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briefs

2 killed on icy roads in Johnson

The Associated Press

PAINTSVILLE - Icy roads were being blamed for a crash Tuesday morning that killed an emergency official and a pregnt woman in Johnson County.

Paintsville EMS Director Christa Burchett, 30, was helping a pregnant woman injured in a car accident when a coal truck skidded and struck both women, killing them, Johnson County Judge-**Executive Tucker Daniel**

occurred off U.S. 460. about 5 miles west of Paintsville, where the ands were slippery with ight snow and slushy ice. He said Burchett was helping Erica Brown, of River, whose car had skidded off the road, into an ambu-

Daniel said the accident

Daniel said the coal truck was coming over a hill and braked, but slammed into a police cruiser and ultimately the two victims. Brown died at the scene and Burchett, who also served as assistant fire chief, was pronounced dead soon after at a nearby hospital. No other serious juries were reported

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Magistrate's family spared from layoffs

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There was a heated exchange between magistrates Friday after Magistrate John Goble questioned Magistrate Jackie Owens on his wife's county vehicle.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted last week to park all county vehicles and not allow county workers to take their vehicles home. According to Goble, "I guess Jackie thought it wouldn't apply to his wife."

On Tuesday the Judge-Executive's Office confirmed that Owens' wife had in fact turned her vehicle in.

Magistrate Owens' wife, Hattie Owens works as an administrative assistant/crew leader, and according to Mike Jarrell, county road foreman, works primarily with FEMA cases and is an "excellent employee."

Jackie Owens Jr., Magistrate Owens' son, is also an employee of the county and works in the road crew department hauling water from the landfill pond at Garth to Martin. Both Jackie Owens Jr. and Hattie Owens survived the fiscal court's 60 percent workforce layoffs.

Magistrate Owens said that his wife had been employed 15 years with the

county, and that his son, was hired under the commissioner system.

Owens lost his seat in the commissioner election of 1998 to Larry Foster and then was reelected in 2002 when the county returned to the magistrate sys-

"All four magistrates voted on that list (list of employees laid off), it wasn't just me," said Owens when asked about his family members still being employed after the layoffs. Owens added that neither his wife nor son work for him in District 2.

Magistrate Owens had been singled out during Friday's regular meeting when some fiscal court members donated a portion of their salaries back into the general fund.

Ronnie Akers, District 4 magistrate, said that, "Due to our financial situation I want the treasurer to reduce my salary by \$5,000 for the year."

A motion was made and quickly seconded by Donnie Daniels, who said he would also ask that \$5,000 dollars be deducted from his salary. Magistrate John Goble and County Attorney Keith Bartley also added \$5,000 from their own salaries.

(See MAGISTRATE, page eight)

FROZEN TRAFFIC

Quickly deteriorating road conditions brought traffic to a standstill on U.S. 23 during Tuesday's early morning

Freezing rain disrupts morning commute with countless wrecks

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

The limits of Prestonsburg and Floyd County emergency workers were tested during Tuesday morning's ice storm that turned road conditions into a regional slip-and-slide.

'That was the most collisions that we have responded to, in that timeframe, in 25 years," said Mike Ormerod, chief of police with Prestonsburg Police Department.

Between 7:30 and 10 a.m., Prestonsburg Police reported answering calls on 25 accidents around the city of Prestonsburg. According to Ormerod, because of the road conditions, response was slow and some vehicles were gone by the time they arrived.

The number of accident calls coming in forced "911 dispatch to prioritize the accidents, starting with injury, followed by accidents in high-traffic areas, then secondary roads, and lastly parking lots," Ormerod said.

One accident on a U.S. 23 and Route 114 offramp led to a multiple vehicle pileup when a coal truck slid into a guardrail, followed by a Sandy Valley Transportation bus sliding into the coal truck. Another truck trying to get around the accident slid into both, compounding problems. Mike Hall, Constable of District 1, responded to the accident and also ended up sliding into the guardrail.

As road conditions worsened, Ormerod said, "A lot of people did the right thing and pulled over." U.S. 23 was completely iced over, bringing traffic to a standstill between Heritage House Hotel and the mouth of Abbott Creek for about an hour.

Poor road conditions and traffic delays led the driver of a vehicle carrying a woman in labor to seek assistance

(See ICE, page eight)



lcy conditions caused three vehicles to pile up on an offramp at the junction of U.S. 23 and Route 114.



The icy roads caused one motorist to lose control of her vehicle and upend it along Route 1428 near Goble Roberts. All total Prestonsburg City Police, alone, received 25 accident calls in two hours during Tuesday morning's ice

Highlands buys clinic properties

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG Highlands Regional Medical Center announced plans last week to acquire property near Highlands Plaza to expand their health care services in Prestonsburg.

"The hospital has purchased the Hometown Family Care medical clinic and the Archer Clinic," said hospital spokesperson and chief operating officer Chris Hoffman in a released statement. Hoffman added that the need for additional space prompted the hospital to acquire the selected property.

Highlands has been working with doctors in the community to improve health care services.

"The hospital is not employing physicians, just providing services," said Bud Warman, Highlands Regional CEO. "We just want to provide better access

(See HIGHLANDS, page eight)

Otter Creek employee kills self at work

by JACK LATTA STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT According to a Corrections Corporation of America press release, an Otter Creek Correctional Facility employee died from a self-inflicted injury in an apparent suicide early Tuesday morning at the facility.

"We are very saddened by what has occurred this morning,' said Kevin Myers, CCA's division managing director of operations. "Our condolences go out to the family, friends and coworkers of this employee.

"We will continue to work closely with investigators and our customers while also ensuring that we provide the needed support to our employees," Myers added.

CCA said it would not release the name and title of the employee or any further details regard-

(See SUICIDE, page eight)



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Obituaries

Melvina N. Akers

Melvina N. Akers, age 75, of Grethel, widow of Jake Akers, passed away Friday, January 18, 2008, in the Riverview Healthcare Center, *Prestonsburg,

She was born January 15, 1933, in Grethel, a daughter of the late William and Martha Hamilton Newsome. She was a homemaker, a member of the Mud Creek Senior Citizens, and a member of the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church, *in Grethel.

Survivors include two sons: Tivis Eugene (Jenny) Akers of New Bloomington, Ohio; and Zachary Dale (Bonita) Akers of Grethel; two brothers: William Newsome Jr., of Stanville; and Billy Ray Newsome of Grethel; five sisters: Fannie Hall of Peebles, Ohio; Mearl Clark of Harold: Sola Akers of Grethel; and Emogene Hall and Pauline Green, both of Ivel; three grandchildren: Tosh Brandon Akers, Shane Eugene Akers and Sheena DeSha Spradlin; and three great-grandchildren: Zachary Brance Akers, Kendal Shay Akers, and Blaine Douglas "Ike" Akers.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers: Tolva, Doc, Duran, Anthony Charley and Andy Newsome; and five sisters: Cora Moore, Martha Newsome, Goldie Tackett, Mina Newman, and Pearl Newsome.

Funeral services Melvina N. Akers were conducted Tuesday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Martin-Newsome Cemetery, in Grethel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation was Sunday, at the funeral home; and Tuesday, at the Church.

(Paid obituary)

Maudie Irene Hughes

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Maudie Irene Hughes, 66, of Longwood, Florida, died Wednesday, January 16, 2008, at Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Winter Park, Florida.

Born July 21, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Elsie Younce Pennington. She was a member of the Baptist faith; and was a disabled health care

Survivors include one son, Charles William Hughes of Greenacres, Florida; four brothers: Harm Pennington of Paintsville; Johnny Pennington, James Rudy Pennington, and Pennington, all of Prestonsburg; seven sisters: Jackie Salvers of Deltona, Florida; Rema Perry of Paintsville; Maggie Jackson of Warsaw, Indiana; Linda Ousley of Ashland; Elizabeth Pennington of Longwood, Florida; and Beatrice Music

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and Faye Goble, both of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Emily Wallen and Liney Belle Prater.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, at 2:30 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Gary Blair officiating.

Burial was in the Pennington Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Eva K. Robinette Layne

Eva K. Robinette Layne, age 91, of Harold, wife of the late Porter A. Layne, passed away Saturday, January 19, 2008, in the Pikeville Health

She was born January 23, 1916, in Harold, a daughter of the late George Preston Robinette and Mary Ann Amburgey Robinette. She was a member of the New Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, in Harold, and a homemaker.

Survivors include one son, Porter Preston Layne, his wife, Glenda, of Pottstown, Pennsylvania; two daughters: Marietta Layne Elliott, her husband Gus, of Dayton, Ohio; Katherine Mae Clark, her husband, Hershell of Pikeville; two half brothers: David George Robinette of Pikeville; and Samuel Robinette of Grayson; one sister, Georgia R. Allen, of Allen; one half sister, Teresa Justice of Lexington; 11 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchil-

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Georgia F. "Pat" Naylor and Judy Love: two brothers: Carl L. Robinette and Orville S. Robinette; and one half brother, Arnold Robinette.

Funeral services for Eva K. Robinette Layne were conducted Tuesday, January 22, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral (Paid obituary)

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Ellis Slone

Ellis Slone, 94, of David, died Friday, January 18, 2008, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born October 12, 1913, in David, he was the son of the late Jack and Ethel Tussey Slone. He was a retired coal

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie Shepherd

Survivors include one son, Bobby Slone of David; three daughters: Josephine Slone

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In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by three sons: Billy, Ellis Jr., and Russell Slone; three brothers: George, Ervin, and Jim Slone; and three sisters: Lily Shepherd, Ocie Slone, and Darcus Howard.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, in Blue River, with Eugene Cook officiating.

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

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

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Howard C. Stickler

Howard C. Stickler, age 84, of Drift, husband of Betty Jones Stickler, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard.

He was born May 9, 1923, in Printer, the son of the late Edward Stickler and Mary Salisbury Stickler. He was a former bookkeeper for Turner

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Elkhorn Mining Company, a World War II Navy veteran, a member of the Drift Presbyterian Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 2889, in Wheelwright, for more than 50 years, and a Kentucky Colonel. .

In addition to his wife, Betty, survivors include a son Eddie (Beverly) Stickler of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Kathy Stickler of Lexington; like daughters: Misty Powers of Paintsville, and Shirley Gunnell of Martin; a special friend, Thurman Hamlin; five grandchildren: Misty Dawn, Amy, Matthew, Cory and Carissa; and three great-grandchildren: Sam, Max, and Conrad.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ed Stickler; and a sister, Helen Blackburn.

Funeral services for Howard C. Stickler will be conducted Friday, January 25, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home

Chapel, in Martin, with ministers of the church officiating.

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

Visitation is from 5-9:00 p.m., Wednesday; and from 2-10:00 p.m., Thursday, at the funeral home.

In Lieu of Flowers: Donations may be made to the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, or Hospice of Bluegrass, in Hazard.

(Paid obituary)

000 Emogene Whitt

Emogene Whitt, 80, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 19, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 25, 1927, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Hiram and Laura Wills Baisden. She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Whitt.

Survivors include two sons and two daughters: Franklin Eugene Whitt, Larry Michael Whitt, Christine Blair, and Melissa Felty, all Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. one step-grandson, and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters: Lerby Baisden, Troy Baisden, Stella Baisden, and Eliza Tussey.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazie Funeral Home, in Martin, with Shawn Blair officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral

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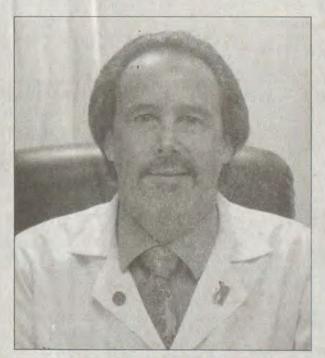


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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: To announce your community event, you may hand-deliver your item to The Floyd County Times office, located at 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; or mail to: The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or fax to 606-886-3603; or email features@floydcountytimes.co m. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All nems will be placed on a firstcome, 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. For more information, contact Paul W. Johnson, 1274 Alexandersville Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. Phone: 937-866-7937.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

Floyd Democratic Woman's Club meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State

Grocery bill high?

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Lifeline of Floyd County 'Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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Classes begin March 10! Space is limited, pre-registration required. \$30 for 8 weeks. More info., call 886-0709.

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Prater Creek Baptist Church

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Floyd County Schools

to host public forum The Floyd County School System will host a public forum on Wellness, Health, and Nutrition, on January 28, at 5 p.m., at May Valley Elementary. Community members strongly encouraged to

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 3:30 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, 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 Avenue, 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 Floyd Conservation District will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Floyd County High School senior with plans major Agriculture/Conservation of Natural Resources. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, three Letters of Recommendation, and a 1page typed essay outlining reafor choosing Agriculture/Conservation as

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major. All entries must be post-

marked by January 31. For

more info, call 889-9800 or

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-

Help planning for college

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be hosting a workshop, entitled College Goal Sunday, on Sunday, January 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., on the Prestonsburg campus in the Student Center Atrium. The purpose of this workshop is to provide assistance to students who are applying for financial aid for college. Financial aid professionals from Kentucky colleges and universities will be on hand to assist collegebound students and their families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. For more information about financial aid and this event, contact the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Financial Department at 606-880-4794.

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. Eveyone 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 everyThursday and this is a great way to meet new people; and make new friends. So come and check it out. First night is free, and there is no obligation, you can leave at anytime. For more information, call 791-0336 or 432-

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. members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break

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HRMC Community Calendar

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

For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at 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

Allen Baptist Church. All

Living Free is a faith-based attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

'Earn While You Learn'

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The Big Sandy Area C.A.P. office is taking applications for its "Senior Training Program." You must be 55 or older to apply. In Floyd, call 886-2929;

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The man pictured is our Celebrity of the Week, Nick Ratliff. Nick is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom for two tours.—January 2003-May 2003, and September 2004-April 2005.

He is shown here with Pebbles, a 5-month-old male Aussie mix.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg Phone 886-3189

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

> Sunday Matinee—Open 1:00; start 1:30 **RIVERFILL 10**

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CLOVERFIELD (PG13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15. Cinema 4—Held Over FIRST SUNDAY (PG-13). Mon.-Sun.

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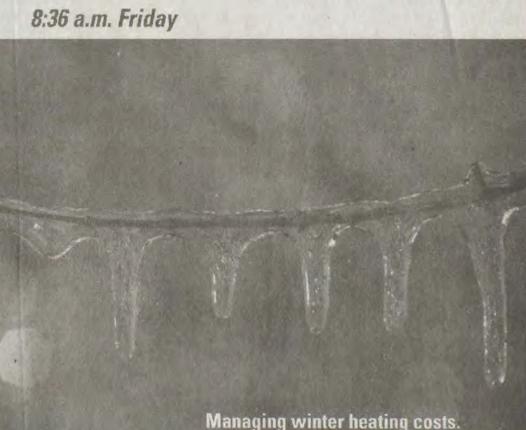
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Worth Repeating ...

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

- John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest

Not a good start to ethics overhaul

How ironic that the inauguration of Gov. Steve Beshear, staunch advocate of ethics in government, was financed in large part by donors who might be perceived as standing to gain advantage from the policies of his administration. Kentucky Registry of Election Finance records show the new governor's inaugural committee raised \$766,662 for the Dec. 11 celebrations connected with his swearing-in. It has been reported that some of the bigger donors were affiliated with the casino and horse industries, with obvious interest in Beshear's initiative to expand gambling in Kentucky and perhaps coordinate it with the state's racetracks. Of course, the governor insists those who contributed to his day of glory won't receive any favors from his administration as a result.

In fairness, the Capitol's new regime did not originate the system by which the bills for inaugural festivities are paid in Frankfort, any more than it created the fundraising process that helps achieve success for political campaigns. Suggestions that politicians should be forced to rely on public funding for their campaigns are challenged in some circles as an infringement on free speech. (Money really does talk.) Perhaps a more modest proposal would be to let candidates keep on taking donations from private concerns for their campaigns but require public funding of the rituals that occur after they take office. Then it really would be the people's party. That notion might be a little difficult to sell when Kentucky is facing a budget shortfall, but it ought to be considered. Once office-seekers get elected, it is only fitting that the public decide how much adoration is appropriate and fund it accordingly.

If taxpayers picked up the tab for the inaugural parade, reception and balls, the extravaganza might indeed be somewhat more restrained. And why not? The fervor has been fading in recent decades, anyway. Some longtime observers said crowds at the 2007 parade were the lightest they could remember. Apparently the hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the event by big spenders did little to improve attendance even though the weather was unseasonably warm and dry this inauguration day.

The era of huge outlays to feed the vanity of election victors is, or should be, past. It's time to shed the myth that masses are waiting to line the streets of Frankfort to cheer a governor's triumphant march to the Capitol every four years. Certainly, Kentucky should inaugurate its leaders with dignity and respect, but that celebration should be organized without turning to special interests for financial support.

- The State Journal, Frankfort



Tracking the national debt

U.S. national debt increase from Dec. 11, 2007 through Jan. 9, 2008;

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Letters

Church offers thanks

The members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the friends, neighbors and businesses that helped to make the ninth annual "Christmas for the Children" of the McDowell and surrounding area held on Dec. 16 the biggest and best ever.

With the help of these individuals and businesses, the church was able to make Christmas just a little brighter for many children. Approximately 325 children were given the opportunity to Visit with Santa and receive a gift and

Christmas really is for the children, but the grownups really enjoyed seeing the children have such a wonderful time. Many were so excited to see Santa and receive the gift and fruit that they just couldn't wait to open their gift.

Thanks again for all the help and support, but not just the monetary donations. We especially want to thank our friends who generously gave their time to come and help wrap these gifts and fruit and come back on Saturday to help give them out to the children. We really appreciate you all. We couldn't do it without you.

Members of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association

Clinton Moore, moderator Jimmy Hall, assistant moderator Francis Elliott Jr., treasurer Eddie D. Meade, clerk Rick "Santa" Akers

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Guest Colum

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Bills that would strengthen ethics standards in the Executive Branch, require public schools to adopt antibullying policies and give public colleges and universities more financing options were among the first to be passed out of House committees this session during this second week of the 2008 Regular Session in Frankfort.

Now before the full House, this legislation is among a growing number of bills and resolutions that are expected to be brought to a vote on the House floor in coming days.

The ethics changes proposed in House Bill 250 were unanimously approved by the House State Government Committee on Thursday. Some of the proposed changes include expanding the state's Executive Branch ethics code to cover all salaried boards and the state's 75 policy making and regulatory panels, prohibiting public servants from using their position with the state to find other employment, and better disclosure of contributors to public officials' legal defense

The anti-bullying measure (House Bill 91) is similar to bills that have passed the House in past sessions yet stalled in the Senate. It was passed by the House Education Committee on Tuesday, along with House Joint Resolution 6, which would require a state work group to design school courses on the Jewish Holocaust for use in public schools. Should HJR 6 pass into law, the new curriculum would be available to teachers by the 2009-2010 school year.

The importance of public schools and higher education in Kentucky was recognized by Gov. Steve Beshear in his State of the Commonwealth address last Monday, although he admitted that the current budget crisis will impact the state's ability to make "major new investments" in some areas. Part of the problem, he said, is that Kentucky is not adequately prepared to compete in the global econo-

By making state government more efficient and "re-engineering" the state economy from within, the governor told lawmakers gathered in the House chamber, more revenue will become available for education, job training, health care and even the state retirement systems, which now face at an estimated \$20 million in unfunded liabilities.

A revenue source some say could bring an estimated \$500 million into the state's coffers each year was not mentioned by the governor as a solution to the current budget crisis even though he campaigned for governor on the issue: expanded gaming. The governor is expected to unveil a proposed constitutional amendment on the issue later this month, however, which would require a statewide voter referendum on forms of gaming like slots and blackjack at various locations. A special House subcommittee has been appointed to study the issue, and is already at work.

A clearer understanding of our budget situation will emergé later this month when Beshear presents his proposed spending plan to the General Assembly. Work on the budget bill, which must originate in the House, will begin in earnest soon after we receive his budget proposal.

We remain hopeful we can craft a budget that protects funding for both elementary and secondary education, as well as postsecondary education, as much as possible. Some lawmakers are even looking at different options for funding at the postsecondary level specifically steps that would give our public colleges and universities more financial flexibility to meet their needs. Doing so, they believe, could lessen the ill effects of the budget crunch on higher education, and make it possible for universities to carry through with projects that might otherwise be put on hold.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee approved two bills last Tuesday that would help accomplish this. House Bill 111 would allow colleges and universities to issue revenue bonds for capital projects if they cover all the bond costs. The second bill, HB 177, would allow the schools to undertake capital projects funded with cash-restricted funds approved by the schools' governing boards and the state without prior state legislative approval.

Bills similar to HB 111 have passed the House in past sessions only to stall in the Senate. It is possible that the current budget situation will give lawmakers in both chambers more incentive to consider the legislation — as well as HB 177 — but d course that remains to be seen.

The full House also passed its first bills of the 2008 session this week including a financial literacy bill that would require public postsecondary institutions to provide materials on management of credit card and other debt to new undergraduates. That legislation, HB 51, passed by a vote of 91-0 and was sent to the Senate where hundreds of other House bills will be considered by session's end.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, you can call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. look forward to serving you in Frankfort during this busy 2008 budget session.

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Calendar

789-6515; Magoffin, call 349-2217; Pike, call 432-2775; and Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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GED classes are also avail-

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 Maytown Learning p.m.,

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

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

Special interest groups: Nimble Thimble Quilt

Juild: 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 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

FRANKFORT - State

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-

Drift, filed a Senate Resolution

Friday urging the United

States Congress to amend Title

II of the Social Security Act to

peal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall

"The Government Pension

Elimination provisions have inequitable effects on many

teachers, firefighters, police,

postal workers, and others who

have struggled their entire

working careers to supplement

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The Windfall Elimination

Turner, a former educator.

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at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.

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

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

 Domestic Violence Hotline 24-hour Crisis Line manned 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 Drive, Lake 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: or email doslone@eastky.net.

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

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers -Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call

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Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome. ·Narcotics Anonymous

(NA) - Each Wednesday, from May 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium

Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more Conference Room, 2nd floor, info., contact Chris Cook at

606-433-1119 or christophercook@hotmail.com.

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InHarmony women's community chorus begins new year

Eastern Kentucky women ages 13 and older are invited to join the Big Sandy Community and Technical College communitybased female singing group InHarmony as they begin a new semester of rehearsals and performances.

The first rehearsal will take place Monday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building, Prestonsburg Campus.

Choir Director Laura Ford Hall welcomes everyone to

"We welcome our students, faculty, staff, and community members to join us," Hall said. "We have a wonderful women's chorus, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and fun."

InHarmony will be singing a variety of music this semester including pop, country, oldies and gospel. Songs include "Angel," as made popular by Sarah McLachlan, "Queen of Soul: Aretha Franklin Medley," "Big Girls

PRESTONSBURG — All Don't Cry," "Blue Bayou," "I'll Fly Away: Hymn Medley" and "Bless the Broken Road," and much

> "Any lady can join InHarmony," Hall said. would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in between."

The choir serves the BSCTC campuses of Pikeville, Prestonsburg and Paintsville, so all Eastern Kentucky residents are welcome. However, those wishing to join should be 13 or older.

The choir is accompanied by Alicia Hughes, pianist for the Kentucky Opry Orchestra, with Tim Cooley serving as technical director.

The group will meet every Monday at the same time until the final performances during April and May. Music will be provided for each member and there is no fee to join. Questions can be directed by emailing laura.hall@kctcs.edu.



InHarmony, the community-based female singing group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College will begin a new semester this-coming Monday, Jan. 28, and any lady in the community is invited to join. Pictured are the 2007 members before performing their Christmas Concert in December.

Rogers Scholars, ELI applications due by Jan. 31

apply for Rogers Scholars or Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

High school students in and Eastern Southern Kentucky are eligible to apply if they meet the program requirements, but they must act quickly. The deadline to file applications for both programs is Thursday, Jan. 31.

Applications are available online at The Center for Rural Development website, www.centertech.com, and Rogers Scholars website, www.rogersscholars.com, and must be submitted by the filing deadline to be considered for a limited number of spaces in the summer leadership programs. Rogers Scholars and ELI are sponsored by The Center and held at its headquarters in Somerset.

Roger Scholars

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer session for rising high school juniors from The Center's 42-county service area in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Sophomores with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 are eligible to apply. The program, named after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, emphasizes technological skills development, fosters an entrepreneurial spirit, leadership development and encourages commitment to rural Kentucky.

"We are trying to light a spark where students, if they do have to leave home to get an education, will want to come back and establish their homes in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," said Jessica Melton, youth programs coordinator for The Center for Rural Development.

Rogers Scholars will offer two one-week sessions on June 22-27 and July 6-11. Thirty students will attend each session. One student will be selected from each county in the 42-county service area

Time is running out to at-large, based on highest scores, to participate in each of the sessions.

Students will enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities, interact with state and national speakers and work with top quality instructors. During the week, students will select a "major" in one of three areas - video production, information technology or engineering - and concentrate on developing those skills. Their finished products will be showcased in a student-produced program at the graduation ceremony.

Graduates have the opportunity to qualify for scholarships with partner colleges and universities. Several institutions across the region have made scholarship opportunities available to Rogers Scholars helping achieve one of the primary goals of the program - and Congressman Rogers' signature motto —that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future."

Approximately 539 students have completed the Rogers Scholars program since it was started in 1998. Melton said many of the graduates become Rogers Scholars Ambassadors and serve as mentors for the younger stu-

Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute

ELI focuses on developing future business leaders and entrepreneurs. Sophomores, juniors and seniors from The Center's service area are eligible to apply. Thirty students will be selected to attend a one-week session on June 8-

"The program encourages students to become entrepre-

(See SCHOLARS, page seven)

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Coal producer agrees to \$30M settlement for extensive pollution

by H. JOSEF HEBERT ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The country's fourth-largest coal producer, Massey Energy Co., has agreed to a \$30 million settlement with the government over allegations that over seven years it routinely polluted hundreds of streams and waterways in West Virginia and Kentucky with sedimentfilled waste water and coal slurry.

Under the agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, Massey Energy, headequartered in Richmond, Va., will pay \$20 million in civil penalties and invest an additional \$10 million in pollution control improvements at its 44 mines and coal facilities in the two states and in Virginia, the EPA and Justice Department were announcing on Thursday.

The agreement settled a complaint filed by the EPA in May 2007 alleging that the company violated the federal Clean Water Act on at least 4,500 occasions between January 2000 and the end of 2006 by discharging mining waste and sediment - including hazardous metals - into hundreds of streams and waterways and failing to control spills of coal slurry during its mining operation.

Some of the waste water discharges were more than 10 times the amounts allowed by state permits, the EPA said.

In once instance, a coal slurry pond failed, dumping more than 300 million gallons of black goo on communities near Inez, Ky., in one of the South's worst ecological disasters. The Kentucky Division of Fish and Wildlife Resources estimated that 1.6 million fish were smothered in the molasses-like substance that broke through the bottom of a mountaintop impoundment on Oct. 11, 2000, gushing in torrents through an underground coal mine and down a mountainside outside of Inez. Lawns were buried up to 7 feet deep

in sludge. Massey officials announced the agreement Thursday, noting that it would allow the company to avoid costly litigation and resolve questions about its liability for the damage. "We believe this agreement will benefit the environment as well as our shareholders," said Baxter F. Phillips Jr., the company's executive vice president and chief administrative officer.

The maximum penalties facing the company for the thousands of violations and days when permits were exceeded could have been as high as \$2.4 billion, according to the EPA.

The pollution "destroyed streams, destroyed fish habitat. There was definitely an environmental impact here," Granta Nakayama, the assistant EPA administrator for enforcement, said in an interview. "We thought it was very

The \$20 million civil penalty is the largest ever for violaions of the Clean Water Act, said Nakayama. "This is a landmark settlement for the environment, and raises the bar for the mining industry."

As part of the agreement, Massey promises to invest \$10 million to develop and implement new procedures and tracking systems to prevent waste water discharges and slurry spills, and allow thirdparty audits of its pollution prevention program. The company also agrees to set aside 200 acres of riverfront land in West Virginia for conservation and protection against future

Ronald Tenpas, head of the Justice Department's environment and natural resources division, said the measures agreed to by the coal company "represent a significant step forward in the way that mining facilities currently address Clean Water Act compliance."

The new pollution prevention measures are expected to keep an estimated 380 million pounds of sediment and other pollutants from Massey's mining operation out of the three states' waters each year.

The settlement concludes an EPA investigation of more than two years of Massey's mining operation. The complaint filed last May alleged that Massey routinely released metals, sediment and acid mine drainage into streams and rivers at amounts 40 percent or more than allowed by state permits.

And investigators found that Massey's operations failed to control spills of coal slurry, containing sediment and metals, allowing it to clog streams and harm fish habitat.

Massey, which reported \$89 million in profits on revenues of nearly \$1.7 billion for the first nine months of 2007, is the largest coal producer in the Appalachia region, operating 19 mining complexes -33 underground and 11 surface mines as well as processing facilities - in southern Virginia, southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

The company has been embroiled in a string of legal and environmental disputes from complaints about its hilltop mining practices and pollution of waterways to mine safety and high-profile contract disputes.

Currently its president and chairman, Don Blankenship, is at the center of conflict of interest allegations involving the chief justice of West Virginia's supreme court. Photographs surfaced with Blankenship and the justice, Elliott Maynard, socializing together on the Mediterranean last summer — four months before the court in a 3-2 decision with Maynard in the majority reversed a \$76.3 million judgment against Massey in a dispute brought by a bankrupt coal company. Other problems facing Massey include a \$219.8 million jury verdict awarded to Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. in a contract dispute and a record \$1.5 million in fines by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration for safety violations involving the deaths of two miners in a January 2006 mine fire. The fire at the Aracoma Alma No. Mine in Logan County, W.Va., also is the subject of a federal criminal investigation.

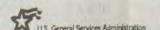


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Herman Porter

Born: February 15, 1905

Died: January 2, 2008

Written by: Brenda Porter Cockerham







Herman Crittenden Porter, aka "Papaw" to many, was an innovator, a mover and shaker, and a part of what made Eastern Kentucky what it is

He was born on February 15, 1905, in Alphoretta, Kentucky, 1 mile from Martin. Before cars, airplanes, trains, telephones, television, electric, unemployment or welfare. He saw some of the best of times-the invention of all these things and then some. He also saw some of the worst of times-the Spanish and American War, the war in Mexico, WWI, WWII, the Korean, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the current war in Irag. Herman stayed well versed in current affairs.

In a time when there were few jobs, he created them. When there were problems, he helped solve them, and when there were needs, he

One of his greatest assets was his wife of almost 70 years, Berniece Webb Porter. A woman of sound judgment and impeccable character, she provided good management and support towards all of his accomplishments. It must be true that behind every successful man is a good woman. The two were quite a team.

They had four children together, Paul, Katherine, James Henry, and Tom. Being raised in hard times, the two worked together to survive. They made it through the great fire of the 20's that destroyed the entire town of Allen, the Great Depression, the floods of '57, '77, and '84. 1957 was the worst flood. The water was so high that people riding the boats to and from their homes had to duck to get under the stop light in Old Allen.

He was innovative and hard working. He helped his father run a telephone company (the first in Allen). At an early age, his parents secured a hotel that was near the train station after selling the telephone company. Herman's job was to sell newspapers and supply each room with water. He said that he saved so many coins from newspaper sales, that the bottom of the trunk he stored them in fell out. The son/father team then began selling Allen's first electric light systems referred to as Delco Light Plants. (This system was based on a generator and 32volt battery). Armed with the first lights in town, the hotel served for a while as a place for doctors to operate. It was after one such operation that Herman observed the power of ether. He decided to try it out on all the chickens. One at a time, he rendered each chicken lifeless through the administration of this powerful chemical. He then ran and told his parents that all the chickens had died. When they all rushed out to see what had happened they were appalled at the ghastly sight. Herman laughed while they all came back to life, one by one.

Business was good and the family was able to buy the first Model T Ford the town saw. It was in this vehicle that the young Herman learned one of his first lessons in science, not to mention a good rule to live by. "Don't check the level of the gas in the tank with a match...it will blow" and it did. It blew off the top of the car as well as the seat. Until Herman could trap enough muskrats to sell to Sears and Roebuck Company to replace the seat and roof, they had to use a bale of hay to sit on. The hotel burned down sometime during WWII, when the whole town of Allen did, and they did not replace it. They did, however, continue with the Delco Light Plant.

Soon, the family team (as it was beginning to grow with Paul, James Henry, and Tom) began distributing the first refrigeration system for the

Henry and Katie Porter (Herman's parents) built a brick house overlooking Allen (they were tired of the floods and fires). Herman had married Berniece by that time, in 1925, and the four children soon followed. The two families lived together until Herman and Berniece built their own home where it is today-on Beaver Creek right before it merges into the Big Sandy (at the end of Railroad Street in Old Allen). All but Tom were born in Henry Porter's brick house that overlooked Allen.

He spent a short time in helping his father in the Porter Elkhorn Coal Mine. It was at this time he built the first water plant for the town of Allen. When he constructed the tall round tower that still stands as testimony to his efforts; the engineers of the time told him it wouldn't work. Brick by brick, and layer by layer, tons of concrete were poured in between the two walls that created the tall tower that still standsalmost 70 years later.

As television came into being, Herman was on the forefront once again, initiating the first cable T.V. for the small city; this led him into television repair as well. He later sold the company which became Allen Cable and that was sold and became the current Gearheart

Communications. One of his sideline passions was the Short Wave radio. Talking with others across the miles was an enjoyable sport. New things were always intriguing to him and nothing was too complicated to try. For example, he built his own color television set while he lived at Allen. Can you imagine assembling around 2000 parts and making it work? He also tried his luck, one year, in growing watermelons in the rich soil on the Beaver Creek bank below his house. He had a very productive year, but someone began stealing the crop. He masterminded a trap that to this day three mischievous teenagers will never forget. It as so impactful (complete with tripwires and explosives) that his Grandson, Greg, selected electrical engineering as a career from that point forward. Greg reached his goal, in fact, he told the story in his interview with AT&T and was hired because—well I guess it made a good story.

Herman enjoyed videography and traveling the nation. He and Berniece built a home in Florida on property previously owned by Jim Webb-Berniece's Father. At this time he officially became "Retired," planting fruit trees, garden produce and woodworking, while Berniece/Mamaw made wonderful quilts and pillows for gifts.

He was a Mason, an entrepreneur, a father and a husband. His four children married and the family grew to include 12 grandchildren "plus Andy" (as Mamaw always said), 30 great-grandchildren, and 15 greatgreat grandchildren, totaling 62, direct descendants at the time of his death. (This does not include spouses or others connected by marriage; that number exceeds 100).

Herman inspired others in their vocations. He passed his ingenuity, innovation and the fearlessness to try just about anything on to his children who also launched successful enterpreneurial businesses. He helped in supporting activities of many of his family members such as starting businesses, buying homes, securing assets-(with repayment at a modest interest rate, of course!). He assisted in numerous ventures that influenced and had impact on the entire Porter family. He and Berniece strived to instill in others a good work ethic and respect for God and family as well as the appreciation for life. He was known as a kind and honest man of integrity. He was not without a healthy sense of humor and streak of "ornary-ness," however. Numerous accounts have been reported as to the shenanigans Herman schemed. One account rendered by one of his grandchildren: "I remember kneeling at the edge of the bed after the devotional that Mama read, to say our prayers, when I was startled with a blood curdling scream. My cousin, Loniece (who must have had her eyes open during prayer) lurched toward the windows, finding a pair of glasses lying in the sill. 'There was someone there' she exclaimed as Mama muttered 'Herman' under her breath. Three of us leaped to our feet and raced to Papaw's bedside where he was supposed to be sleeping. Sure enough, there he lay...with the window mysteriously open. I never did figure out how he jumped so high and moved so fast that night. He just snickered and rolled overdenying everything-but he wanted his glasses back.

He was a member of the Masons. He received a 50-year award and was acknowledged for being the oldest living Mason in Zebulon Lodge in 2005 (I think). The Masons stand for honor in work ethics and respect the authority of God. It's an organization that builds character according to one member. Herman never spoke much of his faith, but after the death of his child, Kathrine Grace, he was said to have re-dedicated his life to Christ in 1957.

The Biblical character that comes to mind who would be most similar

to Herman, is King Solomon (the son of David). Solomon was knowledgeable, curious about life, and committed to living life to the fullest. Solomon was filled with wisdom that transcended time. He wrote the book of Proverbs which is read by millions, even today. In fact, four of the Old Testiment books were contributed by this great King. He made some contributions to the book of Psalms, and the Song of Songs (or some call it Song of Solomon-which was basically about his love life). His nuggets of wisdom are recorded in the book of Proverbs, and the story of his life is recorded in the book of Ecclesiastes.

In Proverbs, Solomon stated "Do not be wise in our own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Proverbs 3:7-8.

Other excerpts from these books were:

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and discipline.'

Solomon didn't always heed his own wisdom but in the end he recognized some simple truths:

"There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and

'There is a time and season for every activity under Heaven. A time to be born and a time to die...a time to sow and a time to reap, and so on" (There is a song about this chapter named: Turn, Turn, Turn).

Herman was like that-He made time to play, work, love, learn, and was certainly always ready for a new adventure.

Solomon said: "The dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

After all of Solomon's travels, experiences and adventures, he concluded: "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for these are the whole duty of man: Ecclesiastes 12:13.

Herman (Papaw), like Solomon, saw much, accomplished much, loved much, and lived life to the fullest. He, unlike Solomon, however, was unable to speak and convey his thoughts easily, towards the end of his life. The events he experienced from the past few years of living would certainly bring him to the same conclusion as Solomon's, though—Life without God is meaningless. Applying the guidelines God has provided enriches life, giving it fullness and meaning.

Papaw entered this life with love, gave love completely while he was here, and left with abundant love from all of his family. Now, almost 103 years later, he has been returned to the hand of God.

In the words of one Kentucky pastor, "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather, to skid in sideways, chocolate in hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming-Yahoo!! What a Ride!...that's exactly what Herman did.

After his first stroke, he used unusual expressions. I heard him tell someone "Have a safe journey-a safe passage" instead of goodbye, like he usually said. I realized that is an expression they used almost 100 years ago-and he remembered that.

So Papaw, we now say to you—Have a Safe Passage.

He will be missed.

Anyone wishing to tell their own story is invited to do so. Please call a family member!

SOME PAPAW "NUGGETS OF WISDOM" ARE:

- · Eat right, exercise, and try not to go into debt. If you do, pay it off fast." (interview at 100 yrs.)
- Everything in its place—and don't move it! (He always insisted on · A teaspoon on whiskey in your coffee everyday goes a long way, they
- now know the value of this medicinally.
- · Sometimes you've got to get a little tough with them: (a comment made at age 101 about security guards trying to keep him in a
- What's the matter with you, are you sick? (Stated after climbing three flights of stairs at age 96, to a granddaughter and daughter-in-law, he wondered why they didn't keep up) You are never too old to exercise-I was 10 when he beat me up the
- hill to check the lines—he was 60. Report from a grandchild
- It's never too late to try—he began some of his most successful business ventures after age 50
- Go ahead and have an adventure!—Upon taking a motorcycle trip with a motorcycle club to Florida in the 20's-before hotels and restaurants and good roads! They took a boat over into Cuba and slept under the stars. One night they woke up with alligators all
- around them. I guess that's when they came back home. Be creative-"Once Papaw came to me with his broken partial. They were made of metal. You couldn't weld, solder, or repair them, so I had to tell him I couldn't help. He came back to me with them patched
- up with a product called JB Weld-it worked." Andy Elliot-Dentist * Be persistent-He ran a backhoe when he was 96, to bust up a rock in his yard that he wanted out of the way.
- You're never too old—He was seen fixing his roof at age 98.
- If you've got a problem—fix it—he chopped a stump of a large tree out of his yard (with the help of Loniece and Paul) at age 101.

The PORTER FAMILY greatly appreciates the prayers, flowers, visitation, and words of LOVE AND KINDNESS extended by OUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, COMMUNITY, COUNTY, AND OUR ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY, during the LOSS of our LOVED ONE-HERMAN PORTER on January 2, 2008.

THANKS AGAIN to PASTOR TURNER for HIS GOD given GIFT of SPECIAL WORDS during these hours of need. All of the PORTER FAMILY was amazed by the kindness, love and sympathy extended by all!!

We appreciate Keith Akers great songs during the funeral!!-Truly God's Gift of Music was shown by both Keith and Jody Conley during this time of need. Another THANKS to HALL FUNERAL HOME and KENNY'S FLORIST for their KINDNESS and SPECIAL SERVICE to meet our needs! The food brought to the funeral home by family and friends was another gift of kindness!

GOD'S richest BLESSINGS and MANY THANKS to the ALLEN BAPTIST BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE for PREPARING and SERVING a DELICIOUS DINNER for our family (a very large

> WHAT A GREAT WAY OF SHOWING GOD'S LOVE!!! A BIG, BIG THANK YOU!!!

Proposal to test welfare recipients for drugs proves unpopular

by ROGER ALFORD ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT - Welfare recipients would be tested for drugs and those found positive would lose their benefits under a proposal that is encountering strong opposition in Kentucky.

State Rep. Melvin Henley, D-Murray, said he filed legislation to require the drug tests in response to concerns raised by working-class constituents in his western Kentucky dis-

"It makes sense to a person who has to work for a living and has to undergo drug testing and who sees people on welfare who don't have to abide by any rules," Henley said.

Critics contend the legislation is unconstitutional and that it would have unintended victims - children.

Welfare is for the children, and so if you're doing such a thing, you're punishing the children," said John Rosenberg, former head of the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund in Prestonsburg. "I don't think that's what we really want to do.'

Michigan briefly required drug tests for welfare recipients in 1999 but was ordered by a federal judge to stop just weeks into the program when the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit. After a federal appeals court in Cincinnati ruled the law unconstitutional in 2003, Michigan officials reached an out-of-court settlement with the ACLU, agreeing to stop the drug-testing program.

Henley said he wanted to pursue the issue in Kentucky even though it failed in Michigan.

"I've gotten a number of complaints from constituents wondering why they have to be drug tested to maintain a job and people on public assistance are free to do as they please," he said. "They don't feel that it's fair, and I tend to agree.'

The measure is languishing in the Health and Welfare Committee. Committee Chairman Tom Burch, D-Louisville, said he doesn't intend to call it up for consid-

don't think the intention behind it is good," Burch said. "Let's get treatment for the person rather than penalize the whole family."

Vikki Franklin, spokeswoman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said her agency is still reviewing the bill and hasn't taken a position for or against it.

Graham Boyd, director of ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project, said Kentucky would become the only state in the nation that requires drug testing as a requirement to receive welfare benefits. He said Michigan is the only state that attempted it.

"The courts have ruled that it would be illegal," Boyd said. "Every to wait and see."

"I don't think it's a good bill, and I other state has rejected it as too costly. And studies have proved that it's not effective in reducing drug abuse."

Opponents also say if such a measure passes, it could cause innocent children to go hungry, perhaps even putting parents in such hardship than they have to surrender custody of their kids to the state.

Henley argues that children would likely be better off in drug-free foster homes than with a parent who is an addict.

He said he hasn't given up all hope for the bill.

"It's difficult to get a controversial bill through the legislature," he said. "But you never know. We'll just have

Ice

when he found an officer parked along the side of the road. according to emergency officials, when Officer Brian Hall ascertained the seriousness of the situation, he flagged down an ambulance to transport the woman to Highlands Regional

Chelsea Samons, a Brownie

Prestonsburg area, visited

Fannin last Friday afternoon

to give him the opportunity

the office of Mayor Jerry

Girl Scout from the

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Medical Center. Emergency officials later said both mother and child were fine.

Ormerod motorists about ice storms, saying, "If you don't have to be out, wait until the roads clear, and if you are already out, pull over."

"The major difference between operating a vehicle on ice versus snow, is that on ice, you can get no traction," Ormerod said.

Fortunately only two of the accidents were with injury, and those injuries were minor.

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call in off-duty officers. The Floyd County Rescue Sheriff's Squad and Department had not totaled the number of countywide accidents they had responded to as of press time.

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for patients and better business

Highlands plans to acquire

"We will set up temporary space on site while we construct new buildings," said Warman. "Patients will continue to come to the same location for care.'

"The hospital is definitely on the move," Hoffman said. "We have made a commitment to improve access to care for the community."

Highlands hopes to have some.

Suicide

ing the circumstances of the incident, pending proper notifications of relatives and an ongoing investigation by Kentucky State Police.

A Critical Incident Stress Management team has been dispatched by CCA to help provide any counseling and support to facility staff.

According to CCA, Otter Creek is on lockdown status at this time, meaning "inmate movement is restricted to their housing areas.'

Otter Creek is a 656-bed female prison owned and operated by CCA. The facility houses adult female inmates for the state corrections systems of both Kentucky and Hawaii.

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to be the first to place his order for a few boxes of "America's Favorite Cookies," thereby officially kicking off the 2008 Girl Scout Cookie Sale in the Prestonsburg area. Orders are now being taken from local scouts for favorites such as Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Shortbread and this

year's new Cinna-Spins.

Proceeds from the cookie

sale help to fund trips and

activities for local troops.



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Judge-Executive R.D. Marshall said that his salary was mandated by the state, but whether or not he could donate ortion back into the general

The motion passed unanimously with Owens voting for the others donating their money." Owens himself, did not offer a donation.

"None of the other magiscaused the problem."

Owens pointed out that in a July 2007 issue of the Floyd County Times, "I said then that

the county was going broke."

The latest financial crisis forced the Floyd County Fiscal that he would look into trates had discussed that with court last week to layoff 32 me at all," said Owens on employees from the county County officials workforce are hopeful that by July they will be able to rehire some of the laidoff employees.

opportunities for our physicians too."

an additional property and then begin construction soon.

Plans for a new emergency department at the hospital are already moving forward.

According to Hoffman, of its planned expansions completed as early as December.

Confederate Forces are Converging on Prestonsburg

On January 10th 1862, Confederate forces withdrew from Prestonsburg, following the Battle of Middle Creek. One hundred thirty-six years later they have returned in the form of a re-enacting company. The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry has authorized the creation of a new reenacting company in Prestonsburg, that will serve Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Magoffin and Martin counties.

The 5th Kentucky Vol. Infantry is a family-based organization, rooted in Christian values, and dedicated to the preservation of Civil War history. We encourage the participation of all family members who are interested in living history.

If you are interested in preserving history, or are curious about re-enacting, come join us at the Samuel May House in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Saturday, January 26th, at 3:00 p.m., for our monthly meeting.

For more information, please feel free to contact Patrick. Davis at fpdavi01@moreheadstate.edu or Floyd Davis at (606) 886-6323.

Scholars

neurs. We help encourage them to capture the entrepredeurial spirit," said Melton.

The week-long institute ncludes classroom instrucion, guest speakers and tours of local businesses. Students vill be divided in teams and ompete in daily "Apprenticeke" competitions.

The program will conclude vith a team business concept ompetition where students, vill compete for recognition at he annual Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards. For the last two years, the winning eams received presidential cholarships to Eastern Kentucky University in

Richmond.

Forty-four students have graduated from ELI program since it was started in 2006.

Free of charge Both programs are provided free of charge to students and their families. Meals, lodging and extra-curricular activities will be paid for

through the program sponsor. Rogers Scholars applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendations, a short essay on a required topic, a copy of your high school transcripts and a list of community and extracurricular activities.

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The Center's 42-county service area includes Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill. Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knox. Knott, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley and

For more information on Rogers Scholars or ELI, contact Melton at 606-677-6000, or e-mail to jmelton@centertech.com.





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We Need Stories



Heartland Publications and the Floyd County Times have launced a new project called Faith and Family, a faith-based Christian magazine to be distributed throughout Floyd County.

If you have a testimonial story, life-changing event about yourself or even a poem that you would like to share in this magazine, please email it to: web@floydcountytimes.com Limit your story to 500-750 words. It must be received by January 30 to be eligible.

Please include a phone number in your email. We will notify you if your story has been chosen to be in this edition

Odds & Ends

BEREA — A ormer central Kentucky polic officer guilty of official aisconduct has been hit with not-so devastating fine by a ladison County jury.

Former Berea Plice Lt. Billy Beavers was fied \$1 on Thursday after a juv ruled he broke the rules by ot filing a use-of-force repor following the arrest of a suspet last July. He was convicted in a misdemeanor charge of second-degree official miconduct.

Prosecutors had argued that Beavers intentinally opted not to fill out use-of-force report after asisting in the arrest of a supect during a vehicle pursuit The jury ruled Beavers did nt intentionally forget to put the report togeth-

Beavers he plenty of time to get the mney together to pay the \$1 fig. He has up to a year to pay for file an appeal.

Farmer Wiss Hatch and his schoolteacer wife, Arlene, lived simly but blissfully together fc 57 years before dying in a auto accident in November

Now, bout 70 of their friends and neighbors are surprised to find themselves a collective \$1.6 million richer as the baeficiaries of the late couple's frugality and generosity.

The scipients of their generosity vere bequeathed certificates of deposit ranging in value om \$5,000 to more than \$00,000. The couple's estate as valued at \$2.9 million art included the CDs, the farm ad some stocks.

"Is't that something?" said Sandı VanWeelden, 72, whos family, including three grow children, received abou \$250,000 from the Hatces, who never had childrenof their own and lived intoheir early 90s.

Effore they retired, Willis — mown to his friends as "Isl" — worked their 80-acre far just south of Lowell, and Arene taught at Lowell Midle School.

The couple went everywhere together; church services, community pancake breakfasts, school plays. They enjoyed winter trips to Brownsville, Texas, but allowed themselves few other luxuries.

"They was normal people, good people," Harry Erickson, 72, told The Grand Rapids Press for a story published Thursday. "And it didn't matter to them if you had one dollar or 10, they'd be your friend."

Judging by the amount of money they doled out, the couple had many friends, including fellow parishioners at Alto United Methodist Church, where many of the beneficiaries are members.

"We, the whole church, are obviously grateful to them, and grateful to God that he gave them to us," said the Rev. Dean Bailey.

Added Bailey's wife, Jan: "They left a lot to the people they'd loved, and I think everybody was surprised."

That included the Baileys, who were notified that the Hatches had left the church about \$50,000 toward a fund trying to raise \$800,000 for a new building. Their gift, said the pastor, represents "about a year's worth of our fundraising capability."

■ KOKOMO, Ind — A man accidentally shot himself in the groin as he was robbing a convenience store Tuesday, police said.

A clerk told police a man carrying a semiautomatic handgun entered the Village Pantry demanding cash and a pack of cigarettes. The clerk put the cash in a bag and as she turned to get the cigarettes, she heard the gun discharge.

Police say surveillance video shows the man shooting himself as he placed the gun in the waistband of his pants. The clerk wasn't injured.

A short time later, police found 25-year-old Derrick Kosch at a home with a gunshot wound to his right testicle and lower left leg.

Kosch was released from the hospital Tuesday and booked into the Howard County jail on a charge of armed robbery, criminal recklessness and battery. He is being held on a \$100,000 cash bail. A jail official did not know if he had retained an attorney Wednesday.

■ PROVO, Utah — Some college students in this particularly conservative area of Utah don't want to feel like they need a cold shower after their workout.

They are asking a gym that carries its own programming to get rid of video and music they believe is too sexually

Five student organizations from Brigham Young University and Utah Valley State College submitted a petition and voiced concerns to Kirk Livingstone, a Gold's Gym official, in a meeting Wednesday.

Gold's network shows nationally throughout the chain. But what is acceptable in some markets doesn't necessarily fly in heavily Mormon Utah County, home of the church-owned BYU.

"I could read you some of the lyrics from these videos, but it would be too embarrassing for both of us," said Jesse Yaffe, a spokesman for the groups.

The groups want the gyms to keep R-rated movies off the TVs, play less explicit music and install blinds on aerobicroom windows to block views of dancing that some feel is too provocative.

Livingstone ruled out the request to install blinds but said he would look into ways to change the programming.

"We're committed to doing what's right for the community and our members," Livingstone said.

BELLEVUE, Neb. —
Brian and Ross DeVol are a perfect match, genetically and academically: The identical twins earned perfect ACT scores.

The seniors at suburban Bellevue East High School both scored 36 on the college entrance exam, though Ross DeVol needed three tries. One of his earlier tries netted a 35.

The 18-year-old brothers have maintained straight-As through high school, and both are in the running for class valedictorian.

"We're pretty competitive," Ross DeVol said.

The twins have already won household bragging rights. Their older brother, John, earned a 33 the first time he took the ACT and didn't try

Ross DeVol said his older brother has been joking about retaking the test since the twins earned their perfect scores.

The brothers are both good in physics and are considering the University of Nebraska or Creighton University in Omaha as their college choices, but they haven't yet decided.

Ross DeVol said he wants to become a doctor or a psychiatrist. Brian DeVol has said he wants to become an actuary.

The DeVols are only the third pair of students in the past decade to earn perfect scores in the same year and share the same address, ACT spokeswoman Kristin Crouse said. Crouse couldn't say whether the others were twins.

About one out of every 4,000 graduates who took the ACT last year scored a 36. The average score in Nebraska was 22.1, and the national average was 21.2.

STRATFORD, Conn. — Officials have a history mystery on their hands in the form of a cellophane-wrapped post-card mailed from a post office long closed to a town manager long dead.

Early Times: Doral Cigarettes

\$18991/2-gal. | Carton \$2199 + tax

J&r J Liquors
Betsy Layne + 478-2477

SURGEON CENERAL S WARNING: Cigarette smoke

The postcard mailed from East Sumner, Maine, was post-marked Aug. 14, 1957, and bears a 2-cent stamp. It was addressed to the late Town Manager Harry Flood, who served from 1945 to 1963, and was written by a woman who must have been a friend since she only used her first name — Alice.

"Hi, enjoying this rather fallish weather. It was 44 degrees yesterday. See you next week," she wrote.

The post office in East Sumner no longer exists and Flood has been dead for nearly 40 years.

"It's a history mystery and it's fun to speculate," Stratford Mayor James Miron said. A postal spokeswoman said it's possible that a collector sent the antique postcard to town hall. One clue is that it was tightly wrapped in cellophane.

phane.

Maureen Marion, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Postal
Service region serving
Connecticut, called it a "very,

very rare and a true mystery.'

"The likelihood that this postcard has been sitting in a building for 50 years is very slim," she said. "My guess is that some collector decided to send it to the town, or someone just found it in an old attic among a pile of letters or other documents and didn't know what else to do with it."

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Vegetables include: Country Style Fried Potatoes; Crowder Peas with Bacon;

Seasoned Steamed Cabbage; Corn on the Cob; Turnip Greens with Hamhocks; and Sante Fe Green Beans.

Desserts include: a Variety of Fruit and Cream Pies, Banana Pudding,

and Assorted Fruit Cobblers.

Breads include Mexican Corn Bread, Kentucky Style Corn Bread, and Rolls.

SERVING TIME: 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

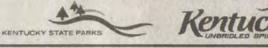
6 a.m.—ELK TOUR: Let's go exploring for elk. This trip may be early, but the viewing time for elk occurs in the morning hours. There is a cost of \$12.00 per person for the trip. Pre-registration is required! Please sign up early by calling the park naturalist or email him at tshepherd@suddenlinkmail.com.

6 p.m.—JEFF HATMAKER: Jeff explores the music, religion, and dance of the Cherokee Indian Nation. Jeff will be in Chief Cherokee attire and will provide music and dance demonstrations in his program. In the May Lodge Meeting Room.
 7 p.m.—ROB McNURLIN IN CONCERT: The cowboy singer is back! Enjoy the rich pleasant

7 p.m.—ROB McNURLIN IN CONCERT: The cowboy singer is back! Enjoy the rich pleasant vocals of this talented entertainer as he entertains with a potpouri of musical styles. Everyone, young and old, enjoys the music of Rob McNurlin. In the May Lodge meeting Room.

8 p.m.—FOLK & COUNTRY LINE DANCING: Kick up your heels with some dancing in Meeting

Room #3. There is no experience necessary, as all dances are easy, and will be taught.





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Mable Duke retires as EKCEP executive director after 22 years

by MICHAEL CORNETT EKCEP, INC.

Mable Duke has retired as executive director of the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP) following a highly successful, 22-year tenure with the Hazard-based workforce agency.

Duke's years of service are marked by innovation, achievement, and repeated statewide and national recognition for EKCEP, which administers federal and state workforce development services for employers and job seekers in 23 eastern Kentucky counties.

Although Duke leaves EKCEP after 11 years in the agency's top post, she spent her entire post-college career - minus an eight-year childrearing sabbatical - serving in various capacities at the

"It has been my life's work to see this agency grow and prosper," Duke says. "As I look back over the years, I'm truly filled with a sense of pride and satisfaction."

Duke says a good measure of that pride and satisfaction stems from the accolades EKCEP and its workforce services have garnered that have established the agency as a vanguard among its counterparts in Kentucky and the rest of the nation.

Honors received by EKCEP under Duke's leadership include being repeatedly recognized as a national model by the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. General Accounting Office, and Social Policy Research Associates. Those honors recognized EKCEP's innovation and best practices in the implementation of the "one-stop" concept with its JobSight workforce centers, and the creation of services that address the workforce needs of the region's employers.

EKCEP also landed on the front page of The Wall Street Journal in 2003 as part of a story on how the workforce system is addressing the nation's unemployment problem. EKCEP's workforce services were cited in that story as a leading example of how, "Sometimes, works."



Mable Duke

Most recently, EKCEP's Coal Services Program was named the national winner of the Department of Labor's 2007 "Leveraging the Power of e3 Partnerships" award, which recognizes the value of projects that demonstrate sustained collaborations among employers, educators, and economic development. As a result of that win, EKCEP was recognized in the federal Congressional Record, and received official commendations from the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives.

Though unquestionably EKCEP's leader, Duke says the agency's staff shared in each of those successes.

"Over the years, I've pulled together a staff of some of the brightest, most capable professionals in the workforce business today, and I created an environment at EKCEP where these individuals work together as a team and complement one another," Duke says. "Every single person in a management position at EKCEP was hand-picked by me, and I'd put them up against any local Workforce Investment Area staff in the country and they wouldn't feel any heat.

'We've always worked together as a team and encouraged each other's growth and success, and the results have been pretty amazing," she

began in 1977 shortly after she earned a bachelor's degree in social welfare from Morehead State University.

In the years that followed, Duke continued to move into positions of greater and wider responsibility at EKCEP. These moves culminated in her being named the agency's deputy director in 1995, and a

She held that position until her retirement on Dec. 31, 2007.

Duke says she considers the private accomplishments during her term as executive director just as significant to EKCEP as the agency's many public accolades.

She says those moments include seeing the agency's annual budget skyrocket during the first three years of her directorship from about \$6 million in available revenue to more than \$30 million. Duke also spearheaded a coalition in 1998 that won "automatic designation" in federal law for high-poverty rural areas like eastern Kentucky.

That designation ensures EKCEP can continue to function as one of the nation's four Concentrated Employment Programs. It also gives the agency greater autonomy and local control in the delivery of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services that meet the workforce needs of job seekers and employers, Duke says.

"EKCEP also consistently exceeded all mandated state and federal performance standards, despite the considerable economic, education, and geographic barriers facing eastern Kentucky." Duke says. "We have always prided ourselves on raising the bar on performance expectations and working creatively to redefine services that will have a lasting impact on our region."

Duke's insistence on pushing beyond the status quo helps characterize her legacy within the agency, according to Jeff Whitehead, former EKCEP deputy director.

Whitehead, who worked at EKCEP for 18 years, was named the agency's executive director effective upon Duke's retirement.

"Mable has been a singleminded and goal-oriented leader, and EKCEP's many successes and accomplish-Duke's career with EKCEP ments for our region can be traced to Mable's vision and courage to strive for excellence and push past the ordinary," Whitehead says. "It has been a great privilege for me to have the opportunity to work with Mable, and I hope the very best for her."

Although she is enjoying spending more time with her family, Duke says she plans to

this year closer to her home in Richmond.

"Life is full of opportunities," she says. "I haven't decided which path I will take, but I know whatever I do, I'll approach it with passion, integrity, and purpose.

year later, executive director. go back to work at some point Whenever you do that, good things cannot help but follow."

Duke says that philosophy helped propel her career at EKCEP, and will help the agency continue to successfully serve eastern Kentucky's employers and job seekers well into the future.

"I hope I've laid a foundation that will enable EKCEP to experience success and recog-nition that will bring lasting change to the economy of eastern Kentucky," Duke says, "and make the accomplishments achieved during my tenure pale in comparison."

Jeff Whitehead named **EKCEP** executive director

by MICHAEL CORNETT EKCEP, INC.

Jeff Whitehead, an 18year employee of the Eastern Concentrated Kentucky Employment Program, Inc. (EKCEP), has been tapped to lead the Hazard-based workforce development agency as its new executive director.

Whitehead replaces Mable Duke, who retired from the agency's top post effective Dec. 31, 2007, to spend more time with her family and end her lengthy daily commute from her Richmond home to Hazard.

Whitehead-EKCEP's deputy director for the past four years-assumes the agency's top post at a time of unprecedented statewide and national recognition for its innovative delivery of federal and state workforce services. Most recently, EKCEP garnered a national 2007 Recognition of Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Labor for its Coal Services Program, which employs a variety of services to address the workforce needs of the region's coal industry.

Whitehead says he intends to build upon such successes, and push the agency to continually strive to be an pioneer in the field of workforce development in Kentucky and the nation.

"As executive director, I



Jeff Whitehead

committed and talented group of professionals to continue creating and implementing workforce solutions for our region," Whitehead

"Our vision at EKCEP has not changed," he continues. "It has always been a shared vision to do our part to bring prosperity to our region by helping develop the best-prepared workforce possible, and ensuring that eastern Kentucky's employers are not hindered by workforce shortages."

Whitehead first came to EKCEP in 1986. He continued to work into positions of greater responsibility and leadership within the agency, and in 1993, he was named the agency's deputy director.

In 1995, Whitehead agreed to a one-year commitment to serve as EKCEP's executive director, after which he left to pursue am fortunate to have a very employment in the private

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Whitehead returned to EKCEP in 2000 to manage the agency's JobSight network of workforce centers. In 2003, he was promoted into the position of deputy director for the second time. "In the years I was absent

from EKCEP, Mable had masterfully navigated the agency through several years of changing federal laws and fluctuating funding," Whitehead says, "I have the utmost respect for Mable's leadership and accomplishments as executive director."

Duke says she is confident she leaves the agency in good hands with Whitehead, along with those of the agency's current staff

"Jeff has the strong leadership skills, the broad and in-depth comprehension of agency operations, and the proven track record EKCEP needs to continue to move forward in its mission to find jobs for people and people for jobs," she says. "He's also a solid person with high morals and a strong work ethic. His spirit of intent in all things is above reproach and he wants great things for our region.

"Together," Duke says, "Jeff and EKCEP's staff will continue to build on the successes of the last decade."

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recently officials announced the introduction of a new reusable shopping bag

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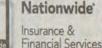
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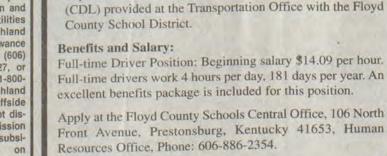
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POSITION AVAILABLE Big Sandy Area Development District has

a full-time position available for a GIS Specialist/Highway Safety Coordinator. Under general administrative direction, this position will organize and facilitate cooperative regional efforts aimed at reducing highway crashes in BSADD's Kentucky counties; assist with organizing and facilitating public involvement in the transportation planning process; as well as assorted duties in the GIS department. Must have working knowledge with assorted computer programs and experience with GIS a must. Geography degree preferred but not required.

If interested, please send résumé and letter of intent to Ms. Terry Trimble, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, no later than January 25, 2008

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District Report Card Available

The Floyd County School District is making the District Report Card available for the 2006-2007 school year. A copy of the District Report Card is on the Floyd County District website at http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us.

A copy of the Report Card will be available at the Floyd County Public Library at 161 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to **Application** No. 836-0343 NW

In accordance with KRS 350.055, hereby notice is given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. WV 25560, (304)204-1455. has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, located 1.7 mile northeast of Hippo, Kentucky, in Floyd The pro-County. posed operation will disturb 183.75 surface acres, and will 336.74 underlie acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be

520.49 acres. The proposed operation is approx-0.8 mile south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road, and located 0.2 mile southwest of Caney Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quad-\$28,700.00. map. operation will use original the contour and amount \$28,700.00 auger methods of surface mining. The included in surface area to be application disturbed is owned by George and Evie Thornsbury, Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, amount \$43,500.00. Lou Ellen Pitts, et Big Branch Holding Company, original LLC, Chris Damron, amount Ousley \$43,500.00 Danny Dempsey, Tammy included in Rosie Reffitt, Anna application Bradley, et al., Earl Peggy and Surety Bond in the Sianna Risner, Mont amount \$50,500,00.

Ousley Heirs, Polly Elizabeth Pitts, J.T. Anna Lea Thornsbury, Phyllis Reffett. Dovie Thornsbury, Glen Hurd Estate, Jeff and Dawn Slone, Anna Howard and Samuel Ousley, et al. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, and Mont

Ousley Heirs. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

accordancce with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., 184 Fourmile Branch, P.O. Box 130, HWY 550. Mousie. Kentucky 41839, has applied for Phase I, II & II Bond Release on Permit Number 860-5154 which was last issued on February 8, 2007. The permit covers an area of approximately 1.029.95 acres located 0.21 mile southeast of Betty in Knott County and

approximately 0.28 mile southeast from Route 550's junction with Triplett Branch Road and 0.1 located mile of Triplet east Branch of Jones Fork Creek. The lat-

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itude is 37º26'42". The longitude is 82º49'50" The bond now in effect for Permit Number 860-5154, Increment Number 2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of

\$9.700.00.

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amount of \$9,700.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$38,000.00. The entire amount of the bond original amount of \$38,000.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number 4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$36,600.00. The entire amount of the original bond of \$36,600.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number 4 also has a Surety Bond in the amount of

\$1,400.00 The entire amount of the original bond of amount \$1,400.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 7 is a Surety Bond in the amount of The entire amount of the bond of is the for release. Increment Number 8 is a Surety Bond in the of The entire amount of the bond of is the for release. Increment Number 9 is a

The entire amount of the original bond amount \$50,500.00 included in application for release Increment Number 11 is a Surety Bond in the of amount The \$7,900.00. entire amount of the original bond amount of \$7,900.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 13 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$99,700.00. The entire amount of the original bond

amount of \$99,700.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 14 is a Surety Bond in the amount The \$14,600.00. entire amount of the original bond amount of \$14,600.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 15 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$81,700.00. The entire amount of the

original amount \$81,700.00

of is included in the application for release Increment Number 16 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$13,300.00. The entire amount of the original amount of \$13,300.00 is included in the application release. Increment Number 18 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$6,600.00. The entire amount of the original bond amount of \$6,600.00 is includ-

release. Increment Number 19 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$5,800.00 entire amount of the original amount \$5,800.00 is includfor Increment Number 21 is a Surety Bon in the amount of \$7,300.00 Approximately 60% of the orginal bond amount \$7,300.00 is includ-

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ed in the application release. Increment Number 22 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,600.00 Approximately 60% of the orginal bond amount \$6,600.00 is included in the application for release Increment Number 23 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$5,700,00 Approximately 60% of the original bond amount \$5,700.00 is includ-

for Increment Number 24 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$8,400.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond \$8,400.00 is include ed in the application for 27 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$13,200.00 Approximately 85% of the original bond amount \$13,200.00

included in application for release. Increment Number 28 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$3,600.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond amount

\$3,600.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed on the permit through August includes: backfilling grading, topsoiling

fertilizing, seeding, and mulching and establishment of a tive cover on increments 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 27 and 28; the same reclamation plus tree planting has occurred on

of

Increments 2 3 4 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 27, completed April 2001. Written ments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference

must be filed with the Director Division of Field Services. Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 29, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 3, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Division of Mine Reclamation Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive Suite

Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653-1410. The hearing will be cancelled i no request for hearing or informal conference is received by February 29. 2008.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE accordancce

with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., 184 Fourmile Branch, P.O. Box 130 Mousie, Kentucky 41839, has applied for Phase I, II & II Bond Release on Permit Number 860-0349 which was last issued on March 1 2006. The permit covers an area of approximately 762.58 acres located 1.6 miles south-

east of Betty in

ASSISTANT

COMMONWEALTH

Opportunity Employer

March 19, 2008.

tion has

scheduled

Suite

10:00 a.m.,

(6) A public hear-

ing on the applica-

March 20, 2008, at

the Department for

Natural Resources

Prestonsburg

Regional Office,

3140 Lake Drive,

Prestonsburg,

Kentucky 41653.

The hearing will be

canceled if no

request for a hear-

ing or informal con-

ference is received

by March 19, 2008.

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC SALE

offered at public

sale on February

8th, 2008, at First

Guaranty Bank,

39 Triangle Street,

Martin, KY 41649,

1998 Chevrolet S-

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No.

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Purchaser to pay

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Bank

39 Triangle Street

P.O. Box 888

Martin, KY 41649

NOTICE OF

BOND

RELEASE

Pursuant to

Permit No.

836-0254

with KRS 350.093,

notice is hereby

given that Locust

Grove, Inc., P.O.

Box 958, Hazard,

Kentucky 41702.

has applied for a

Phase II and III

bond release on

was last issued on

2001. A Phase II

and III release is

being requested for

Increments 2, 3, 4,

& 7. The applica-

tion covers an area

of approximately

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mile southeast of

Northern, in Floyd

County.
(2) The permit

area is approxi-

mately 1.00 mile

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junction of KY 80

and KY 680, and

located 0.40 mile

Goose Creek. The

37º23'03". The longitude is 82º47'54".

(3) The bond now

in effect for Increment 2 is

\$21,900. Phase II

& III will release

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Knott County and TFloyd County. The permit approximately 2.4 emiles south from Route 550's junction with Route 7 hand located 0.3 -mile south of Jones Fork Creek. The latitude

37°26'52". The longitude is 82°50'13". The bond now in effect for Permit Number 860-0349. Increment Number 4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$1,300.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond

amount \$1,300.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number 5 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$11,900.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond -amount \$11,900.00 included in the

application for -release. Increment Number 6 is a Surety Bond in the -amount \$4,200.00 mamount

Approximately 60% of the original bond \$4,200.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number 8 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$11,600.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond \$11,600.00 included in the application release. Increment Number 9 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$4,100.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond

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Owner:

ed in the application for release. Increment Number 11 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,400.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond \$6,400.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number

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of the original bond

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30, 31, and 33

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13 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$6,300.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond amount \$6,300.00 is included in the application for release. Increment Number 14 is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$10,600.00 Approximately 60% of the original bond

amount \$10,600.00 included in the mulching application release. Increment Number 18 is a Surety Bond in the amount \$50,800.00 Approximately 85% of the original bond amount \$50,800.00 included in the application

release. Increment

Number 20 is a Written Surety Bond in the ments, objections, and requests for a amount \$149,900.00. public hearing or Approximately 85% informal ence must be filed of the original bond with the Director, amount \$149,900.00 Division of Field included in the Services, No. 2 application Hudson release. Increment Frankfort Number 30 is a Kentucky 40601 Surety Bond in the February 29,

amount A public hearing \$107,500.00. The entire amount of on the application the original bond has been schedamount uled for March 3, of \$107,500.00 2008 at 9:00 a.m., IS included in the at the Division of Mine Reclamation for and Enforcement, release. Increment

Number 31 is a 3140 South Lake Surety Bond in the Suite 6. Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653entire amount of 1410. The hearing the original bond will be cancelled if no request for of hearing or informal is included in the conference received February 29, 2008 release. Increment Number 33 is a

NOTICE OF **PUBLIC SALE** following The item will be offered at public sale on January 25th 2008, First Guaranty Bank, 39

Street. Triangle Martin, KY. 41649. at 11:00 a.m.1999 Dodge Caravan 1B4GP2437XR106 0331997 Ranger VIN No. 1FTCR15U5VPA5 11562000 Dodge Caravan VIN No. 2B4GP4433YR616 084All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take prioriover Purchaser to pay

> NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PURSUANT TO PERMIT NO. 836-0265

all taxes and trans-

Guaranty Bank39

Triangle Street P.O.

Box 888 Martin, KY

fer fees.

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Locust Grove, Inc., P.O. 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 Increment 1. The application covers an area of approximately 112.28 surface acres, located 4.00 miles southeast of Martin, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.20 mile from Big Branch-Honaker Road's junction with KY 2030, and at the head of Gunstock Branch of Spurlock Creek. The latitude is 37º30' 0". The lon-

gitude is 82º42'20". (3) The bond now effect 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 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,

The bond now in effect for Increment is \$19,700. Phase II & III will release approximately 40% of the original amount.

reclamation reclamation liability

period (5) Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conferwith the Director, Services, Hollow, Hudson Frankfort Kentucky by March 19, 2008. (6) A public hearing on the applicascheduled for 10:00 a.m. on the Department for Regional Office, 3140 Lake Drive, Suite Prestonsburg,

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

ence must be filed Division of field March 20, 2008, or Natural Resources Prestonsburg Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received

by March 19, 2008.



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

LINKS, INC., has received funding from the Kentucky Housing Corporation through the HOME and AHTF programs to perform construction of 10 new homes for families whose incomes are at or below 80% of the area median income adjusted to household size in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike counties. In compliance with the HUD INCOME guidelines, LINKS announces it will be purchasing construction materials to build these homes. Additionally, LINKS will contract the following activities: electrical, heating/air conditioning, plumbing, and approved septic systems. In addition to standard residential building materials, LINKS will be purchasing concrete, gravel, shrubbery, grass seed, concrete/metal culverts, etc. The Low Income Housing Coalition of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., (LINKS) will be accepting separate sealed bids until 12 noon EDT, February 6th, 2008, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud.

All construction shall comply with the Kentucky Residential Code, the Energy Efficiency Code, and the National Electric Code. Documentation from REScheck or other approved software is required stating the building envelope exceeds the code requirements by 20 percent. Any approved septic, plumbing, and electrical installers will be responsible for all permits and inspection fees, and must possess General Liability and Worker's Compensation

If you are interested in bidding on materials or performing sub-contract services, please contact Genevieve Williams, Financial Director, Low Income Housing Coalition of Eastern Kentucky, Inc., 116 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY, at 606-886-0152 for a Statement of Qualifications or supply a written response on your company letterhead outlining the services or materials you would like to offer. Copies of the bid package may be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, at the LINKS office.

The sponsor reserves the right to waive or reject any or all bids. Attention of bidders is particularly called to HUD Section 3 Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 12246, and Title VI, MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSI-NESSES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BID. Successful bidders will be required to submit evidence of Worker's Compensation, Builders Risk, and General Liability Insurance coverage at the time of contract signing.

SECTION ONE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc.

Address: c/o: Big Sandy Area Development District 110 Resource Drive

Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 Separate sealed Bids for the construction of the Honey

Branch Access Road Project - Phase 2, will be received by Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority at the office of Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, until 10:00 a.m. (Local Time) February 6, 2008, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following

Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Summit Engineering Inc., 120 Prosperous Place, Suite 101, Lexington, KY 40509

Summit Engineering Inc., 131 Summit Dr., Pikeville, KY 41501

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging upon payment of a non-refundable charge of \$100.00 per set cash or check, payable to Lynn Imaging. Documents may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859/226-5850, or at http://www.lynnimaging.com. If documents are to be mailed, there will be an additional handling fee of \$19.00 for each set, payable to Lynn Imaging.

Contract Documents will NOT be issued after 2:00 p.m., on Monday, February 4, 2008.

The Contractor/Subcontractor will comply with 41 CFR 60-4, in regard to affirmative action, to insure equal opportunity to females and minorities, and will apply the time tables and goals set forth in 41 CFR 60-4, if applicable to the area of the

The bidder will make positive efforts to use small, minority, women owned, and disadvantaged businesses.

The project will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder.

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted by representatives of Summit Engineering, Inc. Interested parties are to meet at the Big Sandy Area Development District at 10:00 a.m. on January 30, 2008.

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Date

Dennis Dorton Chairman, BSRIDA

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of the original bond 606-452-2490, 606-424-9858 amount. The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is \$46,800. J&L Phase II & III will release approxi-

mately 40% of the Residential & Commercial original **Electrical Services** amount. Home Improvements and Repairs The bond now in effect for Increment Free Estimates • Reliable 4 is \$6,200. Phase

II & III will release Ph: (606) 886-2785 approximately 40% Pager: (606) 482-0229 of the original bond

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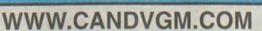
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Phillips give n nod as UK's future head football coach

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Joker Phillips, currently the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach for the University of Kentucky football team, has been designated as UK's head coach of the future, Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart announced

Phillips will take over when current head coach Rich Brooks leaves the position. Brooks, who has completed five years at Kentucky, received a contract extension on Friday that will takehim through the 2011 season.

"With the landscape of college football changing from year-to-year, the decision to name Joker Phillips the next head coach at the University of Kentucky provides continuity and consistency for current and future players," Barnhart said. "Continuity and consistency will be a competi-

tive advantage for UK going forward, an advantage our program has not enjoyed very often during its history.

"Joker is a native of the Commonwealth, an alumnus of the University, a letterman, and a person who has been an integral piece of our last three bowl victories in program history. He bleeds blue and believes in the foundational principles that Coach Brooks has put in place for the pro-

"He has had success as a player, position coach, offensive coordinator, and recruiter, and has been sought after by some of the nation's most prestigious college programs and the National Football League," Barnhart continued.

"As I am one of the elder statesmen in the coaching profession, I thought it important for recruits to know that there will be continuity in the program and the coaching staff," Brooks said. "Joker Phillips has earned the right as a Kentucky graduate, and having built one of the most productive offenses in school history, to have the opportunity to lead the program in the future."

Phillips recently completed his third season as offensive coordinator and fifth as wide receivers coach in his current tour of duty at his alma mater. Kentucky has improved its scoring average and total offense all three years under Phillips' direc-

Kentucky scored a school-record 475 points during its 13-game schedule in 2007, helping spark the Wildcats to its Music City Bowl championship. UK's average of 36.5 points per game ranked fourth in the Southeastern Conference and 15th nationally. On a points per game basis, the 36.5 mark ranks second in school history.

Total offense also was a highlight of the recently completed season. UK's total offense of 5,764 yards was the second-highest total in school history. The average of 443.4 yards per game is fourth in UK annals.

Phillips' offensive style has shown flexibility and balance between the run and the pass. Over the past three seasons, UK has had a 3,000-yard passer (André Woodson, who accomplished the feat twice), two 1,000-yard receivers (Keenan Burton and Steve Johnson), and a 1,000-yard rusher (Rafael Little, who reached the millennium mark twice).

Balance is shown by the fact that Kentucky led the SEC in passing yardage in 2007 while also rushing for 2,021 yards, 155.5 yards per game, and 4.2 yards per attempt. All three rushing marks are UK's best in a dozen seasons, since 1995. The '07 season was the first time in school history that UK averaged at least 250 passing yards per game while rushing for at least 150 yards per game.

Miners sweep

TIMES STAFF REPORT

McALLEN, Texas - East

Kentucky won its fourth straight

game Saturday, defeating Rio

Grande Valley 100-97 in a final

matchup before the All-Star

front in the first quarter. East

Kentucky led 30-25 at the con-

clusion of the opening period.

Visiting East Kentucky owned a

slim 48-47 advantage when the

sistent throughout the regular-

season game, dominating the

East Kentucky remained con-

The Miners improved to 16-

Josh Pace led East Kentucky

with a team-high 26 points. Jason

McLeish followed with 16 points

for the Miners. Ed Horton added

13 points in the East Kentucky

win. Boo Jackson followed with

a double-double of 12 points and

10 rebounds. Bryant Northern

finished with 11 points for the

Grande Valley 26-25 in each of

high 31 points for the Silverados.

Trent Eager tossed in 15 points

for Rio Grande Valley in the

home loss. Patrick Fields and

Gordon Klaiber pushed in 12

points apiece as the Texas team

4-25 after suffering the setback

Crum leads Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER

SPORTS EDITOR

emotional win over Sheldon

Clark - a victory that gave head

coach John Martin his 500th

STANTON - Fresh off of an

past Powell Co.

Rio Grande Valley dropped to

the last two quarters.

Saturday night.

East Kentucky edged Rio

Rod Neeley scored a game-

game entered halftime.

quarter points 6-1.

13 following the win.

The Miners jumped out in

Classic.

Silverados

McDonald's All-American Games nominees announced

Kentucky high school basketball players who are nominated for the McConald's All-American Games. held in Milwaukee on March 26:

Boys: Aaron Boyd, Henry Clay; Tyler Brown, Apollo; Nick Brumback, Jackson County; Matt Chambless, Trinity; Dustin Day, Pineville; Adam Decker, Pleasure Ridge Park; Adam Delph, Pleasure Ridge Park; Nick Gagel, Jeffersontown; Arrez Henderson, Holmes; Dexter Heyman, Male; Scotty Hopson, University Heights; Cameron Hundley, Scott County; Chase Jackson, Rose Hill; Jordan Lee, Scott County; DeAndre Liggins, Findlay Prep (Nev.); Shewin Mack, Bryan Station; Isaac McClure, Paducah Tilghman; Darius Miller, Mason County; Damell Moore, Madisonville; Aaron Morris, Madison Central; Victor Moses, Henry Clay; Jeff Mullaney, DeSales; Allen Murry, Pleasure Ridge Park; Nathan Novosel, Lexington Catholic; Stefon Perry, Paducah Tilghman; Tyler Portwood, Scott County; JaQuan Ransom, Fairdale; Trevor Setty, Mason County; Landon Slone, Paintsville; Jordan Smart, Lexington Catholic; Michael Sparks, Tates Creek; David Stanley, Ballard; Jay Starks, Allen County-Scottsville; Jordan Stephens, Montgomery County; Clark Stepp, June Buchanan; Dante Stewart, Lafayette; Taylor Stewart, Lexington Catholic; Antonio

Henderson County; Matt Thomas, Ashland Blazer Girls: Rachel Adams, Calloway County; Jade Barber, Ballard; Katie Behrens, Boone County; Kylie Brady, Central Hardin; Ra'Nisha Apollo; De'Sarae Cason. Chambers, Mason County; Tia Gibbs, Butler; Raechele Gray, Shelby County; Briana Green, Lexington Catholic; Whitney Hanley, Bullitt East; Kari Jo Harris, Hopkins Central; Tacarra Hayes, Marion County; Janae Howard, Owensboro; Megan Isaacs, Hart County; Whitney Ising, Sacred Heart; Kayla Lowe, Pike Central; Kayla Moses, Scott County; Natalie Novosel, Lexington Catholic; Monique Reid, Fern Creek; C'eira Ricketts, Fairdale; Sarah Rowe, Rockcastle County; Gwen Rucker, Henry Clay; Rinesha Soaper, Henderson County; Heather Sturdivant, Perry County Central; Ali Marie Watson, Paducah Tilghman; Jersharra Willis, Pleasure

Sullivan, Iroquois; Josh Terry,



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners FAN FRIENDLY: I Fans continue to get involved during East Kentucky Miners home games.

Appalachian Wireless Miners Night set for Jan. 30

Fans can wa tch pro basketball for only \$1

TIMES STA FF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - I n an effort to expose the most exciting braund of basketball and family entertainmen at Eastern Kentucky has ever seen, to Eastern Kentuckian experience it, the Eas at Kentucky Miners, in partnership with Appalachian Wireless, are making a Miners game for as

Wednesday, Jan. . Wireless Night at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center, and the carrier is making it po 2,000 fans to see the A finers take on the Albany Patroons in Conference matchup for only \$1. Every seat in the arena (exclu ding season ticket holder reserved seats courtside seats), is available for \$1! Every ticket over 2,000 D will only cost fans \$5! Also, the first 1,000 fans will receive a commemorati ve t-shirt, courtesy of Appalachian Wir eless.

opener on November 1 ever see at an NBA game

the thousands of s who have yet to it possible to attend little as \$1. 30 is Appalachian

cellular telephone, ssible for the first a key American floor suites and

"Every Miners game, since our home 8, has been an NBA-quality event, but v vith more entertainment and fan interac jion than you'll stated Miners co-owner and president I Demetrius Ford. "But during and after e ach game, Jay (Fiedler) and I scratch c ur heads wondering why we don't hav 'e more fans in

the stands. We work very hard to put the they're actually getting quite a bang for best product on the floor, and the overall entertainment value can't be matched of advertising and marketing, but maybe anywhere in the state. Our players go to this will make for a more compelling fans love our players as if they've been here for years. There's one thing I notice at every game that I find very encouraging though; our attendance stays pretty consistent. Whether it's a Sunday afternoon or Wednesday night game, we see the same fans coming out to support their home team. This is why we partnered with Appalachian Wireless for this special night. We feel confident that if we can make it virtually free for thousands of potential fans to come out and experience what our loyal fans have, they will come back as often as they can, and spread the word to those who missed it. It's professional basketball, fast-paced and high scoring. It's great family entertainment with our mascot Hard Hat Harry and the Reno's Roadhouse Diamond Girls constantly interacting with the fans. It's as affordable as taking the family to the movies! What's not to love? Seeing is believing. You have to come on out."

Miners co-owner Jay Fiedler added, "In actuality, we're letting the fans in free for this game for the simple sake of exposing the product and experience. We have to pay the Expo Center a facility use fee of \$1 per ticket sold to any of our games, so the \$1 being paid by the fans actually goes to the arena, not us. Add the fact that the first 1,000 fans get a free t-shirt from Appalachian Wireless,

that buck. We've tried every other form war every night for their fans, and those reason for people to come out and see what we're all about.

"The Miners have brought a first class performance every night for their home fans," said Appalachian Wireless Director of Marketing Danny Vanhoose. "As a corporate sponsor of the Miners and a proud community partner, we feel it's an honor to be a part of the Miners experience. Nowhere in the State of Kentucky can you find professional basketball except Pikeville. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this unprecedented offer to see Miners."

For this game only, fans who purchased tickets at regular prices prior to the announcement of this promotion can show proof of purchase at the box office anytime up until the night of the game, and they will be given a complimentary ticket for the same value, good to any remaining Miners regular-season home

The East Kentucky Miners is a firstyear expansion franchise of the 62-yearold tradition-rich Continental Basketball Association (CBA). The Miners currently are ranked number one in the CBA in points scored per game. Three East Kentucky players - Mike Dean, Josh Pace and James "Boo" Jackson - are in the top 10 in the league in individual scoring (ranked 1st, 3rd and 8th, respeccareer victory - Allen Central returned to the hardwood Friday night on the road at Powell County for a game against the host Pirates. Allen Central, playing in a tuneup prior to the 15th Region All "A" Classic this week at Betsy Layne, defeated Powell

County convincingly, winning

89-71. Senior guard Aaron Crum

led Allen Central to the win.

Crum, a newcomer to the Allen

Central boys' basketball program, drained five three-pointers

and scored a game-high 37 points. Allen Central outscored Powell County 27-16 in the opening quarter and never looked back. The Rebels took a

Alex Hammonds scored 18 points and Logan Crowder added 17 for the Rebels. Allen Central enjoyed balanced scoring as Josh Prater contributed seven points, Hunter Crowder scored six and Clinton Turner added four.

44-30 lead into halftime.

Allen Central finished strong, outscoring Powell County 25-19 in the final quarter.

Daniel Kinser led Powell County with a team-high 23 points. Cory Brewer collected 19 points for the Pirates. Seven different Powell County players dented the scoring column in the non-region matchup.

Allen Central improved to 12-6 after securing the win. Powell County slipped to 9-7 after dropping the home contest.

Cup drivers to resum e racing in Rolex 24 at Daytona to 12 hours in

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Ridge Park; Brittany Wilson,

Manual; Lauren Wombles, South

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -Renewing a tradition while reinvigorating a classic event, NASCAR drivers are returning again to the sportscar spectacle that annually kicks off Speedweeks - the Rolex 24 at Da Jona on Jan. 26-27.

Stock-car drivers disguised for several days as road racers - it's nothing new at Daytona International Speedway, site of the Rolex 24, a round-the-clock endurance event that, strangely enough, started off as a comparable sprint - the three-hour Daytona Continental in 1962.

Immediately, the concept attracted NASCAR types; in '62, the man who was perhaps NASCAR's first marquee star, Fireball Roberts, hopped into a Ferrari and finished 12th in a race won by a sports-car/open-wheel legend-in-the-making named Dan Gurney. Roberts won the Daytona 500 wo weeks later.

The race expanded 1964. Cale Yarborou gh was there with fellow NASCAR regulars G.C. Spencer and Bill Wade , co-driving a Chevrolet Corvette to a 29th-place

In 1966 came the ful 1-blown move to 24 hours; Bobby Allis fon co-drove a Chevy Corvair that la sted only 63 laps and finished 57th. In 1973, former Daytona 500 cheampion Tiny Lund co-drove a Pontiac Firebird, finishing 48th.

NASCAR involvement went beyond the novelty stage in 1976. The Rolex 24 field included eight actual Cup Series cars. The grou ip was even accorded its own class de signation -Grand International, the n ame applicable because the class als() was added to the famed 24 Hours of Le Mans later that year. Three-time : Cup champion David Pearson tean 1ed with his son Larry and two other's to win the Grand International title : in a Ford Torino and finish 16th ov rerall.

And so it has gone through the years, a steady stream of NASCAR involvement with highlights aplenty:

· 1983, Darrell Waltrip and A.J. Foyt: Future and former Daytona 500 champions were co-drivers of an Aston Martin that broke down early - allowing Foyt to switch to co-driving the eventual race-winning Porsche 935 owned by Preston Henn.

. 1984. Terry Labonte: Along with Billy Hagan co-drove a Camaro to the GT1 class victory and finished seventh overall - a precursor to their season of winning the Cup champi-

. 1995, Mark Martin: Won one of his four production-based class titles, co-driving to the GTS-1 victory, in a Ford Mustang fielded by Jack Roush. The last of Martin's four class victories in the Rolex 24 had actor Pual Newman as one of his co-drivers.

· 2001, Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr.: Finished fourth overall and second in the GTS class, co-driving a Chevrolet Corvette. It was the only time the elder Earnhardt drove in the Rolex 24.

 2006, Casey Mears: Joined openwheelers Dan Wheldon and Scott Dixon to win the Rolex 24, in a Lexus Riley fielded by Chip Ganassi.

· 2007, Juan Montoya: The NASCAR newcomer is part of the winning team in a Lexus Riley.

• 2007, Jeff Gordon: The four-time Cup champion made his Rolex 24 debut and helped drive a Pontiac Riley to a third-place finish.

And now, in 2008, two-time and reigning Cup champion Jimmie Johnson headlines yet another NASCAR contingent that includes former champion Kurt Busch, A.J. Allmendinger, Montoya and another open-wheel convert, last year's Indianapolis 500 champion, Dario Franchitti, Montoya's teammate in the defending championship Lexus Riley entry of Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates.

in overtime, 81-70 past Kentucky Gators

by MARK LONG ASSOCIATE D PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Al Horford watched his former teammates extend a winning streak he helped build.

In the locker room afterward, the former Florida star and current Atlanta Hawks rookie pronounced the latest victory as "the best one ever."

Nick Calathes scored 24 points and made several clutch free throws, Walter Hodge hit a huge 3-pointer in overtime and the Gators extended their wining streak over rival Kentucky to seven games with an 81-70 victory Saturday night.

Florida (16-3, 3-1 SEC) became the second team in history to win seven in a row against the Wildcats, joining Notre Dame.

"That's big time," Hodge said. Florida made this one much closer

than it could have been. The Gators missed seven of nine free throws during a 4-minute span in the second half, then Kentucky's Ramel Bradley hit a 3-pointer with 2.5 seconds to play to send the game into overtime. The shot came after officials overturned an initial ruling that gave the ball to Florida with 5.8 seconds

remaining and ahead 61-58.

Calathes, Marreese Speights and Hodge bailed the Gators out in the extra frame.

Calathes hit a 3, then made two free throws to give Florida a 68-67 lead with 2:03 to play. Speights and Hodge made consecutive baskets that provided much more cushion.

Speights sank a one-hander in the lane, then Hodge drained a 3 from the corner to make it 73-68 with 57.8 remaining.

Calathes made all eight of his free throws in the final 43 seconds to seal the victory. He also had eight assists and eight rebounds. He finished 13of-17 from the free throw line.

"You've got to worry about the next shot at the foul line," teammate Dan Werner said. "That's what really won us the game. In regulation, we kind of missed a lot, which allowed them back in the game. In overtime,

we put them away because we made our foul shots."

Speights finished with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Bradley led the Wildcats (7-9, 1-2) with 23 points, his sixth consecutive game with at least 20 points. Freshman Patrick Patterson added 15 points and eight rebounds.

"It does (hurt). It really does," Bradley said. "All we can do is focus on the next game. Those guys still have to come to Rupp (Arena).'

Despite Calathes' clutch free throws, the Gators finished 28-of-40 from the stripe.

Jai Lucas ended the team's woes by making a pair with 1:57 to play in regulation and pushing the lead the 58-53.

The Wildcats stayed in it with Derrick Jasper's 3-pointer from the corner. But Speights answered with a dunk on the other end, making it 60-56 with 19.7 seconds remaining.

Bradley made two free throws for Kentucky with 16.6 seconds to play. His 3-pointer was even bigger — at least in regulation.

The Wildcats went cold in Overtime.

Speights was strong from the start and had his best outing in four co onference games. He impressed Hc rford, who watched the game from near Florida's bench.

"He was over there looking at me, shaking his head and saying z, 'All right," Speights said. "Th is was probably my best game overal 1.'

Horford was a key part of t he twotime defending national cha mpions, who essentially built the big winning streak against the Wildcats.

Florida hasn't lost to K lentucky since February 2005.

The Gators were up 42-3() early in the second half, getting si x points from Speights in a 12-5 spur t coming out of the locker room.

But Kentucky went i nside attacking Florida's interior defense that has been the team's bigg gest weakness this season - and so fored nine consecutive points to mak e it 42-39 with about 12 minutes to play.

Joe Crawford converte d a three-

point play, Bradley hit a driving bas ket and Patterson added two easy buckets.

The Wildcats got even closer when Chandler Parsons missed a dunk one end and Bradley drained a

pointer on the other, making it 46.

It was close the rest of the way thanks to Florida's misses from the free throw line and Bradley's big

Although neither team was ranked it was still Florida's biggest home

game this season. ESPN GameDay was in attendance - the crew even got a pregame pep talk from Heisman Trophy

winner Tim Tebow - and so was

Tebow also spoke to the crowd at halftime, standing in front of his Heisman Trophy and vowing better results. Not coincidentally, football coach Urban Meyer and several top

Sitting courtside were former Gators and current major leaguers Brad Wilkerson and Josh Fogg.

recruits were in the stands.

College Football: UK bowl among attendance leaders

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - Sparked by a huge turnout of Kentucky fans, the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl ranked among the top 10 most attended bowl games for the 2007-08 postseason.

The Music City Bowl had a bowl-record crowd of 68,661 at LP Field in Nashville as the Wildcats downed Florida State, 35-28. That attendance ranked ninth among the 32 bowl games. That also rates as the fourth-best attendance among the 27 non-BCS bowl games.

UK among bowl percentage leaders: Having won the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl the last two seasons, Kentucky's bowl-game winning percentage now ranks 13th among the NCAA Division I schools that have played in 12 or more bowl

Kentucky has an all-time record of 7-5 in bowl games, a winning percentage of .583. A total of 63 Division I schools have played at least 12 bowl games. UK ranks 13th among those 63 teams.

UK defeated three confer-

ence champions: Kentucky was the only school in the nation that defeated three conference champions in the 2007

Kentucky opened the '07 season with a 50-10 win over Eastern Kentucky, the eventual Ohio Valley Conference champion. On Sept. 29, UK posted a 45-17 victory over Florida Atlantic, the eventual Sun Belt Conference titlist. And on Oct. 13, the Wildcats garnered a 43-37 triple-overtime triumph over Louisiana State, which went on to win the Southeastern Conference and national championships.

Tuned in to the Cats: The Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl was the highest-rated non-primetime cable television show for the week of Dec. 31-Jan. 6, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The Music City Bowl televised by ESPN - was seen in 3.88 million homes and drew 5,29 million viewers. The bowl ranked third overall among all cable television shows for that week, including primetime events.

Four Wildcats to the Senior Bowl: Four Kentucky players, tailback Rafael Little, tight end

Jacob Tamme, quarterback André Woodson, and linebacker Wesley Woodyard, are scheduled to play in the Senior Bowl on Jan. 26.

The 59th annual event, which features top college seniors from around the nation, will be played in Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., at 4 p.m. EST (3 p.m. in Mobile). The game will be televised on the NFL Network. The team practices scheduled through Jan. 25 also will be televised on the NFL Network.

Four players are the most Wildcats ever to play in a Senior Bowl, as three UK players had been in the game following the 1966 and 1992 seasons. This year's game will bring Kentucky's all-time total to 28 players who have participated in the event.

Wide receiver Keenan Burton also had planned to play in the Senior Bowl, but had arthroscopic knee surgery following his gutsy performance in UK's victory in the Music City Bowl, Burton has recovered well and has resumed training, but has decided not to participate in the Senior Bowl.

Eight SEC Players Declare

for NFL Draft: A total of eight juniors from Southeastern Conference schools declared early entry to the National Football League draft. Here is the list, according to ESPN.com: Earl Bennett, WR Vanderbilt; Demario Bobo, - Mississippi State; Derrick Harvey, DE - Florida; Felix Jones, RB - Arkansas; Jerod Mayo, LB - Tennessee; Darren McFadden, RB -Arkansas; Sean Penix, WR -Arkansas; Pat Sims, DT -

In addition, two players from Kentucky's non-conference opponents - linebacker Lamar Myles and wide receiver Mario Urrutia of Louisville - also opted for the draft, which will be held April 26-27.

UK cheerleaders win 16th national title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ORLANDO University of Kentucky cheerleaders continued their dominance at the Universal Cheer Association National Champions hips by winning their record 16th title, Sunday at Disney' Wide World of Sports.

The ch ampionship is the squad's fo arth in the last five years and 12th out of the last 14 years.

"It was a tough spot having rm first (in the to perfe Finals)." head coach Jomo Thompso in said. "But we went out and I lit our routine, setting the bar high and putting the pressure on the other 14 teams after us.

team earned an automatic b id to the finals of the compet ition by placing first in the Sov ith Regional based on a tape su bmitted to the UCA last fall.

The Southeastern Confer ence was represented by six tea ms in the 15-team finals. Tenne ssee finished second while. Alabama took home fifth LSU came in sixth, place. Missis ssippi State was 10th and Ole M liss placed 14th.

"We're glad to bring the trophy back to Lexington," said. Thom pson The Blueg rass is its home and we knew we had to bring it back after | blacing third last year."

back in Lexington on Tuesday evening at Bluegrass Airport.

The cheerleaders will arrive

Kentucky has cleaned up at the cheerleading competition, winning championships in 1985, 1987, 1988, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 200. 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2008.

Division IA Results - 2008 **UCA Championships**

1. University of Kentucky 2. University of Tennessee 3. University of Central

4. University of Memphis 5. University of Alabama

Louisiana University

7. University of Hawali 8. University of Minne ta Minneapolis

9. University of Kansas 10. Mississippi University

11. University of Souther Mississippi

Pennsylvania State 12. University 13. Ball State University

University of 14. Mississippi

15. Ohio State University

Patriots outlast Chargers, punch another Super Bowl ticket

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. -Tom Brady bounced a couple of passes, sailed a few more and threw three to the wrong team.

Hardly perfect. Hardly mat-

tered, either. The New England Patriots still were too good for the banged-up San Diego Chargers. A far-from-vintage 21-12 victory Sunday in the AFC championship game sent the Brady Bunch back to the Super Bowl for the fourth time

in seven seasons. Next up is another date with the New York Giants, and a chance for the Patriots to give their 18-0 record a whole new meaning.

"I think you enter the season and you're hoping to put together a bunch of great wins and you realize there's challenges every step of the way," Brady said. "And to not have a letdown like most teams have - we had a few letdowns or

miss a shot.

times where we didn't play our thriller. best, but we overcame them."

Yet for everything the Patriots have accomplished they're the only team in NFL history to start out with 18 straight victories - they're well aware they must win that final matchup to avoid being relegated to a footnote.

"We'll try to elevate our game for one last performance," said Brady, MVP in two of the three Super Bowls he's won.

All season long, coach Bill Belichick focused solely on the upcoming opponent. Showered by confetti on a postgame platform, the man of few words gave his team the OK to talk about the biggest game of all.

"Now we can look ahead,"

And prepare to see a familiar face in Eli Manning and the Giants on Feb. 3 in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots finished off their exhibition schedule by beating the Giants, then wrapped up the regular season by defeating them in a 38-35

The Chargers seemed to stand little chance, especially with star LaDainian Tomlinson injured.

Nursing a bad left knee, Tomlinson did not get off on the right foot and watched most of the game in a parka. San Diego kept it close by intercepting Brady a season-high three times, and trailed 14-12 going into the fourth quarter.

Brady made several stunningly poor throws that fluttered in the wind, Randy Moss was a non-factor for the second straight game and the highestscoring team in NFL history sputtered all afternoon. Instead, the Patriots relied on Laurence Maroney's spins, cuts and helmet-rattling runs.

"It felt like everything was a struggle today," Brady said. "We didn't perform the way I thought we were capable of."

Brady, coming off a recordsetting 50 TD passes, threw for two scores. His 6-yard strike to Wes Welker early in the fourth quarter let the Patriots pull

"There was history on the line," New England linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "We recognize it, we acknowledge it."

New England took care of the nuts and Bolts on a most chilly day. The sellout crowd at Gillette Stadium chanted "Super Bowl! Super Bowl!" in the closing minutes, anticipating the Pats' first appearance in the big game since the 2004

Belichick's team eclipsed the 17-0 mark of the champion 1972 Miami Dolphins, and he'll soon try for his fourth NFL title.

"I think there will be a time to sit back and reflect," Belichick said. "We'll certainly enjoy this for a few days."

Brady earned his 100th career victory and advanced without a hint of girlfriend drama - taking notes, Tony Romo? The dimpled Patriots quarterback will bring true glam to Super Bowl: Imagine the paparazzi buzz if Brady is sighted with Gisele Bundchen.

A model of success in the

fell s hort minus Tomlinson. He was I nurt last week in the playoff a ipset of the Super Bowl chan apion Indianapolis Colts, was mostly a spectator as San Diego's eight-game winstreak ended. ning

omlinson carried on the first two San Diego plays, but not run it again. Qu: arterback Philip Rivers hung in c despite a torn ligament in his kno ee and star tight end Antonio Ga ites did his best with a disloca ted toe.

From getting it reinjured th e first play, I just knew I didn' t have it," Tomlinson said. "I'm kind of at a loss for w fords."

The Chargers never could et into the end zone and had to ettle for four field goals by Nate Kaeding. "LT tried to go and he just

couldn't go," Chargers coach Norv Turner said.

Routed 38-14 at New England in September, the Chargers hung tough. Maroney dashed their hopes for a come-

late s eason, the Chargers (13-6) back, running for 122 yards and letting the Patriots control the

ball in the fourth quarter.

It was 23 degrees at gametime and the brisk wind caused more problems. The goal posts shook with every gust while passes and punts sailed in crazy directions.

'It wasn't a balmy day I'm not saying that, but it wasn't bad," Belichick said.

Brady badly missed his first two passes — he threw a total of two incompletions is 28 attempts last week in the win over Jacksonville.

Maroney plunged in from the 1 barely over a minute into the second quarter and, with light flurries falling, the Parriots were ahead for good.

"We're not going to get all carried away with the undefeated season," linebacker Mike Vrabel said. "We did that in the regular season."

Notes: Brady threw a TD pass in his 14th straight postseason game. ... Maroney has scored a touchdown in the straight games.

Seton Hall 92, Louisville

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NEWARK, N.J. - No matter where he was on the court Saturday night, it didn't seem that Seton Hall's Jeremy Hazell could

Hazell scored a career-high 29 points including eight 3-pointers — and the Pirates overcame a 14-point deficit in the second half to beat Louisville 92-82. "He's going to be a special player," Seton

Hall coach Bobby Gonzalez said. "They kept pushing him out deeper and deeper in the zone. The deeper they pushed him out, the more he extended his range." Hazell also was pleased with his perfor-

"Today I was feeling it," he said. "Wherever I was at on the court I just let if

fly. It was going down for me." Gonzalez also was impressed by how his squad rallied for an important victory. "That's just a magical game, just magi-

cal," he said. "We didn't have (injured starter) Paul Gause, and we weren't healthy.

That was like an NCAA tournament win just monumental." Brian Laing added 25 points, six assists and four steals for the Pirates (12-6, 2-3 in

Big East), who made nearly 63 percent of their shots in the second half, going 15-for-24 from the field. Jerry Smith had 25 points to lead the

Cardinals (13-5, 3-2), who had their fourgame winning streak snapped despite having

four players finish in double figures. "Bobby (Gonzalez) said in the newspapers, that if they could make 3s then they would have a chance to win, and they made 3s," said Cardinals coach Rick Pitino.

Louisville appeared to be in command early on, but the Pirates rallied late in the first half and only trailed 45-43 at the break. The Cardinals then started the second half with a 20-8 run before the Pirates started their furious comeback.

The final minutes, though, were agonizing for both teams.

Trailing 86-82 with just under three minutes to play, Louisville missed four 3-pointers and failed to score the rest of the way. But the Pirates had trouble sealing the win as they missed eight of 12 free throws down the

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The Allen Central Rebels will take on defending champion Paintsville in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Betsy Layne. This year's 15th Region All "A" Classic will tip off this evening at the Dome. On the grade school level, the

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ENERALING MARA GOR

Perfect Patriots, improbable Giants headed to Arizona for Super Bowl

by DENNIS WASZAK Jr. ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New England Patriots' path to perfection has one last hurdle: a New York team of road warriors hoping for a Giant upset.

"We'll try to elevate our game for one last performance," said Tom Brady, the Patriots' dimple-chinned, record-setting quarterback with the model girlfriend.

Brady and the Patriots (18-0) will try to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only teams to complete an undefeated season when they face Eli Manning and the Giants on Feb. 3 in the Super Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.

"I think you enter the season and you're hoping to put together a bunch of great wins and you realize there's challenges every step of the way," Brady said after beating San Diego 21-12 in the AFC championship game Sunday. "To not have a letdown like most teams have - we had a few letdowns or times where we didn't play our best, but we overcame them."

Standing in the Patriots' way are the Giants (13-6) and Manning - Peyton's little brother, whose moxie and leadership abilities no longer can be questioned.

"We haven't been given a shot, but we're here," Manning said of his Giants, who have won 10 straight on the road — including a 23-20 overtime win at Green Bay in the NFC title game. "I think we're deserving of it."

Las Vegas oddsmakers might think differently. They installed New England as a 13?-point favorite in the big game, in which New York will

get another shot at destroying the Patriots' path to perfection.

New England won 38-35 in its final game of the regular season, rallying from a 12point second-half deficit against the Giants. The teams also played in the preseason finale, when New England won - with Brady sitting that

Brady and the Patriots are playing in the Super Bowl for the fourth time in seven years. A win in this one would rank the Patriots as perhaps the greatest champion in NFL history - Spygate a long-forgotten speedbump.

In that scandal, the Patriots were fined \$250,000 and coach Bill Belichick \$500,000 for violating league rules by training a sideline camera on New York Jets coaches in their season-opening win. New England was stripped of its first-round draft pick next season, but the team stood by its

And the Patriots never wavered.

"I think there's special guys on this team that have stepped up all year when they needed to," Brady said.

Maybe none more than New England's record-breaking - and heartbreaking quarterback.

Brady started this special season by becoming a father for the first time as his ex-girlfriend, actress Bridget Moynahan, gave birth to their son. Brady's now dating former Victoria's Secret model Gisele Bundchen, making them gossip fodder around the

When the football-hurling heartthrob got back to business, he became a cover story for other reasons.

50 touchdown passes in the regular season, with 23 of those to Randy Moss, who topped Jerry Rice's record. Brady was also the league's Most Valuable Player in helping New England score an NFL-record 589 points.

"They played great all year," Belichick said. "I'm very lucky to coach this team."

Linebacker Junior Seau quickly returned the compliment: "Bill is definitely the best coach ever."

And the Patriots are on the verge of making NFL history.
"Now we can look ahead," Belichick said.

They sure can. And they'll see a familiar foe in the Giants, whose run through the playoffs into their first Super Bowl since 2001 was jump-started by their valiant effort against the Patriots in the last week of the regular season.

"That got us going, momentum," Manning said.

This is the same New York team that gave up 80 points in its first two games and had fans calling for coach Tom Coughlin to be fired. Those same fans also wondered whether Manning, acquired in a draft-day deal in 2004, would ever become a franchise-type quarterback like his brother.

Little brother is now in the Super Bowl with a chance to bring home a title of his own.

"It's exciting, but it's not about me," Manning said in his typical aw-shucks manner. "It's about this whole team."

Sure, Manning had a big hand in the Giants' success, especially when the games took on greater meaning. He has been flawless in the postseason, completing a number

Brady threw an NFL-record of clutch throws without a

"It's just a matter of getting hot at the right time," Manning said. "It feels good because this is what you work for."

New York became the first NFC wild-card team to reach the Super Bowl since Dallas in 1975. And the Giants did it the hard way, winning all their road games after dropping their season opener at Dallas.

"We're going on the road

good."

New York visited Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay in the playoffs and went home winners. Next up is the biggest game of them all and a chance to make history by ending New England's attempt at football immortality.

"We have a lot of faith and trust in ourselves," Manning

At least neither team will

again," Coughlin said. "That's have to worry about a frigid forecast in Arizona. On Sunday, New England beat San Diego in 23-degree temperatures at Foxborough, Mass., while New York edged Green Bay in subzero conditions at Lambeau Field.

"I'm glad it's warm wearner," Brady said, flashing that familiar smile. "Weather won't be a factor. It should be excit-

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Memphis moves to No. 1; Drake and Baylor make rare Top 25 appearances

by JIM O'CONNELL AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Memphis replaced North Carolina as the No. 1 team in college basketball Monday, the Tigers' first appearance in 25 years at the top of The Associated Press poll.

Kansas, the nation's only other undefeated Division I men's team, moved up to No. 2 date of the national champiwhile the Tar Heels dropped to onship game. "If you said to Georgetown and Michigan fifth after their loss to Maryland. Drake and Baylor were two new entries to the rankings, joining the Top 25 for the first time in a long time.

Memphis' only other appearance at No. 1 was as short as possible - a oneweek stint in 1983.

"We've got one extra day than the last time," Memphis coach John Calipari said. "That team went to No. 1 on a Monday and lost that night. We get to enjoy Monday and Tuesday and until we play at Tulsa on Wednesday night."

North Carolina was ranked No. 1 in preseason and for the first 10 polls of the regular season. The Tar Heels lost 82-80 to Maryland at home on Saturday and Memphis (17-0) moved up one spot with 49 first-place votes and 1,777 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Kansas (18-0) advanced from third to second with 23 first-place votes and 1,751 points. Tennessee and Duke moved from sixth and seventh to third and fourth. They were followed by North Carolina (18-1).

Drake, which came in at No. 22, is ranked for the first time since the final poll of the 1974-75 season, while No. 25 Baylor was last in the rankings in February 1969.

Although this is Memphis' first No. 1 ranking since that 64-56 loss at Virginia Tech on Jan. 10, 1983, Calipari had his teams at Massachusetts there for a total of 14 weeks over the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons.

"My 1995 team had the same camaraderie and synergy this team has but this team has it with more guys because we'll play 10, 11 guys where that UMass team was basically five guys," Calipari said. "It'll matter to these guys. I've coached at UMass and here and at those kind of places, non-BCS schools, most of those guys were not silverspooned not McDonald's All-

Americans and they take pride in it because it's a notch in their belt to be able to say 'You guys didn't think I was that

Calipari was honest that there is a bigger target for him than being No. 1.

"For me as a coach the only rating I worry about is April 7," he said, referring to the me I could have the No. 1 ranking or a No. 1 seeding, I'd

take the seeding every time. For your players and the school, though, this is huge."

This week's poll is the first major shuffling of the season as 15 ranked teams lost a game last week and three of those -Texas A&M, Marquette and Miami - lost twice.

Washington State moved up two spots to sixth and was followed by Indiana, UCLA,

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Readers are a curious lot

Wilma Jean and I were fortunate Lenough to sit in on a session, last week, with a "reading group" that congregates monthly to discuss that month's book selection.

Our being there was because my latest book, "Dear Hearts and Gentle People: Rural Americans At Their

Clyde Pack

Best," was to be the topic of discussion.

But it's pretty wellthat known readers are a curious group, else they probably wouldn't be readers. Therefore, m a n y times-like a little eastern

Kentucky creek, looking for the river-discussion during the evening found its way to a few wandering tributaries.

To be perfectly honest, I don't know when I'm enjoyed myself more. But instead of imparting what I may have learned about writing, publishing, or even about the folks of whom I wrote in the book, I think I came away with far more than I gave.

Seventy percent of this little group were women, which, I suppose, was one of the things that surprised me about how much they knew-and we're willing to share-about the Appalachian staples of bootleggers, moonshiners and rooster fighters.

In their defense, it was pretty obvious their knowledge was gained as

(See OAK, page seven)

KIM'S KORNER

The Camouflage Christian

Christian Camouflage was shared with me back in December via email by a very dear friend who obediently sends these types of daily messages. Though they all are touching there are



Kim Little Frasure

Christian Camouflage was definitely one of them. Composed by 0 Hutchcraft, it is one of those writings well worth sharing. May you be touched by the following words.

Some of you may know an avid hunter; one that loves the sport so much that he's been known to skip church occasionally during duck hunting season. He's well known in the church, so the pastor notices when he's not there. With a twinkle in his eye, this one hunter explained recently how he's prepared to handle pastoral questions like, "Where were you on Sunday?" He said he's named the duck blinds where he hides to hunt those birds. One is named "The Word." The other is named "Prayer." So when he's asked where he was on Sunday, he can simply answer, "I was in 'The Word," or,

"I was in 'Prayer.' Obviously, this is a hunter who understands the value of camouflage, as in the value of hiding behind some wonderful spiritual words. While his words are meant to be more whimsical than deceptive, they illustrate a deeper and more dangerous issue that's rampant among us church folks. We know how to use all the right Christian words and have just the right Christian

We put it on every time we walk in

(See KORNER, page seven)



Local Girl Scouts participated in a wreath-laying ceremony honoring servicemen and women this past December. Jasmine Skeens, far left, was presented with a flag to display while her father is away in Afghanistan.

Girl Scouts — more than just cookies!

by KATHY J. PRATER FEATURES EDITOR

Yes, it's time for "America's Favorite Cookies," and Girl Scouts across the county urge one and all to place their orders for favorites like Carmel DeLites, Shortbread, Thin Mints, and more, but Mary Reffitt, leader, Troop #427 wants to spread the message that Girl Scouting is about much more than selling cookies.

"Cookies are great," Reffitt said, "But we're about much more than that. Girl Scouts provides the opportunity to learn and grow in many ways."

Local Girl Scouts participate in many community service projects. One of their most recent projects involved participating in the nationwide 'Wreaths Across America" event this past December 13. The wreath-laying ceremonies are held concurrently each year at Veteran's cemeteries and at memorial services honoring those who have served, including those held at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia.

Locally, Girl Scouts from Troop #427 held a wreath-laying ceremony in front of the Veteran's Memorial, located on the grounds of the old Floyd County Courthouse. Over the years, the troop has participated in many patriotic ceremonies such as in observances of Flag Day, Veterans Day, and 9/11 memorials.

At the December 13 ceremony, Girl Scouts honored one of their own by presenting Girl Scout Jasmine Skeens with a service flag to be displayed at her home while her father is away serving in Afghanistan. Jasmine's father will be deployed to active service in February.

As stated in the Girl Scout Promise, 'to serve God and my country,' I try to put a lot of emphasis on patriotism and show the girls that our freedom is, in large part, because of our soldiers and so it is important to let them know that we support them," Reffitt said.

As such, local Girl Scouts are participating in Operation Cookie Drop, a service project whereby scouts collect boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies to present to local soldiers just prior to deployment. The scouts will present the donated cookies to local soldiers at the local National Guard Armory before they are deployed to Afghanistan in the next few weeks.

'Anyone can participate in Operation Cookie Drop," Reffitt said. "Just place an order for an extra box of cookies when you order your own cookies and let the Girl Scout you order from know that you want to participate by donating

In addition to Operation Cookie Drop, local Girl Scouts also participate in area service projects such as Operation UNITE Drug Awareness march and events; Operation Clean Sweep, held annually at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park; Adopt-a-Road highway clean-up program; and One Warm Coat, a program in which coats are collected and then given away to those in need.

"Even after all the community service projects," Reffitt said, "We still find plenty of time for fun and adventure such as camping, rock climbing, bicycling, Girl Scout Olympics, sleepovers and trips to places like the state Capitol, the Kentucky History Museum, the Kentucky Horse Park, the Knoxville Zoo, and the East Kentucky Science Center. We've also gone to the Ringling Brothers Circus, and visited the mall to stop by the Build-a-Bear Workshop and Club Libby Lu. We have a great time and we encourage every girl to join Girl Scouts.'

To find out more about Girl Scouts or any of the community service projects they are involved in, you may contact Mary Reffitt at 285-3776.



trips and learning about nature and wildlife.

CRITTER CORNER

A happy 'tail'

him to live in a baby's body.

His family doesn't seek out sympathy for him. They want him to learn and interact with people as often as he can. They call Central Kentucky home now after recently moving to Danville, in Boyle County, from New England.

Daniel was born on Nov. 29, 2002, in Rhode Island with a condition known as osteogenesis imperfecta, a skeletal dysplasia also known as brittle bone disease.

"He's 26 inches long and weighs 22 pounds, about the size of a 1year-old at most, a size he will be as long as he lives," Nicole McCarty said. "We're not sure how long we

Daniel McCarty is nearly 4 years will have Daniel, but we want him old, but a rare bone disorder forces to have as good a quality a life as he

> Daniel came into the world with 20 broken bones, including bones in both arms and both legs and eight ribs. This rare disorder results in constant bone breaks and pain.

"He can suffer a break simply by turning over in his bed, or sometimes without even moving," his mother said. "He has had at least 200 breaks since he was born, and he will be having them for the rest of his life. He is unable to walk, or even crawl. He can roll over and wiggle. That's about it. He uses a wheelchair, but he spends a lot of

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This beautiful animal is "Scout," an Australian Shepherd who was once housed at the Floyd County Animal Shelter. According to Bonnie Faulkner, a member of the shelter's board of directors, Scout was placed in a "forever home" in November, 2006, through a coordinated effort conducted between shelter staff and an Australian Shepherd rescue group. Read Scout's story in today's Critter Corner.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 23 and 28, 1998)

Floyd County's New Justice Center is nearag completion, but not quick enough to make ne scheduled February 6 opening, an architect's representative told members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court. Judge-executive Ben Hale said he would assess fines of \$2,500 per day against the building contractor for each day past the contracted completion date, the building remained unfinished

The Floyd Board of Education addressed an apparently controversial subject, Tuesday night, that may eventually lead to the closing of a few elementary schools. The board's discussion of a committee which would establish district boundaries in the system, was quickly steered to the issue of closing schools to save costs

A Johnson County woman and a Floyd County man were found dead, Wednesday, in their Lexington townhouse, victims of an apparent murder/suicide. Responding to a call from the mother of one victim, police found the bodies of Carol Jane Jones, 37, formerly of Paintsville, and Rick Darrell Newman, 44, formerly of Melvin, shot to death in a bedroom

Floyd County Board of Education members said, Tuesday, that an agreement for the requested state takeover of the system "is in spirit" with what it had agreed to last week, however, the board is seeking to change some wording in the document

.With an average of nearly one superintendent per year for Floyd County Schools in the last decade, the board of education treaded familiar waters, Tuesday, when it discussed searching for a new superintendent. Terry Dotson, one of the newest members appointed to the board, said that he did not think the board nwas ready to begin searching for a superinten-

Floyd Board Chairman Jody Mullins testified during his ouster hearing, last week, in E. Frankfort that he and fellow board member, B.J. 1 Newsome had tried to make positive changes in the troubled school system. Steve Wolnitzek, 8 attorney for Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody, questioned Mullins about his actions

A quorum of the Kentucky Board of Education recommended, Friday, that Floyd County School Board Members Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome be suspended from their seats, for six months, and receive training in

management and finance. The board found the two guilty of non-feasance in office, and cleared them on misconduct and neglect of duty

The stage has been set for the battle between the Democrats in the May Primary Election, but all the players in the November election most likely won't be known until August. Tuesday's filing deadline for candidates for county offices passed with a few latecomers filing against some incumbents, but all candidates could have opposition come November

A shortfall in Martin's annual insurance premium tax, and a problem-plagued sewer system, have left the city broke and, unless a loan can be obtained, city services may have to be cut. At Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Alan Whicker presented the grim news to council and a packed meeting hall

The Prestonsburg City Council conducted the first reading of an ordinance, Monday, to annex property, part of which was recently purchased by Mayor Jerry Fannin, into the city limits. The proposed annexation involves crossing the Big Sandy River to reach the elevenacre site which is approximately two-thirds of a mile beyond the existing city boundary at Cliff

After dodging an ouster, last week, by state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody, it appears that Floyd County School Board Member B.J. Newsome has ousted himself from the board. On Monday, Newsome filed nomination papers for the District Three County Commissioner seat, which makes him ineligible to serve as a board member

A project by the East Kentucky Cener for Science, Mathematics, and Technology to build a technology center is ranked 29th on Governor Paul Patton's surplus expenditure plan. Patton recommended awarding \$2.6 million to the project, which will broaden the horizons of students areound the region

There died: James Manns, 63, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, January 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Prestonsburg; Helen Ann Wiley Smith, 60, of New Port Richey, Florida, December 4, at Columbia New Port Richey Hospital: Beechie Blackburn Roop, 93, of Pikeville, Tuesday, January 20, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rick Darrel Newman, 44, of Melvin, Wednesday, January 21, in Lexington; Yvonne 'Mickey" Noble Lemanski, 62, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, formerly of Garrett, Tuesday, January 20, at the Philip Hulitor Hospice Care in Providence, Rhode Island; Carlos Eugene "Huck" Lafferty, 59, of Hippo, Sunday, January

25, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Woodrow Bays, 79, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 24, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Stallard Hall, 82, of Prestonsburg, Friday, January 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Elsie Irene Layne Leisure, 75, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, December 1, at the University of Michigan Hospital; Juanita Shelton, 62, of Fisty, Friday, January 23, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ellis Estill Newsome, 61, of Teaberry, Saturday, January 24, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; James Clinard Kendrick, 53, of McDowell, Monday, January 26, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Beatrice Layne Walters, 82, of Betsy Layne, Thursday, January 22, at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(January 27, 1988)

Monday night's Prestonsburg City Council meeting addressed such topics as applying for an Urban Development Action Grant and a possible three percent tax to be levied on restaurants to apply to the tourism industry

Circuit Clerk Frank Derossett was sworn in for an unprecedented fifth term by Circuit Judge Hollie Conley

A coal truck driver from Deboard Trucking Company became the test case for a coal spill law as the City of Prestonsburg took him to

William Wells became the second member of the Bank Josephine board of directors to resign in a little more than a month

Three accidents involving coal trucks in two days have left one woman dead and two children injured

There died: Johnie Prater Sr., 68, of Norwalk, Ohio, formerly of Blue River, Thursday, at his residence there

Belva Anne Hockensmith, 79, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, in Valdosta,

Georgia

Inis Roberts, 78, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Melvin Jones, 80, of Ligon, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert L. Allen, 101, at South Shore Convalescent Home; Sid Tackett, 71, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at St. Joseph Hospital; John Paul Biliter, 58, of Martin, Thursday, at Good Samaritan Hospital; Marlan Hall, 76, of Marion, Ohio, formerly of

Wheelwright, Sunday, in Marion; Ethel R. Slone, 51, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, Friday, at his residence

Adam K. Daniels, Friday, at Cabell-**Huntington Hospital** Ellarose Archer, 66, of Lexington, Saturday,

at Central Baptist Hospital

Franklin D. Howard, 43, of Fredville, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Devert Owens, 70, January 2, at St. Joseph

Troy Mullins, 80, of Dema, Tuesday, Highlands Regional Medical Center

Emily S. Howell, 98, formerly of Drift, Saturday, at Willard, Ohio

James G. Jenkins, 55, formerly of Wayland, January 7, in Columbus, Ohio

Opal P. Goodman, 83, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at the residence of her son

Delores M. Hood, 55, of California, formerly of Virgie, January 14, in Modesto, California Marie H. Reynolds, 64, of McDowell, Friday, at Printer, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident

Frankie Bowlin, 63, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at University Medical Center in Columbia, Missouri.

Thirty Years Ago

(January 15, 1978)

Floyd County, which was all but paralyzed by 10 to 12 inches of snow, which fell last Tuesday, was thrown into a state of near-emergency when an additional six to eight inches of new accumulation was recorded Thursday and Friday, in the apparent climax to possibly the worst series of winter storms in the county's

Bush & Burchett, Prestonsburg contractors, submitted the low bid, Tuesday, on construction of the bridge to span Beaver Creek, and connect the present KY 80 with the Floyd County Park being built near Allen

Drivers receiving speeding citations in Floyd county have, under the new district court system, the "convenience" of paying their fines by mail, without having to appear in court, and some have already taken advantage of the opportunity, cutting down the court caseload which in growing, while the court has been pretty well paralyzed by a record snowfall

There died: George Dewey Conn, 78, of

(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Feb. 7 - 4-H Project Club meeting, 3:15 p.m., in YSC. New mem-

bers may still sign up.

8-1 "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

·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 \$86-1297 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. 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

•Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations greatly appreciated.

•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 Childhood Elementary Early 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, firstserve 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 appoint-

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

*Jan. 25 - Carol Jo May, OLW Hospital, "Let's Talk About Drugs" program; primary grade students.

•Feb. 18 - No school. President's

•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

•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

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 nondenominational 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

 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 com-

South Floyd Youth Services Center

•Feb. 9 - 2nd Annual Miss Sweetheart Pageant and 2008 Prom Dress Preview Show, sponsored by Village Boutique, Prestonsburg. To be held in SFHS gym at 3:30 p.m. Newly crowned 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.

·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. 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-

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 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. -

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury 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, Stephania Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

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time being carried in people's arms." James McCarty is a manager in a

manufacturing firm. His wife had been an educator, but the large medical bills associated with Daniel's care depleted their savings. Nonprofit organizations have helped financially,

The McCarty's moved to Kentucky to be closer to relatives in case James, a National Guard member, is called to active duty.

Daniel is enrolled in the Boyle County preschool program. His mother praised the Danville community for opening its arms to the new family, especially Daniel, saying the "caring and compassionate" welcome he has received is the best medicine he could get.

Also making Daniel's life happier is "Scout," an Australian Shepherd that the family was able to adopt thanks to the combined effort of the Floyd County Animal Shelter (Prestonsburg) and an Australian Shepherd rescue group. The McCarty family has said that they "are thrilled" with Scout and have been since the very day they picked him

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up, describing him as "the perfect, perfect dog." According to reports received from the family, Scout immediately bonded with the McCarty's oldest daughter and instinctively know to be behave in a "calm and very gentle way" with

The coordinator of the rescue group later informed members of the Floyd County Animal Shelter's board of directors that the report did not surprise her because Scout had been such a "love bug" with the members of their group.

To find out how you can adopt the perfect pet for your family, contact the Floyd County Animal Shelter at 886-3189.

New Arrivals

Highlands Regional Medical Center

Nov. 26, 2007

A daughter, Adalynn Layla Maynard, to Megan Evans, of 71 Tomahawk

Nov. 27, 2007

A daughter, Paris Jean Short, to

A son, Blayne Ryder Fraley, to Jessica Miller, of Bulan

Kristie Curtis, of Van Lear A son, Gage Alexander Ashley, to 61 Obna Curtis & Pamela Joyce Ashley, . I of Prestonburg

Nov. 28, 2007

A daughter, Zoey Marie Mollett, 15 to Samantha Moore, of Debord

Nov. 29, 2007

A daughter, Haler Lynn Conn, to Jason Wayne & Stevie Lynn Conn,

A son, Samuel Merle Moyer, to Doncas Ellen & Dwight Edwin b. Moyer, of Leburn

A daughter, Melissa Maelee Rose Blair, to Caren Cayce Mike & Zachary Blair, of Sitka

A daughter, Summer Lashae Cano, to Jose & Kristi Cano, of Carner

A son, Skyler Phillip North, to Jason & Elizabeth North, of Paintsville

Nov. 30, 2007

A son, Anthony Tyrell Hopkins, to Donnie & Jessica D. Hopkins, of ni Salyersville

A son, Caleb Jason Ramey, to Holly Hunter, of Mousie

Dec. 1, 2007

A son, Anthony O'Dell Newsome, to Angel Lee Weber, of A daughter, Cheyenne Brooklyn

Mousie

Dec. 4, 2007

A son, Dakota Michael Lee Jervis, to Crystal Dawn Joseph and the late Troy Jervis, of Blue River

Dec. 5, 2007

A son, Logan Kane Crockett, to Joseph & Jessica Crockett, of Prestonsburg

A son, Nathaniel Ray Robinson, to Milam Carl & Jennifer Lynn Robinson, of

A son, Robert Allen Canterbury, to Curtis Allen & Betty Kay Canterbury, of Warfield

A daughter, Karleigh Nevaeh Jordan, to Jason & Kimberly Jordan, of Salversville

Dec. 6, 2007

A son, John Clayton Holland, to Edwina Mae Daniel, of East Point A son, Dakota Blue Asher, to Danny & Jennifer Asher, of Hazard

A daughter, Amelia Faith Newsome, to Ryan Daniel & Tiffany Joy Newsome, of Salyersville

Dec. 7, 2007

A daughter, Brooklyn Paige Lewis, to Elmer Ray & Tiffany Dawn Lewis, of Martin

A daughter, Taylor Paige Salyers, to Michael & Sarah Elizabeth Salyers, of Staffordsville

Dec. 8, 2007

A son, Billie Russell Burgin, to Angela Ann & Phillip James Burgin, of Van Lear

Dec. 9, 2007

A daughter, Whitley Aaliyah Jenkins, to Felicia Ann & John Chris Jenkins, of Hi Hat

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Flannery, to Kimberly Nicole Akers,

A daughter, Raegan Belle Parsons, to Kristy Jae Kidd, of Harold

A son, Adam Greyson Tackett, to

Leia LeShea Jordan, of Royalton A son, Braiden Tyler Fugate, to Natasha Dawnell Bowling, of

A son, Steven Cage Fannin, to Autumn Shalene Fannin, of Tomahawk

Dec. 10, 2007

A son, James Gage Gasparac, to Tiffany Dawn & James Trace Gasparac, of Salyersville

A son, Harley Christopher Carroll, to Jennie & Christopher Carroll, of Auxier

Dec. 11, 2007

A daughter, Andi Denee Blevins, to Ashley Renee Powers, of Staffordsville

A son, Byron Xavier Scott Allen, to Donna Gail & Matthew Scott Allen, of Salyersville

A son, Jonathon Lee Alley, to Alicia Hope & Benjamin Alley, of

A son, Austin Garriell Tackett, to Rhonda Fairchild, of Flat Gap

Dec. 12, 2007

A daughter, Kylee Marie Martin, to Junellen & Jackie Martin, of

A son, James Anderson Lauffer, to Stacey Renae & James Seth Lauffer, of Staffordsville

A son, Sebastien Jaymes Martin, to Sirena Akers & Klifford Martin,

A son, Thomase Davie Cantrell,

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the church door, but often it's camouflage that's covering up some issues in our life that aren't Christian at all. Jesus put it this way in Mark 7:6, our word for today from the Word of God: "These people honor me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me." You can say all the good, God-honoring things and underneath you can have a heart that is far from Him. A life that has, beneath that spiritual camouflage, some attitudes or actions that have no place in a child of God, someone who's been rescued at the price of the blood of His Son.

We forget that God does not look at the "outward appearance" but "at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7) the Bible says. In other words, the only One who really matters is not fooled by our Christian words, our Christian rationalizations or our Christian activity. Your whole relationship with Him, His blessing on your life, is all about the condition of your heart.

Could it be that you've been hiding some serious unrepented sin under the camouflage of spiritual words? You can be talking about prayer and Bible study in the morning and swimming in the cesspool of Internet pornography at

Your mouth can be talking about glorifying God, but your heart can be full of pride and selfish ambition. You know where your responsibility is, where you should be, what you should be doing, yet, you justify not being there because you camouflage it and make it about God or godly actions when in reality it's really about YOU and what You want to be doing, and where YOU want to be, instead of what and where God wants you to be.

Your Christian words can mask all kinds of hidden bitterness, lust and deception, or a life with all kinds of different little compartments that's all about Jesus in the God-compartment, but all about you at work, or at home, or at school. You can even try to put Christian words on things that are anything but Christian.

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You may call it conviction, God calls it stubbornness; you may call it compassion, God calls it compromise; you may call it love; God calls it immorality or adultery.

What are you holding inside? What are you conveniently camouflaging thinking it is well hidden? What are you putting first in your life before God? Or who are you putting first in your life before God?

Isn't it time you looked in the mirror and saw the hypocrite behind the beautiful words? There's freedom, there's forgiveness and there's integrity waiting for you at the cross of Jesus Christ, where you need to bring all the sin that's been hiding behind that spiri-

One of the greatest dangers of being in a Christian environment is that you can know the words and never know the Lord.

Jesus said there will be people like that on Judgment Day to whom He will say, "I never knew you." Could it be you've got Christianity but you don't have Christ?

You've mistaken agreement with Jesus for commitment to Jesus, and that mistake will cost you heaven. But today you can experience what it is to know Jesus for real if you'll make this the day you say, "Lord, all this time I've missed you. But I want you in my heart, not just in my head. I am Yours.' It isn't the rhetoric of Jesus that matters; it's the reality of Jesus. So come to Him today as you really are. There's so much you've been missing. You can have it, if you give him your heart.'

Til Next Week

God's Blessings...

Yesterdays

Martin, Monday, at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W. Va.; William Castle, 59, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Anna Tackett Johnson, 65, of Melvin, Saturday, at McDowell to Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Nettie Boyd Tackett, 81, of Harold, January 10, in ⁹⁰ Paintsville; Catherine Miller Sparks, 48, of Ili Spurlock, January 16, at Paintsville General Hospital; Rev. Willis (Ticky) Booth, 49, formerly of Ligon, last week, at his home in 21 Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Mary Jane Harris, 86, A formerly of Langley, Sunday, at Hester 3¹¹ Memorial Nursing Home in Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. ⁵ Ella Johnson, formerly of this county, Saturday, 101 in Tarpon Springs, Florida; Dennie Slone, 64, of Allen, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Viney Holbrook Adams, 84, of Middle Creek, last Thursday, at her home; Grover Handshoe, 56, native of Knott County, 810 Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Rosa Hatfield Hunt, 91, of Prestonsburg, 17 last Friday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home. 41

Forty Years Ago

(January 25, 1968)

A fire, which broke out while the City Council was in session, last Thursday night, burned away the roof and entire second floor of the Municipal Building, here, at a loss of \$75,000

Ambulances, fire trucks and State Police cruisers raced to the scenes of reported bu tragedies, Monday night, only to find that the unknown persons who had made telephone the calls for help had spread false alarms

Proposed construction of two buildings on the campus of the Prestonsburg Community College will not be delayed as a result of the decutback made this week in federal construction funds

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Grover Tussey, of Allen, a son, Grover Mark, Dec. 23, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. In Hubert E. Halbert, of Langley, a son, Wesley Ferrell, Jan. 23, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Davis, a daughter, Julia Lee, Jan. 11, at Somerset, Ky., There died: Boyd Adams, 83, native of Brainard, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Robert Ousley, 44, Monday, near his home on the Spurlock Fork, of Middle Creek, when the auto on which he was working, slipped from a jack and fell on him; Mrs. Ethel Collins Gresham, 56, formerly of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at her home at Louisville; Wayne Helton, 53, of Martin, Sunday, at the home of a relative at Minnie; William S. Conley, 72, of Water Gap, Saturday, at Warsaw, Ind.; Ben Mosley, 84, Sunday, at his home at Minnie; Foster Richardson, 57, native of Middle Creek, Jan. 110 10, at Silver Lake, Indiana.

Fifty Years Ago

(January 23, 1958)

A plea for harmony between Mayor and City Council, and a flat declaration of war on bootlegging, were voted by Mayor Bill Napier in the second meeting of the year of the Prestonsburg City Council, Monday night

.The new water plant in the Mayo Addition here was placed in operation about ten days ago Ted Salisbury, 56, of Martin, died Monday, shortly after his left foot was severed by a train,

and after he had suffered internal injuries A Dwale man is in the Johnson County jail at Paintsville, facing a possible murder charge in the pistol-slaying, late Wednesday afternoon, of Charles Stapleton, 54, formerly of Allen

Mrs. Amy Begley, one of the oldest teachers in Floyd County, was honored at a silver tea, Sunday afternoon, by the Maytown school fac-

An ad in this week's Times lauded the Edsel as having "out-ahead jet-grille styling"

There died: Rev. Carl Layne, 54, of Betsy Layne, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Werner Fannin, 92, of Handshoe, Friday, at his home; Mrs. Virgie Johnson, 35, of Dema, at her home, Tuesday; Mrs. Lucy Hall, 84, last Thursday, at the home of a son at Martin; Mrs. Fannie May Boyd, 79, Monday, at her home at Garrett; Mrs. Pearl Parson, 54, formerly of Honaker, last Thursday, at New London, O.; Mrs. Frances Moore, 37, of McDowell, Friday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; John McKinney, 82, Friday, at his home at Amba; Mrs. Tilda Scott, 82, of Endicott, Saturday, at the home of a son, at Tram; Thomas J. Sturgill, 78, Tuesday, at his home on the Left Fork of Toler Creek; Burnham Gayheart, 39, formerly of Garrett, Jan. 7, in Newark, Delaware; Lee Damron, 83, of Louisa, formerly of Boldman, Thursday, of last week, at

Sixty Years Ago

(January 22, 1948)

As the Floyd Circuit Court turned to its major criminal docket, three Floyd County men have been convicted within the week in murder trials, a fourth was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and two others drew pen terms for breaking and entering

Two Floyd Countians were killed in mine accidents, this week. Bill Jones, 54, of Hueysville, died a short time after being crushed, Monday noon, by a slatefall in the Diamond Elkhorn Coal Company mine, near Hueysville. At Wayland, Wednesday afternoon, Joe Wicker, 31, of Garrett, was killed when he was caught between the mine roof and the motor he was operating

Akers, who was elected by popular vote in Ashland. November, 1945, and G. D. Ryan, who was appointed to the office, last week, by Governor Earle C. Clements

The Prestonsburg City Council jumped ahead of the State Legislature, Monday night, when it passed an ordinance prohibiting the sale and use of fireworks inside the city limits

Former Magistrate Jim Hill is in serious condition at the Prestonsburg General Hospital with a skull fracture, the result of a fall, Tuesday morning, over an embankment near the home of his son, Scott Hill, on the Abbott

The Floyd County Fish & Game Club, next week, will launch a membership drive, with a goal of 1,000 members for 1948, it was announced by club secretary, Ray Stephens

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Alley, a son, James Edward Jr., Jan. 5, at their home here; to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Honaker, of Martin, a daughter, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital

There died: James Franklin Murray, 47, Inland Steel Company mine foreman, of Wheelwright, last Wednesday; Mrs. Mindy Hall, 79, at home near Galveston, last Thursday; J. D. (John Dotty) Martin, Floyd County driller, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Cephus Moore, at Orkney, Thursday; Mrs. Bertha Coleman Littleton, 43, of Martin, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Geneva Stanley, 11, of Garrett, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Wednesday; Jean Ellen Waller, three months old, of Water Gap, Tuesday; Orville S. Robinette, 39, Floyd native, at home at Dayton, O., Sunday; Mrs. Siller Johnson Little, 77, at the home of a daughter, at Topmost, Friday; Beulah Calhoun, 17, of David, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Andrew J. Music, 54, of Pikeville, formerly of this county, Friday, at the Methodist

The town of Martin, this week, had two Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Mary Ann Allen, 63, claimants to the office of Police judge-Kessie Floyd County native, Sunday, at home at

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Seventy Years Ago

(January 27, 1938)

Six men and five women were jailed, Monday night, following a drunken free-for-all brawl on the first floor of the courthouse, as the trial of Commonwealth vs. Willie Justice, for the slaying of Tivis Sellards recessed

Citing roadhouse liquor dispensers as the source of most of Floyd County crime, the January grand jurors in their final report, recommended that courts of proper authority make

stringent regulations affecting them During the past year, the National Youth Administration has furnished part-time employment for approximately 500 youths, 18 to 25

years of age, in Floyd County Thirteen-year-old Jewell Pritchard, of Garrett, was named Floyd County's champion grade school speller for the third consecutive year, at the annual spelling bee conducted here, last Friday, by the Floyd County Board of

Education A basketball team, hitherto given little publicity, but which has compiled a winning record as good as any in Kentucky, is that of the McDowell High School, which in 16 games,

this season, has won 14 Herbie Davis and his Southern-Airs, Swing Band, will play at the Club Rustique this week

There died: William R. Halbert, 32, Tuesday, at the home of his father at Martin; Mrs. Florence Belcher Lowman, 37, Thursday, at her home at Betsy Layne; Alice Nolen, 16, formerly of this county, recently, at Ashland; Cynthia Williams, 29, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter in Alphoretta.

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non-participants. Although no names were mentioned, the stories they told about certain members of those of the above-mentioned persuasions were not only hilarious, they made me think that perhaps this group of "readers" should really have been "writers," if only they'd have committed to paper their stories, as well as they verbalized them.

Anyway, it was a most enjoyable evening, and I appreciate being invited. Makes me want to write another book. If it happens to be about bootleggers, moonshin-

ers or rooster figures, I know exactly where I'll begin my research.

And speaking of books, remember the old spelling books we had in grade school? Remember how thin they were? I can remember wondering why, if learning to spell was so important, the books weren't bigger.

Ironically, though, of all the books we had back then, the speller was actually used more than any other, and was toted back and forth from school to home nearly every day. After

all, even then, we were expected to do homework, and all our teachers expected us to take books home. Quite naturally, since we weren't dummies, we'd take home the book that was least burdensome. Our

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The tiny speller thus became my favorite textbook, but only because it helped in my deception. I'm afraid that I

teachers would smile proudly

as we'd file out of the room at

the end of the day, pencil

behind our ear, speller in our

paid little attention to what was between its covers.

WEDDING



Shepherd-Ward

Christa Lynn Shepherd, 32, of David, and Trenton McKaye Ward, 34, of Martin, were joined in marriage on December 28, 2007, in Prestonsburg.

Christa is the daughter of David Shepherd and Sharon Shepherd. Trenton is the son of Buddy Ward and Judy Ward. Delebrating this joyous union with the happy couple are their children, Trinity Faith Ward, Christopher O'Brian Bentley and **Tiffany Nicole Bentley.**

The newlyweds look forward to a happy life together and plan to reside in David.

BIRTHDAYS



Look who's 1!

Alexandria Jaye Willis turned one year old on December 23, 2007. Alexandria celebrated her big day with friends at a McDonald's birthday party, and later with family at another party at home. Alexandria is the daughter of Terry and Shirley (Wise) Willis, of Richmond. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Valerie Wise, of Dwale, Virginia Willis, of Wasco, Oregon, and Terry Willis Sr., of Pocatello, Idaho.



Look who's 2!

Madeline Grace Walton turned two years old on January 13, 2008. She celebrated her special day with a "Mickey Mouse" theme party held at her home. Madeline is the daughter of Gary and Sheena Walton, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of Lowell and Rita Brock, of Prestonburg, and Don and Brenda Knuckles, also of Cincinnati.

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Births

to Vernie & Floyd Cantrell, of Wittensville

Dec. 13, 2007

A daughter, Natalie Ann Bowling, to Christina Lynn Adams, of Wooton

Dec. 14, 2007

A daughter, Adrianna Faith Terry, to Jenna Faye White, of Prestonsburg

A daughter, Olivia Grace Tussey, to Jennifer & Michael Tussey, of Prestonsburg

A son, Thor Evan Darrell Caudill, to Alice Runyon, of Hazard

Dec. 15, 2007

A son, Keith Gary Russell Boles, to Wendy Short, of Kite A daughter, Kyra Brianne

Music, to Marsha & James Music, of Hagerhill

A daughter, Addison Lynox Skaggs, to Jessica Lynn & Aric Lyndon Skaggs, of Hazard

A daughter, Kennedy Paige Stacy, to Rebecca & James Stacy, of Hazard

Dec. 17, 2007

A daughter, Mileigh Grace Kilburn, to Kelli & Paul Kilburn, of Garrett

Dec. 17, 2007

A son, Jeremiah Cayden Arms, to Tina Arms, of Staffordsville

A daughter, Madison Marie Hale, to Angela Marie Caudill, of Prestonsburg

Dec. 18, 2007

A son, Nicholas Aaron Eplin, to Lona Anne & Larry Shawn Eplin, of West Van Lear

A daughter, Kennedy Fayeann Dixon, to Misty Dawn Stephens, of Allen

A son, Jonathan Philas Vanschoyck, to Tammy Ritchie, of Talcum

Dec. 19, 2007

A son, Robert Logan Charles Daniels, to Dana Risner, of Boons Camp

A son, Braylon David Joel Thomas, to Jennifer & David Thomas, of Jackson

Dec. 20, 2007

A daughter, Kiley Dawn Castle, to Kendra Nichole Wells, of Paintsville

A son, Nicholas Grant Lyons, to Rogetta & John Bradley Lyons, of Prestonsburg

A son, Gavin Michael Fitch, to Conia & Brandon Fitch, of

A daughter, Breanna Rose Murrell, to Odie Angel & Allen Wayne Murrell, of Martin, Ohio

Dec. 21, 2007

A son, Landon Ross Harvey, to Makeshia & Steven Harvey, of Lost Creek

A daughter, Brooklyn Jade Johnson, to Marilyn & Jonathan Johnson, of Chaires

A son, Jacob Zachary Watson, to Revekah Watson, of Hazard

Dec. 23, 2007

A son, Gabriel Landon Riddell, to Heather & Victor Riddell, of Campton

Dec. 25, 2007

A daughter, Savannah Rose Adkins, to Danielle Marie & Christopher Adkins, of Inez

Dec. 26, 2007

A son, Travis Dean Hall, to Elisha Renee & David Hall, of Melvin

A daughter, Allison Brooke Tharp, to Danielle Marie Robertson, of Oil Springs

Dec. 27, 2007

A daughter, Ava Alexis Waddell, to Yvetta & Christopher Waddell, of Carrie

A son, Lucas Robert Dillon, to Dorothy Mae & Robert Dillon, of Warfield

Dec. 28, 2007

A son, Carson Paul Sims, to Brandi & Jody Sims, of Leburn A daughter, Addison Michelle Ratliff, to Amanda LeMaster, of Flat Gap

A daughter, Eden Elizabeth Williams, to Carrie & Clayton Williams, of McDowell

A daughter, Samara Jewell Bailey, to Samantha McKnight, of Isom

A son, Jeffery Ryan Lee Stacy, to Kathy & Jeffery Stacy, of lnez

A daughter Lauren E. Ousley, to Chasity & James

Ousley, of Prestonsburg A daughter, Angela Nicole Hall, to Jennifer Murrell, of ■ Continued from p7

Dec. 29, 2007

A son, Dustin Brent Dalton Hall, to Carrie & Dustin Hall, of Thelma

A son, Robert Willis Andrew Wood, to Rebecca Wood, of Wayland

Dec. 30, 2007

A daughter, Gracie May Fannin, to Kendra & Travis Fannin, of Oil Springs

Dec. 31, 2007

A daughter, Marissa Sky Tackett, to Melissa Ann & Travis Blake Tackett, of Ivel

A daughter, Alissa Blake Tackett, to Melissa Ann & Travis Blake Tackett, of Ivel



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