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briefs

Pike man killed in one-car crash

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Police believe alcohol may have been a factor in a Monday night automobile accident that resulted in fatality.

Around 6:30 p.m. Monday night, Kentucky State Police responded to a 911 call of a single-vehicle accident on Big Bend Road. According to SP, Kenneth R. Justice, 7, of Mouthcard, was driving his 2004 Dodge sedan when the vehicle apparently went off the roadway, into a ditch, struck the hillside and flipped at least once before coming to rest upright.

Pike County Deputy Coroner Denver Bailey pronounced Justice dead at the scene.

The two passengers in the vehicle, Kelli Justice, 22, and Gary Stanley, 44, both of Grapevine, were uninjured in the crash.

Though an autopsy has been declined, the incident is still under an investigation by Trooper Scott Smith. Trooper Smith could not be reached for comment.

Neither Justice, nor his passengers were wearing a seatbelt.

Group criticizes Otter Creek security

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — The Corrections Corporation of America has come under fire recently after an apparent suicide at the Otter Creek Correctional facility in which an employee was able to smuggle a firearm through security.

"How on earth did an employee get a handgun through security?" asked Dee Hubbard, president of Private Corrections Institute. "This shocking incident warrants a serious public investigation by law enforcement into CCA's policies, the prison administra-

tors and the employees who allowed this to happen."

According to reports, Carla J. Meade, 43, who was a secretary at the private facility, was demoted before she shot and killed herself at the prison. Meade was reportedly notified of the demotion by CCA administrators while she was hospitalized.

PCI is a not-for-profit educational organization that tracks private companies operating in the corrections industry.

Trooper Scott Hopkins, public affairs officer for the Kentucky State Police at Post 9, would offer no com-

ment except to say that the investigation is still open, and that they are awaiting the results of an internal investigation by CCA.

However, it was reported Saturday in the Honolulu Advertiser that Det. Mike Goble of KSP said, "that Meade got a small pistol past the facility metal detector, and that company officials are examining the screening equipment to determine if it is functioning properly."

Warden Joyce Arnold refused to talk to The Floyd County Times, issuing a statement through a subordinate that all questions regarding last week's incident were to be deferred to CCA.

The suicide and security breach last Tuesday at Otter Creek is only the most recent in a history of problems that have plagued the Wheelwright prison since Arnold took over as warden of the facility in July 2005.

In August of 2006, Times staff reported on the arrest of the prison's drug counselor on charges of drug trafficking in methadone. That charge came only a week after a guard at the facility had been arrested for sexual abuse after allegedly inducing an inmate to perform oral sex in exchange

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HEALTHY COMPETITION



The Black Team was announced the winner of City of Prestonsburg's "Biggest Loser Contest" with a combined 6.6 percent weight loss. The individual winners, pictured above with their health department sponsor, were Jennifer Gardner (second to left) with 23 percent weight loss, Brian Hall (third from left) with 21 percent weight loss, and Yvette Stephens (left end) with 19 percent weight loss.

photo by Jack Latta

Ballots set as deadline passes

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

The 95th state representative district won't be awarded to a lone candidate by default after Monday's declaration for candidacy by former Attorney General Greg Stumbo made a contest out of the May primary, and Republican Larry Brown followed soon after to ensure a race in November.

Stumbo is currently the Democratic nominee for the Feb. 5 special election to fill a vacancy that was created when James Brandon Spencer resigned his House seat in December.

"I am really enjoying reconnecting with all my friends and neighbors," said Stumbo in a released statement. "My friends and large family are working hard. We are not going to take anything for granted."

Prior to his time as attorney general, Stumbo represented the 95th District for over 20 years, and served as majority floor leader for most of that time. Stumbo acknowledged rumors that he would be called again to leadership, though he admits that such speculation is "premature."

Stumbo says he is campaigning hard for next

week's special election, and is already gearing up for the May primary. "Most importantly, we are praying for good weather for next week's special election."

While in Frankfort, Stumbo also filed an initial campaign fundraising report which revealed that he has raised \$101,600.

Earlier this month, Stumbo defeated his primary opponent, former Rep. Charles "Chuck" Meade, in a rout for the Democratic nomination. The victory was nearly 20-to-1 in favor of Stumbo over Meade.

After the nomination, Meade had said he did not believe the results were indicative of the true feelings of the people of the 95th District, and says he expects a different outcome "when the people are allowed to cast their votes behind a curtain."

"I'm offering them (the people) a chance for change and hoping they will move away from the same old politics," said Meade in a released statement on Tuesday.

Meade continued saying, "I'm putting my full trust in the people of this county and I hope they can clearly see that this office is

(See ELECTION, page 16)

Governor appoints Wheelwright commissioner

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Lonzie Dean Tackett Jr., as city commissioner for Wheelwright.

Tackett, 40, has spent the past seven years as a corrections officer at the Otter Creek

Correctional Center. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Wheelwright.

His appointment is effective immediately. He will serve until the general election on Nov. 4.

Tackett replaces Tim Hall

who died in a car accident in November.

The city of Wheelwright did not appoint anyone to replace Hall during the allotted 30-day period. The appointment then became the Governor's responsibility.

Board members, May Valley teachers honored at meeting

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MARTIN — As Floyd Countians celebrate having one of their own once again at the helm of their local school board with the hiring of Floyd native Henry Webb as superintendent, the celebratory atmosphere continued with special recognition's at this week's regular meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall attended the meeting to read a formal proclamation marking January as "Floyd County School Board Member Appreciation Month." Following, Deresa Ray, principal, John M. Stumbo Elementary, presented each board member with a potted plant as a gift from JMS students and staff. Students from May Valley Elementary helped with the presentation of the gift baskets.

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

May Valley Elementary teachers and staff were formally recognized at their school Monday evening for their efforts in attaining first-place status in the state for a K-5 school. Supt. Henry Webb and Jeff Stumbo, board chair, presented award plaques with the help of May Valley Principal Tonya Horne-Williams.

2 DAY FORECAST

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High: 34 • Low: 19

Tomorrow



High: 47 • Low: 36

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Obituaries



Margaret Conley

Margaret Conley, age 94, of Garrett, widow of Virgil B. Conley, died Saturday, January 26, 2008, in Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

She was born August 13, 1913, in Handshoe, a daughter of the late Woots and Rosie Howard Coburn. She was a member of the Wayland Senior Citizens, and the Garrett First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Morton "Sonny" Conley, and his wife Shelby, of Hueysville; seven daughters: Anna Lee Gordon, and her husband Chuck, of Columbus, Ohio; Shelby Jean Fisher, and her husband, H.M., of Amarillo, Texas; Doris Humphreys, and her husband, Jack, of Dayton, Ohio; Clara Thomas, and her husband, Austin, of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Freeda Home, and her husband, Donald, of Lackey; Glema Thompson, and her husband, Jack, of Shreveport, Louisiana; and Teresa Owens, and her husband, Joe, of Garrett; one sister, Myrtle Chaffins of Prestonsburg; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Denver and Delmas Conley.

Funeral services for Margaret Conley were conducted Monday, January 28, at noon, in the Garrett First Baptist Church, with Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Conley Family Cemetery, in Garrett, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Joseph Owens, Greg Morris, Donald Horne, Larry Begley, Ryan Owens, Michael Williams, Jack Humphreys, and David Shepherd. (Paid obituary)

Minnie Conley

Minnie Conley, 93, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, January 22, 2008, at her home.

She was born in Knott County, April 5, 1914, the daughter of the late Matt and Sarah Hicks Conley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Weeksbury.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Conley.

She is survived by four daughters, Faye Smith of Milford, Ohio; Edith Centers of New Richmond, Ohio; Janavea Hamilton of Lexington; and Bonnie (Jim) Hall of Wheelwright; two sons: Earl Conley of Jackson; and Burton (Susan) Conley of Avon Park, Fla.; a sister, Dejana Wallen of Mousie; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles Casebolt; two daughters, Ada Leath and Mary Combs; two brothers, Robert and Ashford Conley; three sisters, Bessie Smith, Betty Jean Newman and Alifair Watts.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28, in the Weeksbury Church of Christ, with John Bryan Burke officiating.

Burial will follow in the Conley and Hall Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lucas and Son Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Visitation is 6 p.m. Friday, at the church with special services Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

Pallbearers are family members and friends. (Paid obituary)

Charles Junior Hackworth

Charles Junior Hackworth, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 28, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 9, 1919, in Printer, he was the son of the late Charlie and Lulu Dotson Hackworth. He was a packer for a Paintsville grocery store for 32 years; a WW II veteran of the United States Army; a member of Auxier D.A.V., No. 18; and a member of Chestnut Grove United Baptist Church.

She is survived by his wife, Mabel Owens Hackworth.

Other survivors include two sons: Cleveland Ray Hackworth of Harkers Island, North Carolina; and Cledis Hackworth of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Bonnie Ward and Connie Poe, both of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Vernice Hackworth and Elmer Hackworth, both of Stockbridge, Michigan; and Vernal Hackworth of Indiana; a sister, Oma Manns of Akron, Indiana; seven grandchildren: Chuck, Mark, Lee, Seth, Justin, Blake, and Kimberly; 11 great-grandchildren: Michael, Zachary, David, Noah, Christina, Brandon, Tylor, Luke, Abby, Hannah, and Christopher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Ina Lou Hackworth; three brothers and three sisters: Herman Hackworth,

Thurman Hackworth, Wayne Hackworth, Roxie Risner, Maxie Patrick, and an infant sister; and one grandchild, Sherry Lee Penwell.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 31, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Adam Dwayne Marshall officiating.

Military services will be performed by Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, DAV.

Burial will be in the Owens-Adams-Manuel Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)



Rev. Daniel Thomas Heintzelman

The Reverend Daniel Thomas Heintzelman (also known as Mr. Dan) of Martin, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital (Martin).

He was born November 11,

1927, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the son of the late Myron F. and Catherine Elizabeth Nance Heintzelman.

He taught Bible School in the Magoffin County School System for 14 years. He was a member of the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission Board at Camp Nataniel for 18 years; a member of the Allen Volunteer Fire Dept., and was the chaplain and dispatcher. He was involved in the Pastoral care at Our Lady of The Way Hospital; worked with Hospice and was pastor of the Spurlock Bible Church for 50 years. He narrated the Sunday morning Gospel Hour on WDOC and WGHL, for 49 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia Van Stedum Heintzelman; and three children: Ruth Heintzelman Wyatt (Tipton) of Alpharetta, Georgia; David Heintzelman (Clydia Warrick) of Langley;

and Kathy Heintzelman Gibson (the late Jerry) also of Alpharetta, Georgia. Reverend Heintzelman is also survived by three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and another great-grandchild, that is due to be born in February.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 30, at 1:30 p.m., under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, with Roy Hodson and Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, and is open to all. (Paid obituary)

Calvin Johnson

Calvin Johnson, age 54, of Bevinville, son of the late Noah R. Johnson, and Liza Jane Burke Johnson of Bevinville, died Friday,

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THE FAMILY OF HUBERT GENE ALLEN

Card of Thanks

The family of James Marvin Thompson wishes to thank all of those friends, relatives, and neighbors, for all the love and support upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, prayers, or words of comfort expressed. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Red Morris for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and trusted services. Words cannot begin to express the deep gratitude we will always feel for each of you.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES MARVIN THOMPSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Una Turner Moore wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers, to our family. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Floyd Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF UNA TURNER MOORE

Card of Thanks

The family of Alka Fitch would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman William Jarrell for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts of kindness during this time will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF ALKA FITCH

Card of Thanks

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who expressed their sympathy during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for the cards, the beautiful floral arrangements, food, visits, donations in remembrance, and for your prayers. We also thank Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home and their staff for their caring and courteous attention to our needs; the New Salem Association for everything well done; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance; and the Disabled American Veterans and Marine Corps League for their services.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Diabetes support group meeting cancelled

The scheduled meeting of the Living Well With Diabetes Support Group at Highlands Regional Medical Center for January 30, has been cancelled.

For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-024.

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.

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Cinema 2—Held Over
THE BUCKET LIST (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

Cinema 3—Held Over
UNTRACEABLE (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

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

Cinema 5—Held Over
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:10; Fri. (4:10) 7:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:10) 7:10.

Cinema 6—Held Over
MAD MONEY (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 9:10 ONLY.

Cinema 6—Starts Friday, Feb. 1
OVER HER DEAD BODY (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:20.

Cinema 7—Held Over
MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Feb. 1
THE EYE (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 9—Held Over
RAMBO (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 10—Held Over
27 DRESSES (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Grocery bill high?

Receive help through Angel Food Ministries via Prater Creek Baptist Church Hands of Hope Ministries, located at Banner, Prater Creek Baptist is the official host site for Angel Food Ministries in this area. For \$30, you can purchase top quality groceries valued at approximately \$70. There are no income qualifications to meet and no applications to complete. For current menu/additional information, log on to www.pcbaptist.org and click the link "Food Distribution." You may also contact Roger at 606-285-9447 or e-mail to prbarnette@bellsouth.net.

Need help with addiction?

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 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center Spring Classes

Basic Computer: Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Thursday, 5-7 p.m. (Opportunity to earn free computer!)
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Quilting: Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.
Classes begin March 10! Space is limited, pre-registration required. \$30 for 8 weeks. More info., call 886-0709.
Free GED classes offered at the center three days a week. Call for details.

Prater Creek Baptist Church

Host site for Angel Food Ministries, will take food orders on Feb. 9, from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. \$30 will purchase groceries valued at approximately \$70. Orders will be taken at the church. Payment due as orders are placed - cash, money orders and food stamps accepted. Sorry, but no personal checks. For more info., visit

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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, in Prestonsburg.

FCCD to award \$1,000 scholarship

Deadline to apply, Jan. 31
The Floyd County Conservation District will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Floyd County

High School senior with plans to major in Agriculture/Conservation of Natural Resources. Qualifying students must have at least a 3.0 GPA, three Letters of Recommendation, and a 1-page typed essay outlining reasons for choosing Agriculture/Conservation as major. All entries must be post-marked by January 31. For more info, call 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

Support dancing classes!

The Hill County Dancers are starting new classes, Thursday, February 7, at the Hambley Athletic Center in Pikeville. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Great way to meet new people; make new friends. First night is free, with no obligation. For more information, call 791-0336 or 432-2722.

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will

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

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

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

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JACKIE EDFORD OWENS MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT 2

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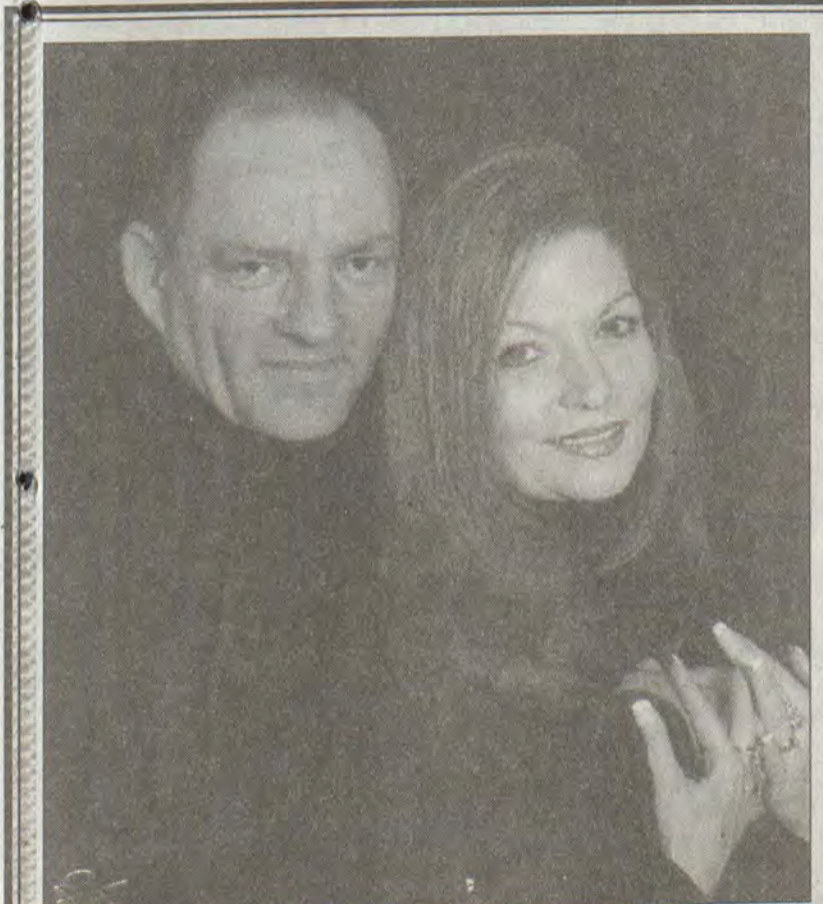
There WAS a heated exchange between me and John Goble, District 1 Magistrate, because he directed a county employee to bring John Goble's personal rollback to District 2's lot and pick up a pickup truck that had been totaled out by Bruce Prater during the last snow. HE HAD NO RIGHT TO DO THIS. It still had the salt spreader and the controls in the truck. With more snow forecasted, we planned to put the salt spreader in another truck. The Floyd County Times Reporter reported like this happened at the court meeting when, in fact, it happened in the road foreman's office behind closed doors three hours after the meeting was over and HE WASN'T NOWHERE AROUND. I wonder WHERE he got his information.

Magistrate John Goble also went to County Court Clerk, Chris Waugh, and asked him how many people that he was going to lay off. Chris Waugh was quick to tell him—NONE—because his office was in GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE. The Magistrates don't have any say over how the clerk runs his office. THEN, "Big Bad" John went to Hattie's place of work and started running his mouth about what he was going to do. I don't have to take up for Hattie—she does a good job, herself. She's dealt with people like him before.

When John was first elected Magistrate, he came to me and said that "Rodney Ousley HAD TO GO," because they had almost fought during the election. Rodney was District One crew leader for years for his father-in-law, Gerald Derossett, who John beat. I told him that he couldn't do that, BUT, Rodney was moved out of his position into DES where he was laid off after almost 20 years of service.

I suggested laying off employees by seniority. John Goble and Donnie Daniels' reply was—NO—because ALL of District Two's crew would be working although they would be placed somewhere in the county, because they all had around 20 years. THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN. Each district got to keep two employees. John Goble voted for the list that determined who was going to be laid off and who stayed. NONE of the magistrates went by "seniority" or Donnie Gayheart and Bruce Prater would still be working. Donnie Daniels refused to let Donnie Gayheart work in his crew. Out of the 15 road workers that were laid off, eight were hire NEW THIS YEAR. John Goble voted to lay off two of the oldest men in District One, William Wells and Donnie Johnson. HE DON'T HAVE MUCH RIGHT TO RUN HIS MOUTH.

Paid by Jackie Owens—Magistrate, Dist 2—Hueysville, Ky.

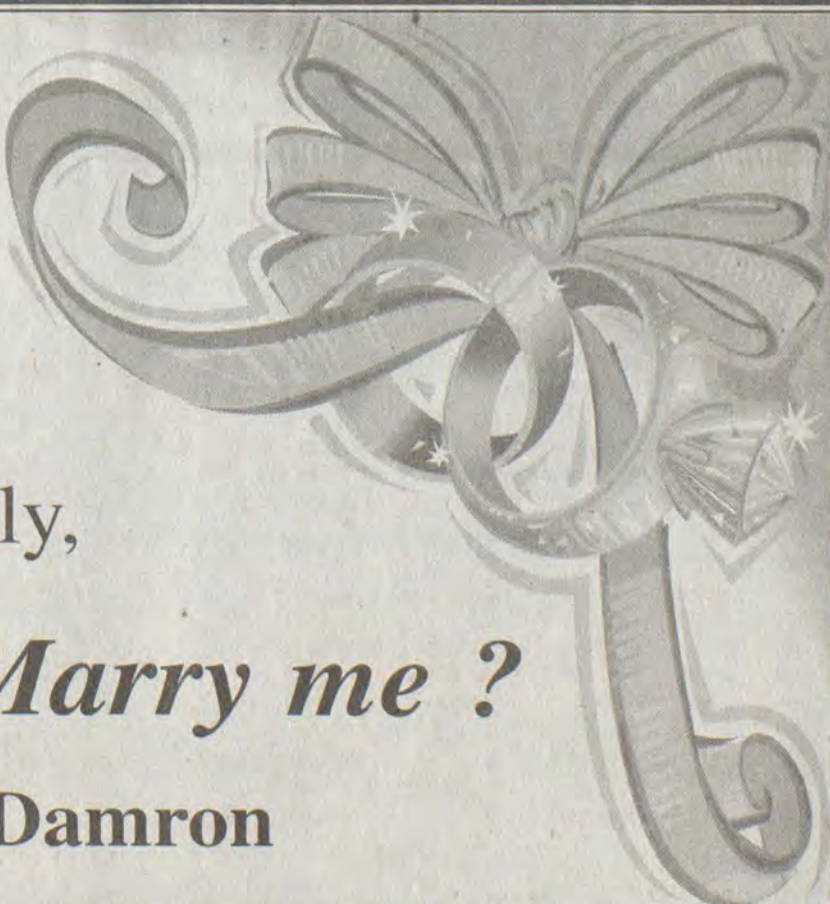


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Tracy Damron



Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Guest View

Stimulus plan is about politics, not economics

The stimulus plan announced by President George W. Bush and congressional leaders Thursday is much more about politics than economics.

The plan includes targeted tax rebates to individuals and tax write-offs for businesses. Individual taxpayers with incomes up to \$76,000 would get rebate checks of \$600; families with incomes of \$150,000 or less would get \$1,200, or more if they have children.

Partial rebates would go to individuals earning \$87,000 and couples with a joint income of up to \$174,000.

Anyone who earned pay totaling at least \$3,000 in 2007 would receive a \$300 rebate check, even if they paid no income tax. The individual rebates would cost the treasury about \$100 billion.

Businesses would receive about \$50 billion through heftier tax write-offs for purchasing equipment and incurring other expenses.

Also included was an increase in the amount of loans that federally sponsored mortgage agencies could make or buy to help the struggling housing market. The economic effects would be marginal, according to Gary Wolfram, a Hillsdale (Mich.) College economics professor. Most of the individual tax rebates, he says, could be expected to go into paying down credit card debt. To that extent, it might have a small, temporary effect on interest rates.

Business would not expand production or hire more workers simply because individuals have \$600 or \$1,200 more to spend on a one-time basis.

The business tax relief, Wolfram says, might make more sense, if it were used to increase production of goods that might result in the hiring of more workers. Patrick Anderson, head of an economics consulting firm with offices in East Lansing, Mich., and Chicago, agrees.

The package, he said, would have a "small, temporary positive effect and then be gone."

The president and congressional leaders are attempting to inject more money into an economy they fear may be heading toward recession.

They are seeking to calm jitters and avoid an election year downturn. But the goal of a healthy economy is furthered when the cost of investment and production — which leads to more jobs, which in turn leads to confidence in the economy — occurs as a result of permanent changes in tax rates that can be counted on in business planning.

Of course, this is made much easier when spending is brought under control. This stimulus plan doesn't do any of that — but it gives politicians of both parties a chance to say they "did something" about the economy — however irrelevant it may be.

— The Detroit News



Guest Column

State of the county

by R.D. "DOC" MARSHALL
COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

To the people of Floyd County:

As each of you know, the law requires your county government to end each fiscal year with the budget balanced. When I sought this office, I assumed that adequate income was being received annually to accomplish meeting the needs of all our people for roads, water and economic development. In the past 12 months, I have learned that this simply isn't so. Our county has obligations that, if not addressed, will break our county government and end our ability to meet even the most basic needs of you, the people.

Big ticket items that are beyond our control are busting this county, including:

1. The Floyd County jail, which law requires we fund, has risen in annual costs to the point of \$1.4 million in 2007. Just five years ago, that same jail was costing us \$750,000.
2. In the past decade, the Floyd Fiscal Court obligated itself to a number of bond issuances and utility services, I trust all with the intent to better your lives, but the fact is the costs have come staggering. Those include:
 - East Kentucky Utilities bonds
 - Southern Water District bonds
 - Waste Connections
 - Jail bonds
3. Floyd County Solid Waste and the Garth Landfill continue to drain

much-needed money from the budget. The costs to meet our legal obligations there total \$14 million over the last 20 years, with no end in sight.

4. Fuel, gravel and blacktop costs have risen at a rate that it now takes almost \$2 of you money to do what was once \$1 of work.

5. Health insurance and retirement costs for county employees have doubled and now nearly exceed salaries of those employees.

6. From 2002 to 2007, five major floods have hit us, each having costs in excess of FEMA reimbursements, totaling \$1.25 million of your own tax money.

In times past, loans were obtained annually to cover this shortfall of these runaway costs, then paid out of the next year's budget, only to be followed by a larger loan the next year, then repaid by a bigger chunk of the next year's budget, causing the hole of debt to get deeper each year.

Some have suggested I continue to do the same. It would be easier, some say, in that I would not have to make any politically damaging decisions. I have considered it. It is difficult to eliminate anyone's job or cut a service that helps our people. But the fact is, my responsibility as Floyd County Judge is not to do what is easiest, but what is right. Your county government is on a path toward disaster unless we take the hard steps to get spending in line with income.

Accordingly, the fiscal court has taken steps to immediately reduce personnel, approximately by 60 percent. This is painful to all, but most painful to the workers and their families, yet it must be done to end with

the balanced budget on June 30, 2008. That is what the law requires. That is what we will do.

Secondly, I also am seeking out Gov. Beshear to hopefully restore a fair level of discretionary spending in Floyd County for roads. Under Gov. Fletcher, annual discretionary spending for Floyd County dropped by approximately 80 percent, compared to prior administrations. Your county government shifted more and more of your money to cover those cuts, but this ultimately deepened the hole we are now in.

I also am asking the governor to find a way for costs of jails to be lifted from county government. It has become a burden we can no longer bear and meet the needs of the people.

Thirdly, I am asking Rep. Hal Rogers to seek federal financial assistance to solve the Garth landfill problem, which will continue to take millions of dollars to maintain.

Fourthly, I have asked the county attorney to review and identify all bonding obligations we have, with the intent to budget those obligations in a prudent manner that will minimize the strain on our county services.

Finally, I intend to have the remaining county employees work harder and smarter with the resources we have to meet the needs of our people. My hope is once we make it through this difficult fiscal year, we can begin on July 1, 2008, with more employees and an intelligent budget that will do the best we can for our citizens with the money we have. Things will get better, but only with deliberate action. We have begun to take such action today.



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UNITE

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

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

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

"Earn While You Learn"

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special interest groups:

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public,

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

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

•East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold

monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

•Narcotics Anonymous (NA) - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville

Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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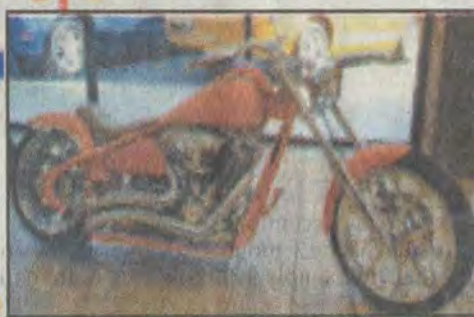
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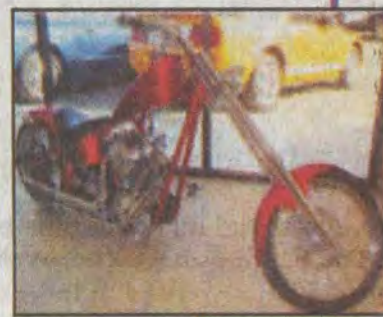
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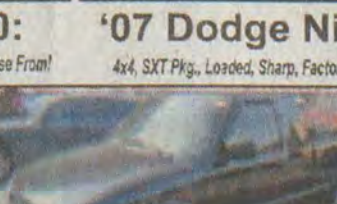
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Turner's bill to allow nonresident veterans to obtain Kentucky hunting permits passes committee

FRANKFORT — The Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee approved Thursday Sen. Johnny Ray Turner's bill that would allow nonresident veterans to hunt in Kentucky under the same license fees imposed on residents.

Senate Bill 67 proposes that nonresident veterans of the United States Armed Forces who wish to hunt in Kentucky pay license or permit fees applicable to Kentucky residents, rather than procuring a nonresident license or permit. This is a savings of a \$100 or more to veterans. A combination hunting and fishing license for residents is \$30, whereas out-of-state residents pay \$130 for the license. Turner proposes that veterans, regardless of where they live, pay the in-state fee on this and other hunting and fishing licenses.

"This would give out-of-state veterans the opportunity to hunt and fish with their relatives without having to pay an exorbitant fee," said Senator Turner, D-Drift. "It also is a small token of appreciation to those who have served our country through their immeasurable service.

This bill is just our way of saying thank you for their service to our country."

Turner, a strong supporter of the military, has co-sponsored a number of bills in support of service men and women.

Senate Bill 67 now moves to the State Senate Floor for a vote. If Senate Bill 67 gains approval in the State Senate, it will move to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Turner, who has served in the State Senate since 2001, represents the 29th District, which includes Floyd, Breathitt, Knott and Letcher counties. In 2003, Senator Turner was elected as Caucus Chair for the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Senator Turner's committee appointments include Appropriations and Revenue, Education, Health and Welfare, State and Local Government, Rules and Committee on Committees.

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MSHA review finds hundreds of fines haven't been issued

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The federal agency that regulates the nation's mining industry says it has failed to issue penalties for hundreds of citations issued since 2000. The agency's spokesman says the problem could extend as far back as 1995.

"And we would guess it goes back far beyond 1995, but because of a lack of electronic records before that year, I can't verify that," federal Mine Safety and Health Administration spokesman Matthew Faraci told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Sunday.

"Given that this seems to have been an endemic problem that has been with the agency for quite some time, the part that we're optimistic about is that we know about it and are working to fix it."

MSHA discovered the problem after it recently checked into whether a Kentucky coal operator had been assessed a penalty following a Dec. 30, 2005, accident where a coal miner bled to death after not receiving proper first aid, the Charleston Sunday Gazette-Mail reported.

Their review showed the company had never been fined, but Faraci told the AP that the maximum fine was assessed Jan. 18 for \$60,000.

"There is no doubt that there is a problem," MSHA director Richard Stickler told the newspaper.

"There's not a trend that shows it's increasing. But it is a problem that appears to have been around for a few years," he said.

Preliminary data showed that penalties had not been assessed against about 4,000 citations issued by the agency

between January 2000 and July 2006. Stickler told the newspaper that the review also showed that penalties had never been assessed for a few hundred citations issued in 1996.

The agency has had the authority to assess monetary fines for violations since 1969. When MSHA issues a citation against a mine operator, the agency has 18 months to assess a penalty. The time period stems from a court case and is spelled out in a 1999 MSHA regulation. Jay Mattos, MSHA's director of assessments told the newspaper.

In a speech given to West Virginia coal operators earlier this month, Stickler told mine operators that MSHA had improved its inspection and assessment process over the past year. He said the number of assessments against coal operators had increased from

\$20.2 million in 2006 to \$40.4 million in 2007.

Not issuing penalties is the latest issue regarding agency operations in recent months.

In November, the U.S. Department of Labor's inspec-

tor general released an audit that showed MSHA had failed to carry out required inspections at 15 percent of the nation's underground coal mines.

During his recent speech,

Stickler noted that the agency was on track to carry out required quarterly inspections at all U.S. underground coal mines for the first time in years.

Cabinet awards Appalred \$135,533 grant

FRANKFORT - Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown announced today the Cabinet recently awarded approximately \$1.6 million in federal grant funds to state and local groups that help victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Locally, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky received \$135,533 to provide a Domestic Violence Adocacy Program in Adair, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, McCreary,

Madison and Magoffin counties.

"We are pleased to be able to assist communities across the Commonwealth address the unique needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims," said Secretary Brown. "Even with vigorous enforcement against perpetrators, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault may have many related legal, economic and social issues that these funds help address by providing shelter, support and other vital services."

The Cabinet awards Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) funds to agencies providing services to adult vic-

tims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Eligible agencies include law enforcement, prosecution, service programs and courts; services include therapy, group counseling, court advocacy, legal advocacy, and follow-up. Please see the attached awards list for programs and communities served.

Further information about Cabinet grants may be accessed at our web-site: <http://justice.ky.gov/departments/gmb/>. Interested individuals may also contact Tanya Dickinson, Grants Branch Manager, for further information at 502-564-3251 or at tanya.dickinson@ky.gov.

Natural Bridge State Resort Park to host 'Arches Hiking Weekend'

SLADE — Winter presents a great opportunity to get a close look at the amazing geologic features of Natural Bridge State Resort Park and the Red River Gorge, particularly the many natural arches.

"Early bird" hikes led by park naturalists will be held Friday, Feb. 8, prior to the kick-off at 7 p.m. which includes a presentation on the natural history of the region and the formation of its arches given by retired Kentucky State Park Naturalist John Tierney.

On Saturday, a variety of naturalist-led hikes and caravan trips will go to some of the most interesting formations in the area including: White's Branch Arch, Twilight Arch, Suzanna's Arch, Whittleton Arch, Needle's Eye, and, of course, the spectacular Natural Bridge. Hiking trips will vary from easy to difficult, short to long. There will also be a Nature Photography workshop Saturday afternoon about 1:30 p.m.

Saturday evening keynote speakers are brothers, Todd and Victor Fife, who have visited over 500 arches throughout the state and will give a special presentation about Kentucky's other Land of the Arches - the Big South Fork National Recreation Area. Arch enthusiast Larry Peterson will challenge attendees with his "How well do you know your Kentucky arches?" quiz.

Registration is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under, which includes all evening presentations and

field trips and can be paid on site. Saturday field trips depart from the Hemlock Lodge lobby between 9 and 9:30 a.m. and again between 1 and 1:30 p.m. Evening presentations will be in the activities center both nights starting at 7 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Naturalist Noelle Grunwald at 1-800-

325-1710 as the schedule is subject to change. Natural Bridge State Resort Park has a lodge, cottages, the Sandstone Arches Restaurant, gift shop and hiking trails. For more information or for room reservations, phone 1-800-325-1710. The resort near Slade is 52 miles southeast of Lexington off the Mountain Parkway on Route 11.

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Ag leaders and forest, woodland owners meet for first time at state conference

SOMERSET — Kentucky landowners, farmers, foresters, policymakers and others who have an interest in woodlands can learn more about alternative fuel sources, carbon markets, ecotourism and other issues at a state conference in Somerset next month.

Some of the leading experts in the field of forestry will be speaking at "Kentucky Woodlot\$: Capture the Value" conference Wednesday, Feb. 20, at The Center for Rural Development. The conference, sponsored by 15 stakeholders, will explore the latest market trends on how to reach and "capture" the maximum value of America's forests and woodlands.

"This is the first time agriculture leaders and forest/woodland owners have met to discuss common issues and emerging opportunities in the industry," said Harvey Mitchell, director of agriculture outreach for The Center for Rural Development and one of the program moderators.

Organizers are expecting as many as 800 people could attend the conference because of its wide audience appeal and diverse program content. It is the only conference of its kind in Kentucky where agriculture leaders and forest/woodland owners will meet as a group to share information and talk about some of the alternative ways landowners can capitalize on expanding market opportunities.

"Many landowners will be surprised to learn the value of a wooded acre of land is more valuable today than ever before because of the focus on renewable energy," said Mitchell, who will be moderating a session on alternative fuels and ecosystems service markets. "The purpose of the conference is to discuss how landowners can 'capture' this new value and make it work

for them."

Dr. Steve Bullard, chairman of the University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry, will serve as moderator of the morning session. The two-hour group session, which begins shortly after 10 a.m. and continues until lunch is served at noon, will feature speakers John Greis and Dr. Al Schuler, both from the USDA Forest Service, and Dr. Michael Blazier, Louisiana State University. The presenters will address specific needs in Kentucky and in the Southern region, future of the timber-based markets and new opportunities for tomorrow's fuel in today's forest.

After lunch, participants will separate into smaller groups and attend two of three concurrent sessions:

Capitalizing on Timber, Dr. Jeff Stringer, University of Kentucky Department of Forestry, moderator; Emerging Opportunities, Harvey Mitchell, moderator; or Alternative Woodland Uses, Mac Stone, division of value added plant production, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, moderator.

Some of the topics for discussion will include: growing and capitalizing on timber revenues; woodlot health and vigor; agroforestry, mixing traditional agriculture production and timber; alternative fuel sources, including biofuels and biopower; carbon marketing; ecotourism, the new buzz word in tourism and travel; recreational leasing; and hunting leases and management.

Mitchell, who collaborated with the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and others on planning the conference, is hoping participants will leave knowing more about the industry and what the future holds for forests and woodlands.

"The main thing I want par-

ticipants to take away from this conference is the status of the industry and new opportunities that are out there," said Mitchell.

Online registration is available by going to The Center's website, www.centertech.com, and clicking on a link with Agriculture Outreach. Deadline for online registration is Friday, Feb. 15, five days before the start of the conference. Registration fees, which include costs of a buffet lunch and conference materials, are \$25 if paid on or before the deadline. The cost increases to \$35 if paid after Feb. 15. The deadline for registering by mail is Friday, Feb. 8, to take advantage of the \$25 registration fee.

For more information on the conference, visit the website or contact Mitchell at 606-677-6000.

Stakeholders include: The Center for Rural

Development, Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy, University of Kentucky Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Forest Industries Association, Kentucky Woodland Owners Association, Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation, Governor's Office of Energy Policy; Kentucky Association of Consulting Foresters, Mountain Area Community

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Legislative Briefs

5 mayors want casino built along Ohio River

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Five local mayors want a casino built along the Ohio River if gambling is allowed in Kentucky.

The mayors of Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton and Ludlow signed a letter supporting a casino sent earlier this month to Gov. Steve Beshear.

The letter was written by Bill Scheyer, president of Southbank Partners, the Northern Kentucky riverfront development group.

Beshear has claimed the proposal would bring Kentucky about \$500 million in new revenue that could be spent on government expenses such as education and health care.

Kentucky is already facing a \$434 million budget shortfall this fiscal year and economists say there could be an \$880 million shortfall over the coming two years.

Beshear says transportation funding low in coming years

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear says transportation officials need to get creative for Kentucky to tackle proposed mega-projects.

Beshear says officials will have to "step outside the box" to finance projects like proposed bridges in Louisville or northern Kentucky. He says with current revenue, the state can't afford them.

Speaking to a transportation trade group Thursday, Beshear said Kentucky's facing a \$434 million shortfall in the current fiscal year. Kentucky's also facing a shortfall of more than \$800 million over the next two fiscal years.

The governor says without new money, state-funded highway projects will likely be delayed until late 2009 or beyond.

Still, Beshear says he's optimistic.

House passes bill that to allow teens to donate blood

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky House has passed a bill that would allow 16-year-olds to donate blood.

State Rep. Mike Cherry says the measure should increase the state's blood supply if it is signed into law. Twenty other states have enacted similar laws.

The Princeton Democrat says the teens could donate only if they have written permission from their parents and if they weigh more than 110 pounds.

The House passed the legislation 87-0 on Monday. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Beshear juggling funds to pay for World Equestrian Games projects

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear says he's planning to shift unused money for state parks to finance upgrades at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Kentucky will host the first World Equestrian Games held outside of Europe in 2010.

Beshear says he's taking more than \$28 million out of a bond pool for state parks that was never spent to pay for an indoor arena and an outdoor stadium. Beshear says money will also go for temporary outdoor seating, lighting and video screens.

The games are expected to draw 500,000 spectators and 1,700 athletes from 60 nations. Their economic impact for the state is estimated at more than \$150 million.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to, first and foremost, thank the Lord above for the many blessings that He has given us. I also want to thank all my patients, family, and friends, who participated in our sixth annual food drive. We collected 1200+ pounds of food for a local pantry. Thanks to you, once again, for making it a great success.

My wonderful staff and I greatly appreciate it.
Dr. Chip Salyers

MSHA fines H&D Mining for 2005 death of worker

HARLAN — A Harlan County coal company has been fined \$60,000 for a fatal mining accident.

The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration assessed the fine against H&D Mining for the Dec. 30, 2005, death of miner David "Bud"

Morris and the company's No. 3 mine at Cumberland.

Morris bled to death after he was hit from behind by a mine vehicle loaded with coal.

The federal mine-safety agency acknowledged an administrative error resulted in the late fine.

The agency realized no fine had been issued in the case when The Courier-Journal in Louisville made an inquiry earlier this month.

Morris' widow, Stella Morris, has filed a lawsuit against H&D Mining.

Regents committee wants hike in community college tuition

The Associated Press

VERSAILLES — The Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents has voted to recommend a tuition hike of \$4 per credit hour.

The Regents voted 11-0 with three absent at a special meeting Thursday in Versailles.

If the state Council on Postsecondary Education approves the recommendation, community and tech college tuition would be \$119 per credit hour for in-state students — more for out-of-state students.

Council officials said the body would review the proposal at its Feb. 1 meeting, but a vote on it wasn't scheduled.

The council sets caps on tuition for state universities and community colleges.

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Jean and her husband, John Rosenberg, have received numerous honors for their contributions to eastern KY, and the Region.

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

Eastern Kentucky counties eligible to apply for Center/ARC mini-grants

SOMERSET — The Center for Rural Development has issued an official invitation for applications to its Developing and Implementing Community Strategies program.

Through funding support from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), The Center will be providing two cycles of mini-grants to encourage and support improved community strategic planning and implementation throughout the Southern and Eastern Kentucky region.

Applications for the first cycle of project funding are due by Friday, Feb. 29, for the project period of Apr. 7 through Oct. 6, 2008. The list of community projects approved for funding is scheduled to be announced on Apr. 1.

"At the core of The Center's mission is to stimulate innovative and sustainable economic development solutions in the region we serve, and these grants target communities that have the ideas,

but lack the resources, to move them forward," said The Center for Rural Development President and CEO Lonnie Lawson. "The Center/ARC grants awarded in 2005 made a significant impact on each of the counties and cities that received them and served to underscore the critical importance of strategic thinking and planning - regardless of the size of the community. We fully expect that this funding will build on that beginning and impact our region to a much greater extent."

Funds will be available in two aspects of community strategic planning: 1.) Technical assistance and seed money to assist local communities with the successful creation of a strategic plan, and 2.) Assistance with the implementation of community development projects identified in existing community-based strategic plans. All counties designated by ARC as "distressed," and cities in those counties, are eligible to

apply (See a complete list of eligible counties near the end of this article). After the close of the first funding cycle on Oct. 6, The Center will host a program where grant recipients will be recognized and asked to share accomplishments and lessons learned through their community strategic planning project.

Applications will be reviewed by The Center and scored based on pre-established guidelines. Funding will be awarded based on the cumulative score of each applicant. Project awards will range from \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$20,000 and must be completed within the six-month project period. Selected communities will be required to provide a local cash match of 20% in an amount relative to their grant award.

Counties eligible for project funding are: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson,

Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

Complete information about The Center's Developing and Implementing Community Strategies, along with an application form and a list of all application deadlines and timelines, will be e-mailed to inter-

ested parties upon request. To request information or ask any questions about the application or program, please contact project manager Richard Hunley at (606) 677-6000 or rhunley@centertech.com.

Local bands have chance to open July Jam concert

PIKEVILLE — For local Christian bands, this is their chance.

At the Open at the Jam competition, local Christian bands will compete for the chance to open the July Jam concert at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center on July 19.

July Jam features Christian recording artists StorySide B, Sanctus Real and Pillar.

The Open at the Jam event, sponsored by Sound House Music, is open to bands living in the Operation UNITE counties in Kentucky. Those counties include Lawrence, Floyd, Martin, Pike, Letcher, Harlan, Bell, Leslie, Perry, Knott, Johnson, Morgan, Rowan, Bath, Menifee, Wolfe, Breathitt, Magoffin, Lee, Owsley, Clay, Knox, Whitley, Laurel, Jackson, Rockcastle, Estill, Pulaski, Wayne and McCreary.

Counties in states that border Operation UNITE counties are also eligible. Those include Buchanan, Dickenson, Wise and Lee counties in Virginia, Mingo and Wayne counties in West Virginia, and Pickett, Scott, Campbell and Claiborne counties in Tennessee.

To enter, bands must submit a sample of their music, as well as a reference letter from their pastor, to Open at the Jam, July Jam, P. O. Box 363, Pikeville, KY 41502. They can also e-mail entries to info@julyjam.com. Onl-

Christian bands will be considered.

Finalists will be notified by March 16 if they have been selected. A \$25 entry fee is due the day of the competition.

Open at the Jam will take place April 26th at Grace Fellowship (old Weddington Theater on Second Street) in Pikeville and is open to the public.



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Why Some People Think Duke Ellington Is a Member of the Royal Family.



KIDS DON'T GET ENOUGH ART THESE DAYS. So you can see why some of them might accidentally confuse a jazz legend named Duke with royalty named duke. But it's finally time to set the record straight. Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington didn't rule over a small English estate. Instead he reigned supreme over jazz institutions like The Cotton Club. He ruffed

Sentimental Mood," and "Take the 'A' Train." His historical concert in 1953 at the Newport Jazz Festival has entered the lexicon of legendary live performances. There is no doubt about it, Ellington's brand of jazz has contributed significantly to the American songbook and to the lives of anyone who has ever tapped their foot to a beat. Jazz is art, you dig? Art can



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powerfully on the piano, but it was the full orchestra that he considered his most compelling instrument. He introduced improvisation to his compositions — a process unheard of using a 15-piece orchestra. The result was a different approach to jazz that sparked a revolution and an evolution. His music spread across the world with songs like "Sophisticated Lady," "In a

really transform lives. In fact, the more art-kids get, the smarter they become in subjects like math and science. And the more likely they'll become well-rounded, cool members of society. For Ten Simple Ways to get more art in kids' lives, visit AmericansForTheArts.org.



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FAMILY FEATURES

Guests will think you're hiding a chef in the kitchen when they dig into this menu! You'll be surprised how quickly you can prepare these recipes — the key is to get all your ingredients organized and ready to use before you start.

Po' Boys are New Orleans style hero sandwiches. These, created by Emeril Lagasse, are the centerpiece of a delicious, casual meal. It's worth a trip to the bakery to get the best hero style buns you can find.

Emeril's luxurious Southern Style Corn Chowder takes about an hour to make, but tastes like you've been cooking all day. This is a classic Emeril-style recipe made much easier with boxed chicken stock.

Romaine Hearts Salad adds a lighter note to this menu, complementing the hearty sandwiches and chowder.

For more recipes, go to www.bfgoods.com/emeril and www.emeril.com.

Po' Boys — Sausage Heroes With Marinara

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 1/2 pounds (8 5-ounce links) sweet Italian sausage
- 2 yellow onions, thinly sliced
- 2 green bell peppers, cored, seeded, thinly sliced
- 2 teaspoons Emeril's Original Essence
- 8 hero buns, split lengthwise, warmed
- 1 jar Emeril's Home Style Marinara Pasta Sauce, warmed
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan or Romano cheese

Preheat oven to 300°F.
Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet over medium to low heat. Add sausage links and turn frequently until browned

and cooked through, 22 to 25 minutes. Remove from heat, cut into 1/2-inch slices, cover to keep warm.

Add remaining oil to 12-inch sauté pan over medium high heat. Once hot add onions, bell peppers and Essence. Stir often and cook until onions and peppers are wilted and lightly caramelized, about 12 minutes.

Place warmed buns on baking sheet and spread inside of each with 1 tablespoon mayonnaise. Divide sliced sausage, onions and peppers among bottom halves of buns. Top with about 1/4 cup warmed pasta sauce. Top each sandwich with 1/4 cup mozzarella and 1 tablespoon Parmesan. Broil sandwiches until cheese is melted, 3 1/2 to 5 minutes. Remove from oven, cut in half and serve with remaining sauce on side.

Yield: 8 servings

Romaine Hearts Salad With Seasoned Croutons and Lemon-Basil Vinaigrette

- Croutons:**
- 4 cups day old French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 6 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons Emeril's Original Essence
 - Pinch salt

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Combine all ingredients in large bowl and toss well to blend. Spread croutons on sheet pan and place in oven to toast. Bake until crisp and golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside to cool as you prepare salad.

Yield: 4 cups croutons

- Salad:**
- 5 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - 2 teaspoons minced shallots
 - 1/2 teaspoon Emeril's Dijon Mustard

- 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1 pound Romaine hearts chopped into 2-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound cherub or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 recipe Croutons, see recipe above
- 1/2 cup shaved Parmesan

In medium bowl combine lemon juice, honey, shallots, mustard, lemon zest and garlic. Whisk, then add oil in slow, steady stream while you continue whisking until incorporated. Add basil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

In large bowl combine lettuce with tomatoes, croutons and Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper, drizzle with 1/2 cup vinaigrette; toss to combine. Serve on chilled salad plates or bowls.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Southern-Style Corn Chowder

- 4 ounces bacon, chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/2 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup finely chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 3/4 cup finely chopped red bell peppers
- 5 cups fresh corn kernels (from about 7 ears)
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 quarts Emeril's All Natural Chicken Stock
- 1 1/2 cups 1/2-inch cubed, peeled russet potatoes
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and cayenne pepper to taste
- Finely chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Place 8-quart stockpot over medium heat and cook bacon until crisp, about 5 minutes. Transfer bacon to paper towels to drain. Add onions, carrots and celery to rendered bacon fat in pot and cook, stirring often, until vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add bell peppers and corn to pot and cook 10 minutes, stirring often. Sprinkle flour into pot and cook, stirring constantly 5 minutes. Add chicken stock to pot and stir to combine. Use whisk to break up any lumps. Add potatoes to pot and bring to boil. Reduce heat so soup simmers and continue to cook 20 minutes. Stir in cream, season with salt and cayenne pepper to taste, and serve soup in bowls, garnished with reserved crispy bacon and parsley.

Yield: 3 quarts, 10 to 12 servings



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 In January 2006, after the death of inmate, Sarah Ah Mau, 43, CCA said that her care had been "appropriate and provided promptly, in a quality manner," and that Ah Mau had died of natural causes. It was later reported in the Courier-Journal that Ah Mau complained of a stomachache for almost a month and that she had told family members before her death that her pleas for medical attention were being ignored.
 After the incident a Courier-Journal reporter was permitted to interview 10 of the Hawaiians but barred from

asking any questions about Ah Mau's death. At the direction of Warden Arnold, all the interviews were monitored by the prison's security director.
 Louise Grant, vice president of marketing and communications for CCA, would not comment further on the ongoing investigation but when questioned on Otter Creek's history said that CCA has a zero-tolerance policy on drug abuse, and that their prisons act in accord with the stringent standards that are laid out by the American Correctional Association. "We do not think Otter Creek is troubled," said Grant.

"I can't imagine that the American Correctional Association would continue to accredit this facility under these circumstances," said Hubbard. "This is another example of lax oversight and security at the hands of for-profit private prison companies. It's time for CCA to be

held accountable for its disregard for common sense correctional practices."
 Otter Creek is a 656-bed minimum-medium security prison that houses female prisoners from the states of Kentucky and Hawaii respectively.

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Obituaries

January 25, 2008, in the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.
 He was born April 16, 1953, in Martin. He was a retired welder.
 In addition to his mother, he is survived by three brothers, Clifton Johnson, Roy Johnson and Cline Johnson, all of Bevinville; and four sisters, Gracie Harris, Aileen Hall, Emily Jean Johnson, and Barbara Ann Johnson, all of Bevinville.
 In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two sisters: Berta Hall and Cora Lee Johnson.
 Funeral services for Calvin Johnson were conducted Monday, January 28, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.
 Burial was in the Johnson Family Cemetery, in Bevinville, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.
 Pallbearers: Glenn Rackey, Julius Rackey, Randy Harris, Lee Slone, and Jim Hall.
 Honorary: Clifton Johnson, Cline Johnson, and Roy Johnson. (Paid obituary)

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 railroad worker, and a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.
 In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Artie Jason Shepherd of Gunlock; a daughter, Laura Sue Shepherd of Gunlock; five brothers: William Shepherd, Wade Shepherd and Reggie Shepherd, all of Gunlock, Abe Shepherd of Richmond, and Richard Joe Shepherd of Salyersville; and eight sisters: Edna Hale and Sally Hale, both of Greenwich, Ohio; Betty Lou Hicks and Polly Conley, both of LaGrange, Indiana; Donna Johnson of Gunlock; Daisy Wireman of Waldo; and Shirley Minix of Salyersville.
 In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two daughters: Vickie Lynn Shepherd and Crystal Gayle Shepherd; one brother, John Henry Shepherd; and one sister, Birdie Stedham.
 Funeral Service for Archer Shepherd Jr., were conducted Monday, January 28, at 11 a.m., in the Salt Lick United Baptist Church, in Gunlock.
 Burial was in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, in Gunlock, with Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Carol Ann Rowland
 Carol Ann Rowland, 61, of Blue River, died Saturday, January 26, 2008, at her residence.
 Born January 4, 1947, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Millard and Gypsy Wicker Stephens. She was a homemaker.
 She is survived by her husband, Cleaties Rowland.
 Other survivors include a daughter, Anna Marie Robinson of Garrett; a brother, German Stephens of Lexington; a sister, Dranna Sue Click of Martin; four grandchildren: LaMikka, Charles, Savannah, and John; and a great-grandchild, Natalie.
 In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Melissa Ann Akers; and a brother, Danny Stephens.
 Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 29, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Reed officiating.
 Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 Visitation was at the funeral home.
 www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Timothy Wayne Shepherd
 Timothy Wayne Shepherd, 44, of Hueysville, died Friday, January 25, 2008, at Hazard Medical Center.
 Born January 15, 1964, in McDowell, he was the son of Marcella Kilburn Shepherd of Brimfield, Indiana, and the late Hershel Shepherd. He was a disabled coal miner.
 He is survived by his wife, Melva Shepherd.
 Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Durand and Sheila Shepherd of Hueysville; a daughter and son-in-law: Denice and Jerry Sizemore of McDowell; two brothers: Kelvin Shepherd of Albion, Indiana; and Bobby Shepherd of Hudson, Indiana; seven grandchildren: Jerrian, Emily, Brianna, Dylan, T.J., Courtney, and Chelsea; and a special grandson, Cody Robinson.
 In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, David Shepherd.
 Funeral services were held Sunday, January 27, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Carlos Beverly, Joseph Ratliff, and Purda Hicks officiating.
 Burial will be in the Hale-Shepherd Cemetery, Brushy Fork of Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.
 www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)

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Archer Shepherd Jr.
 Archer Shepherd Jr., age 70, of Blue River, husband of Barbara Ann Shepherd, died Friday, January 25, 2008, in the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center.
 He was born March 7, 1937, in Gunlock, a son of the late Archer and Mary Marsillett Shepherd. He was a retired



William Gordon Francis, left, was recently presented a plaque by Dr. George D. Edwards, president of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, for 19 years of dedicated service to the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation and to BSCTC. Francis was in the first graduating class at Prestonsburg Community College (now Big Sandy Community & Technical College) in 1966. Other honors include his selection as the 2002 Outstanding Alumnus for the College.

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■ **CHESTERTON, Ind.** — Two fourth-grade boys mimicking a scene from the movie "A Christmas Story" wound up with their tongues stuck to a frozen flagpole.

Gavin Dempsey and James Alexander were serving on flag duty at Jackson Elementary School Friday morning, with the job of raising and lowering the school's flags. They decided to see if their tongues really would stick to the cold metal.

"I decided to try it because I thought all of the TV shows were lies, but turns out I was wrong," Gavin said.

Karen Alexander, James' mother, said her son told her he got the idea from the movie, which is based on stories about a boy growing up in the northwest Indiana community of Hammond in the 1940s.

"I can't believe he did it, but they learned their lesson," she said.

James said he plans to eat a lot of ice cream to help nurse his wound.

"When you're young, you're just messing around," he said.

Billie Dempsey, Gavin's mom, said a nurse called them to tell them the boys' tongues were bleeding.

"The nurse asked them, 'OK, who double-dog dared who?'" Billie Dempsey said, a reference to a phrase that a character in the movie used to dare another child to stick his tongue to the pole.

■ **ADRIAN, Mich.** — A man was charged with drunken driving after going through two bottles of wine, cutting through a snowstorm on his lawn mower and riding down the center of the street to reach a liquor store, authorities said.

Police found Frank Kozumplik, 49, homeward bound on a John Deere tractor Saturday night, toting four bottles of wine in a paper bag, officials said.

He told officers that his wife had taken their car to work, and that the mower was the only way he could reach the store, two miles from home.

His blood alcohol level was 2-3 times Michigan's legal driving limit of 0.08 percent, police told WLEN-FM. They arrested him and confiscated the mower.

Kozumplik declined to comment Monday night.

■ **TOPEKA, Kan.** — The son of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius is peddling a board game titled "Don't Drop the Soap," a prison-themed game he created as part of a class project at the Rhode Island School of Design.

John Sebelius, 23, has the backing of his mother and father, U.S. Magistrate Judge Gary Sebelius. The governor's spokeswoman, Nicole Corcoran, said both parents "are very proud of their son John's creativity and talent."

John Sebelius is selling the game on his Internet site for \$34.99, plus packaging, shipping and handling. The contact information on the Web site lists the address of the governor's mansion. Corcoran said the address will change when John Sebelius moves.

The game also goes on sale starting Jan. 31 at a shop called Hobbs in the college town of Lawrence.

"Fight your way through 6 different exciting locations in hopes of being granted parole," the site says. "Escape prison riots in The Yard, slip glass into a mob boss' lasagna in the Cafeteria, steal painkillers from the nurse's desk in the Infirmary."

The game includes five tokens representing a bag of cocaine, a handgun and three characters: wheelchair-using "Wheelz," muscle-flexing "Anferny" and business suit-clad "Sal 'the Butcher'."

Corcoran said John Sebelius sought legal advice to be sure he followed proper requirements, and he even

took out a loan to pay for the production of his work.

"This game is intended for mature audiences — not children — and is simply intended for entertainment," Corcoran said.

■ **EIGHTY-FOUR, Pa.** — Cats may have nine lives, but one unique feline has five legs — for now.

The cat, named Babygirl, will undergo surgery to remove the extra leg and another crippled leg, though the operation has not yet been scheduled.

The surgery is expected to leave the cat with three legs, and improve her quality of life, according to the Washington Area Humane Society, where the cat will live until a home can be found for her.

Chrystin Rice, a kennel associate, said a woman brought Babygirl to the shelter on Jan. 19. The woman had first seen the stray animal as a kitten about a year ago in Canonsburg, south of Pittsburgh.

Babygirl appears to be in good health, Rice said Saturday.

"It's actually a really, really nice cat," she said.

Rice said some people have expressed an interest in the cat, but no one has applied to adopt her.

"We've had a few calls come in, but everyone's just kind of asking how's she doing, when's the surgery," Rice said.

■ **CINCINNATI** — Searchers on the ground and in a sheriff's department helicopter Monday were looking for an Angus steer that postponed its date with a slaughterhouse by bolting out a gate that had been inadvertently left open.

The more than 1,000-pound animal escaped from a slaughterhouse holding pen Monday morning and ran into the woods of suburban Cincinnati, according to Colerain Township police and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The steer was last seen heading into woods several blocks north of Stehlin's Meat Market and Interstate 275, said Dick Stehlin, co-owner of the meatpacking business. He said the bovine should be approached with caution.

"It's not, say, a mean animal or anything like that, it's just sort of in a panic stage," Stehlin said. "It's just out running, not even knowing where it's heading."

It's not the first time a steer has been on the loose in the Cincinnati area. In September 2006, a steer named Little Red ran from a fair and eluded capture for three days.

■ **MONTPELIER, Vt.** — How many politicians does it take to draw a laugh?

At least one in Vermont, where state Rep. Jason Lorber does standup gigs, produces comedy shows and runs improv workshops when he's not making laws.

"When I first came here, people said 'You're the first comedian to come to the Statehouse.' I say 'I'm the first PROFESSIONAL comedian to come to the Statehouse,'" he said.

He says legislating and performing are both passions for him.

"Politics is about changing society and trying to make the world a better place. And performing makes me feel so alive. I love the creative aspect of it," he said.

Lorber grew up in California, making him a "flatlander" or non-native to Vermonters. That gives him an outsider's view on things New Englanders take for granted, like coping with winters.

"I have a regimen for keeping warm: I get up, I put on a tank top, T-shirt, flannel shirt, sweater, jacket and scarf. Then if it dips below 50, I put on more clothes."

Or the state's quirky fondness for the good old days:

"I'm used to directions based on what street you're supposed to turn on. In Vermont, directions are based on landmarks that burned down 15 years ago."

He also isn't shy about basing humor on his personal life — he's gay, in a civil union, and has a 1-year-old son.

"The thing about my partner is, he's gay. Which I'm fine with. Growing up, I never pictured myself being with a gay guy. Now, I've come to realize that I could never be happy being with a straight guy."

While standup comedy isn't exactly big business in Vermont — the state has no comedy clubs — some of Lorber's fellow lawmakers have an appreciation for what he's doing.

"Anybody who can stand up in front of a group of peo-

ple and try to elicit laughter, maybe being a legislator is the easy part of his life," said state Rep. Floyd Nease.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — Charleston Mayor Danny Jones had a problem as he tried to get through the security gate at a California airport: He had misplaced his driver's license, and the expired one in his wallet wouldn't do.

The guards at John Wayne Airport in Orange County searched his bag, he told the Charleston Daily Mail for a story published Monday.

Then he remembered picking up a copy of Charleston Magazine while on his way to the West Coast for a little rest and relaxation.

Inside was a photograph of him standing in downtown Charleston and an article Jones had written as mayor welcoming visitors to the state capital.

Only then was he allowed

to board his flight home.

■ **ARLINGTON, Texas** — A burglar who broke into a Greek Orthodox bishop's car made off with quite a haul, but fencing one of the stolen items could prove difficult.

Among the items stolen from Bishop Metropolitan Isaiah's car was a jeweled crown of gold and silver, which Isaiah estimated to be worth between \$6,000 and \$10,000.

Isaiah, who is based in Denver and is bishop for the Northwest region of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, said he was dining with others at a restaurant when the break-in occurred. He said the car was parked in a well-lit spot.

"We came out at 10 o'clock, and the window was smashed," he said.

The burglar also made off with a copy of the New

Testament, a veil, a cell phone and a black fabric bag. The bag had special meaning to the ex-Marine because it was given to him years ago by the widow of a fellow Marine.

Isaiah offered a reward of at least \$1,000 if the crown is returned without damage.

"That was the first gift I received as a bishop 22 years ago," he said. "I feel lost without it."

At a vespers service Saturday night, he was the only priest with no head covering.


"I just hope and pray that those who took it will have a change of heart," he said.

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Election

my first choice and Stumbo's last. Unlike my opponent, this is not a position I want for self-interest or personal gains."

"I've seen what kind of friend he has been to me and my family and that is the same kind of friend he has been to Floyd County — no friend at all," Meade said. "It is the people's seat, not Greg Stumbo's seat and I want to be the people's candidate and I ask for their vote and support."

But before the May show-down, the former attorney general must first face his Republican counterpart in next week's election, Larry D. Brown, former Prestonsburg City Attorney, who has also filed to take part in the general election. Brown could not be reached for comment. An official at Brown's law office said he had left for Frankfort early Tuesday morning to file his official declaration of candidacy.

In an email to the Times news desk, Brown lists his top three priorities, should he be elected representative as, "preventing casino gambling, making health insurance competitive again and reducing the cost and size of government."

The special election will also feature a third candidate, Eddie Meade — Chuck Meade's father — who announced shortly after the Democratic and Republican nominations that he would run as a write-in candidate.

"I think I can make a better difference in the time left than Stumbo or Brown," Meade said when announcing his candidacy.

After filing as a write-in candidate, Meade said that he would run in the May primary if he won, though Meade's name was absent from the roster of candidates provided by the Secretary of State when the deadline to file expired yesterday afternoon.

"I decided to just pursue the unexpired term," Meade said when asked why he did not file for the regular election. "I have no desire to be a career politician."

Meade said that he entered the special election largely to speak against the issue of casino gambling. He said that neither Brown or Stumbo would meet him in a debate.

When asked about the possible benefits to Floyd County of a casino coming to Thunder Ridge, Meade said it would take more money out of the county than it brought in, and that it would take food out of children's mouths. Meade added, "Most of Floyd county doesn't know where Thunder Ridge is."

In an interview Tuesday afternoon, Stumbo illustrated his position on the possibility of casino gambling.

"Personally, as a citizen, I do not favor a casino in Floyd County, and I would only support the measure if there was a local referendum." If an amendment is approved, as a practical matter, he believes it is "very unlikely" that a casino would come to Floyd County.

With the possible exception being Lexington, Stumbo says that border cities which sit on interstate highways such as Ashland and Bowling Green would be the logical choices in which to build casinos.

"I do believe in the people's right to vote on an amendment to the Constitution," said Stumbo. "That is something I have supported my whole career. The people have a right to be heard."

The legalization of casino gambling would require an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution, which requires a statewide vote. Stumbo likened it to 1988's lottery amendment, where over a million Kentuckians turned out to vote on the lottery referendum. The measure passed with 60

percent of the votes in favor of creating a lottery.

Stumbo said that in the event of an amendment on casino gambling, it is important that voters know exactly what they are voting on, "how many licenses, where will they (the casinos) be, will there be local referendums."

While much has been made of the possibility of casino gambling coming to Kentucky, Stumbo did say, "The governor's bill has not been filed yet," adding that it is hard to speak on legislation that is yet to be filed.

As the only Republican candidate to file for the regular election, Brown will meet the winner of the Meade-Stumbo Democratic primary in the November general election.

According to Mary Sue Helm, election administrator for the Secretary of State, "Kentucky does not permit write-in candidates in a primary election."

However, Helm added, "Anyone can run as a write-in candidate in the November general elections, provided that person meets all the qualifications."

In other local elections, Hubert Collins of the 97th house district will be unopposed in 2008, while state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner will be facing a familiar opponent in his bid for reelection.

Eric Shane Hamilton, who lost to Turner four years ago by a scant 24 votes, will challenge Turner in the Democratic primary. No Republican filed for the seat.

In other races, the U.S. Senate race has attracted interest from many, leading to a large field seeking to challenge incumbent Sen. Mitch McConnell.

In all, eight Democrats have lined up for the May primary, including millionaire businessman and former gubernatorial candidate Bruce

Lunsford, who waged an unsuccessful campaign for governor last year with former Attorney General Greg Stumbo as his running mate.

Others seeking the Democratic nomination in the U.S. Senate race include:

■ Michael Cassaro, of Prospect.

■ Greg Fischer, of Louisville.

■ Andrew Horne, of Louisville.

■ James E. Rice, of Campbellsville.

■ Kenneth Stepp, of Manchester.

■ David L. Williams, of Glasgow.

■ David Wylie, of Harrodsburg.

On the Republican side,

McConnell will be challenged by Daniel Essek, who lists his address as a post office box in Jellico, Tenn.

In the race for 5th District congressman, no one from either party filed to challenge Rep. Hal Rogers.

Nine names will appear on the ballot for president. Democrats seeking the presidency include Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama. Republicans seeking the nomination include Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Ron Paul and Mitt Romney.

Managing Editor Ralph B. Davis contributed to this report.

Board

Billy Maynard, president of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, also attended the meeting in order to express appreciation, again via formal proclamation, from the Chamber for each board member's service to Floyd County children.

Beverly Crisman, community liaison for the board, recognized the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and Prestonsburg Police Department for their support and assistance with traffic routing during the opening days of the new Prestonsburg Elementary School.

Crisman also recognized the Allen Central High School girls' volleyball team for their accomplishment of being named title winners of the 58th District Volleyball Championship for the third year in a row. The team is coached by Larry Maynard.

Crisman offered thanks and praise to "all of Floyd County Schools' community partners" and also said that she felt that these partnerships were vital to the success of the district.

Continuing the recognitions, Tonya Horne-Williams, principal of May Valley Elementary, recognized her school's teachers and staff for the hard work and dedication they put forth in order to assist in the school's accomplishment of being named first in the state among K-5 schools with a CATS score of 123.3 for the 2006-07 school year.

Among those recognized and presented with plaques were teachers Cassandra Fulks, Bridget Vanover, Kim Potter, Tammy Farmer, Wesley Moore, Jenny Williams, Debbie Hatfield, Vickie Slone, Teressa Lester, Sherrie Slone, Kathy Shepherd, Jalenda Shepherd, Leila Hall, Sherry Pack, Tonya Bentley-Williams, Tiffany Burke, Kim Reed, Tammy Price, Alesia Meade, Michelle Castle, Susan Hamilton, Jamie Madden, Kaye Allen, Sandy Travis, Kim Grubb, Jimmie Slone, Brenda May, Monica Compton, Linda Combs and Shawna Hagans.

Following the introductory period of special recognitions, Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel, presented a report to the board members in regard to attendance. Springer

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reported that problems with student attendance were still being examined and that school representatives contacted absent students each day in order to determine why they were not at school.

Vice Chair Sherry Robinson asked Springer if logs were being kept on student responses in order to provide a database correlating to student absences. Specifically, Robinson said she was interested in obtaining data that might correlate student absences to bullying.

"If a student is checking out three or more times a week, saying they have a headache or a stomachache, that might be a signal that some bullying is going on," she said. Robinson said that in such cases, she felt that follow-ups should be conducted to determine if, in fact, the particular students in question might be the victims of bullying.

Board member Carol Stumbo said also that she would like some sort of data that would be helpful in the analysis of determining why attendance continues to falter in the district. "It could be bullying, problems related to low socio-economics, or maybe the student is just not 'turned on,'" she said.

"We can't fix the problem if we don't know what the cause is," Robinson said.

In other business, the board voted to approve a meeting calendar that would require only one, and not two, business meetings a month.

Board Chair Jeff Stumbo said that he felt that it had been "a long time coming," but that he felt the school board was now stable enough to conduct necessary business in one meeting a month.

"If we run into problems, we'll go back to two, but we'll try it this way for awhile," he said.

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Pikeville College edges WVU Tech 99-96

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – If freshman Justin Hicks plays all Mid-South Conference games like he did his first one, he's in for quite a career. The 5-11 Hazard native had 14 of his 24 points in the final 25 seconds of regulation and overtime to lead No. 17 Pikeville College to a 99-96 win over West Virginia University Tech Saturday. League play finally began on this final Saturday in January in the MSC, and the Bears extended their win streak to 14 games in improbable fashion. The game was tied – for the seventh time in

the second half alone – at 68 with 6:29 remaining before junior Victor McGee went on his own personal 8-0 run, scoring on three layups and a pair of free throws, the latter coming with 4:32 left to give the guests a 76-68 lead. The Beas managed to cut it to four (78-74) with 2:24 left when senior Jeff Ferguson scored inside. The lead was 81-77 with 45 seconds left before Hicks took over. He scored on a layup with 25 seconds left, then another with 16 ticks remaining to gut the lead to 83-81. Senior Ronald Eskridge split a pair of free throws with 14 seconds left to make it a three-point game. Junior Xavier Yates scored on a layup six seconds later to pull the Bears within one before senior Brandon Moore – a 96 percent free throw shooter on the season – missed one and then made one making it a two-point game with four seconds

left. The Bears got the ball into the offensive end and into Hicks' hands, drawing the foul with 2.9 seconds left. The freshman calmly sank both tosses to tie the game at 85 and send it to overtime. Hicks then had the first four points for the Bears in overtime, the last two coming from the line to tie the game at 89 with 3:41 left. After junior Brent Butler scored on a layup, the Bears scored the next six points, including two more Hicks free throws with 1:16 left to put the Bears on top 95-91. Moore sank a three with one second left to pull the Golden Bears back within two, but another freshman, this time Jared Litzinger, sank a toss and when he missed the second, Tech couldn't get off a desperation shot to end the game. Ferguson joined Hicks with 24 points, grabbing nine rebounds to go with three blocks, three

steals and two assists. Junior William Harris had 17 and five rebounds while junior Haakim Johnson tossed in 12. West Virginia Tech (10-7, 0-1) had six of their 10 players reach double figures in scoring. Sam Robertson, a 6-6 junior from Jacksonville, led the way with 20 points. Moore and Eskridge followed with 14 apiece. Eskridge, a senior from Los Angeles, added 14 rebounds and Tech won that battle 47-38. Butler had 13 points and seven assists, while junior Victor McGee followed with 12 and senior Louis Rome 11. Pikeville will put its win streak on the line on Thursday when it visits second-ranked Georgetown College. West Virginia Tech will go back home on Thursday night to host Cumberlands.

Tigers roll past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE – Paintsville didn't have any trouble getting past South Floyd Friday night in the 15th Region All 'A' Classic Semifinals at The Dome. The Tigers doubled up South Floyd 26-13 in the opening quarter and rolled to a convincing 109-43 win. Senior guard Landon Slone led a stellar Paintsville team. Slone finished with a game-high 28 points. Shane Grimm scored 20 points and Justin Murray added 11 for the Tigers. Blake Bundy and J.D. VanHoose, Paintsville's other two starters, added nine and eight points, respectively. Paintsville held South Floyd to 11 or fewer points in each of the last three quarters. The Tigers entered halftime out in front 56-24. The Tigers led from beginning to end. Paintsville outscored South Floyd 34-11 in the third quarter. Wes Akers paced South Floyd with a team-best 18 points. In the other semifinals matchup Friday night, Pikeville pulled off an upset win over Shelby Valley, defeating the Wildcats 62-51. Tim Honaker led Pikeville with a game-high 15 points. Matt Clevenger scored 14 points, Devin Adams added 13 and Jacob Bell scored 10. Jonah Justice and Ashley Hatfield each had 13 points for the Wildcats. Elisha Justice narrowly missed double figures scoring for Shelby Valley in the setback. Justice ended the tournament tilt with nine points.

15th Region All 'A' Classic Semifinals at Betsy Layne
 PAINTSVILLE 109,
 SOUTH FLOYD 43
 SOUTH FLOYD (1-18) – Mitchell 2, Akers 18, Turner 4, Paige 4, Marcum 4, Hall 2, Tackett 3, Jones 1, Hayes 3, Gibson 2.
 PAINTSVILLE (17-2) – Slone 28, VanHoose 8, Bundy 9, Grimm 20, Murray 11, Vilapondo 5, Rice 1, Witten 5, Brown 2, Caldwell 3, Reynolds 2, Spencer 1.
 South Floyd...13 11 11 8-43
 Paintsville...26 30 34 19-109

PIKEVILLE 62,
 SHELBY VALLEY 51
 SHELBY VALLEY (15-3) – E. Justice 9, Hatfield 13, J. Bryant 5, L. Bryant 5, L. Justice 13, Newsome 6.
 PIKEVILLE (11-6) – Clark 8, Bell 10, Clevenger 14, Honaker 15, Adams 13, Burchett 2.
 Shelby Valley...8 16 11 16-51
 Pikeville...4 19 16 23-62

15TH REGION ALL 'A' CLASSIC



PIKEVILLE SENIOR Tim Honaker (above, left) went up strong to the basket during Pikeville's 15th Region All 'A' Classic game against rival Shelby Valley Friday night. Panther center Deven Adams is pictured lofting a free throw. Pikeville defeated Shelby Valley in the semifinals. The Panthers, however, fell to Paintsville in the championship game. Paintsville defeated Pikeville 72-69 in double overtime Saturday night. Honaker and Adams are both Floyd County natives.

Lady Bears drop Mid-South Conference opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – West Virginia University Tech survived a fierce comeback and three second half ties to hold off Pikeville College 59-57 Saturday afternoon. The win makes Tech 12-9 on the season, while Pikeville fell to 5-15 after the first of a 10-game round-robin schedule in the Mid-South Conference. Tech led 52-44 with 6:52 remaining after senior Shantrelle Mathews sank a three-point basket. Pikeville then went on a 9-1 run to tie the game with 4:10 to play. Junior

Alice Daniel had five for the home team, and when freshman Lauren Potts scored on a layup, the game was deadlocked at 53. The Lady Bears had back-to-back baskets, first by senior Heather English and then by Potts, to take a 57-56 lead with 1:03 remaining. But a three-point play with 47 seconds left by Mathews put Tech on top to stay. In the final seconds, Pikeville got a three-point shot to win and the rebound and putback, but failed to convert on both and took the two-point loss. Daniel was 5-of-12 from the arc to

finish with a game-high 21 points. English added 12. Tech was paced by Mathews, their only double-figure scorer, with 19 points to go with eight rebounds. Senior Shy Wright followed with nine points and 11 rebounds. Pikeville turned it over 29 times, compared to 22 for Tech, who had 20 steals, with Wright being credited with nine. Pikeville will return to league play on Thursday night when it visits Georgetown College at 6 p.m. West Virginia Tech will return home to play Cumberlands Thursday night.

Eagles defeat Asbury, Cincinnati Christian

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College Eagles picked up two wins last week. On Tuesday, Alice Lloyd played at Asbury College, escaping with a hard-fought 80-79 KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) win. The Eagles owned a 10-point lead in the first half. The two conference foes were in a 30-30 deadlock at halftime. Asbury was out in front with a 12-point lead

midway through the second half. Rodney Mitchell (17 pts., 3 rebs.), Corey Hairston (17 pts.) and Corey Dixon (15 pts., 6 rebs.) were in double figures in the scoring column for the Eagles. William Dillard hit several key baskets and finished with 9 points, 5 rebounds and 6 assists for the winning team. Eric Mullins (7 pts., 5 rebs., 4 assists) and William Jones (7 pts., 5

rebs.) also played very important roles in the win. The Eagles shot well, hitting 33-of-65 (51-percent) from the field in the game. On Saturday afternoon, ALC hosted Cincinnati Christian University. The Eagles led 40-38 at halftime and came away with a 78-71 win. Dillard led the way for Alice Lloyd with 15 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists. He hit four crucial free throws down the stretch to help preserve the win. Hairston (14 pts., 7 rebs., 5 assists), Mullins (11 pts., 2 rebs., 4 assists) and Jones (10 pts.) were also in double figures scoring for the Eagles. Jones hit two key three-point shots down the stretch. Mitchell and Daniel Day each finished with 9 points. Dixon contributed 7 points and 5 rebounds. The Eagles shot well again, hitting 28-of-55 (51-percent) field goal attempts.

Strong fourth quarter lifts Yakama over Miners

TIMES STAFF REPORT

YAKIMA, Wash. – Host Yakama completed a two-game sweep of East Kentucky Saturday night at the Sun Dome. The Sun Kings, despite trailing at the end of the second and third quarters, managed to pull off a 105-95 win over the visiting Miners. Yakama outscored the Miners 30-17 in a dominant third quarter. The Sun Kings sprinted out in front early on and led 26-21 at the end of the first period. East Kentucky bounced back in a big way in the second quarter, outscoring Yakama 33-25 on its way to a 54-51 halftime lead. Yakama won the quarter points 5.5-1.5 in the CBA non-conference matchup. Jason Sasser led Yakama with a double-double of 24 points and 11 rebounds. Tim Ellis was Yakama's second-

leading scorer. Ellis hit three of four three-point field goal attempts and

and Jermaine Blackburn added 10 for the host Sun Kings.



Josh Pace applied defensive pressure to a Yakama ballhandler during a road game last week.

scored 23 points. Moochie Norris scored 14 points, Harvey Thomas tossed in 11 points

The Sun Kings owned the boards, outrebounding East Kentucky 55-35. Yakama claimed the win in front of

a very supportive home crowd. Six different East Kentucky players reached double figures in the scoring column. Josh Pace led East Kentucky with a team-high 18 points. Jason McLeish scored 17 points and Mike Dean added 16 for the Miners. Boo Jackson turned in a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds for the visiting team. Reo Logan tossed in 12 points and Bryant Northern netted 10 for visiting East Kentucky. The Miners will return to action on their home hardwood at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Wednesday in a game versus the Albany Patroons as part of Appalachian Wireless Miners Night. On Appalachian Wireless Miners Night, the first 2,000 fans will be able to watch the Miners take on the Patroons for only \$1. The first 1,000 fans will receive a commemorative T-shirt courtesy of Appalachian Wireless.

Blackcats clip Hawks

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg halted a two-game losing skid Friday night, defeating Pike County Central 72-59 in a home game at The Fieldhouse. Sophomore Michael Burchett and senior Jordan Hall led Prestonsburg with 16 points apiece. Five different Blackcats reached double figures in the scoring column en route to the 15th Region triumph. Nathaniel Stephens and Taylor Clark each had 12 points for the Blackcats. Jody Tackett was the fifth Prestonsburg player in double figures in the scoring department. Tackett tossed in 12 points. Prestonsburg led at the end of each quarter. After carrying a 17-16 lead out of the opening frame, Prestonsburg owned a 31-28 lead at the break. The Blackcats put the game out of Pike County Central's reach in the third quarter, doubling up the Hawks 24-12. Guard Michael Thompson led Pike County Central with a game-high 22 points. Tyler Hamilton had 17 points for the Hawks. Prestonsburg was back in action Tuesday at home versus Letcher County Central. The Prestonsburg-Letcher County Central game ended too late to make this edition.

P'BURG 72, PCC 59
 PCC (59) – Thompson 22, Slone 3, Hamilton 17, Adkins 4, Nicholas 3, McCoy 6, Seal 4.
 P'BURG (72) – Burchett 16, Hall 16, Stephens 12, Rodebaugh 1, Tackett 11, Clark 12, Gearheart 4.
 PCC...16 12 12 19-59
 P'burg...17 14 24 17-72

Lady Eagles fall to Asbury in double overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles lost two KIAC Conference games last week. Alice Lloyd lost to Asbury College, 88-87, in two overtimes Tuesday, Jan. 23. The game was tied at halftime and remained close throughout. Lady Eagle Taran Cody had a double-double of 19 points and 11 rebounds, before fouling out. Sierra Wynn (23 pts., 5 rebs.) and Kaylan Richardson (21 pts., 6 rebs.) ranked as Alice Lloyd's top two scorers. Nicole Lutes was also in double figures for the Lady Eagles. Lutes finished with 11 points. The Lady Eagles hit 10-of-30 attempts from behind the arc. Richardson hit 5-of-12 three-pointers. Wynn hit 4-of-13 three-point field goal attempts. Alice Lloyd hosted IU-Southeast Saturday afternoon. The Lady Eagles trailed at halftime, 31-23. IUS eventually pulled away for a convincing 80-53 win. The Lady Eagles struggled from the field, hitting only 17-of-56 attempts (30-percent). Wynn (13 pts., 5 rebs) and Lutes (11 pts., 5 rebs.) were the only players in double figures. Whitney Frazier scored 8 points and Lyndsey Mahon pulled down 9 rebounds.

Brady acknowledges injury, says he'll be ready for Super Bowl

by DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tom Brady says he'll be fit to play in the Super Bowl, and that includes his world-famous right ankle.

"It's feeling good. I'll be ready to go," the New England Patriots quarterback said Sunday night when the AFC champions met the media for the first time shortly after arriving in Phoenix.

Brady, making his first comments since beating San Diego in the AFC championship game a week ago, walked up the three short steps to the podium with ease, showing no signs of the injury that has become THE hot topic since he was spotted wearing a protective boot last Monday.

Though he was in great spirits — laughing, smiling and taking "Gisele" questions in stride, Brady also acknowledged he got hurt in the Patriots' 21-12 victory in the AFC title game.

"It was in the San Diego game, I think in the third quarter," Brady said, adding that it came on a sack. The injury is reportedly a minor high ankle sprain.

New England will try to become the first team in NFL history to finish 19-0 when it plays the New York Giants in the Super Bowl next Sunday.

"I'm not concerned about how it's going to affect my play," he said. "This won't keep me out."

Last Monday, he was caught on videotape sporting a protective boot on his right foot while visiting supermodel girlfriend Gisele Bundchen in New York.

The sight of the boot caused a major stir and concern among Patriots fans and bolstered Giants fans hopes for an upset.

But even after he returned to Foxborough two days later, there were no quick answers about the "boot" because Brady was nowhere to be found when reporters went looking for him in the locker room and at practice.

Whatever. The dapper, dimple-chinned quarterback certainly looked fine Sunday.

"I mean how good does it feel for me to see him walking around? I really don't care how he's walking around," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said. "He'll be walking around fine Sunday."

Coach Bill Belichick, who spoke before Brady, was typically tight-lipped about the injury and Brady's status.

"We'll update our injury report on Wednesday," Belichick said with a smirk. "And, I look forward to it, too."

When Brady was asked, he grinned and said, "How's the ankle? What did coach say?"

The reporter responded with: "He said ask you."

Brady laughed and shook his head.

"Did he?" he said. "Wow, that's different."

Brady, wearing a navy, pinstriped suit and sweater vest, his white shirt open at the collar, smiled throughout the news conference and was in a playful mood. Asked about the ankle once again, he interrupted the reporter and said, "Last question of the week."

THE ankle has been the subject of endless rumors and gossip since THE quarterback was caught on camera last week

heading up the steps of a town house to see his girlfriend, flowers in hand.

"I was just trying to get into the house as fast as I could," Brady said. "I was trying to hobble along. It kind of caught me off guard."

Later that day and on Tuesday, he wasn't wearing the boot when photographed.

"It's just part of the world we're living in," he said. "Those places I went for refuge, I guess I can't go anymore. If we were 0-16, nobody would (care)."

Probably not, but the MVP quarterback is one of the most closely watched athletes in all of sports.

"Yeah, it's been an interesting week," he said. "I'm much lighter on my toes than I thought."

Brady also issued a playful warning: "Don't any of you chase me around. I won't be nearly as nice as I was last week."

While Brady appeared comfortable and at ease at the podium, Belichick was his usual gruff, monotone self — except when he talked glowingly about Brady, Bruschi, the Giants and the scheduled half-time performer, Tom Petty.

"I think it's great," he said of Petty, with a half-smile. "I wish I could stand out there and listen to it, but I'll have some of his CDs playing in my office this week. That'll put me in the mood: 'Free Fallin'."

Belichick made no revelations — surprise! — during the more than 20 minutes, but insisted he doesn't despise dealing with the media each day during the week leading up to the big game.

"Not at all," he said. "I think you have a job to do and you are our connection between our football team, our fans, and the people who have an interest in the game. I respect the job that you do and hope that you respect the job I do."

It's hard not to, especially considering his winning resume. Belichick has a chance to join Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll as the only coaches to win four Super Bowl titles. The outside distractions that come with playing in the big game are a welcomed nuisance for Belichick.

"It's the trip you want to be on, I can tell you that," he said. "You spend all season trying to get to this point. We're proud to be here, just excited to be here."

Standing in the Patriots'

path to perfection is a familiar opponent in the Giants, who nearly upset them before falling 38-35 in Week 17. The Patriots also beat them in the preseason — a game in which Brady didn't play.

"We are taking it one game

at a time," defensive end Richard Seymour said. "We understand what the Giants present and we are trying to win this one game and we'll let you guys decide our place in history."



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Two former MSU football assistants named NFL head coaches

MOREHEAD — Within the past week, two former Morehead State University football assistant coaches have been hired as new head coaches in the National Football League (NFL). Mike Smith, former defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Morehead State University, was announced Thursday (Jan. 24) as the new head coach of the Atlanta Falcons while John Harbaugh was named head coach of the Baltimore Ravens on Jan. 18.

Smith had been the Jacksonville Jaguars defensive coordinator since 2003. He will be Atlanta's sixth coach since December 2003. Before former Louisville coach Bobby Petrino quit, Dan Reeves and Jim Mora were fired. Wade Phillips and Emmitt Thomas worked three games each as interim replacements.

After his 1986 season at MSU, Smith had a 12-year stint at Tennessee Tech (1987-

98) before moving to the NFL. He spent the first four with the Baltimore Ravens, including helping the team to its first Super Bowl championship in 2000, before joining Jack Del Rio in Jacksonville.

He played collegiately at East Tennessee State University.

"My goal is to build a well-disciplined, hard-nosed football team that will be able to run the football on offense and stop the run on defense," Smith said. "I've always believed that's what makes championship teams."

After spending three years at the University of Pittsburgh under MSU Hall of Famer Mike Gottfried, Harbaugh served an Eagle assistant in 1988 where he was special teams, secondary, strength and conditioning coach.

He has spent the last 10 years with the Philadelphia Eagles. In 2007, he was secondary coach for the Andy Reid.

"I'm a football coach. That's what I wanted to be, and that's

what I am," Harbaugh said. "I'm excited to be the head coach of the Ravens. It's a big job that provides the opportunity to work with some great people. I can't wait to get started."


Baltimore defensive coordinator Rex Ryan, another former Morehead State assistant, reportedly had been interviewed for numerous NFL head coaching positions.

Several Eagle football players through the years have had NFL careers. Most well known is Super Bowl XXI Most Valuable Player Phil Simms of the New York Giants. Simms is now the lead professional football analyst for CBS Sports. Among the other former Eagles who have seen NFL action are Gary Shirk (New York Giants), Nick Nighswander (Buffalo Bills), Greg Bright (Cincinnati Bengals), Adrian Breen (Cincinnati Bengals), Randy Frazier (Kansas City Chiefs), Dave Haverdick (Detroit Lions) and Billy Poe (Cincinnati Bengals).


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Advertisers are banking more than ever on Super Bowl as writers' strike fells hit TV shows

by **SETH SUTEL**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK — The story lines are unabashedly goofy. Cavemen invent the wheel to transport a beer cooler made of stone, and a car buyer enlists the help of a tribal warrior in case he needs some extra negotiating leverage at the dealership.

For most of us, Super Bowl ads make fine entertainment. But for the advertisers who make and buy them, Sunday is white-knuckle time.

The blogging boom has created crowds of armchair critics; the price for a 30-second spot is up again, to \$2.7 million; and a writers strike has wiped out many other opportunities to reach mass audiences by putting scripted dramas like "Desperate Housewives" on hold.

Even against odds like these, many major marketing powers and even a few first-timers couldn't resist the opportunity of reaching more than 90 million people in a single shot — something that's increasingly hard to do in any medium.

Advertisers still love the Internet for its ability to deliver measured results from click-throughs and carve audiences into tiny segments. But only the largest of television's "events" — such as the Super Bowl, the Olympics, the Oscars and the Grammys — have the muscle to pull in tens of millions of people in real time.

"There are so few media vehicles out there that reach that size audience that there's still a big value in not only reaching so many people but in such an engaging manner," said Andy Donchin, director of national broadcast at Carat, a major buyer and planner of advertising.

Add the extra buzz created by the possibility of the New England Patriots making history with an undefeated season, and advertisers have a lot on the line. The placement is great if they have a winning ad, not so great if the ad tanks. Last year's viewership of 93.2 million was close to the all-time record of 94.1 million set in 1996, and many believe that record could be surpassed this year.

The results from online advertising often confirm the value of hitting big audiences with TV, Donchin said, because advertisers can measure the upswing in traffic to Web sites after an ad is broadcast.

The Super Bowl continues to draw new advertisers, including Planters packaged nut company, part of Kraft Foods Inc., as well as Cars.com, an online auto classified advertising company co-owned by the newspaper publishers Gannett Co., McClatchy Co., Tribune Co., Washington Post Co. and Belo Corp.

No neophyte in the advertising world, Kraft decided a Super Bowl spot was well worth the money last year as it began repositioning Planters beyond the \$3 billion packaged nuts business to compete in the \$20 billion market of salted snacks, which includes potato chips, pretzels

and popcorn.

Those attract fairly different age and gender groups, says Allan Lindsay, senior director of marketing for salty snacks at Kraft. Nuts tend to be bought by adults 45 and older, while salty snacks tend to be bought by people ages 35-55, and men more than women — just the kind of people who watch the Super Bowl.

"If we really wanted to accelerate our growth, we needed to think bigger," Lindsay said. "We wanted the big platform to get our message out there ... and it's a natural venue to do that."

Lindsay, like many other advertisers, offered hints about his ad, but not the full story line. It will feature men being "drawn" to Planters' nuts, he said.

Tire maker Bridgestone Firestone North America, another first-timer, is jumping in with two spots and sponsorship of the halftime show. One ad features a car accelerating toward Richard Simmons as he dances on a road at night. In the other, a woman screams as the car she's riding in approaches a squirrel nibbling on an acorn.

Other big advertisers are venturing back to the Super Bowl after long absences. Audi, a subsidiary of Volkswagen AG, is coming back to the game after nearly 20 years, with a Godfather-themed spot. And Coca-Cola Co., whose main brand was back in the game last year for the first time since 1998, will have three or four spots this year.

Katie Bayne, chief marketing officer for Coca-Cola Co. in North America, declined to divulge details but said the company is currently testing 11 ads with viewers and will pick a winner to run on game day — a strategy that's also used by Anheuser-Busch Inc., traditionally the biggest advertiser in the game.

Bayne said Coke viewed TV events like the Super Bowl, big NASCAR races and the NCAA college basketball tournament as "critical" for getting the company's marketing message out.

Another theme cropping up again this year is amateur talent. The NFL itself ran a contest among fans last year to come up with ad ideas, and this year solicited league players to pitch ideas for a spot based on how they got into the sport. Likewise Doritos, which charmed viewers last year with spots made by amateur filmmakers, is running a contest where undiscovered musicians submit video performances of original songs. And PepsiCo used its own employees in its Super Bowl ad.

Ratings from the game, being broadcast from Phoenix, are sure to boost News Corp.'s Fox network, which is already well-positioned thanks to football and "American Idol," a ratings powerhouse unaffected by the writers strike because it's not scripted.

Fox is getting as much as \$2.7 million for a 30-second spot, up from the \$2.6 million CBS Corp.'s CBS network got last year.

PRECINCT POLLING LOCATIONS:

- #1 CourthouseOld Courthouse PVA Office
- #3 Depot.....Mountain Arts Center
- #4 RichmondOld Courthouse County Attorney's Office
- #5 North Prestonsburg
Prestonsburg High School Foyer
- #6 PorterAdams Middle School
- #8 Middle Creek/
Jack Allen.....David Fire Station
- #9 Cow CreekAllen Grade School
- #10 Mouth of Beaver.....Allen City Hall
- #11 Jim BanksGuyan Machinery
- #13 John PossumMay Valley School
- #14 Maytown.....Maytown Fire Station
- #15 BoscoBeside Hueysville Post Office
- #16 Garrett/
Rock Fork.....Garrett Fire Station
- #17 Lackey/WaylandWayland Senior Citizens
- #19 MartinDenzil "Hoss" Halbert Gym
- #20 Halbert.....John Halbert's Building
- #21 Drift.....McDowell Senior Citizens Building
- #22 John Ant/
Frasures CreekE.P. Grigsby Field House
- #23 GearheartPilgrim Rest Lunchroom
- #24 Clear CreekSouth Floyd High School
- #25 Jacks CreekOsborne Elementary School
- #26 Lee HallWheelwright Senior Citizens Building
- #27 Melvin.....Southeast Volunteer Fire Department
- #28 Antioch.....Estill Blankenship's Building
- #29 TickeyMud Creek Fire Station #1
- #30 Toler.....Toler Creek Fire Station
- #31 Mouth of MudBingo Zone
- #32 Little MudOld Spruce Pine School
- #33 IvelIvel B.P. Station
- #34 Betsy Layne.....Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building
- #35 Abbott.....Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church Annex
- #38 WeeksburyWeeksbury Community Center
- #39 Prater Creek.....Lunchroom at the Old Prater School
- #40 Branhams CreekBill Hall Building
- #41 Beech Grove.....Allen Central High School Gym
- #42 Head of MudRobert Tackett Building
- #43 ArkansasTad Adkins Bldg., on Click Branch
- #44 Allen-Dwale.....Allen Fire Station
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Violations of the laws regarding Assistance to Vote should be reported to the Board of Elections immediately, and noted on the "Precinct Election Sheriff's Post Election Report" (SBE-53)

ELECTIONEERING

Electioneering is PROHIBITED WITHIN 300 FEET* of any entrance to a building in which a voting machine is located, if that entrance is unlocked and used by voters on election day.

Electioneering is defined by law as:

1. Display of signs
2. Distribution of campaign literature, cards or handbills
3. Solicitations of votes for or against any candidate or question on the ballot in any manner
4. Solicitation of signatures to any petition

The PRECINCT SHERIFF has the responsibility of ENFORCING the ELECTIONEERING LAWS within 50 FEET OF THE ENTRANCES. VIOLATIONS OF ELECTIONEERING WITHIN 300 FEET should be reported to the Board of Elections IMMEDIATELY.

The precinct Sheriff may request the assistance of any law enforcement officer to maintain law and order at the polls, but it is strongly suggested that Precinct Sheriff make that request through the Board of Elections. (County Board of Elections phone number 886-3816 or 1-800-481-2009)

Any violations of the electioneering laws should be entered on the "Precinct Sheriff's Post Election Report" (SBE-53)

SAMPLE BALLOT

○ →	SPECIAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008	← ○
○ →	REPUBLICAN PARTY Straight Party Button	← ○
○ →	DEMOCRATIC PARTY Straight Party Button	← ○
○ →	STATE REPRESENTATIVE <small>35th Representative District (Unexpired Term) (Vote For One)</small>	← ○
○ →	5 Larry D. BROWN <small>REPUBLICAN PARTY</small>	← ○
○ →	6 Gregory D. STUMBO <small>DEMOCRATIC PARTY</small>	← ○
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WRITE-IN WINDOW
PUSH TO OPEN WRITE-IN WINDOW

PRESS TO CAST VOTE

The above is a facsimile of the Ballot that will appear in the Special Election to be held Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in all Floyd County precincts, with the exception of #2 Buffalo/Endicott, #7 Auxier, and #12 Rough & Tough Precincts.
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POISON OAK

To build a snowman

One of my co-workers told me that as he drove his seven-year-old son to school the other morning, the youngster asked the following question: "Dad, did you ever make a snowman?"

Such a simple, seemingly innocent question from a kid to his father, yet loaded with irony, because in the seven years the youngster had been here, he had never seen a snow big enough for him to make one himself. The only snowman with which he was familiar, were the ones he'd seen on TV.

Now, I'll admit that whether this has anything whatsoever to do with all this global warming stuff is questionable. But I'll guarantee that by the time I was seven years old and living in eastern Kentucky, and even though my mother kept me inside as much as she could, I had made many snow-

men. The boy's curiosity just underscores what I, and many others my age, have been saying for years. We just don't have the kinds of winters we used to have. Oh, it does turn a bit cold once in a while, with a couple of days of single digit temperatures, but even my failing memory can recall weeks at a time of genuine winter

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KIM'S KORNER

Pray until something happens

Too good not to share...



Kim Little Frasure

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to Push against the rock with all his might.

So, this the man did, day after day. For many years he toiled from sunup to sundown, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all his might.

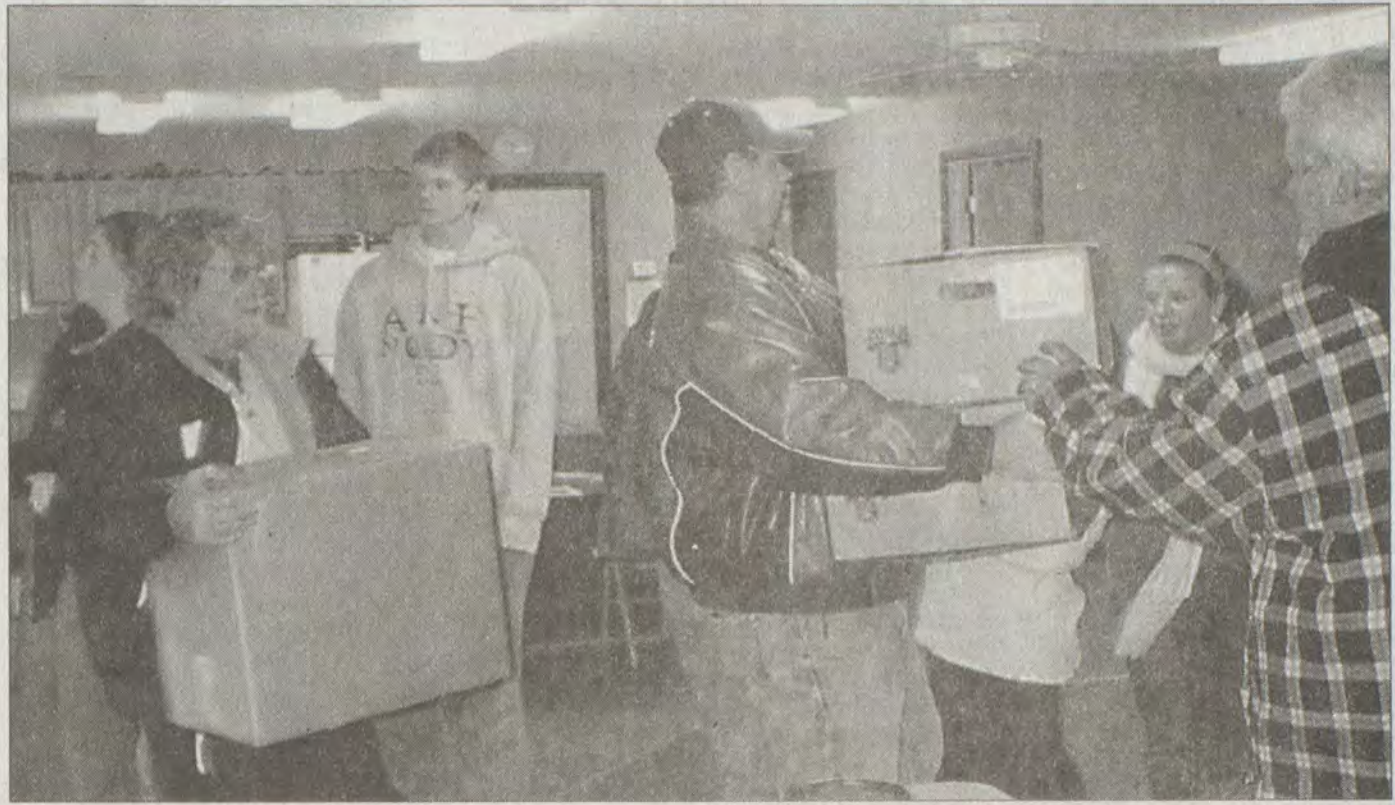
Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain. Since the man was showing discouragement, the Adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the man's weary mind (he will do it every time).

"You have been pushing against that rock for a long time and it hasn't moved," Satan said.

Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure. These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man.

Satan said, "Why kill yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough."

(See KORNER, page seven)



Helping hands were plentiful as members of the Prater Creek Baptist Church turned out early Saturday morning to help distribute boxes of food items obtained through the Angel Foods Ministries organization.

photos by Kathy J. Prater

'Hands of Hope' reaching out through Angel Food Ministries

Nationwide program comes to Prater Creek Baptist

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

With prices at the grocery check-out rising ever higher, it seems to almost take a miracle to feed a family these days. Many found that "miracle" this past weekend at Prater Creek Baptist Church in the form of the Angel Food Ministries program.

Through a partnership with Angel Food Ministries, a nationwide food distribution program, Prater Creek Baptist's Pastor J.B. Hall says that the program is a perfect fit for his church's "Hands of Hope Ministries" program.

"Hands of Hope is our basic needs ministry," Hall said. "Through Hands of Hope, we strive to deliver tangible assets to those in need to help with their daily basic needs...with a larger goal to help people eventually to become independent."

One of the best things about the Angel Food Ministries program, Hall said, is that it is not a giveaway program. "No one here today is being 'given' anything," he said, "they're simply here to pick up the food they've already paid for."

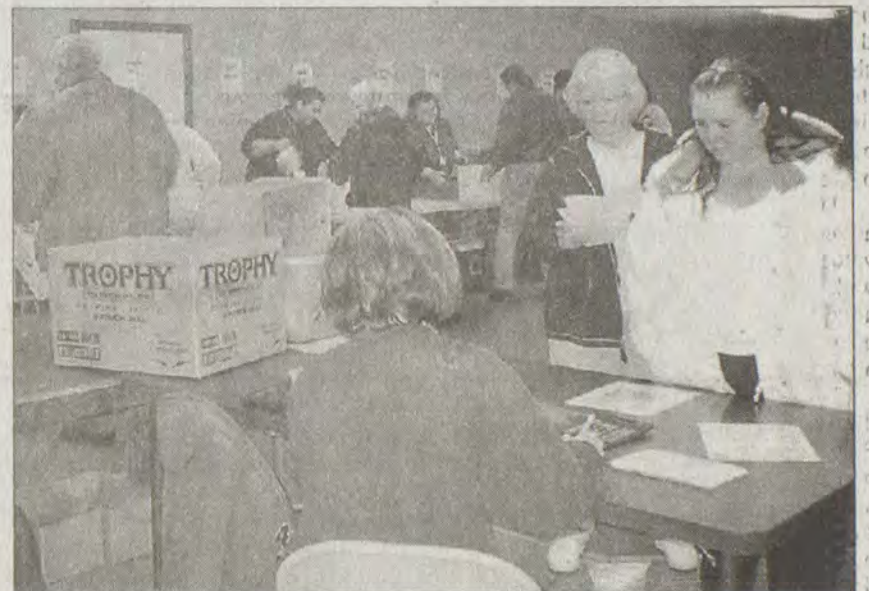
The Angel Food Ministry program can be currently found in 34 states across the nation and over 3,200 communities. It helps feed over 500,000 families a month

through the offering of "restaurant grade" foods at a substantial savings to individuals and families wishing to participate. For the small cost of \$30, participants can receive groceries valued at approximately \$70. There are no applications to fill out or guidelines to meet in order to participate. "What's offered is available to anyone," said Pauline Barnette, who along with husband Roger helps direct the Hands of Hope program at Prater Creek Baptist. "We don't care what your circumstances are, we don't have a need to know that," she said. "The way we see it, everybody can benefit by saving money on groceries."

Those participating this past Saturday in the program received a variety of meats, vegetables, frozen food items, bagged apples, canned foods and pudding packets for their \$30. Additionally, "specialty" food boxes containing steaks, chicken and pork were also available, at a reduced cost, to those who wished to purchase them. Specialty food boxes range from about \$18 to \$20 and contain enough meat to prepare several meals. In order to purchase one or more specialty food boxes, a regular food box must first be purchased.

Among the individual families participating this past weekend were

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Local residents who showed up to participate in the food distribution program expressed gratitude at being afforded the opportunity to purchase the grocery items at a discounted price.



Smiling teen faces accompanied hands and hearts eager to help out.

CRITTER CORNER

A bit about goats

by KATHY PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Goats are herbivorous (plant-eating) mammals with hooved feet. Goats have beards and pointed black horns. A "nanny" or "doe" is a female goat; a "buck" or "billy" is a male. Young goats, regardless of whether they are male or female, are referred to as "kids," a term that humans have picked up to refer to their own offspring!

In the wild, goats can live anywhere from 9 to 12 years. They are most comfortable in groups, which are known as "tribes." Goats enjoy spending their days grazing on grasses, herbs, tree leaves, and other plants. They are also what is known as "ruminants," meaning that they

possess the ability to chew cud to aid in digestion.

Goats are naturally very curious, intelligent, extroverted, flamboyant, and playful. For kids, play is a very important aspect of their young lives because it helps them to develop skills they will need later in life. For example, University of Colorado animal play expert Marc Bekoff notes that some types of play help develop the mental and physical flexibility needed to respond to unexpected events such as pursuit by a predator. Some of the activities enjoyed by kids include galloping, jumping vertically into the air, leaping on their mother's backs, tossing their heads about, and whirling

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This is a photo of Chloe Warfield and her goat, "Bessie Mae." Bessie Mae (now 6 months old) was born extremely premature and weighed only 1 1/2 pounds at birth. She had to be fed with a feeding srynge but thanks to the efforts of four dedicated adults, Bessie Mae lived to become Chloe's playmate. Chloe is the daughter of Greg and Sally Warfield and the granddaughter of Bud and Pauline Baldrige.

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Jan. 30 & Feb. 4, 1997)

A Floyd County jury began hearing testimony, Thursday, in the case of Eddie Dean Hall, 24, of Harold, accused of the 1993 kidnapping and rape of a 62-year-old Ivel resident.

A second Prestonsburg man has entered the race for the State Representative seat in the 94th District, which includes precincts in Floyd County. Prestonsburg insurance agent Denzil Allen, a Democrat, filed for office, Monday afternoon, in Frankfort, at the Secretary of State's office. Allen's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of candidates published, Wednesday.

A drawing for candidates placement on the May primary ballot was conducted, Thursday afternoon, on the steps of the courthouse.

A certificate of need for a second Floyd District Judge has been made to state legislators by State Supreme Court Justice Janet Stumbo.

Floyd County Judge James R. Allen, who has one of the heaviest caseloads in the state, is hopeful a second district judge will be added.

Revisions to an agreed order were approved Wednesday, which may place the management of the Floyd County School System in the hands of state education officials. Floyd school board members met in special session, Wednesday, to approve minor word changes in the agreement, which calls for a three-year state takeover of the troubled district.

A Big Sandy Health Care employee has filed a labor grievance against board president Bertie Salyer and is asking that the president be relieved of her position on the board. Bobbi Arnett, a social worker for BSHC and the chairperson for the health care union's grievance committee, presented the grievance to the board, on behalf of Sonja Hall, during a regular meeting of the board of directors, Monday night.

A federal civil rights lawsuit has been filed against the City of Wheelwright and former police chief Tommy Engle, in relation to an altercation in May. John D. Pratt is suing Engle and the city for alleged police brutality.

Four days after filing what appeared to be an agreeable divorce, Debbie Campbell was shot to death, Tuesday, and her estranged husband, Earl, was found dead, the victim of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot. Local authorities discovered the bodies of 47-year-old Earl Campbell and Debbie Campbell, 43, around 2 p.m.,

Tuesday, after a caller reported a shooting incident at the Lancer residence.

Applications for extraordinary appeal have been received by the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, from attorneys who represent Edward Dean Mullins and Jason Blake Bryant, two of the defendants in the Lillelid triple-murder case.

After a four-hour standoff with police, Jerry Miller, 38, of Auxier, was arrested and charged with fourth degree assault, terroristic threatening, and violation of a domestic violence order. Miller was taken into custody at 8:30, Sunday morning, after police went inside the residence and found Miller asleep on the couch.

State education officials officially assumed control of the Floyd County School System Tuesday, when the Kentucky Board of Education voted to approve a three-year state takeover of the school system.

Authorities apparently have broadened their search to include Floyd County, in an effort to locate pieces of art collection stolen from a downtown Paintsville display. The stolen items were part of the "Johnson County Collection" artwork related to specific historical sites in the county.

Roger Sammons, 20, of Prestonsburg, was taken into county, Tuesday, by Martin Police Chief Jeffery Powell, on a warrant for theft, obtained by KSP trooper Jim Baker on January 20. He was sentenced, Tuesday, to nine months in the county jail after admitting stealing the offering from the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church, in Harold, last month.

Susan Stumbo, of Wayland, accused of improperly using \$27,000 from the Terri LaShae Jarvis transplant fund, pleaded guilty, Monday, to a misdemeanor theft charge, and agreed to repay \$6,000. She was also sentenced to one year in jail, which was probated for two years. There died: Bertha A. Click, 90, of Langley, Tuesday, January 27, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Roger D. Arnold, 52, of Kendallville, Saturday, January 24, at his home; James Ellsworth Wells, 77, of Auxier, Wednesday, January 28, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville; James B. Wicker Sr., 72, of Beavercreek, Ohio, Friday, November 21, at Franciscan Medical Center; Martin Tussey, 55, of West Prestonsburg, Friday, January 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Grethel Hall Bates, 77, of Franklin, Indiana, formerly of Buckingham, Friday, January 30, at the Ven-Cor Hospital in Greenwood, Indiana; Geneva Crisp,

75, of Martin, Saturday, at the Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.; Ellen Hackworth, 74, of Blue River, Sunday, February 1, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Sadie Hamilton, 84, of Teaberry, February 1, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Juanita Turner Stumbo, 68, of Minnie, Monday, February 2, on arrival at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lamont Slone, 70, of Warsaw, Indiana, Sunday, February 1, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana; Sammie Mullins, 86, of Pikeville, Sunday, February 1, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Clearance Crum, 81, formerly of Stanville, Thursday, in Huntington, WVa

Lenore Bellamy Salts, 74, of Drift, January 27, at McDowell ARH

Andy Rose, 57, of Printer, Friday, at his residence

Frankie Clay Bowlin, 63, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, in Columbia, Missouri

Marlan Hall, 76, formerly of Wheelwright, Sunday, at Marion, Ohio

Birdie Moore McCurry, 87, of Price, Wednesday, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center

William Terry Jr., 69, formerly of Lackey, January 6, in Lexington

Ida Howard, 69, formerly of Langley, January 5, at Hamlet, Indiana

Floyd Taylor, 83, of Hunter, Thursday, at Phelps Community Hospital

Nell W. Turpin, 84, January 21, at St. Joseph Hospital

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

Twenty Years Ago

(February 3, 1988)

A meeting held last Saturday, in the Floyd County courthouse, gave taxpayers a chance to air their concerns before state representatives Benny Bailey and Greg Stumbo.

A Friday morning fire gutted the Martin building that housed the Am-Vets and the American Legion clubs.

County Attorney David Barber was the focus of a Lexington Herald-Leader article, citing his request for a dismissal of a speeding citation issued for the daughter of Appellate Judge Dan J. Combs. The reporter allegedly gleaned the information regarding the request from Barber's receptionist's desk, while borrowing the phone.

CSX representatives vowed to clean up problem spots in the area, like the Glo Hollow area, near Wayland.

A boulder on a highwall at the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center, forced the evacuation of the Winn-Dixie, Wal-Mart, and McDonald's, Friday.

A worker's compensation bill filed January 21, would, if passed, give small coal operators a break, by paying a fee assessed per ton of coal mined.

Absenteeism was up, and an increase in patient admission to local hospitals was, as well, as the flu took hold of Floyd County.

The brother of a local doctor was found shot in the head, Tuesday, in his pickup truck on KY 80.

There died: Dora Jones Nelson, 85, of Dvale, Monday, at Riverview Manor

Woody Dean Shepherd, seven days old, of McDowell, Friday, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital

Thirty Years Ago

(February 1, 1978)

The former mining town of David, not only has a brand-new water distribution system—it is on the way to having a modern sewage treatment plant and sewer system.

Floyd County's 18 percent increase, and Pike County's 17 percent, are cited as coalfield boom counties, which are credited, in part, for Kentucky's growth rate, which exceeded the national rate from 1970 to 1977.

Two murder indictments and two others, alleging reckless homicide, topped the list of 31 true bills reported, Friday, by the grand jury, prior to its adjournment for the current court term.

Days lost from school continued to pile up this week, and there was none to say when class work would resume, after light snow fell, Tuesday morning, to coat a thick base of ice on streets, and all secondary roads.

There died: Marlin Leonard (Lou) Kimmel, 55, of Betsy Layne, found dead in his truck, Sunday, at Emma; Mrs. Della Osborne Moore, 76, of Bypro, Friday, at her home; Mrs. Norma Martin, 73, formerly of Printer, Monday, at Louisa Community Hospital; Mrs. Ruth Greer, 58, formerly of Martin, last Tuesday, in Mount

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

•Feb. 7 - 4-H Project Club meeting, 3:15 p.m., in YSC. New members may still sign up.

•"Get Moving AMS" is a student exercise program coordinated by AMS Youth Service Center and the Floyd County Extension Office. Students will learn about benefits of exercise and good nutrition. Call the YSC for more information or to sign up.

•Lending Library available for student/parent use. Pamphlets, videos, books and more on a variety of topics available.

•Appointments now available with the Floyd County Health Dept. nurse. Nurse can do school physicals and immunizations on site. Please call 886-1297 to schedule an appointment.

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

Allen Central High School

•Jan. 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.

•Jan. 30 - Advisory Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., in Youth Service Center.

•Feb. 7 - Career presentation, 8th grade.

•Feb. 11 - Tobacco presentation, 6th grade.

•Feb. 12, 19 & 26 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

•Feb. 20 - CPR training, 8th

grade.

•Feb. 20 - Parent meeting, 1:30 p.m.

•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 pro-

vides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

May Valley Elementary

•May Valley is currently accepting applications for the May Valley Elementary Early Childhood Program (3-4 year olds). Fee for services is \$18/per day. Services available Mon. thru Fri. Contact school at 285-0883 for more information. Slots will be filled on first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining applicants will be placed on waiting list.

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

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

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center.

•Feb. 18 - No school. President's Day.

•Feb. 19 - Lola Ratliff, Floyd County Schools, will conduct a Parent meeting on "Nutrition & Exercise," at 1 p.m., in the FRC. All parents/guardians urged to attend.

•Parents of 5th grade students are urged to call the FRC and make an appointment for their child's 6th grade physical exam!

•Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and

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Go Red for Women

February is American Heart Month

February 1st marks the 5th annual American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day! Join the millions of women who will wear red to help raise awareness of heart disease as the No. 1 killer of women. Show your support of the Go Red For Women movement by wearing red and becoming a part of reducing heart disease in America's women.

It's not hard to reduce your risk for heart disease. Start today with small, simple actions like these:

Celebrate with a checkup. Let each birthday remind you that it's time for your yearly checkup and a talk with your doctor about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease.

Get off the couch. Step, march or jog in place for at least 30 minutes most days of the week — you can even do it while watching TV.

Quit smoking in four steps. Can't go "cold turkey"? Cut the number of cigarettes you smoke each day in half; then cut that number in half; cut it in half again; finally, cut down to zero!

Drop a pound or two. Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day — about one candy bar's worth — can help you lose up to two pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight.

Become a salt detective. Check out the Nutrition Facts panel on packaged foods to see how much sodium (salt) they contain. Aim for a total intake of no more than 2,300 milligrams (about a teaspoon of salt) per day.



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WEDDINGS



Kinzer-Blair

Jammie and Sherri Kinzer, of Allen, along with Mrs. Christine Blair, of Prestonsburg, the widow of Edison Blair, are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Brittany Leigh Kinzer and Brandon Heath Blair. Brittany is the granddaughter of Jerome and Ruby Kinzer, of Allen, and Esta Cole Cottrell, or Ripley, West Virginia, and the late Willis Hall, formerly of Martin. She is currently attending Morehead State University. Brandon is the grandson of Emogene Whitt, of Prestonsburg, and the late Frank Whitt, and the late Herbert and Sally Blair, formerly of Prestonsburg. Brandon is employed with CSX. The couple reside in Prestonsburg.



Pelphrey-Mezzina

Glenard and Sandy Pelphrey, of Garrettsville, Ohio are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Nicole Pelphrey, to Joseph Mezzina Jr., the son of Joseph and AnnMarie Mezzina of Brunswick, Ohio. Jamie is a graduate of Malone College and works as a social worker in Ravenna, Ohio. She is the granddaughter of John and Minervia Pelphrey, of Allen. Joseph is a graduate of the University of Akron and works as a software engineer in Akron, Ohio. The couple will wed on April 5, 2008 in Aurora, Ohio.

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several area churches, as well, whose representatives were on hand to pick up orders placed by their various church members or for those in need in their respective communities. Prater Creek Baptist Church serves as the host site in the local area for Angel Food Ministries, but they welcome other area churches to participate in the program.

"I think this program is just wonderful," said Rita Evans, of Grethel. "It's a wonderful way to help the community. I'm here today picking up an order for my mother, she loved her last order. My sister got it for her for Christmas."

Robin Haynes, a Prater Creek Baptist church member, said that she was picking up an order for a fellow church member who had gone to South Carolina to help her family there connect with the Angel Food Ministries program in their area. "So while I'm picking up her order, she is taking her family to pick up

their orders in South Carolina," she said. "I think that's a pretty good example of hands connecting with hands," she laughed.

Heather Wakeland, one of many teenagers on hand to help with the morning's work said, "I love it. I love helping. It's a real good feeling to know you're helping people."

Pastor Hall says that having his church become a host site for Angel Food Ministries is only a beginning to the vision he and his congregation have for their church. "We want to help in a wide number of ways. For those in need of education and job skills, we want to help them, through our growing database of information, to make the connections they need in order to meet their goals. We want to help everyone discover what their natural and spiritual gifts are, we want them to realize that we all have a gift. Some may have more than one, but everyone has at least one God-given

gift. And we know that people are most successful when operating in their area of giftedness," he said.

Hall says that Prater Creek Baptist hopes to eventually make a mark worldwide. "We plan to have a means to connecting worldwide, by making contacts around the world with those in need and with those helping those in need. Eventually, even, we want to build a world class Bible College here at Prater Creek...God has blessed us here and we want to extend those blessings," he said. "We

want to make a real difference in people's lives, not just a token difference, but a real difference," he said.

To learn more about the Angel Food Ministries program, or other programs of Prater Creek Baptist Church, log onto the church's website at www.pcbaptist.org. Prater Creek Baptist Church is located on Orchard Branch Road, in Banner. You may also contact Roger and Pauline Barnette, co-directors, Hands of Hope Ministries at (606) 285-9447 or email to: prbarnette@bellsouth.net.

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