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Park manager placed on leave for investigation

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A representative with the Kentucky Commerce Cabinet confirmed this week that the

park manager of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has been placed on administrative leave while an investigation takes place.

According to Gil Lawson, public information officer for

the Commerce Cabinet in Frankfort, Scott Ringham, manager of Jenny Wiley, was notified by Kentucky Department of Parks central office officials last Friday that he was being placed on leave with pay, pending the

outcome of an investigation.

Lawson said he could not discuss the nature of the investigation, other than to say that it was a "personnel matter."

Ty Lindon, assistant park manager, has been placed in

charge until the investigation concludes.

Ringham, who became park manager at Jenny Wiley during the Fletcher administration, could not be reached for comment.

ALC SENIOR NIGHT

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briefs

College displays Tuskegee tribute

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — To celebrate Black History Month, Big Sandy Community and Technical College has been displaying an exhibit dedicated to "The Tuskegee Airmen."

The display, which highlights achievements of the African American Fighter Squadron during World War II, has several unique artifacts and memorabilia on display.

In a release from BSCTC, public relations director Linda Lyon said, "These brave men overcame the odds and the racial hatred of that time and still served their country honorably."

According to BSCTC, Ron Spriggs has spent several years putting the exhibit together, so that the country will not forget the service of the airmen.

According to records, the Tuskegee Airmen were credited with 109 Luftwaffe aircraft shot down. The airmen, represented in the 332nd Fighter Group, were involved in more than 15,000 sorties on 1,500 missions.

The Exhibit at the BSCTC Prestonsburg Campus will continue through March 4. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the art gallery at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64746

LAST RIDE



photo by Jack Latta

Firefighters and police from around the county turned out Saturday to say goodbye to Prestonsburg Firefighter Phillip "Rusty" Chaffins, after he passed away suddenly last week at his home. Chaffins' coffin was transported to its final resting place aboard Engine 1.

Lawmakers overhaul Beshear's casino proposal

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear's proposal to allow up to 12 casinos throughout the state got a major overhaul from Kentucky lawmakers on Tuesday, less than five days after the newly elected governor unveiled it.

A plan by Rep. Joni Jenkins, D-Louisville, would cut the number of casinos by three, allowing for no more than five to be set up at race tracks. The move, Jenkins

said, was aimed at resolving some of the concerns House lawmakers had with Beshear's plan.

"There were lots of concerns about the original piece that was filed," Jenkins said.

Beshear, a Democrat, unseated former Gov. Ernie Fletcher in part on a promise to push for legalized casino gambling in this Bible-belt state that already allows gambling at horse tracks, bingo halls and through a state lottery.

Beshear has said casino

gambling could allow Kentucky's cash-strapped government to collect about \$600 million per year at a time when the state faces a \$900 million shortfall over the next two fiscal years.

It wouldn't solve all of Kentucky's fiscal woes, but it would help, Beshear said.

Nevertheless, House lawmakers gave Beshear's plan a lukewarm response even though a majority are Democrats. Some legislators

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Hospital sued for releasing suicidal man

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A multimillion dollar wrongful death suit was filed against Hazard Medical Center and Appalachian Regional Hospitals Inc., after a psychiatric ward patient committed suicide hours after his discharge.

According to a coroner's report, James Scott Johnson, 28, of Melvin, died on Sept. 21, after a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the chest. Johnson had been discharged only hours earlier from HMC psychiatric ward.

"That very day," said Arnold Johnson, father of the deceased, in a written statement, "just a few short hours after going home he did it and he did it out of love."

In the complaint, it is stated that "Scott developed mental issues that worsened over time" and that his treatment was being provided by the defendants.

Scott was being treated by Dr. Tiruchiapalli, who reportedly had diagnosed him with paranoid schizophrenia. He was released for five days in September before being readmitted after his symptoms became "worse."

According to the complaint, his parents "found



James Scott Johnson

Scott's paranoia to be so severe that he, among other things, told them that he could never go home again because he would be followed there to mother's and father's home and that "killers" would kill him and also kill mother and father." It is alleged in the complaint that despite ongoing treatment and medications, he was placed on suicide watch.

"Scott told Joan (his mother) and me that he had to stay at the hospital," said Johnson. "He said that if he was released that the 'mob' would kill him and also his mother and me, and that if he stayed in the hospital he would be safe."

In an alleged suicide note provided to Times staff by the attorneys, Scott says, "I'm So Sorry I have to do this. Please dad help mom through it Keep Faith in

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 40 • Low: 14

Tomorrow



High: 34 • Low: 27

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Idol finals to take place next week

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

This year's Big Sandy Idol competition will be held next week at the Mountain Arts Center with local talent competing for a \$1,200 scholarship to BSCTC, as well as a full album recording.

"We are so excited about the Big Sandy Idol Showcase," said Clayton Case, Big Sandy Community and Technical College's musical and drama assistant director. "We hope everyone will come out to support the representatives of their school and to see the show."

Big Sandy Idol is presented by BSCTC and sponsored by Interstate Natural Gas, in conjunction with the Mountain Arts Center. The contest features two winners from each of the 14 high schools in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and

(See IDOL, page nine)



Pictured are the 2008 finalists for the Big Sandy Idol competition to be held at the Mountain Arts Center Feb. 29 and March 1. Front row, from left, Heather Hall, Lindsey Small, Katelyn Webb, Sola Williams, Jackie Smith and Staci Carriere. Second row, Jordan Gibson, Jerica Blair, Hannah Ratliff, Kathleen Smith, Melanie Stapleton, Tierra Fonner and Whitney Slone. Third row, Kaci Ashley, Hillary Keese, Tyler Childers, Holly Fleming, Chesi Spriggs, Trusonda Dotson; and Donathan Hurley. Last row, Brennan Case, Dustin Newsome, James Greer, Max Morley, Dan Zienkiewicz, Ryan Shepherd and Eric Madden. Not pictured, Nathan Arnett, Savannah Bartley and Josh Park.

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Obituaries

John Bays Jr.

John Bays Jr., 78, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, February 15, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born December 22, 1929, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John Bascom Bays and Maudie Alice Horn Bays. He was a retired coal miner, and was the owner of Bays Trucking Company. He attended the Cedar Grove United Baptist Church. He was an army veteran, and a lifetime member of the Big Sandy Chapter No. 18, DAV.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Music Bays. Other survivors include two sons: James Bays of Auxier, and Michael Bays of Lexington; two daughters: Teresa Stafford and Myra (Jim) Gillispie both of Auxier; a sister, Geneva Cox of Prestonsburg; 7 grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 19, at 11 a.m., in the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Gene May, Johnny Mollett, and Burnise Mollette officiating.

Interment was at Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg. Visitation was at the funeral home. The family has entrusted arrangements to Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)



Blackburn, Norlene Moore, and three infant sisters.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 21, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Painter Harve Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)



Dana Whitaker Moore

Dana Whitaker Moore age 65, of Garrett, passed away on Friday, February 15, 2008, at her residence.

She was born October 13, 1942, the daughter of the late Homer and Edith Terry Whitaker.

She was a schoolteacher and homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Tandy Moore.

Other survivors include two sons: Kevin Brent (Darlene) Moore and Brandon Kyle Moore, both of Garrett; a brother, Bobby (Shelia) Whitaker of Hueysville; seven sisters: Sue Herman of Canton, Ohio; Alice (Randell) Sexton of Hueysville; Phyllis Cole of Ligonier, Indiana; Linda (Jim) Childers of Pikeville; Glenna (Herbie) Ward of Sadieville; Shirlene (Kenny) Inmon of Hueysville; and Charlotte (Freddie) Moore of Langley; and two grandchildren: Kes and Karlee Moore. Funeral services were held

Sunday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Willie Duff officiating.

Burial was in the Harry Lee Moore Cemetery, in Langley, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Pallbearers: Frank Martin, Byron Scott, Keith Sullivan, Brett Whitaker, Kevin Moore, and Brandon Moore. (Paid obituary)



Gina Denise Samons

Gina Denise Samons, age 47, of Banner, wife of Wilburn Ray Samons, passed away Monday, February 18, 2008, in the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

She was born May 7, 1960, in McDowell, the daughter of French and Willena Campbell of Banner. She was a member of the Allen First Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by a son, Wesley French Samons of Springfield, New Jersey; and a sister, Kathy Williams of Banner.

Preceding her in death was her sister, Maletta Campbell.

Funeral services for Gina Denise Samons will be conducted Thursday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Leona Hurd Samons

Leona Hurd Samons, 69, of Allen, died Sunday, February 17, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born May 27, 1938, in Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Isaac and Gustie Mulkey Hurd. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Samons.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Ronnie and Pam Samons of Allen; Ernie Lee and Rhonda Samons

of Jephtha; a daughter and son-in-law: Polly and Tony Gerhardt of Prestonsburg; a brother, Charles Hurd of Indiana; three sisters: Daisy Lou Lewis of Tram, Thelma Crum of Betsy Layne; and Dovie Stacy of Culver, Indiana; five grandchildren: William Gene Conn, Leanna Kidd, Elizabeth Ann Samons, MaKayla Lashae Samons and Ronnie Dewayne Samons; three great-grandchildren: Brady Conn, Ryan Tackett and MaKayla L. Kidd; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Charles Dewayne Samons; two brothers: Ernest Hurd and Merriam Hurd; and a sister, Judy Jo Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 20, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial will be in the Jones Cemetery, in Allen, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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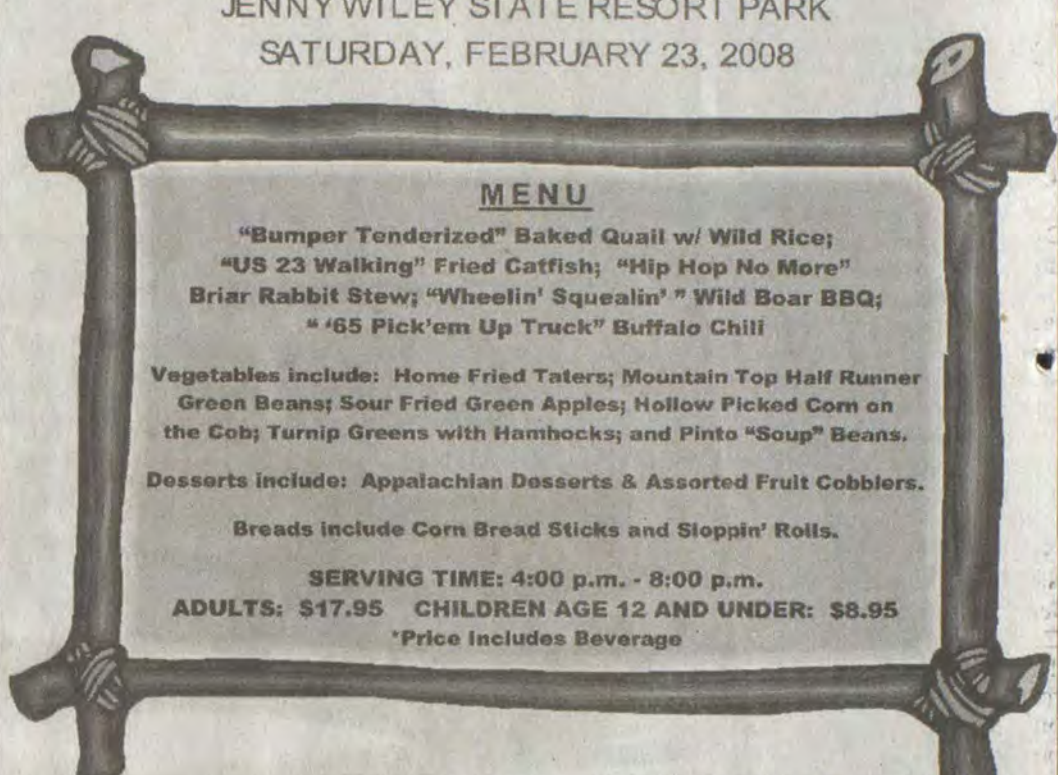
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Card of Thanks

The family of Audrey Scott would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to the Hueysville Church of Christ; the Stanley Collins family; the family of John and Leta Heavrin; the Lee family of Wayland; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; and all my co-workers.

Thank you,

ROBERT "BO" SCOTT

Card of Thanks

The family of Eva K. Robinette Layne wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors, in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Floyd Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF EVA K. ROBINETTE LAYNE

Card of Thanks

The family of Archer Shepherd Jr., would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to Bethel Bolen, and others, for their comforting words; the Salt Lick United Baptist Church for all the compassion that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family.

THE FAMILY OF ARCHER SHEPHERD JR.

Card of Thanks

The family of Calvin Johnson 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 the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts of kindness during this time will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF CALVIN JOHNSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Margaret Conley 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 Pastor Randy Osborne for his comforting words; the Garrett First 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 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 MARGARET CONLEY



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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.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

Auxilar 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!)
Sewing: Monday, 6-8 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Quilting: Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.
Classes begin March 10! Space is limited, pre-registration required. \$30 for 8 weeks. More info., call 886-0709.
Free GED classes offered at the center three days a week. Call for details.

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
(See CALENDAR, page five)

HRMC February Calendar
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.

4th Annual Home and Garden Expo to be held Sat., March 29
The 4th Annual Home and Garden Expo will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Home and Garden Expo features various sections with on-going home and garden presentations and demonstrations. There is an area showcasing products and services of area businesses and questions and answer booth with free literature on many topics. You and your family can also have fun with "hands-on" youth and family activities. There are free herb, vegetable, and flower seeds available to all participants. Come enjoy, have fun, and learn!

Italian Night at the Camp Nathanael Cafe
Join us at Camp Nathanael for an adult get-together on Friday, Feb. 29, at 6:30 p.m. There will be an Italian buffet dinner followed by a high energy show featuring Keith Matheny, a unique entertainer who has amazed audiences worldwide with his abilities. He can describe, while blindfolded, objects held and selected by others, call out the serial number on an audience member's dollar bill and perform many other mind boggling stunts.
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Cinema 2—Starts Friday, Feb. 22
THE EYE (PG-13), Mon-Sat. 7:00-9:00; Sun. (1:30) 7:00-9:00.
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Cinema 1—Held Over
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Cinema 2—Held Over
JUMPER (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 3—Held Over
SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES (PG), Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 4—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 5—Starts Friday, Feb. 22
THERE WILL BE BLOOD (R), Mon-Sun. 7:45; Fri. (4:45) 7:45; Sat-Sun. (1:45-4:45) 7:45.
Cinema 6—Held Over
STEP UP 2 (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:05-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:20; Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:30.
Cinema 7—Starts Friday, Feb. 22
VANTAGE POINT (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.
Cinema 8—Starts Friday, Feb. 22
WITLESS PROTECTION (PG-13), Mon-Sun. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:00-9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:00-9:25.
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; Fri. (4:25) 7:05; Sat-Sun. (4:25) 7:05.
Cinema 10—Held Over
STRANGE WILDERNESS (R), Mon-Sun. 9:25; Fri. 9:25; Sat-Sun. (2:10) 9:25.

Birth Announcement
Treyton Kole Hackworth
Born January 2, 2008



Treyton Kole Hackworth, son of Lonnie and Missy Hackworth of Prestonsburg, was born on January 2, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs., 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Treyton has two sisters, Skyler and Kadynce Hackworth.
Maternal grandparents are Gold and Betty Slone of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Homer and Lydia Hackworth of Prestonsburg. Great-grandparents are Doug Burke of West Prestonsburg, and the late Martha Burke; the late Jim and Sadie Slone; Betty Hackworth of Prestonsburg, and the late Homer Hackworth; and the late Wilson and Zola Halsey.

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— John Greenleaf Whittier

Guest View

Hard to stomach

The video is hard to watch, but it's what it could mean for public food safety and the health of our citizens that is really hard to stomach.

On Sunday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the largest beef recall in its history — 143 million pounds of ground beef from a slaughterhouse in Chino, Calif. The agency took this action in response to a disturbing undercover video distributed by the Humane Society of the United States that shows workers at the meat plant kicking what appear to be sick cows and using cattle prods and forklifts to get them moving.

That sort of treatment is clearly inhumane, but — in this case — it could also be dangerous and criminal. Cows that can't walk are assumed to be ill and some may be afflicted with mad cow disease. That's why the federal government has banned these poor animals from the food supply. And it's why the Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Co. — where meat production has been suspended since Feb. 4 — may soon be getting a visit from authorities. As well it should. The company won't answer questions from reporters, and the prepared statements it released are far-fetched and insufficient. For instance, Steve Mendell, president of the company, insists it has always followed federal regulations. The video says otherwise.

The good news is that the federal government, along with state and local officials, deserve applause for moving quickly in issuing the beef recall and helping pull the product off shelves. Federal officials say the risk to consumers is minimal, and the recall seems to be merely a precaution. Still, that sort of swift and decisive reaction gives one confidence that our system of safety checks is working as it should.

The bad news is that, according to the USDA, the majority of the recalled beef has probably been consumed already. This includes 37 million pounds of meat that went mostly to schools. About 150 school districts across the country stopped using beef from the Hallmark Meat Packing Co., which is associated with Westland. Several local districts — including San Diego Unified, South Bay Union, Chula Vista Elementary, Vista Unified and Oceanside Unified — have stopped serving beef.

At this point, we can only hope for the best, and take authorities at their word that the risk to the public from this incident is minimal. But, in the future, more needs to be done to force compliance with food safety laws. We need more investigators, more inspections and harsher penalties for companies that break the rules and, in the process, put the public's health in jeopardy.

As much as we're doing in this regard to protect our food supply, it obviously isn't enough.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune



AT LAST, AN ANSWER TO AMERICA'S OBESITY PROBLEM

Letters

Gambling will add to burdens

My name is Tommy Reed and I Pastor the Fitzpatrick Baptist Church of Prestonsburg. I have been trying not to write this article, but there are three things that will not allow me to sit idly by. The first is a saying that my grandfather used to say, "A man that won't take a stand for something will fall for anything." The second is the daily reminder of people's lives being destroyed by the moral decay in our land. Most importantly, the Lord is intensely compelling me. So here it goes.

I am NOT into politics, NOR do I desire to be a wealthy or famous person. What I share with you today is from the conviction and burden of a Pastor's heart. Not for personal gain.

The Lord has called me to serve Him for the rest of my life. In surrendering to that call, He is allowing me the privilege of ministering to people. I see people, like myself, at their best and sometimes at their worst. There are many things in our society that are destroying people's lives, marriages, children, families, employment and relationships, and competing for their time, attention, money, families and souls. As a preacher, I see the rejection of the Lord God Almighty as the one, true and living God in America is the single greatest need in our land. The next greatest need is the moral decay of our values and justice.

I am writing asking everyone to NOT support casino gambling in the state of Kentucky. I am going to be sharing some statistics that are put together by the Family Foundation of Kentucky. You can reach them at www.tffky.org, or call them at (859) 255-5400.

There are a lot of people that are promising that expanded gambling with casinos, will be good for Kentucky. Well I beg to differ. Everyone wants to get rich quick and easy. Doesn't seem that hard work and saving your money seems to be good enough anymore. Oh, the get rich quick mentality has been around for thousands of years, and the consequences and aftermath have always

been the same — people start compromising, then losing things like their conscience, possessions, the truth, morality, the well being of dependents and the law. Then the very people that strived so hard to promote things like gambling aren't there to help people pick up the pieces.

Those promoting expanded gambling say the state will gain \$500 million a year if legislation is passed and the voters approve it. But what they don't tell you is that if the tax rate that they have suggested for years, which is 35 percent, is applied, then for the state to get that \$500 million, the people of Kentucky will have to lose \$1.429 billion. That is families and single adults in our communities losing, because corporations, institutions, schools, nonprofits, clubs, nor civic organizations can gamble by law. If the population of our state is approximately 4 million, then that means every person in our state will have to lose about \$350 each year — every dad, mom and child. For a family of four that is \$1,400 every year. And if one person or family decides not to gamble, then another person or family must absorb the loss, because remember \$1.429 billion must be lost before \$500 million will be gained by the state.

I have heard people say that there is between \$200 million and \$300 million of Kentuckians' money being spent at neighboring states casinos that Kentucky needs to keep. It isn't good for any person to lose money to gambling. Elementary math would say that losing \$200 million to \$300 million is still far less than \$1.429 BILLION. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Another important thing that will be impacted by the approval of expanded gambling is the simple fact that Kentucky businesses will lose. If local people take their money and lose it at a casino, they aren't going to have it to spend in the local economy. There will not be refrigerators, automobiles, homes, clothes, food, TV's, etc. bought because the money just won't be there. We can't afford, nor do we want or need to lose our local businesses. The strain will be felt on local businesses and from within the family, as people will have to borrow money from the bank or family members just

to have the basic necessities met.

Another danger is that the vulnerable in our state will be destroyed. There are people poor in spirit and poor in finances that will desperately try to improve their lives by gambling, and instead be left bankrupt. The losses will be innumerable and catastrophic.

Another reason expanded gambling is bad for Kentucky is that government will be corrupted. The effect and influence of lobbyists in and on government is well reported and documented. Someone once said, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely." With the influence of money and pressure on our government officials from the gambling industry, it will only be a matter of time before we see someone corrupted by temptation, and it won't be in a casino.

In my ministering I see the effects of other terrible vices that are already destroying the good people of Kentucky. Drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography and other things are leading to the destruction, violence and ruin of many people's lives. Why do we need to add to that struggle and misery another temptation in casino gaming? It just doesn't make sense. Some people may say that it's their own choice, but if you see someone in danger of being hit by a car do you just let them go, or if someone is about to get burnt by fire, don't you teach them it is hot and that pain and suffering will follow? Yes, you warn them. Please help to not allow the passage of ANY form of expanded gambling in the state of Kentucky. It is not good for you, for me or for Kentucky.

Please contact the Governor, at (502) 564 2611, and your State Representative and State Senator, at (800) 372-7181 and ask them, "Please do not support any expanded gambling legislation, casinos, in Kentucky. Thank you." Also, ask for this message to be copied to the House and Senate leadership as well.

You, our elected government officials, and our community will always be in my prayers. May God bless and help us all. Thank you for your time and attention.

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Guest Column

Gearheart Communications supports Floyd County students' participation in 'Too Good for Drugs'

Submitted by Gearheart Communications

Almost everyone living in East Kentucky has known someone or has been affected by the rampant drug problem that we face in this part of the state. Almost every week the newspaper reports another instance where a meth lab was found, or someone was caught selling prescription pain medications, or even worse, you can turn to the obituaries to read about a young person that lost their life to a drug

overdose. It's a sad situation that Eastern Kentucky is facing and it can be very frightening for concerned parents of children growing up here.

According to recent surveys conducted on Kentucky seniors, approximately 43 percent reported using marijuana at least once. Marijuana is the gateway to harder drugs.

In 2005, the Office of Drug Control Policy partnered with the Kentucky Center for School Safety and the Kentucky School Board's Association to implement a comprehensive school based drug prevention education program in several counties in East Kentucky, including Pike and Floyd counties. The program designed by the Mendez Foundation, known as "Too Good for Drugs," continues to serve these counties in East Kentucky to teach students they are too good for drugs and equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to be and remain drug free. The program focuses on teaching fifth-graders skills such as goal-setting, decision-making, bonding with others, identi-

fying and managing emotions and effective communication.

Gearheart Communications feels that is the responsibility of everyone in the community to assist in ensuring safe school environments and help students remain drug free, that's why they have offered their assistance in delivering the Too Good for Drugs program in the Floyd County Schools. Amanda Baker, Human Resources Manager, has begun delivering the message to the Fifth Grade students at Prestonsburg Elementary, Osborne Elementary, Stumbo Elementary, and McDowell Elementary. Gearheart Communications supports the vision and mission of the education program to teach Eastern Kentucky youth the skills they need to be healthy successful members of society.

Gearheart Communications companies encourages you to notify your legislators of your support of the program so that the it will continue in east Kentucky schools and we can all work to support the vision and mission of the Too Good for Drugs Program.

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONS

Our Lady of the Way Hospital is now Saint Joseph Martin

MARTIN — The celebration of Saint Joseph Health System began at Saint Joseph Martin on Monday, Jan. 28. A large crowd gathered to participate in the ceremony recognizing the coming together of seven of Kentucky's most respected health care organizations.

Presidents from each of the facilities participated in readings inspired by Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Jeremiah 29:11-13. Also, each president brought with them a pitcher of water from their locale and emptied it into one bowl. The pitcher was then placed on its side near the bowl calling attention to the emptiness and the creation of something new.

The ceremony concluded by employees signing The Book of Commitment promising to continue the legacy that the Sisters began in 1947 and the blessing of the Saint Joseph Martin sign by Gene Woods, CEO, Saint Joseph Health System.

Gene Woods stated that the formation of the system is a growth strategy, not a takeover by Saint Joseph. "We are all joining together to grow and to build something new that has not existed before. Ultimately, this new system will bring more services to each of our facilities and broaden the scope of services across our system so that patients should seldom need to go elsewhere for care," Woods noted.

"This is a very exciting day for all of us here at Saint Joseph Martin," said Kathy

Stumbo, president. "Each organization brings to this consolidation a rich history in the quality of care provided and a commitment to their community. OLV celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2007 remembering the people and accomplishments of the past. We also recognized our founding congregation and Sisters who were champions for the idea that we can do more for our patients and our communities together than any one hospital can do alone."

The seven facilities, Flaget Memorial Hospital, Bardstown; Marymount Medical Center, London; Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, and Saint Joseph HealthCare, Lexington, Berea and Mount Sterling, formally began operations as Saint Joseph Health System Jan. 1.

The system is part of Catholic Health Initiatives, a national non-profit health corporation based in Denver, Colorado. The CHI system includes 72 hospitals; 42 long-term care, assisted and independent living and residential facilities; and two community-based health organizations located in 19 states. Together, our facilities provided almost \$480 million in community benefit in the 2007 fiscal year, including services for the poor, free clinics, education and research. With approximately 65,000 employees and annual revenues of \$7.7 billion, Catholic Health Initiatives ranks as the second largest Catholic health system in the United States.



Mike Fiechter, Saint Joseph Health System Board Chair; Eugene Woods, CEO, Saint Joseph Health System; Kathy Stumbo, President, Saint Joseph Martin; Bruce Klockars, Flaget Memorial Hospital, Bardstown; and, Billie Turner, VP Clinical Operations & CNO, took part in a blessing of the hospital to celebrate its rebirth under a new name.

USDA Rural Development raises housing loan limits

LEXINGTON — USDA Rural Development changes maximum loan limits for the Direct Homeownership Program effective March 1, 2008. State Director Kenneth Slone said, "The current loan limits are being altered to compensate for the rising construction costs of new homes. The new loan limits were determined based on residential cost data, plus the cost of a developed site, and represent the maximum value of property Rural Development will finance in a given locality."

The following Kentucky Counties' loan limits are \$140,400: Adair, Allen, Barren, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Butler, Caldwell, Carlisle, Carter, Casey, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Daviess, Edmonson, Elliot, Estill, Fulton, Garrard, Graves, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hancock, Harlan, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Magoffin, Marion, Martin, McCreary, McLean, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Simpson, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Whitley and Wolfe.

The following Counties' loan limits are \$147,000: Anderson, Ballard, Bourbon, Boyle, Bracken, Bullitt, Calloway, Carroll, Clark, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Hardin, Henderson, Henry, Jessamine, Johnson, Larue, Madison, Marshall, Mason, McCracken, Meade, Mercer, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, Spencer and Woodford.

The loan limits for the remainder of the eligible counties are: \$154,300 for Scott; \$155,000 for Grant, Harrison, Pike and Shelby; and \$165,000 for Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties.

"These new limits will have a very positive impact on new construction for the Direct Homeownership Program, said Slone. "The Guaranteed Homeownership Program will not be affected by this change."

Home ownership loans may be used to buy, build, improve, repair, or rehabilitate homes and to provide adequate water and waste disposal systems. For additional information, contact any USDA Rural Development office.

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GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings

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

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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.

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Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

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

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PIKEVILLE — Twenty-one officers, 19 men and two women, will soon graduate from the Pike County Deputy Sheriff's Informational Workshop, a year-long training program developed by Pikeville College to assist Class I and II deputies who volunteer their time to serve the sheriff's department.

A graduation and pinning ceremony will be held for officers on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium, located in Record Memorial Building on the Pikeville College campus.

Training began last March when deputies embarked on an intensive year of study, both in

the classroom and in the field, learning about criminal law and procedure, arrest procedures, search and seizure, the penal code, crime scene investigation and crime scene maintenance for first responders, firearms policies and safety, traffic law and accident investigation, DUI and testing, controlled substances, booking and case management, and preparation for courtroom testimony. Officers also focused on fitness and wellness, and professionalism and ethics.

"I feel the program that Pikeville College is offering to the Pike County Sheriff's Department is of great help," said Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee. "To be able to get training of this caliber from

our local law enforcement and educational professionals so our volunteers could have a better understanding of what is necessary to enforce the law is wonderful. The volunteer officers are a necessity to the sheriff's offices across the state due to the lack of funding. There are not enough resources available to hire enough people so we really rely on volunteer officers to perform the duties and provide the services needed. We are indebted and are thankful to Pikeville College for providing this program for our volunteer officers, it is an invaluable asset."

Instructors Kay Hardesty, professor of criminal justice at Pikeville College, and Allen

Abshire, the College's director of safety and security and a Pike County deputy sheriff, volunteered their time and experience over the past year developing the program and teaching classes. Guest lecturers also shared their expertise, including Commonwealth Attorney Rick Bartley, Steve Nunemaker, a deputy sheriff and firearms instructor, and Tolbert Ratliff, deputy sheriff and drug recognition expert.

Full-time paid officers attend the police academy in Richmond; however, Class I and II deputies have little opportunity for training, according to Abshire.

"Much of the classroom material was garnered from Professor Hardesty's criminal

justice program here at the College so they were able to take advantage of college-level material," Abshire said. "More specific programs, like the field sobriety class and the firearms training, came from officers from the sheriff's office who instruct those courses for the department and have specialized training in that field. Before the classes began, we came up with a list of information we thought every officer should have and offered what we could in the time we had available."

The program will continue as long as there are new officers in need of training, said Abshire, adding that constables and deputy jailers have also expressed an interest in

the program.

"The sheriff and his administration have been behind us 100 percent," Abshire said. "Personally, I have had a great time. I couldn't ask for a more eager group of people and that is what makes teaching fun. I have learned from them as much as I've taught. They take their job seriously and they are all professional people. It makes me feel good knowing we can help them achieve their goals."

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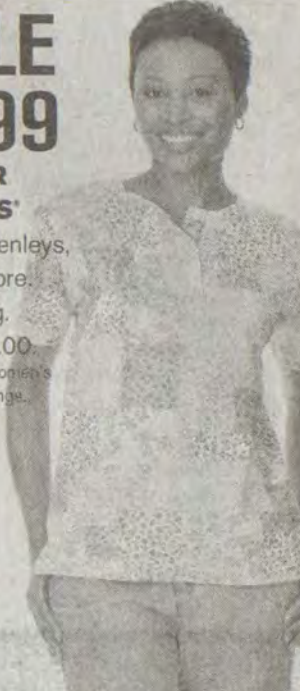
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Students named to BSCTC President's List

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College has announced the President's List for the fall semester.

To be named to the President's List, a full-time student must complete 12 KCTCS semester credits or more for a semester and earn at least a 4.0 grade point average.

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College's

Seventh Annual Honors Program will take place on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. located in the auditorium in Building C at the Mayo Campus in Paintsville. The college will be mailing the certificates after April 11 for those who don't plan to attend.

Those named to the President's List include:

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BSCTC announces Dean's List

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College has announced its Dean's List for the fall semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List a KCTCS full-time student must complete 12 KCTCS semester credits or more for a semester and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Seventh Annual Honors Program will take place on Friday, April 11, at 6 p.m. located in the auditorium in Building C at the Mayo Campus in Paintsville. The college will be mailing the certificates after April 11 for those who don't plan to attend.

Those named to the Dean's List include:

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Ms. Puffer is a PhD and teaches Sociology at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She has been teaching there since 1999. At the college, Ms. Puffer, along with the students, staff, and faculty, contribute pop cans and newspapers to the Animal Shelter. The total money raised from pop cans in 2007 was: \$199.01. The newspaper total was approximately 47 feet.
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Lawmakers consider measures to prevent tree theft

by ROGER ALFORD
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FRANKFORT — Mitchum Whitaker's heart sank when he saw what loggers had done to his property. Bulldozer tracks running to and fro. Freshly sawn stumps left where giant oaks had towered above the understory. Broken tree tops cluttering the ground.

On the timber market, the 12 trees that were taken from his Letcher County property were worth an estimated \$5,000. To Whitaker, they were priceless, especially one that he had often sat beneath whiling away the hours with his grandfather, father and later his son.

"We had our initials carved into that tree," Whitaker said. "When I went up there and saw that tree cut down, it was like

sticking a knife in you." Tree thieves have been blamed for stealing timber across the country, often taking advantage of elderly and absentee landowners. When confronted, some may claim they didn't realize they had crossed property lines.

In many cases, they've had little to fear from prosecutors who may consider the matter a property dispute.

That could be changing in Kentucky. Lawmakers are considering two bills in the General Assembly that would make sawing down someone else's trees a felony, punishable by one to five years in prison.

State Rep. Leslie Combs, D-Pikeville, is sponsoring legislation that also would require land owners, under penalty of prosecution, to mail written

notification to adjacent property owners if loggers are going to be cutting trees.

The legislation would require that logs be marked or branded to show which company cut them, in case a dispute arises. And rangers from the state Division of Forestry would be given additional responsibility to investigate complaints.

"It's a pretty tough bill," Combs said. "People see it and they immediately cringe."

Robert Bauer, executive director of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association, said he is concerned that the measure would place undue requirements on both landowners and loggers.

"If there's something that can be done to increase the penalties on actual timber theft,

I think, from the industry standpoint, there would be support for that," Bauer said.

Some states, including Mississippi and Virginia, have already moved to curb illegal logging. Specific timber theft laws there make illegal logging on private property a felony. Timber theft prevention campaigns elsewhere warn property owners of the common claims thieves make when caught red-handed.

In Kentucky, the nonprofit group Appalachian Roundtable joins forestry experts, attorneys, law enforcement and victims to help prevent illegal logging and pursue prosecution of timber thieves. The group is pushing for separate legislation that would make timber theft a

felony. State Sen. Julian Carroll, D-Frankfort, a former governor, has said he plans to sponsor that legislation, which isn't as broad as Combs' bill.

Kentucky has no specific timber theft charge on the books, though regular theft charges can be pursued. Bauer, of the forest industries association, said the state also has a timber trespass law that requires loggers who cross a boundary to cut trees to pay three times the value of the trees.

A 2003 Virginia Tech University study estimated that landowners lose more than \$4 million to timber thieves each year in Appalachian states.

Among the Kentucky vic-

tims was Verna Potter, 77. Timber thieves invaded her property in Letcher County, taking some \$50,000 worth of trees. Not satisfied with a civil case to seek restitution, the eastern Kentucky grandmother has pushed for criminal charges.

"If I wanted money, I could have sold them myself," she said. "They're trees that we didn't want cut. That's something you can't put back."

Combs, the lawmaker, said she believes the requirements in the legislation she is sponsoring could put an end to the problem — and none too soon.

"It's cropping up every time we turn around," she said. "I'm not interested in hurting industry, but at the same time, I don't want the people hurt."

Idol

Martin counties.

Case said, "It would be hard to beat the talent we have among our Eastern Kentucky high school students. It's amazing!"

The process begins with signups and auditions at each high school, where 10 to 15 students compete in front of the student body of their own school, with the two winners from each school going on to the Regional Showcase.

The Friday night show will feature the second-place winners from each school, while the Saturday competition will showcase the first-place winners. All schools will be represented both nights.

In addition to the scholarship and demo, the winner will be offered a spot on the Big Sandy Singers under the direction of Laura Ford Hall, receive a cash award from Q95 FM, and also receive a trophy sponsored by Troy Burchett Ministries.

"We hope the community will come out to support these kids," Case said. "We are excited to provide an opportunity for our high school students to receive performance and recording experience, and ultimately a college scholarship."

Tickets are currently on sale and can be ordered from the at 1- (888) 622-2787. Ticket prices range from \$5 for students to \$7 for adults with 50 percent of sales revenue reportedly going toward funding the Music and Drama Community Outreach Program at BSCTC.

The list of those participating in this year's competition is as follows:

Allen Central High School
First Place: Jerica Blair;
second Place: James Greer

Belfry High School
First Place: Kaci Ashley;
second Place: Hillary Kessee
and Lindsay Small

Betsy Layne High School
First Place: Brennan Case;
second Place: Sola Williams

East Ridge High School
First Place: Hannah Ratliff;
second Place: Jordan Gibson

Johnson Central High School
First Place: Melanie Stapleton;
second Place: Chesi Spriggs

Magoffin County High School

First Place: Nathan Arnett;
second Place: Ryan Shepherd

Paintsville High School
First Place: Katelyn Webb;
second Place: Tyler Childers

Phelps High School
First Place: Tierra Fonner
and Donathan Hurley;
second Place: Trusonda Dotson

Pike Central High School
First Place: Eric Madden;
second Place: Dan Zinkiewicz

Pikeville High School
First Place: Max Morley;
second Place: Kathleen Smith

Prestonsburg High School
First Place: Staci Carriere;
second Place: Josh Park

Shelby Valley High School
First Place: Whitney Slone;
second Place: Holly Fleming

Sheldon Clark High School
First Place: Jackie Smith;
second Place: Dustin Newsome

South Floyd High School
First Place: Savannah Bartley;
second Place: Heather Hall

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Casinos

there felt the plan called for too many casinos, while others disagreed with the wording of the proposed constitutional amendment that would legalize them.

Casino opponents also mobilized their efforts on Tuesday.

Nearly 200 people — mostly women — gathered at the Capitol Rotunda to express their displeasure with Beshear's gambling proposal. Members of Women Against Gambling Expansion said

Kentucky mothers and wives would suffer the most from social ills that casinos could bring, such as addictions, bankruptcies and broken families.

Jenkins said her proposal was aimed at resolving some concerns. Her proposal was scheduled for consideration at a hearing on Wednesday.

Like Beshear's original plan, it calls for a constitutional amendment that would authorize the General

Assembly to make laws allowing for casinos. Jenkins' plan calls for no more than nine casinos.

Beshear spokeswoman Vicki Glass said the administration would like to see more details in the new plan.

"The language of this recommendation from the subcommittee is not as specific as we would like, but it does capture the spirit of the governor's original recommendation," Glass said.

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God." According to the complaint, despite Johnson's mental state he was discharged because of his parents inability to pay his fees.

"That's right," Johnson said. "That's what his doctor told me when I was begging them to let him stay. I told them we were working on the payments and all that but for them to please, please let him stay."

In a release, John Kirk said, "Something happened to him (Scott) and he got mentally

mixed up so bad that he did not know what was real; he imagined a world in which bad people were going to kill him and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson unless he remained at the hospital."

Kirk added, "Sending him away in his condition is analogous to discharging someone in the middle of a stroke or heart attack."

The lawsuit alleges that the defendants, "with adequate and clear knowledge of Scott's fragile and dangerous (to him) mental aberration, displayed a

willful and callous disinterest in his health and well being, placing economic issues above his welfare, when it 'put him out' of the ARH facility."

Johnson is seeking in excess of \$8 million in punitive damages, and other unspecified damages against the doctor, HMC and ARH.

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Odds & Ends

■ **WESTMINSTER, Colo.** — A pair of con artists ripped off a Girl Scout group when they exchanged a fake \$100 bill for cookies, police said.

The unknown couple handed over the bill Friday night at a supermarket, telling the girls it had been washed when asked about why it looked so strange.

"It felt and looked wrong and it was a quarter of an inch shorter than a \$1 bill," said Jill Hennessey-Seabolt, the cookie director for Junior Girl Scouts Troop 2121. Hennessey-Seabolt said the Girl Scouts gave the couple \$93.50 in change after the purchase.

The exchange eradicated the Scouts' earnings that day. The money they raise in the sales goes to camping trips and to area charities.

"Something like this isn't fair when it happens to adults, but when it happens to kids who work so hard, it's so frustrating," Hennessey-Seabolt said.

The story does have a happy ending, though. A resident donated \$100 to the Girl Scouts.

■ **ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich.** — Libraries in southeastern Michigan are turning the page on peace and quiet.

Video game events at public libraries are drawing crowds of teens, including about 100 competing monthly at "Guitar Hero" at the Rochester Hills Public Library.

"Getting teens to come to the library is right up there with getting them to go to church: It's not exactly the first place they want to go," Christine Lind Hage, library director, told the Detroit Free Press for a story Sunday.

Hage stocked the shelves with 1,823 games. And the games are hot items, with an average of 1,300 checked out daily.

A competition in Rochester Hills was held Feb. 9, and similar events are being held at other Detroit-area libraries.

Nearly 30 teens play "Guitar Hero" or "Dance Dance Revolution" every few weeks at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library, which offers 300 video games in its collection.

"It's a big social event," said Stephanie Jaczkowski, 17. "I've met a lot of friends there, and they're really good friends."

The Canton Public Library six months ago began offering games and holding monthly tournaments for Nintendo Wii bowling and "Super Smash Bros."

"Many of the games are complex. They're worthy in their own right. They can help build cognitive skills," said Brad Bachelor, teen librarian.

■ **YBOR CITY, Fla.** — A southwest Florida church issued a challenge for its married members: Hanky panky every day.

Relevant Church head pastor Paul Wirth issued the 30-day sex challenge to take on high divorce rates.

"And that's no different for people who attend church,"

Wirth said Sunday. "Sometimes life gets in the way. Our jobs get in the way."

The challenge doesn't extend to unwed congregants, however.

■ **SPAULDING TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — One steer's unique hide may save it from someone's dinner table.

The animal is named Michigan, and for a good reason — the brown spot on its side resembles the state's mitten shape.

The pattern on its other side is shaped like a "U."

It's one of 30 cattle on Jacob and Georgia Kessler's family-run farm in Spaulding Township, about 80 miles northwest of Detroit.

Cattle from the farm are eventually sold for beef. But the owners are willing to sell the steer for promotional or mascot use instead of shipping it to the slaughterhouse.

■ **NEW YORK** — Spending time behind bars in New York City might turn out to be good for your health.

The overhauled menu at the city's jails includes no sweets, no butter and only skim milk. The Department of Corrections wants healthy alternatives to traditional jail-house grub.

A breakfast might include fresh fruit, whole wheat bread and wheat flakes. A sample dinner: pepper steak, rice and steamed carrots.

"These people are in our custody, and they don't get to make their own choices," said Department of Correction Commissioner Martin Horn. "We have a moral obligation to make sound choices for them."

That means unsweetened muffins, which are expected to replace the wickedly sweet ones for the roughly 14,000 inmates in the jail system.

"We have no choice but to eat what they give us. It's bland — so I guess that's healthy," said Christopher Alberici, a 40-year-old inmate.

The healthier menu costs the city as much as the previous one, which had included white bread and sweetened drinks, Horn said, adding that it may cost the city less in the long run.

"The cost of an inmate having a stroke or going into diabetic shock is far greater than keeping people healthy to the extent we can," Horn said.

■ **MIDLAND, Mich.** — This stuffing was hot, but not in the roasted turkey sense.

Police have arrested a 32-year-old man they accuse of stealing 217 cases of Pepperidge Farm stuffing mix.

The stuff went missing last week from a storage trailer in Midland. Deputy Police Chief Robert Lane said area distributors have access to the trailer, and that the suspect worked for one of the distributors.

The man was arrested over the weekend at his home in Bentley in northern Bay County, according to The Midland Daily News.

Lane said prosecutors have been asked to charge the man with embezzlement. The 157

cases of stuffing recovered by police is being held as evidence.

■ **NEW YORK** — Two grade-school friends who reconnected online after more than a decade are becoming more than bosom buddies — one is donating a kidney to his rediscovered pal.

"He's giving me something not too many people would give," Ricardo Manier, 21, said of his friend Karl Celestin. The transplant surgery is set for Tuesday at a Manhattan hospital, the Daily News of New York reported.

The two were close friends and classmates at Holy Family School in Queens until Manier's family moved to California in 1996, after his eighth-grade year. They soon lost touch.

Manier has focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a kidney-scarring disease that often

causes chronic kidney failure, according to the National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health's Medline Plus Web site. He has been hospitalized repeatedly since he was 5.

Nonetheless, he was a premed student at a California college until June, when his kidneys virtually stopped working, he said. During his six-week hospitalization, the networking Web site Facebook served up Celestin's name.

The two soon got together in New York, where Manier now lives.

Celestin, a student at a medical school in the Dominican Republic, said he volunteered for the kidney donation because it pained him to see his old friend's similar ambitions delayed by his condition, which led to dialysis three times a week.

"I put myself in his shoes," Celestin said.

Manier now hopes to join him at his medical school in the fall.

■ **HOWELL, Mich.** — He's donated blood 20 times and is being honored by the Livingston County chapter of the American Red Cross.

Not bad for a 200-pound, 2-year-old English mastiff who answers to the name Lurch. He'll receive the chapter's "Pet's Best Friend" award at an event here Thursday.

"We're doing something different this year," executive director Diane Serra said. "We're honoring Lurch because he's actually donated blood."

Lurch's owner, Joni Melvin-Thiede, said Lurch donates blood for other canines about once every four weeks. His blood has helped dozens, including saving one dog who got into some rat poison.

"You really don't end up knowing which dogs he helps, but his little picture goes on each bag so the person that gets it will actually know it."

Besides being cooperative with nurses, Lurch is also friendly with his housemates: four pugs, seven cats and the occasional litter of kittens. There's also an American mastiff named Lucas, who teams with Lurch to eat about 200 pounds of food per month.

"Mastiffs are just like 200-pound pugs," Melvin-Thiede said. "They're just as friendly and just as goofy except they have a couple more zeros at the end of the weight."

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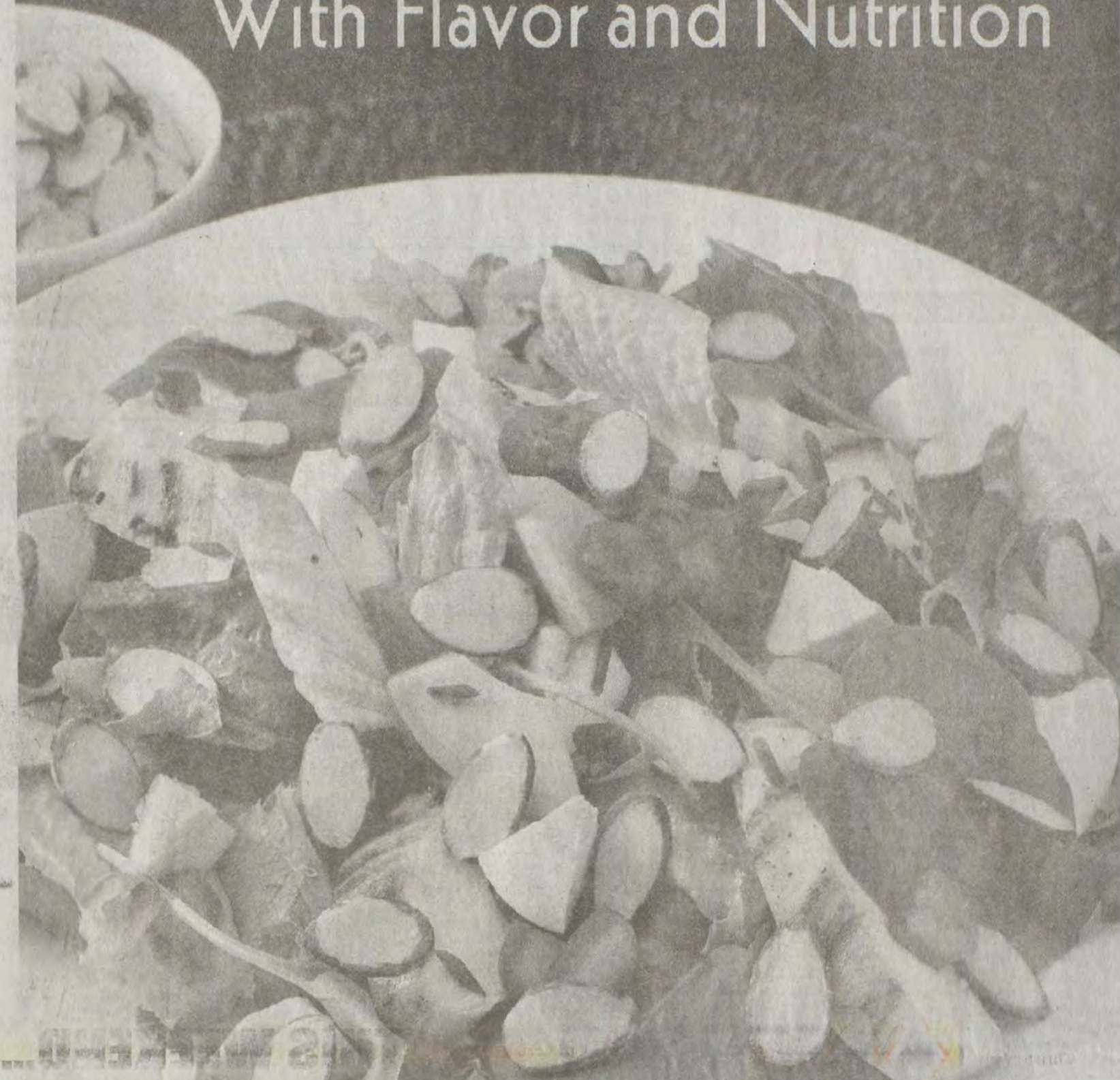
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Health Nut Cobb

Health Nut Cobb

Prep time: 15 minutes

- 8 cups romaine lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 4 cups arugula or watercress leaves
- 1/4 cup low-fat ranch dressing
- 1 cup diced chicken breast
- 1/2 cup diced tomatoes
- 1 small avocado, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup Almond Accents Original Oven Roasted Flavored Sliced Almonds
- 1 hard-cooked egg, grated or chopped
- 1/4 cup blue cheese crumbles
- 1 tablespoon chopped chives

In large bowl, gently toss lettuce and arugula with ranch dressing until evenly coated. Transfer to serving dish or 4 plates. Top with chicken, tomatoes and avocado; sprinkle with Almond Accents, egg, cheese and chives.

Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
315 calories; 22 g fat; 93 mg cholesterol;
445 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate;
6 g fiber; 17 g protein

Enlightened Chicken Caesar

Prep time: 10 minutes

- 1/4 cup fat-free mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 1/2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 1 minced anchovy fillet
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 12 cups baby romaine lettuce leaves
- 8 ounces grilled or roasted chicken breast, cut into strips
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup Almond Accents Italian Parmesan Flavored Sliced Almonds

In large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, water, lemon juice, garlic, anchovy and Worcestershire sauce. Add lettuce; toss gently until evenly coated with dressing. Divide salad among 4 plates; top with chicken. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and Almond Accents.

Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
197 calories; 8 g fat; 53 mg cholesterol;
388 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate;
4 g fiber; 23 g protein



Enlightened Chicken Caesar

Asian Chicken Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

- 2 tablespoons canola or peanut oil
- 1 tablespoon Asian sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 4 cups shredded green or napa cabbage
- 4 cups shredded radicchio
- 3 cups shredded poached or roasted chicken breast
- 1 cup cilantro leaves
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons pickled ginger, cut into very thin strips
- 1/4 cup Almond Accents Honey Roasted Flavored Sliced Almonds

In large bowl, whisk together oils, vinegar, honey and soy sauce. Add cabbage, radicchio, chicken, cilantro, green onions and ginger; toss gently until evenly coated with dressing. Divide salad among 4 plates. Sprinkle with Almond Accents.

Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
331 calories; 17 g fat; 72 mg cholesterol;
295 mg sodium; 14 g carbohydrate;
3 g fiber; 29 g protein

Chopped Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups chopped radicchio
- 4 cups chopped iceberg lettuce
- 2 cups diced fresh tomatoes
- 1 cup diced red onions
- 1/2 cup chopped chives
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/4 cup Almond Accents Oven Roasted No Salt Toasted Sliced Almonds

In large bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper. Add radicchio, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, chives and cheese. Toss gently until evenly coated with dressing. Divide salad among 4 plates. Sprinkle with Almond Accents.

Serves 4

Nutrition Information Per Serving:
252 calories; 4 g fat; 6 mg cholesterol;
239 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate;
4 g fiber; 5 g protein



Asian Chicken Salad

Here are some easy, family-friendly "Salad Makeover" recipes to get you started.

More tips to add appeal and pizzazz to your healthy salads:

Aim for a selection of at least three types of greens in tossed salads. Think about appealing textures and colors, such as a blend of radicchio, arugula and romaine. Buy a packaged blend or select your own.

Experiment with new toppings and ingredients to add a refreshing twist to your favorite salad combinations. Try almonds and pistachios for an appealing and unique crunch.

Stock up on fine ingredients such as premium extra virgin olive oil and a variety of flavored vinegars. Try sherry and champagne vinegars for a change, and keep a good balsamic vinegar on hand.

Condiments, such as mustards and soy sauces, add character to basic vinaigrettes. So do diced shallots or a sprinkling of blue or Parmesan cheese.

If you have fresh herbs, toss them in! You'll be amazed at how their intense flavors can lift a salad. From fresh basil and tarragon to simple flat-leaf Italian parsley, they're a welcome addition. Just remember, a little can go a long way, so don't add more than a handful to a salad for four.

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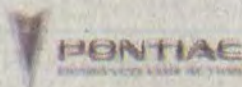
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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

KIAC: Eagles defeat IU East

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College posted its second win of the 2007-08 season over Indiana University East Saturday, defeating the visiting team 122-104.

The Eagles improved to 11-17 overall and 5-4 in the KIAC (Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) after claiming the win. Earlier in the season, Alice Lloyd beat Indiana University East 102-82.

Indiana University East dropped to 9-18 overall and 0-6 in the conference. Alice Lloyd had five players

reach double figures scoring, led by Corey Hairston (27 points, six rebounds) and Eric Mullins (21 points, five rebounds, four assists, and three steals). Alice Lloyd shot 56.6 percent while netting 10 three-pointers. The Eagles held a 42-29 rebounding edge on the glass, dished out 29 assists and manufactured 11 steals.

IU East grabbed 11 offensive rebounds in the game, with most of those coming the second half. The Indiana team shot 52 percent while dishing out 28 assists, and blocking four shots. Excellent three-point shooting, which is normally a strong point for IU

East, turned into a weakness Saturday. On the afternoon, IU East was only 8-26 from beyond the arc.

DeCoreo Edwards led the IU East offensive attack as he had 23 points to go with six rebounds. Joe Ramey struggled from beyond the arc but still had 21 points to go with seven rebounds and six assists. Donnie Pruitt returned from the injured list to contribute 14 points (5-6 shooting) and five rebounds. Point guards Buster Voils and Brenton Burris combined for 19 points and 15 assists. Bryant Withers and Cory Sitton contributed 12 points, seven rebounds, and 15



MEMBERS OF THE EAST KENTUCKY MINERS PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL ORGANIZATION, including Coach Kevin Keathley (right) visited a recent Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball home game.

ALC baseball team opens 2008 season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College baseball team opened its season over the weekend with a doubleheader on Saturday at Covenant College in Georgia. The Eagles played well but dropped both games. Alice Lloyd lost the first game, 7-6.

Kevin Davidson was the starting pitcher for the Eagles. He gave up four runs and six hits in 5 1/3 innings. Robert Smith was the losing pitcher, giving up a hit and a run in one inning. Lamar Williams was on base four times with a single and run scored. Justin Jacobs, Mike Kelly, C.J. Lynn, and Robert Smith each had a single and a run scored. Jason Bowling scored the other ALC run after getting hit by a pitch.

The Eagles lost the second game, 3-2. Brandon Bowers was the starting and losing pitcher for the Alice Lloyd College baseball team. He pitched 5 and 2/3 innings. Tyler Sewell had two singles for the Eagles. Davidson had a single, a stolen base and scored a run. Jared Meehan scored a run and picked up a stolen base. J.T. Coleman also had a single in the game.

The week, the Eagles will travel south to Georgia again. On Thursday, Alice Lloyd will play a single game at Emmanuel College. The Eagles will play doubleheaders at Toccoa Falls College Friday and Saturday.

Host Lady Rebels hold off Magoffin

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - The Allen Central Lady Rebels won for the third time in four games Saturday, defeating Magoffin County 51-47 at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

Magoffin County, less than two years removed from a 15th Region championship run, suffered from a slow start. Allen Central outscored the Lady Hornets 11-2 in the opening quarter.

Amber Shepherd led Allen Central with a game-high 23 points. Brandi Brown joined Shepherd in double figures scoring for the Lady Rebels, finishing with 12 points. Sara Johnson added eight points for Allen Central.

The Lady Rebels carried an 18-14 lead into halftime.

Down the stretch, Allen Central hit free throw attempts to secure the win. The Lady Rebels outscored Magoffin County 18-12 in the final quarter.

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THE ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM honored seniors Taran Cody and Cassie Whitaker during recent Senior Night festivities.

SENIOR NIGHT: Lady Eagles beat Asbury

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles defeated Asbury College 82-64 on Senior Night last week as seniors Taran Cody and Cassie Whitaker played their last game in the Grady Nutt Athletic Center. The Lady Eagles led 39-34 at halftime.

Cody had an outstanding game, finishing with 12 points, 17 rebounds, two assists and two steals. Whitaker ended the contest with four points and one rebound.

Nicole Lutes led the ALC women's basketball team in scoring with 18 points. Lyndsey Mahon (12 pts., 8 rebs.) and Whitney Frazier (10 pts., 4 assists, 4 rebs.) also reached double figures scoring for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles were on the road Tuesday for an away game versus Midway College. The Alice Lloyd-Midway women's game ended too late to make this edition.

Alice Lloyd will play St. Louis College of Pharmacy on Saturday afternoon on a neutral court in New Albany, Indiana at the IU-Southeast campus. The KIAC Conference tournament will take place the following week at Wilmore on the Asbury College campus.



ALC senior cheerleaders honored were Ida Miller (Bonnyman), Haley Jo Vallance (Manchester) and Bethany Gesso (Webbville).

Tech women cruise past Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, W.Va. - West Virginia University's Institute of Technology jumped out to a big lead early and cruised to a 76-61 win over Pikeville College's Lady Bears on Saturday afternoon.

Tech, 13-13 on the season, is 2-4 in the Mid-South Conference with both wins coming over Pikeville College one year after winning the automatic bid by

taking the tournament title one year ago.

West Virginia Tech shot 55.2 percent in the first half and hit 5-of-8 from the arc to jump out to a 47-23 lead at the break. Pikeville, meanwhile, hit only 38.5 percent and was 2-of-8 from outside.

Each team had two players in double figures and went fairly deep into their respective benches. Senior Kierra Wilkins led West

Virginia Tech with 18 points and handed out six assists. Senior Tiowanna Spann followed with 15 points and six rebounds. While she didn't score, senior Shy Wright pulled down nine rebounds.

Pikeville got 12 points from junior Alice Daniel, while freshman Lakia Bailey tossed in 11. Freshman guard Ashly Chandler finished with six points and led the Lady

Bears with nine rebounds.

Pikeville, 5-20 and 0-5, committed 25 turnovers in suffering its sixth straight loss this season.

The Lady Bears continue to look to improve as the 2008 Mid-South Conference Tournament approaches.

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CBA: Miners pound Patroons, 129-112

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY - The East Kentucky Miners continued their high-scoring ways in New York on Sunday, defeating American Conference rival Albany 129-112.

CBA All-Stars Boo Jackson and Mike Dean led East Kentucky with 26 points apiece. The East Kentucky duo shared game-high scoring honors. Jackson recorded a double-double, pulling down 16 rebounds to go along with his game-high scoring total.

Josh Pace, another CBA All-Star, added 25 points for the Miners. Jason McLeish scored 21 points and Steve Thomas added a double-double of 15 points and 12 rebounds for visiting East Kentucky.

The Miners dominated in the quarter points department, winning 6.5-5. East Kentucky improved to 21-20

after registering the conference victory.

The Miners edged Albany 25-24 in



JASON MCLEISH (1)

the opening period and continued to stay out in front at the end of the three remaining quarters. East Kentucky owned a 10-point scoring advantage (41-31) over Albany in the second quarter and took a 66-55 lead into halftime.

Nat Burton and DayShawn Wright

led Albany with 25 points apiece. Lucious Jordan added 24 points for the host Patroons.

East Kentucky finished on a strong note in the fourth quarter, outscoring Albany 30-24.

The Miners owned an advantage in several categories, outrebounding the Patroons 49-23.

Albany was limited to six offensive rebounds.

From the free throw line, East Kentucky connected on 30-of-35 attempts.

Albany slipped to 19-17 after suffering the loss.

East Kentucky has won three of its last four games. The Miners will return to action on Friday in Pittsburgh versus the Xplosion in another key conference contest. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game is set for 7:05 p.m.

Seven regular-season games remain in the East Kentucky professional basketball team's debut campaign.

Tech hands Pikeville third straight loss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, W.Va. - West Virginia University Tech never trailed and was equaled only once in knocking off Pikeville College 87-76 Saturday afternoon.

The win was Tech's first in Mid-South Conference play this season in six games and made it 10-12 on the season. The Golden Bears won the game at the free-throw line: Both teams shot 19 second-half free throws. Tech sank 18 for 94.7 percent while Pikeville made only 10, which is 52.6 percent.

The Bears are now 18-6 on the season but 2-4 in the conference, where it has lost three straight to tumble from No. 10 in the country out of the poll in only two weeks.

The teams were tied at 2 early on, but Tech scored 11 straight to push the lead to double digits. They never trailed again. Pikeville got within four points on five different occasions but could never get a lead.

Pikeville's best chance came in the second half when a 7-0 run cut the deficit to 52-51. The Bears turned Tech away and got the ball into the hands of junior guard Xavier Yates, who slipped to the floor and was called for traveling. He then tossed the ball off the baseline wall and was called for a technical foul; Tech responded with eight straight points to lead 60-51 with 12:34 left.

The Bears got within four on one other occasion but got no closer.

Tech put four players in double figures, led by point guard Brent Butler's game high 20 points. He had four rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block as well. Junior Victor McGee followed with 17 off the bench.

Sam Robertson had 13 while Ronald Eskridge and Brandon Moore tossed in 12 each.

Pikeville got 19 from senior Jeff Ferguson, who added seven rebounds. Junior William Harris tossed in 17. Junior Haakim Johnson had 14 points to go with a team-high nine rebounds, while senior Anthony Ighodaro came off the bench for 14.

Pikeville will return to action Thursday night when it hosts Georgetown College, which will like ascend to the No. 1 spot in the national polls after top-ranked Mountain State suffered its first loss of the season at MSC member Lindsey Wilson.

The women will start the doubleheader at 6 p.m. at the Pikeville College Gym.

PIKEVILLE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL UPCOMING SCHEDULE

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

Ryan Newman prevails in 50th running of Daytona 500

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — One down, one to go for The Captain.

Roger Penske picked up his massive Daytona 500 victory, a \$1 million bonus and a new challenge — pairing the race he just conquered with the one that means the most to him.

Ryan Newman gave Penske his first Daytona 500 victory in 24 years of trying, a frustrating span for a car owner accustomed to dominating big events: He's won the Indianapolis 500 a record 14 times.

Now he wants one more. Matching victories in two of motorsports' most sought after trophies.

"Comparing it to the Indy 500, as Ryan knows, we've been open-wheel guys and coming down here has been tough," Penske said following Sunday's victory. "This has got to go to the top of the charts here, this win. What I'm going to try to do this year is have them back-to-back, have one in

May, too.

"That's my real challenge right now."

Penske earned his win in a thriller, with Newman ending an 81-race winless streak by teaming up with Kurt Busch for a last-lap pass that handed Tony Stewart yet another Daytona defeat. The Penske cars ganged up on the two-time champion, who made a strategic error that prevented him from holding off the charge.

"Kurt was the push from heaven that made it all happen," Newman said. "Without a doubt, he could have easily gone three-wide and split us through the center and made one heck of a mess there. But he chose to be a teammate, and that was the most honorable thing that he could do."

It gave Penske the win in the 50th running of the Daytona 500, and when the car owner finally made it to storied Victory Lane, he was met by Rick Hendrick, NASCAR's most powerful owner.

"I talked to Rick earlier today, and I said, 'You've been in the winner's circle so many

times, if we win will you give me your hat?' He was the first one down here. So I thank him," Penske said while wearing that very cap.

"We've been working here for many years. Certainly Kurt and the teamwork was just unbelievable. It's a big day in our life and for our whole team."

The Penske cars were quiet for 199 of the 200 laps, letting Joe Gibbs Racing stars Stewart and Kyle Busch race each other in a battle of Toyotas. With one lap to go, it appeared Stewart finally would get his first Daytona 500 win in his 10th try.

Running out front in the high line, he held off the two Penske cars as they circled the famed speedway. But as the Penske teammates closed in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running alone without any allies.

At the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Kyle Busch. The JGR teams had talked all week about the importance of teamwork, and Stewart thought he'd

need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

But the decision backfired in the blink of an eye.

Stewart couldn't hook up with Kyle Busch fast enough, and the two Penske cars steam-rolled past him on the top.

Newman pulled away for his first win since New Hampshire in September 2005, while Stewart had to settle for third.

"I don't think there's too many people that would take the white flag and like finishing third," a dejected Stewart sighed. "We tried to win the Daytona 500. That's all I can say. I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch."

"My intention was to get in front of Kyle and pull Kyle along with us. It's hard to explain. It's probably one of the most disappointing moments in my racing career."

The disappointment was also evident on Greg Zipadelli, who starts his 10th season with Stewart in NASCAR's longest active driver-crew chief pairing.

"We've worked all winter,

we've worked the last 10 years, I've worked my whole life," Zipadelli said. "It's just the way that it is. There's a lot of good people that haven't won this race. I'm not going to get hung up on it. I'm going to work as hard as I can, and when it's done, if we have our turn, we will."

"It won't be because we didn't work at it."

The failure was a setback for Toyota, which seemed destined to win its first points race in NASCAR's top series behind the strength of JGR.

"There's no doubt the Gibbs guys feel dejected tonight," Kurt Busch said.

The Gibbs organization joined Toyota this season, giving the manufacturer instant credibility after an embarrassing 2007 debut. Based on a strong month of testing and Denny Hamlin's win in one of Thursday's qualifying races, the JGR cars set the stage for an intense battle with powerful Hendrick Motorsports for the biggest prize in NASCAR.

But the Hendrick cars never challenged. Jeff Gordon dropped out with mechanical problems, Casey Mears and Jimmie Johnson both wrecked, and, without any Hendrick help, Dale Earnhardt Jr. didn't have the muscle to hold off the Gibbs entries.

It allowed Stewart and Kyle Busch to dominate the race, only to fade at the end. Busch, who led a race-high 86 laps, finished fourth, while Hamlin was 17th.

"Just frustrating to come home fourth, but that's part of the Daytona 500," said Kyle Busch, who joined Gibbs this season after Hendrick let him go to sign Earnhardt.

"On the last lap, Stewart had a chance to go high to block (Newman) and (Busch), but they just had such a big run, I think he knew it was going to be a waste of time."

The disappointment was a stark contrast to the euphoria in the Penske camp, which finished 1-2 in NASCAR's Super Bowl.

Calvary arrives late, Stewart falters in Great American Race

by JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It was all there for the taking, set up for the storybook finish the 50th running of The Great American Race deserved.

Tony Stewart, old school by temperament as much as by training, came out of the final restart with plenty of car underneath him and only a lap to go.

After NASCAR spent all week trying to breathe new life into its legacy, you could almost feel all those bullheaded old guys who showed up for the reunion — icons such as Foyt, Yarborough and the Allison brothers — pulling for Stewart to finally break through at the fabled superspeedway.

He had Penske teammates Ryan Newman and Kurt Busch on his bumper on the high side of the track and a split-second to pick sides in an all-or-nothing decision: Risk trying to hold the duo off by himself, or dive to the bottom and hope to pick up his own onrushing teammate and Kurt's brother, Kyle, for the madcap dash to the finish.

Stewart chose the wrong one. "It would be a lie to come in here and say I was happy about, you know, going from first to third on the last lap of the Daytona 500," he said after Newman rode Kurt Busch's high-speed shove to victory.

Then he paused. Stewart might be as tough as drivers come, but he looked like he was fighting to hold back tears.

"I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch. Tried to get down in front of Kyle. Thought I would get a push down there ... I don't know if I could have stopped them anyway, even if I would have changed lanes."

"I'd say most likely we would have ended up like a bunch of other guys," he said, pausing again. "Wrecked."

Sunday was Stewart's 10th try to win stock-car racing's biggest event, and for most of that time, he made no secret it was only No. 2 on his list. Like rival Jeff Gordon, another NASCAR star who spent his formative years driving open-wheel cars at the little tracks that ring Indianapolis like a frayed necklace, Stewart always regarded the Indy 500 as the crown jewel of motorsports and the old Brickyard as its shrine.

Stewart still calls his failure to win the Indy 500 the greatest disappointment of his career, though it was eased somewhat when he won two NASCAR events at the Brickyard after switching from the open-wheel circuit to stock cars. But earlier this week, there was a sense that Stewart felt that winning this Daytona 500 would go even further to ease the disappointment.

Ten days ago, he wrecked with Kurt Busch in practice, then got called into a meeting with NASCAR officials and may — or may not — have hit Busch upside the head. No one at the meeting would confirm the story, but as word of the scrape filtered through the garages at Daytona, the crankiness may have been an indication that Stewart wanted to

win this race badly.

Two days before the checkered flag dropped, he confirmed it in an interview. Even while conceding Daytona doesn't haunt him the way Indy does, Stewart said, "I don't want that to come across as I don't care that much about it. It's just different when you grow up around Indianapolis."

"But I know what Daytona means to NASCAR, to our fans, to Joe Gibbs Racing and Zippy (his crew chief Greg Zipadelli). I know what it means to have the opportunity to say we won the big one in stock car racing. I don't have that same feeling," he continued, "but it doesn't mean I don't appreciate what this race means to everybody."

A moment later, Stewart also made clear he understood how tough it would be to win the Daytona 500.

"I think it's harder than ever to win and because you've got to rely on everyone else. For an individual, you can't count on anything," he said. "The only thing you can count on is that your teammates will work with you."

As if driving home that lesson, Hendrick Motorsports teammates Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jimmie Johnson had teamed up to beat him in the Shootout; in one of the Daytona qualifiers Thursday, he helped JGR teammate Denny Hamlin hold off Gordon to score Toyota's first victory.

"The disappointing part is our biggest race of the year, you have to rely on someone else for your success," he said in that same interview. "That's the disappointing part. You want it to be on individual, great performances, not rely on it being team performances."

Maybe that's the strange thing about how the Daytona 500 played out. Stewart's instincts were screaming "go for it." They always do. At almost any other race on any other track, he only has to worry about himself and his car.

But Daytona is a restrictor-plate race, meaning limited horsepower, close racing and plenty of drafting and bumping. Help from teammates is essential. Maybe that's why the voice in his head won, convincing Stewart to duck down toward the yellow line and hope Kyle Busch, like the cavalry, showed up in time.

Instead, it was the other Busch who did.

"Kurt was the push from heaven that made it all happen," Newman said. "Without a doubt, he could have easily gone three-wide and split us through the center and made one heck of a mess there. But he chose to be a teammate, and that was the most honorable thing that he could do."

That didn't make it any easier for Stewart to swallow.

"It is what it is," he said glumly. "I mean, we all know, you guys all know, we've known it for years. When you come here, just every year the emphasis on team is a bigger factor into it."

"So I think tonight was proof," he added, "that it didn't



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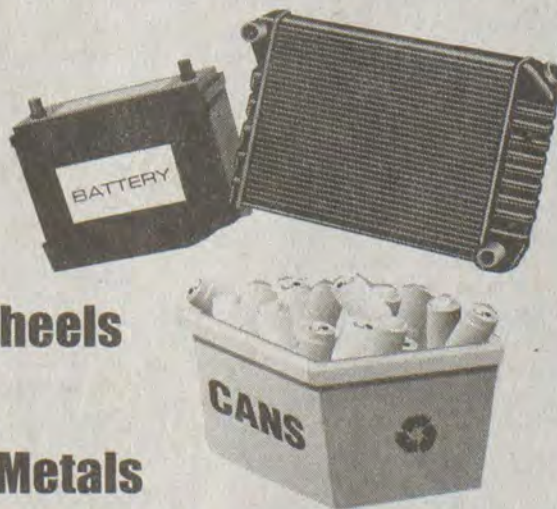
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After a long day at work or running errands, don't you wish that dinner was cooked and would magically appear on your table? Chances are, you already have a slow cooker collecting dust on a kitchen shelf, just waiting to make suppertime a cinch. With family schedules busier than ever, slow cooking is quickly making a comeback.

Commonly, slow cooker recipes contain few steps and ingredients, which are tenderized by cooking at a low temperature for an extended period of time. By taking just minutes in the morning to get dinner underway with a slow cooker, you can leave for hours and still have a hearty and flavorful dish at the end of the day that you'll feel good about feeding your family. It is truly the meal that cooks itself!

The folks at Campbell's Kitchen understand the need for a warm and satisfying supper—especially after a busy day. Their must-have slow cooker recipes will definitely become a regular part of your weeknight repertoire in no time.

Doubt you can prep a home-cooked meal in just 10 minutes? This crowd-pleasing pot roast takes only that long to prepare.

Savory Pot Roast starts with a base of Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, which turns into a savory sauce for the roast. The addition of hearty potatoes and carrots makes this dish a well-rounded main course.

If you're craving a rich and creamy meal, *Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings* will hit the spot. This easy recipe evokes the flavors of a chicken pot pie and promises to become a fast family favorite.

Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples—another recipe that can be prepared in just 10 minutes—offers the unmistakable sensations of savory and sweet. The perfect combination of pork with apples and brown sugar will make your home smell good all day while it simmers away.

For slow cooking success, take note of these two tips:

- Leave the lid on! This will keep the heat in and ensure proper cooking time.
- Also, while it seems natural to want to stir every now and then, it's not necessary so resist the urge!

The next time you have a hectic day ahead and dinnertime is likely to be a rush, plan to make one of Campbell's warm and filling slow cooker recipes. You'll be hooked on slow cooking in no time.

For more tasty recipes, visit www.campbellskitchen.com.

Slow-Cooker Savory Pot Roast



Slow-Cooker Savory Pot Roast

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup (Regular, 98% Fat Free or 25% Less Sodium)
- 1 pouch (2 ounces) Campbell's Dry Onion Soup Mix
- 6 medium potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 6 medium carrots, thickly sliced
- 3 1/2 to 4-pound boneless beef bottom round or chuck pot roast

1. Stir soup, soup mix, potatoes and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Top with roast and turn to coat.
2. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until roast is fork-tender.

Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings

Prep: 20 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 medium Yukon gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cups fresh or frozen whole baby carrots
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups all-purpose baking mix
- 2/3 cup milk

1. Place potatoes, carrots, celery and chicken in 6-quart slow cooker.
2. Stir soup, water, thyme and black pepper in bowl. Pour over vegetables and chicken.
3. Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through.
4. Stir together baking mix and milk with fork in bowl until ingredients are mixed. Drop batter by rounded tablespoons over chicken mixture. Turn heat to HIGH. Tilt cooker lid to vent and cook 30 minutes or until dumplings are cooked in center.

Slow-Cooker Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 8 to 10 hours
Stand: 10 minutes
Makes: 12 sandwiches

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 1/2 to 4 pounds boneless pork shoulder, netted or tied
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's French Onion Soup
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 12 Pepperidge Farm Classic Sandwich Buns with Sesame Seeds, split

1. Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add roast and cook until well browned on all sides.
2. Stir soup, ketchup, vinegar and brown sugar in 5-quart slow cooker. Add roast and turn to coat.
3. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 10 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until meat is fork-tender.
4. Remove roast from cooker to cutting board and let stand 10 minutes. Using 2 forks, shred pork to cooker.
5. Divide pork and sauce mixture among rolls.

Slow-Cooker Tuscan Beef Stew

Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Tomato Soup
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) Campbell's Beef Broth
- 1/2 cup Burgundy, other dry red wine or water
- 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced Italian-style tomatoes, undrained
- 3 large carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 pounds beef for stew, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 cans (about 16 ounces each) white kidney (cannellini) beans, rinsed and drained

1. Stir soup, broth, wine, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, tomatoes, carrots and beef in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker.
2. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until meat and vegetables are fork-tender.
3. Stir in beans. Turn heat to HIGH. Cook 10 minutes more.

Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples



Golden Mushroom Pork and Apples

Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 8 to 9 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Golden Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 8 boneless pork chops, 3/4 inch thick
- 4 large Granny Smith apples, sliced
- 2 large onions, sliced

1. Stir soup, water, brown sugar, Worcestershire and thyme in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Add pork, apples and onions.
2. Cover and cook on LOW 8 to 9 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until pork is cooked through.

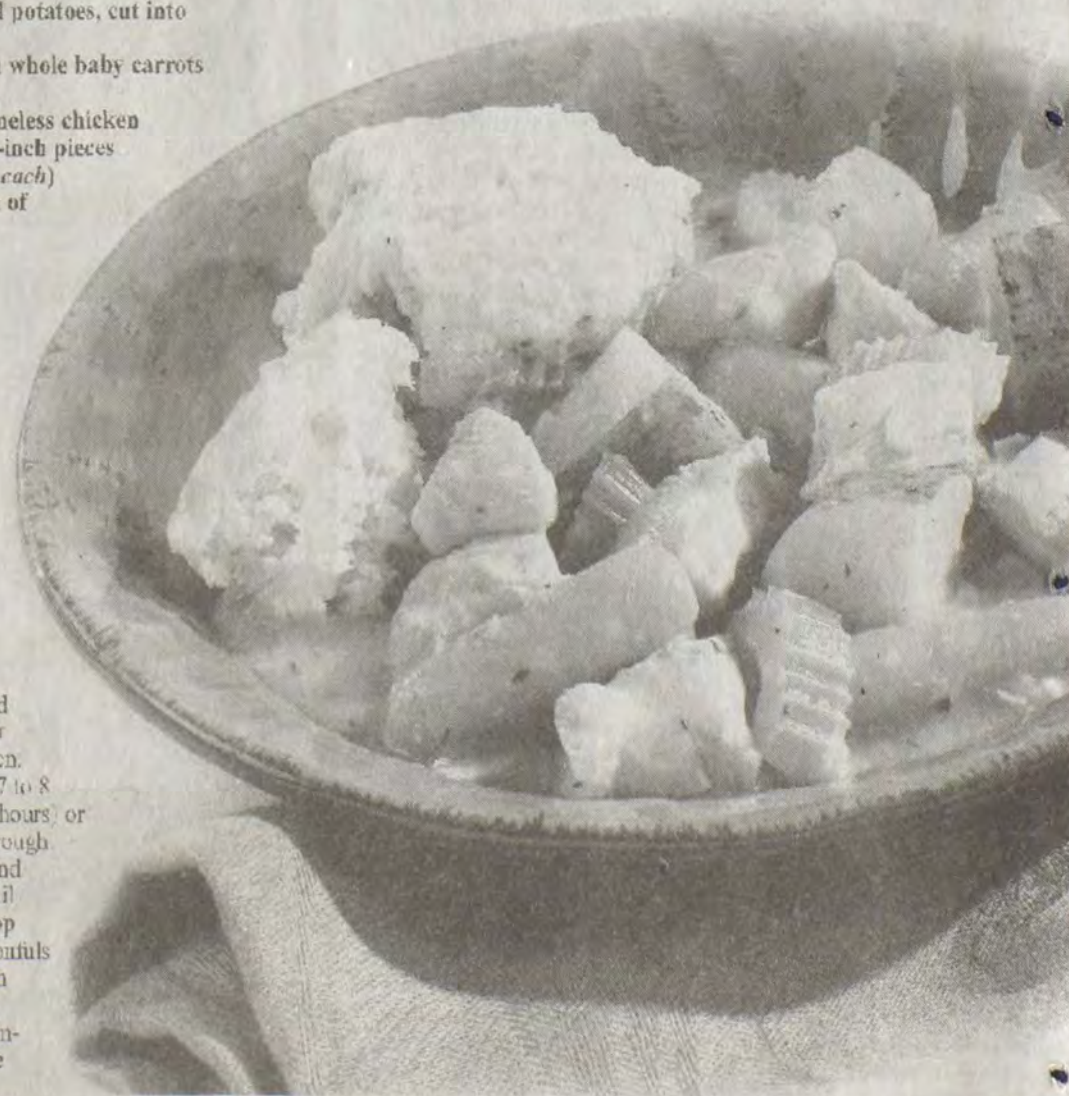
Golden Chicken With Noodles

Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 7 to 8 hours
Makes: 8 servings

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup (Regular or 98% Fat Free)
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 8 large carrots, thickly sliced
- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 4 cups medium egg noodles, cooked and drained
- Chopped fresh parsley

1. Stir soup, water, lemon juice, mustard, garlic powder and carrots in 3 1/2-quart slow cooker. Add chicken and turn to coat.
2. Cover and cook on LOW 7 to 8 hours (or on HIGH 4 to 5 hours) or until chicken is cooked through. Serve with noodles. Sprinkle with parsley.

Slow-Cooker Chicken and Dumplings



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POISON OAK

It's that 'supply and demand' thing

It looks of late as if the price of a gallon of self-served, regular gasoline has sort of settled in at about \$2.99. Don't hold me to that though, because I'm writing this about a week before you'll be reading it and, as we all well know, things could change dramatically in a very short time. I think there for a while some convenience stores that didn't have electronic signs had a full-time price changer standing by



Clyde Pack

and kept him busy shuffling those numbers around.

Anyway, there's not a blessed thing we can do about it except gripe and ask rhetorically what on earth we'll do if it goes any higher. Of course, we all know the answer to that is absolutely nothing, except, of course buy it and gripe some more.

Most readers of this column can readily recall when the big debate regarding gasoline prices centered around whether or not it would go all the way to \$1 a gallon. Of course, those same readers can also recall a little earlier in their lives when you could drive all weekend on \$2 worth of regular, go the movies for 30 cents, and actually pay a dime for a box of hot buttered popcorn.

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KIM'S KORNER

A true blessing

Last week the opportunity was presented to interview two very special people to be featured in the Faith and Family magazine coming out in our Feb. 29 edition.



Kim Little Frasure

What an inspiration these two individuals are and what a blessing it was to be able to hear their testimonies and see the love and humbleness on their faces to have survived the ordeals each of them have and lived to share their experiences.

Not to give their stories away, but to just share a glimpse of what is coming, one of them survived a 27-foot fall from a roof and the other has lived through five gunshot wounds, four of which were to the head.

My head shakes in amazement just to type that very sentence. I have been so excited since the beginning of this new Faith and Family project. The closer it gets to publish the more excited I become to be able to share the miracles and blessings God has so graciously poured upon people right here in our back yards.

A few years ago, while publishing the Christian Messenger, the opportunity to become acquainted with our area pastors and the many denominations our county provides was such a blessing. Now to be able to share these churches and pastors, their congregations, missions and beliefs in this very special project in the Floyd County Times is just awesome!

(See KORNER, page seven)



The Clean Bathroom

by PHYLLIS PUFFER

It was wonderful. It was amazing. I hadn't seen anything like it for days. Nay weeks. Immediately upon entering the room it stunned me with its brilliance. Its shininess. Its hygienicness. The sight stopped me still and dropped my mouth open. It mesmerized me, and for full seconds it froze me motionless. I wanted to hug it close. Embrace it. Never leave it. It was a clean bathroom. It was a very, very clean bathroom. A surgically clean bathroom. An industrial civilization wonder. Not even one atom of red dust rested there to admire itself in the most perfect of chrome or the clearest of mirrors.

It had been a long, long, loooong train trip. About a third of it had been spent sitting in our seats at the train station in the capital of Cameroun, Douala, on the west African coast. Nobody explained to us what the problem was. Nobody was curious. It was just one of those things that happens a lot and waiting is part of life. We finally arrived at the destination, Yaounde, in the deep, dark African night. It might

have been 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock but it seemed more like 2:00 a.m. We got to the hotel in taxis and crowded around the hotel reception desk.

We were all tired but everyone remained quiet and patient. One passenger looked particularly distressed. His expression was one of sincere misery and he huddled down into his jacket. His companion explained, "He is cold. He is from Douala." That morning we had been in a hot, dripping-humid, tropical city. We had now reached the highlands in the interior of the country. What was a lovely 75-78 degrees or so to me was clearly chilling winter to this especially suffering passenger.

This was a much fancier and much more expensive hotel than I usually stayed in, but the circumstances limited the choices and this one had an inexpensive section for cheapskate travelers such as I. Then came the bad news. The water was not yet hooked up in the cheap section. I debated anxiously with myself. The trip had just begun. Who knew what other emergency expenses lay ahead. I asked the harassed manager again and sure

enough, water was to be had only in the expensive section. He would not change his story.

I gave in, went to the expensive room, which was nice, and then to the bathroom where the social class of tourism struck full force. I had learned to travel as a poor student. Later I discovered how much middle class travel costs. I just kept the old ways of travel and gave thanks for those early lessons. Mine is a hard way but the benefit is knowledge of a world most Americans never suspect exists. On the other hand, most Americans probably wouldn't appreciate the value of the lessons.

The most recent restroom of the trip was on the train that day. It had a door which opened and shut, but the way to it was blocked by a giant bundle of market goods a woman was taking into the interior. It was diverting to get to the little room and provided welcome exercise from the extended sit. To get to it, I stood up on my seat, actually parallel wood slats between two wooden arm rests, and grasped the luggage rack above. One big swing took me over the bundle and dropped me at the door. The secret was that on the other side

of the door was a round hole in the bare metal floor. Period. No water. No paper. No cups. No towels. No seat. Not even an uncomfortable one. But there was a scenic view of the railroad bed passing beneath the hole.

I had not yet experienced the real bush bathrooms. Later on they became my favorite for a time. They consisted of a large, open, grassless, earth circle surrounded by a very high fence which looked to me to be about 8 to 10 feet tall. The fence consisted of thin sticks, perhaps rushes of some kind, packed thickly together. The open circle contained a hole in the ground, just like the one in the train restroom, and a pail full of water. The water was to throw over yourself after you had soaped yourself down good. Most fortunately it was not until after this phase of my trip was over that I learned that sometimes the hole caved in, dumping the poor user into the equivalent of the household's septic tank.

But at the time of the expensive hotel, my most extensive contact

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CRITTER CORNER

Coping with loss of a pet

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Coping with the death of a pet can be a very painful process. When people we love die, we feel sorrow, express grief and depend on family and friends for understanding and comfort. Unfortunately, those experiencing the pain of losing a pet aren't always provided with this same support network.

People love their pets and consider them members of their family. Often, pet owners celebrate their pets' birthdays, confide in their animals, and carry pictures of them in their wallets and on their laptops. So when a beloved pet dies, it's not unusual to feel overwhelmed with sorrow.

After all, pets provide compan-

ionship, acceptance, emotional support, and unconditional love during the time they share with their owners. Understanding and accepting this bond between humans and animals is the first step toward coping with pet loss; knowing that it is okay to grieve when a pet dies.

Understanding how you grieve and finding ways to cope with the loss of your pet can bring you closer to the day when memories bring smiles instead of tears. Ways in which to cope with your grief can include: Acknowledging your grief and giving yourself permission to express it; reaching out to others who will lend a sympathetic ear; writing about your feelings in a journal, letter, or maybe a poem; con-

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This lazy lounge is "Sally," a 1 year-old, female, tortoiseshell cat who enjoys lying around in the bathroom sink of the Bonnie and Mike Howell residence, in Staffordsville. The Howells' presently share their home with five cats of varying ages and colors!

Yesterdays

the McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center, Orville Pearson, 63, formerly of Floyd County, Sunday, in Parkersburg, West Virginia

Gerald Moore, 41, formerly of Price, at Dayton, Ohio

Rudolph Hurd, 65, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, in Lexington

Lillie Hall, 63, of Teaberry, Tuesday, at Ashland

and Newt Ratliff, 82, of Martin, Monday, at Jackson.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 22, 1978)

One of the most extensive train derailments in the county in recent years, occurred around 3 a.m., last Wednesday, when a C.&O. train left the tracks along the river at Auxier, spilling 26 cars

After weeks of holdup by snow and freezing temperatures, work on the \$690,000 Prestonsburg Municipal Building was resumed, Monday, and by the same afternoon, erection of the steel substructure was well underway

The belief was expressed locally, Tuesday, that approval by the United Mine Workers bargaining council, of an agreement with one coal company, may have opened the door, either for future agreements with individual coal firms, or an over-all settlement of the entire strike situation

Contracts have been signed, and work is underway, on two Prestonsburg residences eligible for rehabilitation under the new federal disaster assistance program

There died: Thelma Grace Osborne, 46, of Eastern, last Wednesday, at Eastern; Mrs. Goldia Ousley, 51, of Risner, Tuesday, February 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Andrew (Bert) Sparkman, 46, formerly of Pippa Passes, February 13, at his home in Detroit, Michigan; Tamara Blankenship, 65, of Ligon, Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mollie Sturgill, 74, of Betsy Layne, Monday, at home; Mrs. Della Mae Stephens, 48, formerly of this county, February 15, at a Monroe, Michigan Hospital; Kenneth Vanderpool, 75, of West Prestonsburg, Monday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Dewey A. Mullins, 63, a native of Pike County, Sunday, in Willard, Ohio; Mitchell M. Hicks, 79, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, February 2, at his home in Glasgow; Mrs. Clara H. Stephens, 50, of Pyramid, Saturday, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; John W. (Shoffer) Hall, 71, of Harold, last Wednesday, at UK Medical Center at Lexington; Woodrow Caudill, 64, of East McDowell, last Wednesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Irene Catherine Hall, 64, wife of Dr. Lon C. Hall, Wednesday, in Paintsville; Stevie Ray Slusher, 22, formerly of this county, Sunday, in a Kendallville, Indiana, car crash; Mrs. Emma Hamilton, 61, of Teaberry, Saturday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Edith Johnson Clifton, 57, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday.

Forty Years Ago

(February 22, 1968)

Advertising for bids for construction of low-rent housing units, for the elderly at Martin, has been delayed because of difficulty in procuring one site, or in planning for another. Five of seven Floyd County schools inspected within recent weeks, have sub-standard sanitation facilities and maintenance, a report of the State Board of Health shows

Temporary field headquarters to serve a 40-county area in the federal program of medicaid self-help training in time of national emergency, have been set up in the Floyd County Health Department here

The first indication that the site originally prepared for Kenwood Products Inc., may be made available to some other firm came last week

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn Hatcher, a daughter, Glenna Jo, Feb. 5, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Martin, of Morehead, a son, Andrew Jr., February 7, at Morehead; to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Setser, of Allen, a son, Jimmie Jr., February 12, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville

There died: Tom Hamilton, 75, of Teaberry, Friday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Crate Gibson, 76, of Melvin, last Thursday, at Jenkins; Mrs. Pearl Mae Hall, 68, Friday, at her home in Stanville; Madison Gibson, 84, last Tuesday, at his home at Mousie; Walter Messinger, 73, of Drift, Tuesday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Myrtle Gibson, 54, of Garrett, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Roscoe Conley, 78, formerly of Wayland, Monday, at Richmond, Ky.; James Richard Allen, 68, Floyd native, Monday, at his home at Hindman; Mrs. Nell McKenzie, 60, Monday, at Louisa; George Deal, 46, last Thursday, at home at Grethel.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 20, 1958)

The Citizens Improvement Association, which was recently set up to aid indigent families, particularly school children, has fed and clothed more than 100 families, it was said this

week

William Collins, former Weeksbury and Melvin miner, was killed in a slatefall, near Landale, W.Va. last Wednesday

John Wesley Elliott, of Beaver, 100, is believed to be the only living Floyd Countian who has a personal recollection of Abraham Lincoln

Heavy snowfall and temperatures hovering around zero for days, closed schools in the county last week

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. May Jr., of Prestonsburg, a son, Leslie Brian, January 27, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nypaver, of David, a daughter, recently at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin

There died: Squire Hamilton, 72, of Teaberry, last Thursday, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Robert Jones, 37, of Banner, last Thursday, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Wilson Crum, 88, of West Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at the home of a son, at Water Gap; Mrs. Mary Shelton, 72, of Drift, Wednesday, at the home of a son at Water Gap; Mrs. Liza McKenzie Holbrook, 61, of Brainard, Tuesday, at home; James Lee Broglin, 60, of Melvin, last Wednesday, in Bypro.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 26, 1948)

Completion of the Johns Creek flood control dam at Dewey, this county, was virtually assured, Tuesday, as the House Appropriations committee approved an allocation of \$2,071,000 for the project now well under construction

Bodies of four Betsy Layne men were removed, this morning, from the truck mine of the Southern Elkhorn Company, near Boldman, after the four had suffocated in the monoxide-filled mine entry. The dead are: Archie B. Layne, 33; Raymond Goble, 28; Eugene Blackburn, 24, and George Moles Jr., 25

One Floyd County man may die of burns, another is maimed and blinded, and five others are burned and otherwise injured, as the result of explosion in two Floyd mines within the last few days

Dr. J. C. Preston of Pikeville, this week, sold his one-fourth interest in the Beaver Valley Hospital at Martin, to Dr. R.M. Sirkle, Prestonsburg, and Dr. Claude Allen, Langley

The Kentucky Mountain Broadcasting Company, a partnership composed of D.C. Stephens and Circuit Judge E. P. Hill Jr., both of Prestonsburg, last week, filed application with the F.C.C. to construct a radio station, here

A theatre crowd, estimated at 200 persons, was evacuated without injury last Wednesday night, as the Hi Hat Theatre, at Hi Hat, went up in flames

Prestonsburg's VFW Ramblers basketball team have accepted an invitation to represent the 15th Region in the state VFW tournament in Louisville, March 11, 12 and 13

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Malkemus, of Allen, a son, William Arbin, Saturday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clifton, a son, Larry Keith, February 12

There died: H. J. (Jeff) Herald, 55, Monday, at Dwale; Mrs. Minerva Fitzpatrick Hamilton, 77, Sunday, at the home of a daughter at Risner; Burris Clark, 47, of Wonder, February 15, in Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Isaac Gibson, 83, of Blue River, last Wednesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Nelson Boyd, 80, at his home at Dana, Tuesday; Mrs. Betty Bayes Poe, 65, at home on the Auxier road, Sunday; Mrs. Myrtle Adams Prater, 57, Monday, at her home at Hippo; Mrs. Malta Collins Prater, 33, at her Bull Creek residence, Monday; Mrs. Frances Wellman, 82, Friday, at the home at Martin of her daughter, Mrs. Malissa Stanley Blackburn, Wednesday, at the Little Paint home of her daughter; John M. Boleyn, 66, at home on Rock Fork, Monday.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 24, 1938)

Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the Floyd County Health Department, Saturday, ordered the Glo school closed as an emergency measure to combat spinal meningitis, which has struck three residents of that community within the past ten days

Five men, two of them Floyd Countians, were held in the Knott County jail, this week, without bond, following their examining trials in the slaying, last Wednesday, of Ishmael Hopkins, 31, on Dry Creek, near the Floyd-Knott line

Palmer Salisbury, 79, of Maytown, died Friday evening, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, of injuries sustained two days earlier, when he was struck by an Inland Gas Company truck near the home of his son, Sheriff Dial Salisbury

S.A. Ballinger, director of Floyd County's WPA program, announced, this week, that construction of the Salt Lick Creek road had been reopened, and that approximately 25 men were now employed on that project

A. B. Brooke, of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation, Wayland, was elected president of the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Institute, at the organization's meeting at Pikeville, recently

Wayland and Maytown alone, failed to draw byes in the nine-team 58th district tournament, which will be held at Wayland next week

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Burchett, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, last week. Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Viers, a daughter, Joyce, at their home, here, February 16

There died: Walter Brown, 49, of Betsy Layne, at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin, Wednesday; "Uncle" George Martin, 77, of Wayland, last week.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

Jan. 21, 2008

A daughter, Annalecia Renee Bentley, to Jessica Ann & Billy Whitten Bentley, of Langley

Jan. 22, 2008

A son, Thomas Blake Jacobs, to Vedessa & Christopher Jacobs, of Pippa Passes

A daughter, Macey Suzan Warf, to Tracy Webb, of Mayking

Jan. 23, 2008

A son, Dalton Shane Howard, to Hillary Cline, of Prestonsburg

A son, Hunter Ryan Hamilton, to Tiffany Dawn Hall, of Printer

Jan. 24, 2008

A daughter, Rachal Hannah Grace Patton, to Debra & Adron Patton, of Salyersville

Jan. 25, 2008

A daughter, Hailey Marie Adkins, to Stephanie

Audreona Adkins, of Printer

A son, Timothy Dover Hamilton Jr., to Deanna Coffin, of Salyersville

A son, Michael Alan Dial Williams, to Samantha & Alan Williams, of Viper

A daughter, Alexis Jane Baker, to Leann Danielle Short, of Bulan

Jan. 26, 2008

A daughter, Madison Anne Fraley, to Rachel Preston, of Hazard

A daughter, Charli Noel McIntosh, to Amanda & David McIntosh, of Vanleve

Jan. 27, 2008

A son, Nathanel James Johnson, to Lynette & Ronald Johnson, of Viper

Jan. 28, 2008

A son, Braydon Alan Scott Conn, to Chelesie Conn, of Minnie

Jan. 29, 2008

A son, Connor Ethan Ray Fultz, to Kenneva Ann Hensley, of Beattyville

A son, Warren Tucker Napier, to Ashley & Billy Napier, of Hazard

Wedding anniversary celebrated

Jean and Elva Smith, of Bevinsville, celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on February 12, 2008. A dinner was held in their honor on Sunday, February 10, hosted by their family. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been richly blessed throughout their marriage. The union has brought them five children: Gerald, Patricia, Michael, Hattie, and Elva Gene. They have also been given 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



Oak

There seems to be as many reasons for gas prices going through the roof as there are experts to tell us about it. What we hear the most, of course, is the "supply and demand" thing. Of course, all that term means to us is that we "demand" that companies "supply" us with enough gas to keep our SUV's and similar gas guzzlers guzzling. In return, we promise to pay whatever the supplier charges, and gripe only after we get back into the car.

There's not a week that goes by that we don't read in the paper or hear on TV about "alternate fuels." I even heard

one of the candidates for president mention the other day that if we really applied ourselves, we could be free of the dependency of foreign oil by making fuel from corn. That may be so, but it would also probably mean we'd be paying through the teeth for a good roshineer.

Not being a scientist or anything, I'll admit I don't quite understand all I know about it, but it sure would be nice if this kind of fuel could be made available for public consumption, and real cars could actually run on it. Just think, unlike oil wells which eventually run dry, we could plant us a new

crop every year. It's been quite a while since we've seen a good corn patch in the head of some of these ole eastern Kentucky hollers, or in one of these rich river bottoms.

But that's all wishful thinking, I suppose, and the cold hard truth is we consumers are stuck with whatever prices the oil companies want to charge. But since it's an election year, and since we'll eventually know who's running for what, perhaps prices at the pump will be part of their campaign strategies. Who knows? There still might be hope that we won't have to float a loan in order to fill our tank.

Korner

For myself alone to have worked alongside some of these pastors and be able to hear the excitement of what God is doing within their congregations has made these past few months and weeks such a joy.

The likes of Arnold Turner, Tommy Reed, Steve Pescosolido, Father Bob, Jerry Workman, Randy Osborne, Ken Isaac and Carl Woods have brought many blessings into my life over these past weeks and I am truly grateful. It has been such a pleasure to work with all of you, to open our minds and hearts to the many different denominations

and learn firsthand that, though our choices of worship may vary, we are all the same in God's eyes and are all striving toward the same in spreading the gospel and good news of Jesus Christ.

For those of you who worked with other co-workers here at The Times I can assure you, you have been a blessing to each of them as well.

To be able to share Floyd County's churches with those searching for a place to worship or visitors who may wish to attend a service while here, this magazine will offer the perfect opportunity to be able to reach those that may not

otherwise be reached. And being a part of such just shows how very much each of you truly are soldiers fighting to win souls for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To our local businesses who have poured their participation into this magazine, it truly warms the heart and our gratitude is extended to each of you. You have helped tremendously in making this project the success that it is. You are so appreciated.

So, until next week may God's blessings be with each of you, and make sure you get a copy of Faith and Family.

Critter

tacting a pet loss telephone hotline or via internet; and preparing a special memorial for your pet.

Losing a pet can be especially hard on children. Very often, the loss of a pet is a child's first experience with death. The child may blame himself, his parents, or the veterinarian for not saving the pet. He/she may feel guilty, depressed, and frightened that others they love may be taken from them. Often, well-meaning parents try to protect their children by telling them that their pet ran away. This however, can cause children to be hopeful of and expect the pet's return. Afterwards, they may feel betrayed when they learn the truth. Allowing yourself to express your own grief and sense of loss can reassure your child that sadness is okay and help him to work through his own feelings.

Pet loss can be especially

hard, too, on seniors; especially those who live alone and may feel a loss of purpose and an immense emptiness when their pet dies. The pet's death may also trigger painful memories of other losses and remind caregivers of their own mortality. Therefore, it is quite critical that seniors take immediate steps to cope with their loss and regain a sense of purpose. Interacting with friends and family, calling a pet loss support hotline, and even volunteering at a local shelter are good means of dealing with loss.

And don't forget the other animals in your household. Surviving pets may also show grief by whimpering, sulking, refusing to eat or drink, or behaving in a lethargic manner. Pets often develop strong bonds with one another and even if they were not the best of friends, the changing circumstances and your emotion-

al state may distress them. Give surviving pets lots of TLC (tender loving care) and try to maintain a normal routine. To do so is good for you both.

Rushing into a decision to get another pet isn't fair to you or your new pet. Each animal has its own unique personality and a new animal cannot replace the one you lost. Give yourself time. You'll know when the time is right to adopt a new pet after giving yourself considerable time to grieve, carefully considering the responsibilities of a new pet, and paying close attention to your feelings. When you are ready, however, remember that your local animal shelter is a great place to find your next special friend.

Editor's Note: Information for this article was found on The Humane Society of the United States website, www.hsus.org.

National study proves 4-H strengthens communities

PRESTONSBURG — A new study confirms that youth involved in 4-H programs are leaders, contribute to their communities and are civically engaged, which strengthens communities. The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (PYD) is finding that youth involved in high-quality, structured programs during out-of-school time, such as those offered by Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service, are more likely to experience PYD.

Findings of The 4-H Study of PYD — a first-of-its-kind, longitudinal study measuring the impact personal and social factors have on youth as they develop — reveal that all youth have the capacity to thrive, regardless of where they live, their family situations, their socioeconomic status, their race or gender. Study findings also show that the quality and quantity of structured, out-of-school-time programs that youth are involved with matters. The more often youth are involved in high-

quality youth development programs, the more they and their communities benefit.

"We're excited about this research and will be applying what we learn to Floyd County," said Heather Nelson, Floyd County 4-H Youth Development Agent. "We want to ensure that our 4-H program continues to provide opportunities that will help our youth become successful, contributing members of Floyd County."

The 4-H Study of PYD sponsored by National 4-H Council shows that in addition to sustained adult interaction and mentoring, communities, families and schools need to provide access to youth development programs such as 4-H in order for youth to experience success. Floyd County currently has 2 Community Clubs, 1 Teen Council, 1 4-H Adult Council, 14 3rd Grade Clover Bud Clubs, 1 Kindergarten Clover Bud Club, 1 Head Start Clover Bud Club, 2 Energy Clubs, 49 In-school Clubs, 1 Project Club

for a grand total of 72 Councils and Clubs for the 2007-2008 school year.

With The 4-H Study of PYD, the characteristics of a successful youth development program are being defined and measured for the first time. The study's key findings show that:

■ Community youth development programs, like 4-H, are proven to affect youth success.

■ All youth can succeed — involvement in 4-H increases their potential of doing well.

■ All youth need positive youth development. No young person is immune to the risks and challenges present in today's society.

■ Involvement in youth development programs reduces the likelihood that young people will engage in risk behaviors, such as underage drinking, smoking, bullying, etc.

Visit fourhcouncil.edu/newsroom.aspx to learn more about The 4-H Study of PYD.



Allen visits PES

Local children's books author Nancy Kelly Allen recently visited Prestonsburg Elementary School. Pictured here during a presentation made to the fifth grade classes, student Aleisha Hall assists Ms. Allen as she shows drafts of her book's illustrations. PES was proud to have such an accomplished author visit their new school and library!

Bathroom

with indigenous bathrooms had been in an otherwise quite lovely, even charming, minimum-cost, tropical, old-time hotel run by one of the big Methodist churches in Douala. It was large. That was good. It had an operating washbasin, shower, and toilet. Also good. But it was filthy. Not good. It was not nauseatingly filthy. I have been in those elsewhere where it took motivation bordering on desperation to go into one. This bathroom was just ordinarily filthy. For example, the washbasin was gray with grime. I finally bought scouring powder and cleaned it myself because washing clothes in it made the clothes dirtier than they were to begin with. The worst was the toilet. We all know the jokes about how men can't aim. This bathroom served all the rooms on the floor as well as whoever happened to be needful at the time. These customers' aim was so bad that someone had simply ripped the seat off and left it leaning against the wall. Or perhaps the seat had become so loosened through wear and lack of repair that it had fallen off. At any rate, if the users' aim had been improved by the modification, it remained imperfect. One saving grace was that, for some reason, even in the hot, humid climate, the little room did not smell.

Add to this the unimaginable dust of the road. That was the first time the phrase "dust covered traveler" made living sense. During the first days of the trip I often asked myself, "Have these people no pride?" A European man sat lounging in a country restaurant caked in red, powdery, African road dust. His hair was full of red dust. Red dust gathered in the

seams of his blue jeans and covered his light blue shirt. It powdered arms, hands, face, neck. His shoes were tinged dust red. He gave every appearance of not being apologetic for or even aware of his unpresentable state.

However, it was not long before I became like everyone else, oblivious to the color I had turned. This was the dry season and these roads were not paved. Everyone was thankful for the easier travel. The red dust was easier to deal with than the red clay and water-blocked roads of the rainy season. Not to speak of the high danger of malaria. My advice to travelers has become, bring only orange colored clothing. Everything will become that color, anyway.

So here I was in spite of myself in a middle or upper middle class hotel, and it looked as if the line between rich and poor ran through the bathrooms. This was my discovery that there were

wealthy, modern, Western-educated people in this country. I saw two of them next morning at breakfast on the terrace. They were a lovely young couple who could have just arrived from the suburbs of Chicago or Paris, and they were indistinguishable from any African descended people who lived there. She wore slacks, displaying a fashionable, curving body. Her hair was in an understated, conservative, plaited hairdo. He wore dress slacks and his hair was closely clipped. No wild Afros in this set. They ate quietly. They spoke infrequently and then only in low tones, probably in Sorbonne French. I am sure their bathroom was sparkling clean.

Editor's Note: Phyllis Puffer is a professor of sociology at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. When she is not teaching, she enjoys traveling to little known locales on continents outside the U.S.

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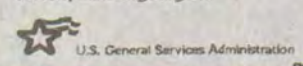
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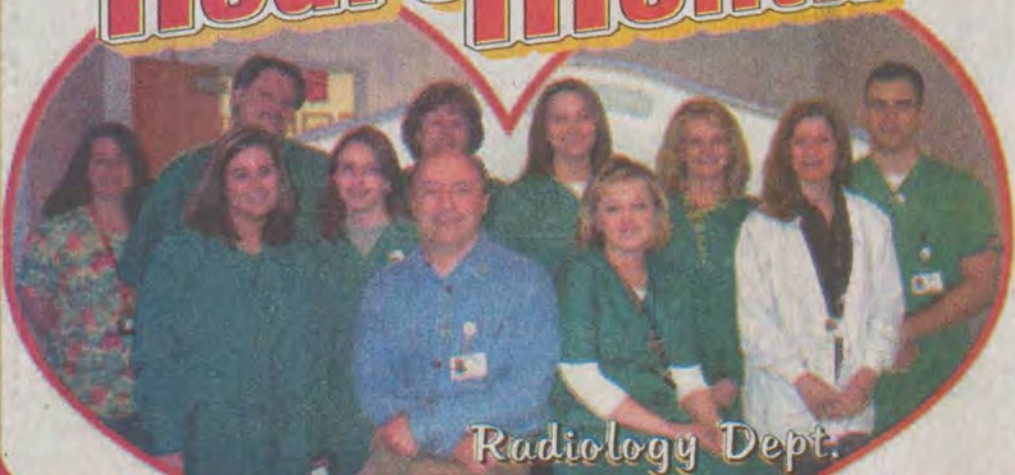
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