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COUNTY SCORES

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Sex offender on trial for living near preschool

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The trial of a sex offender whose registered residence came into question in 2006 began early this week in Floyd Circuit Court under Judge Danny Caudill.

According to the indictment, John Samuel Moore, of Prestonsburg, is charged both with failure to maintain sex offender registration by not providing accurate address information, a Class D felony, and "living to close to a preschool, or day care facility, when he being a registered sex offender, was residing within 1,000 feet of the Baptist Learning Center of Prestonsburg, First Baptist church," a Class A misdemeanor.

In the defense's opening statement, Melissa Goodman, of the public defender's office, said that Moore was being prosecuted because of the Collins fami-

ly's "pride and prejudice."

"The Collinses are hurt. They are trying to get back at him (the defendant), and they want him prosecuted," Goodman said.

As part of the defense, Goodman contends that the defendant was trying to move on with his life, abiding by the rules of the Sex Offender Registry.

Goodman also spoke, during her opening remarks, of the stain of being a registered sex offender, adding that people in her own church, who were welcoming and congenial with "white collar criminals," would "scatter quicker than the sea parted" if a sex offender were in their midst.

According to testimony given by officials from Department of Probation and Parole, as well as the Kentucky State Police Sex Offender Registry unit, The

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Defendant John Samuel Moore, looked on Monday afternoon as Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner delivered his opening statements to the jury. The trial is expected to continue today.

photo by Jack Latta

House bill would require weather radios in some mobile homes

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A House committee has approved a measure that would require retailers to include weather radios when selling manufactured or mobile homes. Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo of Lexington says people who live in such housing tend to be more vulnerable to the threat of dangerous weather. Palumbo says weather radios could give people the extra time they need to react to an approaching storm.

Seven people in Kentucky were killed, and several more were injured in storms that lashed the state on Feb. 6.

A similar measure is on the books in Indiana, and one is pending in Congress.

The Kentucky proposal now heads to the full House for consideration.

BACK IN THE HOUSE



photo by Bud Kraft, LRC Public Information.

Appellate Court Justice Sara Combs administers the oath of office to Greg Stumbo, new state representative for House District 95. Holding the Bible Rep. Stumbo rested his hand upon his wife, Mary Karen Stumbo, while daughter Cassidy peeks in from behind.

Three lawmakers sworn in following special election

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Former Attorney General Greg Stumbo has been sworn in as state representative.

The Prestonsburg Democrat was among three lawmakers

sworn into office on Monday — nearly a week after winning seats during a special election.

Symsonia Democrat Will R. Coursey also took his office in the state House. And Hazard Republican Brandon Smith was sworn into the state

Senate to replace Daniel Mongiardo who resigned after being elected lieutenant governor.

House Speaker Jody Richards called a special election on March 18 to fill Smith's old seat.

Wrongful death suit filed in U.S. 23 crash

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

LOUISA — A Martin County woman filed a wrongful death civil action Monday in Lawrence Circuit Court, against a man held responsible for a traffic accident that killed her husband in December.

According to the complaint, Sharon Kirk, widow to and administrator for the estate of Joey Kirk, filed a lawsuit against Richard S. Gussler for wrongful death,

and against Mountain City Ford for negligence in the hiring of Gussler.

On Dec. 14, Joey Kirk was a back seat passenger in a vehicle being driven by Paul Justice which was involved in an accident on U.S. 23 at Louisa. Due to injuries sustained in the accident, Kirk later died at Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa.

Following the crash, Gussler was charged with

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Suspect in bank robbery convicted in similar heist 20 years ago

The Associated Press

PIKEVILLE — Police in Eastern Kentucky turned up a familiar face when they arrested a man in connection with a recent bank robbery.

Carl Edward Lockhart was arrested by Pikeville police on Thursday and charged with robbing U.S. Bank's branch in Virgie.

It turns out Lockhart was convicted of robbing another local bank more than 20 years ago.

In September of 1987 an armed man wearing a ski mask entered a bank in Ferrell's Creek and left with more than \$300,000. Lockhart was later convicted in the robbery and sen-

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Bridge restoration moving forward

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

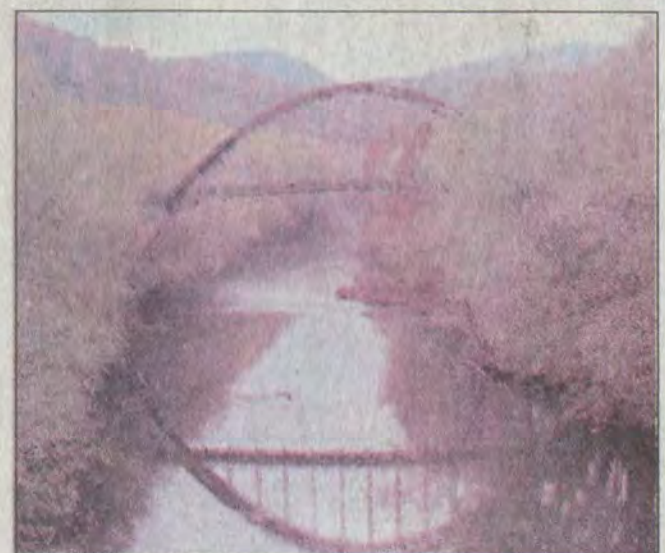
PRESTONSBURG — An update on the West Prestonsburg Bridge project came before the city council on Monday, in a report from Brent Graden, the city's economic development director.

"Our symbol needs to be a shining star once again," said Graden. "And now,

thanks to the good people at the Transportation Cabinet and the Heritage Council, we are seeing that possibility become a reality."

According to Graden, a memorandum of agreement exists between the Transportation Cabinet and the Heritage Council for a sum of \$500,000 which is

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The West Prestonsburg Bridge is the target of a restoration effort that would open it for use by non-motorized traffic.

photo by Jack Latta

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Tomorrow



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Friday



High: 52 • Low: 30

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Obituaries

Barbara D. Allen

Barbara D. Allen, passed away, on Saturday, February 9, 2008.

She was born in Prestonsburg, on October 25, 1943, the daughter of Orville Dotson and Thelma Whitaker Dotson, and was reared on Abbott Creek. She was a cheerleader, and graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1961.

Barbara was a loving wife of 47 years to David; a loving mother and a loving Nannan to her four grandchildren. She worked as an Executive Assistant, and retired in 2003. She was a Sunday School teacher, and served on various church committees at First United Methodist Church, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her husband, David, she is survived by two sons: David D. Allen II (Loree Goheen Allen) of Hudson, Ohio; and James D. Allen (Shelia Duff Allen) of Lexington.

She loved her grandchildren, David D. Allen III ("D.J."), and Drew, children of David II, and Corey and Caitlin; children of Jim. She is also survived by her brother, Charles O. Dotson of Greenwood, South Carolina.

Visitation was from 4:00 to 9:00 on Sunday, February 10, at Carter Funeral Home, in Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were at 11:00 on Monday, February 11, at First United Methodist Church, with Mark Waltz officiating.

Entombment was in Highlands Memorial Cemetery, in Staffordsville, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 236 South Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Active pallbearers: Robert R. Allen II, Robert R. Allen III, Wilson Kingsley Allen, Chris Dotson, and Michael Harris.

Honorary: Chris Honeycutt.



Knott County. She departed this life on February 6, 2008, while at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

She was united in marriage to Warnie Collins on September 8, 1951. Warnie passed away on November 29, 1994.

Annie became a Christian and was baptized into Christ at the First Baptist Church of McDowell, Ky.

She had been ill for several years, but she was still a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by a son, Bobby Collins of Minnie, and a daughter, Beth Compton of Marengo, Ohio; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Thornsbury of Mallie; three sisters, Allene Cordial of Wayland, Zeldia Tery of Garrett, and Ada Wicker of Mousie, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by five brothers: Roach, Elisha (Jr.), Willie, William, Jr. and Frank, and three sisters: Ida, Nellie and Rose Ellen.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10, in the Drift Pentecostal Church at Drift, Ky. by Rev. Ted Shannon.

Burial was in the Drift Cemetery at Drift, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Winifred Virginia "Peachie" Howard Collins

Winifred Virginia "Peachie" Howard Collins, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 10, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 3, 1924, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Nell Burchett and Harvey Howard. She was a former librarian assistant at the Floyd County Library. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Mason Collins on December 27, 1977.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Collins Lansford (Dr. Norris M. "Mac") of Louisville; two brothers: Bill Harvey Howard (Barbara Branham) of Prestonsburg and "Donnie" Howard (Lida

Margaret) of Prestonsburg; two grandchildren: Kelly Elizabeth Pelizza (Carl) of East Point, Georgia and Addie Brook Lansford of Flint, Michigan.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Wesley "Wes" (wife, Virginia Conley, living); a sister, Alice Mable Raybourn and husband, (Enoch).

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 16, at 2 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Vicki Poole officiating.

Interment will be in Richmond Memorial Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

Cornial H. Crum

Cornial H. Crum, age 74, beloved husband (54 years) of Dorothy M. Crum, passed away, February 8, 2008, in White Lake, Michigan.

He was born October 21, 1933, in Banner, the son of the late James and Alice Crum.

He and his wife moved to Pontiac, Michigan, in 1953, where he obtained employment at Pontiac Motors. In 1989, he retired from Pontiac Motors as a skilled tradesman. He lived in White Lake, Michigan for more than 40 years. Recently, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and passed away shortly thereafter.

He is survived by his children: Rev. Larry (Ruth) Crum, and Alice (John) Anderson; and was the cherished grandfather of Michael (Amanda), Bobby Jr., Carriann, Jason (Michelle), Joseph, Steven, Rachel (Marshall), Sarah (Gideon), Johnny, Heather (Steve), Nathaniel, and Nicole; and loving great-grandfather to Andrew, Cornial James (CJ), Sydney, Gavin, Jeremiah, Cora, Lilly, Elijah, Derek and Gracelyn; and his brother, Cecil, of Banner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Margie (Reynolds); two brothers, Frank and Junior; a son, Bobby Sr.; and his grand-

son, Ricky.

Some people come into our lives and quietly go. Others stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. Cornial's footprints are on the hearts of all he loved. He was the wind beneath our wings, and he will be forever missed.

Visitation was on Monday and Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. at Elton Black's Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Road, White Lake, Michigan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m., at the Union Lake Church of the Nazarene, 5236 Carroll Lake Road, Commerce Township, Michigan, followed by a luncheon.

Burial was at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. Donations may be made to Hermalin Brain Tumor Center at Henry Ford Hospital, or the Josephine Ford Cancer Center, at Henry Ford Hospital.

(Paid obituary)

Martin Gregory Halbert

Martin Gregory Halbert, age 55, of Langley, passed away Thursday, February 7, 2008, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born January 24, 1953, in Martin, the son of Ruby Slone Halbert of Langley, and the late Martin G. Halbert. He was a retired United Parcel Service employee, and a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his wife, Belinda Lee Jones Halbert of Langley; two sons: Christopher Lee Halbert and Jeffrey Kyle Halbert, both of Langley; a daughter, Greta Michelle Jenkins of Langley; a brother, Todd Halbert of Langley; a sister, Deborah Hagans of Langley; and a grandson, Grant Thomas Jenkins.

Funeral services for Martin Gregory Halbert were conducted Sunday, February 10, at 1:00

p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bob Varney and Chester Ray Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Pete Martin Cemetery, in Eastern.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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Ethel Reed Hale

Ethel Reed Hale, age 87, of Georgetown, widow of Chester W. Hale, passed this life on February 9, 2008, in Georgetown.

She was born on May 4, 1920, at Swamp Branch of

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Even though Sherry is gone from us this day, She touched our lives in a special way.

She had her share of troubles in life.

But she never ceased being a good mother, friend, and wife.

Some of us recall the laughter in her voice.

It's those times we remember and rejoice.

Others think of the day she fell out with sin.

We can imagine her face all happy with a grin.

Her knowledge of the Bible, was an inspiration to us all.

If you had a question, Sherry was the one to call.

She was a woman filled with love.

A very special gift from God above.

Yet she wasn't perfect in any way.

And she really didn't have much to say.

But, she did admit when she was wrong.

She was faithful, true, and strong.

Now, at church, there's an empty space.

And at home, it's an awfully quiet place.

There's so many memories, so many questions why.

The loneliness often makes us cry.

But knowing Sherry is in Heaven today,

Makes the pain seem so far away.

Sadly missed by Family and Friends

Card of Thanks

The family of Lillian Sizemore would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Bethel Bolen, Mark Hunt, Virgil Hunt, and Nathan Lafferty, for their comforting words; the Rock Fork United Christian Baptist Church, for all the love and support that was shown to our family; 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 LILLIAN SIZEMORE

Card of Thanks

The family of Eva K. Robinette Layne 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their 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 EVA K. ROBINETTE LAYNE

Card of Thanks

The family of Rev. Daniel T. Heintzelman wishes to thank all co-workers, friends, neighbors, family, and the Graceway Methodist Church, who prayed and honored us with food, flowers, and words of comfort. Thanks to the entire staff of Our Lady of the Way Hospital (St. Joseph Hospital, Martin) for their faithful loving care. Thanks to Rev. Roy Hodson for his message, Rev. Roy Harlow for reading scripture and sharing his experiences with Dan, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowers for singing Dan's favorite hymns. We also thank the Hall Funeral Home for their compassionate and professional service. It is with humbled hearts that we express our profound gratitude to the Kentucky Fire Commission and Allen Volunteer Fire Department for coordinating with state and local Fire Departments to provide an honor guard, ladders to heaven and the procession of several fire trucks and officers to the cemetery, where the firemen honored Dan's service in ceremony at graveside.

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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.

HRMC February Calendar

Feb. 9 - Smoking Cessation; meeting place A & B; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (For Floyd County Youth)
 Feb. 10 - Basic Arrhythmia class; Room: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Feb. 23 - Kentucky Mountain Dental Society; meeting place A & B; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Feb. 28 - Living Well with Diabetes Support Group; meeting place A & B; 5-6 p.m.
 For more information, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 1-606-886-7424.

2nd Annual Old Fashioned Baby Contest

To be held Feb. 10, at 2 p.m., in the Roy F. Collier Comm. Center, Inez. Proceeds will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities! Prizes and titles for boys and girls, ages 0-3 years. All babies must be dressed in plain white shirts, or onesies, and plain pair of blue jeans. Girls may wear hair bows. Judges will pick winners on facial beauty alone. No make-up or hair pieces allowed. Entry fee, \$25 at door.
 Also, Most Photogenic Award will be given. Entry fee, \$5 per photo.
 For more info., call Tiffany at 626-7582, or Chasity at 626-7535.

Big Sandy Idol contest

The 2008 Big Sandy Idol regional competition will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, February 29 and March 1. Winners from the Big Sandy area high school Big Sandy Idol competitions will compete for BSCTC scholarships, cash awards, and recording contracts with Big Sandy Productions. Tickets \$5/students; \$7/adults. Call 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Family reunion

The descendants of Bud and Tannie Johnson, Ab and Lendie Bryant, and Green and Mary

Johnson will have a family reunion Saturday, May 24, at the Weeksbury Community Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Paul W. Johnson, 1274 Alexandersville Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. Phone: 937-866-7937.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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.
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 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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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 www.pcbaptist.org, or call Roger at 606-285-9447. You may also email to: prbarnette@bellsouth.net.

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

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Cinema 2—Held Over
 WELCOME HOME ROSCOE JENKINS (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 3—Starts Thursday, Feb. 14
 SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 4—Held Over
 MEET THE SPARTANS (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 4—Starts Thursday, Feb. 14
 THE PIRATES WHO DON'T DO ANYTHING: A VEGGIE TALE. Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30).
Cinema 5—Held Over
 OVER HER DEAD BODY (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:15; Fri. 7:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:15) 7:15.
 RAMBO (R). Mon.-Sun. 9:30; Fri. (4:30) 9:30; Sat.-Sun. (4:30) 9:30.
Cinema 6—Starts Thursday, Feb. 14
 STRANGE WILDERNESS (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 7—Starts Thursday, Feb. 14
 STEP UP 2 (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 8—Starts Thursday, Feb. 14
 JUMPER (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 9—Held Over
 FOOL'S GOLD (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 10—Held Over
 UNTRACEABLE (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:25; ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS (PG). Fri. (4:10); Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:10).

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.

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.

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A Message From John Kirk

We, at Kirk Law Firm, have undertaken to do what we can to see that justice is done regarding the Tragic Deaths of Joe Rigsby, Ronald Haney, Joey Kirk, and Stacy Triplett Quesenberry. Ronald, Joe and Stacy died in crashes involving large trucks. Joey was killed by a drunk driver. The purpose of this message is to seek information from all those who have knowledge of the facts surrounding the events set out below. We respectfully ask that if you were a witness to any of the events, or if you have talked with anyone who was, or if you have any useful or helpful knowledge, that you please contact **KIRK LAW FIRM**: at any of the following numbers: 297-5888; 886-9494; 377-7785; 298-3575; 437-9234; or 739-8000, or go to www.kirklawfirm.net.

We have filed Civil Actions for the children and wives of Joey, Ronald and Joe, and we will describe below the dates and events so that you can see if you were a witness to what we are talking about.

Joey Kirk was killed at Louisa on December 14, 2007

Joey and his wife, Sharon, lived near Inez. Joey died when the vehicle in which he was a back-seat passenger, was crashed into while it was stopped at a red light. The driver of the vehicle that crashed into the car Joey was in, has been charged with the crime of Second Degree Manslaughter. He was impaired by drugs or drink. He was not injured, but the other two people in the car Joey was in, Paul Justice and Mark Skaggs, were injured. The accident occurred on U.S. 23 at a red light at Louisa.



Joey Kirk

Ronald Haney was killed at Louisa on March 14, 2007

Ronald, age 34, and his wife, Wendy, were traveling south on US 23, when Ronald was killed in a crash with a loaded coal truck. Wendy was so seriously hurt that she spent months in a hospital and nursing home. The crash occurred at a red light, where you turn into the hospital. Wendy lives at Nippa with their infant children, Kirsten and Tony.



Ronald Haney

Joe and Stacy were killed on US 23 on February 5, 2007

Joe Rigsby and Stacy Triplett Quesenberry were killed where Dogwood Fork meets US 23 at Wittensville, when the vehicle driven by Joe was hit by a tractor-trailer which—according to a witness—was traveling 85 mph.

Joe left young sons, Seth and Aaron; and Stacy left young sons, Leslie and Jayden.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— John Greenleaf Whittier

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Guest View

Not a horse race

It's always nice to be ardently wooed. But so-called super delegates need to save themselves for the wedding night. And that would be the Democratic National Convention in August.

Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are scrapping for every delegate apportioned in the state's primaries and caucuses. Neither might have the numbers to clinch by the convention, though mid-Atlantic primaries [yesterday may have] put one candidate more clearly in the lead — and primaries in Wisconsin, Ohio and Texas could add even more clarity.

But if it goes down to the wire, super delegates, who, according to party rules, are free to vote for whomever they wish, will have to be the tie-breakers. Each campaign is now pressing these delegates to commit. They shouldn't. They should wait until the nation's voters have spoken through the party primaries. And then they should cast their votes so that those voters' wishes are respected. Sen. John McCain has all but sewn up the GOP nomination. On the Democratic side, however, matters as of Monday were still very much in the air.

The party's super delegates are Democratic governors, the party's members in the U.S. House and Senate and all members of the Democratic National Committee. More than half already have committed to a candidate.

Of Wisconsin's 16 super delegates, four have gone for Obama and two for Clinton. Ten are undecided.

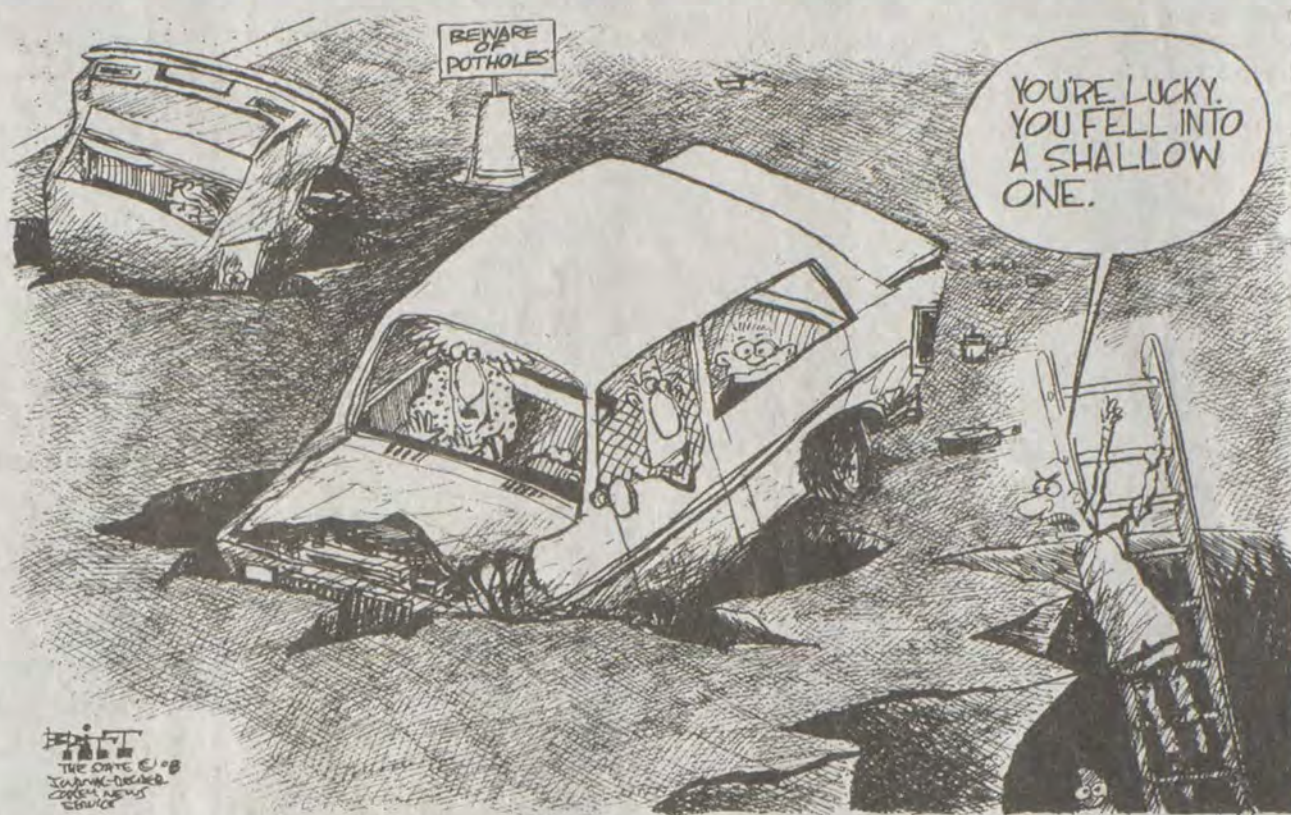
The remaining super delegates who are being courted need to stand firm, and those who have committed may need to rethink their positions come convention time. The party created super delegates in 1980 to bring cohesion to the party at nominating time — to give a unifying boost to the candidate for whom more people had voted but who might hold only a slim lead in delegates.

Commendably, the state's two U.S. senators and others have remained publicly uncommitted.

It will be a blow to party unity going into the general election if more people end up voting for one candidate over the other in the Democratic primaries and super delegates throw it to the other candidate anyway.

The party that was correctly indignant that the presidential candidate who won the popular vote was denied the victory in 2000 cannot be the same party that denies its nomination to the person with more votes in 2008.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Guest Column

Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER
29TH SENATE DISTRICT

With so many of our military men and women fighting the global war on terror, the sacrifices of our armed forces always weigh heavily on lawmakers in Frankfort. In Kentucky, we see firsthand the impact their noble sacrifice has on families we know personally. We took several steps this week to help military families and all of our citizens will feel these effects.

Kentucky is one of only five states that does not offer tax relief to members of the military. Many active-duty service members claim citizenship in another state for just that reason. Many soldiers at Fort Campbell, located on the state line, choose to live on the Tennessee side, paying property taxes and spending their money in stores there. Under Senate Bill 85, we could give our troops tax relief and give their families and local businesses an economic boost. SB 85 would create a \$17-million military service rebate fund, which would allow troops to apply for a full refund of the state income tax they paid on their military wages. Military Reserve and National Guard troops would be eligible as well, expanding the economic benefit to every area of the state.

Easing the financial burden on ser-

vice members and their families will help show how much we appreciate their service and sacrifices. As a bonus, we hope they will choose to live in Kentucky and spend their hard-earned dollars here.

It is especially important to honor our troops as Kentucky prepares to welcome more soldiers into our borders over the next few years. Under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, more than 6,000 new soldiers and support staff will move to Fort Knox. These arrivals mean more than \$1 billion for our state's economy, but these additional soldiers will also put stress on local infrastructure. The area surrounding Fort Knox will need better roads, more utilities and other improvements. Senate Bill 111 will make sure the state does its part to help the area grow smoothly. We have learned that rapid growth, if not managed properly, can lead to problems such as dangerous roads and crowded schools. SB 111 gives us the opportunity to shepherd that development.

SB 111 would issue \$296 million in bonds to allow the new BRAC economic development board to oversee improvements around Fort Knox. Roads, schools, workforce development, water and sewer needs, and human services would all be eligible for funding under the program. By supporting our military bases, we put ourselves in a good position for future BRAC decisions. The military is the state's largest mobile employer;

attracting and keeping military jobs as vital to our state's economy.

While BRAC will bring an influx of new soldiers and their families to Kentucky bases, transfers are a constant factor in military life. Senate Bill 68 would address one of the hardships these families face when they move — their children's education. Because each state has different requirements for graduation and teaches different subject matter at each grade level, it is tough for students to make a smooth transition. Many times, paperwork and bureaucracy get in the way of learning.

SB 68 would include Kentucky in an interstate compact to help ease the burden on these students. They have it tough already, leaving their friends and trying to adjust to new surroundings. Working together with other states so students can focus on books rather than bureaucratic paperwork will be a big boost for those kids.

We also approved a measure this week to allow non-resident military personnel and veterans to save money on their Kentucky hunting licenses. Traditionally, anyone without Kentucky residency has paid a higher fee for his or her hunting licenses, but Senate Bill 67 would let him or her pay the resident fee, saving them \$100 a year.

As always, I hope you will stay in touch by calling our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or e-mailing me at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

Letters

Parents should have choice

During the Jan. 23 Floyd County Board of Education meeting, we as board members continued our discussions regarding the transfer of sixth-graders from McDowell Elementary School and Osborne Elementary School to the South Floyd Middle School facility for the upcoming 2008-09 school year. Some of my statements may have resulted in confusion and I would like to take the opportunity now to clarify the message I had intended to share on that evening.

First, I want to begin by commending South Floyd Middle School for the growth and work of the leadership, staff and students. Recent assessment results demonstrate the schools outstanding success with an academic index of 87.5, an increase of 17.6 points in 2007. I am very proud of these accomplishments and know that students attending South Floyd Middle School have and will continue to receive an outstanding learning experience. Throughout Floyd County Schools we are providing excellent learning opportunities for the children of Floyd County.

My desire and the intention of my statements were to consider that some parents have expressed concerns about the distance from their existing school area and they should have the opportunity to choose the school their child attends. I also wanted to communicate that the district should provide the transportation to both schools for those interested, if at all possible. Present plans are to provide transportation only to the South Floyd

Middle School facility and I just want to make sure that my request was considered.

I am hopeful this brief message will clarify the intent of my statements and will indicate my appreciation and support for all our schools involved in this middle school transition process for the 2008-09 school year.

Dr. Chandra Varia
District 2 School Board Member

The right to leave

I would like to share this with your readers. It was read on the Gregg Hutchins Show and is attributed to an unknown author:

"I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, we have experienced a surge in patriotism by the majority of Americans.

"However, the dust from the attacks had barely settled when the 'politically correct' crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others.

"I am not against immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against anyone who is seeking a better life by coming to America. Our population is almost entirely made up of descendants of immigrants.

"However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand.

"This idea of America being a multicultural community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity.

"As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own lan-

guage and our own lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom.

"We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become part of our society, learn the language!

"In God We Trust' is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right-wing, political slogan.

"We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest you consider another part of the world as your new home, because God is part of our culture.

"If Stars and Stripes offend you, or you don't like Uncle Sam, then you should seriously consider a move to another part of this planet.

"We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle.

"Our First Amendment gives every citizen the right to express his opinion and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly encourage you to take advantage of one other Great American Freedom:

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Rayanna L. R. Spradlin
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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 Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE
 The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs. "Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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.

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National Children's Dental Health Month emphasizes importance of healthy smiles and good health

by DR. AL PELPHREY

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. This month is set aside each year by the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to heighten public awareness of the need for good oral health in children.

Dental decay in children is the single-most common childhood disease, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, and is responsible for more missed school days than any other childhood disease. Children with untreated dental decay have difficulty concentrating in school due to the pain associated with advanced dental disease in addition to negative effects on proper diet and self-esteem.

Every parent wants their child to have a beautiful and healthy smile. Insuring that your child has healthy teeth and gums begins very early in life. Parents who provide their child with proper nutrition, good home oral care and early/regular visits to the pediatric dentist can almost guarantee a lifetime of beautiful smiles and good oral health for their child.

Every parent is aware of the importance of routine visits to the pediatrician as a part of their child's early health care routine. What some parents are not aware of is the importance of early and regular visits to their pediatric dentist as well.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the American Dental Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics all recommend that your child should have their first dental visit around the appearance of their first tooth, or around 1 year of age. By doing so, you can assure your child a lifetime of good oral health.

The first dental visit allows the pediatric dentist to check for proper home care, proper growth and development and

detect any early signs of dental decay. Tooth decay in these early years can have serious implications for a lifetime.

It is at this first visit that the pediatric dentist and the parent can discuss and make a plan for a program to help keep the child cavity free as well as introduce them to the experience of visiting the dentist at an early age which in turn makes for happier dental visits in the future.

The U.S. surgeon general states that tooth decay in children is the most common childhood disease and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been shown to becoming more of a problem every day. The CDC reported in 2007 a 15.2 percent increase in cavities among 2- to 5-year-olds. One of the reasons for the increase in dental disease in young children is the fact that only 3-out-of-5 children visit the pediatric dentist once a year. Parents may avoid taking their children to the pediatric dentist to save money, but children who have their first dental visit before age 1 have 40 percent lower dental costs prior in their first 5 years of life, making preventive dental care a healthy and economic benefit.

Without early and regular dental care, the impact of tooth decay can be significant. It is reported that children with significant dental problems miss more school, weigh less, and have lower self esteem than those children who are disease free. In addition, children who suffer from untreated dental disease are at an increase risk for other health problems as adults, such as increased risk for low birth weigh babies, developing heart disease and suffering a stroke.

Even though baby teeth will be eventually replaced by permanent teeth it is important that they be cared for and remain in place until they are lost naturally. The benefits of caring for baby teeth are:

- Aiding in good nutrition

by allowing for proper chewing

- Aiding speech development
- Providing space for permanent teeth to come in
- Improving self esteem by allowing for a healthy smile

Just as you would call upon your child's pediatrician if your child needed medical care, you should call upon a pediatric dentist to provide your child with their dental care in the early years of their life. The pediatric dentist is uniquely trained to care for your child's early dental needs. The pediatric dentist completes an additional 2 years of advanced training after dental school which prepares them to address the unique needs of infants, children and adolescents, especially those with special health care needs. Their offices are designed with children in mind which makes visits to the pediatric dentist fun and less stressful or scary. In this child-friendly environment, the pediatric dentist can gain your child's trust and confidence, avoiding the fear that is sometimes associated with regular dental visits.

What can parents do to start their children off right and assure a lifetime of good oral health? There are several things parents can begin early and maintain during the early years of their child's life to accomplish this goal. These are:

- Before the first tooth erupts, begin cleaning your child's gums with a soft cloth and once the first tooth erupts begin using an age appropriate tooth brush and water to brush every tooth twice a day.

■ Talk to your pediatric dentist about your child's fluoride needs. Infants require fluoride to develop strong and healthy teeth. Avoid fluoride containing toothpaste until your child is 2 years old or until they can spit out excess toothpaste without swallowing it.

■ If you must put your child to sleep with a bottle or sippy cup use nothing but water, as other sugary containing liquids can cause the teeth to decay resulting in serious damage to the teeth.

■ If you breast feed, and allow your child to nurse during the night, always clean the teeth after nursing to remove any residual breast milk from around the teeth to prevent dental decay.

■ Never dip the pacifier into honey or sweet things prior to giving to your baby.

■ The best times to brush are twice a day, after breakfast and before bedtime, spending about 2-4 minutes cleaning every surface of every tooth.

■ Limit frequent snacks

■ Take good care of your own teeth as studies have shown that babies and small children can catch cavity causing bacteria from their parents.

■ Visit your pediatric dentist when the first tooth erupts or by your child's first birthday.

Dr. Pelphrey is a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist, with over 18 years experience in caring for the special dental needs of infants, children and teenagers of Eastern Kentucky. His practice is located in Pikeville Kentucky. Additional information can be found at YourChildsSmile.com.

Rev. Daniel Thomas Heintzelman



Rev. Daniel Thomas Heintzelman, better known by generations of school children as "Mr. Dan," entered eternity on Monday, January 28, 2008, at St. Joseph Martin Hospital (Our Lady of the Way) following a long illness.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents and son-in-law Jerry Gibson. He leaves his loving wife, Sylvia, and their children: Ruth Heintzelman-Wyatt (Tipton) of Alpharetta, GA; David Heintzelman (Clydia) of Langley; and Kathy Heintzelman-Gibson of Alpharetta, GA. Three grandchildren: Greta Heintzelman Slone (Jamie), Cory Heintzelman (Jessica), and Gerald Gibson. Five great-grandchildren: Caeli, Kenidee, Aidan, Thomas, and Samuel, with the sixth due in February.

His family was honored to be by his side for over five months while he afforded great effort toward his recovery. At three hospitals many people shared stories of how Dan had touched their lives through Christ's love. He taught thousands of his Magoffin and Floyd Counties' beloved school children valuable Bible lessons during his fourteen-year ministry in the schools. Following the 1957 bus tragedy in Floyd County, Dan began a Sunday morning gospel music and devotional radio program on WDOC and WQHY, and pastored his "second family" at Spurlock Bible Church for over 50 years.

Dan's actions shared Christ by being a good citizen, a Legion of Honor member of the Kiwanis Club for over 35 years of service, Pastoral Care of St. Joseph Martin Hospital (Our Lady of the Way Hospital) for approximately 35 years, working with hospice, Chaplain and dispatcher of the Allen Fire Department for over 20 years, and speaking in several churches, schools and organizations within the community and state.

In 1983, Dan joined in the ministry with Scripture Memory Mountain Mission, better known as Camp Nathaniel. Dan served in many ways including an eighteen-year tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees. He enjoyed seeing much progress in the growth and development of the Camp. Dan was a valuable resource of Godly wisdom and counsel to many of us which we will greatly miss.

It was brought to our attention that Dan would not want an article to be boastful about him, but would want all to know that it is through Christ that all things are possible. Dan possessed a genuine love of God and His people, and without fail always went to anyone in need with a grateful heart. He believed a Christian's life should be happy and always ended his correspondence with the complimentary closing, "Yours in the Joy of Christ."

It is requested that anyone wishing to remember Dan's life and his love of the children and people of this area, give a donation to: In Memory of Rev. Dan Heintzelman, Camp Nathaniel, P.O. Box 139, Emmalena, Kentucky 41740.

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Beshear: Million dollar donor not guaranteed casino license

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — Spending more than \$1 million on last year's governor race won't help a casino operator win the right to open a gambling operation in Kentucky, Gov. Steve Beshear said Monday.

William Yung III contributed \$1 million to a political group that worked to elect Beshear, a Democrat who made a proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky a centerpiece in his campaign against former Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

Yung also made a \$1,000 campaign contribution to Beshear for the November

election campaign, and contributed \$10,000 to help pay for Beshear's inaugural party in December.

Beshear said Monday the contributions don't give Yung an edge on getting one of several potentially lucrative state casino licenses if lawmakers and Kentucky voters decide to legalize gambling in Kentucky. License sales, Beshear said, could generate hundreds of millions of dollars for the state over the next two years.

"Nobody's going to have an inside track on them," Beshear told reporters on Monday. "It'll be all transparent and above board."

Beshear met privately with about 15 lawmakers on Monday to talk about his proposal to legalize gambling in Kentucky. Reporters were ordered out of the room before the meeting started.

Yung heads Columbia Sussex Corp., the Kentucky-based firm that owns hotels and casinos throughout the country, including the Tropicana in Las Vegas. The company has owned the Tropicana in New Jersey, but casino regulators there stripped it of its license in December.

Columbia Sussex purchased property in northern Kentucky last month for \$7 million. Yung told The Kentucky Enquirer in a story published last week that he plans to open a casino on the site.

Yung did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press to his northern Kentucky office seeking

comment.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the state Republican Party called Monday for a federal probe to ensure that Yung's contributions don't lead to preferential treatment. Steve Robertson said he sent a two-page letter to the FBI's Lexington office asking that agents "begin asking the necessary questions of the necessary individuals as soon as possible."

He said he wanted authorities to ensure that "no illegal quid pro quo occurred" between Beshear and Yung.

The governor dismissed Robertson's letter as "political jockeying."

"I haven't seen the letter and whatever the FBI wants to investigate, certainly, they're welcome to investigate," Beshear said.

FBI spokesman David Beyer declined to comment.

Although Kentucky has a long tradition of wagering at

horse tracks, state law specifically forbids casinos. Beshear wants lawmakers to approve a measure that would allow Kentucky voters to change the constitution to allow them.

Such a move, Beshear said, could generate \$500 million a year in additional revenue for state government.

Beshear said he plans to unveil his gambling legislation by Thursday.

Beshear raised and spent \$6.8 million on the election. Yung's \$1 million contribution went to a Kentucky political group, Bluegrass Freedom Fund, that ran television ads blasting Beshear's opponent in the race. Yung contributed a third of the \$3 million the Bluegrass Freedom Fund spent during the governor's race, according to a financial report filed with the Internal Revenue Service earlier this month.

Bluegrass Freedom Fund is a 527 organization — named

after a section of the IRS code — that can raise unlimited amounts of money but must disclose its donors. Such groups' activities must be separate from any political campaign.

During the campaign, the Bluegrass Freedom Fund ran a series of negative ads attacking Fletcher, a Republican, for a state hiring scandal that marred his administration. The ads reminded viewers that Fletcher and some of his top aides had been indicted on allegations of illegal hiring practices. The charges against Fletcher were eventually dropped in a settlement, and he issued pardons to the others charged.

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Changes proposed to give Kentucky voters more say

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — Beginning with Iowa and New Hampshire, states across the country have lined up to be courted by presidential hopefuls looking to occupy the Oval Office.

But Kentucky, the state that gave birth to Abraham Lincoln, for the most part can only sit back and watch, due to its late primary date. The state's top election official and the state Senate president, pushing different plans, are looking to change that come four years from now.

After all, the last time Kentucky didn't correctly pick the winning president in the general election was 1960 when it selected Richard Nixon over John F. Kennedy.

"We're obviously irrelevant when it comes to Super Tuesday," Secretary of State Trey Grayson said last week about Kentucky. "We have a shot at being more relevant."

Coast to coast, more than 20 states took part in presidential primaries last Tuesday, weighing in on who the Democratic and Republican candidates should be this November. Not Kentucky, whose primary doesn't happen until May 20 this year.

By the time the Bluegrass state gets its say in the presidential race, all but Montana, Oregon and South Dakota — and Republicans in Idaho and

New Mexico — will have held presidential primaries.

Grayson supports a rotating regional primary plan and hopes it could be in place for the 2012 election.

The National Association of Secretaries of State, of which Grayson is treasurer and an executive committee member, has supported the plan for nearly a decade, Grayson spokesman Les Fugate said. Grayson was the main speaker at the group's annual winter meeting in Washington last week, where he touted the plan and the organization released a report calling for its adoption.

Rotating regional primaries means dividing the country into four regions. Each grouping of states would hold their primaries four months apart, and the order would rotate every four years. So, each region would get to go first every 16 years.

Nationally, Republican and Democratic party leaders are pondering the change, Grayson said, pointing out that there are others also under consideration.

There are different ways a rotating primary could take effect. Each state could enter into a compact to adopt it; Congress could pass a law, although there is some question on constitutionality; and the two major political parties could adopt the plan and figure out how to have states

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- The use of alcohol or tobacco products is strictly prohibited.

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accountable, Fugate said.

A separate proposal by Senate President David Williams, like Grayson a Republican, is more immediate and — unlike rotating primaries — doesn't require approval from anyone outside of Kentucky. It would allow the state to join with other states on Super Tuesday.

"Well, we would have an opportunity to vote," Williams said of his plan that sailed through the state Senate earlier this month.

It would cost Kentucky between \$5 million to \$7 million, Grayson said.

The expense would be worthwhile because it gives Kentuckians a louder voice in choosing the president, Williams has said.

Following Super Tuesday, John McCain sealed the GOP

nomination with Mitt Romney's departure last Thursday. Meanwhile, Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama remained in a close race.

"To me, the outcome of Super Tuesday shows the system is still broken, it still needs to be fixed and our plan is the best way to do that," said Grayson, who supported Romney's candidacy. "As a Kentuckian, I'm used to not having a direct say in the presidential nominating process. Whether I was for Mitt Romney or John McCain, I just know that I don't have much of an impact."

The front-loaded nature of the primary system this year made it tough for candidates with less financial prowess — such as John Edwards or Bill Richardson, Grayson said.

Nevertheless, the uniqueness of the Democratic race — pitting two well-financed, well-known opponents against each other — ultimately may keep Kentucky in play, Grayson said.

"It's possible that voters will be enfranchised all along the country," Grayson said.

As for Kentucky possibly joining Super Tuesday states, Williams' proposal faces an uncertain future in the Democrat-controlled House, one lawmaker said.

Rep. Darryl Owens, D-Louisville, chairman of the House elections committee where Williams' bill is pending, said last week he hadn't seen the proposal.

Owens said he was open to change, but pointed out that Kentucky Democrats may have more say this year because of the tight race between Obama

and Clinton.

"I think we might very well wind up being relevant," Owens said. "A lot of times the election could be over on Super Tuesday, but this time I think we might wind up being a player."

A spokesman for Gov. Steve Beshear, Dick Brown, did not have an immediate response about whether the governor supports changing the current system.

Frankfort resident Jonathan Curry, a mental health professional, said he would like to see more candidates campaign in Kentucky. He realizes, though, that Kentucky's small population may hinder those efforts.

"I feel left out of the process, since we're not able to be part of the early primary process," Curry said. "I would

love to see the candidates come and campaign here. I also realize we're not a very populous state."

State leaders from both major parties say they're at least open to change.

Jennifer Moore, Democratic chairwoman, said a different system would likely lead to more focus on Kentucky.

"We need to be open to discussion on changing the primary system, whether we look at more regional primaries or something else," Moore said. "We definitely need to look at improving the system so more people have a voice."

Her Republican counterpart, Steve Robertson, said cost, however, is a factor.

"It would be great if Kentucky could have a more prominent voice in the presidential primaries," Robertson said through a spokeswoman. "But our main concern is always how much moving the primaries is going to cost local governments."

Larry Sabato, a political sci-

entist at the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia, said the current primary system is "totally nuts" and needs to be changed. Sabato, however, feels the rotating regional proposal supported by Grayson is not without flaws. Sabato suggests a more random, lottery-type regional system would be better.

In a set rotating system, presidential candidates would know which states would be the early electoral battlegrounds and would still set up shop well in advance, Sabato said, and would simply switch states each time around.

"The whole point is to keep them from moving into a region and starting a full-blown presidential campaign years in advance like they do in Iowa and New Hampshire," Sabato said.

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Students from Floyd County are using new digital imaging equipment in radiography classes offered at Hazard Community and Technical College. Shown above, from left, are Courtney Reid of Stanville; Courtney Branham of Prestonsburg, Kacie Little of Bypro; and Homer Terry, Radiography program coordinator.

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Trial

defendant registered with the probation and parole office in September 2004 upon moving to Floyd County from West Virginia, and set up a residence at his brother's home at Rough and Tough.

In March 2005, the defendant changed his address to a residence in Martin, though his mailing address remained the same, due to ongoing construction in downtown Martin.

It was apparent through the presentation of several copies of sex offender registration forms signed and modified by the defendant, that were entered into evidence by Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, that the defendant showed a clear understanding of his responsibilities and the process.

On July 12, 2006, a law was passed forbidding sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of a school, day care facility or public playground. According to the law, those in violation had 90 days to move.

In response to this the defendant once again filed a change of address form with the Floyd County Probation and Parole due to his proximity to Opportunities Unlimited, and moved back to his brother's home.

The problem, the commonwealth contends, is that Moore was in fact not living at his brother's home at Rough and Tough, but was actually living on Front Street, in Prestonsburg, at the home of

Eva Collins. Collins' home is approximately one block from Irene Cole First Baptist Church.

According to testimony given at the trial, Gormon Collins, son of Eva Collins, who passed away in August 2006, said that Moore and his brother had been hired on to do a number of projects at his mother's home. The defendant allegedly began living at the home in May 2006.

"Mother was almost 87," Collins said. "She liked to have people around, and Sam (the defendant) was someone she could talk to."

Collins said that the defendant was very helpful, and accommodating, and seemed to have a genuine concern for his mother.

Collins said that everyone knew he was staying there. He added that the defendant would let him know when he would not be there by saying, "Someone needs to come over and check on Nanny (Eva Collins). I'm not going to be there."

Collins went so far as to say the defendant was "almost family," and that Collins' sons had been left under the care and supervision of the defendant on occasion.

A problem arose when Collins learned, two days prior to the defendant's arrest, that the man who had been living with his mother, whom they had befriended, was a registered sex offender.

"That was the most hurtful," Collins said, adding that the defendant had never told them, and that they had learned about it from a friend who had found his name on the registry.

After opening statements and several witnesses, the defense's case was pinned primarily to no one being able to state with certainty that the defendant slept or lived in the home of Eva Collins.

During the cross-examination of Collins, defense attorneys asked if he had ever gone into the defendant's room and taken inventory of his possessions. Collins indicated he had not, nor had he stayed overnight at his mother's to verify that the defendant was actually sleeping there.

In a redirect from the Commonwealth, Turner asked Collins, "Did you ever tuck in the defendant, read him a bedtime story?" to which Collins said no. When Turner asked him again if he was certain the defendant was living there, Collins responded, "Yes."

Pam Collins, daughter of Eva Collins, had been called to testify earlier, and had stated that she had dated the defendant for several months, and it was during this period that the defendant became acquainted with her mother.

She stated that during their relationship, the defendant had spent many nights at her home, which is next door to her mother's. Gormon Collins' home is also nearby, just down the

street from his mother's.

Moore was convicted in West Virginia of second-degree sexual assault. West Virginia law states that "a person is guilty of second-degree sexual assault when such per-

son engages in sexual intercourse or sexual intrusion with another person without the person's consent, and the lack of consent results from forcible compulsion; or such person engages in sexual intercourse

or sexual intrusion with another person who is physically helpless."

According to the Kentucky State Police sex offender registry website, the victim's age was 11.

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Lawsuit

second-degree manslaughter, and he is presently incarcerated in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

The complaint, filed by John Kirk, said that "Gussler operated the vehicle pursuant to his employment with Mountain City Ford," and that, "while he was drunk or otherwise impaired by drug use - operated a vehicle owned by Mountain City Ford ... which crashed into a vehicle in which Joey was a passenger."

In the civil action, Kirk alleges that Gussler had been hired by Mountain City Ford as

a salesman, "despite his extensive criminal record for alcohol, drug and vehicle criminal acts for a job that required him to operate cars and trucks upon public roadways."

According to court records, in two separate incidents in 1998 and 2006, Gussler was charged with the following combined offenses: speeding in 17 miles per hour over the speed limit, driving on suspended license, possession of marijuana, attempting to elude police officer, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on

suspended license, failure to maintain insurance, possession of an open beverage container, as well as first-degree possession of drugs and possession of paraphernalia.

The complaint alleges that Mountain City Ford was negligent when it hired Gussler, and that it was also negligent when it permitted Gussler to drive its vehicle upon public roadways.

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Bridge

designed to "determine feasibility and rehabilitate the bridge to a pedestrian structure with an interpretive site." Though Graden admits a complete overhaul will likely "take more than this amount."

The West Prestonsburg Bridge, built in 1930, began as part of a road package developed at the federal level which trickled down to the local level in an effort to stimulate the economy of the time.

According to a 1928 article in The Paintsville Herald, the original contractor, Steel and Leiby Inc., came to the area to "design two bridges, of a unique design, inspired by French architecture" not normally used in the United States, to benefit Eastern Kentucky.

According to Graden, the

rainbow arch single-lane bridge is believed to not only be the biggest and last of its kind in the state, but in the country.

As the article notes, originally there was a twin bridge that was located on the south end of Prestonsburg that connected the city to Town Branch. That bridge was torn down in 2002 and replaced by one of modern design.

During the meeting Graden also announced that the city's outstanding property taxes have been posted online, and that the clock is ticking on the 30-day amnesty period in which residents can pay their property taxes without penalty.

The city council also voted to donate \$1,000 to the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats Boosters to help

the state championship-bound team offset travel and lodging expenses.

Suspect

tenced to 45 years in federal prison.

Prison records show he was released in July on parole.

In the recent robbery, he and 64-year-old James Chaney were captured after the vehicle they were in was identified as the getaway car.

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Winter storm forces cancellation of Lincoln Bicentennial event

by **BRUCE SCHREINER**
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LOUISVILLE — For Lincoln lovers, a winter storm created some unwanted authenticity that ruined plans to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's 199th birthday Tuesday at his central Kentucky birthplace.

Ice coated the birthplace site near Hodgenville, leading officials to cancel a late-morning ceremony promoted as a kick off of a two-year national bicentennial commemoration of the nation's 16th president.

First lady Laura Bush postponed her visit to the Lincoln birthplace amid a treacherous combination of snow and ice that hit the region. The first lady was to lead a guest list expected to include Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, members of Congress and actor Sam Waterston.

Organizers anticipated up to 5,000 people for the cele-

bration, which had been planned for years.

"It's a tremendous disappointment," said Tommy Turner, judge-executive of LaRue County, where the birthplace is located, and a key organizer of the event.

The National Park Service brought in about 90 rangers from 14 states to assist at the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, said Linda Friar, a park service spokeswoman. Some helped oversee preparations for the event. Others would have mingled with visitors, talking about the history of the site.

"Making the park look as sharp as it could for the public, it takes quite a few people," she said.

Stages had been built near the memorial building, an imposing granite and marble structure that enshrines a small cabin symbolic of the homestead where Lincoln was born on Feb. 12, 1809. A Lincoln

relative later recalled it was bitterly cold and sleeting the day the future president was born.

Hundreds of folding chairs were brought in for the ceremony, as well as tents for displays and souvenirs.

Friar said the park service estimated the cost would be \$185,000 but a final tally wasn't yet available.

Local residents also put in lots of work to cater to guests who never showed up.

Carl Howell, owner of the Nancy Lincoln Inn, a souvenir shop and museum next to the birthplace site, said his wife and her sisters were up most of the night before making pies as well as ham and sausage biscuits to sell to hungry visitors. Someone else planned to sell burgoo, a Kentucky-style stew.

Howell planned to sell the apple and peach pies for \$2 apiece. He ended up unloading them for a buck apiece, or giving them away, mostly to locals as well as a few reporters at the birthplace. "People found out about it and they were loading up and taking them home in bags by the

droves," he said.

He didn't fault organizers for not having a backup plan to stage the celebration indoors, saying there was no place to accommodate the thousands expected.

Howell said he and park service officials spent time commiserating about the bad luck.

"We just kind of sobbed on each other's shoulders," he said.

David Early, a spokesman for the national Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, said it was too soon to discuss possible plans to reschedule the ceremony.

Two other events at Hodgenville went ahead as scheduled Tuesday — a luncheon put on by members of the community and a dedication ceremony for the first marker for the Lincoln Heritage Trail.

Hodgenville residents had spent a few years gearing up for the celebration that promised to put the national spotlight on the town of about 3,000. "The community was ready to shine," Turner said.

Turner said he was hopeful

another event could be scheduled at the birthplace.

The birthplace site draws about 200,000 people each year, and officials are expecting a bump in visitations this year amid Lincoln hoopla.

Events commemorating Lincoln's birth will be held all year across the country leading to the 200th anniversary in 2009, and then will continue on through the following year.

Lincoln was born in a small cabin at Sinking Spring farm near what became Hodgenville. Two years later, a land dispute led the family to move a few miles away to

Knob Creek farm, where young Abe formed his earliest memories. The family lived there until 1816 when they moved to Indiana. Lincoln later moved to Illinois.

Lincoln is revered as the commander in chief who held together the Union during the Civil War and issued the Emancipation Proclamation to end slavery.

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Fire marshal's office offers tips for coping with power outages

FRANKFORT — The recent outbreak of severe weather prompted residents in affected areas to cope with the resulting power outages. The State Fire Marshal's Office reminds citizens to be cautious as they turn to supplemental heating sources or operate generators to maintain power.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas created by the incomplete burning of fuels such as wood, coal and natural gas. It is harmless when properly vented to the outdoors. However, it can kill if allowed to build up inside a building, said Richard Peddicord, assistant director of the Division of Fire Prevention. In 2005, fire departments around the country responded to 61,000 calls involving carbon monoxide, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

"Unfortunately, carbon monoxide poisoning is a fairly common occurrence," Peddicord said. "However, we can reduce these incidents if residents take basic precautions."

The NFPA offers these tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Buy a carbon monoxide detector and install it in a central area in your home. This device is similar to a smoke detector and will alert you if an unsafe CO level is found. If the detector sounds an alarm, call the non emergency num-

ber for your local fire department to respond and evaluate the situation, then get out of the house.

- Have heating sources such as fireplaces and stoves professionally inspected each season before use to ensure they are venting properly.

- If you use a portable generator, run it outdoors away from doors, windows and vent openings. Each year, more CO deaths are blamed on portable generators as sales of the devices have grown, says the NFPA.

Besides carrying the risk of CO poisoning from inadequate ventilation, a generator, if improperly used, can threaten life and property.

The NFPA offers these tips on the use of a portable generator:

- Make sure the generator is properly sized for the electrical load that your appliances will place on it.

- If using an extension cord, make sure it is a heavy-duty, grounded cord with a three-prong plug.

- A generator may be connected to the house wiring system, but this must be done ONLY by a licensed electrician. The electrician will install a transfer switch that will ensure power does not flow back into the power lines when service is restored. Failure to install this switch can cause electrocution of a utility worker and an electrical fire.

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Obituaries

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Jennie's Creek, Johnson County, the daughter of the late Arthur Raleigh Reed and Callie Spradlin Reed. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Assembly of God Church, in West Prestonsburg. She was formerly of Prestonsburg, where she spent most of her life.

Surviving her are three children: Rita Kathryn Hale Campbell of Prestonsburg, Robert Morris (Sharon Kay) of Georgetown; and Jackie Douglas Hale (Krystal Lynn) of Prestonsburg; six grandchildren: Katherine Elizabeth Stringfield (Jamey), Anna Lynn Conley (Shawn), Gina Michelle Hale, Jacqueline Marie Mullins, Jared Lee Hale, and Jessica Rae Hale; four great-grandchildren: Sidney Lee, Jared Joseph, and Levi Scott Hale and Madelaine Elizabeth Stringfield; two sisters: Emma Josephine Pate of Elkhorn City; and Wilma Jane Wilson (Harold) of New Albany, Indiana; many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive; as well as numerous friends, and particularly her telephone friends, which she treasured.

In addition to her husband, Ethel, was predeceased by a stillborn male child; a grandson, Kenneth Avery Campbell; her parents; a brother, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Interment at Hale Family Cemetery, in West Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Saundra June Howell

Saundra June Howell, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, February 10, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born November 11, 1945, in Prestonsburg, she was a daughter of the late Hershel and Norma Collins Howell. She was a retired waitress, and a member of the Middle Creek Independent Baptist Church, in Blue River.

Survivors include a sister, Dolores Ann Ward of Van Lear; a niece, Markquita Smith; a nephew, Michael Neal Ward; and several great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Lynn Howell.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 13, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roland Eugene Cook officiating.

Burial will be in the Collins and Howell Family Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Curtis Lee Jarrell (Harry Toe)

Curtis Lee Jarrell, (Harry Toe) 45, of Corinth, died Saturday, February 9, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, in Williamstown.

Born February 10, 1962, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Curtis and Lizzie Ellis Endicott Jarrell. He was a heavy equipment operator for Epperson Waste.

He is survived by his wife, Neda Kaye Collins Jarrell.

Other survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law: Orville Glen and Lisa Kaye Tackett of Owenton; Curtis Ellis and Anna Nichole Jarrell of Williamstown; and Nicholas Taylor Jarrell of Corinth; his daughters and sons-in-law: Crystal Gail and Tony Patel of Georgetown; Tricia Lynn and Jeremy Wesley Wright of Sadieville; Brandi Leigh Jarrell, and Larissa Deon Jarrell of Corinth; and a special daughter, a brother, James Walker Jarrell of Inez; and four sisters: Hattie Mae Hurd of Prestonsburg, Oma Faye Johnson of Allen; Mable Charlene Jarrell of Printer; and Clara Oedia Hamilton of Price; 11 grandchildren; and two special grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, James Douglas Jarrell; and a brother, Monroe Jarrell.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, February 14, at 1 p.m., at Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church, in Prestonsburg, with David Garrett, and others, officiating.

Burial will be in the Endicott Family Cemetery, in Endicott, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Larry Leonard Kidd

Larry Leonard Kidd, 60, of Grethel, died Friday, February 8, 2008, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born May 9, 1947, in Grethel, he was the son of Leonard Kidd of Grethel, and the late Mildred Hall Kidd. He was a heavy equipment operator, and a member of the Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in

Grethel.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Keathley Kidd.

Other survivors include a son and daughter-in-law: Larry Douglas and Melissa Kidd of Grethel; three brothers: Roy Kidd and Gary Kidd, both of Grethel; and Don Kidd of Ivel; five sisters and brothers-in-law: Betty and Don Cooley of Prestonsburg, Jo and William Newsome of Stanville; Lois Waller of Grethel; Patrina and William Compton of Pikeville; and Mary Ann and Kenneth Newman of Grethel; and two grandchildren: Derek Douglas Kidd and Shae Lynn Kidd.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 11, at 11 a.m., at Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

(Paid obituary)

Audrey R. "Teri" Campbell Lamothe

Audrey R. "Teri" Campbell Lamothe, age 76, of Prestonsburg, passed away on Friday, February 8, 2008, in Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born at Pricedale, Pennsylvania, on March 11, 1931, the daughter of the late Viva Blair Campbell and Henry A. Campbell Sr. She was a homemaker.

She grew up in Floyd County, where her family lived in Wayland, Wheelwright, and Hi Hat, among other towns. Her father was a coal miner and the family also traveled to West Virginia and Pennsylvania, where she was born.

She is survived by two sons: Robert M. Lamothe, and his wife, Frances Porter, of Ontario, Canada; and William Blair Lamothe of Temecula, California; two sisters: Lula M. Wilgus of Depoe Bay, Oregon; and Phyllis J. Campbell of La Jolla, California; four grandchildren: Joshua, Alexander, Rosemary Lamothe of Ontario, Canada, and Annalise Lamothe, of Temecula, California, and

many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Pauline Almo and Marjorie Katherine Campbell; a brother, Henry A. Campbell, Jr., founding president of Prestonsburg Community College; and a half-brother, Ernest Wendell Campbell.

She moved back to Kentucky in 1983, from San Diego, California, where she lived for many years, to work on family genealogy. Her maternal ancestors among them Blairs and Comptons, came to Pike County from Russell Count, Virginia, her paternal ancestors among them Campbells and Haynes, settled in Pulaski County, Kentucky.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Sister Kathleen Weigand officiating.

Burial was in the Blue John Cemetery in Pulaski Co. Kentucky, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. (Paid obituary)

Audrey Scott

Audrey Scott, 88, of Martin, died Friday, February 8, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 15, 1919, in Barboursville, West Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Arnold and Annie Josephine Pennington Petrie. She was a homemaker; a member of Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church; a former member of Eastern Star Chapter No. 95 in Barboursville, West Virginia; a past Worthy Matron and past High Priestess in Huntington, West Virginia; and a member of Adah Chapter No. 24, Order of the Eastern Star, in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Scott.

Survivors include a son, Robert K. (Bo) Scott of Martin; a sister, Hazel Sharp of Waldorf, Maryland; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Anna L. Campbell; a son, Paul E. Justice;

a stepson, George Scott; and two brothers: Joe Petrie and Desmond Petrie.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Gene Greene and Rev. Don Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson

Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Steve Johnson, Jeramie Johnson, Stanley Collins, Jeffrey Scott Lee, Shawn Michael Shelton, and Justin Martin. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Mathew "Dump" Kennis Kidd 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 Clergyman Mike Howard for his comforting words; the Floyd County 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 MATHEW "DUMP" KENNIS KIDD

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Pets shown (from left to right): Jersey, female, age: 6 months old, Breed: Miniature Pincher, arrived: 2-7-08. Alexis & Allyson, 2 females, age: 5 weeks, Breed: Boxer mix, arrived: 2-5-08. John, male, age: 3 months, Breed: Beagle, arrived: 1-31-08. Haley, female, age: 10 weeks, Breed: Border Collie mix, arrived: 1-30-08.

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Outhouse diggers scour land for 19th century artifacts

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Digging around in 19th century outhouses doesn't sound like most people's idea of a fun weekend. Eddie Brater and Mike Kalchek would argue

otherwise.

Brater and Kalchek spend many weekends excavating 150-year-old filled-in privies — also known as outhouses — in the backyards of homes in Cincinnati and nearby northern Kentucky. They search for

items that early homeowners routinely threw in them. They have found glass bottles, china dishes, toys, coins, utensils and even intricately carved pipes.

"It's like treasure hunting," said Kalchek, 56, of suburban St. Bernard, who started digging 11 years ago.

The men collect some artifacts for themselves and sometimes sell to other collectors.

Brater began digging in his backyard about eight years ago, finding seven privies on the acre of land. He has since started a Web site and given presentations to local historical societies and libraries.

"It's just a neat look into history," said Brater, 42, of suburban Crosby Township.

Using long metal probes to poke around for the stone or wood homeowners used to line privies, the men dig with shovels and then refill the holes after retrieving any artifacts.

They dig for free and offer

to split their proceeds with interested homeowners. They won't disclose how much they've made from selling artifacts, saying they don't want to encourage reckless digging.

Brater has written how-to guides and poetry about his hobby and says he doesn't know any diggers who do it just to make money.

"It's the love for history and the feeling of stepping back in time that draws the privy digger," Brater said.

The hobby has been growing over the past decade, with Web sites offering instructions and more people now aware of the value of some rare bottles and other 19th century artifacts.

Many professional archaeologists and historians, however, are critical of untrained privy diggers.

"Privies contain a wealth of information about people's lifestyles and their diets and their health, and all that infor-

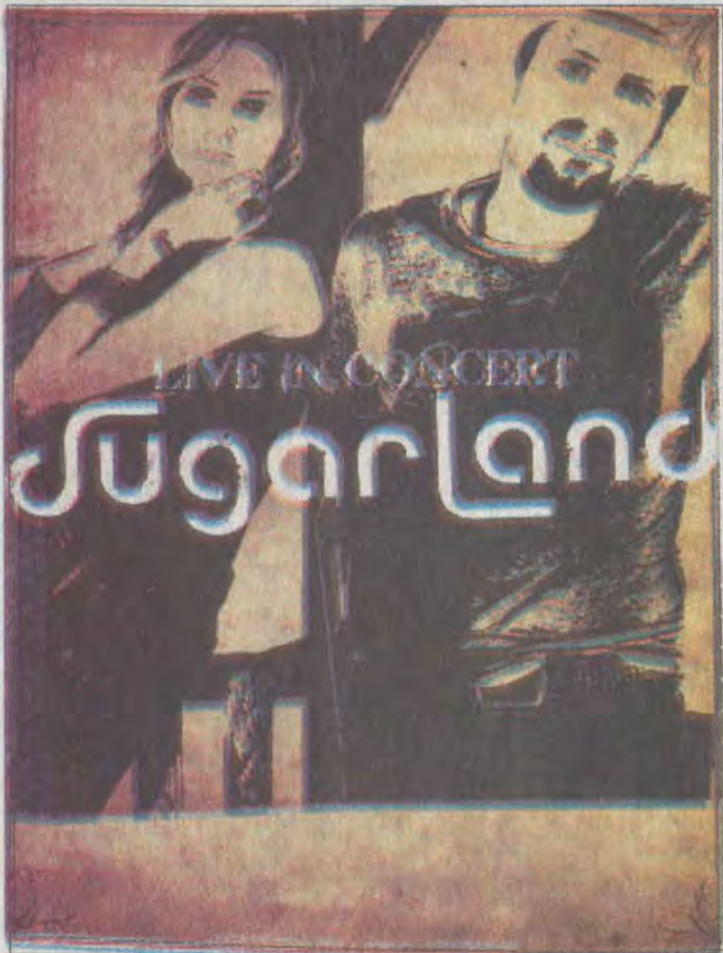
mation gets lost when these guys go in and just churn the stuff up," said David Pollack, site protection program manager for the Kentucky Heritage Council and director of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey.

Artifacts unearthed by archaeologists also remain in the public trust, said Robert Genheimer, a curator of archaeology at the Cincinnati Museum Center. Five cases of artifacts — including a police uniform — unearthed from privies in downtown Cincinnati in 1981 are on display at the center's Museum of Natural History and Science.

Amateur privy diggers also can face physical dangers and legal problems. A bottle collector excavating a privy in Cincinnati in 1984 was killed after the earth collapsed on him, and diggers also can be exposed to viruses and bacteria that can survive for years underground.

Evidence of 19th century infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, malaria, cholera, yellow fever and smallpox have shown up in some privy deposits, said Ken Tankersley, an archaeologist and anthropology professor at the University of Cincinnati.

There apparently are no Ohio or Kentucky laws preventing privy diggers from excavating artifacts on private property as long as they obtain owner permission, but Tankersley says the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 prohibits people from excavating and removing artifacts from public or Indian lands without federal permits.



The East Kentucky Expo Center has announced that country duo Sugarland will be performing in Pikeville on April 5. Sugarland, which has been nominated for five CMT awards, will be appearing with Rodney Atkins. Tickets go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Expo Center box office, all Ticketmaster locations and ticketmaster.com, as well as charge by phone at (606) 433-1793.

Democrat Andrew Horne drops out of U.S. Senate race

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — Louisville lawyer and former Marine Andrew Horne has dropped his bid for the U.S. Senate.

Horne was one of a handful of Democrats hoping to supplant longtime Republican Senator Mitch McConnell.

Horne gave no reason Monday for dropping out of the race just two weeks after the deadline to file for office. Horne didn't endorse any of

the other candidates, but criticized McConnell's leadership, saying in a statement that McConnell is more interested in gaining power than helping the people he represents.

This is the second failed campaign for Horne in the last two years. He lost a bid for the Democratic nomination for the Congressional seat in Kentucky's 3rd District to John Yarmuth in 2006. Yarmuth would go on to beat incumbent Anne Northup in the general election.



Emma George, daughter of Ted and Leann George of Prestonsburg, served as a personal page for State Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, on Feb. 6. She is pictured with Rep. Moberly at the chair of the Speaker of the House. George and dozens of other children were in Frankfort on behalf of their schools' Family Resource and Youth Services Centers.

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Hurd-Estate, Jeff Stone, and Anna Howard. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, and Mont Ousley Heirs. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots No. 20, 21, 44, and 45 of the River Plains Estates, as shown by map of same recorded in the office of the Floyd County Clerk in Plat No. 1-1-8, and to which map or plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

Being the same property in which an interest was conveyed to Glen Knox and Helen Knox, husband and wife, by Quitclaim Deed dated the 16th day of June, 2004, of record Deed Book 500, Page 221, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE :

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for sixty (60) days.

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

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

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount

of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Plaintiff's Counsel:
 Hon. Douglas C. Howard
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William S. Kendrick
 Master Commissioner
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Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by April 9, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard at the Department for Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 9, 2008.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Stephen J. Edler. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is The River Front Entertainment Center LLC, Harold, Ky. The nature of the business will be Night Club/Beer with The Drink. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing, the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than February 21, 2008, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for February 21, 2008, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive, at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of, or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2008, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for the consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2008.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 06-CI-00939 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee of Ameritrust Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2004-R8, Under The Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated As of August 1, 2004, Without Recourse Plaintiff V. Glen Knox and Helen M. Knox Defendants RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgement and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of May, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,495.56, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 14th day of February, 2008, at the hour of

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Odds & Ends

■ **NEW YORK** — Finding your better half this Valentine's Day could be as easy as hailing a taxi — especially if Ahmed Ibrahim is in the driver's seat.

The 53-year-old cupid cab driver, as he refers to himself, has spent the past few years playing matchmaker to lonely New Yorkers, setting up more than 70 dates. Nineteen have led to relationships that lasted more than a year.

Ibrahim planned to decorate his yellow cab with red and white hearts and roses for Thursday.

"I've organized so many dates, and it really makes me feel good about it," Ibrahim said. "I've not had one complaint."

Ibrahim said he offers his matchmaking services to passengers he evaluates by listening to conversations and asking a few questions. He then exchanges phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

"I want to know if they're the real deal or just a player," he said. "If you're a player, then forget about it."

One of his clients, Martin Karamon, said he successfully found romance through the cupid cab's services. The relationship ended after about six months, though the two remain friends.

"I might have to get in his cab again because I just broke up with my girlfriend," said Karamon, 37.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Monday mornings are hard enough. Imagine finding 50 chickens running loose in your high school.

Workers arriving about 5:30 a.m. to open Northeast High School in Philadelphia found dozens of hens and roosters wandering around the hallways. The birds were apparently brought to the school sometime over the weekend, said school district spokesman Fernando Gallard.

"We don't know where the chickens came from or who they belong to," Gallard said. "I'm pretty sure there is a very upset poultry farmer somewhere who wants them back."

The floors were covered with droppings and chicken feed. Most of the school's 3,600 students were sent home for the day because the school required extensive cleanup, he said.

A farmer was called to round up the birds and bring them to Fox Chase Farm, the district's agricultural school, Gallard said.

Police are checking surveillance tapes to see if they can determine the perpetrator of the fowl prank. The culprit will have to pay a hefty fine, said Gallard.

"It's not going to be chicken scratch," he said.

■ **ADRIAN, Mich.** — Ask and you shall receive in Lenawee County Circuit Court.

A man who pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery faced no more than a year in the county jail but asked to be sent to prison instead to help his chances of rehabilitation.

Michael Thomas Isaacson got what he wanted on Thursday when a judge sentenced him to 17 months to 15 years in state prison, with a recommendation for a psychological evaluation and counseling.

Isaacson told Judge Timothy P. Pickard he believes programs available in state prisons will help him "get back on my feet," while a year in the county jail would leave his situation the same as when he was arrested.

Isaacson was caught minutes after robbing a movie theater employee, who was carrying a bank deposit bag. Isaacson said he had no gun during the robbery.

Defense lawyer Robert Jameson said Isaacson does not understand why he committed the robbery.

"He chose the cinema because he used to work at the cinema. He knows the victim. He perceived it as a low-risk crime," Jameson said.

■ **FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — A lawyer has been charged with assault for shak-

ing a federal prosecutor's hand so hard, authorities said, that it injured her shoulder.

Kathy Brewer Rentas, 49, was arrested Thursday after attending a court hearing for her husband, who was accused of violating the terms of his probation for a cocaine distribution case. The husband, Anthony Rentas, was sentenced to 90 days of house arrest.

After the hearing, Brewer Rentas asked to shake hands with Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Keene.

A court security officer reported that Brewer Rentas shook Keene's hand so forcefully that the prosecutor's arm was nearly ripped out of its socket.

"With Keene in hand, Brewer made an upward, then a quick downward motion and pulled Keene toward the ground moving her forward, almost causing Keene to fall to the ground," Deputy U.S. Marshall Robert Kremenik Jr. wrote in an arrest report.

"Assaulting a federal officer is something that we will take very seriously and prosecute vigorously," said Alicia Valle, a U.S. Attorney's Office spokeswoman. "As a member of the bar, she should know better."

Brewer Rentas' attorney, Gwendolyn Tuggle, told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel her client never meant to hurt Keene.

Brewer Rentas spent a night in jail and was freed Friday on \$100,000 bail. She was ordered to stay away from Keene and undergo a psychological evaluation to determine whether she needs counseling.

Brewer Rentas works as a commercial litigation attorney for a law firm in Hollywood, Fla. If convicted, she faces up to a year in prison and could be penalized by the Florida Bar.

■ **MADISON, Wis.** — A sheriff's deputy wound up stuck for 14 hours in an underground tunnel used to move jail inmates to a courthouse because no one was there to unlock the door.

When Dane County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Hafeman entered the 8-by-8-foot passageway leading to the tunnel Friday afternoon, the guard who controls the heavy metal doors on each side had gone home for the weekend.

"This is an area that, again, is secure, and the doors lock behind you as soon as you enter," sheriff's spokeswoman Elise Schaffer said Monday. "And once you're in, you're really at the mercy of the controller to let you in or out."

Hafeman, a 14-year member of the sheriff's department, was not discovered until his wife called police because he never returned from work. Detectives found Hafeman's car parked in the county ramp and traced him to the tunnel.

Schaffer wasn't sure why Hafeman, who was unhurt, had entered the tunnel in the first place.

■ **DELAWARE, Ohio** — Gentlemen, start your beards.

Men have begun a beard-growing competition that's partly a presidential look-alike contest as this central Ohio city celebrates its 200th birthday.

The current, clean-shaven resident of the White House isn't the inspiration. Instead, it's the nation's 19th president, Rutherford B. Hayes, born in Delaware in 1822 and typically pictured with long, wiry whiskers.

The competitors all started Sunday with clean shaves. They were photographed with shaved chins and obtained permits to register in the contest, to be judged July 5.

Ray Blinn, 60, is growing his very first beard for the contest.

"Too bad they don't have the scruffy, mountain-man category, because that's probably going to be what I look like," Blinn said.

There will not only be a prize for the best resemblance to Hayes, but also others in categories including longest, neatest and most unusual beards.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — It might be the strangest way to spend Presidents Day.

For the first time, The Academy of Natural Sciences is displaying a scrapbook that has locks of hair from the first 12 U.S. presidents. It will be on view Feb. 16-18.

The presidential "hair album" was assembled by Peter Arvell Browne, a Philadelphia attorney and scholar of the natural sciences who collected thousands of samples of animal fur and human hair in the 1840s and 1850s and organized them in a dozen leather-bound volumes.

Browne also wrote to presi-

dents still living during his lifetime — 1762-1860 — and to the families of those who had died. His letters and their responses are included in the book along with the strands of hair.

His requests for hair weren't considered odd, as saving a loved one's locks in a family "hair album" was popular in the 19th century.

Because of the scrapbook's age and delicate contents, it will be displayed under glass and opened only to the page featuring George Washington's brown-and-gray locks. Photographs will be shown of the other presidents' hair, from John Adams to Zachary Taylor.

Thomas Jefferson's hair was reddish with gray when he died and James Monroe had dark curls.

In his first letter to Brown,

Andrew Jackson's son apologized that he could not immediately send a lock from the seventh president, noting that his father recently had a "close cut" that would take a fortnight to grow out.

"There's something very human and touching about it," longtime academy curator Robert Peck said of the collection. "It gives you a sense of who they were as people."

Browne also acquired hair samples from Napoleon Bonaparte, Daniel Webster, many Pennsylvania governors, signers of the Declaration of Independence and other political figures.

■ **FARGO, N.D.** — This feast was for the record books, and it only took 34,818 pancakes to get there.

Thousands of people, including an official with

Guinness World Records, escaped the bone-chilling winter weather on Saturday for the 50th anniversary of The Kiwanis Club's Pancake Carnival fundraiser.

Grillers flipped flapjacks and served them with sausages and orange juice for most of the day until they more than surpassed the 30,724 pancakes served in 2002 by the Lubbock, Texas, Lions Club.

"We're officially the largest pancake feed in the world," Matt Sullivan, president of The Kiwanis Club, said Sunday.

The group had brought in Kris Teufel, a records manager from London, to certify the feed, Sullivan said. The cost of the feast was being tallied, but organizers felt it was worth it for the event's silver anniversary, he said.

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Lady Patriots roll to win over Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The University of the Cumberlands Lady Patriots went on a 20-0 run that extended through both halves in an 84-47 win over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon in the first game of a men's-women's doubleheader at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Trailing Pikeville 27-24 with 3:38 left, Cumberlands scored the last 11 of the first half and the first nine of the second, getting six from Amber Neace and five from Stephanie Quattrociochi.

When Pikeville scored again, it ended a 6:05 cold spell and it was behind 44-29.

The Lady Patriots (19-6, 4-1 in the MSC) had four players in double figures, led by sophomore Sonia Thompson, who came off the bench to hit all four of her three-point tries and finish with 19 points in only 18 minutes.

Sophomore Amber Neace fired in 18 on 4-of-9 shooting from the arc, finishing with 18 and eight rebounds. Senior Crystal Taylor tossed in 15 and sophomore Lauren Martin tossed in 10.

Off the bench, freshman Stephanie Quattrociochi had nine points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Pikeville had one player in double figures as freshman Whitney Compton scored 13 points. Compton also pulled down seven rebounds and dished out four assists in off of the bench for the Lady Bears.

Cumberlands won the rebounding battle 46-29 in a game it had 21 offensive rebounds. While no Lady Patriot had double digits off the glass, five had six or more.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
THE JOHNSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM posed with members of the Diamond Girls Dance Team prior to a recent East Kentucky Miners home game. The Miners play their home games at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Bobcats top P'burg in 2 overtimes

Case nets 23 points in Betsy Layne triumph

by **JAMIE HOWELL**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Heading into Friday's matchup with Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg needed only to win in order to secure the top spot in upcoming 58th District Tournament. Betsy Layne came into the game fresh off of an upset loss to South Floyd earlier in the week on Tuesday. Prestonsburg entered the game coming off of a 10 point win over Allen Central. All indications pointed to a Blackcat win, but the Bobcats had other ideas. In thrilling fashion, Betsy Layne pulled off an 84-77 win in a second overtime.

Senior guard Brennan Case led the Bobcats with a game-high 23 points.

The Bobcats took an early 13-11 lead after one quarter, but Prestonsburg battled back from behind and took a 36-35 lead at the break.

Betsy Layne retook the lead after three quarters behind the play of Samuel Keathley and Blake Tibbs. Keathley finished the game with 17 points. Tibbs came in off of the Bobcat bench and added 11 points for the winning team.

Prestonsburg outscored Betsy Layne 11-7 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime.

Prestonsburg bigman Nathaniel Stephens connected on a putback at the buzzer to send the game into the overtime.

Both teams exchanged baskets in the first overtime before Prestonsburg took a two-point lead with only 4.2 seconds remaining. Case race the length of the floor

in the final 4 seconds and hit a shot a the horn to send the game into a second overtime.

Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 20-13 in the second overtime to come away with the victory.

BOYS' BASKETBALL
Betsy Layne 84, P'burg 77 (2 OT)

BETSY LAYNE (7-14) — Case 23, Keathley 17, Head 9, Tibbs 11, Tackett 5, Newman 2, Lafferty 12, Slone 5.

PRESTONSBURG (8-14) — Burchett 25, Hall 22, Stephens 7, Rodebaugh 2,

Tackett 10, Clark 4, Gearheart 5, Patrick 2.

BL.....13 22 15 7 7 20-84
P'burg...11 25 10 11 7 13-77

INSIDE: Morehead State University has announced plans to lower the number of sponsored sports. More on the move appears inside today's edition on Page B2.



photo by Greg Moore
ALLEN CENTRAL defeated longtime rival South Floyd Friday night in a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

BOYS: Rebels rout South Floyd, 97-60

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Allen Central dominated from beginning to end Friday night, defeating Floyd County Conference/58th District rival South Floyd 97-60 in a key late regular-season matchup at Raider Arena.

Each of Allen Central's five starters reached double figures scoring. Alex Hammonds paced Allen Central with a game-high 23 points. Aaron Crum followed closely behind Hammonds in the Allen Central scoring column. Crum tossed in 20 points for the Rebels. Hammonds and Crum make up Allen Central's senior backcourt.

Logan Crowder scored 17 points and Hunter Crowder added 13 for host

Allen Central. Josh Prater netted 12 points for an Allen Central team that featured 10 different scorers.

The Rebels didn't waste any time establishing a lead over longtime conference/district rival South Floyd. Allen Central carried a 27-15 lead out of the opening quarter. The Rebels owned a commanding 55-32 halftime advantage.

Allen Central, following the win, improved to 15-9 overall.

South Floyd also had 10 different players post points. Wes Akers led South Floyd with a team-high 17 points. Brandon Marson scored 12 points for the Raiders.

The Rebels played better offensively than South Floyd in each quarter, outscoring South Floyd by 11 or more points in every frame.

Allen Central, under the direction of longtime head coach John Martin, outscored South Floyd 23-11 in the final quarter.

South Floyd dropped to 2-21 as a result of the setback.

REBELS 97, RAIDERS 60

ALLEN CENTRAL (15-9) — L. Crowder 17, H. Crowder 13, Prater 12, Crum 20, Hammonds 23, Turner 3, Cole 2, Stumbo 2, Jackson 2, Meade 1.

SOUTH FLOYD (2-21) — Akers 17, Paige 8, Turner 5, Mitchell 5, Langdon 4, Tackett 2, Hall 5, Jones 1, Marson 12, Gibson 1.

Allen Central.....27 28 19 23-97
South Floyd.....15 17 17 11-60

Lawson leads Ladycats past P'burg girls

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG —

Host Prestonsburg was held to 10 or fewer points in three different quarters Friday night in a Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup versus Betsy Layne.

The visiting Ladycats outscored Prestonsburg 13-6 in the opening quarter and stayed out in front en route to a convincing 54-36 win.

Senior Kaitlin Lawson

led Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points. Megan Hamilton and Taylor Hott tossed in 11 points apiece for the Ladycats.

Eight different Betsy Layne players posted points in the conference/district win.

Betsy Layne took a 23-14 lead into halftime. The Ladycats outscored Prestonsburg 18-12 in the third quarter.

Hannah Fitzpatrick paced Prestonsburg.

Fitzpatrick led the Lady Blackcats with a team-high 13 points. Julianne Frye joined Fitzpatrick in double figures for the Lady Blackcats. A senior, Frye scored 12 points in Prestonsburg conference/district setback.

Betsy Layne swept Prestonsburg Friday night. In the boys' game, Betsy Layne pulled off an 84-77

win in a game that spilled over into two overtimes.

BL 54, P'BURG 36
BETSY LAYNE (12-8) — Martin 2, Hamilton 11, Hott 11, Reynolds 2, Flanery 2, Lawson 20, Tackett 2, Meade 4.

PRESTONSBURG (5-16) — Collins 4, Frye 12, Fitzpatrick 13, DeRossett 7.
BL.....13 10 18 13-54
P'burg....6 8 12 10-36

Miners run out of time, fall to SkyRockets

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Host East Kentucky couldn't make the most of half-time and third quarter leads Sunday at the Expo Center. The Miners, hosting American Conference frontrunner Minot, encountered offensive hardships in the fourth quarter. Minot outscored the Miners 28-19 in the fourth quarter, defeating East Kentucky 106-104.

The setback was East Kentucky's second straight loss. Minot won the quarter points 5.5-1.5. The SkyRockets improved to 28-9 after defeating the Miners.

Ronnie Fields, held scoreless in the second and third quarters, led Minot with a team-high 27 points. Fields also dished off five assists for the SkyRockets.

Marshall Phillips scored 18 points and Lee Scruggs tossed in 15 for vis-

iting Minot.

Sidney Holmes turned in a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds



BOO JACKSON

for the conference-leading SkyRockets.

Minot took a slim 31-30 lead out of the first quarter. East Kentucky, which played without injured guards Bryant Northern (hand) and Mike Crain (ankle), fought back to lead 59-52 at the intermission.

Jason McLeish led East Kentucky with a near triple-double of 28 points, 10 assists and eight assists. Josh Pace followed with 22 points, eight rebounds and six assists for the Miners.

Mike Dean scored 21 points for the host team in the American Conference matchup. Boo Jackson turned in the game's only other double-double for the Miners, scoring 15 points and hauling in 11 rebounds.

The Miners owned an 85-78 lead at the end of the third quarter.

East Kentucky, following the loss, fell to 18-19. The Miners will be back in action Monday on the road versus the Pittsburgh Xplosion at the Petersen Events Center. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Pittsburgh matchup is set for 7:05 p.m.

Cumberlands shoots past host Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Saturday's game in Pikeville was gut-check time for the University of the Cumberlands and Pikeville College. Both teams entered the week's play at 2-1 in the Mid-South Conference, and both lost Thursday night. The winner would be tied for second at the midpoint of the league's schedule; the loser in fourth place in the six-team league.

In the end, Cumberlands left the East Kentucky Expo Center with a 78-66 win.

Cumberlands shot 6-of-15 from the arc, compared to Pikeville's 1-of-11. The same happened at the line, where Cumberlands went 26-of-29, missing two of its last three after the game had been decided. The Bears were 7-of-17 and suffered their first home loss in 12 games this season.

Free throws by sophomore guard Chad Byron pushed the Patriots in front 55-44 with 9:17 left. The Bears answered with five straight, getting layups from freshman Dan Penick and junior Haakim Johnson followed by a free throw by junior Xavier Yates, cut the lead to 55-49 with 7:59 left.

But Cumberlands responded with a three from Byron and a layup by junior Josh Phillips to push it back to 11, 60-49, with 7:04 showing.

The Bears got as close as five twice in the final four minutes, but Cumberlands made its free throws down the stretch and scored 10 of the game's final 14 points to get the win.

Pikeville had no answer for Byron, who had 27 points on terrific shooting numbers — 8-of-12 from the field, 3-of-6 from the arc and 8-of-8 from the line. Junior Luke Fitzgerald had a double-double, scoring 19 and pulling down 11 rebounds. Fitzgerald was perfect on his nine free throw tries.

The Bears, meanwhile, got solid production from its posts. Senior Jeff Ferguson had 19 points while junior Ewan Linton added 12. Both had seven rebounds as the Bears won that battle 39-35.

But Pikeville College turned it over 18 times, all but two coming before the half. Those 16 turnovers offset 54.2 percent shooting and kept the Patriots in front 35-30.

The Bears had little time to recuperate. The final non-conference game of the season came Tuesday night when Brescia visited the Pikeville College Gym. The Pikeville-Brescia game ended too late to make this edition.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Feb. 16 at W.Va. Tech
Feb. 21 Georgetown
Feb. 23 at Campbellsville
Feb. 28 Lindsey Wilson
March 1 Cumberlands
March 8 at Mid-South Conference Tournament

SEC: Bradley leads UK over short-handed Alabama

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Alabama's star was getting sick just as Kentucky's was getting better, so the outcome was rather predictable for the reeling Crimson Tide and surging Wildcats.

Ramel Bradley had 19 points — including three clutch 3-pointers — in his return to the lineup as Kentucky cruised 62-52 Saturday over an Alabama team playing without leading scorer and rebounder Richard Hendrix, who had the flu.

"I feel bad for him," Bradley said. "It's not a good feeling at all to be so sick you can't do anything."

Bradley should know.

The spark plug senior guard who seldom misses a minute of a game, let alone an entire one as he did earlier this week against Auburn, had spent most of the week in bed recovering from a concussion and stomach virus.

Alabama certainly felt the absence of Hendrix, one of the nation's top big men who averages 19 points and 10 rebounds a game. Even without him, the Crimson Tide was competitive near the basket, outscoring the Wildcats in the paint 26-24.

"You do things differently obviously because the ball goes to Richard so much, but all of our guys played hard," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "You're not going to reinvent the game with one guy out."

Kentucky (12-9, 6-2) has been rolling in Southeastern Conference play, winning five straight games and lurking just behind Tennessee for first place in the East. The Crimson Tide (13-11, 2-7) has now lost seven of its last nine.

Bradley's return to good health was just what the doctor ordered for Kentucky.

In two key stretches — first when Alabama was building its own early

lead, then later when it was trying to cut into Kentucky's advantage — Bradley's 3-pointers gave the Wildcats a boost.

The Crimson Tide had led by eight points early as Kentucky missed its first seven 3-point attempts. That immediately changed when Bradley nailed two in the span of 40 seconds to cut the Kentucky deficit to 23-21.

Midway through the second half, when Alabama pulled to within three points, Bradley came to the rescue again with a long-range bucket after he chased down a deflected missed shot by Patrick Patterson.

"It was great having Ramel back out there," Patterson said. "He brings a lot of energy to the team."

Derrick Jasper gave Kentucky its only non-Bradley 3-pointer moments later as the Wildcats were on their way to what turned into a relatively easy victory.

Alabama led throughout the first

half until Joe Crawford's one-handed jumper seconds before halftime sent the Wildcats to the break ahead 28-27. Alabama would later tie the score but never regain the lead.

Bradley played only 29 minutes rather than his usual 40, and coach Billy Gillispie chewed him out during an early timeout, concerned about his sluggish play.

"I didn't think he was leading our team very well at the start, but he really picked it up after he got past the concussion syndrome and played great," Gillispie said.

In the absence of Hendrix, who made the trip to Lexington but stayed in bed rather than board the bus to the game, guard Mykal Riley led the Crimson Tide with 19 points.

Hendrix's replacement, sophomore Yamene Coleman, did admirably in Hendrix's absence with a career-high 10 points in his third start. He also largely contained Kentucky's star freshman center,

Patterson, who had 12 points — one of his lower outputs of the season.

"I was feeling it when I made my first shot," Coleman said. "I started to get in motion."

The game was at times ugly — such as the three-minute span when both teams failed on two fastbreak attempts — and extremely physical.

Kentucky's Ramon Harris was slammed to the ground after a hard foul by Riley and had to leave the game with an injury. Gillispie said he probably could have played later but chose to keep him out.

Gillispie and Gottfried also took their turns barking at the officials.

Gottfried was called for a technical after his vocal complaints about an out-of-bounds call. As it turned out, he got his way with a reversal — allowing the Crimson Tide to regain possession. But the technical had already been called, and Bradley connected on one of the two free throws.

BIG EAST: Louisville shuts down Georgetown, 59-51

Padgett, Smith combine for 34 points in Cards' conference win

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville coach Rick Pitino started sweating through his all-white suit while pacing the sidelines during the first half against No. 6 Georgetown on Saturday. He decided at the half it was time to get back to basics.

So, apparently, did his team.

Clad in a more traditional black suit in the second half, Pitino watched the Cardinals return to the fundamentals that have keyed their rise through the Big East. Louisville shut

down the Hoyas over the final 20 minutes for a convincing 59-51 victory to shake up a conference race that for weeks appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

David Padgett scored 18 points, Jerry Smith added 16 and the Cardinals (18-6, 8-3 Big East) held Georgetown (19-3, 9-2) to 20 points in the second half, snapping the Hoyas' six-game winning streak by playing the kind of clampdown defense that has become Georgetown's trademark.

"This is the best win I've ever experienced as a player," Padgett said. "It all starts with defense. We started the game, I think we might have been a little nervous. In the second half we played defense the way we're all capable of."

The Cardinals held the Hoyas to just 35 percent shooting in the second half, keeping Georgetown without a field goal for a decisive eight-minute stretch in which Louisville took

command.

Austin Freeman and Roy Hibbert led the Hoyas with 14 points apiece, but Georgetown fell apart during an uncharacteristically sloppy second half.

Louisville harried Georgetown with its press, forcing the normally deliberate Hoyas into 15 turnovers. When the Hoyas did manage to get into their offensive sets, they rushed shots and hardly played with the efficiency that has carried them all season.

"I think (Louisville) just executed extremely well," said Georgetown coach John Thompson III. "It's the simple things. It's a simple game. They executed and we didn't."

The Hoyas appeared to be in total control at the half, bullying their way to an eight-point lead that grew to 33-23 moments into the second on a hook shot by Hibbert.

Louisville, which had stumbled through an erratic first half in which it had more turnovers

(10) than field goals (seven), suddenly righted itself as Pitino urged them not to panic.

"I just told them to play it possession by possession, play great defense," Pitino said. "As long as you play great defense, you'll always have a chance. We turned up the pressure in our press and that helped."

So did an offense that stopped trying to impose its will against the bigger, stronger Hoyas. Rather than rush shots and force passes into tight spaces as they did in the first half, the Cardinals became more methodical in the second. The result was better shots, the unchallenged kind that Pitino said are the key to his team's success.

Terrence Williams got it going with a couple of runners in the lane and the Cardinals took off from there. Smith hit back-to-back 3-pointers during an 11-0 run that gave the Cardinals a 44-37 lead with 9:24 to play.

"You can't settle for jumpers, you have to go to the basket and that's what we did tonight," Williams said.

The Hoyas cut the lead to 44-41 on a hook by Hibbert with 7:30 remaining, but the Hoyas would get no closer. Padgett hit two free throws and Earl Clark drilled a 3-pointers as Louisville's lead grew to 10.

Georgetown managed one last scare, getting within 54-49 on a runner by Jonathan Wallace with 52 seconds remaining. But Padgett added a pair of late free throws and the Cardinals had their first signature win of the season.

"We were able to get stops down the stretch," Smith said. "It was a huge win for us, it lets us know if we work hard, we can become a Final Four team like they were last year."

Padgett and Hibbert battled to a draw in a matchup of two of the nation's most polished big men, each scoring on the other in a variety of old-school

moves.

"This is a tough one," Hibbert said. "Padgett, he can really pass the ball. He was tough to guard."

Ultimately, however, Padgett had a little more help, with Smith hitting big shots and the Cardinals swiping 10 steals.

Louisville's win pulled the Cardinals within a game of the front-running Hoyas, who hold a half-game lead over No. 22 Notre Dame, which knocked off No. 16 Marquette earlier Saturday. Louisville and Georgetown meet again on March 8.

For the Cardinals, the win validates the progress they've made over the last two months after a slow start in which Padgett and forward Juan Palacios were plagued by injuries. Those days appear to be long gone now.

"This definitely put us in the right direction," Padgett said. "But we know there's still a lot of basketball to be played."

NFHS: New spirit rules help minimize risk

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Five revisions related to flyers and transitional stunts were among the changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spirit Rules Committee at its January 6-8 meeting in Indianapolis. These revisions were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The committee recognized the increasing number of loss-of-contact transitional stunts, and revised rules requiring flyers to "maintain hand-to-hand/arm contact with at least one bracer during the entire loss of contact with her bases." This increases

the stability of the transitions, which helps minimize the risk to the flyer.

"Cheerleading teams are getting so good that we want to continue to allow loss-of-contact stunts," said Susan Loomis, liaison to the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee. "But we also want to help maintain the well-being of our participants."

For this reason, Rule 2-6-10 was revised to include conditions similar to Rule 2-12-1 and 2. These conditions must be met or physical contact must remain between the flyer and base. Some of the conditions include that "the flyer does not become inverted, the flyer has at least two bases and each flyer and

bracer has a separate spotter." Along with other conditions, the flyer's weight must not be supported by the bracer.

"Bracers have become a huge part of stunts," Loomis said. "But, they are there to brace a not to support a flyer's weight."

Changes were made to Rule 2-8-2b to state that during a stunt in which the flyer is inverted, the "base or spotter must maintain contact with the flyer from the inverted position until the flyer is no longer inverted," helping to stabilize the stunt.

A change in Rule 2-9-1a allows a forward suspended roll to also be legal from the performing surface if "the flyer begins from the performing sur-

face or from a stunt at shoulder height or below." Allowing a forward suspended roll from the performing surface does not present more risk than forward suspended rolls from stunts, provided two bases are used.

The committee also changed the definition of an inverted position to say "shoulders below waist" to accurately reflect the intent of the inverted flyer rule.

There were also revisions to injury-related rules. Rule 2-1-14 was adjusted to maintain consistency with all other NFHS sports regarding participants who are bleeding.

An exception was added to Rule 3-1-6 to allow "Pedinistyle dance shoes or others with

heels of sufficient height to raise the bottom of the foot off the floor" to prevent injury and disease.

In addition to rules changes, the Spirit Rules Committee also adopted four points of emphasis for the upcoming season. The identified topics include why rules matter, progressions, transitional stunts with loss of contact, and removing the coaches' responsibilities and participants' responsibilities sections.

Since spirit is a relatively new sport, the committee places emphasis on encouraging coaches to be aware of the rules, and to use them in the "why rules matter" section.

To simplify the rules book,

the committee removed the "coaches' responsibilities" and "participants' responsibilities" sections. However, these sections will be available online at www.nfhs.org on the spirit Web page.

"They are wonderful at guiding coaches, so we are going to keep them on the Web," Loomis said.

According to the NFHS 2006-07 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 3,743 schools sponsor a competitive spirit squad with 95,177 girls participating and 2,147 boys participating in 500 schools.

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Morehead State to reduce number of sponsored intercollegiate sports

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson Friday announced that, beginning with the 2008-09 school year, Morehead State will sponsor 16 intercollegiate sports, down from 18 currently.

Women's golf, already led by Head Coach Stephanie Barker, will field its first competitive team since 1984. The men's and women's rifle programs will be consolidated into a mixed team and the institution will no longer sponsor men's and women's indoor track and field. Outdoor track and field will remain.

It is the first realignment of intercollegiate sports at MSU since women's soccer was added in 1998. Hutchinson also announced that MSU will add NCAA women's bowling and equestrian programs within the next 4-6 years.

"This realignment is the culmination of a well-considered, thoughtful process that began nearly two years ago," Hutchinson stated. "We were aided by Alden & Associates, a consulting firm which studied our Title IX compliance measures."

"Ultimately, we have to consider how many sports we can sponsor with adequate financial resources, how we manage them within the context of Title IX compliance,

and how can we offer the best experience possible for our student-athletes," Hutchinson added. "We feel these steps lead us in that direction."

Hutchinson added that the plan was endorsed by MSU's Intercollegiate Athletics Committee and approved by President Wayne D. Andrews.

"This new direction for our athletics program comes at an opportune time when we are engaged in a careful review of all aspects of the institutional budget," said President Andrews. "Refocusing resources for improved efficiency and effectiveness in any program is a positive step. In athletics, as well as academics, we want to be best we can afford to be."



photo by Greg Moore

ALLEN CENTRAL swept a boys-girls doubleheader Friday night as both the Rebels and Raiders prevailed.

Lady Rebels hold off South Floyd in OT

Shepherd scores game-high 20 points for Allen Central girls

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Amber Shepherd scored a game-high 20 points and converted on a three-point play near the end of overtime Friday night to lift Allen Central to a 46-42 overtime win over Floyd County Conference/58th District foe South Floyd

Allen Central managed to sweep South Floyd. The Rebels defeated the Raiders 97-60 in the boys' game.

The Lady Rebels overcame

a slow start. South Floyd outscored Allen Central 13-6 in the first quarter.

Shepherd was one of two Allen Central players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Sara Johnson was Allen Central's second-leading scorer. Johnson tossed in 15 points for the Lady Rebels.

Brandi Brown aided the Allen Central offensive attack, providing seven points. Kim Biliter and Megan Jones tossed in two points apiece for Allen Central (5-13).

South Floyd entered half-time ahead 24-20. The Lady Rebels, however, outscored South Floyd in each of the last two quarters to force the game into overtime.

The two teams ended regu-

lation deadlocked in a 42-42 tie.

Kayla Hall led South Floyd in scoring. Hall was the only Lady Raider to reach double figures scoring. She finished with 12 points.

Seven different South Floyd players provided scoring. The Lady Raiders slipped to 6-12 after falling to the rival Lady Rebels.

AC 46, SF 42 (OT)
ALLEN CENTRAL (5-13) — Biliter 2, Jones 2, Brown 7, Johnson 15, Shepherd 20.
SOUTH FLOYD (6-12) — Conn 4, Kayla Hall 12, Tackett 8, Tuttle 7, Kiana Hall 3, D. Tackett 7, Dye 2.
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Earnhardt scores first win with new team in Budweiser Shootout

by JENNA FRYER
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. aced his first test with his new team. Earnhardt had a smashing debut in his Hendrick Motorsports ride, getting a boost from his new teammates to power past Tony Stewart to win the Budweiser Shootout on Saturday night.

It was Earnhardt's first victory in any series since summer 2006, and could be a sign of things to come now that NASCAR's most popular driver has partnered with its most powerful team.

Seconds after taking the checkered flag, Earnhardt declared himself a favorite for next week's season-opening Daytona 500.

"What a race car!" Earnhardt yelled over his radio. "This might be a (Daytona) 500 winner here and you don't know it."

The winner of the 70-lap exhibition has gone on to win

the Daytona 500 five times, with Dale Jarrett the last in 2000.

Earnhardt spun his new white No. 88 Chevrolet in a flurry of victory doughnuts before excitedly heading to Victory Lane.

No one had to show him the way.

It was his 11th victory at NASCAR's most famous track, but first since a second-tier Nationwide Series win in June 2006. His last official Cup win came at Richmond the month before.

"It felt pretty good to be back like we're supposed to be," said Tony Eury Jr., Earnhardt's cousin and crew chief.

The two burst into the winner's news conference, Earnhardt sprinting to the stage with an ear-to-ear grin. He said his 2004 Daytona 500 victory was his greatest, but said Saturday night's show ranked right up there.

"I don't know what took him so long to win a race for us," car owner Rick Hendrick quipped. "It sure takes a lot of pressure

off."

Stewart capped a tumultuous 24 hours by finishing second.

The two-time series champion and Kurt Busch were told to steer clear of each other in a Saturday morning meeting because of an altercation on the track that carried over into the NASCAR hauler. Stewart allegedly punched Busch during the confrontation, but all participants in that meeting refused to confirm or deny the altercation.

The attention surrounding Stewart dimmed the focus that's been on Earnhardt since he signed with Hendrick last June. All eyes were on his debut, and Stewart was a nice distraction for him. As he headed to his car before the race, Earnhardt pushed through a throng of photographers to joke with the temperamental two-time champion.

"Tony and Kurt getting into it the other day, that sort of took us off the front page," Earnhardt said. "I felt such a relief after that. I wasn't happy for those guys being in that situation, but

I felt like a load had lifted off my shoulders when I saw them walking to the NASCAR hauler."

He equaled the distraction to the push he got from new teammate Jimmie Johnson that won him the race.

Stewart was closing in on the win until a late caution — ironically caused when Busch spun — set up a final restart with three laps to go. Stewart was out front, but was surrounded by a fleet of Hendrick cars who seemed hellbent on getting their new teammate to checkered flag.

The push from Johnson helped Earnhardt slide past Stewart on the outside and into the front. Jeff Gordon was behind Stewart, and with no chance to win the race himself, he certainly wasn't going to push Stewart past his teammate.

"I'm real happy for Junior," Gordon said. "It's awesome to have him at Hendrick Motorsports and real proud of those guys to do that in their first

race out."

Stewart was content with second place.

"I'm pretty happy. I mean, it's hard to beat Dale Jr.," he said. "I mean, he's one of the best restrictor-plate drivers there's ever been. He learned a lot from his dad, and I'm not sure he's not better than his dad in all honesty."

Johnson finished third, and was followed by Gordon, Reed Sorenson and Casey Mears. Mears' car was too low and failed post-race inspection. NASCAR planned to look more closely at the car Sunday.

All four Hendrick cars finished in the top six.

But the celebration was strictly for Earnhardt, who was met in Victory Lane by Hendrick. The two are under tremendous pressure to produce winning results for NASCAR's most popular driver, who hasn't been a consistent contender for nearly two years.

He failed to make the Chase for the championship last sea-

son, his final year with Dale Earnhardt Inc. Unable to get along with stepmother Teresa, Earnhardt fled his late father's race team for a fresh start with powerhouse Hendrick Motorsports. The team won 18 of 36 races last season and its second straight championship.

Now Earnhardt is expected to be in the mix, contending for his first Cup title.

Does this first win ease the burden?

"I don't know," he said. "I never felt like I had a monkey on my back. I've always raced with pressure. I've always raced and worked and lived in tumultuous situations and I just got used to it, I guess. And Tony Jr. working with me and side by side, we grew up through it."

"Even before we got to this level, life wasn't easy. And there wasn't ever a golden road, easy to travel. But it is what it is. There's a lot of pressure, I think, for us, but we've always delivered and I hope we will continue."

Johnson wins second Daytona 500 pole

by MIKE HARRIS
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Another day, another Hendrick Motorsports car on top.

First, it was Dale Earnhardt Jr. showing the world Saturday night he was back on track with a dominating victory in a 70-lap exhibition race.

Then, less than 24 hours later, reigning NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson added another notch to the Hendrick belt when he won the pole for next Sunday's Daytona 500.

"It's always neat to get down here and get a win, but the pole is something the guys work for all winter long," said team owner Rick Hendrick, who also has four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon and Casey Mears in his powerful lineup.

Johnson, who won his second straight series title last year in a tough battle with Gordon, welcomes the addition of Earnhardt to the Hendrick stable and said rivalry within a team can be a powerful weapon.

"I think we've really used the rivalry between the cars in a positive way," Johnson said. "When we're outrun by one of our teammates, we know what they have versus what we have. So we're able to bring our car to that spot and try to beat them. And then they now and the progression starts."

"I really think last year we saw it in the Chase more than anything. The notebooks were open, we were all honest and true about where are cars were, what we were doing, and we brought the best out of each other and I feel took HMS to a

new level and a higher level."

Johnson, trying to match Cale Yarborough's record three straight series championships, said the goal is to keep ratcheting up the competition on the team, particularly with the addition of Earnhardt.

"I feel that the way we all have meshed together with the addition of the 88 car and all the people and everybody involved, that we're further ahead than where we were at the end of last year," Johnson said. "And I'm very excited about the year to come for all of us."

Michael Waltrip, disgraced last year at Daytona when his then-new team was caught in the post-qualifying inspection using an illegal fuel additive in his Toyota, also had a great run Sunday, taking the outside pole.

Only the top two qualifiers locked in starting positions for the 500.

For Johnson, Sunday's post-qualifying press conference was just one of numerous positive moments he has had at racetracks over the past few years. On the other hand, two-time Daytona winner Waltrip vividly recalled the sad, emotional moments when he faced the media a year ago after his team was discovered cheating and how he struggled throughout the season, at one point failing to qualify for 10 straight races.

"I'm still very emotional, but for obviously very drastically different reasons," Waltrip said. "Now I'm in here a year later and I'm the opposite; I'm happy. I still want to cry, but I'm happy."

"We've survived and we've

been able to get our foundations steadied up. During the time when we were getting our business squared away, our cars were getting better. I think that we are building a foundation here for a really solid year."

David Reutimann, Waltrip's teammate and employee, qualified third, meaning he, too, will be in the big race for sure.

"It's certainly something we're very proud of," Waltrip said. "We've worked very hard over the last three months with our testing. We noticed at each test that our cars were faster than they've ever been."

The top 35 drivers from last season's car owners points are guaranteed a starting spot in the 43-car field and Waltrip and Reutimann were among 18 drivers who began the day competing for the few remaining positions.

The rest of the starting field will be determined Thursday in two 150-mile qualifying races at Daytona International Speedway.

Johnson now has 14 career poles and previously won the pole here in 2002. He also won the Daytona 500 in 2006.

He had to drive a backup car, one of his team's short track entries, in the Budweiser Shootout after a crash in practice on Friday. Johnson called it "a brick" before going out and nearly winning Saturday night's race.

Johnson was third in that race, with Gordon and Mears fourth and sixth. On Sunday, Mears qualified sixth, three-time 500 winner Gordon was 10th and Earnhardt 15th.

The car Johnson drove Sunday was designed to be run on the 2.5-mile, high-banked Daytona oval, and he couldn't have been happier with it.

"Last night, we had a great race, but I really look forward to what this car can do in the Daytona 500," Johnson said after winning the pole.

Johnson's qualifying speed was 187.075 mph, with Waltrip just behind at 186.734.

Besides the top 35 in owner points, the top two non-guaranteed drivers from each of the qualifying races will make the starting field, along with the three fastest non-qualified drivers from Sunday and the most recent former Cup champion not already in the race.

Joe Nemechek and Reutimann were among the drivers who had to qualify made it, running third and fourth.

One person particularly impressed by the performance of Waltrip and Reutimann was Lee White, senior vice president of Toyota Racing Development, which saw all of its teams struggle just to make races in 2007, the Japanese automaker's inaugural season in the Cup series.

Despite being disappointed that a Camry didn't win the pole, White said, "A year ago, and not only a year ago, but through the first half of the season, these guys were scrambling to get out of bed in the morning."

"We're a company that takes baby steps, but they're a team that has taken great strides."

Bengals' Houshmandzadeh scores 2 TDs, but NFC beats AFC in Pro Bowl, 43-30

by BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — They could have played this Pro Bowl on the beach with flag football rules. All of which was to the liking of Terrell Owens and Adrian Peterson.

Making up for early sloppiness, Owens caught two touchdowns passes, including a 6-yarder from Tampa Bay's Jeff Garcia for the winning points in the NFC's comeback 42-30 victory over the AFC on Sunday.

Owens was aided by Offensive Rookie of the Year Peterson, whose 129 yards rushing was the first performance of more than 100 yards since Marshall Faulk had 180 and Chris Warren added 127 in 1995. The Minnesota running back scored twice as the NFC rallied from a 24-7 deficit, earning himself MVP honors.

Faulk is the only other rookie to be voted MVP of the Pro Bowl.

Neither side held back the tricks, to the delight of the sell-out crowd of 50,044 at Aloha Stadium. There was a fake punt, a throwback kickoff return and a handful of fourth-down gambles.

One of those was a 34-yard pass to Owens from fellow Cowboy Tony Romo that sparked the comeback. Before that huge play, Owens had a pair of ugly drops that drew boos.

He quickly turned them into cheers.

The 48 first-half points tied the Pro Bowl record for the first two periods. The only punt of the half turned into a fake and an 11-yard completion from San Francisco's Andy Lee to Minnesota fullback Tony Richardson. After Peterson gained 24 yards on two plays, Romo threw to Larry Fitzgerald, who dove across the goal line to tie it at 7.

On the opening drive, Colts

quarterback Peyton Manning and Chiefs tight end Tony Gonzalez set the frenetic pace with completions of 31 and 25 yards around a botched snap that cost the AFC 20 yards. Browns receiver Braylon Edwards, one of 41 newcomers (including injured players) beat Seattle's Marcus Trufant on another 31-yarder before Lorenzo Neal dived in from the 1. The San Diego fullback, a 15-year veteran, scored his first Pro Bowl touchdown.

The scoring never abated. T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught TD throws of 16 yards from Manning and 1 from Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger. The Cincinnati receiver's second score came after Antonio Cromartie, the league's interception leader, returned a tipped pass 56 yards to the AFC 29.

Just before that, a comical kickoff runback attempt by Dallas linebacker DeMarcus Ware resulted in a fumble at the NFC 29 recovered by Baltimore's Ed Reed. Tennessee's Rob Bironas kicked a 33-yard field goal.

With the AFC on top 24-7, Romo and Owens got their team back in it. The big play before Owens' 6-yard TD catch was a fourth-and-13 conversion that Owens broke for 34 yards to the 7.

After Bironas nailed a 48-yarder, the NFC continued its comeback. Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck was particularly sharp on a 77-yard touchdown drive he capped with a 17-yard pass to Redskins tight end Chris Cooley. Peterson broke two tackles on a 39-yard run to spark the series, and that was two fewer tacklers than he avoided on his 17-yard jaunt down the left sideline for a 28-27 NFC lead early in the third quarter.

A pair of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, of all things, against the NFC for illegal defenses allowed Bironas to

make his third field goal, a 28-yarder to recapture the lead.

That prompted more shenanigans on the NFC's kickoff return. Bears record-setter Devin Hester ran right for 14 yards, then threw a perfect spiral to his left to Jason Witten. The tight end, one of 13 Cowboys in the game, showed some nice open-field moves in adding 35 yards to the runback.

Then Cromartie got his sec-

ond pick when Rams wideout Torrey Holt deflected Garcia's pass into the Chargers cornerback's hands. Quite a debut for someone who barely played before the 2007 season.

But it was Peterson's debut that was most impressive. He finished off the scoring with a 6-yard romp with 2:43 remaining.

The AFC leads the series 20-18.

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The real true Grit

It's been 39 years since ole John Wayne was in True Grit. It was a fine movie, all right, and even won him an Oscar.

However, those of us who grew up in Eastern Kentucky back in the day knew, without question, that the real true Grit was not a movie about an old one-eyed marshal, but instead the true Grit, was a weekly newspaper that was published in Williamsport, Pennsylvania and peddled door to door by neighbor



Clyde Pack

kids. Matter of fact, I had six siblings and if I'm not mistaken, I'm the only one in family that didn't sell it. As I recall, I had planned to, but Keith Lyons beat me to it. By the time he gave up the job, I had long since become interested in other ways of making my show fare.

Anyway, I always thought it was interesting that even though more than half a century has passed since my brothers and sisters sold Grit, they can still tell you every neighbor who still owes them money, and how much they owe. Apparently, there were many regular customers who were often broke on the day the paper was delivered. No doubt, every former Grit-seller in every little community

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KIM'S KORNER

Enjoy your coffee

A very dear and special friend to Ann Adams, shared the following story with me last week. May you enjoy it and get a whole new perspective from the wisdom that it shares.



Kim Little Frasure

"A group of alumni, all highly established in their respective careers, got together for a visit with their old university professor. The conversation soon turned to complaints about the endless stress of work and life in general..."

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went into the kitchen and soon returned with a large pot of coffee and an eclectic assortment of cups: porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal - some plain, some expensive, some quite exquisite.

Quietly he told them to help themselves to some fresh coffee...

When each of his former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the old professor quietly cleared his throat and began to patiently address the small gathering...

"You may have noticed that all of the nicer looking cups were taken up first, leaving behind the plainer and cheaper ones.

While it is only natural for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is actually the source of much of your stress-related problems."

He continued..."Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In fact, the cup merely disguises or dresses up what we drink. What each

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A young visitor to the science center, Josh Artrip, found himself fascinated by this display in the Our Weakening Web exhibit. photos by Emily K. Baldridge

EKSC's new spring exhibit

'Our Weakening Web' now open to public

by KATHY J. PRATER
 FEATURES EDITOR

Learn about the past while also learning about how to prepare for the future in the East Kentucky Science Center's newest exhibit, "Our Weakening Web," now on display.

The "Our Weakening Web" exhibit was formally opened to the public this past Friday evening where visitors were treated to refreshments and offered the opportunity to ask questions of EKSC staff as well as director, Eric Thomas. "We're excited about the exhibit," Thomas said. "It's really interesting and we think everyone will really enjoy it."

Our Weakening Web is an interactive exhibit that gives visitors an inside look at how easy it is for wildlife to become endangered and be threatened by extinction. Travel back in time through the exhibit's many portals to discover how crea-

tures of long ago fell victim to extinction. Find out how uncontrolled development leads to the destruction of wildlife habitats and places many species in danger of not being able to survive in a diminishing environment with limited natural resources in "Getting Wildlife Out of the Way."

Visitors to the exhibit, filled with engaging life-like dioramas and interactive modules, are encouraged through hands-on learning to discover how they can help prevent the loss of animal species and forest habitats as they wind their way through the informative and captivating maze of the science center's newest exhibit.

Uncover a seaside sanctuary that is out of this world, providing a safe habitat for varying species at Florida's Canaveral National Sea Shore and nearby Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, thanks to

(See EXHIBIT, page eight)



Another young visitor to Friday evening's opening enjoyed learning about the importance of maintaining safe habitats for seaside creatures through this display provided by NASA and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife.

CRITTER CORNER

Love is in the air .. Valentine's Day kicks off skunk mating season

Humans aren't the only ones with love on the brain on February 14. Amorous male skunks are busy playing the dating game as well. February through March is mating season for striped, hog-nosed, and hooded skunks, and that means people shouldn't be surprised to suddenly smell that distinctly unpleasant odor. According to The Humane Society of the United States, the stink is a female skunk's way of warding off unwanted suitors. Fortunately, skunk romance only lasts a short time.

According to Laura Simon, field director of urban wildlife programs for The HSUS, "Skunks are gentle, non-aggressive creatures who have

wrongly earned a bad reputation because of that pungent odor. People don't appreciate the benefits they provide by eating grubs, insects, mice, and baby rats."

"It is actually difficult to get sprayed by a skunk if you heed a skunk's warning sign - they stomp their front feet. If you take heed of that warning, they won't spray. Dogs ignore this warning, which is why they do get sprayed," Simon explains.

The HSUS has a recipe that works to deodorize skunked dogs: Mix a quart of hydrogen peroxide with a 1/4 cup baking soda and tea-

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This lazy duo are "Sugar," and "Kiki." Both belong to Randy and Sandy Bentley, feline fanciers who profess that the cute cats really brighten up their lives with their playfulness and devotion. Playing with plastic water bottle lids and enjoying fresh bowls of milk are two of the team's favorite activities.

Yesterdays

crowded the district courtroom here, last Thursday afternoon, in protest of the arrest of three union miners from a picket line at Harold, earlier that day

Two men have, within the week, drawn 10-year pen terms, after trial on first degree burglary charges, stemming from a daylight break into a mobile home on Abbott Creek

Floyd County's schools returned to class-work, Monday, for the first time since Jan. 6, and for the first two days school was dismissed after lunch, due to the increased threat of bad driving conditions

State Police arson investigator J. B. McKenzie arrested two Hi Hat men on charges linked to the fire of a Hi Hat house on December 31, and the sheriff's department arrested a Middle Creek woman after finding 13 pints of liquor and seven fifths of wine in the house she was occupying

There died: Mrs. Hazel Craft All, 67, of Russell, last Friday, at the home of a friend on Cow Creek; James B. Layne, 90, of Harold, Tuesday, February 7, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland; Willard May, formerly of Langley, February 9, in Deland, Florida; George Emmitt Martin, 86, of Garrett, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Orville Ousley, 57, formerly of Martin, Monday, at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mrs. Opal Boyd Lafferty, 59, formerly of Dana, December 23, in Cambridge, Ohio, where she currently lived; Curtis Ray Amburgy, 32, formerly of Bypro, Sunday morning, in a car crash on New Circle Road, Lexington.

Forty Years Ago

(February 15, 1968)

Prestonsburg was designated, Wednesday, as an All-Kentucky City by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Floyd Countians got a glimpse of one of the famed Kennedy clan, Wednesday afternoon, when U.S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Congressman Carl D. Perkins, stopped briefly at the courthouse here

Resignation of George E. Evans Jr., as vice-president of Island Creek Coal Company, and as president of the Evans Elkhorn Division of Island Creek, was announced this week

A budget of almost \$2 1/2 billion was asked by Gov. Louie B. Nunn in his budget message, Tuesday night

There died: Mrs. Viney Clark, 74, last Thursday, at the home of a son, at Galveston; Mrs. Lauda Bryant, 58, of Martin, Monday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Roma Crider, 92, Sunday, at his home at Auxier; James Osborn, 91, of Abbott Creek, Tuesday, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Raymond Porter, 62, last Thursday, at his home at Allen; Mrs. Josephine Conley, 68, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Jack Hughes, 76, of River, formerly of Floyd County, last Tuesday, at the Paintsville Clinic; Grover Stephens, 85, former postmaster at Hite, Tuesday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 13, 1958)

A tentative plan was submitted by a bond firm for a new courthouse, and was approved, but the undertaking is merely in the talking stage

Surplus foodstuffs, in addition to those now coming into Floyd County, were asked by County Judge Henry Stumbo and County Attorney Robert S. Wellman, in letters addressed, Wednesday, to Senators John Sherman Cooper and Thurston B. Morton, and Congressman Carl D. Perkins

The census of needy families in Floyd County, now being completed by teachers, may run as high as 800, instead of 400, as originally calculated from a superficial survey made a few weeks ago

Orville Mitchell, 39, of Grethel, died at the Methodist Hospital, Saturday, of injuries suffered at Grethel, Jan. 27, when a circular saw caught, and hurled a slab against his head

Two Floyd men were killed in traffic accidents over the past week: Jack Manns, 51, of Wayland, died Sunday, when the auto in which he was riding, plunged over the mountain on the Buckingham-Dry Creek road; William Howard Centers, 31, of Betsy Layne, was one of four men who were killed in a car-truck collision at Elkton, Md., last week

Showing at the Abigail this Saturday, is a hot one. "Eat 'em Alive," a "different" kind of flick which shows footage of eight life and death struggles, including fights between a dog and rattler, a king snake and rattler, and two turtles,

Oak

across the country could tell a similar story.

According to its website, the paper is more than 125 years old and during the late 1940s and early 1950s had 30,000 newsboys (and in the case of my sisters, newsgirls) across the country. It also had a circulation of 700,000. By the time John Wayne made his movie in 1969, circulation had reached 1.5 million.

Grit was originally a Sunday paper but usually arrived at the post office on Wednesday. Grit readers could read the Sunday funnies two or three days earlier than those who subscribed to other

papers, like the Courier-Journal. The only disappointing thing about Grit's funnies was they were in black and white instead of color.

All these Grit memories were prompted last week when Dr. Paul Sheets, whose office is just a few doors from ours, came by with a mail-order offer from Grit (now a magazine) whereby one can get a free copy by sending in "the enclosed card."

He has read over the years in this column and in my books of my memories of Grit - which, except for the United Mine Workers Journal and The Paintsville Herald, was our

among other exciting conflicts

Prestonsburg High School's huge, new gymnasium—largest and finest in eastern Kentucky—will open its doors, Saturday evening, for the first basketball play to be staged on its floor

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Turner Vance Jr., of Wheelwright, a son, recently; to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Stephens, a daughter, Feb. 6, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rodebaugh, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Rayanna Lea, Feb. 13, at their home

There died: Bishop Morrison, 65, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at his home; Reuben Tackett, 77, last Wednesday, at home at Hi Hat; William R. Hamilton, 74, last Thursday, at his home at Amba; Mrs. Ida Holbrook, 57, Feb. 1, at her home at Halo; Sam Smith, 68, of Garrett, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Rebecca May, 79, of Langley, Thursday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Steve Johnson, 78, last Wednesday, at his home at Wheelwright; Mrs. Nannie M. Slone, 51, of Estill, Saturday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 19, 1948)

During the week-end, numerous homes in half a dozen Floyd towns were flooded, after steady rain had washed away the last vestiges of the three-week-old ice and snow that had blanketed this section

Truck mine operators of the county organized, Sunday, in a meeting at Martin

An ordinance fixing a penalty for disposal of garbage, in the corporate limits of Prestonsburg, was enacted by the city council, at its Monday night meeting

State Senator Doug Hays, of McDowell, saw his state liquor monopoly meet apparent defeat, Tuesday

Wayland's first high school football team, and its coach, "Copper" John Campbell, were honored, Saturday night, at a banquet, sponsored by the Wayland Lions Club

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Huddleson, a daughter, Sunday

There died: King Osborne, 65, Feb. 9, at his home at McDowell; Lafayette (Shorty) Davis, 58, former engineer for the C.&O. Railway at Martin, Saturday, in a Detroit hospital; Rev. Whetzel Blair, 94, Monday, at the home of a daughter at Boldman; Mrs. Anna Case Wallen, 40, of McDowell, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Tallie Dingus Graham, 34, of Flemingsburg, last Wednesday, at the home of her mother in Martin; S. B. Salyer, 73, Friday, at his home in Minnie.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 17, 1938)

Within 15 minutes, death claimed the lives of two Floyd coal miners in mine accidents, within a few miles of each other, last Friday. Buren Castle, 41, of Wayland, was killed instantly, in a slatefall in the mines of the Wayland Elkhorn Coal Corporation, and shortly afterward, Henry Brown, 50, of Lackey, died in the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, after an accident at the Central Elkhorn Coal Company's mine at Lackey

Continuing his investigation of the shooting of Jesse Collins, 23, Commonwealth's Attorney O. C. Hall said, last week, that he and Sheriff Dial Salisbury were present when a bullet, alleged to have been fired through Collins' body, was dug from bloodstained soil at the scene of the shooting, in Melvin

Plans for a debate tournament here, the annual Floyd County oratorical contest at Martin, and graduation exercises for all Floyd County high schools here, were made, Saturday, at a meeting of county school principals, in the office of County Superintendent Town Hall

Bottling the scoring attack of the highly-rated Garrett Black Devils, an underrated Auxier quintet defeated the Garrett team, 19-10, in an upset victory last week

Married: Miss Elsie Draughn, and Curtis Patton, of Hueysville, Jan. 29, at Garrett. Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Varney A. Smiley, of Prestonsburg, a son, Andrew Jackson, Feb. 2, at their home; to Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hatfield, of Martin, a daughter, Nancy May, recently; to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Archer, a daughter, Martha Frances, last week, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Underwood, of Prestonsburg, twins, last week

There died: Mrs. Zola Howerton Banks, Friday, at her home at Cliff; Emma Grace Flack, 14, of Brandy Keg, Monday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin.

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Allen-Caswell

Melvin and Gloria Allen, of Freeport, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Marie Allen, to Shane Vincent Caswell, the son of Sam and Betty Caswell, of Dexter, New York.

Dr. Allen graduated from Lakeland High School in 1990; received a bachelor's degree in Health Education and Sports Medicine in 1994 from Ashland University; a Master of Science in Athletic Training in 1995 from California University of Pennsylvania; and a Doctor of Philosophy from Ohio University in 2004. She is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Athletic Training Education Program at California University of Pennsylvania.

Amanda is the granddaughter of Jean Spencer, of Eastern. Dr. Caswell graduated in 1993 from Watertown High School; received a bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1999 from Brockport State University; a Master of Science degree in Athletic Training in 2000; and a Doctor of Philosophy from Ohio University in 2005. He is an Assistant Professor and Director of the Athletic Training Education Program at George Mason University.

A May, 2008 wedding is planned.

BIRTHDAYS



Braden Luke Moore turned three years old on December 10, 2007. He celebrated his birthday with his friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare. He is the son of Ben and Terra Moore, of Langley.



Abigail McKay Jervis turned five years old on December 13, 2007. She celebrated her special day with all her friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare. Abby is the daughter of Darrell and Cindy Jervis, of Prestonsburg.



Austin Jeffrey Buchanan turned four years old on December 31, 2007. He celebrated with his friends at KIDDIE-LAND Daycare. Austin is the son of Jeff and Nicole Buchanan, of Banner.

Korner

of you really wanted was coffee, not a cup, but you instinctively went for the best cups... Then you began eyeing each other's cups...

"Now consider this: Life is coffee. Jobs, money, and position in society are merely cups. They are just tools to shape and contain Life, and the type of cup, we have does not truly

define nor change the quality of the Life we live. Often, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee that God has provided us... God brews the coffee, but he does not supply the cups. Enjoy your coffee!"

The happiest people don't have the best of everything; they just make the best of

everything they have... So please remember: Live simply. Love generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. Leave the Rest to God.

And remember - the richest person is not the one who has the most, but the one who needs the least.

God Bless
Til Next Week

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Critter

spoon of liquid dish soap. Bathe the dog in it, rinse, and the odor disappears in minutes.

About skunks: Skunks are cat-sized or smaller; all of the five species found throughout North America can be identified by their distinctive black and white coloration of either stripes or spots.

Skunks are extremely near-sighted yet have a very fine-tuned sense of smell.

Skunks are solitary animals, except when raising young or sharing a den during cold periods.

Striped skunks, hog-nosed and hooded skunks breed in February and March and the babies are born in May and June. Spotted skunks breed either later in the spring, early summer, or in the fall as is the case with western spotted skunks.

Skunks den in natural cavities like woodchuck burrows, hollow logs, and brush piles, as

well as crevices in stone walls and under buildings.

A den is used only for brief periods because skunks are nomadic by nature.

Once classified as members of the Mustelid family, a group that includes weasels, martens, and badgers, skunks are now placed in a family group all their own.

Skunks can be active all year but will remain in dens during cold spells.

Skunks often tumble into window wells and are not able to climb out due to their near-sightedness and poor climbing ability. If a skunk is stuck in a window well, it is very easy to help him out. (Visit humanesociety.org for easy how-to advice.)

Prevent a skunk in your window well by purchasing a window well cover which is inexpensive and readily available at hardware stores.

Skunks follow their noses, so if a garage door is open, a

skunk will likely amble in. If the skunk enters the garage, The HSUS recommends leaving a garage door open at night and sprinkling flour along the bottom of it so you can see the exiting tracks.

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

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest animal protection organization - backed by 10.5 million Americans, or one of every 30. For more than a half-century, The HSUS has been fighting for the protection of all animals through advocacy, education and hands-on programs. Celebrating animals and confronting cruelty — On the web at humanesociety.org.

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Look who's 1!

Alexis Faith Gayheart celebrated her first birthday on 20, 2008, with her family and a "Care Bears" theme party. Lexi received many nice gifts and enjoyed her own personal cake. Lexi is the daughter of Scott and Monica Gayheart, of McDowell. She is the granddaughter of Thomas and Kim Gayheart, and Greg and Deborah Hopkins, all also of McDowell.



61st Wedding Anniversary

Nellie and Leonard Roberts celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on January 19, 2008, at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center where staff and residents threw a wonderful party in their honor! In addition to the PHCC family, family and friends from outside the center attended to celebrate the special day with the still happy couple! Everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream, chips and pop. The staff of Prestonsburg Health Care Center are pleased to have Nellie and Leonard Roberts as a part of their family and they wish them many more wonderful years together!

Exhibit

NASA and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife. Young and old alike will discover how the many forms of ecological relationships interact to come together and bind all life forms. The exhibit shows what is happening today and why environmental conservation is so important. Our Weakening Web will show visitors how they can take action in their daily lives to promote biological diversity and to preserve the richness of the Earth. Our Weakening Web was funded by The National Science Foundation and was designed by The Cincinnati

Museum of Natural History. It is being sponsored at the East Kentucky Science Center by Equitable Resources, Olin and Muriel Prather Foundation, and Chesapeake Energy. Bring your family, friends and school groups to see this combination of beautifully handcrafted dioramas - featuring scenes from prehistory to present day as well as interactive components that focus on environmental impact and advocacy. To learn more, or to schedule a group visit, log onto to the East Kentucky Science Center's website at www.wedoscience.org, or call (606) 889-0303.

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She's royal!

Ali Hackworth, the daughter of David and Marsha Hackworth, of Blue River, was elected 2007-2008 Prestonsburg High School Basketball Homecoming Queen. She was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen on Saturday, February 2, 2008. Ali was also elected PHS Football Homecoming Queen for the 2007-2008 school year. This is the first time in the school's history that the same young lady has been elected both football and basketball Homecoming queen. Congratulations, Ali!

Happy Valentine's Day
Anthony

We love and miss you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and all the family

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A precious baby boy to cuddle and love,
Much too soon, you were taken away,
With words unspoken, and more left to say.
You knew we loved you, with each piece of our hearts,
The pieces are still there, just broken in parts.
We still see your face, and yet all the while,
The things you did, still make us smile.
Each day we carry you with us, and speak your name,
Life down here without you, will never be the same.
To Everything There is a Season,
Although we ask why and wonder the reason,
A time to be born, And a time to leave,
A time to love, a time to grieve,
A time to cry, a time to weep,
A time to rest, a time to sleep,
A time to love, a time to heal,
And a time for peace, for those who kneel.
"Together forever, never to part,
maybe in distance, but not by heart"
Happy 21st Birthday, Anthony,
We love you always,
Mom and Dad