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### briefs

## Beshear outlines state pension proposal

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear has outlined a plan to overhaul the state pension system to prevent it from going bust.

Beshear said Thursday he wants to take actions now that would shore up retirement benefits for future public school teachers and state and county government employees. Kentucky's retirement systems cover more than 445,000 people.

Beshear's plan calls for making employees work longer before retirement. It also would reduce annual cost of living increases for retirees.

# Floyd health in bottom third statewide

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

A recent study by the Kentucky Institute of Medicine suggests that campaigns to promote healthy living would improve a grim picture of health in Floyd county.

The 2007 study by KIM rates Floyd County 85th out of the 120 Kentucky counties in its most recent study of health risks.

The most glaring issue pointed out

in the study is Floyd County's number of lung cancer deaths, which is well above the state level, and twice the national average.

According to the study, "Lung/bronchus cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States and Kentucky, where it is expected to have claimed an estimated 3,450 lives in 2007."

The study points to smoking, which according to the research, is another area where Floyd County, to its detri-

ment, exceeds both the state and national averages. Thirty percent of the Floyd County adult population smokes, compared to 29 percent in the state and 21 percent nationally.

Floyd County is also ahead of the state and nation in the category of high school students who smoke.

According to the study, "Smoking can be counteracted through education that prevents new smoking and fosters cutbacks in current smoking, which will lower lung cancer rates."

Officials with the Floyd County Board of Education provided a copy of county's new tobacco policy. According to the policy, school facilities are now to be tobacco free. "Students shall not be permitted to possess any tobacco products, on board property, including in board owned vehicles."

According to the policy, first time student offenders, in addition to in-

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## FACING THE MUSIC



photo by Jack Latta

David Tackett got on Judge John David Caudill's bad side Wednesday, after violating his bond over the weekend when he was arrested for alcohol intoxication.

# Judge has harsh words for defendants

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Judge John David Caudill took some time out to chastise one defendant Wednesday in Floyd County Circuit Court, after the man had allegedly made a threatening comment during his previous appearance.

Brad Hall, 30, of North Carolina, was in court to plead guilty to one count of theft by unlawful taking for trying to steal a set of patio furniture from

the Prestonsburg Wal-Mart.

Hall reportedly voiced his displeasure over his bond at his arraignment, to which the judge said he would just hold him without bond.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, sheriff's deputies reported that, after leaving court, Hall said something to the effect of, "I should just kill that judge."

Judge Caudill began Wednesday's proceedings lightly, asking Hall, "How do

you feel about me today? You don't want to kill me today do you?"

After his initial levity, Caudill became serious, explaining to Hall, "Had I taken this seriously, you understand you could go to prison for five years for even saying that?" Hall quickly apologized for his remarks, but he was not the only person to draw Caudill's ire.

Scott Tackett, 30, of Melvin,

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# 'Home cooking' kept bad beef out of local schools

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — It seems that not all cows in California are happy, after all — following recent reports of animal cruelty at a California slaughterhouse that have led to the largest recall of meat products in American history.

In Kentucky, 17 school districts, among them nearby Perry County, have been among those that have received shipments of the recalled beef. Not so, however, for the Floyd County district, which may put the minds of many parents at ease.

According to Brenda Fish, director of food services for Floyd County Schools, one factor that most likely contributed to none of the recalled product being shipped to Floyd County schools, is the fact that the Floyd school district does not use processed meats.

"We don't divert our meats to a processor," Fish said. "In other words, we don't use a middleman when it comes to processing our meat products."

In some districts,

according to Fish, meats such as hamburger are first diverted to a processing unit to be converted into patties, sauces and other mixtures before receipt at their final destination. Doing so saves money and time in regard to labor costs, and "There's nothing wrong with that," Fish said. "We just don't happen to do it that way."

So, instead of receiving spaghetti sauces, taco filling and other such meat items prepared and ready for the serving line off the delivery truck, cooks in Floyd County school cafeterias receive their meats unprocessed, thereby preparing their menu items "from scratch."

In the case of the recent recall of over 143 million pounds of beef, that has proven to be a good thing. According to Fish, it is most likely the very thing that prevented any of the recalled beef product from being shipped to the Floyd County school district.

In addition, according to Fish, the Floyd district has many checks and balances in place in regard to food

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# Five Knott workers allege they were fired for political reasons

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — Knott County Judge-Executive Randy Thompson has denied terminating two workers for political reasons, but three more former employees have made the same charge.

The three allege in a court motion filed this week that Thompson and the fiscal court terminated their employment because they supported his opponent in the November 2006 election.

Thompson said Wednesday that he wasn't

aware of the newest complaint, but denied that the employees were let go for political reasons.

Thompson was appointed judge-executive after the previous officeholder resigned after serving a prison term. He beat Democrat Mike Hall in 2006 to become the first elected Republican judge-executive in the county.

Two former employees also sued Thompson in January for violations of their constitutional rights after they say his associates told them not to support his opponent. All five employees are seeking unspecified damages and reinstatement.



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Save-A-Lot held a grand opening for their new location Wednesday morning. The new store, located in the Prestonsburg Village shopping center, is 3,500 square feet larger than the store's previous location.

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# Obituaries

## Graham Boyd

Graham Boyd, 69 years of age, and a resident of Vermilion, Ohio, passed away Monday, February 18, 2008 at his home, following an illness since December, 2006.

He was born July 24, 1938, in Dana, where he was raised, and lived until 1958. Vermilion has been his home since 1958.

Graham was employed with the Lorain Plant of Ford Motor Corp. for 31 years, retiring in 1990, as a booth cleaner, and formerly as a tow motor operator for 15 years.

His greatest joy was spending time with his four grandsons, and also enjoyed gardening, hunting, being outdoors, and riding his ATV.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Fonneita Boyd (nee: Turner); his son and his wife, Timothy and Sheila Boyd of Henrietta Township; his daughter and her husband, Tammy and Norm Schultz of Henrietta Township; his grandsons Nathan Boyd, Michael Schultz, Matthew Schultz, and Jason Boyd; and his sister Georgia Akers of Dana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Estill and Rosa Boyd (nee: Jarrell).

Visitation was Wednesday, February 20, at the Hempel Funeral Home; 373 Cleveland

Ave., Amherst.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m., from the funeral home. The Elder Richard A. Adams officiating.

Burial was in Rugby Cemetery, Brownhelm Township.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Community Cancer Center, 41201 Schaden Rd., Elyria, OH 44035. (Paid obituary)

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## Walter Scott Browning

Walter Scott Browning, 80, of Plantation Key, Florida, died February 18, 2008.

Born and raised in Ashland, he was the last surviving son of Josephine Harkins Browning, who was the daughter of the namesake of "The Bank Josephine." He was a graduate of Yale University with a degree in Geology, where he was a lead vocalist with the Spizzwinks and a member of the Barber Shop Quartet. He was a general partner of Harkins Mineral Associates, and former co-owner of B&H Elkhorn Coal Company, and vice-president of Hamilton Coal and Land Company.

He is survived by Adeline, his wife of 48 years.

He is also survived by his four children: Scott (Susan) Browning of Naples, Florida; Breck Browning of Tavernier, Florida; Cort (David) Mankin of Hollywood, Florida; and Betsy Browning of Wrightwood, California; and three grandchildren: Shaun (Blue) Browning of Louisville; Josephine (Kurt) Manos of Tavernier, Florida; and Travis Carter of Coral Springs, Florida.

A private family celebration of life is planned. (Paid obituary)

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## Wade Hamilton

Wade Hamilton, 59, of

Teaberry, died Tuesday, February 19, 2008, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born October 9, 1948, in Teaberry, he was the son of the late Orville and Delphia Kiser Hamilton. He was a stockman for Big Sandy Wholesale.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Hughes Hamilton.

Other survivors include a stepson, John Douglas Hurd of Prestonsburg; three brothers and two sisters: Estill Hamilton and Elmer Hamilton, both of Albion, Michigan; Orville Hamilton Jr. of Teaberry; Anna Lou Hamilton of Louisville; Billie Joyce Hamilton of Taylor, Michigan; two stepgrandchildren: William Lafferty and Latosha Nicole Lafferty.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 22, at noon, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roger Hicks and Teddy Honaker officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Roger Dale Hughes

Roger Dale Hughes, age 64, of East Point, husband of Nancy Meade Hughes, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born February 7, 1944, in Minnie, the son of Earl Hughes and Ruby Sammons Hughes of East Point. He retired from the U.S. Navy as an electrical engineer safety communication director, and also worked at the Martin Marietta Corporation. He was a member of the Prestonsburg Church of Christ, and the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge No. 889.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and parents, include a son, Roger Dale Hughes Jr., of Ocala, Florida; a daughter, Penny Hughes of Virginia Beach, Virginia; a stepdaughter, Jane Maynard of John's Creek; a brother, Ronald H. Hughes of Pikeville; two sisters: Deana Newsome of Janson Beach, Florida; and Tonda Ley Hughes of Chicago, Illinois; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services for Roger Dale Hughes will be conducted Sunday, February 24, at 2:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Rick Kelley and Joe Ryan officiating.

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

Visitation is after 3:00 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Sarah Estep Vanover

Sarah Estep Vanover, age 87, of Prestonsburg, widow of Clark H. Vanover, passed away Monday, February 18, 2008, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington.

She was born October 29, 1920, in Letcher County, the daughter of the late George and Josephine Meade Estep.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons: Clark Howard (Kay) Vanover of Dutton, Alabama; Jack (Janet) Vanover of Martin; Teddy Vanover of Prestonsburg; and Larry Vanover of Drift; eight daughters: Lutie (Mike) Kokic of Lady Lake, Florida; Bertha Griffith of Prestonsburg; Wanda (Don) Winters of Chelias, Washington; Barbara (Bob) Giuliani of Brooklyn, Michigan; Gayle Vanover of Prestonsburg; Louise Williams of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Mary (Joe) Gearheart of

Prestonsburg; and Deborah Rice of Prestonsburg; 26 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clark H. Vanover; a son, George Vanover; brothers: John Eddie, Frank, Wilburn, Elijah, George, Jody, and William Estep; sisters: Elizabeth Stone, Lutie Estep and Maggie Hall; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Sarah Estep Vanover will be conducted, Friday, February 22, at 1:00 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with John P. Church officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Jason Williams, James Griffith, Christopher Judd, Larry Vanover, Steven Vanover, Jonathan Rice, Justin Rice, Jack B. Vanover, and George Vanover.

Honorary: Eddie Shelton, Justin Salisbury, and Vic Rice. (Paid obituary)

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## Jean Newsome Williamson

Jean Newsome Williamson, 94, died Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

She was born February 1, 1914, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Robert and Thena Hamilton Newsome.

She attended school in Kentucky, while growing up. She was twice married, first to Woodrow Stumbo, and later to Theron Williamson in West Liberty. Both preceded her in death.

She was of the Baptist faith. She is survived by her son, Hugh Stumbo and wife, Phyllis of Tipton, Iowa; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Melpha Tackett of Waverly, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands,

Woodrow Stumbo, and Theron Williamson on November 28, 2007; her brothers, Orbic, Alonzo, and Palmer; and her sisters, Leona, Myrtle, Ethel Andre, and Edith.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, February 24, at 10:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Milton Dye officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery in Hi Hat, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation will be 6-9 p.m., Saturday, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Mitchell Stumbo, Circa Stumbo, Bobby Newsome, Charles Luxmore, Mike Newsome, Lorelei Stumbo, Andy Stumbo, Daryl Luxmore, Robert Rainey, and Nevada Newsome. (Paid obituary)

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# Our Yesterdays

The Floyd County Times reported in its February 10, 1938, issue that Senator Joe P. Tackett, of Floyd County, introduced a resolution to the Kentucky Senate, last week, protesting the alleged encroachment of the federal government on state's rights, and asking the two Kentucky Senators, Barkley and Logan, to oppose the anti-lynching bill, now before the national Senate.



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You never know what you might be missing, if you are not reading "Our Yesterdays," printed each Wednesday in The Times.

# For the Record

## Marriage Licenses

Ashley Green, 18, to Anthony Short, 17, both of Fairdale.  
 Effie Ramey, 27, to Homer New, 65, both of Galveston.  
 Tamela Justice, 25, to Jerry Hill, 31, both of Melvin.  
 Fawn Wood, 36, to Frank Sloane Jr., 47, both of Castalia, OH.  
 Kimberly Knox, 20, to James Houston, 34, both of Prestonsburg.  
 Jennifer Rogers, 25, of McDowell, to Thomas Ousley, 23, of Prestonsburg.

## Civil Suits Filed

US Bank vs. Anthony Hall, et al  
 Carol Cook vs. Shane Cook  
 Judy Meade vs. David Meade  
 Dormal Ousley vs. Christopher M. Ousley  
 Patricia Reid vs. Mareo Reid  
 Community Trust Bank vs. Alpha Communications & Matthew Brandon Lafferty  
 Community Trust Bank vs. Verline Janke Newsome  
 Rhonda Nelson vs. Timothy Nelson, et al  
 Tammy Adkins vs. Jimmy Adkins  
 Kandi Collins vs. Billy Collins  
 Cecilia A. Lemaster vs. Rickey Lemaster  
 Lora Jean Elam vs. Donald Elam  
 Gregory Hall vs. Josephine Inmon  
 Atlantic Credit & Finance, Inc. vs. Roy D. Hall  
 PNC Bank vs. Cecilia Buelis, et al  
 Mary Ann Slone vs. Gary R. Slone  
 Arnold R. Johnson vs. Ramankar Tiruchinapalli, M.D., et al  
 Linda Couch vs. Milot Faria, et al  
 Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Charles Parsley, et al  
 Devonia L. Damron vs. Vernon Damron, et al  
 Central Financial Services vs. Ervin Osborne

## Small Claims Filings

Lynn Clark Justice vs. Linda Mullins  
 Pioneer Credit Co. vs. Jeremy Rader, et al  
 McDowell Professional Services vs. Mickey L. Johnson  
 McDowell ARH vs. Mickey Johnson  
 Palisades Collection vs. Lois A. Wicker  
 CACH of Colorado vs. Lisa G. Marcos  
 CACH of Colorado vs. Macel Baxter  
 Asset Acceptance vs. Linda G. Hunt  
 Palisades Collection vs. Jason L. Jarrell  
 Palisades Collection vs. Lenard Hall  
 Midland Funding vs. Tanya Hunt  
 Midland Funding vs. Kelli Dotson  
 North Star Capital Acquisitions vs. Gene A. Snyder  
 North Star Capital Acquisitions vs. James H. Isaacs  
 Lendmark Financial vs. Chris Newsome  
 Lendmark Financial vs. Joseph Freeman, et al  
 Palisades Collection vs. Sandra L. Thacker  
 Hubert Clifton vs. Ted Reynolds, et al  
 Asset Acceptance vs. Sherry L. Marsillett  
 Central Financial Services vs. Lauren Robinson  
 Ben Hicks vs. Keith Epling, et al  
 Palisades Collection vs. Michael R. Allen  
 Midland Funding vs. Johnny Rackney  
 Cash in Hand vs. Whitney Compton  
 Cash in Hand vs. Nicole Johnson  
 Cash in Hand vs. Kristopher Branham  
 Cash in Hand vs. Cathy Massie  
 Midland Funding vs. Jeremy Hale

## Charges Filed

Ronald J. Owens, 38, of Prestonsburg, public intoxication/controlled substance; controlled substance, prescription, not in original container (three counts); possession controlled substance/drug unspecified

(three counts); use/possession drug paraphernalia.

Jessie K. Fannin, 44, of Meally, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Shawn M. Henson, 27, of Hueysville, public intoxication/controlled substance; possession controlled substance/drug unspecified (two counts); controlled substance, prescription, not in original container.

Kevin Hall, 23, of Weeksbury, terroristic threatening.  
 Dawn R. Boyd, 38, of Tram, assault/domestic violence.

Billie Jo Wells, 37, of East Point, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Tommy Castle, 45, of Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Nathan L. Bryant, 23, of Hi Hat, public intoxication/controlled substance; possession controlled substance/drug unspecified (two counts); controlled substance, prescription, not in original container; failure to surrender revoked operator's license.

Amy Sue Shepherd, 25, of Prestonsburg, failure to send child to school.

Sam C. Goff, 19, of Harold, desertion from armed forces/AWOL.

Ryan Howell, 18, of McDowell, harassment.

Timothy Lee Jacobs Jr., 40, of Prestonsburg, harassing communications.

Dale Memenga, 49, of Prestonsburg, harassment.

Roger Duty, 21, of Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Francis M. McCoy, 48, of Inez, criminal trespassing.

James D. Scott, 44, of Pilgrim, criminal trespassing; resisting arrest.

Marie Crum, 49, of Stanville, public intoxication/controlled substance.

Nicky Joe Tackett, 25, of Langley, public intoxication/controlled substance.

Cyrena K. Reynolds, 37, of Virgie, public intoxication/controlled substance.

Carleton Holbrook, 48, of Coldwater, Michigan, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Glorita B. Wheeler, 42, of Langley, harassing communications.

Arthur L. Johnson II, 35, of Salyersville, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

Charles Shepherd, 53, of McDowell, terroristic threatening.

Patrick Stapleton, 20, of Banner, public intoxication/controlled substance.

Robert R. Brady, 27, of Martin, public intoxication/controlled substance.

Scott DeWayne Tackett, 31, of Melvin, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Homer Witt Tackett, 32, of Bryan, Ohio, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Freddie H. Hunter, 47, of Melvin, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Clinton Roberts, 59, of Harold, sexual misconduct.

Daniel Todd Lafferty, 27, of Sizemore, theft by deception.

Carl Edward Lackey, 51, of Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.

Melissa Ann Shepherd, 31, of David, harassing communications.

Bradley Newsome, 24, of Myra, theft by unlawful taking/shoplifting.

William Grant Newsome, 24, of Stanville, theft by deception/cold checks.

Rachel Salisbury, 22, of Prestonsburg, theft by failure to make required disposition.

Jason Dean Kidd, 25, of Dana, wanton endangerment (two counts).

Cheena Ann Hall, 19, of McDowell, criminal possession forged instrument.

Randy Bentley, 40, of Allen, theft by unlawful taking/firearm.

Shawn Michael Barnett, 26, of Salyersville, flagrant non-support.

Jonathan Robinette, 22, of Harold, burglary.

George Adkins, 59, of Grethel, trafficking in controlled substances/drug unspecified.

Linda Keathley, 48, of Van

Lear, forgery.

Christopher T. Miller, 23, of Hi Hat, receiving stolen property.

Sandra Lee Burchett, 31, of Prestonsburg, forgery (two counts); theft by deception/cold checks (two counts).

Jonathan Ray Duff, 31, of Richmond, theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

## Inspections

Red Top Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods.

Cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes. Improper storage of single service articles. Toilet room doors not self closing. Score: 95. Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing unites storing potentially hazardous foods. Toilet room doors not self closing. Score: 97.

Dollar General Store, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Improper storage of single service articles, toilet room doors not self closing. Score: 97.

Hitching Post Market, Hueysville, regular inspection. Violations noted: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Food not protected during storage, hand cleaner not provided a lavatory or hand washing sink. Score: 95.

KY Fried Chicken, Prestonsburg, Regular inspection. Violations noted: Cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes. Garbage and refuse containers not covered as required. Employees personal items not stored properly. Cleaning and maintenance equipment not properly stored. Score: 95.

Stop & Shop, Blue River, regular inspection. Food comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing unites storing

potentially hazardous foods. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Improper storage of single service articles. All plumbing not maintained according to law. Insect and rodent proof containers not provided. Score: 94. Retail Comments: Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing unites storing potentially hazardous foods. All plumbing not maintained according to law. Score: 98.

Giovanni's Pizza House, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of effective hair restraints. Dishwashing facility not properly operated. Where chemical sanitization methods are employed, operators not providing and using chemical test kits. Cloths used for wiping spills on food contact surfaces being used for other purposes. toilet facility not in good repair. Floors not in good repair. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 91

## Property Transfers

Megan Adams to George Barnette Jr., Hite.  
 AGL Investments Group LTD CO to Red Bluff LLC, location undisclosed.  
 Terry Branham to Connie

and Kyle Jackson; location undisclosed.

Bertha Conley to Evercare LLC; Crum Branch.

Douglas and Jackie Crace to Douglas and Jackie Crace; location undisclosed.

Bill and Mary Craft to Forrest Music; Auxier.

Darryl Crisp to Bonnie and Richard Crisp; Meadow View Subdivision.

Billie Dudley to Denver Ousley; Caney Fork.

Monnie Dye to Ricky Dye and Lucy Reynolds; location undisclosed.

Paul and Pearl Green(c) to Pearl & Paul Green(e); location undisclosed.

Douglas and Hargis Hall to Hargis Hall; location undisclosed.

Virginia and William Harless to Virginia and William Harless; location undisclosed.

Joseph Jacobs to Ivalean Smith; location undisclosed.

Charles and Martha Johnson to Lexington Coal Company LLC; Keathley Spradlin Subdivision.

Lisa and Scott King to Prudential Relocation Inc.; Pinhook Branch.

Mylessia and Paul Little to Lexington Coal Company LLC; Keathley Spradlin Subdivision.

Sherley Morgan to

Matthew and Shirley Morgan; Stone Coal Branch

Dana Owens to John Owens; Stone Coal Road.

Willie Petry to William Edward Petry; location undisclosed.

Rondal Reed to Paul Little; location undisclosed.

Michelle Sammons to David Stumbo; location undisclosed.

Estate of Irvin Shepherd to Brenda and Denver Shepherd; Weddington Hollow David.

Kabrina Stratton to Timothy Fields; Mare Creek Road.

David Tackett to Duane Elkins; Rolling Acres.

Orville and Tanie Tackett to Janice and Jimmy Justice; Left Beaver Creek.

Johnas Watkins to Ivalean Smith; location undisclosed.

Jimmy Williamson to George Barnette Jr.; Hite.

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# Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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— Patrick Young

## Guest View

### Editorial roundup

*Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette, on Michigan and its delegates:*

... The Democratic National Committee informed Michigan Democrats that if they persisted in holding an early primary, the DNC wouldn't seat delegates from Michigan at the Democratic National Convention in August.

As a result, Democratic candidates ignored Michigan. The additional clout that state Democrats thought they would get by disobeying the DNC evaporated.

But that was back when it was widely assumed that the Democrats would certainly have a clear front-runner after Super Tuesday. Or that at least someone, probably U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, would clinch the nomination well before the nominating convention. That's not quite so certain now. ...

Should the Michigan Democratic Party schedule a do-over election this spring or summer? It depends.

If either Obama or Clinton has clinched the nomination by May, then Democrats would be best off to tell the DNC what it can do with its caucus. But what if neither Clinton nor Obama emerges with enough delegates by late spring?

Then Michigan Democrats would do well to go along and hold a caucus - at the party's expense, of course. Suddenly Michigan would matter again. Clinton and Obama would both be forced to campaign hard in Michigan. ...

Although Democrats would like to see the nominating process wrapped up soon and the intraparty sniping laid to rest, Michigan might better benefit from an Obama-Clinton race that goes down to the wire.

*The New York Times, on declining dictators:*

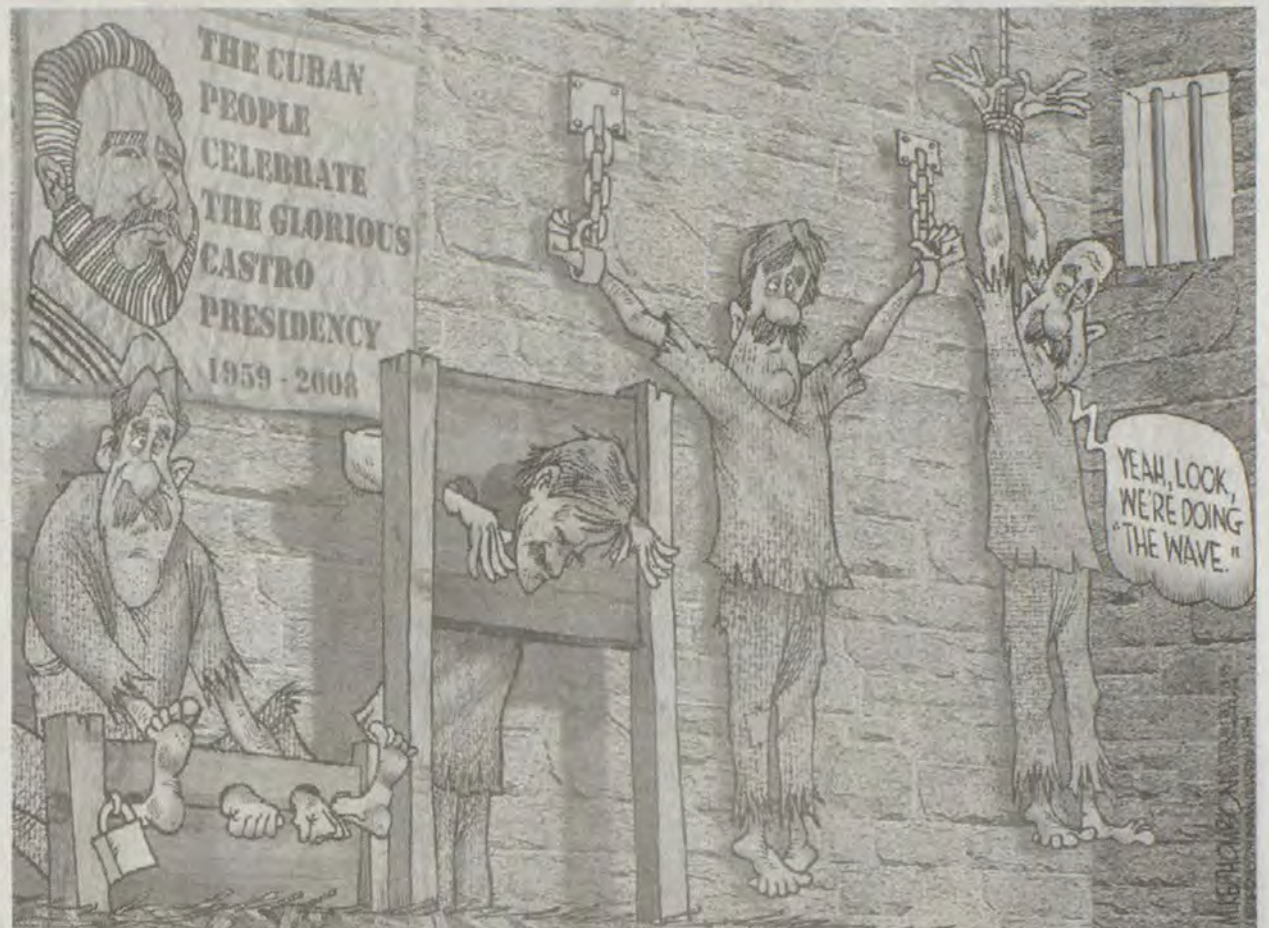
It was age and illness, not the free voice of the Cuban people, that finally led Fidel Castro to announce ... that he is stepping down as Cuba's president after a mere 49 years of absolute power. Mr. Castro's immediate successor is likely to be his 76-year-old younger brother Raul. Still, the post-Fidel era is clearly at hand, and the Bush administration has done almost nothing to prepare for it.

Cuba is a closed, repressive society. But the administration has gone out of its way to ensure that it has no chance of influencing events there. In the name of tightening the failed embargo, it has made it much harder for academics, artists and religious people to travel to Cuba and spread the good word about democracy, and much harder for Cubans to visit here. Rather than probing the ongoing political transition, the White House has dismissed it in advance as insignificant.

A policy that made little sense in the cold war makes still less in today's age of globalization when America does not hesitate to trade with and invest in other repressive countries (China, for example), recognizing that commerce is more likely than isolation to nurture positive political change.

The embargo provided Mr. Castro with a built-in excuse for his own failed economic policies and ruthless political repression. It made it easier for him to wall ordinary Cubans off from American friendships, political ideas and affluent lifestyles. It handed him a propaganda tool to discredit courageous Cubans who openly campaigned for greater democracy. Continuing this policy of isolation will only make it easier for whoever succeeds Mr. Castro to continue the same repressive policies. ...

For millions of Cubans, the wait for Mr. Castro to go has been almost interminable. Now that he is finally stepping down, Washington needs to do all it can to help encourage a peaceful transition to democracy. It needs to shake off its own ghosts and start talking directly with Cuban politicians and the Cuban people.



## Letters

### Nurses thank supporters

We, the Kentucky Nurses Association Local Union #112 registered nurses at McDowell, would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our community for their generous support during our recent labor dispute.

Thanks to all those people who

donated food, supplies and money, or came by to stand with us in support. A special thank you goes to our coworkers and members of the USWA Local #14636.

All the generosity and concern shown to us will never be forgotten.

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## Guest column

### House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Sitting in the House and Senate chambers used by their 19th century predecessors, members of the Kentucky General Assembly convened for the first time since 1998 at the Old State Capitol on Feb. 12 to kick off a national bicentennial celebration of the birth of Kentucky native son and 16th U.S. President Abraham Lincoln.

A resolution passed that day which officially commences the two-year celebration of Lincoln's Feb. 12, 1809 birthday became the first piece of legislation to clear both the House and Senate this session. The legislation now goes to the governor for his signature.

It was no accident that lawmakers passed the resolution that Tuesday—Lincoln's 199th birthday—or that they chose the smaller yet more suitable historical surroundings of the Old Capitol to cast the resolution vote. The Old Capitol serves as Kentucky's statehouse from 1830 to 1910, which included the time during which Lincoln served in the White House. It was also where Kentucky, which never voted to secede from the Union, debated the divisive secession issue during Lincoln's presidency.

From now until Feb. 12, 2010, hundreds of events will be held across the Commonwealth and the United States honoring Lincoln's political legacy. Several of those will be held at Lincoln's birthplace of Hodgenville, which has been renovating its downtown to accommodate thousands of visitors expected for the celebration. All Kentuckians are encouraged to take part in some of the celebrations that will be held around the state and learn why many Americans consider Lincoln to be one of our greatest leaders.

Last Wednesday, House members shifted their attention from presiden-

tial history to public safety by spending the rest of the week considering bills in committee and on the House floor that would protect Kentuckians from online crime, certain forms of cancer and personal injury to the young in automobile crashes.

One of the largest public safety bills to come before the House this session is a cybersafety measure passed by the House Judiciary Committee last Wednesday that would protect children from online sexual predators and create a new crime of "cyberstalking."

HB 367 would take several steps to improve online safety. These include, but are not limited to, making it a felony to solicit a child for sexual purposes via the Internet or other electronic means, outlawing cyberstalking—or continuously annoying, intimidating and/or harassing someone—by using communication devices like the Internet or cameras, and making it a Class A misdemeanor for registered sex offenders to use social networking sites like MySpace and Facebook, instant messaging programs or chat rooms that allow access to persons under 18.

Supporters of HB 367, including the Office of the Attorney General, say these provisions will give law enforcement the tools they need to protect our children from sexual offenders who lurk on the Internet and curb other types of online crime. The bill now goes to the full House for its consideration.

Protecting our children from criminal predators is a responsibility that state lawmakers take very seriously. Another responsibility we take very seriously is protecting our children from preventable injury caused by non-criminal acts, including many motor vehicle crashes. That is why the House voted 68-28 last Thursday to pass HB 55, the "booster seat bill" that would require children under age 8 and between 40 and 57 inches tall to ride in booster seats that are proven to prevent injury in crashes.

Should this legislation pass into law, children who fit the age and

height requirements in the bill would have to be placed in booster seats while riding in a motor vehicle. Parents or others who violate the law would face a \$50 prepayable fine, but no court costs or additional fees. The legislation now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

There is at least one danger facing our Commonwealth today that has been with us longer than both motor vehicles and online predators. It is cancer, which will kill nearly 10,000 Kentuckians this year. By passing legislation that improves cancer prevention, state lawmakers are able to save lives as well as millions of dollars in state and private health care costs associated with treating various forms of the disease.

House committees took steps to create better cancer prevention policy last week by approving legislation designed to improve access to screenings for breast and colon cancer. HB 316, which cleared the House Banking and Insurance Committee last Wednesday, would improve breast cancer prevention by requiring health insurers to cover mammograms as part of their basic health benefit plans. The other bill, HB 415, which passed the House Health and Welfare Committee on Thursday, would establish a colon cancer screening program for uninsured Kentuckians between the ages of 50 and 64 and others considered "high risk". Both bills now head to the full House for a vote.

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

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

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### THROUGH MY EYES

## Flu comes at just the wrong time

So, this week I'm back at my desk. Wish I could say that I enjoyed a nice, leisurely few days off with no worries, but hey, when is my life ever like that? The truth of the matter is that I did happen to have some "leisure" time while away -- if you want to call being knocked out on the couch due to a nasty flu virus "leisure time." Far as I'm concerned, I just got cheated out of about three days vacation time.

Yep, good ol' Murphy's Law is still in action around my house, that's for sure.

So, at any rate, I'm back. I'm not what anyone could seriously call "well," but I've managed to be here and crank out a few more bits of work for the task masters at hand. The torturous headache has subsided, the fever has broken, the ache in my appendages has gone



Kathy Prater  
Lifestyles editor

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### DINNER DIVA

## Try New Fruits S - Z

Let's finish off the fruit, shall we? We've already seen how much is out there that we probably didn't even know existed, or if we did, we certainly had no idea what was bound inside those strange, little fruity bodies. I left you last week with new fruits, I thru R. That leaves us with S thru Z.

Let's get to it, shall we?

S is for star fruit, a yellow, oval shaped fruit with five prominent ribs, giving it its obvious name, after the fruit is cut open. The star fruit's flavor is reminiscent

of a tart apple and grape, mixed together. Nutrition-wise, star fruit excels in vitamin C and shines in the fiber department, too.

T is for tangelo, a hybrid of grapefruits and tangerines. Juicy and mildly sweet, varieties of tangelos include Minneola, Orlando and Honeybell. High in fiber and vitamin C, tangelos can be a tasty add-on to your line up of citrus grazing.

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photos by Kathy J. Prater

Above, authentic uniforms, military equipment and various other memorabilia make up an interesting and unique collection that tells the story of a brave World War II fighter pilot squadron in the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit, now on display until March 4 on the BSCTC campus.

Below, some more of the items on display.

# Tuskegee Airmen



## History on display now in BSCTC Art Gallery

Currently on display in the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Art Gallery is a unique display in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit, titled "The Tuskegee Airmen," highlights the achievements of an outstanding African American fighter squadron that operated during World War II.

The display of artifacts and memorabilia, loaned to the college by collector Ron Spriggs, is a unique record of the patriotism and skills of these African American fighter pilots who served their country loyally, even though they were discriminated against at home.

Actual items of clothing, as well as medals won by these brave men and women, are a part of the exhibit.

The exhibit tells a proud story of brave and honorable men and women who overcame the

*It will continue to be displayed until March 4. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Special after-hours tours may also be arranged.*

odds, as well as the racial hatred of the time period, and managed to rise above the situations at hand to serve their country in the most honorable of fashions.

The show also highlights the contributions of African American citizens to the war effort. Spriggs, who has spent the last several years putting this impressive exhibit together,

succeeds in his effort to memorialize that we as a nation do not forget the services rendered by these brave patriots.

The Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit is currently housed on the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus, in the college's Art Gallery.

It will continue to be displayed until March 4th. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Special after-hours tours may also be arranged.

For more information contact Art Gallery Director Tim Sizemore at (606) 886-3863, ext. 64746.

"This exhibit tells a unique, and all too often neglected, story of American history. We're proud to have it on display here on our campus during Black History Month. We invite the entire community out to see it," Sizemore said.

### FLY LADY

## Cut your losses

by MARLA CILLEY

We all make mistakes! This is a fact of living. So why do we beat ourselves up when we have made a bad choice? I think it is because deep down inside we are doing what has been done to us all of our lives; we are punishing ourselves. This has got to stop.

Instead of admitting that we have made a bad choice we keep trying to make that decision work. Maybe we should take a lesson from business and cut our losses and move on. Instead, we

keep trying to fix things to make them better. Clutter is clutter no matter what form it takes.

You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it! I want your home to be filled with things that make you smile. Our lives are too short to continually deal with that pink elephant in the living room. One time a dear friend was moving from a home where she had lived for twenty-seven years. It was hard for her to let go of things. Eventually, she came up with a plan. If she had any doubt about whether some-

thing should be packed, she would set it in the main path to the truck. On the first day, she would gingerly walk around the item. The next day, she pushed it aside and, if on the third day she kicked it - it went to the curb. This showed her that she really didn't love it as much as she had originally thought she had.

We can decorate that pink elephant but it is still a pink elephant. It is sucking the life right out of you. You spend your whole day doing your best to make it fit. God knows we don't want to

admit that we made the mistake of bringing that pink elephant home in the first place; that we wasted money and, worst of all, our time. We just keep plodding along; hoping that the pink elephant will not get mad and become the bull in the china shop. The sad part is that it already has. Just being in your living room it is destroying the most important thing in your home and that is you!

Many years ago I had a diseased gallbladder. I was sick all the time. This gallbladder was toxic to me. Once it was removed, I was able to get on with my life. Relationships can be like this,

(See FLY LADY, page seven)



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## Family Medicine

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**Q**uestion: My daughter's friend has epilepsy. I get nervous when she comes to our house for a sleepover. What exactly is epilepsy and why does this child have it? Can my daughter catch it?

**A**nswer: Epilepsy is also called a seizure disorder. A seizure occurs when the brain's electrical system malfunctions, causing an abnormal firing of brain cells. This firing may cause muscle contractions over the entire body and unconsciousness or staring. Seizures last for a couple of minutes and are fol-

lowed by sleepiness or mild confusion.

Epilepsy affects about 3 million people in the United States. Males are more likely than females to have it as are African-Americans. Around the world, 60 million people have epilepsy. It can start at any age, but the onset is more common under the age of 2 and over 65. Recent trends show a decline in the seizure rates in children and an increase in the rates of elderly. In about 70 percent of all cases no cause of the epilepsy can be determined. We do know, however, that certain medical conditions as well as family history can

# No worry about epileptic friend, it's not contagious

increase the risk of developing epilepsy. Seizures are classified in three ways. Are they generalized or partial? Did they begin in childhood or as an adult? Are they controlled by treatment or uncontrolled?

If only a portion of the brain is involved, a seizure is considered partial. In these cases, as you might expect, the whole body is not affected. Symptoms are usually confined to one side and may involve actions such as head turning, lip smacking, eye movement, mouth movement, drooling, and rhythmic muscle contractions. Sometimes symptoms can be much more subtle and may involve nothing more than abnormal sensations - numbness, tingling, or a crawling sensation over the skin.

A generalized seizure, on the other hand, involves abnormal firings in the entire brain. This type of seizure can produce staring spells, sudden and very

short duration jerking of the extremities, or loss of consciousness with violent muscle contractions. This last type of seizure is called a grand mal seizure.

There are many medications available for treating epilepsy, and 70 percent of epileptics are controlled on medications and are seizure free. After five years of being seizure free on medications, many people are considered to be in remission. Often it is possible in these cases to stop the medication without a return of seizures.

You are probably worried about what to do if your daughter's friend has a seizure at your house. First of all, remain calm. Generally there is nothing for you to do. Make sure the child is safe and not going to get hurt. If she is free from potential harm, do nothing. The seizure will usually end in less than two minutes. Then she'll want to sleep. I'd suggest that prior to the next

sleepover, you call the girl's mother. Ask her about the kind of seizures her daughter has and how she would want you to handle a seizure, should one occur at your house. Finally, you need have no worry about your daughter or any of the other children catching epilepsy. It's not contagious.

*Family Medicine® is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to Martha A. Simpson, D.O., M.B.A., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, P.O. Box 110, Athens, Ohio 45701, or via e-mail to readerquestions@familymedicine.org. Medical information in this column is provided as an educational service only. It does not replace the judgment of your personal physician, who should be relied on to diagnose and recommend treatment for any medical conditions.*

## School Happenings

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

### Allen Central High School

\*Feb. 25 - Floyd County Board of Education meeting, at Betsy Layne Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

\*Feb. 25 thru 29 - District basketball tournament, at ACHS.

\*Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

### Allen Central Middle School

\*Please have your Food City Valu Card scanned for ACMS! Points help purchase school merchandise.

\*Feb. 26 - Respect class, 7th grade girls.

\*Career Decisions and Job Development videos available in YSC lending library.

\*The ACMS Youth Service Center offers services to all families, regardless of income. For more information, call Marilyn Bailey, center coordinator, at 358-0134.

### Allen Elementary and Family Youth Center

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

### Betsy Layne Elementary

\*Center hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. Center offers services to all families, regardless of income.

\*The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 7th and 8th grade wing. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550.

\*Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

### Duff Elementary

\*Center is in need of gently used clothing, shoes, belts and backpacks. All donations

greatly appreciated.

\*Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

\*The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the area where the old main office used to be. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator.

### May Valley Elementary

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

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

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

### McDowell Elementary and Resource Center

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

\*Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center the first three Mondays each month to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

\*Parent lending library available to all parents for video/book checkouts. A variety of topics are available.

\*GED classes available at FRC each Monday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., in library.

\*Family Resource Center is open weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Center is located upstairs in the old high school building, on the McDowell Elementary School campus. For further information, call Clara Johnson, director, at 377-2678. The McDowell FRC provides services to all MES students and their families, regardless of income.

### Mountain Christian Academy

\*Tuition assistance and bus transportation is available. For more information or a tour of the school, call 285-5141 or 285-5142.

\*Call 285-5141, Mon. thru Fri., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\*MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian

school.

### Prestonsburg Elementary and Resource Center

\*Feb. 26 thru March 7 - Book Fair.

\*Feb. 27 - Classroom group pictures.

\*March 4 - Family Read Night, 6-7 p.m., in library.

\*March 8 - "Fun Fair for Expectant and New Parents," 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the MAC. Floyd County expectant parents and parents of children up to one year old invited to attend.

\*April 10 - "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the MAC. Parents/guardians of students enrolled in Floyd County Schools invited.

\*The Family Resource Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and later by appointment. Office provides services for all families, regardless of income.

\*After-School Child Care: 3-6 p.m.

\*School hours: 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.

\*Call 886-7088 for information and referrals regarding GED classes, preschool child care, and other programs or services offered to the community. Reminder: The Floyd County Health Dept. offers services through the AMS Youth Services Center. Call the AMS Center at 886-1297 to schedule appointments for WIC, HeadStart, Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams from birth to 18 years.

### South Floyd Youth Services Center

\*Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on South Floyd campus on Mondays; Mt. Comp Care counselor will be on campus on Tuesdays. If you need to speak with either counselor, contact the SFYSC.

\*SFHS and SFMS Parent Volunteer training held throughout the year. Watch for dates TBA.

\*Juniors and Seniors will attend the pre-Prom program at the MAC in May.

\*Parents needing assistance with daycare may contact Mable Hall for information, or the "A Step Ahead" daycare center, at 452-1100.

\*Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

\*The center has a one-stop career station satellite that is available to the community as well as students.

\*All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

\*For more information call 452-9600 or 452-9607, ext. 243 or 153.

### Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

\*Yearbooks are \$22 and are on sale in school office.

\*Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

\*The Mud Creek FRYSC is located on the right, by the school gymnasium. Services are offered to all families, regardless of income. For

more information, call Anita Tackett, center coordinator at 587-2233.

### W.D. Osborne Family Resource Center

\*Healthy Floyd County 2010 Oral Health/Dental Initiative Program: Hygienist scheduled to be at Osborne Elementary on Monday's and Friday's throughout Feb. and March to provide dental treatment for participating students.

\*Lost and Found is located in the Family Resource Center. Items not claimed within three weeks become the property of the FRC.

\*The FRC accepts donations of children's clothing, shoes, belts, book bags, etc. May be used but need to be in good condition. Donated items will be appreciated and utilized by OES students.

\*The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing

more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

### Wesley Christian School

\*WCS Learning Center accepts toddlers, preschool age (2-4). Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

\*For more information about Wesley Christian School, call 874-8328.

### Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

Monday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - McDowell FRC; Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Martin Comm. Ctr.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.

Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.

9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Dixie Apartments.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC; Mud Creek Clinic; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Ctr.; Martin Community Ctr.

Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Martin Comm. Ctr.; Auxier Learning Ctr.; BSCTC.

1-4:30 p.m. - Layne House; BSCTC; Floyd County Jail.

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - BSCTC.

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Weeksbury CC.

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC.

1-4:30 p.m. - BSCTC.

Kay Hale Ross - Manager of Adult Education, 886-7334

Lisa Pellrey - Assistant, 886-7397

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# Big Sandy CTC students recycle

The Pikeville Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) is participating in the recycling efforts of the Pike County Recycling Center. Each semester, students in the Introduction to Business class participate in the effort by collecting acceptable materials and placing them in the recycling containers provided by the Pike County Recycling Center on the By-Pass. Dr. Phyllis Puffer, BSCTC faculty member, is working with the recycling efforts on the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and has worked with both the Pikeville and the Prestonsburg Campuses.

Center supervisor, was the guest speaker in Associate Professor Paula Thompson's class on February 5, 2008. He toured the Pikeville Campus and assisted the students in their collection. The Pike County Recycling Center is located on Johns Creek, and is helping in the efforts to preserve our forests and saving tax payers money by getting paid for the recycled material instead of having to pay the city to have the materials taken to the landfill.

Randall Roberts, Campus Coordinator for the BSCTC Pikeville Campus, said "I am so proud of our students at the Pikeville Campus. Recycling is a fine example of their commitment to the community."



Students pictured are: Christen Rose, Clifton Ryan Reed, William Freebody, Daniel Thomas, Corey Pinson, Ashley Whitt, and Lesley Case. Bobby Mullins, Recycling Center supervisor, and Paula Thompson, Associate Professor of Business.

# Rosenberg addresses Chamber on dangers of secondhand smoke

The Floyd County Health Department's community organizer, Jean Rosenberg, recently spoke at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce meeting at Jenny Wiley State Park, held earlier. Rosenberg spoke on the topic "Your Right to Breathe Clean Air." She reminded Chamber members that exposure to indoor air pollution from secondhand smoke in Floyd County restaurants and other business establishments is an important local public health issue. Inhaled secondhand

smoke from a lighted cigarette is classified as a class A carcinogen by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the same classification as asbestos. The US Surgeon General has declared that there is NO safe level of secondhand smoke. Even short exposures to secondhand smoke (5 minutes or less) can be harmful. She urged every Chamber of Commerce member to initiate and support smoke-free policies in their businesses.

Since adult smoking rates

in Kentucky (28.5%) rank among the highest in the U.S. (US rate 20%), and since the Floyd County smoking rate (33.1%) is markedly higher than the Kentucky rate, the risk of exposure to secondhand smoke is higher in Floyd County than in most areas of Kentucky and the U.S. Since exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of heart disease and lung cancer, the high levels of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke in Floyd County are probably important causes of

the county's high rates of these leading causes of death.

Rosenberg emphasized that although many restaurant and business owners believe that the establishment of "No Smoking" sections protects customers and workers from exposure to toxic secondhand smoke, research has shown that tobacco smoke readily migrates from the smoking area to the non-smoking area. Rosenberg distributed the Save Lives, Save Money: Make Your Business Smoke-Free publication from the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov/tobacco) It reported that the courts are increasingly holding business owners liable for employee illnesses that may be related to exposure to second hand smoke in the work place.

Rosenberg reported that there are 11 Kentucky communities and 4 counties that have enacted smoke-free ordinances/regulations including neighboring Paintsville, Pikeville, and Letcher County. An effort to overturn the Letcher County smoke-free ordinance last fall was met with overwhelming citizen outcry in favor of maintaining their comprehensive smoke-free ordinance.

A major Floyd County Smoke-Free success story is the experience of the Prestonsburg Dairy Cheer restaurant that went smoke-free last March as part of the County's "Kick Butts Day" events. Although many business owners fear that they will lose business if they go Smoke-Free, Dairy Cheer owners report that their business actually increased after they went Smoke-Free.

Rosenberg concluded her presentation by asking Chamber members to display the free Health Department "Breathe Easy Smoke Free" stickers in their businesses. She also offered Health Department assistance to develop workplace smoke-free policies and workplace smoking cessation classes for employees. The Health Department is asking the Chamber to endorse a resolution in support of its public health activities to promote city and county-wide smoke-free ordinances in Floyd County.

## Eyes

away, but a rattly chest and nagging cough remain. Not to mention that I can't hear thunder.

Yes, my ears - it's like someone stuffed them full of silly putty while I was asleep. And I hate it. I feel like I'm lost in a fog or as though I've been trapped in a time warp. I can hear just enough to be aware that some form of life is continuing around me, but I feel quite alienated from

it all. Hearing loss is, as my good friend Mr. Goble will also attest, quite a disability, indeed.

Hopefully, mine is temporary and in due time, with proper rest and medication (yeah, right, like I ever get that!), my ears will turn back on.

In the meantime, if you see me around, just ignore me. Talking to me right now

will get you just about as far as wasting your time talking to a tree. Come to think of it, I believe my dear departed mother used to say that about me even when I could hear...

Oh, well, until next week, I hope the flu bug doesn't get to bite you. But if it does, take cover quickly, because folks, the one running around out there this season is of a very nasty sort.

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## Diva

U is for ugly fruit. Yes there is such a thing as ugly fruit. Google it and you'll see why! This great big baggy looking thing is a heavyweight, and yes, that means juicy. A citrus fruit that also will give you high points in vitamin C and fiber.

And V is for Valencia oranges, great for juicing and delicious for eating. Not as popular as the thicker rinded navel orange, it is this writer's opinion (and being a California native has certainly influenced it), that Valencia's are more flavorful than navels.

W is for watermelon. Surprised? Well, not just your garden variety watermelon, but those cute little seedless guys, about

the size of a cantaloupe. These extra juicy, extra flavorful watermelons pack about 25% of your daily value of vitamin C and only 80 calories in a 2 cup serving.

X...eek. X. Well, X is for xray, xylophone and xtra special. That's all I have for X.

Y is for Yuzu, also known as Japanese citrus. This bright yellow, orange-y looking citrus fruit contains a lot of pips (seeds) and is quite tart, with a tangerine, grapefruit-esque flavor. Yuzu can be used in place of lemon wedges or juice to add tart flavor to iced tea, seafood and salad dressings.

Z is for Zinfandel grapes, a deep,

blue-black grape bursting with flavor and that same blessed resveratrol, the antioxidant known for its cancer fighting properties. One is most likely to partake of zinfandel in a glass, but as they say, life is too short for cheap wine!

A Votre Sante! Enjoy your fruit, y'all!

For more help putting dinner on your table check out Leanne's website, www.SavingDinner.com, or her Saving Dinner Book series (Ballantine) and her New York Times Best Selling book Body Clutter (Fireside). Copyright 2008; Leanne Ely. Used by permission in this publication.

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## Fly Lady

too. We have all had people in our lives who suck the life right out of us. You may be with someone right now that is toxic to you. You may have a friend that uses you to make themselves feel superior. You may be struggling with an abuse situation that you hope and pray will get better. They don't get better. They get worse. This abuse can mean a lot of things: physical, emo-

tional, sexual, drug, alcohol and financial.

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ish attitude. It is all about self preservation. This type of clutter is going to destroy your spirit.

Accept that you made a mistake! Forgive yourself and cut your losses by decluttering. In business, if you lose a nickel on everything you sell and you sell a million of them; you are losing a million nickels. Stop the blood-letting!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, Sink Reflections published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter published by Fireside. Copyright 2007 Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

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# Rental Central

by TOM DOTY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

Four excellent dramas provided an armload of rental options for viewers this week as three Oscar hopefuls hit the racks.

"Michael Clayton" — A law firm brings in their closer when a class action case appears in jeopardy. George Clooney stars as the top-notch lawyer brought on to fix the damage when a fellow attorney suffers a crisis of conscience. This is a razor sharp drama that features A-1 performances from the aforementioned Clooney as well as Tom Wilkinson (as the attorney appearing to be on the verge of a mental breakdown) and Tilda Swinton (transferring her ice queen character from "The Chronicle of Narnia" to modern times as a ruthless litigator).

"In the Valley of Elah" — Tommy

Lee Jones stars in this thriller as a parent whose son goes AWOL after returning from the war in Iraq. He enlists the aid of a detective when the pieces don't fit together, which include a cover-up of something that his son witnessed (and may have taken part in) during the war. Charlize Theron costars as the detective and the rich cast also includes James Franco, Susan Sarandon and Jason Patric.

"American Gangster" — Ridley Scott ("Black Rain") returned to the crime thriller with this crackerjack effort that details the painfully protracted task of gathering evidence against a drug dealer. Russell Crowe is in fine form as the leader of a narcotics squad that has its work cut out for them when they train their sights on a Harlem drug kingpin with ties to Asia. Denzel Washington stars as their prey and gets ample support from Ruby Dee (as his mother) and Josh Brolin ("No

Country for Old Men") as a corrupt cop. This one is more of a drama but there are a few well executed (and utterly realistic) action sequences.

"Margot at the Wedding" — Director Noah Baumbach ("The Squid and the Whale") wrote and directed this dark drama that observes the reunion of two sisters when one announces she is getting married. Nicole Kidman and Jennifer Jason Leigh stars as the siblings, with Jack Black as Leigh's intended. This one has a lot of layers and demands repeated viewings. It tackles some intense subjects (pedophilia for one) and the actors deliver, which is no surprise for the women here, but fans of Black are in for a good time as he proves capable of handling the mature material.

Next week things are looking up with the release of "Beowulf" and "30 Days of Night."

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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**  
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**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.

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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.

# Casino proposal hits snag halfway through legislative session

by ROGER ALFORD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Discord among House lawmakers is slowing a proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky.

One of the issues dividing legislators is whether voters in communities where casinos would locate should have the right to turn them away, or whether that decision should be left to locally elected officials.

A House committee faced with three separate casino proposals adjourned on Wednesday without taking any action.

Antigambling advocates were heartened by what the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper terms "a cat fight" among lawmakers.

"The more they argue

among themselves, the more it delays the progress of any bill," said Kemper, head of the Kentucky Council of Churches, which has been lobbying against casinos. "This is kind of shooting themselves in the foot, again."

State Rep. Darryl Owens, chairman of the House committee, said Wednesday's turn of events isn't necessarily a sign that the proposal is languishing.

"I don't want to attach any significance to it," Owens said.

Although Kentucky has a long history of wagering on horse races, the state's constitution bans casinos. Gov. Steve Beshear unveiled a much-anticipated proposal last week to change the constitution to allow 12 casinos to open across the state, seven of

which could be built at horse tracks. One of the new proposals would guarantee no casinos at horse tracks. Another would allow up to five at horse tracks.

Beshear said casino gambling could generate up to \$600 million a year in additional tax revenues for Kentucky's cash-strapped government, which faces a \$900 million shortfall over the next two fiscal years.

House lawmakers gave Beshear's plan a lukewarm response. Some said the plan calls for too many casinos. Others believe residents of communities where the casinos would open should have the right to turn them away through local ballot referendums.

Kemper said lawmakers have traditionally been sharply

divided on the casino issue — a situation that has played in favor of opponents.

"We always felt like we haven't had to fight real hard to get it defeated, because they defeat it themselves," she said.

Opponents, however, are taking nothing for granted. Some 200 members of Women Against Gambling Expansion gathered at the Capitol on Tuesday to express their displeasure with the casino proposal. Others have also rallied against the proposal, including a group of black ministers who said allowing casinos into the state would lead to broken homes and broken lives.

Democratic state Rep. Joni Jenkins, chairwoman of a subcommittee studying the gambling issue, proposed a measure on Tuesday that would allow no more than nine casinos to open, but only with approval of voters in the communities where they would be located. State Rep. Larry

Clark, D-Louisville, introduced a third option on Wednesday calling for the same number of casinos as Jenkins but deleting language about voter approval in the various communities. His bill said approval would be given by local governing bodies, whether city councils or county commissions.

Owens said he doesn't plan to reconvene the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee until next Tuesday, after lawmakers have had time to study three separate casino

proposals now under consideration.

"This gives them time to consider it, and hopefully come back and we'll take some definitive action," he said.

Beshear said he expects members of the House committee to reach agreement and bring the matter up for a vote quickly. He said the latest proposal for nine casinos is acceptable to him.

"I think there is more angst over the language than probably there should be," he said. "With a little tweaking, I think everything will be OK."

## Beef

safety.

"From the dock to the tray," Fish said, "we follow what we call the HACCP plan. That stands for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points."

From on-the-spot inspections of delivery trucks to continuous temperature checks of both stored and prepared food items, Fish says that her

department maintains a high standard of food safety procedures.

"We're held to a much higher standard than even restaurants are," she said. "Primarily because our main duty is to feed children. Because of that, we have to be extra careful ... and we are."

In regard to the recent

recall, Fish said that the system of checks and balances they maintain on a routine basis helped them when they learned of the recall status.

"We always check everything very carefully," she said. "One of our most used mottos is 'When in doubt, throw it out.' We don't take chances with our children's safety."

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## Court

appeared in court to plead guilty to a charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance. But upon being questioned by the judge, Tackett had difficulty remembering if he had been drinking the previous weekend.

Tackett, who had been out on bond for the possession charge, was reportedly arrested Saturday for alcohol intoxication. Turner said Tackett must have thought the judge would not notice the inmate jumpsuit he was wearing.

Tackett said he had only been "around some friends who were drinking," to which Judge Caudill became upset and offered Tackett a few moments with his attorney to amend his story.

"An attitude adjustment is necessary," Caudill said after Tackett admitted to being in violation of his bond.

According to Turner, Tackett's plea agreement was changed to give him six months in jail. "He would have just received probation had he not messed up."

Four other guilty pleas were entered on drug charges during Wednesday's pretrial hearings. Irvin Marsillett, 57, of Auxier, and Kevin Coburn, 23, of Garrett, each pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, and Deanna Thomas pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.

Michael Blocker, 40, of

Ivel, also entered a guilty plea on two counts of possession of a forged prescription and two counts of fraud in obtaining controlled substance prescriptions.

No agreement was reached in the case of Steve Peters, 47, of Mississippi, who is charged with three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor and one count of tampering with physical evidence. Peters' trial is set to begin on May 14.

A trial date for Gerald Johnson was set for May 6. Johnson is charged with theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools, and a persistent felony order.

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## Health

school suspension, will be referred to an approved certified tobacco education and cessation after-school program. A third violation of the policy will be referred to district court, where students and parents will be financially responsible for all fines and costs.

According to Jane Bond, public health services coordinator with the Floyd County Health Department, the department offers the Cooper Clayton smoking cessation classes on a regular basis and works with local schools on their tobacco policies.

"We're active in getting Prestonsburg city hall to go smoke-free, as well as several restaurants," Bond said.

According to Bond, the Floyd County Courthouse is scheduled to go smoke-free on March 1.

Another problem facing Floyd County is the prevalence of obesity. According to the study, "The estimated annual obesity-attributed medical expenditures for Kentucky alone stood at \$1.1 billion in 2004, with \$340 million paid by Medicaid." Thirty-one percent of Floyd County adults reportedly suffer from obesity.

Bond says the Health Department is a Diabetes Center of Excellence that offers diabetes information and education to persons with diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is a common effect of obesity, and contributes to the overall poor mortality rate of Floyd County. "Floyd County Health Department has a nutritionist on staff who is available for counseling for weight loss, diabetes and other conditions," Bond said, "We work with one school in an after-school program for fitness and nutrition twice weekly for 10 weeks."

According to Beverly Crisman, community educa-

tion liaison with the Floyd County Board of Education, schools currently have several programs aimed at fighting obesity in schools.

One factor consistent with Floyd County's issue with obesity is the lack of physical activity by adults, which according to the report, 41 percent of local adults report participating in no physical activity.

The study also examines the impacts of education and poverty on medical trends.

Floyd County is still well behind the national average in both high school graduation and per capita income levels. According to the KIM study, 61 percent of Floyd County adults over 25 have attained a high school diploma, and the county's average income is barely over \$21,000 a year.

Floyd County schools have engaged in many proactive practices focusing on attendance and assessment, and according to Crisman the last two years have seen significant increases in the graduation rate to approximately 83 percent in 2006.

KIM suggests, "To improve Floyd County's health status community leaders must add to the county's strengths in primary care physician supply, access to prenatal care, and child immunization coverage."

Also, "Campaigns to promote the importance of healthy eating habits and routine participation in common activities such as gardening and walking can help improve these factors."

The report is not all gloom and doom, however. There are some perks to living in Floyd County. According to the report, only one person per 100,000 residents will suffer from serious infectious disease, such as AIDS, hepatitis and tuberculosis, compared to

23 in the national average. Also the number of violent crime offenses is half the national average.

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# FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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## Miners-Explosion game moved to Saturday

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE – Fans planning a trip to Pittsburgh to cheer on the East Kentucky Miners in a CBA American Conference matchup will have an extra day to prepare for their journey. The East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game slated for Friday, Feb. 22 has been moved to Saturday, Feb. 23 due to the Carrie Underwood concert scheduled for the Peterson Events Center – Pittsburgh's home arena. Following the scheduling conflict, tip-off for Saturday's East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game is set for 7:05 p.m.

East Kentucky is scheduled to travel to Atlanta for games Sunday, Feb. 24 and Monday, Feb. 25. The move of the East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game may affect one

or both of the away dates in Atlanta. If dates and times for either or both of the East Kentucky-Atlanta games are adjusted to accommodate travel schedules, updated information on the conference matchups will be released as soon as it is made available.

East Kentucky has won three of its last four games. The Miners (21-20) are currently fourth in the very competitive American Conference.

All of East Kentucky's remaining home games will be played as scheduled at the East Kentucky Expo Center. East Kentucky has three regular-season home games remaining on its schedule: Thursday, Feb. 28 – Oklahoma, 7:05 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 29 – Oklahoma, 7:05 p.m.; Sunday, March 2 – Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.

Various tickets remain available for the final three home games in the East Kentucky professional basketball team's inaugural season. For more information on tickets, call the Miners office at 606/437-9715.

**CBA AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

Team	Record
Minot	30-10
Pittsburgh	22-18
East Kentucky	21-20
Albany	19-18
Atlanta	9-28



PIARIST SCHOOL senior basketball players Zach Parsons, Caleb Hoskins and Robyn Warrix were recently honored on Senior Night.

## It's coming: March Madness looms, hoops fans

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

I'll tell you what you do. You know that calendar on the wall? The one with the big pretty picture on the top and all the squares on the bottom?

That one. Throw it away. It's wrong. Or at least it's about to be.

That one on your cell phone too. Well, wait a minute. Don't throw it away. Those things are fairly expensive, you know. So keep it. But the calendar part? Just ignore it. It's wrong. Or at least it's about to be.

Regardless of what your calendar says – the one on the wall or your cell phone or the one with quotes from The Office that sits on your desk – March is here. Or at least it's about to be.

See, when you come in to work on Monday, there'll be a quote from Michael or Jim or Dwight K. Schrute and it'll probably be funny, but the date on it will be wrong. The calendar will tell you it's still February.

But don't you believe it. I'm here to tell you that come Monday, as sure as your name is what it is, it'll be March.

That's right. March will start about five days before the calendar says this year. It starts on Monday, and by the time the rest of the world catches up, we'll be nearly a week ahead of them.

Trust me when I say. I know what I'm getting at here.

And if you don't believe me, just drive out some night next week to Shelby Valley. Or to Allen Central. Or to Phelps. Or to Salyersville. You'll see.

In this commonwealth, we don't need no stinkin' calendar to tell us when March comes.

All we need is some madness.

It'll start Monday night in Salyersville, and in Phelps. It hits the Robinson Creek area and Right Beaver on Tuesday. And it'll last for the next four weeks.

There's one more thing about it, by the way.

It demands your attention.

I don't care for whom you pull. Perhaps it's 23-3 Paintsville or the 20-5 Pike Central Lady Hawks. Or maybe your team is the 0-21 girls from Piarist or the two-win boys from South Floyd.

Doesn't matter. All that is necessary is that you get out and pull for your local school. Cheer for them while you have visions

(See MARCH, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Host Prestonsburg was outscored in each of the first three quarters Tuesday night in a home game versus longtime rival Paintsville.

## Tigers too much for Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Playing on its homefloor for the final time in the 2007-08 season Tuesday night, host Prestonsburg couldn't completely slow down 15th Region powerhouse Paintsville. The Tigers outscored host Prestonsburg in each of the first three quarters on their way to an 80-66 win.

Landon Slone led the way for visiting Paintsville (23-3). The senior guard scored a game-high 29

points for the Tigers. Shane Grimm scored 24 points and J.D. VanHoose added 12 for the talented Paintsville team.

All of Paintsville's scoring came from seniors. Jeremy Pack pushed in nine points and Blake Bundy added six for the Tigers.

Paintsville outscored Prestonsburg 23-16 in the opening quarter and carried a 41-29 lead into half-time.

Jordan Hall paced Prestonsburg (8-18) with a team-best 20 points. Four

different Blackcats reached double figures in the scoring column. Sophomore Michael Burchett ranked as Prestonsburg's second-leading scorer, finishing with 17 points. Seniors Nathaniel Stephens and Taylor Clark also reached double figures in the scoring column. Stephens scored 12 points and Clark added 10 for the Blackcats.

Austin Gearheart and Jody Tackett rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring. Gearheart scored four points and Tackett tossed in three for the host

Blackcats.

Paintsville outscored Prestonsburg 14-12 in the third quarter.

PAINTSVILLE 80, PRESTONSBURG 66  
PAINTSVILLE (23-3) – Slone 29, VanHoose 12, Bundy 6, Grimm 24, Pack 9.

PRESTONSBURG (8-18) – Burchett 17, Hall 20, Stephens 12, Tackett 3, Clark 10, Gearheart 4.  
P'ville..23 18 14 25-80  
P'burg..16 13 12 25-66

## P'burg football program releases '08 schedule

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Prestonsburg High School football coach John DeRossett will guide the Blackcats out onto the gridiron in the 2008 season against familiar foes from the 2007 campaign. The 2008 slate mirrors the 2007 docket for the Blackcats. Prestonsburg will again open the season versus Floyd County rival Betsy Layne. The Blackcats will host Betsy Layne on Friday, Aug. 29 in the second annual Joe P. Tackett Gridiron Classic. Named in honor of longtime Blackcat football supporter Joe P. Tackett, the Gridiron Classic will serve as a season-opener for tradition-rich Prestonsburg.

The Blackcats are due to host six opponents as part of the 2008 season.

Prestonsburg has additional home games on tap versus Breathitt County (Sept. 5); Morgan County (Sept. 26, Homecoming); Paintsville (Oct. 3, Alumni Weekend); Pikeville (Oct. 17); Shelby Valley (Oct. 31, Senior Night).

The Blackcats have road games set versus Bath County (Sept. 12); Lawrence County (Sept. 19); Beechwood (Oct. 10) and Perry County Central (Nov. 7).

Prestonsburg finished the 2007 season 9-4. The Blackcats fell to DuPont Manual in a region title game. Prestonsburg, a perennial Class 2A top 10 team throughout last season, posted wins over Betsy Layne, Bath County, Lawrence County, Morgan County (2), Paintsville, Pikeville and Shelby Valley (2).



Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett is set to guide the Blackcats into the 2008 season.

## Jackson claims second player of the week honor

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE – The Continental Basketball Association announced earlier in the week that East Kentucky Miners forward James "Boo" Jackson had earned the CBA American Conference Player of the Week award for the week ending February 17, 2008. This is the second time Jackson has won the award this season. It's the third time East Kentucky has had one of its players receive league-wide notice.

Syracuse product Josh Pace won the weekly award at the beginning of the season.

Jackson – a 6-9 forward from Eastern Michigan – was at or near the

top of the Miners' scoring list last week in a tough four-game stretch. On Monday, Feb. 11, in East Kentucky's victory over Pittsburgh, Jackson scored 27 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. He followed that up with two excellent games in Great Falls, hitting a franchise-high 40 points as part of a Friday night win over the Explorers. Jackson tossed in 25 points in the rematch against Great Falls the next day. Finishing out the week in a Sunday night road win over the Albany Patrons, Jackson recorded a very productive double-double of 26 points and 16 rebounds.

Other players under consideration for the American Conference weekly award included Chaz McCrommon,

Pittsburgh; Bilal Simmons, Atlanta; DayShawn Wright, Albany; and Ray Cunningham, Minot.

Oklahoma Cavalry forward Daryan Selvy was named CBA National Conference Player of the Week for the week ending February 17, 2008. This is the second time that Selvy has won the National Conference award. He was previously honored Dec. 3, 2007.

The East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game slated for Friday, Feb. 22 has been moved to Saturday, Feb. 23 due to the Carrie Underwood concert scheduled for the Peterson Events Center – Pittsburgh's home arena. Tip-off for Saturday's East Kentucky-Pittsburgh game is set for 7:05 p.m.



James "Boo" Jackson has claimed his second CBA American Conference Player of the Week award.

## Rebels outlast Pikeville, 63-59

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN – Four of five Allen Central starters reached double figures scoring Tuesday night as the host Rebels defeated Pikeville at J.E. Campbell Arena in a rematch of a 15th Region semifinals battle waged last March.

Junior Josh Prater scored a team-high 18 points to lead the Rebels past the Panthers.

Allen Central outscored Pikeville 15-11 in the opening quarter. Pikeville, however, outscored Allen Central 18-13 in the second quarter en route to a 29-28 halftime advantage.

Senior Aaron Crum and sophomore Logan Crowder scored 14 points apiece as part of a balanced Allen Central offensive effort. Alex Hammonds also reached double figure scoring for the Rebels. Hammonds netted 12 points for host Allen Central.

Hunter Crowder rounded out the Allen Central scoring, adding five points.

The Rebels regained the lead in the third quarter, outscoring Pikeville 20-18. The game shaped up to be a very competitive 15th Region contest.

The victory was Allen Central's fourth straight win.

Three different Pikeville players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Allen Central outscored Pikeville 15-12 in the final quarter.

AC 63, PIKEVILLE 59  
PIKEVILLE (16-9) – Clevenger 12, Honaker 12, Adams 9, Baker 2, Keene 5, Branham 19.

ALLEN CENTRAL (18-8) – Hammonds 12, Crum 14, Prater 18, L. Crowder 14, H. Crowder 5.

Pikeville..11 18 18 12-59  
AC.....15 13 20 15-63

## Caleb Hoskins scores career-high 50 points

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

MARTIN – Piarist School senior Caleb Hoskins scored 50 points against St. Francis at Riverside Saturday. St. Francis defeated Piarist 100-63.

The effort has placed Hoskins in the top scoring position for the statewide rankings. He is now averaging 26.9 points per game. The Piarist Knight's effort on the boards has also placed him in the top-five in rebounding statewide. Hoskins has broken many school records at the Piarist School. He is on pace to own all of the Piarist School boys' basketball records by the end of the 2007-2008 basketball season.



CALEB HOSKINS

# Auto racing glance

## Sprint Cup, Nationwide drivers headed to California for races

by BRIAN KACHARABA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

### NASCAR SPRINT CUP Auto Club 500

Site: Fontana, Calif.  
Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 6:30 p.m.); Sunday, race (FOX, 3:30 p.m.).

Track: California Speedway (D-shaped oval, 2 miles, 14 degrees banking in turns).  
Race distance: 500 miles, 250 laps.

**Last race:** Ryan Newman snapped an 81-race winless streak, using a huge push from teammate Kurt Busch to give car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona 500 victory. Penske, the most successful owner in open wheel history with 14 wins in the prestigious Indianapolis 500, now has his first victory in NASCAR's showcase event in 23 years.

**Last year:** With crew chief Robbie Reiser back home in North Carolina on a NASCAR-enforced absence from the racetrack, Matt Kenseth drove the Roush Fenway Racing Ford to the front and his veteran crew gave him a series of sparkling pit stops, including a very fast one near the end of the Auto Club 500 that put him into the lead for good. Kenseth, who got caught up in the last-lap melee the previous week at the Daytona 500 and wound up 27th after starting that lap in third, stayed away from trouble this time and took the lead with the fast stop during a caution 23 laps from the finish.

**Fast facts:** The Daytona 500 winner has gone on to win that season's championship nine times in Cup history. ... Kenseth is seeking his third consecutive February win at Fontana. ... Hendrick drivers had a tough afternoon at Daytona. Defending champion Jimmie Johnson finished 27th following a late spinout, Jeff Gordon was 39th with suspension problems and Casey Mears placed 35th after hitting the wall. ... Johnson won the last Fontana race on Sept. 2. ... Kyle Busch's first career win took place at California and gave him the distinction of being the youngest driver ever to win a Cup race, which still stands. He has recorded five straight top-five finishes at

Fontana. ... Chevrolets claimed seven of the top 10 spots in last year's race. ... Gordon won two of the first three Cup races at California from 1997-99 and again in 2004. ... A polesitter has never won through the first 15 Cup races at California.

Next race: UAW-Dodge 400, March 2, Las Vegas  
On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

### NASCAR NATIONWIDE Stater Bros. 300

Site: Fontana, Calif.  
Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 12:30 p.m.), race (ESPN2, 7 p.m.).

Track: California Speedway (D-shaped oval, 2 miles, 14 degrees banking in turns).  
Race distance: 300 miles, 150 laps.

**Last race:** Tony Stewart turned the tables on Hendrick Motorsports to win the Nationwide Series opener. Stewart and teammate Kyle Busch finished 1-2 Saturday, combining to hold off Dale Earnhardt Jr., who finished third. The Joe Gibbs Racing teammates showed they have learned some important lessons about cooperation from the drivers at Hendrick, the team that fired Busch to make room for Earnhardt Jr.

**Last year:** Matt Kenseth took control in the closing laps at California Speedway, driving off with his fourth Nationwide victory in 12 tries on the 2-mile oval. Casey Mears grabbed second place 12 laps from the end and gave a big effort to try to catch Kenseth, but he still finished about five lengths behind.

**Fast facts:** Jeff Burton won the last Nationwide event at Fontana on Sept. 1 and has top-10 finishes in each of his last three starts at the track. ... Busch finished third and second, respectively, in the two Nationwide races at Fontana last year. ... Rookie Bryan Clauson finished a career-best sixth at Daytona last weekend after failing to place higher than 18th in any of his five starts in 2007. ... Jason Leffler has just two top-10 finishes in eight career starts at the track despite winning the pole in 2004. ... No polesitter has ever won at Fontana, which spans 15 races.

Next event: Sam's Town 300, March 1, Las Vegas

On the Net: <http://www.nascar.com>

# Winning Colors, last filly to win Kentucky Derby, dies at 23

by BETH CAMPBELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Winning Colors, the 1988 Kentucky Derby winner who was the last filly to win the race, has died, Gainesway Thoroughbred Farm said Monday. She was 23.

The roan mare was euthanized Sunday after a bout with colic and buried in Lexington at Greentree Farm, which is now part of Gainesway, Gainesway Vice President Charlie Aker said.

As a 3-year-old, Winning Colors thrilled Derby watchers when she led wire to wire under Gary Stevens, defeating Forty Niner. She also won the Grade I Santa Anita Derby and Santa Anita Oaks that year and finished with eight wins, three seconds and a third. Her earnings totaled \$1,526,837, the farm said.

Her win at Santa Anita helped Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who bought Winning Colors as a yearling at Keeneland for the late Eugene Klein, decide she could compete with the colts at the Derby.

"She started out dominating competition in her own sex pretty handily, and we then decided that we would step out of the box and try her in the Santa Anita Derby," he told The Associated Press on Monday night.

"When she won ... she was one of the best 3-year-olds in the nation," he said. "From there, we decided we were going to try it."

She was the third filly to win the Derby, after Regret in 1915 and Genuine Risk in 1980.

Gainesway purchased her in 1989 for \$4 million, one of the farm's first big broodmare purchases, Aker said.

She left a 2-year-old by Orientate in training and a yearling filly by Mr. Greeley at the farm, Gainesway general manager Neil Howard said.

Her Derby win was "really special" to Lukas. She was the first of four Derby winners for him.

"The Derby winner always captivates the imagination of the race fan," he said. "But being a filly and beating the colts made it even sweeter."

One of Winning Colors' second-place finishes was in the 1988 Breeders' Cup Distaff, where she led until the end, when Personal Ensign edged ahead to win by inches and retire undefeated in 13 starts.

"If you look back through the history books, (that is) one of the great races of all times," Lukas said.



THE PAINTSVILLE TIGERS won their 23rd game Tuesday night, defeating Prestonsburg at The Fieldhouse.

# BMS adds 10 new members to Fan Advisory Board

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Ten new members have been chosen to serve on Bristol Motor Speedway's Fan Advisory Board for 2008.

Geared toward better serving the hundreds of thousands of spectators who visit "The World's Fastest Half-Mile" each year, Bristol Motor Speedway's Fan Advisory Board, that was formed last year, consists of a group of loyal fans who provide feedback and offer new ideas that will aid in the growth and development of the Speedway and its ability to exceed expectations by delivering the ultimate fan experience.

The newest members were chosen from nearly 500 applications. Joining the Fan Advisory Board is Wade Robinson (Madison, Miss.), Amy Cartwright (Chillicothe, Ohio), Pamela Hicks (Ft. Recovery, Ohio), Michael Sims (Bluff City, Tenn.), Bryan Gawronski (Buffalo, N.Y.), Jennifer Berry (Abingdon, Va.), Rusty Little (Greenville, S.C.), Kelley Ziegler (Yellville, Ark.), Don Freels (Vandalia, Ohio) and Bobby McCoy (Oak Ridge, Tenn.)

Via online message boards and annual meetings, the Fan Advisory Board targets visible issues, identifies challenges and presents ideas to enhance and better the "Bristol Experience." To insure all fans have the opportunity to play an active role, those who are not a part of the board can directly communicate with FAB members by utilizing the Speedway's online message board.

"Our Fan Advisory Board proved to be very beneficial last year, confirming our belief that lis-

tening to our fans is extremely important," said Jeff Byrd, BMS president and general manager. "We know 2008 will see even more positive interaction that will lead to a better Bristol experience for all."

The board will carry 40 members throughout the year. Fan Advisory Board correspondence and meetings include Bristol senior level management to ensure action items are executed in the vision of the fans and the board. Board members will serve a term that includes three NASCAR race weekends at BMS.

Byrd adds, "It is imperative that our fans realize we welcome them to contact us directly. However, the Fan Advisory Board gives fans a chance to discuss relevant topics among themselves and it also provides with an immediate sounding board that aids us in the decision-making process."

Board meetings take place during NASCAR event weekends at Bristol Motor Speedway for board members in attendance. The online message board serves as an ongoing open line of communication and involvement/activity is unlimited. Throughout the year, a series of teleconferences also take place in which board members actively participate in meetings via phone.

Ben Trout, the Speedway's director of marketing, introduced the idea of the Fan Advisory Board to BMS management after researching other major sporting teams who have similar boards in place. "We've always placed an emphasis on communicating and interacting with our fans, and this is just a natural extension of that philosophy," said Trout.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Amber Shepherd,  
Allen Central  
Girls' Basketball

Josh Prater,  
Allen Central  
Boys' Basketball

## March

of the days of yesteryear when you wore the same jersey.

These young men and women have been out there playing their tails off all winter and deserve your attention. They deserve your respect. They haven't been lying on the couch watching strike-shortened seasons of Grey's Anatomy or Earl. They haven't been developing their mad skills at the latest rendition of Guitar Hero or Madden.

They've been out there working on their jumper and trying to perfect their coaches' version of the 2-3 defense.

Beginning Monday, they'll be out there for all to see, perhaps for the final time. Other than Pikeville's Lady Panthers — Congratulations, Coach Stuart — nobody is assured of playing in the Expo Center in 10 days. We have our picks, the ones we think will be there, but we don't know for sure.

Many of these athletes will play for the final time in a competitive, organized contest next week. Some will live to see another day. But this rite of passage has been going on for decades in our wonderful state, and it begins anew next

week.

We wish all of them the best of luck. Depending on their district layout, it's possible they're only one upset from the regional tournament. Or perhaps they have the pressure of the top seed on their shoulders.

Either way, they need your help carrying their burden. Get out and support them.

Then come home, pull down that calendar and toss it in the trash. Starting Monday, the calendar's wrong.

March comes a little early this year. Let's get out and enjoy it while we can.

# 15TH REGION BASKETBALL



PRESTONSBURG PLAYERS looked on Tuesday night prior to the start of the 15th Region matchup versus Paintsville.



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners  
FLOYD COUNTY NATIVE KEVIN KEATHLEY has the East Kentucky Miners up to third-place in the CBA American Conference standings. Keathley is the youngest professional basketball coach in the country.



# SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



If you are the sports fan circled here...  
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If you are the sports fan circled, you are entitled to a free 8-inch ice cream cake of your choice, redeemable at DAIRY QUEEN OF PRESTONSBURG. When claiming your ice cream cake, present this newspaper.







\$425 month. Deposit and referenc... Call 889-6510.

For rent: Furnished 1, & 2 br apt and mobile home... Call 886-3941 or 205-0295.

1 Br apt for rent. \$300 month plus deposit... Call 358-4036.

1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments for rent... Call 886-8366.

3br apt for rent. 2 baths, parking for trucks... Call 886-8366.

Townhouse 2 BR 1 Bath w/d hookup 2 car garage \$575 per month plus utilities... Call 606-477-2783.

One bedroom unfurnished apt for rent near college suitable for one person... Call 874-9976 after 5 p.m.

Efficiency Apt for rent. \$375 mth. \$375 deposit. Must be payed before moving in... Call 285-9003.

2 br, 1 bath Apt for rent. conveniently located at Allen... Call 522-4126 or 477-2783.

1Br furnished apartment located 3 miles from Prestonsburg... Call 358-9483 after 6:00 pm or 794-9484.

Apt. For rent: 1 and 2 BR apartments on Rt. 321 near Porter school... Call 789-5973.

Renovated Apartments like new, furnished, downtown Martin... Call 358-3072 between 10a-6p M-S.

Furnished 1 bedroom Apt. Central heat & air... Call 606-889-9717.

Houses

2 b, 1 bath town house for rent. Also 3 br, 1 bath house... Call 886-8991.

3 Bd 2 Ba, log home in Oaklawn, Hager Hill... Call 606-638-4663.

For rent: 1 1/2 story 3 br cedar house with under ground basement... Call 785-0770. No pets.

3 Br Duplex for rent. 1,800 sq ft, with fireplace... Call 889-0363.

plus deposit. Also available 2 br, with fireplace... Call 2265846.

For rent: Two bedroom house at Banner... Call 285-3252 days, 874-6030 evenings.

2 br 1 bath House for rent. 1,500 sq ft. Eat in kitchen, living room... Call 606-422-1862.

Mobile Homes

16x60 mobile home for rent. Nice lot with storage building... Call 886-0226 after 5:00pm.

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3 BR 2 bath MH for rent with large deck... Call 791-4471. \$450 per month.

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Looking for a singlewide home? We have 7 brand new 2007 models... Call 606-638-4663.

2008 32 x 60 4 br, 2 ba. Black kit appliances & stacked stove... Call 606-638-4663.

Used Homes delivered & set. 2002 14 x 70 \$ 19,750... Call 606-638-4663.

2 Br, 1 bath mobile home for rent... Call 889-0363.

Mobile home for rent. Extra nice, 3

br, 1 bath. Located on Cow Creek... Call 874-2802.

For sale: 12x65 mobile home with vinyl siding... Call 447-2645.

For rent: 14x70 2 br, 1 bath. Big living room... Call 606-263-4123.

Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0332

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC... Call 606-263-4123.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile west from Frasure Branch Road junction with KY Route 979... Call 606-263-4123.

The proposed operation will disturb 428.67 surface acres and will underlie 356.21 acres... Call 606-263-4123.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U. S. G. S. 7 ? minute quadrangle map... Call 606-263-4123.

The operation will underlie land owned by Clayborn Bailey Heirs, Ruby Halbert, Kermit & Doreen Martin... Call 606-263-4123.

The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Stonecoal County Road... Call 606-263-4123.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources... Call 606-263-4123.

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This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within (30) days of today's date.

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minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining... Call 606-263-4123.

been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office... Call 606-263-4123.

LEGAL NOTICE Civil Action No: 07-CI-1420 THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT AN ACTION HAS BEEN FILED BY U. S. Bank National Association, N.D., in the Floyd Circuit Court, Civil Action No.: 07-CI-1420, against The Unknown Heirs of Jonah Isaacs, Jr. This action is in

regard to real estate, located 11653 Kentucky Route 9, Teaberry, Kentucky 41660. Nathan Collins, P.O. Box 727, Hindman, Kentucky 41822, being a duly licensed and practicing attorney of the Floyd Circuit Court, am running this ad in my capacity as Warning Order

Attorney in the above-styled action to The Unknown Heirs of Jonah Isaacs, Jr., of the nature and pendency of this action.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of

Kentucky, Inc., will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., at the Ramada Inn, in Lexington, Ky. The meeting is open to the public.

LEGAL NOTICE Geoffrey D. Marsh, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg,

CITY OF PRESTONSBURG UNPAID 2006 TAX BILLS

Listed below are unpaid 2006 property tax bills. By motion and unanimous vote of the Prestonsburg City Council, on January 28, 2008, anyone who pays their 2006 and any prior bills will have all penalties waived if paid within 30 days of this notification. All amounts listed do reflect penalties, so for corrected amounts, please contact the Prestonsburg City Clerk. For a listing of prior delinquent taxes, you may go to www.cityofprestonburg.net or call the Prestonsburg City Clerk at (606) 886-2335.

Table with 3 columns: Bill Number, Account Name, Unpaid Tax. Lists numerous property owners and their unpaid tax amounts.

Excel Mining, LLC located in Martin County Prep Plant is accepting applications for:

Certified Electricians

Competitive Wages & Benefits

Applications are being accepted at: Prestonsburg and Pikeville, KY Department for Employment Services

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION

The Southern Water and Sewer District will accept statements of qualifications from consulting engineering firms for planning, design, construction, and other required engineering relating to a new water storage tank, pump station, and water line replacement.

- Statements should include:
• A description of the firm's capabilities and experience in the field of water distribution systems.
• Resumes of individuals to be assigned to the project.
• A listing of similar projects along with reference information.
• A description of the firm's familiarity with the project area, and ability to provide responsive service to the Southern Water & Sewer District.

Firms responding to this request will be ranked according to the information submitted. The District will enter into negotiations with the highest ranked firm to execute an engineering service agreement. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked firm will be contacted. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified.

Sources of funding may include, but not be limited to, USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Water and Waste Loan and Grant program. The formal solicitation of consulting engineering firms is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of RUS Instruction 1780.

The Southern Water & Sewer District reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The District is not responsible on liable for any costs incurred by consultants replying to this request. The District is an equal opportunity employer, and encourages responses from all qualified firms.

Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court, to notify Unknown Executor of the Estate of Dianna G. Hale, of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit, filed on or about February 6, 2008, in which the Unknown Executor of the Estate of Dianna G. Hale was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number 1 of the Floyd Circuit Court, and is represented by Civil Action Number 08-CI-00175. The basis of the suit is an In-Rem Complaint for Foreclosure against the Defendant, for property located in the Community of Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky. Unknown Executor of the Estate of Dianna G. Hale shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order, which Order was filed on February 6, 2008, to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk, if he/she desires to do so. If he/she does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the Court. Anyone having information concerning the Unknown Executor of the Estate of Dianna G. Hale, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020. Geoffrey D. Marsh Attorney at Law 112 West Court Street Suite 100 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

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**Kentucky KDE  
BG NO. 07-119**  
Floyd County Schools will receive sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the RENOVATION OF HVAC SYSTEMS, STUDENT AND STAFF TOILETS, REFURBISHING OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND NEW ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK AT BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL, until 2:00 p.m., Local Time, March 4, 2008 at the offices of the Greg Adams, located at 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the office of Greg Adams, 23 Martin Street, Allen, KY 41601, on February 20, 2008, at 2:00p.m., local time. The work consists of renovating the two main student toilets, two student toilets in the locker rooms, two staff toilets, and; the replacement of HVAC units in the classrooms, additional HVAC units in classrooms without units, replacement of the Library HVAC system and a new

HVAC system for the gymnasium, and; refurbishing the waste water treatment plant, and; the addition of a pressure system for the building's fire protection system. Bidding Documents, may be purchased for the non-refundable amount of \$125.00 per set, payable to JRA Architects. Documents may be obtained from the distribution department of Lynn Imaging, 328 Old East Vine Street, Lexington, KY, 40502, (859) 255-1021. If documents are to be mailed, an additional non-refundable charge of \$20.00 set is required, made payable directly to Lynn Imaging. The successful bidder is responsible for the purchase of any additional sets they may require. Electronic documents can be made available for a fee. The issuing of partial sets is not permitted. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond of not less than 5% of the amount of the total bid. A 100% Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall be required of the successful Bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instructions to Bidders and/or the General and Supplementary Conditions of the Contract. The provisions of KRS 337 relative to the prevailing wage rates shall be applied as required. The award of the contract shall be made on the basis of the lowest and best bid in the interest of Floyd County Schools. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid for a

period of forty five (45) days after the date set for the bid opening. The Owner reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities, and shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County:

- Wolverine Resources Inc., 836-0331 01/28/2008
- Frasure Creek Mining LLC 836-0341 01/28/2008
- The Elk Horn Coal Co., Inc. 836-5475 01/04/2008
- FCDC Coal Inc. 836-5509 01/29/2008

**NOTICE OF  
BLASTING  
SCHEDULE  
(Pursuant to  
application 836-0316)**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 16:120, Section 3, notice is hereby given that Lightsource Mining Company, PO Box 1078, Pikeville, KY 41501, telephone number 606 205 2108, operating under permit number 836-0316 proposes the following blasting schedule. The blasting site consists of approximately 50.51 acres located 0.4 miles South East from KY RT 1101's junction with Simpson Branch Road and is approximately 0.2 miles East of Minnie in Floyd

County. The area is located at Latitude 37° 28' 21" and Longitude 82° 44' 12". Blasting will be done daily. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least 10 minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by Company personnel. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to the blast; a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) prolonged blast of a siren following the inspection of the blast area. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: Five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of a siren; One (1) minute prior to the blast a series of three (3) short sounds of a siren. The all-clear signal after the blast will be: The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be one (1) prolonged blast of a siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one half (1/2) mile of the blasting site.

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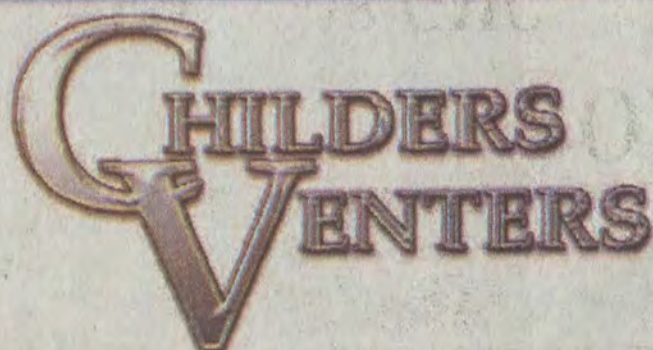
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