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Johnson gets five years for mail fraud

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

Other defendants get lesser sentences

PIKEVILLE — Four Floyd County residents were sentenced on Monday in U.S. District Court in connection with arranging staged automobile accidents and a house fire for the purpose of filing false claims in order to collect insurance payments.

In a plea agreement, Billy Joe

Johnson entered a guilty plea for two counts of conspiracy to commit mail fraud after using the U.S. Postal Service to file false claims to several insurance companies.

According to the plea agreement, in 2002, one of the four conspirators, Douglas Branham, spoke with Billy

Joe Johnson concerning his poor financial condition and devised a plan in which Branham would file a false insurance claim with Nationwide Insurance after setting fire to his house. Johnson agreed to assist and Branham said he would leave his home unlocked so that the crime could take place.

On Sept. 24, 2002, Billy Joe Johnson, William Jason Johnson and Chad Conn, went to the home of Douglas Branham and removed items they did not want to have destroyed by the fire. Later that evening, the three drove back to Branham's home and had a disagreement as to how to successfully set fire to the home. All parties agree

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briefs

Bomb found in Magoffin

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — An explosive device attached to a Wolfe County man's vehicle was discovered in a parking lot at the Magoffin County Courthouse.

According to Kentucky State Police, Post 9 received the call at approximately 4:19 p.m. Monday from the Magoffin County 911 center advising that deputies had discovered the explosive device.

Troopers were dispatched to the scene, where they evacuated the area and formed a safe perimeter around the 1986 Ford Bronco owned by 33-year-old Wolfe County resident Randy Pack.

KSP Hazardous Devices Unit also responded to the scene and determined that the device could be removed without exploding.

Back worked at the building located adjacent to the courthouse.

This incident is still under investigation by KSP Detectives Kevin Newsome and Donnie Shearer.

BRIEFING THE PUBLIC



photos by Jessica Hale

Prestonsburg City Economic Development Director Brent Graden and Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson stood before the crowd at the State of the County Address discussing the progress of Martin's redevelopment plan.

Local leaders look ahead in state of county address

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER



Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin addressed an audience of local city officials and community members Tuesday.

PRESTONSBURG — "A thousand mile journey doesn't begin until you take the first step," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R. D. Marshall at the first ever State of the County Address held Tuesday at the Mountain Arts Center.

Several speakers were asked to address the audience composed mostly of community leaders and prominent citizens, in order to give an overall update on the everyday ins and outs of a growing county system and new and continuing projects seem to be at the top of everyone's list.

Martin Mayor Thomasine Robinson updated the audience on the progress of her city's redevelopment plan. According to a short video reviewing the plan's efforts, 36 floods have ravaged the small community since the year of 1862.

The \$98 million project is aimed to raise the entire city out of the floodplain. Of course, the necessary funding must first be made available in order for the project to be successful and Robinson says this is the most crucial aspect in moving forward with a project that will change the city for the better.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry

(See ADDRESS, page 14)

Council holds closed-door discussions

by JESSICA HALE
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Monday's regular Prestonsburg City Council meeting yielded much discussion behind closed doors during two separate executive sessions.

During open session, the Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center gave the council an update on their operations. Al Gunter thanked the council for all of its help in keeping the "Meals on Wheels" program up and running, noting that the center was putting to use several vehicles donated to them by the city.

Mayor Jerry Fannin

signed a proclamation making Wednesday "Kick Butts Day" in Prestonsburg. Jean Rosenberg with the Floyd County Health Department along with other staff were present to thank the council for their cooperation with this one-day event to ban smoking in some public buildings and restaurants on Wednesday only.

Council then went into closed session to discuss an issue regarding the deed for the property where Prestonsburg Elementary School is currently located. Allegedly, the deed was supposed to have been turned over to the Floyd County Board of Education

(See COUNCIL, page eight)

Businesses look to 'kick butts' today

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"Kick Butts Day" is being observed by local area restaurants today, as encouraged by the Floyd County Health Department.

Diners at the following Prestonsburg area restaurants will be asked to refrain from smoking, for the first time, during their visits today: Billy Ray's Restaurant, Dairy Cheer, Dairy Queen, El Azul Grande, Giovanni's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Jerry's Restaurant, Long

John Silver's, Made From Scratch Dining and Catering, Pin-Zone Bowling Center, Pizza Hut, and Sharon's Pizza (located on the David Road).

Currently, 15 Prestonsburg restaurants are smoke-free every day. ThOSE restaurants are: BSCTC's Campus Grill, Charley's Grilled Subs, Country at Heart & Old Town Fudge Company, Down to Earth, Hardee's, Jenny Wiley State Park Lodge, Little Caesar's,

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School board sets calendar for next year

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It seems that new school years begin earlier and earlier each new season and this coming year will be no different as the Floyd County Board of Education opted to approve a calendar schedule that will have school beginning on August 6 this year, with teachers beginning their first day of work on August 2.

The early start date, according to Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel, allows for more instructional time throughout the year before the spring testing window. Test scores for the district have risen in recent years and Springer attributed this improvement to earlier start dates.

Due to several days of school closings this past winter due to

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Members of the Adams Middle School Y-Club, along with sponsor Lisa Pelphrey, appeared before the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening to report on their recent trip to Frankfort and their participation in this year's Kentucky Youth Assembly. The AMS club received the "Outstanding Advocate Team" award at the state convention, as well as an award for presenting the "Best Overall Bill" package. Additionally, two club members, Seth Carter and Kaitlyn Minix, received individual achievement awards.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

3 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 76 • Low: 53

Tomorrow



High: 62 • Low: 42

Friday



High: 70 • Low: 47

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Obituaries

William "Bill" Edward Ackerman III

William "Bill" Edward Ackerman III, 62, of Richmond, lost his 10-year battle with cancer on Friday, March 23, 2007. The disease finally destroyed his body, but never his spirit and zeal for life.

Bill is survived by Dianna, his wife of 34 years; two sons: William "Billy" Edward (Erin Jones) Ackerman IV, and Terry David (Sarah Talbot) Ackerman; two beautiful granddaughters: Hannah Joy and Sophie Grace; his mom, Virginia Potts Ackerman; a sister, Susan (Clifford) King; his aunt and uncle, Bob and Louise Gray; a special brother-in-law, Delbert Ousley; a loving mother-in-law, Edith Ousley; seven nieces and one nephew; countless young ladies, whom he called daughters; and many other great-nieces, nephews, friends, and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Edward Ackerman Jr., and his father-in-law, Jimmie Ousley.

Bill was born December 14, 1944, in Louisville. He was among the first graduating class of Fairdale High School, he graduated from the University of Louisville, and was employed by the F.D.I.C. for 15 years, and several area banks for 15 more years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, and served as deacon, and held several other volunteer and leadership positions. He was also an avid golfer, card player, and lover of God's people.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 26, at the First Baptist Church, with Rev. Bill Fort, Curtis Warf and Dan Bruce officiating.

Pallbearers were: Scott Althaus, Larry Bailey, Roland Barnett, David Bohannon, Ron Boyd, Tom Bratcher, Oliver Cosby, Bobby Gray, Bill McCoy, Joe Miller, and Duane Parsons.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of the First Baptist Church, and members of the co-ed 6 Sunday School Class.

Visitation was from 5 p.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, March 25, at the First Baptist Church.

Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 425 Eastern By-Pass, Richmond, Ky. 40475, or to Home Meals Delivery, 325 University Dr., Richmond, Ky. 40475.

To express condolences, visit our website at www.orpfh.com. (Paid obituary)

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Versa Addis

Versa Addis, 82, of McDowell, died Saturday, March 24, 2007, at her residence.

Born August 25, 1924, in Dema, she was the daughter of the late Miles and Ollie Slone Jones. She was a member of the Praise Assembly Church in Prestonsburg, and was retired from the dietary department at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her hus-

band, James (Buster) Addis.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Larry and Rolanda Addis of McDowell; a daughter, Vonda Kendrick of McDowell; two brothers: Herbert Jones and Curt Jones, both of Michigan; two sisters: Luna Combs of Prestonsburg, and Verna Hall of Michigan; four grandchildren: Brian Addis, Anthony Dale Kendrick, Dustin Addis, and Tera Addis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother and six sisters: Claude Jones, Dina Nickles, Lena Allen, Lona Jones, Lina Stumbo, and Verda Shifflitt, and Allie Jones.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen and J. M. Sloce officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home, where a service was held Monday night at 7 p.m..

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Stonewall Clark Jr.

Stonewall Clark Jr., 79, of Pikeville, died Monday, March 26, 2007, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born February 12, 1928, in McCombs, he was the son of the late Stonewall Sr., and Fannie Stanley Clark. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include two brothers: Charles Clark and John Clark, both of Pikeville; two sisters: Lizzie Clark and Sue Scalf, both of Pikeville; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Arthur Clark and James Clark; and two sisters: Josephine Hurd and Farinda Robinson.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Kirby officiating.

Burial will be in the Clark

Cemetery, at Johns Creek, in Pikeville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Robert Scott Hall

Robert Scott Hall, age 30, of Drift, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2007, near his home.

He was born December 13, 1976, at McDowell, the son of Cora Sue Martin Hall of Drift, and the late Elmer Hall. He was employed as a machinist.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Cindy Ann Hall; a son, Roy Marshall Hall of Drift; two brothers: Stephen Martin of Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Timmy Hall of Troy, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 29, at 11:00 a.m., in the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery at Bevinville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation, Tuesday, at the funeral home, and after 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Church.

(Paid obituary)

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Ronald "Rusty" Hamilton

Ronald "Rusty" Hamilton, age 56, of Teaberry, passed away Friday, March 23, 2007, at his residence.

He was born in Martin, on April 1, 1950, the son of Ethel Hamilton of Teaberry, and the late Carlos Hamilton. He was a former coal miner.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by a son, Rusty (Shena) Hamilton of Galveston; two daughters: Jennifer (Bill Jr.) Slone and Stephanie (Ricky) Keens, both of Galveston; five brothers: Carl Dean Hamilton, Randy Scott Hamilton, Ricky Lynn Hamilton, Jeffrey Hamilton, and Gregory Keith Hamilton, all of Teaberry; four sisters: Joan Tackett of Waynesburg, Jeanette Tackett of Allen, and Sandra Hamilton and Gaylia Hamilton, both of Teaberry;

grandchildren: Carly Keens, Harly Keens, Jordan Slone, Jonathan Hamilton, Shane Hamilton, and Logan Hamilton.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Travis Hamilton; and a sister, Juanita Hall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, at 11 a.m., in the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church in Teaberry, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Hamilton Cemetery in Teaberry, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Pallbearers: Joey Hamilton, Randall Akers, Stevie J. Johnson, Darrin Hamilton, Rocky Hamilton, Ricky Keens and Bill Slone.

(Paid obituary)

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Clarence Ray Slone

Clarence Ray Slone, 35, of

Hueysville, died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at his residence.

Born September 2, 1971, in Willard, Ohio, he was the son of Vina Bailey Slone of Hueysville, and the late Darrell Slone. He was a former welder for M & M Welding at Hippo.

In addition to his mother, survivors include two brothers: Tim Slone of Ashburn, Virginia, and Tom Slone of North Fairfield, Ohio; two nieces: Kayla Marie Slone and Jamie Lee Slone, both of

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

Grand Easter Egg Event, YMCA Healthy Kids Day
The Pikeville area family YMCA will hold its Grand Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Bob Amos Park.

Rock for Relay
Special concert event will be held at the Beckham Combs Community Center on Saturday, April 14, at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Concessions will be sold and memorabilia will be available for sale. Call 785-9288 or 785-3399 for more info.

DAV Poppy Drive
The members of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 128, Garrett, will hold a "Forget Me Not Poppy Drive" at the intersection of Rt. 122 and 680, at Minnie, nd at the exit ramp off Ky. 80, at Garrett, on or about April 3. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

PHS Class of 1987 plans 20th reunion
The Prestonsburg High School class of 1987 is currently planning their 20th reunion. Please e-mail your contact information to phsclass87@bellsouth.net.

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 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

Picking for the American Cancer Society
The Pike County Pickers will hold a bluegrass music show in the Big Lots parking lot on March 24. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. The show will begin at 11 a.m., and will feature Lost Mountain and other local performers. Anyone interested in participating in this event should call Mike Morley at (606) 432-5848.

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@bellsouth.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.

Hillbilly Travel Club
Now scheduling trip for the upcoming year to: Niagara Falls, Canada, Labor Day weekend. Trip includes roundtrip motorcoach, lodging, selected meals. A \$100.00 deposit must be made no later than March 25, 2007. Also, guided tour, entry to area 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.

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Prestonsburg Rotary Club
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Cinema Two • PG-13 HELD OVER  PREMONITION Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30), 7:05-9:30	Cinema Seven • G STARTS FRI., 3/30  MEET THE ROBINSONS Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25), 7:10-9:25
Cinema Three • PG-13 HELD OVER  WILD HOGS Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30), 7:05-9:30	Cinema Eight • PG-13 STARTS FRI., 3/30  BLADES OF GLORY Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:25), 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:25), 7:10-9:25
Cinema Four • R HELD OVER  300 Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:45-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:15), 6:45-9:15	Cinema Nine • R HELD OVER  THE HILLS HAVE EYES 2 Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30), 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30), 7:15-9:30
Cinema Five HELD OVER  DEAD SILENCE R—Mon.-Sun. 7:10; Fri. (4:25), 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (4:25), 7:10	Cinema Ten • R HELD OVER  SHOOTER Mon.-Sun. 6:45-9:15; Fri. (4:15), 6:45-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:45-4:15), 6:45-9:15

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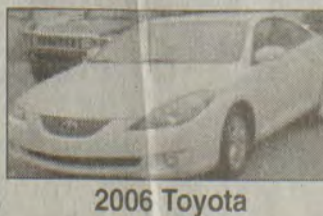





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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...

"Speak out in acts; the time for words has passed, and only deeds will suffice."

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Capt. Hypocrisy reigns in D.C.

One potential conclusion of the last few weeks regarding American politics is that Republicans only believe in accountability when it's applied to Democrats. First, no sooner had Scooter Libby, former chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, been pronounced guilty of lying under oath than the calls for his pardon began from prominent conservatives. This was different than former President Bill Clinton's fudging the facts under oath, they said, and they're right: One fibbed about matters related to war decisions in the White House, the other about sex decisions in the White House. It's more nuanced than that, of course, but Americans are free to decide to which they have greater objection, unless all lies are created equal.

Second, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich confessed that he was having an extramarital affair while leading the effort to impeach Clinton for his attempts to conceal an extramarital affair. The difference, Gingrich said, is that he didn't lie under oath about it, not that he had the opportunity. More than a few Republicans want him to run for president, and he's considering it.

Third, former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, the indicted Republican from Texas, continues to maintain his innocence regarding the money laundering charges against him; he's just a victim of "the politics of personal destruction," a term he borrowed from — you guessed it — Bill Clinton. Even though he was considered the foremost practitioner of that brand of politics when he was in office, DeLay said it was different, in his case, because he was just doing the bidding of "the Bible" and "the principles of American freedom." Oh, and please buy his book, "No Retreat, No Surrender."

Now along comes George W. Bush to say that while mistakes may have been made regarding his Justice Department's firing of eight U.S. attorneys, if Congress wants to hear about them under oath and in public from his staff — specifically from political adviser Karl Rove and White House counsel Harriet Miers — sorry, no can do. For once their conduct is not different; suddenly the Clinton White House is their lawyer-layoff role model. They'll resist subpoenas and invoke executive privilege, if need be. Republicans don't want a "show-trial atmosphere," which is curious, since they didn't mind one a decade ago. Sen. Arlen Specter wants to work out a compromise to avoid a constitutional confrontation, arguing that "it's going to take two years or more to get it resolved in court."

To which we say, so what? The principle at stake — the separation and balance of powers — is worth fighting for, even if it means going the distance. If Rove, Miers, etc., have nothing to hide, they have nothing to fear in testifying. If the current president wishes his legacy to be his belief that Americans have no right to know about his conduct of their business, that the rules are somehow different for him, that the U.S. is a monarchy, then fine, let that be his legacy. Congress should issue these subpoenas and let the chips fall where they may. And Americans at long last should recognize the difference between this White House's rhetoric and its behavior. Its occupants promised to restore integrity to the Oval Office and enforce the rule of law. Now they're being held to account against the very expectations they created. Perhaps they should consider themselves lucky that Congress is preoccupied with this issue rather than the decisions that led to war in Iraq.

Finally, perhaps it's time for a new comic book character in America, a clean-shaven anti-hero who wears an "H" on his chest and flies around the nation's capital. Indeed, the bald hypocrisy on display — obviously it's a bipartisan affliction — really has become cartoonish.

— The Peoria (Ill.) Journal Star



Letters

Flag a symbol of slavery and oppression

After reading the "Response to Rosenberg" article dated March 23 (Letters to the Editor), I want to go on record to say I am an African American, born and raised in Wheelwright. The challenge was extended to Mr. Rosenberg to "put in print, just how and when your friends and neighbors were discriminated against."

The writer continued by saying, "He had several friends at Wheelwright and one is a black man and he lives there. A point well taken, that you only have one black friend in Wheelwright."

But the questions then arise. What is a friend? Real friends care about one another. A true friend would not say that everything is fine, knowing that the standards of living are different. As friends, you cannot fly your flag of support for oppression that reminds friends they have fathers and forefathers who were in the bondage of slavery and that your support indicates you are driven with the same convictions. We can only be united under the flag that flies with red, white and blue, stars representing the states.

I can answer your challenge from personal experiences. You were not there when integration began, only to be turned down at the public swimming pool. You were not there when going to the movie house you could only sit on one side and in the back as well. You were not there when only whites could golf on the golf course. I thought so, but I was there.

You were not there when a community center had a dance and did not allow the black children to participate because of the color of their skin. Oh yes, I was there.

I do not want to lose the effectiveness of this article. After all, it is all about the use of a Confederate flag in the school system. When the issue of this Confederate flag was

first discussed, the opinion of the African American community was not sought or considered. I was 17 and I did not have the knowledge then that I now have about human rights. Yes, you might rebut to say my opinion was not sought then and you do not want it now. But the African American community is also made up of taxpayers, and our taxes support the school system, just like all the taxpayers of Floyd County.

All ethnic groups should be welcomed to any school of the district in which they live. But excuse me if I offend anyone, African American children cannot receive a fair and equitable education in the Allen Central preschool, elementary, middle or high schools.

The school board, site-based council and children have missed the whole meaning of the use of the flag and mascot, for the flag expresses the spirit of the school and if the spirit of the Confederate flag expresses the spirit of the school, then it must be removed from the school. The Confederate flag flying in a public school and at events of competition where diverse groups are represented should be challenged by all minorities.

African American children are taught about history, too. They do not wish they were in "Dixie, the land of cotton." No, no! There is slavery and the history of oppression in the flying of the Confederate flag and the song of "Dixie."

We may be soft-spoken even to a point that you don't hear us, but the truth is many of the African American community do take offense when it is assumed we will quietly let the issue drop.

Now, I close by saying, "peace and harmony" is a mirage here in Floyd County, because we are a minority of people and we have made issues because we did inherit the spirit of cooperation. Things could be better, but we must work together more to accomplish them.

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Wheelwright

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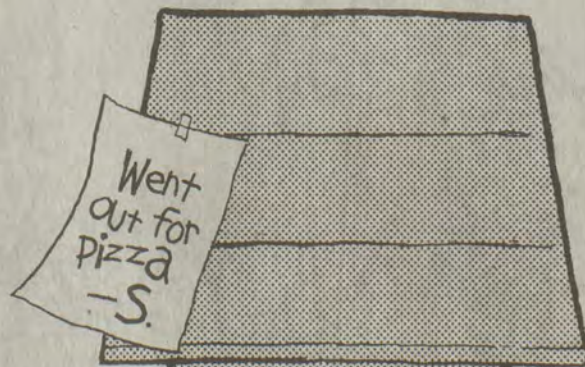
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Leslie proves it's never too late to pursue a dream

PIKEVILLE — "Dreams are renewable," columnist and Reverend Dr. Dale Turner once wrote. "No matter what our age or condition, there are still untapped possibilities within us and new beauty waiting to be born."

Turner might have had someone like Fay Ray Leslie in mind when he penned those words. A mother of two and grandmother of four, Leslie has already raised a family and been a successful businesswoman, and at 73-years-young is discovering her untapped possibilities.

She enrolled at Pikeville College in 2005, about six months after her beloved husband passed away. She had been out of school for 50 years. "I started out taking one class at a time to keep my mind occupied so I wouldn't stay home and grieve," Leslie said.

Her first class was in creative writing. She enjoyed it so much that she signed up for two more. It wasn't long before she was hooked. Her passion for writing and desire to maybe someday write short stories or mystery novels motivated her to take a few introductory courses in criminology and criminal investigation. Leslie has since decided to pursue a major in criminal justice.

She is also taking advantage of Pikeville College's Rediford Damron Scholarship. The academic scholarship covers tuition and books and is available to students age 65 and older. It was established in 1990 by the Pikeville Rotary Club in honor of longtime educator Rediford Damron, who served as academic dean, vice president and acting president of the College.

"I have talked with Fay on several occasions; she is insightful, enthusiastic and quick to weigh in with her studied opinion on most any issue, which makes her an excellent conversationalist," said Wallace Campbell, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College.

"When I first met her, I will

have to say that I was intrigued by the fact that she had decided to attend college. The more I have gotten to know her, the more I consider her the epitome of a life-long learner, one who gains pure pleasure from the challenge of learning something new and useful. She is a wonderful example to other college students, and according to faculty who have had her in class, a delightful and seasoned contributor to classroom discussions and activities."

Leslie is also "doing pretty well" connecting with her classmates, according to freshman Tiffany Yates.

"I think she's an amazing woman and a brave woman for going back to school," Yates said. "I hope I'm as feisty and energetic when I'm her age. She's older and wiser and brings her knowledge and experience to the classroom. We just find her inspiring."

As a member of the Pikeville College Speech Team, Leslie has also decided to take advantage of activities outside the classroom. She recently placed first and second in the Novice Poetry category during speech tournaments held at Murray State University in early February. For the competition Leslie chose to read some of her own poetry and selections from author Judith Viorst's book of poetry I'm Too Young to be Seventy.

Basil Clark, associate professor of speech and theater and faculty sponsor of the speech team, said Leslie's first-place win was a "first" for the College since he'd been coaching.

"I'm proud of her, she won these awards in only her second tournament," Clark said. "She is such an inspiration for the other students."

When Leslie received her trophy, Clark recalled how her teammates, the traditional or "younger" students, were on their feet cheering.

"I had to laugh," said Clark. "Usually when a student places in the finals, and receives a trophy they say

something to the effect of 'I need to call my parents and tell them.' Fay Ray said, 'I need to call my children and grandchildren and tell them.'"

On Feb. 17, the speech team was back in competition at the Kentucky Forensics Association State Tournament in Berea, Ky. Leslie made the final rounds, placing sixth in the poetry category. According to Clark, the state competition is the last tournament where competitors can qualify for the National Forensic Association competition in April.

"There were some 'hungry dogs' trying to break into the finals," said Clark. "Fay Ray prevailed over them."

While it hasn't always been easy, Leslie is determined to make the most of her educational opportunity. Her children think her decision to pursue her degree is "awesome." The faculty has been supportive, providing encouragement and guidance along the way. She's also taken advantage of a tutoring lab available to all students.



Fay Ray Leslie enjoys being a student at Pikeville College. Leslie, a criminal justice major who has earned top honors as a member of the speech team, recently celebrated her 73rd birthday. She is also taking advantage of Pikeville College's Rediford Damron Scholarship. The academic scholarship covers tuition and books and is available to students age 65 and older. It was established in 1990 by the Pikeville Rotary Club in honor of longtime educator Rediford Damron, who served as academic dean, vice president and acting president of the College.

"I'm sure I felt a little out of place in the beginning, but it didn't take me long to get into it," she said. "Everyone at the College kept encouraging me and saying that I was inspiring

the younger students by my presence."

And as for her classmates, "They don't treat me any different," Leslie said. "I've gotten very close to some. They

accept me as a student."

For more information on Pikeville College's Rediford Damron Scholarship, contact the Office of Admissions at 606-218-5251.

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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.

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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.

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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.

•Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group - Will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 5 p.m., at Dr. Naveed Ahmed's office, 4159 N. Mayo Trail, Weddington Plaza. More information, call 432-1072, ext. 12, 13, or 14, or 432-5550.

•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."

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•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.

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Kentucky law bans sale of conventional cigarettes

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — Only cigarettes that extinguish themselves when dropped or left unattended will be allowed to be sold in Kentucky under a new law.

That means conventional cigarettes — which have been blamed for untold numbers of house fires over the years — would essentially be banned in one of the nation's top tobacco-producing states, a move that could help propel a national push for safer cigarettes.

"Kentucky, with its rich tobacco history, makes a statement that this is very much a public safety initiative," said Lorraine Carli, a spokeswoman for the National Fire Protection Association.

Kentucky joins California, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire, Utah and Vermont in the effort to prevent fires ignited by cigarettes, according to the fire safety group.

Carli said at least 18 other states are considering similar legislation to require the special smokes, which are wrapped in thin bands of paper that work like "speed bumps" to slow the burning of cigarettes.

They go out when the burning tobacco is no longer being puffed by smokers.

"The value of this kind of cigarette is priceless," said Kentucky Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

In Kentucky, the measure was catapulted into law by a house fire that killed 10 people on Feb. 6. Investigators believe that fire was caused by a smoldering cigarette dropped into a chair after one of the victims had fallen asleep.

State Sen. Gary Tapp, R-Waddy, said that fire illustrated the need for the new law, which won't take effect until next year, giving cigarette manufacturers time to make the necessary changes. Tapp, who sponsored the Kentucky legislation, said he hopes other states follow suit.

"Every time we prevent one of these fires, it not only saves lives, but it removes from harm's way your first responders such as fire and rescue," Tapp said.

Fletcher and lawmakers who unanimously approved the law gathered in the Capitol rotunda on Tuesday for a bill signing ceremony, even though Fletcher quietly signed the measure into law on Friday.

Nationally, 700 to 900 people die each year from fires

caused by smoking materials such as cigarettes, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

About a third of fire deaths in Kentucky are caused by blazes sparked by cigarettes or other smoking materials, according to the state fire marshal's office. Kentucky also is among states with the highest incidence of adult smokers in the nation.

Philip Morris USA, the nation's leading cigarette maker, supported the legislation signed by the governor, said David Sutton, spokesman for the company.

"For customers, the cigarette products will be offered at the same list price as those sold elsewhere," Sutton said. "Bottom line for the customer, there is no change in price."

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Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care to seek better coverage of respiratory therapy services for Medicare beneficiaries

PAINTSVILLE — Respiratory therapists from the Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care (KSRC) traveled to Washington, DC, earlier this month to convince lawmakers to amend the Medicare law to permit qualified respiratory therapists to directly provide much needed services to Medicare beneficiaries suffering from respiratory illnesses.

If enacted, the law would revise current sections of the Medicare Part B Program, which governs specific services available to the Medicare beneficiary outside of the acute care hospital, opening the door to greater access to health and wellness services that are currently difficult, if not impossible for Medicare beneficiaries to obtain in the home and certain outpatient and alternate site settings.

KSRC President Wade Root calls the revision long overdue, explaining that respiratory therapy services have changed significantly since the Medicare law was written more than 40 years ago.

"New treatments delivered

mainly in alternate sites, such as smoking cessation, pulmonary rehabilitation, patient education, and compliance monitoring for respiratory inhaled medications, are all part of the current health care landscape," says Root. "And the only health care professional who is specifically educated and competency tested in all aspects of respiratory care is the respiratory therapist."

Root notes the original law included respiratory therapy only under the hospital provisions because those services were mainly restricted to the hospital in 1965 when the law was passed.

The Washington, DC, trip was part of a Capitol Hill Lobbying Day coordinated by the KSRC parent organization, the American Association for

(See CARE, page eight)

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years ago when the school was built. Bearing in mind that Clark Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary School will soon be consolidating and moving to a new location, the council must come to a decision as to what will happen to the property when the current school in Prestonsburg closes its doors. The city's police chief informed the council of an overtime grant that city officers will soon be eligible that will allow the department to pur-

chase new equipment for on-the-job use. Archer Park Director David Baldrige provided the council with a brief update on the progress of the sports park at Stonecrest. Baldrige also voiced concerns with budget cuts, saying that their work may be slowed without the funds they need to complete the park. Before going into a second executive session, council member Gorman Collins recommended that the council begin to allot time for com-

ments from citizens and visitors not scheduled on the agenda for each meeting, saying that if they were given time to speak at the beginning of the meeting then they wouldn't have to sit through the bulk of the agenda related items. The second closed session was in regard to the purchase of property. Following the return to regular session, the council rejected the proposed offer from Frank Fitzpatrick and decided to discuss further offers at a later date.

Fraud

that Billy Joe Johnson was present when the fire started. Branham proceeded to file the fraudulent claim with the insurance company and used the U.S. Postal Service to both deliver and receive documents related to the claim. Branham received payments that exceeded \$72,000 and made an agreement with Billy Joe Johnson that he could keep Branham's personal property in return for his participation in the event. Billy Joe Johnson also admitted that from 2001 through 2003,

he and several other people staged several automobile accidents in order to file false insurance claims. The total amount paid on these claims came out to be \$132,718.11. The parties did not agree on how much Billy Joe Johnson received as a result of these claims. The U.S. Postal Service was also used in the processing of these claims.

Billy Joe Johnson was sentenced to five years in prison, while Douglas Branham received an 18-month prison sentence. William Jason Johnson faces 12 months and one day in prison. All four defendants were ordered to share in the cost of reimbursing victims in the case a total of \$76,207.

Care

Respiratory Care, to provide respiratory therapists all over the nation with the opportunity to explain the Respiratory Therapy Initiative to Congress. KSRC members met with the offices of Representatives Ben Chandler, Geoff Davis, Ron Lewis, Hal Rogers and John Yarmuth and Senators Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell. They were joined by more than 100 other respiratory therapists from around the country, who together vis-

ited more than 300 congressional offices to promote the initiative. The legislative language in the Respiratory Therapy Initiative will clearly permit respiratory therapists with both a bachelor's degree and the advanced, registered respiratory therapist (RRT) professional credential to provide health care services directly under the Part B section. While the respiratory therapist will treat the patient under the

supervision of the physician, the proposed coverage under Part B will not require a physician to be physically present to oversee the respiratory therapist. "It is high time that Medicare comes into the 21st century in how it covers respiratory therapy services and the professionals who provide these key services," says Root. "Medicare has remained frozen in time in this regard, frozen as a matter of fact in the

year of 1965." Respiratory Therapists (RTs) are specially trained and licensed respiratory health care professionals assisting physicians in diagnosis, treatment, and management of respiratory diseases. To learn more about the Respiratory Therapy Medicare Initiative go to the website of the American Association for Respiratory Care www.aarc.org/headlines/medicare_initiative.cfm

Obituaries

North Fairfield, Ohio; a special aunt, Ina Salyer of Hippo; an uncle, Ray Bailey of Hippo; and a cousin, Michael Ray Bailey of Hippo.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 28, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial will be in the Bailey Stephens Cemetery, in Magoffin County, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Wanda Lee Symon
Wanda Lee Symon, 57, of Dinwood, Martin, passed away Monday, March 26, 2007, at the King's Daughters Hospital at Ashland.

She was born April 9, 1949, in Martin, the daughter of Ocie Isaac Manuel, of Martin, and the late Arnold Manuel.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David "Jake" Symon.

A friend of many, she is survived and loved by her mother, and son David Brent Symon of Martin; three brothers: Arnold Manuel Jr., Roger Manuel, and Charles Manuel, all of Martin; a sister, Brenda Manuel Ousley of Martin; a brother-in-law, Donald Ousley; and two sisters-in-law: Janet Sexton Manuel and Virginia Chafin Manuel.

Funeral services for Wanda Lee Symon will be conducted Thursday, March 29, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Lori Vanucci officiating.

Burial will follow in the Dingus Cemetery, Dinwood, Martin, under the professional

care of the Hall Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Ricky Lynn Tackett
Ricky Lynn Tackett, 53, of Beaver, died Sunday, March 25, 2007, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, in Paintsville.

Born September 10, 1953, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late John B. and Magdlene Brown Tackett. He was a disabled coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arizona Jones Tackett.

Survivors include two sons: John Michael Tackett and Dennis Lynn Tackett (wife, Lora), both of Beaver; a daughter, Eula Ann Tackett, of Beaver; four brothers: Nicky Wayne Tackett and Ken Tackett, both of Beaver, and Dana Dwight Tackett and Kevin Kyle Tackett, both of Pikeville; four sisters: Sandra Sue Tackett of Teaberry, Sheila Renee Kidd of Harold, and Charlotte Lynn Collins and

Kimberly Ann Hamilton, both of Stanville; and a grandchild, Hunter Blake Tackett.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Gregory Allen Tackett.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 27, at 11 a.m., at the United Christian Church, at Hi Hat, with Bill Slone officiating.

Burial was in the Jones Family Cemetery, at Tackett Fork, Beaver, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

Tameka Marie Ward
Tameka Marie Ward, 23, of Pikeville, died Saturday, March 24, 2007, in McDowell.

Born July 5, 1983, in Martin, she was the daughter of Terena Ward Lovern, and step-daughter of Rodney Lovern of Pikeville. She was a homemaker and a member of Garrett

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First Baptist Church. In addition to her mother and step-father, she is survived by a daughter, Aaliyah Marie Jarrell of Pikeville; and a sister, Micah Lawson of Pikeville; her grandparents: Buddy and Judy Osborne Ward of Martin, and Loyal and Peggy Williams Lovern of Pikeville. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 28, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Osborne and Larry Adams officiating. Burial will be in the Dingus Cemetery, at Dinwood, in Martin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION No. 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

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 29th 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 N 82°57'44" W, 145.81' to a 2" Iron Pipe (found), said iron pipe being a corner to the said 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.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County 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.

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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

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 \$200,294.27, 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 29th 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.
(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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Melissa Sammons, 882 Arkansas Creek Road, Martin, KY 41649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to install a gabion basket retaining wall along the front of her yard, next to the creek. The property is located .9 mile up Arkansas Creek on the right side. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone (502) 564-3410.

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; thence running with the line of David Sepos a distance of 145.96 feet to the stake at 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.

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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:
Sited 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:
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(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.
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I C.A. No. 99-CI-693 Commonweal th 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:
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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 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

Address

Fannin's address focused mainly on the city's potential in regards to bringing in new businesses. According to Fannin, Prestonsburg is considering a 1 percent tax at hotels and motels in order to raise the needed money for numerous projects geared towards making the city more appealing to businesses looking for locations.

"This is probably the hardest time ever to get federal and state money," Fannin said.

Patty Hatfield, a real estate agent in Prestonsburg, noted that there just isn't enough usable land in the city to offer to potential commercial land purchasers.

Mayor Fannin also held a brief discussion with the audience about making the city "smoke-free." Jean Rosenberg thanked the mayor and other county officials for supporting the health department's efforts in proclaiming Wednesday as "Kick Butts" day in Prestonsburg. Several city offices and restaurants will be involved in this one-day event for which smoking will be prohibited in all locations that choose to participate.

A show of hands overwhelmingly told the mayor that many people would support a permanent ordinance to ban smoking in all public buildings and restaurants

throughout the city.

Marshall gave an address which focused on improving crucial aspects of everyday living, including clean drinking water and wastewater services.

Solid waste is another of Marshall's concerns, noting that the cost of removing solid waste from the county is very expensive. Each month, the county pays \$155,875 for waste removal, which now takes place at a transfer station since the county no longer has a landfill.

An item which has been on Marshall's agenda since before his term began is a county maintained veteran's ceme-

tery. Following Marshall's comments on that project, local land developer Frank Fitzpatrick made a public announcement that he would be more than happy to donate several acres of land at the Middle Creek National Battlefield for the cemetery.

Marshall also provided comment on a new prescription drug card which will soon be available to residents of Floyd County. Approximately 10,000 to 12,000 cards will be available to citizens at no cost.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh provided insight into the happenings at the clerk's office and the city of Allen due to Mayor Sharon Woods'

inability to attend Tuesday's gathering.

A former mayor of Allen, Waugh said that the city may be small, but they do a lot of little things to better their community and they do them well.

Online deeds and mortgages are a foreseeable dream for Waugh, who says his office is striving to provide quality service to the residents of Floyd County, noting that branch offices throughout the county have relieved some of the stress on both residents and staff at the clerk's office in Prestonsburg.

Technology was the focus of the final portion of the meeting. A representative with Connect Kentucky, an organization focused on accelerating technology in the state, was present to enlighten the audience on internet usage throughout Kentucky. Eric Mills said Kentucky now has 91 percent broadband internet coverage, with a 41 percent increase in overall internet usage, meaning that older generations are also hopping on the bandwagon.

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Board

inclement weather, there will be no time banked for the upcoming year and an earlier start date will also be beneficial in that respect for the upcoming year.

A fall break has been planned for Oct. 1-5, and a spring break for March 24-28.

As previously discussed, school will not be canceled next April to accommodate Pike County's Hillbilly Days Festival, the predominant reason being that the festival is being held the week before the district's spring testing window.

A request from the Jenny Wiley Festival committee has been received, however, asking that the board consider canceling school on the Friday encompassing the Jenny Wiley Festival weekend. No decision was made at this week's meeting in regard to that request.

The early start date will, however, not see students taking up new residence in the as yet uncompleted new Prestonsburg Elementary School. Construction is not expected to be completed until near the end of the month of August. Board members voted Monday evening to begin school with students returning to their respective school sites on the old Prestonsburg Elementary campus and Adams Middle School (Clark Elementary).

"We will start school with things as they are, then make the move later," said Supt. Paul Fanning.

An increase in enrollment is expected at the new school when it opens in August and board members voiced concerns in regard to that issue and will continue to look at the

situation as it progresses toward the opening of the new school year.

In other business, the board voted to approve the district comprehensive improvement plan as presented by directors of instruction Michael Hughes, Henry Webb and Roy Johnson. The new plan will call for increased standards and expectations of excellence for all students according to the directors.

"We intend to strive for the best," Hughes said.

In discussing monetary allocations to the schools, in particular Title I funding, discussion centered around whether or not curriculum resource teacher positions will continue to be available to the district's schools. Board member Sherry Robinson said that she would like to look at funding options that will allow curriculum resource teachers to be in each of the county's schools, saying that she didn't think it was fair that some schools would have the teachers while others may not find it within their budgets.

Board chair Jeff Stumbo said that if it were to be determined that curriculum resource teachers would not be available to the district's schools, the money previously used to fund those positions should be used to further academic achievement in some way.

"I would hate to see that money go to athletic programs as opposed to academic ones," he said.

When asked by Supt. Fanning what the chances are "that the schools will lose their CRTs," Johnson replied that he was not sure but that he was

sure that any decision along that line "will be scrutinized."

Opting for more time to look into the Title I funding situation, the board voted to

hold a meeting tonight at 8 p.m., at May Valley Elementary School for further discussion of the issue.

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Butts

McDonald's, Papa John's, Pig In A Poke, Stone Crest Grill, Subway of Prestonsburg, Subway in Wal-Mart, Taco Bell, and Wendy's.

Within the county limits, four other restaurants are also smoke-free each day. They are: McDonald's of Martin, The Perfect Setting Cafe in McDowell, Hi-Lite Pizza at Minnie, and Subway at Stanville.

It is the hope of the Floyd County Health Department that with the example of these 19 restaurants, that other Floyd County restaurants and businesses will also consider becoming smoke-free every day.

Jean Rosenberg, consultant with the Floyd County Health Department, says that the goal of the health department is to raise awareness in regard to the dangers of second-hand smoke exposure and to aid in the prevention of the use of tobacco products by children under the age of 18.

For "Kick Butts Day," the Floyd County Health Department will supply each county school with black ribbon loops that may be worn by any student who wishes to

memorialize someone they know who has died of a tobacco related illness such as lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema or sudden infant death syndrome (due to infants residing in a home with smoking adults).

For more information on Kick Butts Day, the national campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, you may visit KBInfo@tobaccofreekids.org. For more information on the dangers of second-hand smoke and tobacco products, or to learn about how to get help kicking a smoking habit, contact the Floyd County Health Department at (606) 886-2788.

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ALC basketball players grab honors

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

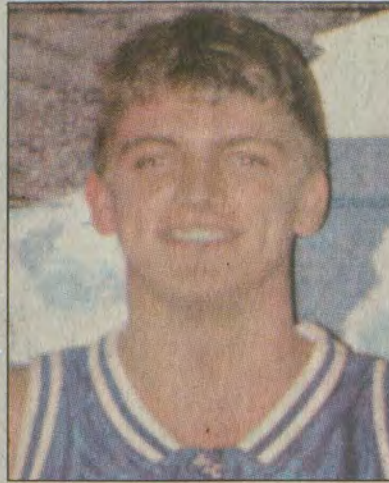
PIPPA PASSES – Alice Lloyd College basketball players Whitney Lykens and Eric Mullins were recently named as NAIA All-American Scholar Athletes. In addition to being exceptional athletes, recipients of the honor must maintain a

minimum cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5.

Mullins is a Hazard High School graduate. Lykens, a Floyd County native, graduated from Betsy Layne High School.

Alice Lloyd College freshman Becky

(See ALC, page two)



Eric Mullins



Whitney Lykens



Becky Thomas

Eagles can't keep up with Union

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College baseball team hosted longtime rival Union College, one of the top teams in the NAIA, Sunday afternoon. The Eagles finished on the losing end of an 18-2 final score. Justin Woodard was the starting and losing pitcher for the Eagles. The Eagles scored their two runs on nine hits. Kyle Potter had three hits and an RBI for host ALC. Carlos Armenteros had a solo home run for the Eagles. Ronnie Johnson had two hits as ALC prevailed. Lamar Williams,

(See EAGLES, page two)



OC tops preseason SB poll

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

Owensboro Catholic is ranked first in the 2007 Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA) Top 25 Preseason Poll. OC got the nod over defending state champion Ryle. Last season, Ryle defeated Owensboro Catholic 5-2 in an elimination game for the 2006 state championship. KSCA members voted on the preseason poll. No area teams earned a spot in the Top 25 poll, but several garnered votes. The

(See POLL, page two)

Senior Games to be held in Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The 22nd Annual Big Sandy Senior Games is scheduled for May 11-18. The Games are open to residents in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties and those ages 50 years or older by May 5 of this year.

Pin Zone Bowling Center in Prestonsburg will host Bowling and Billiards May 11. The outdoor games will be held at the Dewey Lake Downstream Area May 18. Outdoor events include horseshoes, basketball free throw, softball toss, football toss,

(See SENIOR, page two)

BLACKCAT BASEBALL

The Prestonsburg High School baseball team is returning to the diamond this season minus four seniors from the 2006 squad. Under the guidance of head coach Bobby Shepherd, Prestonsburg made its way back into the 15th Region Tournament last season, finishing runner-up to Allen Central in the 58th District. The Blackcats have a full schedule in place for the 2007 season.



SO Area 8 Games returning to PHS

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Special Olympics Area 8 Games have found a home in Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg High School will host the 2007 Area 8 Games Saturday, April 28.

"It's a great opportunity to host the Area 8 Games here at

(See OLYMPICS, page three)

Bears split with Campbellsville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College baseball team came away with a Mid-South Conference split this past weekend with the Campbellsville University Tigers.

The Bears swept the reigning MSC Champions on Friday, winning game one by a 5-3 score then taking game two by the count of 5-4. But on day

two, the Tigers proved why they are the champs, drilling the Bears 21-4 in game three and holding off Pikeville to win game four 3-2.

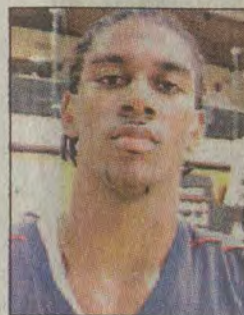
The Bears, who entered the weekend with six straight losses, move to 12-15-1 overall this season and 3-5 in the Mid-South Conference.

Pikeville took a quick lead in game one, as senior leadoff hitter Adam Collins (Paintsville) opened the bot-

tom of the first with a double then came around on an RBI-single by sophomore Nathan Free (Kingsport, Tenn.).

Campbellsville, however, took the lead on Pikeville starter Jordan Compton (Bee, Va.), scoring on a sacrifice fly in the top of the third to tie the game, and then using a Pikeville error to take the lead in the top of the fourth. The

(See BEARS, page three)



O.J. Mayo

Prep star Mayo looks ahead to college

by JOHN RABY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – O.J. Mayo is as comfortable in the arena's hallways as the nearby hardwood, signing T-shirts for ballboys and autographs for an opponent's cheerleaders as a city police officer snaps a photo of one

of the nation's top prep players.

Admirers like those at the recent state high school tournament followed Mayo through a remarkable but troubled senior season that included a three-game suspension, two losses and a drug charge – and ended with a cham-

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Slone, Marshall hold own versus Tulane

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Marshall lost its first one-run game of the season thanks to Seth Henry's RBI bunt single in the 11th inning that proved to be the game winner as Tulane posted an 8-7 win over the Thundering Herd in the Conference USA baseball opener on Friday at Appalachian Power Park.

Henry converted the Green Wave's third RBI bunt of the night to collect the game-winning run. The previous two occurrences came on sacrifice squeezes that scored a pair of runs.

Marshall (14-6, 0-1) nearly pulled off the upset of former nationally-ranked Tulane (17-7, 1-0) in its first league game of 2007. The Thundering Herd scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth to tie the game at 7-7 before Tulane won the

game in extra innings.

Henry went 3-for-4 on the night with two runs scored and two RBI. Leftfielder Anthony Scelfo went 2-for-6 with a home run and two RBI. First baseman Tim Guidry was 2-for-4 with a solo home run.

Tulane reliever Daniel Latham (2-0) earned the win after throwing four innings of one-run baseball. Marshall closer Nick Wolle (1-1) pitched the final three innings, giving up one run on four hits.

Marshall countered Tulane ace Sean Morgan with senior right hander Jeremy Slone. Slone, facing the best hitting team in C-USA, opened the game with a 1-2-3 top of the first to quickly get to the Marshall half of the inning.

Morgan, the reigning C-USA Pitcher of the Week, walked the bases loaded to open the game. Brandon Casamassima's sacrifice to

centerfield to score the lead-off man Matt Helm for a 1-0 lead. Marshall added two more runs in the first, on a bases loaded groundout by Nick Damas and on a wild pitch that scored Brendan Murphy to lead 3-0.

Morgan walked five hitters in the bottom of the first, but gave up no base hits.

Tulane tied the game at 3-3 in the third inning after back-to-back one-out singles put Jared Dyer and Henry on first and third. Slone, a Paintsville High School graduate, then induced a grounder to short-stop that could have gotten Marshall out of the inning with a double play, but the throw from second base went awry and allowed a run to score.

With two outs, Scelfo blasted a two-run homer over the right field wall, his second of the

(See **MARSHALL**, page four)

Eagles

Matthew Toney and C.J. Lynn also had hits for the Eagles.

This week, the Eagles are scheduled to play a doubleheader at Tennessee Temple on Thursday beginning at 2 p.m. They will host Brescia University on Friday and Saturday at 1. They will host Southwest Virginia on Sunday afternoon at 1. ALC took on Cumberlands in a doubleheader Tuesday. Results from Tuesday's games were unavailable at press time.

Softball: The ALC softball

team played three doubleheaders last week. Last Wednesday, the Lady Eagles played at Union College, losing 8-0 and 10-1. In the first game, Becky Thomas had two hits. Jessica Music, Taran Cody, Krista Hardy, and Misty Wells also had hits in the game. In the second game, Hardy and Kayla Lafferty had hits.

On Friday, the Lady Eagles played at Pikeville, losing two games, 9-0 and 11-1. They closed out the week hosting a

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doubleheader against Brescia University on Saturday. The Lady Eagles lost the first game 17-0 and the second game, 9-0. Kendra Ratliff and Jessica Music picked had the only hits in the games for the Lady Eagles.

The ALC softball team is scheduled to host Berea College on Thursday at 5:30.

Golf: The ALC Eagle golf team played its first match Tuesday at Berea College. Results of the match were not available at press time.

Poll

entire poll follows.

KSCA Top 25 Preseason Poll (place, team, votes): 1. Owensboro Catholic, 624; 2. Ryle, 598; 3. Greenwood, 491; 4. North Laurel, 388; 5. Christian Co., 373; 6. Mercy, 361; 7. Reidland, 347; 8. North Hardin, 340; 9. Ballard, 303; 10. Grayson County, 275; 11. Dunbar, 255; 12. Butler, 249; 13. Henderson County, 241; 14. Allen County-Scottsville, 203; 15. Manual, 199; 16. Scott County, 169; 17. South Laurel, 140; 18. Union County, 109; 19. Male, 100; 20. Clark County, 99; 21. Woodford County, 98; 22.

Edmonson County, 97; 23. Lafayette, 89; 24. Estill County, 85; 25. Russell, 75.

Others receiving votes: Assumption, 70; Apollo, 69; Oldham Co., 66; Hopkins Central, 62; Heath, 57; Montgomery Co., 47; Pulaski Co., 47; Anderson Co., 42; Meade Co., 38; Presentation, 34; Franklin Co., 28; Lexington Catholic, 26; Shelby Valley, 25; Southwestern, 24; Bullitt East, 24; Central Hardin, 21; Corbin, 15; Warren East, 14; LaRue Co., 13; Shelby County, 12; Holy Cross, 10; Dixie Heights, 10;

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Middlesboro, 9; Barren County, 9; Mulhenberg North, 9; West Jessamine, 9; Grant County, 8; Boone County, 7; Rockcastle Co., 7; Western Hills, 6; Nelson Co., 6; Tates Creek, 6; Hazard, 5; Henry Clay, 5; Perry Central, 4; Garrard Co., 4; Model, 4; CAL, 3; Henry Co., 3; Raceland, 3; Bryan Station, 2; Fern Creek, 2; Boyd Co., 2; Trimble Co., 2; PRP, 2; Lexington Christian, 2; Barren Co., 2; Dawson Springs, 2; Calloway Co., 2; Daviess Co., 1; Hancock Co., 1; Daviess Co., 1; Elizabethtown, 1; East Ridge, 1; Lawrence Co., 1; Johnson Central, 1; Fairdale, 1; Russell Co., 1.

ALC

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Thomas was recently named to the NAIA All-American Third Team. Thomas is a freshman from Allen Central High School. In her first collegiate season, Thomas scored 447 points. She averaged 16 points and 7.7 rebounds on the year. The ACHS product also had 45 blocked shots. She shot 57 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line during the season. Thomas was also named

NAIA National Player of the Week during the season. The Lady Eagles, coached by David Adams, won the KIAC regular season championship. They were only one win away from a trip to the National Tournament. Berea beat Alice Lloyd 88-85 in the KIAC title game. Of the 10 players named to each of the First, Second and Third teams, Thomas was the only Freshman of the entire group.

Senior

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mile race walk, spin casting, shuffleboard and lawnbowling.

The deadline for registration is April 13. The registration fee is \$10 per person and includes the awards banquet, which will be held May 30 at the Wilkinson/Stumbo Convention Center.

Registration forms may be obtained by calling 886-2374 or at any local Senior Citizens centers.

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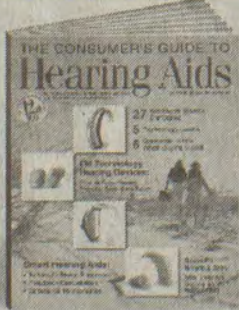
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Bears

Tigers eventually chased the junior southpaw with another run in the top of the fifth, padding their lead to 3-1.

Pikeville managed to cut into the lead with a run in its half of the fifth. Then, in the bottom of the sixth, the Bears caught fire. With one man out and nobody on, the Bears got a single and a double to tie the game. A hit-batsman and a Campbellsville error later, the Bears had the lead, and would hold on for the win.

Collins paced the Pikeville offense, going 3-3 and ending up a homerun shy of hitting for the cycle. The win went to

freshman reliever A.J. Elliott (Independence). The crafty lefty picked up where Compton left off, shutting out the Tigers over the final two innings picking up his first collegiate win (1-1).

Still, it was Campbellsville who would get on the board first in game two. Slugger Chris Curley led off the top of the second inning with a solo home run to give CU a quick 1-0 lead.

But the Bears answered in a big way in the bottom of the third, scoring four runs on two doubles, two singles, and a hit-batsman.

The lead seemed to be enough for southpaw starter Matt DeBlauw (Broadview Heights, Ohio), but the Tigers roared back, scoring a run in the top of the fifth. After the Bears added a run in the bottom of the fifth to make it 5-2, CU got a two-run, opposite-field homer by Temple Macdonald in the top of the sixth to cut the Pikeville lead to 5-4 and effectively chased DeBlauw.

But freshman reliever Ben Wigger (Hebron) took over for the junior left-hander, shutting out the Campbellsville hitters over the last two innings to secure the win.

Sophomore catcher Josh Adams (Pikeville) led the Bears' attack in game two, picking up two doubles, three RBI, and scoring a run. Collins also added two hits and a run scored in the win.

The win went to DeBlauw (4-3), who gave up four earned over 5-1/3 innings, striking out two, and walking one. Wigger

picked up his second save of the season with two shutout innings of relief.

But something happened to the Campbellsville Tigers during the 18 hours between games two and three.

The Tigers pounced all over Pikeville senior starter Rene Alicea (Barceloneta, Puerto Rico) in game three, scoring six runs on the hard-throwing right-hander and chasing him after only 1-1/3 innings.

Pikeville would cut into the lead with four runs of its own in the bottom of the third, but the Bears would get no closer.

Campbellsville used a nine-run fourth inning to put the game out of reach at 15-4 and poured on the pain with seven more runs over the last three innings to bury the Bears 21-4.

Curley had a career day in game three, going 6-6 with four doubles, six runs scored, and an RBI for Campbellsville, while also striking out 11 Bears en route to a victory on

the mound.

Collins again led the Pikeville offense, going 3-4 with a triple and a run scored.

Still, the Bears did not let the shellacking get to them in game four, as Tardy opened the bottom of the first with a triple and trotted home when Tigers catcher Matt Lepage threw the ball away when tossing it back to the mound.

But the Tigers answered, scoring two runs in the top of the second off Pikeville senior starter Tony Preston (Louisville).

Trailing 2-1, the Bears' bats went cold over the next two innings. But with one out and nobody on, freshman catcher Kory Darby (Worthington) took a hanging breaking ball and launched it into the riverbed beyond the outfield wall for his first collegiate home run, tying the game at 2.

Preston went back to work, but the Tigers again had an answer. Nathan Quesenberry opened the top of the fifth with

a single and moved up to second on a sac bunt. Preston then let fly a wild pitch, which allowed Quesenberry to move up to third, and he would soon come around on a sacrifice fly to right field, giving CU the 3-2 advantage.

Campbellsville starter Jason Neufeld shut the Bears down in the sixth, but Pikeville got close in the seventh, getting the tying run to second base with one man out. Still, Neufeld managed to get a popout for out number two, and struck out the next man to end the game and give the Tigers a sweep for the day and a split in the series.

The hard-luck loss went to Preston (2-3), who allowed three runs on seven hits over seven innings. Darby and Tardy both had a pair of hits and a run scored in the loss.

The Bears will return to action today when they play host to the University of Virginia's College at Wise. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Mayo

championship.

"We had a lot of bumps and bruises, a lot of ups and down. This most definitely wasn't an easy ride," Mayo told The Associated Press. "But we stuck together like a family and we finished it off well."

Guess what, kid? It only gets tougher from here.

After a trip to Louisville, this week to play in the McDonald's All-American game with Huntington High teammate Patrick Patterson, Mayo is off to Southern Cal in the fall.

It's a significant step for the 6-foot-5 Mayo, whose talent has been followed since he was recruited to play high school ball in Kentucky as a seventh grader.

Yet Mayo, who thinks of himself more as a regular 19-year-old than a celebrity, remains grounded in the lessons of respect and responsibility taught by his mother, Alisha, and his AAU coach and legal guardian, Dwaine Barnes.

He often responds to questions with, "Yes, sir."

During games he raises his hand and looks toward the scorer's table when a foul is called on him.

He goes to Huntington's A.D. Lewis Community Center several times a week to play in a pickup game or remind children about the importance of staying in school.

Mayo did, although his high school career spanned three states and six years.

He transferred out of Kentucky with current Kansas State player and Huntington native Bill Walker to Cincinnati's North College Hill in 2003 where they won two Ohio Division III championships and Mayo twice was named state player of the year.

After Walker was ruled ineligible to play this season, Mayo moved back to his hometown of Huntington. Two losses to out-of-state competition took away Huntington's chances at a mythical national championship, but not the Highlanders' trophy.

They averaged 101 points in the three-game state tournament. In his final game, Mayo had 41 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in a 103-61 win over South Charleston a week ago for Huntington's unprecedented third straight Class AAA championship.

This season Mayo averaged 28 points per game and was a near-unanimous selection as West Virginia's player of the year. His final points were typical Mayo.

On a breakaway, he threw the ball underhanded off the backboard, caught it and dunked it in the same motion.

He then threw the ball deep into the stands, drawing a technical foul.

While his popularity attracted more television cameras and bigger venues, some of the extra attention shed unwanted light on some tough situations.

Mayo was ejected from a Jan. 26 game with rival Capital and served a three-game suspension after he bumped a referee who fell to the floor.

Earlier this month, Mayo was cited for marijuana possession, but the charge was dropped after another man in the car with Mayo took full responsibility for the drugs.

"I'd just like to put it behind me. The situation wasn't a good one," Mayo said. "Things happen sometimes, wrong place at the wrong time."

"Anytime you have adversity, anytime you can overcome it, it's always going to make you a stronger person."

Mayo's mother said she hopes her son takes those life lessons with him when he embarks on a 2,300-mile trek to Los Angeles for his freshman season.

Alisha Mayo said she taught her son to be "accountable for your actions at every turn. Mama can't help you every time."

And fame can be taken away as quickly as it arrives.

"He's got an awful lot of talent," said South Charleston coach Robert Dawson. "Hopefully he'll do the things that will keep him up there, because now the levels go up for him. The competition will be unbelievable, even in practice."

O.J. Mayo, a perfectionist when it comes to basketball, said he is ready.

As Southern Cal advanced to the East Regional semifinals where it lost to North Carolina on Friday night, Mayo was already thinking ahead to next year and "hopefully a number one seed. I'd like to get ready to try to win a national title."

And there's speculation whether he'll jump to the NBA after one season in college.

"I'll see where I stand starting with college workouts and competing with different guys this summer," Mayo said. "I just want to be the greatest player I can be and be an NBA Hall of Famer one day."

Huntington coach Lloyd McGuffin said the perpetually smiling Mayo must be taken seriously on his aspirations.

"He's a fierce competitor," McGuffin said. "The sky's the limit."

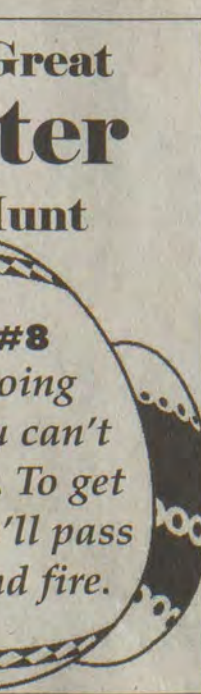
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BOYS' SWEET 16 FINALS: Scott Co. 56, Ballard 50

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEXINGTON — A well-meaning tongue lashing at halftime is all it took to inspire Scott County guard Bud Mackey to take over the game. Mackey's 22 points helped Scott County rally for a 56-50 victory against Ballard to win the school's second state championship on Saturday night at Rupp Arena. Mackey scored 11 of the Cardinals' 16 points in the

fourth quarter and gave the Cardinals their first lead since early in the second quarter when he made two free throws making it 51-50 with 3:10 remaining. From there the Bruins (35-3) couldn't score a basket and Scott County made 3-of-7 free throws to preserve the victory. "It feels great to be a state champion," Mackey said. "We haven't been beaten by a Kentucky team all year. To me, it's a perfect season."

Matt Walls added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals, who end the season 34-2 after winning their first championship since 1998. After scoring just two points in the first half, Scott County head coach Billy Hicks challenged Mackey to put the team on his shoulders and play the way he is capable of playing. Mackey said it was the "hardest" Hicks had ever yelled at him and gave him "a funny feeling in my stomach."

"It worked this time," Hicks said as he smiled. "He's a competitive kid, a tough kid. He took his game to another level." Scott County trailed by as many as seven in the fourth quarter before Mackey heated up. Trailing 49-44, he scored seven straight points to help the Cardinals take over the game. This was the second time the two teams met in the title game with Ballard capturing the crown in 1999.

In their only meeting during the regular season, Scott County beat Ballard 88-67 on Dec. 1, 2006. Johanne Hamilton led Ballard with 13 and Jonathan Gholson added 10 points. The Bruins forced the Cardinals to commit eight turnovers in the second quarter and out-scored them by seven

in the period for a 27-24 advantage at halftime. Ballard scored the first nine points including six from Hamilton in the second quarter for a 21-16 lead. Scott County didn't score its first points in the period until Cam Hundley made one free throw with 4:39 remaining before the break making it 21-17.

Knicks sign Kentucky center Morris

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
CLEVELAND — The New York Knicks signed free-agent center Randolph Morris to a two-year contract Friday, adding the former Kentucky star to their roster, thanks to an unusual provision in the NBA's collective bargaining agreement. Morris, the Wildcats' leading scorer this season, declared himself eligible for the 2005 draft following his freshman year but was not selected. He decided to return

to school and played two more seasons. Due to a condition in the CBA, Morris was not eligible to re-enter another draft. He had free-agent status throughout his junior season but decided to play out the year with the Wildcats, who were eliminated in the NCAA tournament last weekend by Kansas. The Knicks, who are battling for a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference, jumped at the chance to add a player for the future.

"We said all along that in terms of building this team, we would have to find unconventional ways to try and find talent and get out and beat the bushes," said Isiah Thomas, the Knicks' coach and director of basketball operations. "This is a very unique situation, and I don't know if there has been something similar to this. The rules allowed it, and here we are." Thomas said Morris will soon join and practice with the Knicks, who love the potential in the 6-foot-11, 260-pounder.

"It's another guy we can add to our young core," Thomas said. "We're very

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Marshall

season, to tie the game. Tulane claimed its first lead of the game, 4-3, when Henry and Nate Simon produced back-to-back doubles to deep right field in the top of the fifth. The Green Wave extended the lead to 5-3 in the frame on a Cat Everett safety squeeze with Simon on third base. Everett's bunt rolled nicely toward first base to allow Simon to easily score. Guidry led off the sixth inning with his third home run of the season to put Tulane up 6-3. Warren McFadden then faced the next Stone offering to right center for a single and

later scored on Henry's first RBI bunt of the contest. Marshall let a golden opportunity slip through its fingers in the sixth inning when it could not score any runners with the bases loaded and one out. The Herd rebounded, however, in the seventh. The Herd added a run on a RBI single up the middle to score Brit Vincent, who reached on a leadoff hit by pitch. The Herd had runners on first and second and threatened to cut its deficit even more, but Damas hit into a double play to end the frame with MU down 7-4.

Marshall tied the game in the bottom of the eighth, aided by a two RBI single by Vincent that scored Chris Peak and Nate Lape. Lape, a transfer from North Carolina, made his Marshall debut after sitting out the first 19 games of the season due to an arm injury. He went 1-for-3 in the game.

Vincent went 2-for-4 with two runs and two RBI to lead Marshall. Josh Valle also recorded a pair of hits (2-for-4), as did catcher Thad Ledford (2-for-5). Helm went 0-for-5 with five strikeouts from the leadoff spot.

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KIM'S KORNER

Two Horses

By: Kim Little Frasure

(Though the author is unknown the message of "Two Horses" is too good to not share.)

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse.

But if you stop your car or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.



Kim Little Frasure

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down but has made a good home for him. This

alone is amazing. If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to her halter is a small bell.

It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

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POISON OAK

On young swimmers and sundads

by Clyde Pack



Clyde Pack

Although it's a little early to start thinking about the ole swimming hole, the 80-plus degree weather we enjoyed over the weekend briefly took me back to a time, more than 60 years ago, when a

late-March weekend, such as this, would have found us playing along the creek banks. Can't say I ever knew of March swimmers, but the creek waders were often in full force on such occasions.

By the time school was out in mid-May—which was also the unofficial day to shed our shoes for the rest of the summer—swimming was in full swing.

Thinking about it now, our swimming hole was probably as dangerous as a loaded gun. It was 25 or 30 yards wide, and was said to be at least 20 feet deep in the middle. Furthermore, it was a quarter-mile from the nearest house, and any responsible adult.

We called it the Number One Pond, so designated because it had been formed by slate and other deep-mine debris from the North East Coal Company's Number One Mine. Since about 1907, they'd been dumping there, forming a barrier for runoff water from nearby hills.

But with no sense of history, and even less of danger, hot summer days would find as many as 20 youngsters of all ages enjoying an afternoon swim. Some of the older boys always seemed to come up with some sort of

(See OAK, page eight)

A big chunk of cheese

By Ralph Hall

When the second world war started in 1941, I was a five-year-old boy. My little brother, Mutt, was two years old. The reason I remember this so well, is because the day the war started was the day my other little brother, Isdora, was born. The day was December 7, 1941.

Grandmaw had come to our house early that morning. Daddy had gone off to a nearby village to get the doctor. I remember Grandmaw saying, "Ralph, you and Mutt put on your coats and go out and play. Goldia is going to have a baby."

"But, Grandmaw, it's cold out there," I replied. "I know it is," she said, "but it will only be for a little while."

So me and Mutt went out and stood on the porch. Mother was crying and we were worried. We didn't know what having a baby meant.

Well, Daddy finally came back with the doctor and some more time had passed, Grandmaw came out on the porch, and said, "Well, you boys have a new baby brother."

I thought to myself, "How did we get a baby brother? Did the doctor bring him or what?" When I first saw Isdora he was small and red. As it turned out, he would be a sickly little baby boy and only live for eight weeks. When he died, Grandmaw took Mutt and me into our bedroom and told us that Isdora had passed away. We asked her what that meant and she told us that it meant that Jesus took him to heaven to live with him. I tried to understand but I really just couldn't, guess my mind at that age was just too full of wondering why.

Grandmaw came to our house often for the next few months, and so did all my uncles and aunts from both sides of the family. Me, I had a big job because I had to take care of Mutt a lot. I didn't mind, though, because he was the best little boy in all the world in my eyes. We formed a bond between us when we were little that was stronger than death. After we all got over the shock of losing a baby boy in our family we began to put our lives back together again. At that time, it was the war that was on most people's minds. I didn't understand about war either, anymore than I understood why Jesus would take Isdora to heaven to live with him. If war meant that people had to die like little Isdora, then why would people want to go through all that hurt, I wondered.

The war years brought hard times to our village. It was hard to buy things like coffee and sugar. We had to work hard in the fields and gardens in the summer of 1942 so we could store enough grain and can enough food to get through the winter months. At the tender age of five, I learned how to pull weeds out of the onion beds and how to collect bugs from the plants in the garden and kill them at the end of each row. Also, during those times, any way we could find to make a few pennies extra, we did it.

Some of us kids became collectors in the village. We walked up and down the creek banks looking for copper or metal of any kind and pop bottles to trade in for money. One of the big things we did was to peel the tin foil off chewing gum wrappers and cigarette packs. We would roll the foil into large balls and sell it to the junk man when he came by. Daddy smoked Chesterfield cigarettes when he could get them. When he was low on money he smoked "roll your own brand," since that was cheaper. The trouble with rolling

your own cigarettes was that they were hard to roll up right. Gary Cooper and John Wayne, in the movies, could roll them the best. I guess everyone else learned from them two. In time, Daddy learned to roll them pretty good.

One hot, July morning Grandmaw came to our house. She said to Mother, "Goldia, get Ralph a pillow case so he can go with me to J. D.'s store and pick up some commodities. They're giving them out on the store porch today."

I always liked to go and pick up that government food because they always gave out cheese and I loved cheese. So I quick got me a white pillow case and said, "Come on, Grandmaw, let's go get us some cheese!"

So, down the tracks we took off to the store porch. As we were walking, we came into view of the store and quickly saw two large lines of people standing in front of the store. Grandmaw said, "Son, we're in for a long wait."

"I don't mind," I told her, "because we're going to get some cheese."

She just laughed at me as she always did and said, "Boy, you sure do love that cheese, don't you?"

"I sure do," I told her, "After eating soup beans and taters all month long, cheese will be like a blessing sent down from heaven," I said.

When we got to the store front, Grandmaw said, "I'll stand in line so you can talk with the people 'round us." Grandmaw knew how much I loved to talk. As I walked up and down the line, I soon found out that the only thing the people wanted to talk about was the war. All I knew about the war was that Uncle Sylvian and cousin Bob went off to fight in it. I didn't want to talk about the war, I wanted to talk about old Sooner, my dog, just as we had before. I thought to myself that this old war had changed everyone, even the old men who liked to sit around on the porch chewing and spitting while they talked about old lazy hounds. All day long it was just war talk. So, I finally gave up and just went back and stood in line with Grandmaw and thought about that cheese and how good it would taste.

After a bit, me and Grandmaw made it to the front of the line. The people who were handing out the food asked what our names were and wrote them down. Then, one of them said, "Hold open your sacks, so we can fill them up."

I noticed that the first thing they put in my sack was two big blocks of that good old cheese. I could almost feel my eyes pop out of their sockets and my mouth begin to water just like old Sooner the dog.

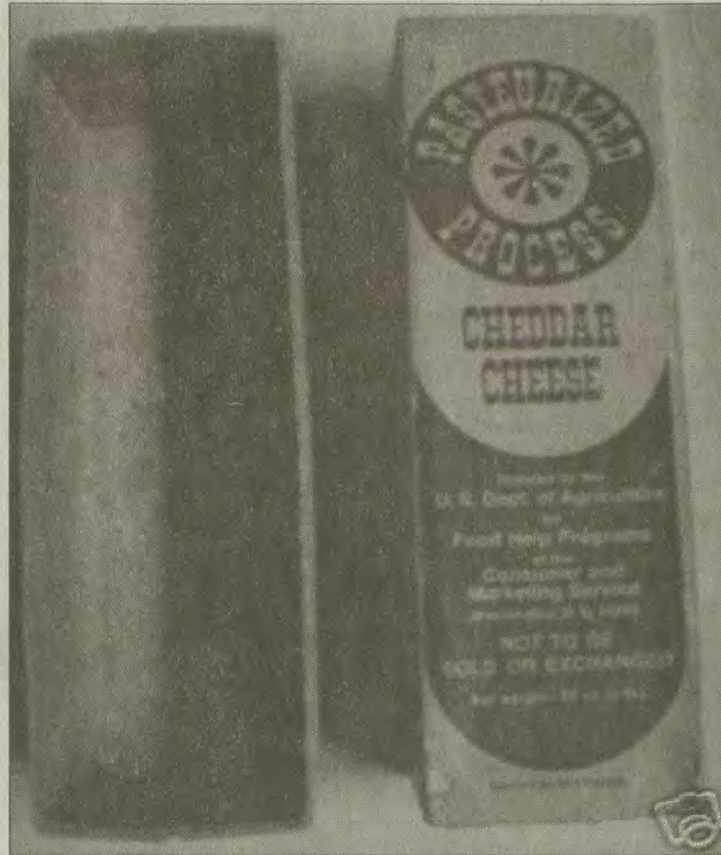
As we walked up the tracks toward home, I had about all I could carry in my pillow case. "Must have been plenty of cheese today, Grandmaw," I said. "They gave us two boxes each!"

"Sure did," she said.

I could hardly wait as we walked through our yard. My mind just kept saying over and over, "cheese, cheese." When me and Grandmaw

walked into my house, I cried out, "Hey, mother! Me and Grandmaw got cheese!"

Mother answered back, "That's good, Ralph. Bring your bag into the kitchen"



Government commodity cheese was something to look forward to, but not as good as looking forward to the war ending and loved ones returning, as our author relates today.

Grandmaw set her bag down in the front room. Before Mother could even get the cheese out of my pillowcase, I said, "Cut me a big chunk off, Mother!"

"Ralph, don't make so much noise," Mother said. "You'll get all of the cheese you can eat in due time. You're not that hungry." Then she cut Grandmaw a chunk and handed it to her first. I never said a word about that, though. I figured it was best to just keep my thoughts to myself if I wanted a slice for myself. At last, Mother finally cut me a chunk of that cheese. I took my time as I ate it, enjoying each and every bite as it went down.

While we ate, Mother and Grandmaw talked about the big crowd at the store and, of course, the war. I didn't listen much, just went on eating. When they got through talking, Grandmaw said, "Goldia, I'm going to go on home now."

"Hey, Mother, can I go home with Grandmaw and help her carry her food up the holler," I asked.

"Yes, Ralph, that will be okay, but you better get back here before dark."

"I will," I promised. Then I got some of Grandmaw's food and put it into another pillowcase that I would carry. I told Grandmaw that I was ready and so up the dirt road we went, it was too hard to carry the food up that far up the tracks, we might miss a railroad tie and fall down.

As we passed by Aunt Dell's house, I cried out, "Hey, Aunt Dell! They got cheese down at J.D.'s store today!"

"James got ours this morning," she hollered back.

"Ralph, you don't need to tell everyone on Hen

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CRITTER CORNER

Caring for Pets When You Travel

If you're a pet owner planning a business trip or vacation, the decision to take your pet along or leave him behind is an important one for both you and your companion. While it may be tempting to take your furry friend with you, keep in mind that some animals are not suited for travel because of temperament, illness, or physical impairment. If you have any doubts about whether it is appropriate for your pet to travel, talk to your veterinarian.

If you determine it is best for your pet to accompany you, you will need to devote extra time to prepare for the journey. For example, you'll need to have all of the supplies necessary to keep your pet comfortable while he's away from

home, and you'll need to familiarize yourself with any pet-related restrictions or requirements imposed by airlines, destination countries or states, hotels, etc. Reading our guidelines for traveling with a pet will help make the journey a safe and enjoyable one for both you and your companion.

If you decide that your pet should not travel, consider the alternatives: Have a responsible friend or relative look after your pet, board your animal at a kennel, or hire a pet sitter.

If a friend or relative is going to take care of your pet, ask if that person can take your animal into his or her home. Animals can get lonely when left alone. Be sure that your pet is comfortable with the temporary caretaker and his or her home, not to mention any pets that person has.

If you choose to board your pet, get

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This is "Shelly the Silly Shelter Sheltie," owned by Bonnie and John Faulkner. Shelly was rescued from the streets and taken to the Floyd County Animal Shelter where Bonnie spotted her and adopted her when she was about one year old. She is now five years old and leads a happy life with her new owners who are proud to report that she has successfully completed Obedience School and has earned the American Kennel Club's title of "Canine Good Citizen" for her efforts. "Shelly is bright as a button," says Bonnie. "John and I both think she is amazing."

Yesterdays

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Thirty Years Ago

(April 6, 1977)

Big Sandy River towns faced, Tuesday, a flood disaster which may exceed in severity the 1957 flood, when millions of dollars in property losses were suffered...State Finance Chief Russell McClure said, last Friday, that \$212 million in bonds will be sold in June for the financing of KY 80 construction from Water Gap, in this county, to Hazard...The number of candidates for public office, in this county, rose past the 100 mark last Wednesday, last day for filing, with five Democrats, three Republicans and five independents added to the list...The Department for Human Resources has announced its proposed plan for social services in the Big Sandy Area Development District, for the year beginning July 1...Candidates for district judge, who attended the seminar held, Friday, at May Lodge by the Administrative Office of the Courts, may have left a bit dismayed by the magnitude of the job they're seeking...Circuit court was interrupted, Tuesday, in the second day of its new criminal term, by floodwaters which cut highways, isolated towns, and threatened to inundate a large part of Prestonsburg...Starting salaries for Floyd County teachers with bachelor's degree, and no experience, this year are almost \$500 higher than the lowest pay in some other counties of the state...There died: Mamie Baldridge, 75, of Allen, March 31, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Elizabeth Webb Nunley, 54, Floyd County native, April 2, at her home in Frankfort; Colt (Whitey) Inman, 52, Garrett native, March 23, at his home in Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Jay Albert Thompson, 76, formerly of Martin, March 31, at King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland; Sallie Ann Sells, 65, formerly of Floyd County, March

24, at University Hospital in Columbus, O.; Andy J. Bentley, 87, April 2, at his home; Harrison Jones, 85, of Hueysville, April 3, at his home; Edythe Allen O'Hara, 64, formerly of McDowell, March 30, in Sarasota, Fla.; Margaret Tackett, 78, of Grethel, April 1, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Clarence D. Newberry, 63, formerly of Auxier, April 1, at the VA hospital in Dayton, O.; Stella Wells Harmon, 92, of Bays Branch, April 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Laura Hicks Click, 92, of Manton, Friday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Donna Joyce Conn, 14, of Martin, Wednesday, in the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Carrie Wireman, 89, of Dry Creek, Knott County, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Susanne McGuire, 86, Saturday, at her home, here.

home of her son in Ashland; William M. Sturgill, 68, of Harold, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Mr. Joe Taylor Hyden of Prestonsburg, March 15, at Hindman...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hall of Allen, a daughter, March 16...There died: Mrs. Mary Craft Dewesse, 82, Monday, at the home of Lancer, of her son, Albert Roberts; James Monroe Boyd, 62, at home at Dana, Monday.

Sixty Years Ago

(April 3, 1947)

As the nation's United Mine Workers, at midnight, Monday, begin a six-day period of mourning for the 111 miners who met death in the Centralia, Ill., mine disaster, the 22,500 miners of the Big Sandy and Hazard fields were reminded too, of the 20 bodies that remain in the Straight Creek mine in Bell County...Eugene Paul Hamby, 19-year-old Weeksbury miner, was instantly killed, last Thursday, when he was crushed beneath a slatefall in the Koppers Coal Company mine at Weeksbury...Otis Goble suffered head wounds when he was grazed by a shotgun blast, Saturday night, at his home at Lancer. Goble said he escaped death when he ducked just as the charge was fired...The Selective Service System which began with the drawing of the first draftee, Oct. 29, 1940, expired Monday at midnight...The Prestonsburg City Council will be asked at its meeting, Monday night, to appropriate at least half the \$160 estimated cost of a two-day rat extermination campaign planned for Prestonsburg under direction of a a rodent control expert...Allen Triplett, of Bevinville, resigned the office of Coroner, Saturday, and W. R. Callihan, of Prestonsburg, was appointed by County Judge Alex L. Davidson for the unexpired term...Miss Herma Lee Roberts, is winner of the \$25 pen offered by the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club for the best essay written by a rural Floyd pupil on "Why Forest Fires Should Be Prevented in Floyd County"...Married: Miss Greta Gaye Maggard of Bypro, and Mr. Dennis Francis of Wheelwright, March 24, at the home of the bride's parents; Mrs. Dixie Ratliff Marshall of Martin, and

Seventy Years Ago

(April 2, 1937)

Eight prisoners escaped from the Floyd County jail at noon Thursday...Floyd County miners are idle this week as UMWA representatives are meeting with coal company officials in an attempt to negotiate a new contract to replace the one which expired, March 31...The Floyd Fiscal Court in a special session, here, March 25, passed a resolution urging WPA officials to begin work on the Turkey Creek road project, and also passed an order to construct a bridge across Bull Creek on the Prestonsburg to Dwayne road...Married: Miss Elmesta Taylor of Paris, and Mr. George E. Allen of Lexington, March 27, at Lexington; marriage licenses issued during the past week: Franklin Sluss, 23, and Pauline McKenzie, 18; James Martin, 20, and Delia Martin, 18; Henry Castle and Jewel Estep; Save Ousley, 24, and Verlie Case, 21; Jimmie Burchett and Lula Jane Clark...There died: Andrew J. E. Spradlin, 31, Sunday, at the residence, here, of Alex L. Davison; Mrs. Mary Prater, 66, at home on Stephens Branch, Wednesday; Green M. Clark, 24, of Allen, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, of injuries received in an accident in a mine of the Inland Steel Company; Mrs. Assalona Prater Allen, 68, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Dingus, at Martin, Tuesday.

Forty Years Ago

(April 6, 1967)

A conference being held today, (Thursday), in Washington, with officials of the Office of Economic Opportunity, may go far toward determining if a grant of more than \$5 million will be made to develop a comprehensive health program in Floyd County...John Gilbert Bentley, 18, of Allen, died Sunday, when the auto he was driving on KY 80, toward Martin, left the highway, overturned and plunged down an embankment into Beaver Creek...The disaster report of Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross, filed Tuesday, shows that the Red Cross spent a total of \$12,547.80 for relief of Floyd families stricken by the March 7 flood...Superintendent of Schools Charles Clark, said Wednesday, that Title I committee for the county has approved an eight-room addition to the McDowell Elementary School, and that contract will in all probability be let in mid-May...Sp-4 James Fairchild, Floyd County native and former Prestonsburg resident, has been decorated with the Bronze Star with V for heroism in Vietnam...Married: Miss Donna Ann Meade, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Mr. William Joseph Bridge Jr., of Shelbyville...There died: Mrs. Daisy Hale McGuire, 76, of West Prestonsburg, Friday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home here; Mrs.

Fifty Years Ago

(April 11, 1957)

The Floyd County Flood Control Association was formed, here, at a meeting of interested citizen at the courthouse last Friday evening...The Top Hat at East Point was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, Sunday night, at an estimated loss of \$25,000, and on the following day the residence of John Branham on the Auxier road burned with all its contents...Next Monday, the first county-wide Book Fair opens in Miss Linda Stephens' modern library at the new Prestonsburg High School, then moves to Miss Evelyn Salisbury's grade school library on Tuesday...Low-cost machinery and equipment for the smaller truck mine operations of eastern Kentucky and adjacent coal fields will be produced by a new corporation being formed by A. E. Hayes, his wife, June D. Hayes, and B. P. Bogardus, owner of Hayes Metal products, Hi Hat...The grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court adjourned, Tuesday, after having voted only 48 indictments, the smallest number voted by a modern-day Floyd grand jury...Married: Miss Eulavene Hall, of McDowell, and Mr. Hobert Preston, of Wheelwright, March 3, at the home of the bride; Miss Carolyn Leslie Wright, of Pikeville, and William Winston Ford Jr., March 24, at Pikeville...There died: Mrs. Fannie L. Howard, 79, of Hite, Tuesday, at her home; Mrs. Mary Callihan Martin, 88, Prestonsburg native, Saturday, at the

Oak

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long plapk which—with the help of some big rocks—they'd devise into a makeshift diving board, from which we'd jump. Can't recall ever seeing any Olympic hopefuls performing at the ole Number One.

Somewhere in the far distant past, someone had also begun stocking the pond with fish, mostly sundads. I've always just figured that over the years local fishermen probably brought bucketfuls of whatever they might have caught from the Big Sandy, and dumped it in. I don't think I ever saw a catfish pulled out, but bass were not uncommon. Like I said, though, it was mostly sundads.

And frogs. The pond was a haven for bullfrogs. On those sweaty summer nights, amid a chorus of a gazillion baritone and bass voices, some of the older boys would don a carbide lamp and gigging in Number One. I guess frog legs were as much a delicacy, then, as they are now.

Anyway, despite the fact that kids from as far away as town would come there to swim, as dangerous and isolated as it was, it's a thousand wonders that somebody hadn't drowned.

It's been many years since I have topped that slate dump and gazed down upon, what was then, the largest body of water I had ever seen. Matter of fact, for all I know, the Number One Pond may not even be there anymore. It doesn't really matter, though, because I still carry it around in my head, complete with the crop of cattails that flourished in its upper end...and, of course, that rickety old diving board.

Critter

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references and inspect the kennel. Your veterinarian or local shelter can help you select a facility. You can also read our online tips for choosing a boarding kennel.

If you are hiring a pet sitter, interview the candidates and check their references. (A pet sitter may be preferable if your pet is timid or elderly and needs the comfort of familiar surroundings during your absence.) Be sure to check out our online guidelines on how to choose a pet sitter.

Whatever option you choose, your pet should be up-to-date on all vaccinations and in sound health. If you arrange for someone to care for your pet while you are away, provide the caretaker with the telephone number where you can be reached, the name and telephone number of your veterinarian, and your pet's medical or dietary needs. You should also make sure that your pet is comfortable with the person you have chosen.

Cheese

Pen about this cheese," Grandmaw said. "They'll get theirs before the day is over."

Grandmaw was as much like Mutt as he said I was like Aunt Dell. Just didn't want me to talk to people. Well, they could complain but they couldn't stop me, I'd just go on talking like always. Well, the years began to pass and soon 1942, 1943, and 1944 had come and gone and then it was 1945. One day in 1945 me and Mutt were playing in our front yard. Billy Joe, a neighbor who lived next door, came by and said, "Hey, Ralph, want to go to the store with me?"

"Sure do," I said. So down them tracks we went again.

Instead of going to the store, Mutt went down to the chicken house to hear them old hens lay their eggs. He liked to hear them "cluck, kuk." He would climb to the top of the hen house and sit down on the roof and

listen as them hens began to start clucking away. Mutt thought about them big brown eggs them old hens were laying. He liked them good eggs. As he sat there, he was startled as women all up an down the holler came running out of their houses a-hollering, a-screaming, and a-shouting. Mutt said he thought that Jesus come! One of them crazy women yelled real loud, "The war is over! I heard it on the radio!"

Mutt scrambled down from atop that old roof and ran into the house to tell Mother. Me and Billy Joe heard about it at the store. Everyone was so happy that the war had ended! It was a day of celebration! After a few days, we got word that Uncle Sylvian and cousin Bob would be home on the train in a few more days.

That day arrived and they came home on the train and the whole village came out to see them. Sylvian

got off the train first, then Bob walked down on the platform. People were crying and hugging them both. It was a time of joy for everyone. Some of the old men who had lived through the first world war were waving flags and saying "God bless the United States of America." It was just too much for me so I had to dry my eyes before I hugged them. It was Uncle Sylvian who picked me up first. He kissed me and with tears in his eyes, said, "I sure did miss you, boy." He held me and we both just cried with sheer joy to see one another for a while. People were saying over and over, "Our boys are home, our boys have come home again."

There was a big picnic in the school yard of the three room schoolhouse that afternoon. The yard was filled with people and I never saw so much food in all my born life. What a great day for fun

with family and friends! Cheese wasn't the thing on my mind that day, too many other good things on the tables to eat!

This many years later, I will still never forget December 7, 1941 because it was the day little Isdora was born and the day the second world war began. But, on this one fine day, finally the war was over! No more bombs and no more bullets would fly or fall over across those seas. I had grown from a five year old boy to a nine year old and Mutt was now six. What great adventure would lie ahead for me and Mutt now when we would get up in the morning! No matter what, I knew one thing - I knew me and Mutt were going to have fun. 1941 and the years that followed had played a great role in our future, because we are all shaped by our pasts.

Korner

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When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear her bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.

Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see.

Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

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Wedding



May Wedding Planned

Tina Renee Johnson and Randy Lance Page are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Tina is the daughter of Christine and Tilton Johnson Jr., of Melvin. Randy is the son of Cynthia Leahigh, of Munfordville and Rodney Page, of Louisville. A May wedding is planned.

Celebrate your administrative assistant

Saying thank you is an important part of the business world and so the Hazard Women's Club is again holding an event for employers to say Thank You to their administrative assistants and other valued workers on Wednesday, April 25 during Administrative Assistant Appreciation Luncheon. The event will be held at Hazard Community & Technical College in Room 123A of the First Federal Center. Doors will open at 11:30 and will be over by 1 p.m. Entertainment for the event will include a short, humorous play entitled "The Office" by Kate Hoffower. The play, directed by Tammy Duff, stars Suzanne Deaton, Rebecca Fletcher, and Lynn Smith. Tickets are \$15 per person and includes a flower to be given to each assistant. Tickets should be paid in advance. All proceeds go to scholarships to attend Hazard Community & Technical College. Raffle prizes will also be available for sale prior to and during the event. All prizes will be awarded before 1 p.m.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 18 to Sherry Bettinazzi at 487-3066 or Sherry.Bettinazzi@kctcs.edu

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 btapo001@kctcs.edu.

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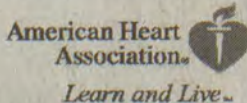


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Richard Martin

HCTC Success Story: Richard Martin

Richard Martin is his own boss and he likes it that way. He credits his ability to thrive as a self-made businessman to the classes he is taking at Hazard Community & Technical College. Martin started Blue Grass Pest Control 21 years ago. The first 12 years, he ran the business out of his home in Knott County but then he expanded, opening an office in Hazard six years ago. Martin is thankful for the classes at HCTC which have helped him. He's taken courses in accounting, marketing, law, plus more. "Every class I've taken, I've used in my work," Martin said. Martin said he wasn't a good student while in high school, but now at age 45 he is on the Dean's List, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary society, been named to Who's Who, and now has an overall GPA of 3.8 on a 4-point scale. "Success in business comes from hard work and dedication and Martin has certainly demonstrated those two qualities," noted Larry Parke, faculty member and Division Chair at HCTC, who has taught Martin in his classes. "I'm also impressed by the hard work and dedication Richard has for his classes," Parke said. If the decision comes to going to class or taking on a last-minute call, Martin said he goes to class. He has made getting his education a priority. While only taking one course a semester, he has designed his schedule so he can give adequate amount of time to his school work. "I would recommend someone in business to take classes," Martin said. "Going to school keeps me inspired. I keep getting ideas on how to be a better businessman."

Any business owner interested in enrolling in classes can contact Larry Parke at 800-246-7521, ext. 73408.



HCTC's welding students on tour

Faculty member Craig Herald's welding students from Hazard Community and Technical College along with the American Welding Society's Lexington section toured the Link-Belt Manufacturing plant on Feb. 22. The Link-Belt Construction Equipment Company is a leader in the design, manufacture and sales of telescopic and lattice boom cranes. Link-Belt's core production base and center for worldwide operations is its 500,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility in Lexington. The students, from left, are Greg Morris of Perry County; Jonathan Sexton of Perry County, Justin Puffer of Breathitt County, Ricky Ponders of Wolfe County, Shane Hayes of Hazard High School, Chucky Williams of Perry County, Coy Hall of Lee County, and not pictured Jonathan Dunn.

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Mountain Arts Center Calendar of Events

Tickets for all MAC summer shows now on sale!	Women For Christ Seminar Saturday, April 28 - 10 am - 3 pm	Friday, July 6 Friday, July 13 Friday, July 20 Saturday, July 21 Friday, July 27 Friday, August 3 Saturday, September 1 All at 8 pm Tickets: Adults \$15; Senior Citizens \$13; Students Under 18 \$11; Groups of 15+ \$10 Dates & Times are subject to change.
The Mountain Arts Center Presents Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys With Melvin Goins & Windy Mountain Saturday, April 7 - 7:30 pm Tickets: \$22 upper/\$24 Lower (on-sale now)	Billy Currington Saturday, June 30 - 8 pm Tickets: \$37.	
US23 Highway Highlights Presented by Goodyme Productions & Mountain Arts Center Best Regional Performers from US23 Country Music Highway - Saturday, April 14 - 7:30 pm Tickets: \$15 Upper/\$20 Lower (on sale now)	Sawyer Brown Saturday, July 14 - 8 pm Tickets: \$39.	
	Kentucky Headhunters & Exile Saturday, July 28 - 8 pm Tickets: \$26.	
	Front Porch Pickin' In the Theater Thursday, June 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, August 2 all at 7 pm	<i>Additional fees may be applicable. Call toll-free 1-888-MAC-ARTS or locally 606-886-2623 for tickets. Check for updates at: www.macarts.com</i>
	Junior Jamboree Saturday, June 23 & August 4 - 8 pm	
My Lord Has The Answer Ministries Anniversary Concert with 4 the King, Salvation Rain, 5 Miles from Nowhere, Stepping Out on Faith, The Jacksons Saturday, April 21 - 7:30 Tickets: \$10	US23 Talent Showcase Saturday, June 14 & July 7 - 8 pm Kentucky Opry Summer Shows 2007 And Kentucky Opry Junior Pros Friday, June 22 - Opening Night Friday, June 29	<i>*The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Commerce Cabinet, provides operational support funding for the Mountain Arts Center with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.</i>



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