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briefs

Police probe death of preacher

The Associated Press

HAZARD — Police in Eastern Kentucky are trying to determine who fatally shot a preacher who was known for his generosity.

Perry County Chief Deputy Sheriff Tony Eversole says Marion Estep was found in his car parked along the Hal Rogers Parkway in Perry County. Estep had been shot multiple times, and Eversole told the Lexington Herald-Leader that Estep died early Friday after undergoing surgery at Appalachian Regional Hospital in Hazard.

Eversole says the Pentecostal preacher's family told him that Estep seldom carried cash because he would give it away to people in need. People in Hazard say Estep was a kind-hearted man who would go out of his way to help people, including strangers.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Perry County sheriff's office at (606) 439-4523 or Hazard City Police at (606) 436-2222.

MAKING PREPARATIONS



photo by Jack Latta

Kentucky National Guard soldiers trained on a .50 caliber machine gun last weekend in preparation for their planned rotation to the Middle East.

Local Guard unit preparing for deployment to Afghanistan

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Kentucky National Guard Combat/Engineers Division began gearing up over the weekend for a yearlong tour in the Middle East.

"It's a great opportunity," said Capt. John Barger, of Lawrenceburg. "We're an engineer unit, and this is an engineer mission."

Captain Barger noted that this will be the unit's first mission to the Middle East. Their last mission was during 2004 and 2005 in Kosovo, a province of Serbia.

"We want our opportunity to



photo by Jack Latta

Riverview Medical Center employees prepared a home-cooked meal for the Kentucky National Guard unit at the Prestonsburg Armory on Saturday.

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Failed tax exemption heats council meeting

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A return to discussions concerning a series of property tax exemptions put city attorney Jim Webb on the defensive during Prestonsburg's first city council meeting of 2008.

According to Councilman B.D. Nunnery, the council had instructed Webb in May to mail out a letter to the newly annexed residents, who had been promised property tax exemptions and explain to them why they would receive a tax bill.

"We didn't explain it to them (the residents), and I am upset," said Nunnery on Tuesday. "We're trying to get the city to act responsibly again."

The argument stems from the decision in January 2006 to offer a five-year tax exempt status to those who were voluntarily annexed during a six-month period. Mayor Jerry Fannin and Councilman Kelly Moore both owned property that was annexed, though Fannin's property had been conveyed to Ople Reynolds in May 2006 and she filed for the annexation.

Fannin and Webb both said during the council meeting that they had spoken to the Kentucky League of Cities and the Attorney General's Office and found there was room for interpretation.

Kentucky League of Cities attorney J.D. Chaney said that he was present at

the meeting but the only discussion concerned occupational tax licensing, not property tax.

According to Chaney, "Any city ordinance that attempted to exempt property owners from paying property tax would likely be pre-empted by the Constitution."

According to Section 171 of the Kentucky constitution, "Taxes shall be levied and collected for public purposes only and shall be uniform upon all property of the same class subject to taxation within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax; and all taxes shall be levied and collected by general laws."

In a letter dated Jan. 17, 1984, from then-Attorney General David L. Armstrong to Walter Dunlevy, president of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Armstrong said, "When a city annexes territory and such an annexation becomes final, the territory automatically becomes part of the city and subject to tax the same as any other portion thereof."

The argument grew tense as Nunnery and Webb had a difference of opinion of how the letter should read.

Nunnery said that Webb and Fannin are trying to shift blame for the revocation of tax exempt status to the city council voting it down.

"They didn't have the

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Today



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Tomorrow



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Beshear laments finances, avoids casinos in State of Commonwealth

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear warned Monday that Kentucky faces tough financial times ahead but offered words of optimism that the state may be strengthened by the hardship.

"In his first State of the Commonwealth address, Beshear lamented a "budget crisis" that he said will "reduce our ability to make major new investments in some important priorities." The speech mirrored others he has given since taking office last month.

"It is my duty and my responsibility to inform you that we have some tough times ahead," he said. "The revenue outlook is grim. Because of

the economic slowdown, the cooling of the housing market, oil prices and a gap between what we spend and what we earn, we are facing an unprecedented budgetary shortfall."

Beshear, who received a standing ovation when he arrived to speak to a joint session of the House and Senate shortly after 7 p.m. EST, said raising taxes will be a last resort. And he made no mention of his proposal to legalize casinos in the state, a move that the Democratic governor says could generate \$500 million a year in additional revenue for state government.

"So that leaves cutting government spending," Beshear said. "We can bring more efficiency out of state

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photo by Bud Kraft, LRC Public Information

Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville, center, welcomes Gov. Steve Beshear, left, into a joint session of the Kentucky General Assembly for the governor's State of the Commonwealth address as House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, looks on.

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Obituaries

Brigadier General Jake Bates Jr.

Brigadier General Jake Bates, Jr., age 65, of Printer, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2008, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

He was born December 10, 1942 in Printer, the son of the late Jake Bates and Mexie Cox Bates. He was owner and operator of Bates Septic Systems. He was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church; a member of the Rebecca Lodge, No. 134, Inez; the Odd Fellows Lodge at Paintsville; and a member of the DAV No. 128 Auxiliary.

Survivors include two sons: William Bates of Howe, Indiana, and Tony Caudill of Auxier; a daughter, Kimberly Cross of Lagrange, Indiana; three sisters: Dorothy Coon of Scott, New York, Lois Foux of Berkshire, New York, and Peggy Burke of Wetumpka, Alabama; six grandchildren: Courtney Cross, Cara Cross, Bryce Bates, Clayton Caudill, Kolin Jones, and Kenny Jones; and a great-grandchild, Kendal Jones.

Funeral services for Brigadier General Jake Bates Jr., were conducted Thursday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Bates Family Cemetery, in Printer, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with Odd Fellows and Rebecca Lodge services conducted Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m., at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)



Judith Lynn Collins

Judith Lynn Collins, age 54, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 13, 2008, in King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

She was born May 15, 1953 in Martin, the daughter of the late Noah and Monnie Clevinger Collins.

Survivors include two brothers: Carl David Collins of Prestonsburg, and Earl Dennis Collins of Louisville.

Funeral services for Judith Lynn Collins were conducted Tuesday, January 15, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with David Proffitt officiating.

Burial was in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Doug Collins, Brian Collins, Shawn A. Collins, Rex Music, David Collins, Steve Goines and Tim Goines.

(Paid obituary)



Elder Ellis Holbrook

Elder Ellis Holbrook, age 78, of Betsy Layne, formerly of Melvin, died Sunday, January 13, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Lexington.

Born June 22, 1929, in Halo, he was the son of Stella Mae Burke Holbrook of Pikeville, and the late William B. Holbrook. He was a retired store clerk and a member of Little Sara Old Regular Baptist Church at Mullins. He was an Old Regular Baptist minister, ordained April 4, 1970; and moderator of the New Salem Association. He was a United States Marine, a Korean veteran and a Kentucky Colonel.

He is survived by his wife, Ormagene (Tiny) Hall Holbrook.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: William Langley and Wanda Holbrook of Pikeville; daughters and sons-in-law: Charlotte Fern and Kenny Armour of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Ella Jean and Jimmy Williamson of Pikeville; five brothers: Charles Edward Holbrook of Warsaw, Indiana; James Earl Holbrook and Kenneth Wayne Holbrook, both of Pikeville; and William B. Holbrook and John Curtis Holbrook, both of Carleton, Michigan; three sisters: Betty Ruth Hobbs, Carolyn Lynn Gilliam, and Cathy Gail Harville, all of Pikeville; four grandchildren: Brandon Bartlett, Whitney Bartlett, Keith Holbrook, and Jordan Compton; and two stepgrandchildren: Jimmy Mack Williamson and Brady Williamson.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Draxie Bailey, Judith Ann Phillips, and Mary Marie Holbrook.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 16, at 11 a.m., at the New Salem Association building in Minnie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-

Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation is at the New Salem Association building.

Pallbearers: Brandon Bartlett, Keith Holbrook, Jordan Compton, Jimmy Mack Williamson, Brady Williamson, Jimmy Williamson Jr., Kenny Armour, Stanley Stratton, Bud Akers, and Mark Johnson.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)



Alan Leslie Little

Alan Leslie Little, age 51, of Charlotte, North Carolina, a native of McDowell, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, in the Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

He was born in McDowell, on August 3, 1956, the son of Janice Sexton Little of McDowell, and the late Alton Little.

He was a civil engineer, employed by Mactech, and was a member of the Southland Christian Church of Lexington.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two daughters: Leslie Gailey and Paula Little, both of Lexington; and a sister, Diana Little of Winchester.

Memorial services were held Saturday, January 12, at noon, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Harry Hargis officiating.

Arrangements by Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

(Paid obituary)



Shirrell Edward Morris

Shirrell Edward Morris, age 75, of East Point, died Friday, January 11, 2008, at Woodlawn Health Care Facilities, in Ashland.

Born March 18, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Henry and Magalene Hayes Morris. He was a heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include a son, Shud Morris of East Point; three brothers: James Arthur Morris of Wayland, Patrick Morris of Estill, and Junior Hall of Tenino, West Virginia;

four sisters: Vivian Ousley of South Point, Ohio, Claudette Allen of Amarillo, Texas; and Darlene Hellwig and Teresa Shinner, both of Tenino, West

Virginia; and two grandchildren, Kelli and Emily.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Dean Morris.

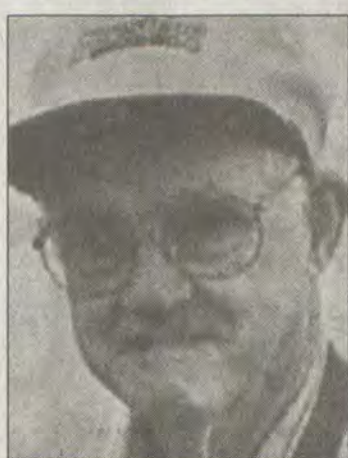
Funeral services were held Monday, January 14, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Martin Branch Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Hayes Cemetery, in Langley.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)



William Shepherd

William Shepherd, 81, of Battle Creek, Michigan, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at Battle Creek Health System.

He was born June 27, 1926, in Pyramid, the son of the late Abe and Sallie (Stephens) Shepherd.

He is survived by his wife, Hellen O. Chiz Shepherd, whom he married on July 1, 1950, in Battle Creek.

William served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the Chinese Theatre, on the USS Repose Hospital Ship, and the Michigan Air National Guard at Battle Creek. He worked for Michigan Carton Company.

He was a bee keeper and collected honey. He also made gourd bird houses, and was an avid and faithful listener to WBCK radio. He volunteered at the Leila Arboretum, and was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, and was a leader for the Fifty Plus Group at the church. He was a Scout Leader for the Bee Badge, and a life member of V.F.W.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons: David Shepherd, Michael Shepherd, and Thomas Shepherd, all of Battle Creek; a grandchild, Eric (Carmen) Shepherd; a stepgranddaugh-

ter, Julie Cross-Green; and brothers and sisters, Elizabeth Shepherd, Wheeler Shepherd, Mae Tussey, Rebecca Shepherd and Dona Turner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Harrison Shepherd, Archer Shepherd, Allie Shepherd, Arvel Shepherd, Ashland Shepherd, and Bertha Shepherd.

Visitation was held at Bachman Hebble Funeral Service.

Funeral services were held

Thursday, at 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church, with Pastor D. Hubert Lowes officiating.

Burial was in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be made to Leila Arboretum Society, or Christ United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by the Bachman Hebble Funeral Service, a member by invitation, Selected Independent Funeral Homes. (269) 965-5845.

(Paid obituary)

Bill would require women to undergo ultrasounds before abortions

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — They could choose not to look, but women seeking an abortion would have to first undergo an ultrasound and review the results with their doctors, under a measure proposed last week in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Sen. Jack Westwood, a northern Kentucky lawmaker who opposes abortion, introduced the plan that could lead to fines for doctors who don't comply. It would require doctors to perform ultrasounds on women seeking abortions and allow women to see the images before terminating their pregnancies.

Physicians who don't comply could be fined up to \$100,000 for the first offense and \$250,000 for each subsequent offense.

"I think this has a real good chance," Westwood said. "I don't see how anybody would be opposed to allowing a woman to have as much information about what's going on in her body as possible."

The measure has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Similar proposals have been introduced recently in other states.

There are at least 20 abortion-related bills proposed in state legislatures throughout the country, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Currently, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi require ultrasounds on women seeking an abortion, and they require the doctor to offer to let the patient see the results.

Arizona and Florida require ultrasounds for abortions after the first trimester, said Elizabeth Nash, a public policy associate with the Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit research center on reproductive health.

None of the others requires the doctor to review the ultrasound with the woman, Nash said. A similar measure Westwood's was proposed last year in South Carolina, Nash said.

"The bills are not designed to help a woman make an informed choice about continuing her pregnancy or not," Nash said. "Instead they're designed to actively steer her away from choosing an abortion."

But Westwood, R-Crescent Springs, said physicians already do ultrasounds before performing abortions, so the legislation doesn't require an abortion provider to do anything more, other than to brief women on what the image shows.

"It doesn't require the woman to look at it," Westwood said. "The woman still would have the right to avert her eyes under this legislation. There's nothing that would require her to actually look at the ultrasound image."

The legislation is popular among anti-abortion lawmakers.

"It sounds like an idea I can support," said state Rep. Stan Lee, R-Lexington, who has sponsored previous anti-abortion bills in the legislature. "I think anytime you give a patient more knowledge, more information, it's probably a

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So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear,
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Community Calendar

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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.

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

HRMC Community Calendar
January
January 24: Kiwanis; Board Room, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 30: Living Well With Diabetes Support Group; Meeting Room A & B, 5 to 6 p.m.
For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday 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.

"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.

'Earn While You Learn'
The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929; Johnson, call 789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and in Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

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2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

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
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Guild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Stone 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

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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.

Family reunion
The descendants of Bud and Tannie Johnson, Ab and Lendie Bryant, and Green and Mary Johnson will have a family reunion Saturday, May 24, at the Weeksbury Community Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish.

Pageant to be held at South Floyd High
The 2nd Annual Miss Sweetheart Pageant and 2008 Prom Dress Preview Show will be held on February 9, at 8:30 p.m., in the South Floyd High School Gym. Miss Kentucky Teen USA, Shannen Reil, will present all awards. Many age divisions and categories. Call Mrs. D. Isaac at 452-9600 (day) or 377-0469 (evening), or see a South Floyd Cheerleader for more information. Pageant sponsored by Village Boutique, in Prestonsburg.

AARP Tax-Aide Training
Training for the AARP 2007 tax season for AARP Tax-Aide Program Volunteers will be held Jan. 16-18, at the Floyd County Library, located on Arnold Avenue, in Prestonsburg. Training sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and from 1-3 p.m.

FCCD to award \$1,000 scholarship
Deadline to apply, Jan. 31
The Floyd County Conservation District will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Floyd County High School senior with plans to major in Agriculture/Conservation of Natural Resources. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, three Letters of Recommendation, and a 1-page typed essay outlining reasons for choosing Agriculture/Conservation as major. All entries must be postmarked by January 31. For more info, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

Second chance
A Volunteer Organization supporting organ and tissue donation meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17, at the Mountain Arts Center. For more information, contact Den Willis (606) 886-2552.

Support dancing classes!
The Hill County Dancers are starting new Classes, Thursday, February 7, at the Hambley Athletic Center in Pikeville. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and see what square dancing is all about. We have a lot of fun doing this and we want to share it with you. We meet every Thursday and this is a great way to meet new people; and make new friends.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

Amendment 1

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Text of State of the Commonwealth Address

by GOV. STEVE BESHEAR

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Distinguished members of the Kentucky General Assembly, Lt. Governor Mongiardo, Constitutional Officers, Honorable Members of the Court of Justice, honored guests, including Kentucky's First Lady and my fellow Kentuckians.

I stand before you in these financially demanding times proud to be your Governor and proud to be a Kentuckian.

Those of us in this Capitol have accepted a responsibility of public service. None of us takes it lightly and each of us is motivated from the heart.

I know each of you feels as I do — grateful for the opportunity we have to give something back to this great Commonwealth.

The towering statue of Abraham Lincoln watching over the entrance hall of this majestic structure has seen generations of Kentucky leaders grapple with the problems of their day.

President Lincoln — whose birth in Kentucky nearly 200 years ago we begin celebrating next month — is a prime example of one who deeply believed in his cause. But he also believed — as much as anyone ever has — that we are stronger together than we are alone.

None of us has all the answers. What we do have are our principles.

I will never hesitate to express what I believe, and I expect the same from you. But I also pledge to listen.

We will not always agree, but we must join together to get the important work of Kentucky done!

Only through the collective efforts of everyone in this room — and the citizens all across the Commonwealth who have entrusted us with this responsibility — can we meet the significant challenges we face, and then move Kentucky forward.

Frankly, the state of this Commonwealth is not acceptable!

However, despite obvious problems, I remain filled with hope and optimism for the future, because I know that we can meet this test with determination, honesty and unity.

We're going to need each of those qualities, and more, in the weeks and months ahead.

It is my duty and my responsibility to inform you that we have some tough times ahead. The revenue outlook is grim.

Because of the economic slowdown, the cooling of the housing market, oil prices and a gap between what we spend and what

we earn, we are facing an unprecedented budgetary shortfall.

While this is a situation I inherited, it is my job to fix it — and that is exactly what I intend to do.

It is not a time for whining or "woe is us" — it is a time for leadership, bold action and temporary cost cutting.

We have two options: raise taxes, or cut spending.

If the Commonwealth of Kentucky were a family, and we realized we were spending more than we could afford, we'd have no choice but to tighten our belts.

Well, even though state government is not a family, it's about time we began acting more like one. After all, it is the people's money, and I know you all agree that we need to be as efficient as possible when it comes to taxpayer dollars.

Raising taxes is and will continue to be a last resort as long as I'm Governor.

So, that leaves cutting government spending. We can wring more efficiency out of state government and I intend to do just that.

It's common sense, but it will require some painful sacrifices.

I intend to be a fiscally responsible steward of this government. I would much prefer to be standing here today talking to you about all the new investments we're making, but much of that will have to wait for another day.

In the short-term, this budget crisis will unfortunately reduce our ability to make major new investments in some important priorities — my priorities.

However, the need to lower prescription drug costs for our senior citizens will not go away!

The need to increase college aid and job training will not go away!

The need to send colleges and universities better prepared students will not go away!

The need to invest in new 21st century jobs will not go away.

And, I remain fully committed to those priorities.

Ironically, the revenue situation I inherited becomes a golden opportunity to change the way we do business in Kentucky.

It is an opportunity to make every state agency leaner, more efficient and more responsive.

It is an opportunity to begin preparing Kentucky to compete in the new economy.

It is a way to focus on economic development that will create a stronger economy with jobs of the future rather than those of the past.

As I said in my inaugural address only a few weeks ago, we have an opportunity to be America's next frontier.

Kentuckians are blessed with a

strong work ethic.

We are blessed with natural resources just waiting for conscientious investments from both the public and private sectors.

We are blessed with unique cultures, energy resources, some Fortune 500 companies, an equine industry of immense importance and a thriving arts scene.

We are blessed with a sound agricultural community that is also focusing ahead rather than behind. Though its size may have diminished somewhat, the end product has been remarkable.

We are blessed with dedicated teachers and administrators in our K-12 educational system, and with institutions of higher learning committed to excellence.

We are blessed with patriots from all branches of the military as evidenced by Kentucky's contributions to the global war on terrorism.

The service of our National Guard in these perilous times merits our deepest appreciation.

Yet, right now, we're falling farther behind. Today, the Commonwealth still lacks the necessary economic infrastructure to be competitive in the global economy.

Our people also lack trust in their government, and it is critical that trust and credibility be restored if we're to accomplish anything else.

That's why I announced just last week a comprehensive ethics package that includes a Constitutional amendment to limit a Governor's power to pardon.

It also reduces the Governor's influence in making appointments to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission and requires more disclosure of donations to a public official's legal defense fund while banning lobbyists and those doing business with the State from contributing.

I am hopeful that these measures will restore some of that trust in government, which is so critical to our success.

This legislation has bi-partisan support. And as I have been saying for months, it shouldn't matter if an idea is a Democratic or a Republican idea, as long as it's a good idea that makes a positive difference for Kentucky.

It is time to take full advantage of the untapped resources of our people and use them to help Kentucky become America's next frontier.

That is our best hope of competing, not only with our neighbors, but also with the rest of the country and the world.

As we examine the condition of our State, we find many positive aspects, but unfortunately, there are also major concerns.

Last year one report ranked us 47th worst in overall innovation capacity. Another ranked Kentucky 49th out of the 50 states on economic dynamics.

And a study commissioned by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation suggests that our present "business as usual" course would take the Commonwealth more than 150 years just to reach the current national average in per capita income.

Absent a bold new direction of innovation, creativity and 21st century thinking, Kentucky stands little chance of being economically successful in the new economy.

Is anyone here willing to accept this as our destiny? I certainly am

not!

The days of fretting about how we are doing against border states are long over and a waste of time.

Something has to change. The ramifications are huge and will help determine how successful Kentucky becomes in the future.

Therefore, re-engineering Kentucky's economy from within must be among the highest priorities.

If we do this, we will be able to afford additional investments in education.

We'll be able to make health care accessible to all.

We'll be able to invest more in job training.

We will be better prepared to attack the large unfunded liability in our State's retirement systems.

And our young people will be more likely to stay in Kentucky, thus keeping our families together!

Ideas are the foundation of any new economy.

Research and technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, alternative energy — here are areas we must compete in, especially with energy, given our natural resources.

Encouraging new ideas, entrepreneurs and creative thinkers is what others have been doing with great results. Kentucky has no more time to play catch-up.

In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Brutus had the right idea when he said:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men."

"Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

"Omitted, all the voyage of their life..."

"Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

"On such a full sea are we now afloat,

"And we must take the current when it serves,

"Or lose our ventures"

Brutus was referring to a battle, but what we face is no less daunting.

Unless we get our financial house in order and chart a new course, Kentucky stands little chance of succeeding in this new economy.

Gary Hamel, the internationally known business author and innovation strategist, in his book, "Leading The Revolution," targets specific words as keys to success. Those words? Dream, create, explore, invent, pioneer, imagine.

These are qualities that once were associated with Kentucky and Kentuckians. And they can be again!

It's time to recapture that spirit and create a new Kentucky.

This applies to state government as well. Government can and must be more accountable, more efficient and more innovative.

That's why we will be looking for good ideas from every possible source, especially from within state government.

We're looking for results through creativity, economic savings and efficiency!

Whether you're a state employee or an average citizen, if you have an idea, please contact us. No idea is too big or too small if it will help to make our government work better.

In 2008 and beyond, the only true long-term advantage any organization or government has is to be on a sound financial footing and to out-think the competition.

If not, you're doomed to mediocrity.

As I look at the state of the Commonwealth I see far too many Kentuckians on Medicaid.

I see a growing drug problem in the smallest communities as well as our largest cities.

I see basic service needs going unmet.

I see infrastructure neglect demanding solutions.

I see the fears of so many elderly who aren't sure whether they can afford a decent meal or essential prescriptions.

I see unlimited requirements and painfully limited resources.

But I also see something else.

I see committed Kentuckians who want change.

I see opportunities, not barricades.

I see the potential for cooperation, not partisan bickering.

I see a budding realization that we must generate more investments and jobs from existing businesses and pave the way to create new industries and businesses. We must better utilize our research institutions to encourage the growth of the industries of the future.

Success today is not about slogans or a few additions to our industrial base.

Rather it's about a top-to-bottom infusion of imagination — a different way of thinking about things — from economics and government management to education and transportation.

It's about helping our existing companies do better and grow more.

It's about attracting new talent while keeping our own right here at home.

It's about creating a culture of invention, entrepreneurship and ingenuity.

Silicon Valley, North Carolina's research triangle, Northern Virginia's high-tech corridor.

These areas are engines of economic growth for their states.

They are engines of job creation and wealth.

A growing number of countries overseas are being reinvented through innovation and fueled by imagination. Their governments have changed philosophies, with leaders willing to think more broadly while making investments in the future.

Yes, I have been handed an unprecedented financial problem to deal with, but the silver lining is that it will force us to change for the better, and grow.

If we can show Kentuckians that we can balance the budget in tough times and once again place Kentucky on a sound financial foundation, that we're changing the way their government operates, that we're more accountable, and are putting the people first, then we've made a solid start.

This crisis can indeed be a positive turning point for Kentucky!

Let me make one thing clear... the status quo is not an option and it is not one my administration will tolerate.

Yes, a severe challenge does confront us. A challenge for all of us to broaden our thinking, to consider new ideas and work together in moving Kentucky forward.

My fellow Kentuckians, if we all work together, there is no obstacle that can stop us. If we all work together, then the state of our Commonwealth will become very strong.

Very strong indeed.

Thank you, God bless and goodnight.

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KSP offers winter driving tips to motorists

The winter driving season is upon us, and the Kentucky State Police is reminding drivers to use extra caution when road conditions deteriorate.

"Winter provides new challenges and responsibilities to the public and the Kentucky State Police," said KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer. "We ask that drivers be prepared to meet the challenges of the upcoming winter season in Kentucky. Plan ahead, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained, drive defensively and be sure the vehicle is properly maintained to handle the effects of cold temperatures."

Highway Safety Branch Commander, Captain Tim Lucas offers a word of caution about braking on snow covered roads.

"Know what kind of brakes your vehicle has and how to use them properly. In general, if you have anti-lock brakes, apply firm pressure, if you have non anti-lock brakes, pump the brakes gently," said Lucas.

"If you find yourself in a skid, stay calm and ease your foot off the gas while carefully steering in the direction you want the front of your vehicle to go. This procedure, known as "steering into the skid," will bring the back end of your vehicle in line with the front," added Lucas.

The Highway Safety Branch has posted these additional safe driving tips on their website:

- Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.
- Never rely on your car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down.
- Always dress warmly.
- Always carry clothing appropriate for winter conditions.

What To Do If You Get Stranded

■ Staying in your vehicle when stranded is often the safest choice if winter storms create poor visibility or if roadways are ice-covered. These steps will increase your safety when stranded:

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers.
- Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area.
- Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers.
- Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.
- Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let air in. Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe-this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warmer.
- Do not eat un-melted snow it will lower your body temperature.

■ Replace any worn tires, and check the air pressure in the tires.

■ During winter, keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Winter Survival Kit For Your Vehicle

Equip your vehicle with these items:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets
- First-aid kit
- A can and waterproof matches (to melt snow for water)
- Windshield scraper
- Booster cables
- Road maps
- Compass
- Tool kit
- Paper towels

■ Bag of sand or cat litter (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)

■ Tire chains (in areas with heavy snow)

■ Collapsible shovel

■ High-calorie canned or dried foods and a can opener

■ Flashlight and extra batteries

■ Canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)

■ Brightly colored cloth

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

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Winter Safe Driving tips to follow:

- Be cautious about travel.
- Listen for radio or television reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.
- Avoid traveling on ice-covered roads if at all possible.
- If you must travel, let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive. Ask them to notify authorities if you are late.
- Check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your car before you leave.

Prepare Your Vehicle For Winter

- You can avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends.
- Have the radiator system serviced, or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze, as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.

Calendar

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."

•Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

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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.

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

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Water customers can get email notice of boil advisories

FRANKFORT — Customers of a water distribution utility regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) now may sign up to be notified by e-mail whenever their water supplier issues a boil-water advisory as the result of a water main break or other problem.

The e-mail notifications will be issued automatically when a boil-water advisory is posted on the PSC Web site. Utilities are required to report the advisories to the PSC as they are issued. The PSC then places the information on the Web site.

Upon receiving the notification, customers may then contact the water utility to determine how long the advisory will be in effect.

PSC Chairman Mark David Goss said the notification system continues the PSC's efforts to use the Internet to

make utility information available to everyone.

"Our Web site already contains a huge volume of information that consumers can access to learn more about the PSC or the utilities we regulate," he said. "This notification system takes the next step by sending important information out to utility customers when they need it."

The PSC has jurisdiction over 151 water systems — nine investor-owned companies, 120 water districts and 22 water associations. All are participating in the system.

Municipal water utilities are not regulated by the PSC and are not participating in the notification system.

A list of boil-water advisories issued in the last 72 hours may be found at this Web address: <http://psc.ky.gov/ors/boilwateradvisories.aspx>.

The following information is provided for each advisory:

- The utility issuing the advisory
- When it was issued
- The location and number of customers affected
- A phone number to contact the utility

The Web page also offers customers the opportunity to receive the automated e-mail notification. Customers are asked to provide a ZIP code and then can choose from a list of regulated utilities serving that county. After selecting their utility, customers complete the process by providing an e-mail address.

The boil-water advisories are latest outage-related information to be made available on the PSC Web site. In the last two years, the PSC has made information on major electric and telephone outages available on the Web site as

soon as it is received from the affected utility.

Goss said that the Web site is the best way for the public to stay informed about what the PSC does and an easy way to contact the PSC with comments or questions.

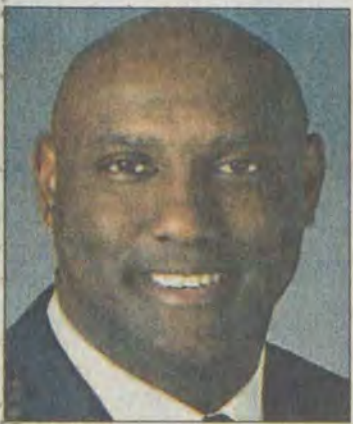
"It's no longer necessary to come to Frankfort to read a

case file or watch a hearing," he said. "It also is very easy to submit a comment or inquire about a consumer-related matter."

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Department of Public Protection in the

Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has approximately 110 employees.

Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance service at Pikeville College



George Nichols III

\$10 billion insurance industry. In addition to his role as commissioner, in 1996 he served as special adviser to then Kentucky Gov. Paul E. Patton, advising on health care policy and economic development for the financial-services industry.

An alumnus of Alice Lloyd College, Nichols also received a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and a master's degree from the University of Louisville.

Nichols, along with his

wife, Cynthia Jean, are the parents of three children, Courtney, Jessica and George IV.

For more information on the Martin Luther King Jr. remembrance service at Pikeville College, contact the Public Affairs office at 218-5270. Booth Auditorium is located on the fifth floor of Record Memorial Building. Parking is available in the parking facility on Hambley Boulevard.

PIKEVILLE — The community is invited to join Pikeville College as we honor the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 21, in Booth Auditorium at 2 p.m.

The featured speaker will be George Nichols III, of Potomac, Md. LaGenia Layne, of Pikeville, will provide a special tribute to King's wife, Coretta Scott King, who dedicated her life to her husband's dream of promoting social justice and peace. The Pikeville College Choir will also perform under the direction of Tamara Bustamante, instructor of music.

Nichols is the senior vice president for the office of governmental affairs for New York Life Insurance Company and a member of New York Life's executive management committee. He has served in a number of leadership positions in Kentucky, including as commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Insurance where he regulated the state's

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Coal plant foes look to courts to stop projects

by MATTHEW BROWN
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BILLINGS, Mont. — In federal and state courtrooms across the country, environmental groups are putting coal-fueled power plants on trial in a bid to slow the industry's biggest construction boom in decades.

At least four dozen coal plants are being contested in 29 states, according to a recent Associated Press tally. The targeted utilities include giants like Peabody Energy and American Electric Power down to small rural cooperatives.

From lawsuits and administrative appeals against the companies, to lobbying pressure on federal and state regulators, the coordinated offensive against coal is emerging as a pivotal front in the debate over global warming.

"Our goal is to oppose these projects at each and every stage, from zoning and air and water permits, to their mining permits and new coal railroads," said Bruce Nilles, a Sierra Club attorney who

directs the group's national coal campaign. "They know they don't have an answer to global warming, so they're fighting for their life."

Industry representatives say the environmentalists' actions threaten to undermine the country's fragile power grid, setting the stage for a future of high-priced electricity and uncontrollable blackouts.

"These projects won't be denied, but they can be delayed by those who oppose any new energy projects," said Vic Svec, vice president of the mining and power company Peabody Energy.

While observers say forecasts of power grid doom are exaggerated, the importance of coal — one of the country's cheapest and most abundant fuels — is undeniable.

Coal plants provide just over 50 percent of the nation's electricity. They also are the largest domestic source of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, emitting 2 billion tons annually, about a third of the country's total.

Environmental groups cite 59 canceled, delayed or

blocked plants as evidence they are turning back the "coal rush." That stacks up against 22 new plants now under construction in 14 states — the most in more than two decades.

Mining companies, utilities and coal-state politicians promote coal in the name of national security, as an alternative to foreign fuels. With hundreds of years of reserves still in the ground, they're also pushing coal-to-diesel plants as a way to sharply increase domestic production.

The outcome of the fight over coal could determine the nation's greenhouse gas emissions for years to come, said Gregory Nemet, assistant professor of public affairs at the University of Wisconsin.

"It's pretty much irreversible," Nemet said. "Once a coal plant is built, it will last 50 years or so."

But in opposing coal projects across the board, environmentalists risk hobbling more advanced coal plants that could rein in at least some of those emissions, Nemet said. He added that rising demand for

electricity means more power "has to come from somewhere."

"There's too much pressure — in terms of energy independence and the inexpensiveness of that resource — to not use that coal," Nemet said.

One of the latest challenges to a utility came in the heart of coal country — Montana, which boasts the largest coal reserves in the nation.

On Friday, a state panel refused to rescind an air-quality permit it had granted for a plant proposed for the Great Falls area by Southern Montana Electric, despite concerns about the plant's carbon dioxide emissions. The 250-megawatt plant is projected to emit the equivalent of 2.8 million tons of carbon dioxide annually, as much as a half-million vehicles.

The Montana Environmental Information Center, which had asked the panel to review the permit, vowed to appeal the ruling.

Nilles said the Sierra Club spent about \$1 million on such efforts in 2007 and hopes to ratchet that figure up to \$10 million this year.

Meanwhile, coal interests are pouring even more into a promotional campaign launched by the industry group Americans for Balanced Energy Choices. It spent \$15 million last year and expects to more than double that to \$35 million in 2008, said the group's director, Joe Lucas.

Funding for the group comes from coal mining and utility companies such as Peabody and railroads that depend on coal shipments for a large share of their revenues.

Peabody's Svec acknowledged a rush to build new plants, but denied the goal was to beat any of at least seven bills pending before Congress to restrict carbon dioxide emissions — a charge leveled by some environmentalists.

Rather, he said, the construction boom is driven by projections that the country will fall into a power deficit within the next decade if new

plants are not built.

Industry attorney Jeffrey Holmstead said that could lead to a future of rolling blackouts as the economy expands and electricity consumption increases. Holmstead was in charge of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's air program during the first five years of the current Bush administration.

The power deficit cited by industry officials is based on projections from the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. NERC vice president David Nevius said his group is "neutral" on what kind of plants should be built to meet rising demand.

"We're not saying the lights will go out. We're just saying additional resources are needed," Nevius said. "We don't say coal over gas over wind over solar."

Utilities currently burn more than 1 billion tons of coal annually in more than 600 plants. Over the next two decades, the Bush administration projects coal's share of electricity generation will increase to almost 60 percent.

That projection held steady in recent months even as courts and regulators turned back, delayed or asked for changes to plants in at least nine states.

Other projects in Utah, Texas, Wyoming, Florida and several other states have been abandoned or shelved.

Some were canceled over global warming concerns. Utilities backed off others after their price tags climbed over \$1 billion due to rising costs for materials and skilled labor.

Environmental opposition

Abortion

good thing."

Lee said performing ultrasounds would provide women with information about their pregnancies that they need to know.

"Ordinarily, I think most members of the General Assembly would support giving patients more information," he said.

State Sen. Katie Stine, R-Southgate, said the measure would ensure that women receive pertinent facts about their pregnancies.

"It goes back to the whole informed consent concept of making sure women have all of the facts," she said. "It absolutely makes sense to give women the option of seeing that."

Margie Montgomery, who heads the anti-abortion group Kentucky Right to Life, said she was "very much in support" of the plan.

"It's very necessary for women to receive all of the information that they can in making a decision on whether to have an abortion," Montgomery said.

Women should have the right to "accurate and complete information" about their care and should have the option to see an ultrasound of her fetus, said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Foundation. Ultrasounds should be available, but not mandatory, Saporta said.

"I don't think politicians give women enough credit for carefully considering their decision and understanding what they're doing," Saporta said. "Regardless of an ultrasound image, if women want to have any abortion, they're going to go through with it."

Stine said she expects the measure to easily pass the

Senate, but she wasn't as optimistic about its chances in the House.

"I would expect if it was allowed to be voted on, it would pass resoundingly," she said.

State Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said the legislation's intent seemed to serve as "another roadblock in the path of a woman who is already making a very difficult choice."

Dona Wells, interim executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, said the proposal seemed problematic because it could be considered an invasion of women's rights.

"The best way for a woman to be treated is for her to have the option of asking to see the ultrasound if she wants to, but not for her to be forced to see it," Wells said.

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to coal plants was galvanized by a U.S. Supreme Court decision in April that said carbon dioxide is a pollutant open to regulation.

The case, Massachusetts vs. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, involved vehicle emissions. But environmentalists aim to use the decision as a fulcrum to leverage regulators to take a harder line on greenhouse gases in several emerging power plant disputes.

The result could serve as an early barometer of the reach of the Supreme Court ruling.

More tests of the two sides' arguments are certain. Industry groups say at least 15 coal-fired power projects are nearing the end of the approval process and could soon start construction.

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Council

legal authority to do it. It is void. I want them to admit it," said Nunnery. Nunnery said those annexed should have the opportunity to de-annex if they are so inclined, as they were brought into the city under false pretenses. Webb said during the council meeting that he would draft a letter saying that the

council voted it down.

Gérard Gerhard, of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office, said in a statement to The Floyd County Times, "While this is not an official Opinion of the Attorney General, an attempt by the city of Prestonsburg to waive city property tax for five years in relation to property for

which residents voluntarily request annexation, is likely violative of Section 174 of the Constitution of Kentucky, as there is no Constitutional authorization for such a waiver."

The vote to rescind the ordinance passed on a 6-2 vote, with Kelly Moore and Don Willis the only votes against.

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Speech

government, and I intend to do just that." Though necessary, Beshear said spending cuts will require painful sacrifices.

"I would much prefer to be standing here today talking to you about all the new investments we're making, but much of that will have to wait for another day," he said.

Beshear, who defeated former Gov. Ernie Fletcher in November, brushed on some of his campaign promises in the speech, many of which came with a hefty price tag. He said Monday he remains "fully committed" to helping senior citizens with prescription drug costs, offering more college financial aid, improving the state's public schools, shoring up the state's financially troubled employee retirement system and creating more jobs for Kentuckians. The budget crisis, he said, has hampered his ability to make major investments in his priorities.

"It is not a time for whining or 'woe is us,'" he said. "It is a time for leadership, bold action and temporary cost cutting."

Some lawmakers were surprised that Beshear didn't mention casinos in the speech.

"I wouldn't think that he would have given up on the idea," said Senate President David Williams, R-Burkesville. "It's rather strange. It was kind of the big elephant in the room that nobody mentioned tonight, you know, so I don't really know an explanation to that."

Beshear had made a proposal to open casinos in Kentucky a centerpiece of his election campaign. He wants lawmakers to put a referendum on the ballot so that Kentucky voters can decide whether to amend the state constitution to legalize casinos.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said he expects Beshear to raise the casino issue when he delivers his budget proposals to lawmakers later this month.

The state's financial problems have a bright side, Beshear said. "It is an opportunity to make every state

agency leaner, more efficient and more responsive."

Beshear said he wants to restore people's trust in state government, and he reminded lawmakers that he is proposing ethics reforms, one of which would revamp the Executive Branch Ethics Commission.

"I am hopeful that these measures will restore some of that trust in government, which is so critical to our success," he said.

Beshear also called on lawmakers to cooperate in finding solutions to the state's problems. He urged them to avoid political bickering.

"This crisis can indeed be a positive turning point for Kentucky," he said.

Richards said Beshear has grappled with financial woes from the moment he took office, but was able to be optimistic despite those problems.

"So, I felt very good about

the speech," Richards said. "I thought it was uplifting and was really good and set a good

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Unit

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represent our community," said Barger.

As well as their tour in Kosovo, the unit also spent several months in Monroe, La., after Hurricane Katrina, providing security at homeless shelters, and work in the southwest doing border work, fence and road construction.

The unit spent Saturday doing gear and equipment checks as well as training with the .50 caliber machine gun and the Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW). Communication training was planned for Sunday.

The unit had also received a full compliment of M4 rifles. The M4 is the military replacement for the antiquated M16.

"Kentucky National Guard is a top notch organization," said Barger.

As well as training, the soldiers at the Army were treated to a first class home-cooked meal prepared by employees from the Riverview Medical Center.

Lana Calhoun, human resource director at Riverview,

said, "We wanted to show our appreciation to them, for their willingness to put their lives on the line for us, so that we can feel safe at home."

Calhoun's nephew, Sgt. Drew Petry, will be shipping out with the unit. "We will miss him while he is gone, and we will be praying for him."

Barger said he expects the unit will be deployed to Afghanistan, but things change a lot once they get to the Middle East.

The unit will be leaving Floyd County in February for their annual training at Fort Knox and the Wendell Ford Training Center. The unit expects to return for a short span before leaving again to go to Wisconsin Mobilization Center.

From there, the unit will depart for the Middle East for their year rotation.

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Odds & Ends

■ **DOYLESTOWN, Pa.** — A man who wrote a vulgar message on the memo line of a check he used to pay a \$5 parking ticket has apologized in writing, leading police to drop a disorderly conduct charge against him.

Clerks were offended by the message, and the disorderly conduct charge was filed because the comment was obscene, police Chief James Donnelly said.

"He was contrite enough to offer an apology, and I think that satisfies the people who were insulted by it," he said.

The lawyer for David Binner, 45, said his client would have prevailed if he went through a trial.

"The F-word isn't what it used to be," attorney Keith Williams said. It doesn't have a sexual connotation anymore and so can't be considered obscene, he said.

Williams said his client felt bad about what he did and will pay the parking fine and court costs.

"This is not my normal nature and admittedly was a temporary lapse of judgment on my part, vented in a moment of frustration," Binner wrote in his letter of apology.

■ **STEPHENVILLE, Texas** — In this farming community where nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

Several dozen people — including a pilot, county constable and business owners — insist they have seen a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

"People wonder what in the world it is because this is the Bible Belt, and everyone is afraid it's the end of times," said Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot who said the object he saw last week was a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts."

While federal officials insist there's a logical explanation, locals swear that it was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane. People in several towns who reported seeing it over several weeks have offered similar descriptions of the object.

Machinist Ricky Sorrells said friends made fun of him when he told them he saw a flat, metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a pasture behind his Dublin home. But he decided to come forward after reading similar accounts in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"You hear about big bass or big buck in the area, but this is a different deal," Sorrells said. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy."

Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He said he watched it through his rifle's telescopic lens and described it as very large and without seams, nuts or bolts.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night of Jan. 8, when most people reported the sighting.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

Officials at the region's two Air Force bases — Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls — also said none of their aircraft were in the area

last week. The Air Force no longer investigates UFOs.

One man has offered a reward for a photograph or videotape of the mysterious object.

About 200 UFO sightings are reported each month, mostly in California, Colorado and Texas, according to the Mutual UFO Network, which plans to go to the 17,000-resident town of Stephenville to investigate.

Fourteen percent of Americans polled last year by The Associated Press and Ipsos say they have seen a UFO.

Erath County Constable Lee Roy Gaitan said that he first saw red glowing lights and then white flashing lights moving fast, but that even with binoculars could not see the object to which the lights were attached.

"I didn't see a flying saucer and I don't know what it was, but it wasn't an airplane, and I've never seen anything like it," Gaitan said. "I think it must be some kind of military craft — at least I hope it was."

■ **DENVER** — Carrying a family Bible, a state representative-elect kicked a photographer who took a picture of him during a statehouse prayer — then was sworn into office.

Douglas Bruce went to the House floor Monday morning as a guest of Rep. Kent Lambert, a fellow Colorado Springs Republican.

When Rocky Mountain News photographer Javier Manzano took his photo during the traditional morning prayer, Bruce, who was standing, brought the sole of his shoe down hard on the photographer's bent knee.

"Don't do that again," Bruce told him.

Later, Bruce refused to apologize.

"I think that's the most offensive thing I've seen a photographer do in 21 years," he said. "If people are going to cause a disruption during a public prayer, they should be called for it. He owes an apology to the House and the public."

Rocky Mountain News Editor John Temple said the photographer had a right to take Bruce's picture. Temple said he would speak with House leadership.

"The House floor is a place where journalists are allowed to operate. It's outrageous for Mr. Bruce in a public place to assault a photographer," Temple said.

Bruce, an anti-tax crusader, was chosen by El Paso County Republicans last month to fill an unexpired term. He delayed his swearing-in until Monday, when the House was not in session. That allowed him to take advantage of a loophole in state term limits that would allow him to serve eight more years instead of six.

But it irritated Democratic House Speaker Andrew Romanoff, who said Bruce should have taken the oath sooner.

Bruce said he had done nothing wrong and demanded that he be allowed to take the oath of office with the House in session.

He finally gave in after members of his own party threatened to start the process of replacing him if he didn't take the oath on Monday.

■ **YORK, Pa.** — Masking his appearance with a coat of drywall compound wasn't enough to protect the identity of a bank robber, authorities said. A NASCAR plate on the getaway car led police right to him.

Robert Coulson Lavery, 56, was convicted Wednesday in the Nov. 24, 2006, robbery of the New Cumberland Federal Credit Union, which netted \$7,910, Fairview Township police said.

He was charged along with Robert Steven Miller, 53, who drove the getaway car, which bore a Rusty Wallace NASCAR plate on the front. A tip from

someone familiar with the car led police to Miller, who confessed to helping Lavery in the robbery, police said.

When Lavery was arrested at Miller's home in Harrisburg, police found \$3,775 in cash, clothing with smears of drywall compound, and more drywall compound in the passenger side of the car.

Miller pleaded guilty to robbery and theft in October.

■ **FRASER, Colo.** — A feud between Fraser and International Falls, Minn., over who owns the trademark "Ice Box of the Nation" is heating up.

Fraser Town Manager Jeff Durbin said the Minnesota town has replied to a lawsuit filed by Fraser with a countersuit.

Fraser officials say their town has used the phrase since 1956, and officials in International Falls say they've used it since 1948. The dueling lawsuits ask city officials to prove it.

The two chilly municipalities fought an earlier cold war over the motto decades ago that ended in 1986 with Fraser giving up its "official" claim to the trademark in exchange for \$2,000 from International Falls.

But the Minnesota city last year acknowledged it had inadvertently failed to renew its federal trademark back in 1996, even while keeping a state trademark up to date. That allowed Fraser to file its own application.

To outsiders it might seem ridiculous, but Durbin said it's important to Fraser's residents.

"We ought to get something out of it after having to live through winters here," resident Joan Christensen said.

The Summit Daily News in Frisco, Colo., reported an attempt to settle it with a duel failed when Fraser wanted it to be a contest on snowshoes and the Minnesota mayor wanted a snowball fight.

On Sunday afternoon, the

National Weather Service said, Fraser was two degrees warmer than International Falls at a balmy 19. Overnight the wind chill was expected to drop Fraser's temperature to minus 19. International Falls was to drop to minus 4.

■ **SPRINGFIELD, Ill.** — Rena Wilkey has plenty of parking around her home. In fact, that's pretty much all she has.

Now that most of 73-year-old woman's neighbors have sold their properties to Memorial Medical Center, Wilkey's one-story house is ringed on three sides by parking lots.

Wilkey said a hospital representative calls every year to politely ask if she's willing to sell.

"I told them I'm not selling," Wilkey said of the home she's lived in for more than 50 years. "I'm comfortable here. And I don't care about the money. Money don't buy happiness."

The hospital has bought dozens of nearby properties over the years to build the parking lots.

Wilkey said the lots are well-lit and that the hospital even clears the snow from her sidewalks. And she said she doesn't mind losing some of her neighbors — including those she said were troublemakers.

A message left for a medical center spokesman was not immediately returned Sunday evening.

Wilkey said it's the memories of living in the house with her late husband and their daughter that keeps her there.

"That's the reason I don't want to move," she said.

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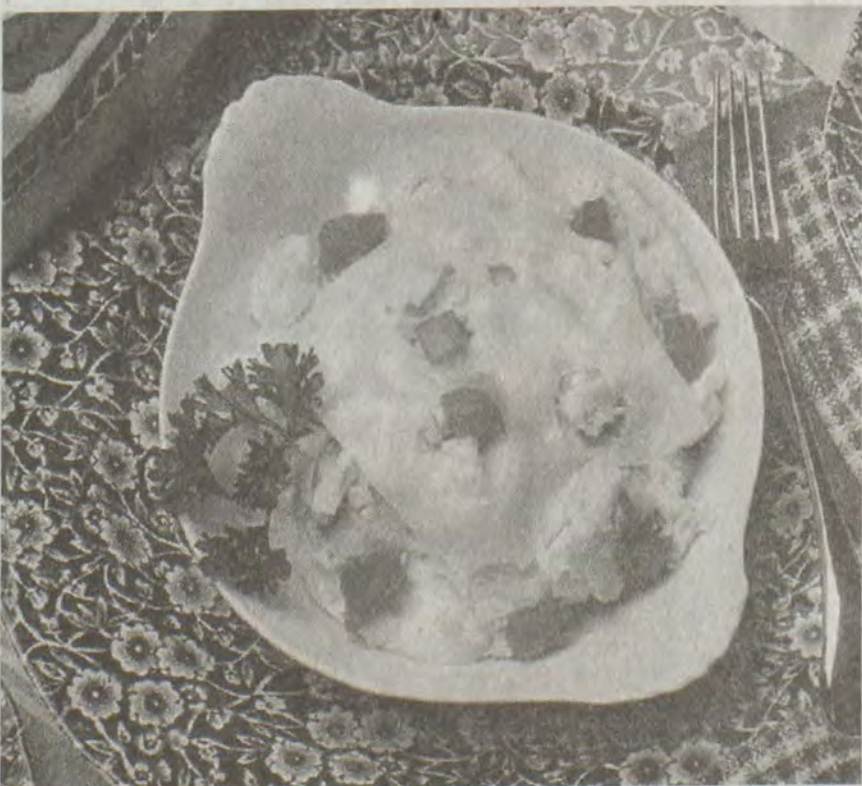
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- 1/2 cup diced fresh tomatoes
- 1/2 cup diced red peppers
- 8 slices Italian garlic bread, toasted

In a small bowl mix tuna, artichokes, red peppers and tomatoes with marinade from the artichokes. Spread cream cheese evenly on the slices of bread. Top evenly with the tuna mixture.

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Start your day the right way with a delicious and nutritious breakfast.

Serves: 4

- 6 ounces (canned in water or pouched) chunk light or chunk white tuna
- 1 medium tomato
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 6 eggs
- Nonstick vegetable cooking spray
- 2 slices (about 2 ounces) Swiss cheese

Preheat broiler. Drain canned tuna until all liquid is removed. Place tuna in a bowl; flake into small pieces with a fork. Cut tomato into quarters; scrape with a small spoon to remove seeds and soft pulp. Chop into 1/2-inch pieces. Whisk milk into eggs in a medium bowl. Stir in flaked tuna and chopped tomato. Spray a 9-inch microwave-safe pie plate or shallow casserole with nonstick cooking spray. Pour in egg mixture; cover with plastic or lid, microwave on high for 90 seconds. Carefully remove plastic; stir the egg mixture with a fork. Re-cover; continue to microwave on high for 3 to 3 1/2 minutes longer, stirring after each minute, until eggs are no longer runny and just barely firm. Arrange cheese slices over eggs. Place 4 to 5 inches beneath broiler for 30 to 40 seconds, or until cheese is melted.

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Box 958, Hazard, Kentucky 41702, has applied for a Phase II bond release on permit number 836-0265, which was last issued on July 11, 2000. A Phase II release is being requested for Increment 1. The application covers an area of approximately 112.28 surface acres, located 4.00 miles south-east of Martin, in Floyd County.

(2) The permit area is approximately 1.20 mile east from Big Branch-Honaker Road's junction with KY 2030, and at the head of Gunstock Branch of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37°30' 0". The longitude is 82°42'20".

(3) The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is \$199,400. Phase II will release approximately 25% of the original bond amount.

(4) Reclamation work performed for a Phase II release, includes Establishment of revegetation in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, and productivity standards have been met, and the permit area is not contributing excess suspended solids to stream flow or runoff outside the permit area.

(5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, March 19, 2008.

(6) A public hearing on the application has been

scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on March 20, 2008, at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 19, 2008.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 8th, 2008, at First Guaranty Bank, 39 Triangle Street, Martin, KY 41649, at 11:00 a.m.

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(2) The permit area is approximately 1.00 mile southeast of the junction of KY 80 and KY 680, and located 0.40 mile southwest of Goose Creek. The latitude is 37°23'03". The longitude is 82°47'54".

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The Southern Water & Sewer District, (Southern Water) is requesting proposals from qualified insurers to provide the District with medical insurance coverage for its employees.

Background: The District is seeking proposals for medical, dental, and vision insurance. A listing of current individuals who are employed by the District and insurance limitations and specs may be picked up at the McDowell office.

Basic information about the District:

Current No. of Customers: 7,700
Governing Structure: Special District, created pursuant to KRS Chapter 74, governed by a 5 member Commission
Service Area: Southern Floyd County/Right Beaver section of Knott County Harold-Betsy Layne Area
Utilities: Water and Sewer

Submission of Proposals

The District will accept proposals for medical insurance coverage as outlined herein until 4:00 p.m., January 23, 2008. All bid packages will be reviewed and selected based on the lowest cost and best service to be provided. All proposals must include at least five references of current customers, or the proposal will not be considered. Proposals must be mailed or hand delivered to the following address:

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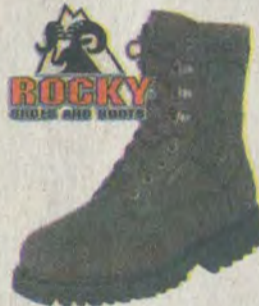


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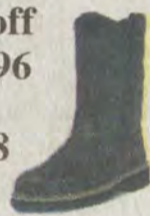
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Rebels rout Jackson City on Homecoming Night

Coach Martin records career win No. 499

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – By the time you read this, legendary high school boys' basketball coach Johnny Martin could have career win No. 500. The Allen Central mentor went into Sheldon Clark Tuesday night looking to record his 500th career win. Tuesday night's non-district matchup pitting Allen

Central versus Sheldon Clark ended too late to make this edition. In a Homecoming game Saturday night, host Allen Central defeated Jackson City 100-51, giving Martin career win No. 499.

Allen Central outscored Jackson City 24-14 in the first quarter and cruised to the win.

Aaron Crum led the Rebels with a game-high 29 points. Crum hit a game-high seven three-point field goals for host Allen Central.

Four of Allen Central's five starters reached double figures in the scoring column. Josh Prater was Allen Central's second-leading scorer, finishing with 18 points. Alex Hammonds and

Logan Crowder each had 17 points for the Rebels.

Allen Central controlled the game at the half, leading 50-27. The Rebels continued to pull away in the second half, owning an 84-43 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Robbie Cole collected eight points and Justin Jackson tossed in five for Allen Central in the Homecoming game. Hunter Crowder, Clinton Turner and Chris Stumbo rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points apiece.

Five players – four of whom started – accounted for all of Jackson City's scoring.

C.K. Howard led Jackson City with a team-high 18 points. Howard connected on six three-point field goals for the visiting team.

Gentry Hayes scored 12 points and Drew Davidson tossed in 10 for the Tigers. Zack Gayheart and Dereck Goff rounded out the Jackson City scoring with eight and three points, respectively.

The Tigers were held to 14 field goals. Jackson City went 2-for-5 from the free throw line.

A recap of the Sheldon Clark-Allen Central game and a report on a legendary coach's quest for win No. 500 will appear in Friday's edition.



photo by Jamie Howell
ALLEN CENTRAL COACH JOHNNY MARTIN went for career win No. 500 on the road at Sheldon Clark last night. The game ended too late to make this edition. A full recap of the game will appear in Friday's edition.

Lady Bears race past Berea, 90-78

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA – Coach Bill Watson made a pregame decision there was only one way to combat the frenetic pace employed by the Berea College Lady Mountaineers: Fight fire with fire.

As a result, he subbed with the same pattern as Berea Coach Bunky Harkleroad – five for five, never leaving players on the floor for more than two minutes at time – and it worked, snapping a three-game losing streak with a 90-78 win Saturday night.

Pikeville utilized all 10 players in uniform, with all playing between 16 and 24 minutes, and despite turning the ball over 35 times, the Lady Bears pulled out the win.

Berea cut its deficit to 75-70 on a layup by Ann Bruce Madden with 4:02 to play. But Pikeville got a layup by freshman Lacia Bailey, forced a turnover and got another layin by Kristal Daniels to push the lead back to nine, 79-70, with 3:21 left.

Pikeville then scored six of the game's final eight points in the final two minutes to hold on for the win.

Junior Kristal Daniels, Betsy Layne High School graduate, came off the bench to lead the way with 16 points and 16 rebounds, half of them coming off the offensive glass. Freshman guard Shalane Moore was 6-of-10 from the floor to finish with 14 points. Two more Bears – senior Heather English and junior Alice Daniel – had 10 points apiece.

Berea got 18 points from Ashley Jade Howard, a freshman from Salyersville. Howard led the way for the Lady Mountaineers. Sarah Hughes followed with 13 points, while Heather Hutchins added 12.

The Lady Bears have played some of their best basketball after the Christmas break.

Pikeville (4-14) will be back in action on Thursday night, travelling to Pippa Passes to play the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles. The Lady Bears won the first meeting in Pikeville, knocking off Alice Lloyd 82-68 in a non-conference matchup Nov. 28.



SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL student Danielle Tackett is pictured on the track at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte following an awards presentation.

Family grows closer through work on car

'64 Chevy Impala SS to be featured on ESPN2 Thursday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRICE – South Floyd High School junior Danielle Tackett is the proud owner of a 1964 Chevy Impala SS – one of the top cars of its kind. In 10 shows, the 1964 Chevy Impala SS that calls the Floyd County community of Price home, has claimed various high honors. The immaculate 1964 Chevy Impala SS has won a special award in each of the 10 shows, in addition to various trophies and other awards. It will be featured on an ESPN2 program Thursday at 2 p.m. The ESPN2 crew was in attendance at Bristol Motor Speedway Sept. 22 during the track's annual Super Chevy show and conducted interviews the members of the Tackett family.

Danny and Teresa Tackett, Danielle's parents, purchased the 1964 Chevy Impala SS in 1997. Danielle was only six years old at the time of the purchase.

The Tacketts worked on the car 10 years before it was entered into its first show. Gary Robbins, of Norton, Va., painted the classic car. Hindman resident Claude Hall helped with the upholstery. The car was finished in June 2007.

The fruits of the family's labor are plentiful. The 1964 Chevy Impala won the Mothers Polish Best of Chevy Show honoree during the Super Chevy event held at Bristol Motor Speedway

White & Blue (Best of Show) in Martin, the Tacketts have shown the car alongside some of the world's best classic cars and high-profile car owners.

The 1964 Chevy Impala SS won the Good Guys Meguiars Masterpiece of the Show award during the annual show held in October at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte. The Charlotte show included 4,000-plus cars.

At Fort Boonesborough, the Tacketts claimed the Ladies Choice award in a show field that included 918 cars.

The Tacketts are content with keeping the car and have no plans of selling it anytime soon. Danielle Tackett handles driving duties, which so far has consisted of 20 miles.

Work on the car has definitely been a labor of love.

"It's been good family time – the time we've spent working on the car," said Danny Tackett.

"Good values – including hard work pays off – have come from working on the car."



earlier in the year. In addition to numerous area shows, including Apple Day in Paintsville (Best Modified), and Red,

women's basketball programs have developed heated rivalries.

IUSE upends Alice Lloyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES – Alex Gravelle scored 18 points and Jeremy Holland added 17 Saturday evening as visiting Indiana University Southeast defeated Alice Lloyd 91-70 in a KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) game.

Derick Hobbs joined his IUSE teammates in double figures, finishing with 12 points.

Visiting IUSE enjoyed balanced scoring. Craig Bryant and Charlie Gonzalez added nine points for the Grenadiers. DeJon Gary and Carlos Mitchell followed with eight points apiece in the away team's victory.

Bryant pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds for the Grenadiers.

IUSE outrebounded Alice Lloyd 42-34. The Grenadiers toted a 52-34 lead into halftime and remained out in front throughout the second half.

Indiana-Southeast shot 48.5-percent from the field. The Grenadiers connected on 20-of-26 free throw attempts.

Corey Hairston led Alice Lloyd with a game-high 20 points. Daniel Day tossed in 12 points and Corey Dixon added 11 for the Eagles.

Rodney Mitchell scored eight points and William Dillard dumped in seven for host Alice Lloyd.

The Eagles struggled shooting from the field. Alice Lloyd was held to less than 40-percent in the field goal shooting department.

Each KIAC team committed 19 turnovers.

Lady Blackcats turn back rival South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The host Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats got back into the win column Friday night in a regular-season Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup. Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 25-13 in the opening quarter and held an advantage over the Lady Raiders the rest of the way en route to a 65-51 win.

Visiting South Floyd failed to overcome a slow start. Prestonsburg eventually took a 41-27 lead into intermission.

Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with a game-high 25 points. Hannah Fitzpatrick was Prestonsburg's second-leading scorer, finishing with 14 points. Brittany Collins added 12 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg, under the guidance of veteran head coach Jack Pack, held off a pesky South Floyd team in the second half.

Each team produced 24 second half points.

Kiana Hall led South Floyd with a team-high 12 points. Chelsie Tuttle joined Hall in double figures for the Lady Raiders, finishing with 11 points.

PRESTONSBURG 65,
SOUTH FLOYD 51

SOUTH FLOYD (4-10) – Conn 5, Hall 12, Tackett 6, Tuttle 11, Little 3, D. Tackett 3, Dye 3, K. Hall 3, Bailey 5.

PRESTONSBURG (4-10) – Collins 12, Hughes 3, Frye 9, Fitzpatrick 14, Fields 25, Wertz 2.

SF.....13 14 11 13-51
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Blackcats keep Raiders winless

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Four Prestonsburg players reached double figures scoring Friday night as the host Blackcats bounced South Floyd 78-58. Prestonsburg battled back and won after being outscored in the opening quarter.

Sophomore Michael Burchett led Prestonsburg with a team-high 21 points. Jody Tackett scored 17 points and Jordan Hall added 16 as Prestonsburg made the most of a versatile offensive effort. Senior Nathaniel Stephens joined his teammates in double figures, adding 10 points for the Blackcats.

South Floyd, still searching for its first win of the season, owned a 22-18 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Raiders, however, faltered in the second stanza. Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 22-5 in the second period en route to a 40-27 half-time lead.

The Blackcats opened the second half on a strong offensive tear, outscoring South Floyd 25-11 in the third quarter.

Prestonsburg improved to 4-8 following the win over the Raiders.

Wes Akers led South Floyd with a game-high 22 points. Shannon Turner followed with 13 points for the Raiders.

With the loss, South Floyd

(See **BLACKCATS**, page two)

23rd-ranked Bears beat Berea, win 11th straight

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BEREA – No. 23 Pikeville College shot 53 percent from the field and rolled to a 93-61 win over Berea College Saturday night.

The Bears improved to 14-2 on the season by winning their 11th straight game. The Mountaineers fell to 7-10 on the season.

Pikeville led 44-29 at the half and withstood a short run by the Mountaineers, who scored 10 of the first 12 of the second half. After that, it was all Bears, who led at one point 91-51 en route to the 32-point decision.

Pikeville put three players in double figures, led by senior Jeff Ferguson's 21 points. Freshman Justin Hicks had a solid game, going for 18 points on 3-of-6 shooting from the arc. The Hazard product also had eight assists and seven rebounds for the Bears.

Junior Ewan Linton, who was held to two points due to foul trouble in the first half, finished with 15 points and seven rebounds.

Berea was led by sophomore Micah Turner, who played for Pikeville Coach Kelly Wells at Mason County, with 14 points. Jordan Samuels and Cody Hornsby followed with 11 points each.

Pikeville shot 53 percent in the game (35-of-66) and hit half their 16 three-point shots. From the line, the guests were 15-of-22 (68.2 percent).

Berea was held to 34.5 percent shooting (20-of-58) and was only 3-of-21 (14.3 percent) from three-point range. After hitting 8-of-9 from the line in the first half, the Mountaineers finished 18-of-28 for 64.3 percent.

The Bears will remain on the road this week, travelling to play regional rival Alice Lloyd College on Thursday night in Pippa Passes. The Pikeville and Alice Lloyd men's and

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Cowboys crumble in playoffs again; Giants headed to Green Bay

by JAIME ARON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo can go wherever he wants with Jessica Simpson now. Eli Manning and the New York Giants knocked him and the Dallas Cowboys into the offseason Sunday.

Having to wait out long, slow drives by Dallas, Manning made his few chances count, throwing two touchdown passes to Amani Toomer and getting a 1-yard touchdown run from Brandon Jacobs for a 21-17 victory that put New York into the NFC championship game for the first time since the 2000 season.

"I won't get tired of hearing that this week," Manning said. "No one's given us much credit and probably still won't. But that's OK. We like it that way."

Manning is heading to his first NFC championship game, at Green Bay next Sunday. Manning had a much better day than his brother, Peyton, whose Indianapolis Colts were stunned by the San Diego Chargers.

"I know he was watching and rooting for me," said Eli, who was 12-of-18 for 163 yards.

Cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepted a pass into the end zone with 9 seconds left, turning away a last-ditch drive by Romo. It marked his second straight disappointing finish to a playoff game, following his flubbed hold of a short field goal in Seattle last January.

"It hurts," said Romo, who was 18-of-36 for 201 yards with a touchdown. "It's tough right now."

Terrell Owens came to his quarterback's defense, even crying behind dark sunglasses with a quivering bottom lip while declaring, "You can point the finger at him, you can talk about the vacation (with Simpson), and if you do that, it's really unfair. That's my teammate. ... We lost as a team."

Dallas' failure is huge. The Cowboys just wasted a 13-3 season, which matched the best in team history. They're the first No. 1 seed in the NFC to lose in this round

since the NFL went to the 12-team playoff format in 1990. They also became the seventh team to lose a playoff game against a team they'd beaten twice in the regular season — joining Dallas' 1998 club.

Worst of all is the extension of all the skids: Romo now 0-2 in the playoffs, coach Wade Phillips 0-4 and the team 0-for-the-postseason since winning a wild-card game in 1996. The Cowboys have dropped five games since.

The Cowboys might be headed into a stormy offseason. Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday he would keep Phillips regardless of what happened in the playoffs. Now that will be tested, especially with highly valued assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Tony Sparano interviewing for jobs elsewhere.

Critics may point to Romo's trip to Mexico last weekend with his latest celebrity girlfriend as a disruption, but the problems went a lot deeper. There were all kinds of penalties that hurt Dallas drives and helped New York's, sloppy tackling on defense and special teams, dropped passes and wasted timeouts.

The Giants loved every bit of it.

New York gave up 45 and 31 points in the first two meetings, in part because the defensive front that produced an NFL-best 53 sacks went hard after Romo but missed and wound up allowing big plays. This time, the Giants were content to give up short yardage, and the Cowboys accepted the invitation.

Their first three scoring drives took nine, 20 and 14 plays, burning a total of 23:32 off the clock. Dallas converted eight straight third downs in that stretch, yet came away leading only 17-14 midway through the third quarter.

Toomer turned a short pass into a 52-yard touchdown on the game-opening drive, breaking free from two tackles and running away from everyone else. New York hardly had the ball the rest of the first half, but got it back at its 29 with 47 seconds left and Manning turned it into another

touchdown to Toomer, a 4-yarder on a drive helped along by a 15-yard face mask penalty.

The Cowboys stuck with their formula at the start of the third quarter, taking more than half the time off the clock on another long march. Yet a drop in the end zone by tight end Anthony Fasano and a false start penalty on Flozell Adams stalled things. Dallas settled for a field goal and a 17-14 lead.

The Giants had to go only 37 yards on their go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Jacobs ran it in, then threw the ball into the play clock for emphasis.

The 91st meeting between these teams, and first in the playoffs, would only get more interesting from there. Not better, just interesting.

The teams traded scoring chances — and missed opportunities.

Romo was sacked on the next drive and wound up leaving the field pointing at teammates and pouting after an

incompletion. New York then started on its 3-yard line and saw Jacobs get stuffed on a third-and-1.

Dallas had great field position, but Romo wasted it with another sack. Then came a third-down conversion erased by an illegal formation penalty, an intentional grounding on a heave out of bounds and a third-and-20 pass to Terrell Owens that came up short.

Manning was only able to take the clock down to the 2-minute warning on the next drive, ending it with a sack of his own. Dallas had 1:50 seconds to go 48 yards, but Romo couldn't do it.

A Brett Favre-esque scrambling shovel pass to Jason Witten got the Cowboys to the 22 with 31 seconds left. Then came another false start, a short pass that forced Dallas to use its final timeout and a pair of poor throws — a ball in the end zone that Patrick Crayton seemed to give up on before speeding up at the last second and the final play caught by McQuarters in front

of Terry Glenn.

Marion Barber — whose bruising running style earned the nickname "Marion the Barbarian" from Owens and helped him make the Pro Bowl despite never starting — got his first start and responded with an early 36-yard run, then gained 67 during the 96-yard drive. He had three of the third-down conversions in the 20-play drive, including a 1-yard touchdown, and had 101 for the half. But he had only 28 yards after that.

Owens missed the final 11/2 games because of a high ankle sprain. His return was far less dramatic than the recovery he made for the Super Bowl a few years ago, but impressive nonetheless. He had four catches for 49 yards.

Terry Glenn, who missed the first 15 games following two knee surgeries, caught two passes for 30 yards, both on third downs.

The Giants only rushed for 90 yards, with Jacobs getting

54. Toomer had four catches for 80 yards.

Notes: Giants DB Aaron Ross left with a right shoulder injury. ... Toomer's first touchdown was his longest since a 77-yarder on Nov. 30, 2003. It also gave him the most postseason reception in club history, passing Mark Bavaro. ... There were plenty of interesting signs, including a teenager holding one that read: "I wish I was in Mexico with Jessica." A few more: "Dump Jessica," and "Hey, Tony, you want a REAL Texas girl!" A changeup: "Jessica can have Tony." (heart) Wade Phillips.

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POISON OAK

Aging is aging, and it is what it is

They say time flies when you're having fun. That's certainly true, but I'm here to tell you that it doesn't exactly poke along, even when you're not.



Clyde Pack

But there's no way on earth that someone our age could ever tell that to the younger generation, and get them to believe it. Even though we're totally ignored—so what else is new?—we

still have the satisfaction of knowing we're absolutely right, and someday they'll suddenly awaken and realize the hard cold facts of this statement are true. Whether or not they'll remember that we told them that already, remains to be seen.

That's the way it was with us, though. There was a time when our little brains were in danger of exploding, because we were so smart. Yeah, right.

But aging is aging, and it is what it is.

I wonder sometimes if I am the only one to think that being old now, is not the same as being old then. As we remember our own youths, those times when we sat among those 'old people' listening to them tell stories of penny postcards, Evening in Paris per-

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KIM'S KORNER

Keep them close

This was just too good to not pass along. Remember to treat everyone with the same kindness you expect and we all deserve; as well as remembering that we are all here to learn and to grow and that we're supposed to help one another. That said, enjoy:

One day someone special will be gone.



Kim Little Frasure

And on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of your bedroom, you might be struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there just isn't any more.

No more hugs, no more lucky moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat. No more "just one minutes."

Sometimes, what we care about the most goes away - never to return before we can say good-bye, or "I Love You."

So, while we have it...it's best we love it.

And care for it and fix it when it's broken.

And take good care of it when it's sick.

This is true for marriages...and friendships, and children with bad report cards; dogs with bad hips; and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it - and because we cherish them!

Some things we keep - like a best friend who moved away, or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, and so are the people we know.

So, keep them close!

Til next week, keeping all of you close and in my prayers!



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No more snow, so far, but more is predicted for the weekend. Warm up to another tale from local author Lance Greenlay while you wait.

Buckin' broncos and little green apples

A Molly's Cabin Series of The Adventures of Locus Krumb

by LANCE GREENLAY

"Arlie, Locus, time to get up," Momma said softly as she shook my and my big brother awake. "Mind you don't make any noise, either," she said, "the girls are still asleep and I have enough to do without them crying this early in the morning. Get up, now. Poppa's already gone off to work."

Me and Arlie got up and did our best to be quiet - Momma was right, when our two little sisters woke up, they always cried a lot.

"Go out back on the porch and wash your hands and faces, boys," Momma reminded us. Breakfast was already on the table and I was ready for one of Momma's big, hot cornerstone biscuits covered with gravy!

After eating, I felt ready to go outside and play but I had to wait a bit - until the fog had lifted.

Arlie got me by my arm and pulled me around to face him. "Locus," he asked, "you aren't gonna get us in trouble with Momma and Poppa this evening, are you? You ain't plannin' on any mischief today, are you?"

Arlie reminded me of what Momma always said: "Be a good boy and don't cause Momma no worry." Momma had to tell me every day to not get hurt and to stay out of trouble.

"I ain't gonna be troublesome, Arlie, and I shore ain't goin' to get hurt," I said. "Sides, I got my brogans on and I can't stump my sore toes!"

"Well, where you fixin' to go, then," Arlie asked.

"I'm goin' over to Uncle Haimp's barn to look at Ol' Bill," I answered. Ol' Bill was Uncle Haimp's big mule.

"Well," Arlie said, "I'm goin' down in the camp and see what's goin' on. Remember, now, Locus, what Momma said - 'no trouble.'"

After Arlie left, I sat on our old, split board front porch for a spell. I started daydreamin about all the funny books, or "comics," I had looked at, and even though I couldn't read good, I knew them pictures told stories of them cowboys riding on their wild broncos and herding them big Longhorn cows. "Wow," I thought, "that sure looks like it would be a lot of fun." I could just see Ol' Locus and on one of them wild horses, a real Bronco rider!

I slowly walked toward the barn and soon, I found myself standing under a tree full of apples. I sure liked apples but these were really green and I had been told long ago not to eat little green apples. I knew to wait until they were ripe.

Just the same, I picked a few from off the ground and put them in my pocket. Up in the loft at Uncle Haimp's barn, I climbed and then looked down from a square hole over Ol' Bill's stall. I could see the big mule's back. Now and then, he would look up at me and kick his back feet against the wall. I let a few of my apples drop and watched as he real quick went after them.

Back at my house a little later, I made me a plan. I was going to ride that ol' mule somehow, even if only for one time.

I watched Uncle Haimp come home every evening for a few days until I learned his every move real good. To the barn every evening, he would go to let his mules out to pasture. Uncle Haimp's pasture wasn't a very big place but Ol' Bill always seemed happy to get out there. He'd run off to a nearby shade tree that had a big tub of water underneath it to get him a good, long drink. While his mules were drinking and getting some exercise, Uncle Haimp would go inside his house to wash all the coal dust off and eat him some supper. One thing I remember noticing is that Ol' Bill seemed to understand when Uncle Haimp

talked to him. I think Ol' Bill was probably pretty smart for a mule.

Soon as Uncle Haimp was out of sight, I ran around the pasture fence to a nearby apple tree and knocked off enough little green apples to fill two pockets. My thoughts were to use those apples to get that big mule's attention and lure him to the lowest limb so I could climb up and hop on his back.

The next day, I got up on my own and followed our usual daily routine - me promising to get into no trouble and to not get hurt before I was allowed to go out and play.

Arlie went his way and I went mine - little did Arlie know that I was planning myself quite a day. I couldn't wait for Uncle Haimp to get home so I could start my big Bronco ride!

Uncle Haimp wasn't really my uncle. Everyone around called him that, so I did, too. He was an easygoing fellow, but if he were to find out that I had rode Ol' Bill, I might get leaned on by Poppa. I sure didn't want that, either. Poppa had a big, wide hand and he sure knew how to make it sting.

Once Uncle Haimp got home, went through his routine, and went inside to wash up and eat, I hurried over to the biggest tree in the pasture, pulled off my brogans (because I couldn't climb too good unless I was barefoot), threw my shoes over my shoulder and checked the little green apples in my pockets. I had plenty apples so I figured I was all set.

I climbed up to the lowest limb, put my brogans back on and waited for that big mule. Slowly, he walked over closer to where I was as I lured him over with apple after tiny apple. Just a couple more steps and he'd be all mine. "Comé

(See BRONCOS, page seven)

CRITTER CORNER

Top ten cold weather tips to keep animals safe

Brrr...it's cold outside! The following guidelines will help protect companion animals when the mercury dips:

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost or stolen, injured or killed. Cats who are allowed to stray are exposed to infectious diseases, including rabies, from other cats, dogs and wildlife.

2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. When motors are started, cats can be injured severely or even killed by the fan belt. If there are outdoor cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.

3. Never let your dog off its leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm. Dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost in icy conditions. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags.

4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

This precious pup is "Sasha." Sasha belongs to Maxine Goble, of Prestonsburg. Maxine and late husband Donald adopted Sasha from the Floyd County Animal Shelter on February 14, 2007. Maxine shares that Sasha brought much love and comfort to she and Don both during the final year of his battle with cancer and that today she remains a constant and loving companion to Maxine. "I don't know what I'd do without her," she said. "I'm just crazy about her." We're sure the feelings are mutual, Maxine!

YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
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Ten Years Ago

(January 16 & 21, 1998)

Floyd County's three newest board members wasted no time in addressing the system's woes Wednesday, when they voted to welcome a state takeover of the school system. Board members Johnnie Ross, Carol Stumbo, Terry Dotson and B.J. Newsome voted to allow the district to be managed by state officials. Board chairman Jody Mullins voted "no".

Governor Paul Patton will include funding in his budget proposal for two new rest homes for veterans, indicating that one will be built in eastern Kentucky.

Fire and police officers who complete special training and qualify for salary stipends may see that extra pay increase. Governor Patton has recommended boosting that supplemental pay to \$3,000 a year, up from the current \$2,500 amount by the year 2000.

State Representative Hubert Collins, D-Paintsville, has filed a bill that would base the auto sales tax on the actual sales prices of used cars, rather than book-value amounts.

Luther Johnson was taken into custody, Wednesday, when he surrendered to authorities after a two-hour standoff at his residence. Johnson barricaded himself in his home after allegedly brandishing a gun at Archer Clinic and caning three employees there.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale avoided an appearance in circuit court Wednesday morning, by signing an agreed order that he would not remove the county's road foreman from his position, even though the foreman's contract expired Tuesday.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen refused to lower the bonds of Larry Douglas Anderson and Bill Keathley, who allegedly burglarized a Floyd County home, kidnapped an area resident, and assaulted him, and forced a 15-year-old juvenile to participate in the crimes.

Judge James E. Beckner denied defense motions, Tuesday, to delay the beginning of the Lillelid murder case trial, and to suppress eyewitness identifications of five of the six defendants at an Interstate 81 rest area, from which the Lillelid family was kidnapped.

The Prestonsburg City Council agreed, Friday, to award a \$3,000 grant to the Board-or-Line Skate Center in an effort to help the youth-oriented business stay afloat.

Ouster hearings are scheduled to begin today (Wednesday) in Frankfort, for Floyd County School Board Members Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome on charges of willful neglect of duty, misconduct and nonfeasance in office.

Unlike the first three civil suits filed against a Super 8 motel, in Prestonsburg, where four Floyd County teens allegedly attended a party prior to a fatal accident in February 1997, the fourth complaint names the motel's manager,

Dana Spurlock, as a defendant.

Only a week remains before the filing deadline for the May primary election, and the number of candidates continues to add up. Democratic incumbent Judge-Executive Ben Hale filed, Tuesday afternoon, to retain his office. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson became a Democratic candidate for the judge-executive office last week.

Happy Mart store No. 42 on North Lake Drive, in Prestonsburg received a \$25,000 check from the Kentucky Lottery Corporation for selling the winning ticket for a \$2.5 million jackpot. The store received the check Tuesday. The jackpot winners were Tim and Delois Howard of Prestonsburg.

After numerous reports from an architect's representative that the contractor for the Floyd County Justice Center has indicated the multi-million-dollar facility would be finished by the completion date, the fiscal court learned otherwise Friday.

Wayland residents may see a property tax hike next year, with the city's commission considering whether to raise the rate, or to turn over the tax collection to the county's property valuation administration (PVA), whichever provides the most funding for the city to operate.

After admitting that authorization for a purchase with city funds was done outside a legal meeting, Wheelwright City Commissioner Luther Johnson Jr., vowed, Thursday, that future business would be conducted legally.

Two retired Floyd County teachers have filed separate lawsuits against former superintendent Gene Davis, and the board, claiming breach of contract and age discrimination. Patricia Murphy and Florene Harris filed suit last week, claiming that the board misled them when they retired in 1996.

There died: Zachary Ryan Crider, one-month-old son of Bryan Burke and Tonia Crider, Sunday, January 11; Carl Whitaker, 54, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Manly Ford Cox, 82, of Sebring, Florida, January 2, at his residence; Griggs King, 90, of Kite, Tuesday, January 13, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Kathleen "Kathy" Alley, 45, of Pikeville, Wednesday, January 14, at her residence; Willie "Bill" Branham, 90, of Weeksbury, Wednesday, January 14, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lois Jeanetta Meade, 62, of Printer, Wednesday, January 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Carl E. "Ted" Sparkman, 59, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Hueysville, Wednesday, January 14, at Shawnee Manor, in Ohio; Clarence E. Adkins, 75, of Lima, Ohio, Sunday, January 10, at the Veterans Hospital in Dayton; Thomas Virgil "Spike" Cox Jr., 51, of Kite, Wednesday, January 14, at his residence; Ivery Samons, 74, of Dana, Thursday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Claird Caudill, 80, of Garrett, Thursday, January 15, at Our Lady of the Way

Hospital, Martin; Ed Miller, 81, of Drift, Thursday, January 15, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gomer Cecil Blackburn, 73, of Melvin, Sunday, January 18, at his residence; Bertha Williamson, 74, of Wayland, January 18, at her residence; Theda Howington Montgomery, 72, of Salyersville, Friday, January 16, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville; Wanda Lee Gayheart, 44, of Brookville, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, Wednesday, January 14, at her residence; Mitchell Slone, 66, of Topmost, Thursday, January 15, at the VA Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.; Forrest Dudley, 79, of Langley, Thursday, January 15, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Pearl Handshoe, 88, of Hazard, Friday, January 16, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mae Allen Hagans, 89, of Langley, Saturday, January 17, at the Transcisan Nursing Home in Louisville.

Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ezra Osborne, 68, of Ashtabula, Ohio, Saturday, at home, there; Melvina H. Johnson, 81, of Weeksbury, Monday, at the home of her daughter in Oil Springs; William Anderson Ward, 72, of Martin, Sunday, at his residence there; Audrey Howard Ousley, 82, of Manton, Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ida Mae Cecil, 95, of Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Banner, Wednesday, at Shelby; Jeanette Newsome, 63, of Martin, Thursday, at her residence, there; Zona Phillippi, 66, formerly of Prestonsburg, January 7, at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert E. Harlowe, 78, of Blue Springs, Missouri, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Blue Springs; and Paul Bentley, 46, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Dema, Saturday, in Indianapolis.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 20, 1988)

The stretch of US 23 between Paintsville and Prestonsburg was blasted to shake off loose rock there, as rock falls from the bordering hillsides pose a hazard for this section of the highway.

Superintendent Ray Brackett said he expected the Allen Central High School's roof to be repaired by the next school year, as well as the completion of construction of the Prestonsburg Middle School, Allen Elementary, Right Beaver Elementary, and The Left Beaver High School.

A McDowell man, Eddie Jones, was stabbed seven times and suffered a collapsed lung after his estranged wife and her teenage boyfriend allegedly abducted the couple's three children.

Proposed plans for a new Industrial Park outlined the re-channeling of Middle Creek, if the project becomes a reality.

The fiscal court meeting became a place for Mine Branch residents to air their woes regarding inadequate septic systems and garbage issues.

The county's 513 farmers all agree that the ASCS office's policy of being open to Floyd farmers only one day per week, on top of the fact that the office is now located in Hindman, displays a lack of judgment by the program and insensitivity to their problems.

Last Friday, Julie Paxton, the first woman to be named head of the Floyd County Bar Association, was chosen, as well as her husband, Martin Osborne, who was the choice for vice-president.

There died: Josie Marie Tackett, 64, of Melvin, January 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert "Hobo" Kendrick, 77, of Melvin, January 7, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lida Fraley, 77, of Stratton Branch, Monday, at

Thirty Years Ago

(January 18, 1978)

The weather was more than a mere conversation piece this week, as 10 to 12 inches of snow temporarily ended many normal activities, seriously curtailed others; and affected the entire population.

More than 60 persons, including representatives of federal and state funding agencies, braved falling snow and icy roads, Friday, to attend an all-day meeting hosted by Carl D. Perkins at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department was credited with containing a fire, last Tuesday, which destroyed two buildings and threatened an entire block of downtown Salyersville. A second fire, the following night, burned two more buildings on the same block.

Charles Nicklas, enterprise development specialist, Big Sandy Area Development District, told the Prestonsburg Area Chamber of Commerce at its luncheon meeting, Monday, that the local economy had lost \$2,130,000 and 495 jobs due to the closing of the U.S. Shoe Company plant.

State Senator Jim Hammond, last week, announced in Frankfort, details of a tax program he is seeking for the benefit of the state's road counties.

There died: Edgar Charles (E.C.) Slade, 82, of Martin, January 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mack Lewis, 65, of Banner, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arthur Vance, 64, formerly of Floyd County, December 28, at Ohio's Madison County Hospital; Thomas Duty, 67, of Meally, Friday, November 30, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Miles H. Cook, 84, formerly of Melvin, Saturday, January 7, at his home near Hindman; Sam Tackett, 58, of Little Paint

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THE FLOYD COUNTY TIMES'
**CUTEST
BABY
CONTEST**
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Enter a photo of your cutie in the Floyd County Times' Annual Cutest Baby Contest for a chance to win a \$50 Savings Bond. There will be two winners in each category (One boy and one girl). Entry fee is \$10 per child.

2008 Cutest Baby Contest Entry Form

Return ENTRY with a \$10 check or money order - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Baby's Full Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Circle AGE GROUP: 0-11 months _____ 1-3 years _____ 3-5 years _____

Parents: _____

Paternal Grandparents (Dad's Parents): _____

Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____

Maternal Grandparents (Mom's Parents): _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Please include your child's photo along with a check or money order for \$10.

CREDIT CARD ORDERS:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Last (3) Digits on back of Card: _____

PHOTOS MUST BE WALLET
SIZE OR LARGER.
(The Larger the Better).
NO PRINT-OUTS PLEASE.

PLEASE SELECT A CARD



Send to:
Floyd County Times
P.O. Box 390
Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653

Participants may pick photo up after Contest.

Submission DEADLINE is NOON FRI., JAN. 18, 2008

Critter

5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter, as a longer coat will provide more warmth. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to completely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater with a high collar or turtleneck with coverage from the base of the tail to the belly. For many dogs,

this is regulation winter wear.

6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. A car can act as a refrigerator in the winter, holding in the cold and causing the animal to freeze to death.

7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs, and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to

the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside. If your dog is sensitive to the cold due to age, illness or breed type, take him outdoors only to relieve himself.

8. Does your dog spend a lot of time engaged in outdoor activities? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him - and his fur - in tip-top shape.

9. Like coolant, antifreeze is a lethal poison for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle, and consider using products that contain propylene glycol rather than ethylene glycol. Visit the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (www.aspc.org) for more information.

10. Make sure your companion ani-

mal has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

And remember, your companion animal will thank you for your help in keeping them warm and cozy during the winter season! With the love they give all year round, it's the very least they deserve!

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Broncos

"On, Bill," I whispered, "come get you some more apples." Bill was lined up under me now and was ready to start my wild, buckin' Bronco ride.

I held on that limb tight and lowered my legs down to where only my hands were left on the tree limb. Just as I let go, though, Ol' Bill moved two steps away from me. I landed on this rear instead of the middle of his back. In a split-second after landing, I found myself halfway back up in that old tree! I was hurled back up a lot faster than I had come down, and I was holding on for dear life!

"Am I broke in pieces?," I asked myself. "Am I still alive? Am I dead?!"

Thoughts ran through my mind and pain ran through my rear end. I knew for sure now that I was alive because I was hurting way too bad to be dead! But I knew that if I didn't hold on and ended up falling out of that tree into the pasture field, that Ol' Bill might change that set of circumstances for me real fast!

I managed, somehow, to get my brogans off again, threw them over my shoulder and waited for a chance to climb down and run for dear life! Finally, Ol' Bill walked out further into the pasture and I skinned down that tree as fast as I could. I started running real fast - so fast that it took me a while to notice the "squish" between my toes. When I did notice, though, I realized that along with that squishy feeling, there was an awful bad smell!

Well, as I was running, I didn't know if Ol' Bill had noticed me and was chasing after me or

not. Not knowing, I took a dive underneath some barbed wire, praying to be safe. Sure enough, once I had cleared the barbed wire and was safely out of the pasture, I looked back to see Ol' Bill's teeth miss me by about an inch! I crawled backwards, away from the fence, and looked at my feet. They were covered in dark green and smelled horrible! Guess that's what happens when an old mule is given his fill of little green apples to eat!

I hurried down to the creek and washed all the smelly stuff off as good as I could. I knew I still smelled bad, but without a bar of lye soap, it was the best I could I do.

I sat down on the bank and remembered that I couldn't go home until I caught Momma real busy with my sisters. Then I could get away with doing a better clean-up job on the back porch.

As I waited, I began to get real hungry. "Ah!", I thought. "Apples!" I sat there, leaning from side to side (because it hurt too much to sit still in one spot for too long) and eating those apples. "It's okay, though," I thought, "I rode myself a real wild Bronc." I was sore, but I had to laugh knowing that I had had such an adventure.

I ate about eight or ten of those little apples while I bided my time. They sure tasted good, too. A little sour, but good just the same. Finally, I decided I had waited long enough and headed off for home.

I sneaked onto the back porch and did a better clean-up job, on my feet and legs. As

good as a seven-year-old could do, anyway. I put my brogans back on so Momma wouldn't see my stumped-up, green-stained toes.

Momma's big, long rocking chair began to look pretty good to a worn-out little boy and soon, I was fast asleep in it. Later, Momma came out and shook me awake, softly, out of my nap.

"Locus, honey, is Momma's little boy okay?," she asked. "Where you been all day, son? You alright?"

As I raised my head up to look at Momma, I realized that my belly was burning, in the very pit. "My stomach hurts, Momma," I said. "It sure hurts bad."

"Go on back to sleep, Locus. You'll be all right," Momma told me. Momma had already found the remainder of the little green apples in my pockets and had taken them out.

When Arlie came home for supper, he told Momma he had been playing baseball in the camp. "What's wrong with Arlie," he asked her.

Momma told Arlie I was just fine except for a belly ache. "He'll be all right," she told him, "Don't even mention it to your Poppa when he gets home."

"Well, what's ailin' him," Arlie asked.

"Little green apples," Momma said. "Nothin' but some little green apples," she laughed.

Editor's Note: Lance Greenlay is the pen name of Stephens Branch resident Carl Layne.

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Happy Birthday!

James Stevens, of Toler Creek, turned 51 years old on January 12, 2008. His grandson, Blaine, turned one year old on January 10, 2008. Granddad, grandson and their families enjoyed celebrating the two special days together. Blaine is the son of Joe and Donna Mullins, of Greasy Creek.



Cody to become US Pvt.

Justin Cody became a private in the US Army just a few days before his recent 20th birthday. He was afforded the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends in Lawton, Oklahoma and Fort Worth, Texas while on leave from his duties. He is currently being trained to receive his AIT as a US Army truck driver. His family is proud of his achievements and wish him all the best in his military career.

Yesterdays

Creek, Friday, at his home; Mrs. Flotilla Burke, 71, of Halo, Tuesday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Mrs. Mamie Setser Leslie, 60, of Emma, Sunday morning, dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center; J. I. Soad, 90, of Pikeville, Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Forty Years Ago

(January 18, 1968)

Floyd County's schools reopened this morning (Thursday) for the first time since Christmas vacation began

Wayland is one of seven Kentucky towns which were given a last warning, Tuesday, before the state takes legal action to force them to build adequate sewage treatment facilities

Major part of a Floyd County family fell afoul of the law, last Thursday, when officers found two moonshine stills near Risner, and jailed a father, his two sons and his son-in-law

Conservation officers are engaged in a crackdown on stream pollution which, they say, will extend to all offenders

Married: Glenda Amburgey, of Allen, and Eugene Blackburn, of Endicott, December 22, at the Free Will Baptist Church at Endicott

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Snodgrass, of Grove City, O., a son, Christopher Allen, Jan. 10, at Columbus, O.; to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lafferty, of Price, a son, Ernie Floyd, January 10, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Allen of Prestonsburg, a son, David Patrick II, January 4, at the Paintsville Hospital

There died: Guy E. Childers, 68, formerly of Allen and Martin, Tuesday, at Huntington, West Virginia; Hiram (Hie) Stephens, 77, Sunday, at his home at Martin; Andrew J. Brown, 75, of East McDowell, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Katherine Gayheart, 93, of Garrett, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Lois Ann Durand, 25, formerly of Auxier, Tuesday, at Sacramento, California; Christian (Chris) May, 81, last Tuesday, at his home at Regina (Pike County); Ellis Martin, 83, of Garrett, Sunday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

(January 16, 1958)

Purchase of rights-of-way for the Prestonsburg-Auxier by-pass of U.S. 23 has begun, preparatory to an expected contract on the \$800,000 roadbuilding project next spring, it was said here this week

After completion of a special population study on Dewey Lake this week, Bernie Carter,

chief biologist for the Kentucky Division of Fisheries, said the fishing prospects at the reservoir "looks pretty bright"

The number of persons certified to receive government commodities in this county stood at 6,787 persons for January, but the number is climbing according to G. R. Spradlin, head of the distribution program in this county

Sheriff Hershell Warrens' official move against the illicit liquor business in this county came, Sunday night, when he led a party of four of his deputies in the capture of a moonshine still near Lambert, on Clear Creek

There died: Ivo S. Clark, 83, of Wheelwright, Thursday, of last week, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Enoch Hicks, 71, of Garrett, Monday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Lacy Collins, 73, of Auxier, Saturday, at the home of a son; Wilburn Bentley, 92, Tuesday, at the home of a son at Beaver; William Floyd Justice, 77, of Endicott, Sunday, at the home of a relative, Mrs. Perchie Moore, 63, of Lackey, last Wednesday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Ralph Greene, 31, Saturday, at his home at Weeksbury.

Sixty Years Ago

(January 15, 1948)

A record two-year budget of \$111,197,679.64 was asked of the Kentucky Legislature, Monday, by Governor Earle C. Clements, but even that figure was far short of the total asked for operations of all the state's agencies

Two miners were killed in accidents during the week: Johnny Meade, 39, of Dema, part-owner of the Rice Elkhorn Coal Company at Lackey, was instantly killed, last Thursday, when trapped beneath a 10-ton slatefall; Harold Perkins, 45, of Hindman, died at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Sunday, five days after his skull was fractured by a flying block of coal in a truck mine at Garner, Knott County

Wider support for the proposed Floyd County Public Library was seen here in the early days of the new year, with local groups planning intensified efforts

Injuries, suffered Tuesday night, of last week, in a fall from the Betsy Layne bridge resulted, last Thursday, in the death at the Prestonsburg General Hospital of J. D. (Joe) Hatfield, 71-year-old Betsy Layne man

Among the projects covered by President Truman's proposed budget of \$663,219,000 for waterways over the nation was the Dewey Dam reservoir on John's Creek. Congress is asked \$2,071,000 for the Floyd County project

Bill Jack Stephens of West Prestonsburg, sustained a broken back and chest injuries, Friday, when caught between a coal car and the roof of the truck mine operated on Middle

Creek by Mr. Stephens and W. C. Rimmer, of Prestonsburg

Wheelwright's new \$8,500 fire truck arrived, Wednesday, and it was announced that immediate training of a volunteer fire department will begin

Authorities here are unable to connect with any crime, old or modern, the human skull found last week atop a Middle Creek ridge by Goble (Jack) Branham Jr., of West Prestonsburg, while hunting

"Bay Horse," a rather potent substitute for White Horse and other standard liquor brands, is causing police here, and a few businessmen, considerable annoyance. "Bay Horse" is local jargon for bay rum, and its current popularity is even cutting in on the business of those who deal in the bonded variety

There died: Phares Crisp, 73, of Martin, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Elizabeth Ellen Spears, 72, at home at Tram, Friday morning.

Seventy Years Ago

(January 20, 1938)

Alleged irregularities of the August primary, and the November election, resulted, this week, in the grand jury returning six indictments naming Floyd County poll officials and a precinct worker, on counts including the voting of voters not present at the polls, intimidating voters, and electioneering in the voting house

Spinal meningitis outnumbered all other

Oak

fume, and Saturday night baths in a Number 2 washtub in the kitchen, it's difficult to believe the folks that were doing all that remembering from their own long-ago days, were probably much younger then, than we are now.

Since August, Wilma Jean and I have attended two wedding anniversary celebrations for former Meade Memorial High School classmates. Nothing unusual about that of course, except that on both occasions, it was their 50th.

Yep, there was a time when we would have thought that only old people could have been married for 50 years. Not anymore, though. Guess its true that one is only as old as he feels. So, while Bob and

Freida, and Hillary and Pat, continue on their road to forever together, we've come to the conclusion that when we were young, old people were simply older, than old people are now.

Maybe it was their lifestyle back then, because it's obvious that we've got it much easier than our counterparts of 60 years ago had it. If you can manage to get hold of a high school yearbook for say, 1950, notice how old the members of the senior class looked. Was it the way they dressed? Their hairstyles? Just their somber expression?

Then pick up a 2007 yearbook. Look at photos of last year's seniors, same age group, but mere babies by

comparison.

And since I'm a fan of old movies, another thing I've noticed is how parents are depicted as looking so old in those mid-1940's films. Most of the time they look old enough to be grandpats, or even in some cases, great-grandpats. It sort of makes me think that perhaps I'm not the only one to think older folks then, looked older, than older folks look now.

But the good news is, there's another old saying, that with age comes wisdom, and hopefully we're all a bit smarter now, than we were when we were teenagers.

Hope nobody asks for proof of that, though.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Jan. 16 - Youth Services Center Advisory Council meeting, 4 p.m., in YSC office. Everyone welcome.
 •Feb. 7 - 4-H Project Club meeting, 3:15 p.m., in YSC. New members may still sign up.
 •"Get Moving AMS" is a student exercise program coordinated by AMS Youth Service Center and the Floyd County Extension Office. Students will learn about benefits of

exercise and good nutrition. Call the YSC for more information or to sign up.
 •Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.
 •Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.
 •The Youth Services Center

provides services to families regardless of income. Please contact the center for more information on center services and programs. Call the center at 886-1297. Coordinator is Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

•Jan. 21 - No school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 •Jan. 24 - "Making College Count"; seniors, 1-2 p.m.
 •Jan. 31 - "Making College Count"; juniors, 1-2 p.m.
 •Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

•Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.
 •Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.
 •The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

•Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.
 •The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.
 •Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

•The center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks.
 •Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.
 •The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.
 •Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.
 •Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

•Jan. 21 - No school, Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.
 •Jan. 25 - Carol Jo May, OLW Hospital, "Let's Talk About Drugs" program; primary grade students.
 •Feb. 18 - No school, President's Day.
 •Feb. 19 - Lola Ratliff, Floyd County Schools, will conduct a Parent meeting on "Nutrition & Exercise," at 1

p.m., in the FRC. All parents/guardians urged to attend.
 •Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!
 •Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.
 •Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.
 •GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.
 •Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

Mountain Christian Academy

•Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.
 •Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 •MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

• The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.
 •After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.
 • Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the commu-

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.
 •Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).
 •The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.
 •All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 •For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

•Yearbooks are \$22 and will be on sale January 1, in school office.
 •Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.
 •The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

•Jan. 17 - "Ronald McDonald!" Assembly presentation will begin at 1:25 p.m. For grade levels Pre K-3rd.
 •Jan. 21 - No school - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
 •Jan. 25 - "Healthy Floyd County 2010 Oral Health Initiative" dental treatments will begin.
 •Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.
 •The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in

good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.
 •The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

•WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.
 •For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.
 1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.
 Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC; 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center; 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.
 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.
 Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.
 6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.
 Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.
 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.
 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.
 1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.
 Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334
 Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397
 Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

WEDDING



Salyers-Martin

Lee Roy and Margaret Salyers, of Paintsville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melissa, to Christopher Martin, the son of Billy and Brenda Martin, of Martin. Melissa and Christopher are both graduates of Prestonsburg Community College. Melissa is currently employed with Energy Management & Services Company. Christopher is currently employed at the Food City Pharmacy, in Prestonsburg. Christopher and Melissa are members of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, located in Prestonsburg, where the gracious custom of an open invitation wedding ceremony will take place on May 10, 2008, at 1:30 in the afternoon. A reception will follow at The Pines Building, located in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

BIRTHDAYS



Maddy is 1!

Madalyn Bailey Rodriguez, the daughter of David and Tish Rodriguez, celebrated her first birthday on December 11, 2007, with a "Princess" theme party held at her Uncle Brad and Aunt Windy's house, in Lexington. Maddy is the granddaughter of Bert and Deziray Kidd, of Betsy Layne, and Paul and Susan Smith, of Berea. She is the great-granddaughter of Otis and Jewel Kidd, of Canel City, and Mathew "Dump" Kidd, of Harold, and the late Jean Kidd. Maddy has two "big brothers," Reece and Alex. The Rodriguez family resides in Southhaven, Mississippi.



Look who's 9!

Wesley Dalton Slone turned nine years old on December 10, 2007. He celebrated his special day with family and friends with a "Disney's High School Musical 2" theme party, held at his home. Wesley is the son of Virgil Jr. and Robin Slone, of Meally. He is the grandson of Joyce Slone and the late Virgil Slone, of Hi Hat, and Rosetta and Charles T. Collins, of Prestonsburg.

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2006-2007 School Year

CEDAR Hosts Tenth Scholarship Awards Banquet



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Tiffany Owens



Stephanie Prater



Tessie Rice



Brandon Smith



Brett Thacker



Corey Walker

EIGHTEEN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS were awarded \$30,000 in scholarships at CEDAR's Tenth Scholarship Awards Banquet held May 17, 2007, in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Seniors from Pike, Floyd, Knott, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Letcher counties were invited to participate in the CEDAR Scholarship Program that makes available financial assistance to those preparing to enter post-secondary education. CEDAR made available \$34,000 to twenty-two schools in the seven county area of which there were

eighteen of those schools having qualifying entries resulting in total awards of \$30,000. This year's awards brought CEDAR's ten-year total to 117 scholarships totaling \$221,000. This program was created, developed and is fully-funded by CEDAR.

At the beginning of the school year guidance counselors were asked to provide address labels for those seniors having a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 upon entry into the 2006-2007 school year. A letter was then mailed to 903 qualifying seniors from 21

schools inviting them to apply for participation in the CEDAR Scholarship Program by providing personal and school data, transcript information and a one page letter stating how this scholarship would be important to them and how it would make a difference in their pursuit of higher learning. From the 903 invitations, CEDAR received 83 applications representing 17 schools, from which 55 were invited to participate, which resulted in 38 actual entries being submitted for judging.

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CEDAR of East Ky Completes Fourteenth Year of Coal Education

On behalf of the CEDAR Board of Directors I wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who has played a role in the planning, implementation, funding and any other areas of support to CEDAR of East Ky. For the past fourteen years. When we began the process of developing our dream of teaching others about the many benefits the coal industry provides in all of our daily lives, we had no idea of the extent of significance and magnitude this one-of-a-kind educational program would produce.

What began as a pilot program in Pike

County in 1993 has grown to include all school systems in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Letcher counties of eastern Kentucky.

Over the past fourteen years CEDAR of East Ky. has funded 817 Coal Study Units, (teacher lesson plans about coal), in the amount of \$475,849, involving 1,674 teachers and 58,029 students researching and studying about many of the benefits the coal industry provides each of us in our daily lives. From these, "lesson plans"

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MINE TOUR-Program Profile

CEDAR in conjunction with Pikeville College and the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing-Pikeville Division has conducted a mine tour in October and March of each year since 2003. This is a CEDAR sponsored event which is conducted through the Community Education Program of Pikeville College, a four year liberal arts institution.

CEDAR coordinates the event with Pikeville College providing publicity and transport vans with drivers. The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing provides use of their offices for registration and tour orientation which includes a video on coal mining in Kentucky. They also provide an underground and surface mining specialist who joins with two coal company officials to serve as tour guides. This enables the attendees to see the industry through the eyes of regulators and operators.

The tour is open to the general public through the college's community education program and more specifically CEDAR's recruitment of high school sen-

iors entertaining the possibility of entering the coal industry as a career.

The tour includes the following three segments:

Underground: The first stop is an underground mine opening site. At this stop the state and company officials explain the mining method and in general the equipment used, work force/training requirements, tonnages, qualities and markets. They also respond to all general and specific questions from the attendees.

Surface/Reclamation: The next stop is at a combination mountain-top removal and contour mining operation. The same format is used at this site as at the underground site. After a question and answer session the group moves to the reclamation area of the operation where a tailgate lunch is provided by CEDAR which attendees enjoy as they experience the scenic view from atop this mining operation. After lunch the reclamation process and type is explained by the state and

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Students compete in Regional Coal Fair

Students from 37 schools in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Letcher counties participated in their local school coal fair program completing 2,057 projects that demonstrated their understanding of how coal is formed, mined, and transported, as well as how the industry affects their daily lives. Four hundred fifty-four of their projects were on display at the CEDAR Regional Coal Fair held May 7 through 11 at the Pikeville College Gymnasium, where 2,400 students, teachers, and chaperones toured the event, along with several hundred visitors from the general public who came to marvel at the talent and resourcefulness of our area school children, making the 2007 fair our largest ever.

Projects were entered in seven categories: Science, Math, English/Literature, Art, Music, Technology/Multimedia, and Social Studies. Exhibits ranged from

homemade quilts, paintings, and sculptures to original songs, stories, mine replicas, computer animation and magazines publishing, as well as in-depth analysis of critical issues facing the coal industry today.

Students were awarded on a pay-for-performance basis. Cash prizes were given in each category in three grade levels (K-4, 5-8, and 9-12). Awards were based on the average percent of total points earned: First Place-\$1.25 per point; Second Place-\$1.00 per point; and Third Place-\$0.75 per point. Over \$7,842 in prizes was awarded, but the biggest reward was a hands-on education in coal.

In recognition of their outstanding achievement a Student Awards Luncheon was held May 12th at the Landmark Inn where winners were presented with cash awards.

Category winners on next seven pages

Carriere receives "Project of the Year" Award

This year's grand prize for having the single best project in the Regional Coal Fair was awarded to Staci Carriere, a sophomore at Prestonsburg High School. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Angie and Ken Carriere. The prize was an expense paid trip to Myrtle Beach for the North Carolina Coal Institute's Summer Trade Seminar where Staci was presented a \$1,000 cash award. The Student Project of the Year grand prize total value was \$2,500.

Staci is a very creative and talented young lady with a keen interest in graphic design, writing, and

editing which lead her to enter the Technology/Multimedia category in the CEDAR Coal Fair program. Staci's project was a beautifully crafted magazine called Kentucky Coal, which she dedicated to the South's black gold.

In developing the articles for the magazine Staci used a variety of resources and researched many different aspects of coal and the industry. Among her sources were the World Coal Institute, IEA Key World Energy Statistics, Kentucky Coal.com, the US Energy Information Administration, coaleduca-



The "Project of the Year" award was won by Staci Carriere, a sophomore at Prestonsburg High School. Staci's project was a magazine called Kentucky Coal. Carriere's grand prize total value was \$2,500.

tion.org, and countrymusichighway.com.

The topics covered a wide range of issues, including how coal was formed, a timeline for Kentucky coal starting in 1701, US Coal Regions, the coal miner, coal camps, early mining in the Big Sandy Valley, a brief history of coal use, coal and the production of steel, and reclamation success. She also promoted one of the area's local attractions, the Van Lear Coal Museum, on the back cover.

Staci used Photo Shop to select and in many cases design the pictures used in the magazine, often using

images from several different sources in one picture. She then used a program called Quark to pull them in to create the magazine design. Overall the magazine was filled with informative articles, beautiful graphics and photos, and interesting facts.

When Staci discussed her project with our judges, they were impressed with her knowledge of coal and the technology required to research, design, and present her project in such a professional manner. They were equally impressed with her ability to articulate and demonstrate what she had accomplished.

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students have created in excess of 35,000 projects for entry in each participating school's Coal Fair with 5,222 of them advancing to the CEDAR Regional Coal Fair where 998 of them have received cash prizes totaling \$150,938.

The CEDAR Scholarship Program began ten years ago and has since awarded \$221,000 to 117 high schools seniors as a result of their written submissions and oral presentations on one or more benefits they learned through research that the coal industry provided in their daily lives.

Over this fourteen year period

CEDAR, Inc. of East Kentucky has expended \$1.8 million providing opportunities, incentives and rewards to teachers and students to discover for themselves the rest-of-the-story about the coal industry. This grassroots effort is not exclusive to these seven counties in Eastern Kentucky; as a result of CEDAR's first year's success, the CEDAR Program has been duplicated in Western Kentucky for eleven years, in South West Virginia for the past six years, and Wise County Virginia for the past two years.

The CEDAR story is a classic example of what is possible when various entities sharing a common thread unite for a mutual purpose for the greater good of many. Without coal we in this region, state, and

nation would not be able to have had nor continue to enjoy the standard of living available to us. Additionally, since World War II, the Coal Industry has been a major contributor in providing our country with the energy required to produce needed equipment and the energy independence required to help defend and preserve the freedoms that are available to each of us.

Again, we say thank you to all who have participated in or supported in any way the East Kentucky CEDAR Program over the past fourteen years and in particular supported in during the 2006-2007 school year.

Sincerely,
CEDAR Board of Directors

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Science



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



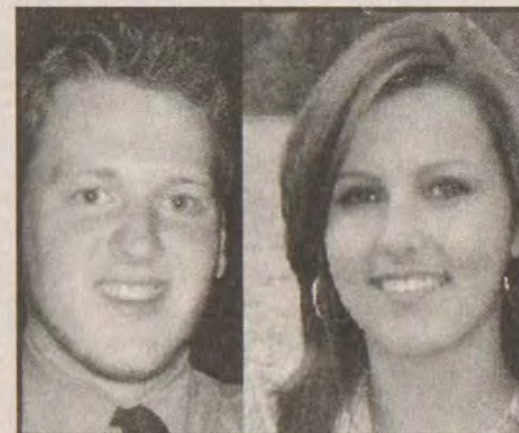
BLAIR JOHNSON - Southside Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



TURNER ALTMAN - St. Francis School

GRADES 9 - 12



TYSON MAUK, LESLIE HAMILTON
Pike County Central

SECOND PLACE



STEVEN PRATER - Phelps Elem.



KATIE GOUND - Johnson Co. Middle School
Not Pictured-Haley Auxier



JOSHUA ROBINSON - Shelby Valley
Not Pictured-Will Compton

THIRD PLACE



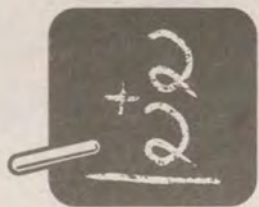
BRIANNA ROWE - Millard Elem.



JORDAN NEZBETH - Johnson Co. Middle



KELLIE PRATT - Knott Co. Central



MATH



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



ALEX FOWLER - Central Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



JARED FYFFECAUDILL - Johnson Co. Middle

GRADES 9 - 12



ANDREW CARTER - Pikeville High School

SECOND PLACE



ARYN PINSON - Southside Elem.



MICHAEL FIELDS - Belfry Middle School



DYLAN MURPHY - Pikeville High School

THIRD PLACE



LEAH TACKETT - G. J. Johnson



STEPHANIE STANLEY - Belfry Middle School



COREY THOMPSON - Pike Co. Central
Not Pictured - Kayla Ray



ENGLISH



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



RILEY BANKS - Southside Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



MILLIE HOUSTON - Johnson Co. Middle

GRADES 9 - 12



VINCE BOWMAN - Shelby Valley

SECOND PLACE



LAUREN BLACKBURN - St. Francis School



FALLON SMITH - St. Francis School



TIFFANY OWENS - Allen Central

THIRD PLACE



HUNTER FORD - St. Francis School



LAUREN GOBLE - Highland Elem.



BRETT THACKER - Pike Co. Central

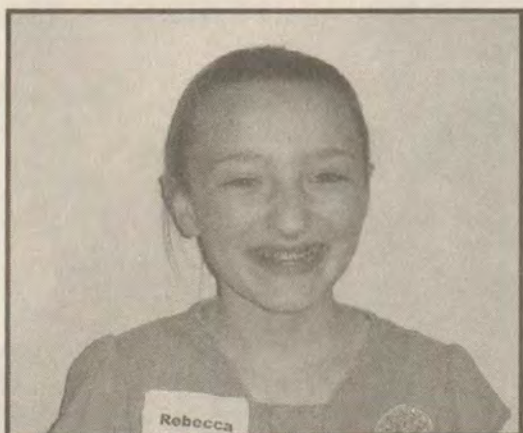


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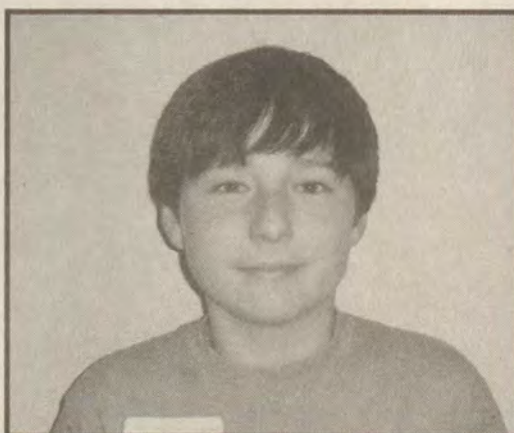
FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



REBECCA BOWMAN - St. Francis

GRADES 5 - 8



CHRISTOPHER WARD - Millard Middle School

GRADES 9 - 12



HEATHER CLICK - Knott Co. Central

SECOND PLACE



JADEN CLARK - Prestonsburg Elem.



LAUREN COLBURN - Elkhorn City Elem.



VICTORIA RISNER - Johnson Central

THIRD PLACE



TONI HAMPTON - G.F. Johnson Elem.



BRIAN PREECE - Southside Elem.



JARROD COLE - Johnson Central



MUSIC



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



LINDSEY RUSSELL - Prater Borders Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



JESSICA HALL - Paintsville Elem.

GRADES 9 - 12



MARK WALZ - Pikeville High School

SECOND PLACE



CALI CAMPBELL - St. Francis School



FRANKIE DAWAHARE - St. Francis School



COREY TERRY, KENNY CRAFT,
BRAXTON RATLIFF
Knott Co. High School

THIRD PLACE



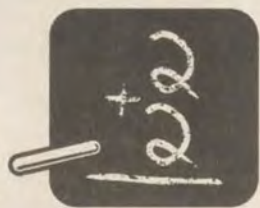
PAIGE GOBLE - Highland Elem.



BRIANNA SULLIVAN - Southside Elem.



BRETT ROGERS - Betsy Layne High



TECHNOLOGY/ MULTI-MEDIA



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



HUNTER PLYMALE - Phelps Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



LUCAS HUNT, TYLER HUNT
Majestic Knox Creek

GRADES 9 - 12



STACIE CARRIERE - Prestonsburg High

SECOND PLACE



KASSIDY TACKETT, KRISTI MULLINS - Millard Elem.
Not Pictured Michael Murphy, Michael Bingham, Dawson Adkins



EMILY REED - Belfry Middle School



ASHLEY SMITH - Knott Co. Central

THIRD PLACE



KENDRA CHARLES - Phelps Elem.



BRAD CANTRELL, MATT BOWLING
Johnson Co. Middle School



PAUL ADKINS - Pike Co. Central
Not Pictured Nicole Justice and Megan Edmonds



SOCIAL STUDIES



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



ARIEL WARD, TABITHA THACKER,
BLAINE MAY - Millard Elem.

GRADES 5 - 8



KENNEDY HAGER - Phelps Elem.

GRADES 9 - 12



GORDON VARNEY - Pike Co. Central
Not Pictured - Lindsey Tackett and Adrienne Walters

SECOND PLACE



KAYLIN TACKETT - Robinson Creek



ELIZABETH HUFFMAN - St. Francis School



JESSICA RATLIFF - Pike Co. Central
Not Pictured - Rebekah Keathley

THIRD PLACE



ALEX THOMPSON - Southside Elem.



JOSEPH PARKS - Belfry Middle School



ANNA BUCKLEY - Pike Co. Central
Not Pictured - Wes Runyon and Danielle Lovins



Overall Grade-Level Winners



FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



HUNTER PLYMALE
Phelps Elementary

GRADES 5 - 8



LUCAS HUNT, TYLER HUNT
Majestic Knox Creek

GRADES 9 - 12



STACI CARRIERE
Prestonsburg H.S.

First-place category winners in each of three grade levels (K-4, 5-8, 9-12) were grouped together and judged to determine the over-all first, second, and third place winners for each of the three grade levels. These winners were announced at a Student Awards Luncheon at the Landmark Inn on May 12, 2007.

Prizes for the overall winners were based on the average percent of total points earned: First-Place - \$4 per point; Second Place - \$3 per point; and Third Place - \$2 per point.

First Place:

(K-4) Hunter Plymale, 3rd Grade, Phelps Elementary
(5-8) Tyler Hunt and Lucas Hunt, 5th Grade, Majestic Knox Creek
(9-12) Staci Carriere, 9th Grade, Prestonsburg High School

Second Place:

(K-4) Riley Banks, 4th Grade, Southside Elementary
(5-8) Kennedy Hager, 6th Grade, Phelps Elementary
(9-12) Mark Walz, 12th Grade, Pikeville High School

Third Place:

(K-4) Blair Johnson, 3rd Grade, Southside Elementary
(5-8) Jared Fyffecaudill, 8th Grade, Johnson County Middle School
(9-12) Tyson Mauk and Leslie Hamilton, 11th Grade, Pike County Central High School

SECOND PLACE



RILEY BANKS
Southside Elementary



KENNEDY HAGER
Phelps Elementary



MARK WALZ
Pikeville High School

THIRD PLACE



BLAIR JOHNSON
Southside Elementary



JARROD FYFFECAUDILL
Johnson County Middle School



TYSON MAUK, Team Captain
Pike County Central High School

“COAL STUDY UNIT” PROGRAM

Award Presented to “Teacher of The Year”

On May 10, 2007, at the Coal Study Unit Awards Banquet, Ms. Traci Bishop, teacher at St. Francis of Assisi, was presented with the CEDAR Teacher of the Year Award. This award is presented to the Coal Study Unit with the highest score of all units in three grade levels of K-4, 5-8, and 9-12. While teaching earth science, our winning teacher, upon opening a discussion about coal, was asked by her students “How do “coal people” find coal?, How far down is coal?, Which is lower gas or coal?, Can you find gas where coal is located?, and Can coal be man-made? Hence came the unit title and focus “Finding Black Treasure: The Formation and Exploration of Coal”.

In developing this unit, Ms. Bishop tied the study of coal to the following educational objectives – 1) students make sense of the various things they observe, 2) students make sense of ideas and communicate with visual art, 3) students will understand the scientific ways of thinking and working, and use methods to solve real-life problems, 4) students identify, analyze, and use patterns such as cycles and trends to understand past and



TRACI BISHOP
St. Francis School

present events and predict future events, 5) students identify and analyze systems and the ways their components work together or affect each other, 6) students use the concept of scale and scientific models to explain the organization and functioning of living and nonliving things and predict other characteristics that might be observed, and 7) students understand how living and nonliving things change over time and the factors that influence the changes.

Ms. Bishop received a four-night expense paid trip to the North Carolina Coal Institute’s Summer Trade Seminar at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where she was presented a \$1000 cash award.

TOUR

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industry officials.

Post-Mined Land Use: After visiting the two mine sites, the tour’s last stop is at the Pikeville/Pike County Airport which sits on a mountain-top removal mine site. The group hears how the entire

eastern Kentucky region has and continues to benefit from this facility, which would not have been possible without the prior mining activities. They are told some of the many benefits our region receives including but not limited to, economic development, emergency medical flights, recreation, jobs, quicker access to necessary parts and components relative to the local industry and business concerns, as well as others.

CEDAR Fundraising Events

Hillbilly Days Booth

Since 1995, CEDAR has had a booth during Hillbilly Days Festival. This year Barry Justice's staff at Brandeis Machinery, headed by Janice Justice and Rick Johnson, handled the set-up, staffing for three days and tear-down of the booth.



Coal figurines were sold; everything from a coal truck to a cat was available for purchase. The figurines were made from pulverized coal, which is mixed with a resin then cast into molds. Having festival visitors take home a little piece of coal helps carry our message all over the world and spreads the positive image of our heritage.

Golf Scramble



On May 8, 2007, the CEDAR golf scramble was held at Raven Rock Golf Course in Jenkins, Kentucky.

Thanks to the most generous donation by TECO Coal for the use of this course at no charge and the hard work and dedication of Danny Moon and Bobby Varney, CEDAR enjoyed one of its most successful fundraising events of the year.

Guilt Raffle

For the past eleven years quilts have been raffled off at the North Carolina Coal Institute's Summer Trade Seminar in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year the NCCI gave CEDAR \$25 per paid registration in lieu of selling raffle tickets.



Seven quilts were given away at the conference. Five quilts were purchased from Judy & Lucy Coleman of Elkhorn City and two were purchased from Beverly Hampton of Pikeville, Kentucky.

School Coordinator Programs

The 2006-2007 CEDAR Program was a success thanks in large part to the commitment and hard work of the schools' Coal Study Unit Coordinators and Coal Fair Coordinators, who were appointed by the Principal at each participating school, and to the high school Guidance Counselors, who were instrumental in the success of the CEDAR Scholarship Program. To recognize their important contribution each coordinator was rated on a scoring system that gave points for the extent of participation and quality of the school's entries in each program.

The winners of the Coal Study Unit Coordinators Program were announced at an awards dinner held May 10, 2007, at the Landmark Inn's Mark II Convention Center. The winners were:

Class A - Stacy Chaney, St. Francis of Assisi

Class B - Kim Weddington, Robinson Creek Elementary

Class C - Melinda Thompson, Belfry Middle School

Each winner received \$6 per percentage point earned in the program.

The winners of the Coal Fair Coordinators Program were announced at an awards luncheon held at the Landmark Inn's Mark V Convention Center on May 12, 2007. They were:

1st Place George Diamond, Pike County Central High School

2nd Place Latonya Taylor-Rowe, Highland Elementary

3rd Place Melinda Thompson, Belfry Middle School

The First Place winner earned \$8 per point, Second Place \$5 per



Stacy Chaney



Kim Weddington



Melinda Thompson



George Diamond



Latonya Taylor-Rowe



Melinda Thompson



Phillip Haywood



Diana Compton



Karen Derossett

point, and Third Place \$2 per point.

The winners of the Guidance Counselors Program were announced at an awards dinner held at the Landmark Inn's Mark II Convention Center on May 17, 2007. The winners were:

1st Place Phillip Haywood

Belfry High School

2nd Place Diana Compton

Shelby Valley High School

3rd Place Karen Derossett

Prestonsburg High School

The First Place winner earned \$750, Second Place-\$500, and Third Place-\$250.

BANQUET

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Upon receipt of the applications, all personal and school identification data were removed, making them anonymous to the review committee who ranked them in the order by school. A maximum of four seniors from each of the 17 high schools were invited to enter a writing submission, addressing a real world audience (legislators, community and business leaders, etc.) using a real world form (article, editorial, speech, proposal, etc.). Their purpose was to convince their audience that coal is beneficial and that it impacts lives in a positive way. Of the 17 participating schools there were entries from 18 that met the minimum scoring requirements qualifying for a scholarship award.

The following 18 students were selected as winners from their particular school in the written part of the program for additional

scholarship money.

Written Awards-
\$1,000 each

(one award for each school having qualifying entry):

Tera Addis

South Floyd H.S.

Lucinda L. Belcher

East Ridge H.S.

Katherine E. Bentley

Sheldon Clark H.S.

Hannah R.H. Blackburn

Piarist School

Vincent R. Bowman

Shelby Valley H.S.

Andrew T. Carter

Pikeville H.S.

James B. Childers

June Buchanan H.S.

Corey L. Crigger

Belfry H.S.

Justin M. Dove

Phelps H.S.
Clay Fletcher
Magoffin County H.S.
Zachery N. Gibson
Knott County Central H.S.
Jordan C. Ilic
Letcher County Central H.S.

Tiffany V. Owens
Allen Central H.S.
Stephanie L. Prater
Prestonsburg H.S.
Tessie S. Rice
Johnson Central H.S.
Brandon T. Smith
Paintsville H.S.
Brett J. Thacker
Pike County Central H.S.
Corey P. Walker
Betsy Layne H.S.

Oral Presentation Awards
(most point gain from written to oral presentation scores):

FIRST PLACE: \$1,500
James B. Childers
SECOND PLACE: \$1,000
Justin M. Dove
THIRD PLACE: \$500
Lucinda L. Belcher

Over-All Awards
(written and oral presentation scores combined):
FIRST PLACE: \$5,000
Lucinda L. Belcher
SECOND PLACE: \$3,000
Corey L. Crigger
THIRD PLACE: \$1,000
Tiffany V. Owens

CEDAR would like to congratulate each student that participated in the CEDAR Scholarship Program and would like to thank the parents, class sponsors, guidance counselors and principals for their support of these students, as well as their support of the CEDAR Scholarship Program.

“Coal Study Unit” Program Winners

FIRST PLACE

GRADES K - 4



TRACI BISHOP
St. Francis School

GRADES 5 - 8



JENNIFER FOWLER
Johnson Co. Middle School

GRADES 9 - 12



PAMELA CONN
Knott Co. Central High School

During the 2006-07 school year, CEDAR awarded grants totaling \$30,443.09 to 54 (fifty-four) different Coal Study Units taught by 158 teachers. Twenty-six (26) schools and 4,945 students participated in Floyd, Pike, Knott, Johnson, Magoffin, and Letcher Counties. Educators were honored for their work at a banquet held at the Landmark Inn, May 10, 2007.

Teachers winning awards in this program were as follows:

FIRST PLACE

K-4 Traci Bishop, St Francis School
5-8 Jennifer Fowler, Johnson Co Middle School
9-12 Pamela Conn, Knott Co Central H.S.

SECOND PLACE

K-4 Beverly Owens, Robinson Creek Elementary
5-8 Amy Swiney, Southside Elementary
9-12 Patrick Lester, Phelps H.S.

THIRD PLACE

K-4 Wendy Poe, Prestonsburg Elementary
5-8 Melinda Thompson, Belfry Middle School
9-12 George Diamond, Pike Co Central H.S.

SECOND PLACE



BEVERLY OWENS
Robinson Creek Elementary



AMY SWINEY
Southside Elementary



PATRICK LESTER
Phelps High School

THIRD PLACE



WENDY POE
Prestonsburg Elementary



MELINDA THOMPSON
Belfry Middle School



GEORGE DIAMOND
Pike Co. Central High School

CEDAR Awards Presentation in Myrtle Beach



Coal Study Unit Manager Karen Smith, Teacher of the Year Traci Bishop, CEDAR President John Justice, Student of Year Staci Carriere and Coal Fair Manager Karen Hamilton.

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