, at the University Hospital, in Ann Arbor, from injuries he received in a house fire;; Sarah A. Branham Pack, 88, of Lemont, Illinois, formerly of Johnson County, Monday, March 24, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Illinois; Goldie Carroll Wheeler, 89, of Langley, Thursday, March 27, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Beatrice S. Thomas, 84, of Plymouth, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, March 19, in California.

Twenty Years Ago

(April 1, 1987)

Dr. Grady Stumbo, one of the eight candidates for the democratic nomination for governor, said here, last Thursday, that if he were governor he would work to build an economy that

distributed benefits of growth more evenly over the state...The mother of Clate Winston Fairchild, a Paintsville man who died following an auto accident on February 4, has filed a suit against the driver of the car, charging that reckless driving and the driver's failure to aid her injured son caused his death..."I'm doing the best I know how, but they're trying to kick me out," Railroad Commissioner Jimmy Gabe Turner said about the latest effort in Frankfort to abolish the commission...Black lung benefits would be cut back sharply, and the coal industry would pick up a larger share of the benefits burden under a proposal made Monday by a panel looking into ways to ease the state's worker's compensation crisis...A three-judge panel of the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled, Friday, that the state's tax on unmined minerals—one-tenth of a cent per \$100 in value—is so low that it amounts to an exemption from taxation, and is therefore unconstitutional...Prestonsburg native Walter Wells May's play, "Measure of Respect," is one of three plays by Kentucky natives being performed in Actors' Guild of Lexington's second annual New Theater Festival...There died: Stephen Robinson, 31, of Thelma, March 23...Terry Lee Conn, 30, of Printer, Sunday...Edward Dingus, 81, of Printer, Wednesday...Troy Blackburn, 91, of Stanville, Friday...Mrs. Fanny Robinson Branham, 94, of Prestonsburg, Friday...Allen Madison Collett, 69, of Garrett, Friday...Alex Nicley, 78, of Hi Hat, Friday...Beverage (B.V.) Moore, 83, of Garrett, Tuesday...Orbin Johnson, 67, of Flat Gap, Saturday...and Johnnie M. George, 75, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday.

Thirty Years Ago

(March 30, 1977)

(See YESTERDAYS, page eight)

Yesterdays

A water system to serve the entire Bull Creek watershed became a certainty this week, as U.S. Senators Huddleston and Ford announced that the Department of Agriculture has awarded the Water Gap-Bull Creek Water District more than \$400,000 in a grant and loan for the work...Preparing for an April 1 strike, the McDowell Regional Hospital announced, Monday, that it has started limiting patient admissions and services...Ninety-four Floyd Countians had, at 11 a.m., Tuesday, officially filed their candidacies for county office at the county clerk's office...The fiscal court was divided on three issues which came before it at its Monday meeting, and the widest split was recorded on what was later termed "a political issue"...Dr. Jerry C. Davis, vice-president of North Greenville College, Tigerville, S.C., has been appointed Alice Lloyd College president to succeed William S. Hayes, president of the College since 1962...Opponents of the Paint Creek dam project in Johnson and Morgan counties haven't given up, but their chances of winning are far from bright...Added to the string of announcements of rate increases granted by the Public Service Commission, in recent months, to Floyd County utilities, was one for \$27,784 on March 22, to the Auxier Water Company...There died: Susie Harris, 76, of Topmost, March 18, at McDowell Regional Hospital; Ella Hall, 64, formerly of Harold, March 24, at Cresthaven Nursing Home, Paintsville; Tilton Little, 59, of Bevinville, March 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lewis Henry Conley, 58, March 23, at Veterans Hospital in Durham, N.C.; Garfield Booth, 45, brother of Monroe Booth, of Prestonsburg, March 19, in a Columbus, O., hospital; Roy Hill, 48, of Betsy Layne, March 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Aira Cleveland Osborne, 91, formerly of Auxier, March 24, at Monticello Medical Center; Ida Goodman Wills, 88, formerly of Garrett, March 24, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital; Mrs. Tony

Hopper, 83, formerly of Wayland, March 21, at Lawrence County General Hospital in Ironton, O.; Ell Johnson, 57, of Risner, March 23.

Forty Years Ago (March 30, 1967)

What is believed to be the biggest lake fertilization project to be undertaken in Kentucky waters, will be launched shortly at Dewey Lake, it was announced this week...Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield announced, Monday, his decision to make the race for the Democratic nomination for Governor, joining seven other anti-administration candidates in the quest for votes at the May primary...The problem created in the Big Sandy River by coal wastes, originating in Virginia, was discussed at length in a hearing held, last Friday, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park, on proposed water quality criteria for the Big Sandy and Tug Fork...The Big Sandy Community Action Program Inc., is beginning an out-of-school Neighborhood Youth Corps program which will place 300 boys and girls, between the ages of 16 and 21, on jobs with public, and non-profit organizations in the area...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robinson, of Water Gap, a daughter—Lesia Jean—March 25...There died: Mrs. Millie Ousley, 64, of Risner, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Willard Johnston, 86, formerly of Jack's Creek, Saturday, at his home at Virgie; Ted Meade, 62, of Halo, Monday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Mrs. Verdine Hamilton, 52, of Beaver, March 18, at the home, at Galveston, of her mother; Dewey Hicks Jr., 38, formerly of Langley, Saturday, in a construction accident at Zionsville, Indiana.

Fifty Years Ago (April 4, 1957)

Hopper, 83, formerly of Wayland, March 21, at Lawrence County General Hospital in Ironton, O.; Ell Johnson, 57, of Risner, March 23.

Bootlegging, drunk driving, and thievery—in that order, these were listed by Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill, Monday morning, as the three most perplexing problems Floyd County has to face...Jack M. Friar, of Rose Hill, Va., began work, Monday, as assistant county agent in this county, bringing the county extension staff to its full complement of three agents, for the first time since the resignation of O. E. Boggs as county agent two months ago...The unusual situation of one school supplying the winners in both the Herald-Dispatch and Courier-Journal divisions of the Floyd County spelling bee finals developed here, Saturday. Both champion spellers, Barbara Ellen Hamilton, who won the Herald-Dispatch bee, and Eva Pauline Hamilton, winner of the Courier-Journal contest, come from the Teaberry rural school...Joe Palmer Compton, 14-year-old high school freshman, was fatally injured, Tuesday afternoon, when the auto which he was driving, was struck at the Banner railway crossing by a train...A sewage treatment plant for Prestonsburg to conform with federal anti-pollution regulations is "out," at least temporarily...Contractors' bids will be opened by the Department of Highways, Friday morning, on the proposed bituminous surfacing of the Northern-David road, from Hippo to the junction with Ky. 404, near David...There died: Joe Slone, 40, formerly of Manton, Saturday, at Ypsilanti, Mich...B.J. Hunter, 63, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Charles Washington Jarrell, 71, of Woods, Saturday, on Cow Creek.

Sixty Years Ago (March 27, 1947)

The FBI has cleared Floyd County of its "badland" label as "the bloodiest soil in the western hemisphere." According to an FBI study, Floyd County, with its 52,986 population, and 11 slayings last year, is not so bloody, even as Lexington, with a

population of 39,304 and 11 murders...In an address to the Kiwanis Club, last week, Prestonsburg Mayor E. P. Arnold complained that city property was not being properly assessed; that a minimum of \$30,000 should be realized from city taxes—not the approximate \$12,000 of past years...Edd DeCoursey, Wayland Wasp star forward, this week, was named to the All-State basketball team...Names of more than 9,000 Kentuckians—128 of them Floyd Countians—Known to have died in World War II, will be placed on a large roster in the University of Kentucky's new Memorial Coliseum-Fieldhouse when it is completed, University President H. L. Donovan said this week...Baseball and football will be played here, this year, under lights, on a new field, James Roark Jr., manager of the Prestonsburg baseball club, announced Wednesday...Oscar Goodman, 21, formerly of Dwale, was fatally injured, March 15, when struck by a chair at his home in Marshall, Michigan...In a report, this week, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, Floyd health doctor, pronounced as "shameful," the county's record of 24 tuberculosis deaths in 1946, and at least 250 other persons suffering from the disease...Married: Miss Louberta Dawson and Mr. Roland Allen, of Prestonsburg, here, March 14; Miss Dorthea Belle Pratt, of Martin, and Mr. Paul Frederick Thomas, of Dayton, Ohio, March 9; Miss Rae Johnson, of Lexington, and Mr. Glenn S. Layne, of Justell, March 20...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Walter McKenzie, of David, a daughter—Brenda Joyce—March 19; to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thornsbury, of Bypro, a son, March 10...There died: Hi Caudill, 45, of Wayland, last week, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Mrs. Isabelle Moore Reynolds, 21, of McDowell, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, Wednesday; Alex Harmon, 79, Monday, at his home at Prestonsburg; Mrs. Eliza Jane Hicks, 60, last Thursday, at her home at Garrett; Dennis Thornsbury, 41, at home at Eastern, Sunday; Emmitt Hamilton, 69, at his home at Dony, March 11;

Mrs. Sarah Allen, 85, at home on Salt Lick Creek, Sunday; Julia Ann Beckleheimer, 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mart Beckleheimer, at home, Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago (March 26, 1937)

After completion of interior alterations, costing about \$25,000, and the installation of new office equipment, costing an estimated \$80,100, replacing the damage wrought by a recent fire, the Floyd County courthouse is ready for the opening day of circuit court, April 5...According to reports this week, another gas company will soon locate its offices in Prestonsburg, its operations to cover Floyd and Martin, and possibly Knott and Pike counties...Claude Huff, 27, Floyd resident, died Monday morning, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, of bullet wounds received a few hours earlier at the Blue Moon roadhouse, east of Hindman...Materials are being placed on the building site at Drift, this week, for a new tippie to be constructed by the Beaver Coal Mining Co., to replace the old one, destroyed by fire, January 9...A full four-years high school and no graduating class of seniors—such is the position of Bonanza High School. At the beginning of the school, this year, two seniors were enrolled, but after a short attendance, dropped out to go to work...Married: Miss Emma Lou Hagans, of Langley, and Mrs. Stephen W. Clark, of Wheelwright, March 19, at Van Lear; the following, whose addresses are not available, applied for marriage licenses during the past week: Clyde Dingus and Winnie Calton, Freel Tackett and Ruthia R. Frasure, Frank Lemaster and Cora Blevins, Virgil Honeycutt and Mildred Taylor, and Greeley Puckett and Bettie Adams...There died: Silas Hunley, 81, of Betsy Layne, March 18, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Critter

Fawns: It is normal for mother deer to leave their fawn alone for long periods of time to avoid attracting predators by the mother's scent (the young are odorless, therefore safer without mom around). You should only be concerned and call a wildlife rehabilitator if the fawn is wandering and bleating constantly, or if a clearly lactating yet dead mother is found nearby.

Baby rabbits: Similar to deer, baby bunnies are often left alone so that the mother's scent does not attract predators. Only if the babies have been attacked by an animal or injured by a lawnmower (or anything else), should you call a rehabilitator.

Baby raccoons: Raccoon cubs are rarely left unsupervised, therefore, if you find a baby raccoon alone for more than a few hours outside, it is a sign that something happened to their mom and you should contact a wildlife rehabilitator. To help avoid orphaning baby raccoons, do not use a trap. It may be tempting to set one for a garbage-raiding raccoon however, you are likely to catch the mom and leave her babies orphaned. "Scrap the trap" and instead, put your garbage out the morning of trash collection instead of the night before and deal with the problem at its source.

Baby skunks: Sometimes baby skunks get separated from their mothers due to their poor eyesight. If you do find a nose-to-tail line of baby skunks running through your neighborhood, place a laundry basket over them, upside down, to hold them in place and give the mother a chance to find them. If she does not retrieve them by the next morning, then a rehabilitator should be called. Remember to move slowly around skunks. Even baby skunks can "spritz" "baby spray" if they perceive that something is attacking.

Baby birds: It is a myth that if a baby bird is touched by humans, the parents will reject it. The reality is that birds have strong maternal instincts and the best thing to do if you find a fallen chick is to put it gently back in its nest. If the nest is inaccessible or destroyed, you can secure a nest-sized wicker basket close to the original nest. The parents should take over the new nest without a problem.

Fledgling birds: You may think you see a bird with a broken wing, but many birds in June cannot fly yet because they are fledglings, i.e. birds who are in transition having left the nest but still needing to learn how to fly from the ground up. You can tell if their parents are still taking care of them by watching to see if adult birds fly over to feed them and by seeing if there are bird droppings on the ground. Birds poop after they are fed,

so fecal material indicates that his parents are around and all is well. Simon also warns people as a general rule: "Don't cut down or destroy old hollow trees this time of year—there are most likely babies of various species inside."

The HSUS Wild Neighbors Program promotes non-lethal means for resolving conflicts between people and wildlife and cultivates understanding and appreciation for wild animals commonly found in cities and towns. On the web at www.wildneighbors.org.

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization — backed by 10 million Americans, or one of every 30. For more than a half-century, The HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education, and hands-on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty — On the web at www.humanesociety.org.

Oak

Here's what happened. One of the visiting ladies must have literally taken a bath in Evening in Paris. If she got within 10 feet of you, your eyes would water. Anyway, she had left the room and I simply commented—to no one in particular, and probably louder than I meant to—that she might have overdosed it a bit with that little blue bottle. Well, that isn't exactly the words I used. What I really said was, "Lordy, she sure smells strong."

Well, unfortunately for me, angels were flying over the Pack house at that very instance, and not a single other persons in that whole room was speaking. Of course, everybody in the house heard my assessment of the lady's fragrance, including her. I think she must have gotten mad, because she and her husband left immediately—after they each had two helpings of everything Mom had fixed, including the fried chicken.

As was the usual custom, foot-washing guests, unless they lived a long way off, usually stayed until church time that night, with the men congregating on the front porch, and the woman sitting around the kitchen table, watching Mom scrub the pots and pans. That provided time for her to forget about my little Evening in Paris comment. But she didn't, and the last guest hadn't gotten out of sight, before I caught the dickens.

We were always warned about not showing out, but that's not the only thing that could get a feller in trouble. Over the next few years, I really dreaded footwashing time.

Korner

world of ours has us doing ump-teen things at once and trying to be short, sweet, and to the point. But put it in print and it can end up being anything but leaving a smoking paper trail so hot we need a fire extinguisher standing nearby.

It still amazes me how easily words can get so out of control and repeated so out of context that it isn't even funny.

Remember the childhood game of sitting in a circle and one starts out to whisper a sentence in the next person's ear to be passed along? Once the last person gets the message and is to repeat it out loud, the entire sentence has become something so totally different it is hilarious! Yes, those were the days. Ah, but now we're all grown up and those days are over!

Well, sitting in a circle whispering in your friend's ear maybe, but dealing with the miscommunication of our words most definitely is not!

Sure, there's a whole other avenue to blame it on today, too. Like, "couldn't find my glasses when I read your email," or "you know I'm losing my hearing, I thought that was what you said"! Both do come along with age but

Gap

time. "Head right up that there hill in front of you," he told us before adding, "Don't you boy sit down by no tree and go to sleep up there in that gap, no. There's snakes up there, you know." (Yes, by now, we surely did know.)

"I was up there huntin' the other day," Uncle Willie said, "and I set down by a tree and laid down my gun. Closed my eyes to rest for a bit and went off to sleep. I was a-sleepin' so good, too," he told us, "but was awakened by a tightness in my belly. I reached down to feel of my belly thinking I must have eat something bad earlier in the day. But to my surprise, it was about a five-foot long blacksnake that had tightened 'round me. I couldn't pull it away, neither, so I reached into my pocket, took out my case knife, cut off its head and threw it down the hill! I'll never go huntin' up there again," he said.

"So you boys better be careful up there, he said. "Be careful nothing," we both cried out about the same time. "We ain't going up into that low gap today or no other day!" Me and Mutt neither one didn't like no snakes and Uncle Willie's story was all we needed to hear to get us head-

saying what we mean and meaning what we say has got to take more consideration on our parts than it seems to in this day and time.

Being crude, rude and socially unacceptable is just not acceptable anymore.

And we are all privileged to encounter crudeness, rudeness; blunt couldn't care less people almost on a daily basis in some form or another.

Be it in our own families, friends, or even work related.

And man, can it get rough, tough and downright aggravating to deal with such carelessness that rolls off people's tongues!

The tongue can be as sharp as a two-edged sword and the scars left behind from the cuts can cause years of resentment, pain and suffering.

Lashing out with words packs such an impact. Yet, when followed by a sincere apology they can also be erased from our hearts and minds as if they were never said, just as the good Lord wipes our slates clean and pure as snow when we ask forgiveness of our sins never to be remembered again.

How very easy it is to find fault

with others, yet the horse-blinders we wear keep us from seeing our own. Words are then tossed out like stones crashing through glass houses. Then when that boomerang affect comes full-force, bam, smack, whop right up side your own head and you get it!

What goes around comes around and the force that comes back can literally send you to your knees.

When all the pain, heartache and suffering could have been avoided IF only we would think before we speak.

How many times have we heard "you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar"? Too many to count!

Showing respect, compassion, consideration and kindness gets us a lot farther in this cold cruel world than being harsh, crass, mean and nasty.

Try it if you don't believe me and just see for yourself what a little positive, kind word will do. You will be amazed, I guarantee it!

Til Next Week
Here's to saying what you mean and meaning what you say!
May God Bless your words...

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after a haircut." And that's another story for another day...

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Fact is, everyone's potentially at risk for heart disease and stroke.

The good news is even small changes in your lifestyle can help you live a longer, healthier life. That's why it's important to understand your risk factors — traits and lifestyle habits that increase your risk — and manage the ones you can control. We can help you. Visit us online at AmericanHeart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA-1.

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Pointers On Pets

Dental Hygiene Important For Pets, Too

(NAPSA)-Almost 80 percent of adults brush their teeth at least twice a day, according to the American Dental Association, but many of us also completely ignore the dental health of our pets. February is National Pet Dental Health Month, sponsored in part by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). The AVMA offers some tips and information on how to keep your pet's teeth healthy:

- Look for signs of tooth decay and oral disease by inspecting your pet's teeth regularly. Bad breath, discoloration and tartar are all indications of problems that could lead to serious health risks with the potential for not only damaging teeth and gums but internal organs.
 - Regular visits to your veterinarian should include a complete check-up of your pet's teeth. Your veterinarian should clean plaque and tartar off your pet's teeth if necessary. When tartar-created by the mixture of food debris, saliva and bacteria in the mouth is allowed to build up unabated, it can accumulate between teeth and gums, causing tooth loss and leading to an infection that can enter the bloodstream and spread to the heart or other internal organs.
 - Brush your pet's teeth daily or at least weekly. While most dogs or cats will not immediately accept a dental hygiene regimen, it can be successfully introduced with patience, particularly if you start when the pet is young. To acclimate your pet to dental health, start slowly, using plenty of praise and treats. Begin at a time when your pet is relaxed and massage the outside of his or her mouth with your finger. Then give your pet a tasty pet toothpaste-poultry-flavored is the most popular-and slowly introduce a toothbrush to his or her teeth. Begin brushing in short intervals, working up to about 30 seconds a side.
 - Dogs don't accumulate as much tartar on the outside of their teeth as they do on the inside, so focus your dental hygiene attention there.
 - Feed your dog or cat crunchy food, or at least a mix of hard and soft foods. The abrasive texture of kibble can help keep teeth clean, while soft food can cling to your pet's teeth and lead to decay. Also consider crunchy treats, which also help clean teeth.
 - Chew toys for dogs and rope toys that cats can chew are not only immensely entertaining for your pet, but they help keep teeth clean and breath smelling fresh.
- For more information on this and other pet issues, contact the AVMA at www.avma.org.



Terri Giltner, KCTCS System Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Daphne Goble, Dr. George D. Edwards, President of BSCTC

BSCTC Public Relations staff wins recognition

Daphne Goble, staff member from the Public Relations office at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, was recognized for professional excellence by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) on March 13, in Versailles.

Daphne brought home three winning entries in the KCTCS Public Relations Multimedia Awards this year. She won the gold medal for Photography/Digital or Film. Her entry was a photo she did of Francis Branham for her album shoot, "A Little Country, A Lot of Class." She won a Bronze medal for Printed Publications/4-color process Brochure for a "Girls Fun in the Sun: Math and Science Summer Camp." She also had an honorable mention entry for "BSCTC Tickets: Evening of Christmas 2005 & Graduation 2006."

BSCTC Office of Cultural Diversity promotes Diversity and Global Awareness at local elementary schools

The BSCTC Director of Cultural Diversity Bernadette Tiapo embarked on a number of presentations to promote diversity and global awareness in the community. Leslie Bays, at the BSCTC Office of Institutional Advancement, accompanied Ms. Tiapo during these presentations.

On Wednesday March 7, Bernadette and Lesley were guests of the 4th and 5th graders at Central Elementary School in Paintsville. On Friday March 9, presentations were conducted at Flat Gap Elementary School (involving 3rd, 4th and 5th graders) and at Highland Elementary School (involving 5th graders).

Through the use of music, video feeds, and a detailed PowerPoint presentation titled "Diversity and Global Awareness," students were exposed to different aspects of the African continent. The presentation included issues like the people, traditions, music and musical instruments, art, dances, traditional outfits, wildlife, perennial crops, and food crops. Bernadette and Leslie entertained very lively questions from the students who were very eager to know more about Africans and the African continent. A major highlight of each presentation was when the students and some staff members were clad in different traditional African outfits. Taking diversity awareness to elementary schools is one outreach approach of the BSCTC Office of Cultural Diversity, and the Diversity Leadership and Outreach Committee to engage the community and foster the BSCTC/KCTCS goal of promoting diversity and global awareness. Similar presentations will be organized with other Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in the BSCTC service area.

For additional information please contact Bernadette Tiapo, BSCTC Director of Cultural Diversity at 606-886-7374 or btapo0001@kctcs.edu.



OLM announces Science Fair winners

Our Lady of the Mountains School recently sponsored a Science Fair for all students in grades 4 through 8. The projects were carried out utilizing scientific investigation, and included a journal, display board, and a written report detailing the entire process from start to finish. Students were also required to explain their topic and procedure in an oral interview during the judging process. The first place winner in each grade advanced to the Regional Science Fair. Pictured are winners (front row) David Sanders and Gabriel Cybriwsky; and (back row) Elizabeth Hardt, Anna Crotty, and Juilana Cybriwsky. Faculty advisor for the Science Fair was Mrs. Christy Terry.



The Princess and the Pea preliminary design by Paul Denayer, one of this season's JWT scenic designers.

Stage Talk

by Martin Childers

(Martin Childers is Executive Director of the Jenny Wiley Theatre at Prestonsburg. His column about theatre happenings and back stage activities appears weekly.)

When a fairy tale comes to our stage this summer, it could be a real-life dream come true for many young people in our region.

The Princess and The Pea is the timeless Hans Christian Anderson story of a Prince in search of the "perfect" bride, and it opens on June 23. The cast, who will be involved in stacking mattresses and other schemes to test the requirements for a royal bride, will be members of the Jenny Wiley Youth/Teen Company.

These talented young people from all around our region will appear in the professionally designed and produced play. Some have appeared in previous years, productions, but for many it will be their first time on stage - an opportunity only available because Jenny Wiley Theatre is here.

Many mothers have told me how their children derived a life-long love of theatre because of their appearances in Jenny Wiley shows over the last 4 decades. And quite a few have gone on to a career in some form of music or theatre - whether teaching or performing.

The Youth/Teen Company members who will appear in The Princess and The Pea this summer are: Victoria May, 12, Allen; Matthew Conn, 14, Banner; Olivia Davis, 9, Dana; Ashley Fleming, 13, Elkhorn City; Deelaney Hackney, 10, Harold; Skyler Slone, 14, Hindman; Tessa Adkins, 12, Paintsville; Sarah Frankawahare, 12, Chris Hall, 10, and Tesia James, 16, all of Pikeville; Tyra Short, 9, Pinetop; Charity Cook, 9, Pippa Passes; Kathryn Darby Cooksey, 12, Jessica Hall, 10, Alex Lester, 12, and Lizzie Wilson, 11, all of Prestonsburg; Madison Martin, 10, Raven; Grace Bailey, 9, Haley Dyer, 14, and Kourtney Salyer, 11, all of Salyersville; Sahara LaForce, 9, Van Lear; and Jackson Adams, 10 and Ali Hall, 12, both of Whitesburg.

Ticket information and more about this and our other shows can be found at our website: jwtheatre.com

2007 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

What do diesel fuel, popcorn, vitamin c, and junk in your trunk all have in common? They were winning projects at the 6th annual East Kentucky Regional Science Fair. The Fair was held Saturday March 10th on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

67 Students spanning grades 4-12 and representing six eastern Kentucky counties and 25 schools from around the region spent the day communicating the results of their scientific research to the science fair judges. To be eligible to compete at the Regional Level, students had to place first in their grade level at their school science fairs. Knott County students swept the day by taking five of the nine first place awards, students from Floyd and Perry, each won two of the remaining four 1st place positions.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each grade level and their schools shared in \$8,500 in prizes through the assistance of Citizens National Bank and Morehead State University's East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP project. All placing students were awarded a U.S. Savings Bond and a trophy in recognition of their achievement. Schools of first place winners in each grade level also were awarded a cash prize for use in their science departments.

8th Grade students vied for an additional honor in the form of the Tony Turner Award. Established four years ago to honor the memory of the former WYMT news anchor and station manager, the Tony Turner Award is presented to the 8th grade student who best communicated their project through oral, written, and visual means. This year's award was presented by WYMT Weatherman Jim Caldwell to Skyler Slone, an eight grade student from Hindman Elementary School, Knott County.

"Dr." Don Bevins, with WPRG TV-5, served his sixth year as emcee of the fair's award ceremony. East Kentucky Science Center Executive Director Eric Thomas, along with Citizens National Bank Vice President Mark Wieta presented the students with their awards. Next year's East Kentucky Regional Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th, 2008.

REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

4th Grade
1st place Catherine Gabbard, Buckhorn Elem., Perry County
2nd place Brooke Goble, Paintsville Elem., Johnson County
3rd place Samantha Davis, AB Combs Elem., Perry County

5th Grade
1st place Shawn Quesenberry, Mountain Christian Academy, Floyd County
2nd place Terry Adams, Clark Elem., Floyd County
3rd place Ben Combs, Jackson City School, Breathitt County

6th Grade
1st place Rachel Rice, Carr Creek Elem., Knott County
2nd place Angelina Smith, Jones Fork Elem., Knott County
3rd place Ale Walker, Paintsville Elem., Johnson County

7th Grade
1st place Molly Bates, Pikeville High School, Pike County
2nd place Jesse Yeary, June Buchanan School, Knott County
2nd place Ryan Combs, Carr Creek Elem., Knott County

8th Grade
1st place Harmeet Bhagrath, Mountain Christian Academy, Floyd County
2nd place Skyler Slone, Hindman Elem., Knott County
3rd place Shikha Sachdeva, Pikeville High, Pike County

9th Grade
1st place Nicole Ritchie, Knott County Central High School, Knott County

10th Grade
1st place Jonathan Adams, Knott County Central High School, Knott County
2nd place Katie Robinson, June Buchanan School, Knott County
3rd place Kelsey Campbell, Buckhorn High School, Perry County

11th Grade
1st place Shekufe Akhter, June Buchanan School, Knott County
2nd place Megan Mosley, Knott County Central High, Knott County

12th Grade
1st place Tiffany Owens, Knott County Central High School, Knott County

2007 Tony Turner Award Winner
Skyler Slone, Hindman Elementary, Knott County

Ask The Pharmacist

Making It Easier To Quit Smoking

by Lisa Chavis, RPh

(NAPSA)-Cigarettes kill an estimated 440,000 Americans each year and are a major cause of lung cancer, heart disease, bronchitis, emphysema and stroke. While kicking the habit can be difficult, more than 3 million Americans do quit every year.

The use of nicotine replacement therapies (NRTs) can be an effective way to quit. They provide a measured dose of nicotine to help ease physical withdrawal symptoms. NRTs are most effective when used in combination with behavioral change programs.

Below are various types of nicotine replacement therapies available as FDA-approved over-the-counter products. Before starting any cessation regimen, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

Nicotine patch: The patch is applied to your skin and delivers small, controlled doses of nicotine into the bloodstream. Some forms are also available by prescription.

Nicotine gum: Nicotine gum contains enough nicotine to reduce the urge to smoke. Because it takes longer for the chemical to reach the brain, its effect is less intense.

Nicotine lozenges: These are hard candies that release nicotine as they dissolve. Users reduce the number of lozenges until they are nicotine-free.

The following are NRTs available by prescription only.

Nicotine inhaler: These cigarette-like devices let you inhale nicotine while providing substantially less than a real cigarette.

Nicotine nasal spray: The nicotine is sprayed into the nostrils, where it is rapidly absorbed. The spray delivers a nicotine hit much faster than any other NRT.

Research has shown that smokers who use nicotine replacement therapy products and participate in a behavioral change program can double their chances of quitting. Nicotine-free cessation aids have also been effective.

Bupropion and Varenicline: Bupropion is an antidepressant drug that dramatically reduces nicotine's physical withdrawal symptoms. Varenicline is a prescription drug that can partially activate nicotine receptors in the brain, reducing a person's craving.

Hypnosis: Hypnosis puts people into an altered state of mind where they become more susceptible to suggestion.

For more information, visit www.medco.com.

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