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briefs

Correction

Alcohol was not involved in a Pike County accident at Sidney reported in our Feb. 8 issue between Earl and Peggy Ratliff and Edward Scott Potter.

12 deaths on roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 12 people died in 11 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Feb. 2, through Sunday, Feb. 8.

Ten of the crashes involved motor vehicles and seven of those victims were not wearing seat belts. The seat belt status of one victim is unknown at this time.

Single-vehicle crashes occurred in Grant, Harlan, Henderson (2), Lawrence, Pendleton, Pike (2) and Simpson counties. Three of these crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One double-fatality crash occurred in Trigg County. A vehicle driven by Toni L. Pelcha was traveling westbound on Interstate 24 when, for unknown reasons, it crossed over the median. After crossing the median Pelcha's vehicle struck a

(See DEATHS, page seven)

2 DAY FORECAST

Today
Rain and heavy wind
High: 66 • Low: 38

Tomorrow
Partly cloudy
High: 49 • Low: 28

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Students finally return to school

But now face long road to summer

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Classrooms in Floyd County are finally filled with students once again, after wintry weather kept the doors of schools closed for almost the entire month of January and part of February.

Due to the snow and ice, Floyd County canceled 22 days of classes during this school year. The troublesome weather arrived just a few days after students returned to class from fall break.

A bill filed last week in Frankfort suggests giving the option of waiving 10 makeup days to the school districts that were declared in a state of emergency due to the weather.

As of right now, schools in Floyd County are scheduled to go out of session on June 10, but Webb said that the date may change based on the measures the board decides to take in

regard to making up days, which could include altering or canceling spring break.

With the return to school on Monday, officials are considering their options to help make up for the lost instruction time.

"Our focus is going to be on efficient use of every minute of our time," said Supt. Henry Webb. "Our board has been very proactive with the calendar and we are also looking at the legislature and consideration for relief in that area."

Schools in Kentucky are required to be in session for 177 instructional days. The national average for instructional days for schools is 180.

With school back in session, it would appear that most students were ready to get back in the regular educational groove that was interrupted by Mother Nature.

(See SCHOOL, page seven)



April Ashley, a junior at Allen Central High School, stopped by her locker with a friend before heading to class on Tuesday.

COLLECTING EVIDENCE



photo by Sheldon Compton

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn gathers evidence from a grow room at Salt Lick police say was tended by Autumn Wireman and Billy Jack Johnson, shortly after the two were taken into custody Tuesday. Blackburn and fellow officers collected more than 100 marijuana plants at the residence following a two-month long investigation.

106 pot plants found

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

SALT LICK — When officers with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department knocked on the door at the Salt Lick home of Autumn Wireman, 21, and Billy Jack Johnson, 23, a smell Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn and fellow officers suspected to be marijuana was prominent.

"We could smell it from the front porch," Blackburn said Tuesday afternoon outside the couple's home.

"When we went inside, there it was."

What Blackburn was referring to was some 100 miniature pot plants situated in rows beneath grow lights in a back bedroom of the house, discovered after Blackburn and his officers knocked and woke the couple up Tuesday.

"I had got a tip on this two months or so ago and followed up on it," said Blackburn. "We estimate the value of the marijuana to be in the range of \$75,000 to \$100,000."

The bust numbered at 106 plants, with several already harvested and

drying out at the time of the bust, with others already stored in several bags for distribution, all of which was seized Tuesday for evidence.

"They had it set up in here," continued Blackburn, "with hanging lights that adjusted from hangers as the plants grew to a fuller size."

In a closet of the small bedroom were numerous bags of fertilizer and black garbage bags were taped over two windows of the room.

Inside the home, the scent of mar-

(See MARIJUANA, page seven)

Footprints in snow lead police to suspect

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Kenneth Lee Spriggs, a 27-year-old Martin man, was arrested after leading police on a chase that ended after officers tracked him through the snow at Allen.

According to a police report, Spriggs allegedly entered the Sunshine Coin Laundry at Allen and snatched a purse belonging to Brenda L. O'Brien, of Banner, from behind the counter of the establishment.

Spriggs then allegedly fled on foot from the laundrymat down Ball Park Street, at which time state troopers left in

(See FOOTPRINTS, page seven)

Lindon named to tourism board

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Ty Lindon is the newest member of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, following a vote Monday night during the city's regular council meeting.

Lindon has worked as the park manager for Jenny Wiley State Resort Park since last summer. Before this, he worked as the park's assistant manager until an investigation of then-park manager Scott Ringham, resulting in Lindon taking the

(See TOURISM, page seven)

Ballfield could get boost from Tony the Tiger

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Lisa Perry, Director of the Wheelwright Historical Society, wants the old baseball parks in that city to be renovated to be used for the young people of the city and surrounding communities, and has found just the place to maybe reach that goal.

Perry recently nominated the ball parks for rehabilitative work through an initiative spearheaded by Kellogg's.

Kellogg's is having a competition in which people can nominate a local sports field for renovation to "provide children a safe and fun place to play."

(See BALLFIELD, page seven)



This long ago abandoned baseball field at Wheelwright was once used by coal-camp mining teams and has now been nominated through a competition launched by Kellogg's for renovation.

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Obituaries

Charles David Crum

Charles David Crum, 66, of Banner, died Thursday, February 5, 2009, at the UK Medical Center.

Born July 31, 1942, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late James Bud and Arebelle Prater Crum. He was a Floyd County bus driver, and a member of the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church, in Honaker.

Survivors include a stepson, Michael Hall of Ivel; two daughters: Misty Crum and Saprana Crum, both of Michigan; two stepdaughters: Lisa Hall of Martin, and Kay Greer of Honaker; three brothers: Larry Crum of Martin, Russell Crum of Norwalk, Ohio, and Don Crum of Langley; six stepgrandchildren: Austin and Lexie Greer, Ryan and Kelsie Kilburn, and Blake and Logan Hall.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Ronnie Crum, and Bennie and Glen Rose; and three sisters: Ola Jean, Helen, and Lucille Crum.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bud Crum, and others, officiating.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Monnie Brown Dye

Monnie Brown Dye, 87, of Printer, died Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the McDowell ARH.

Born August 6, 1921, in Hi Hat, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Lucy Jones Brown. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Dye.

Survivors include four sons: Milton Dye (Betty) of Columbus, Ohio, Andy J. Dye (Wilma) of Prestonsburg, Litten Dye (Thelma) of Price, and Rick Dye (Gaye) of Magnolia, Texas; three daughters: Freda Goins (Jim, deceased), Gleda Johnson (Donald), and Lucy Reynolds (Bryan), all of Printer; a brother, Harlis Brown of Mason, Ohio; a sister, Myrtle Burchwell of Mason, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Tilton Dye; two daughters: Nancy and JoAnn Dye; three brothers: Hillard Akers, and Clifford and Clinnon Brown; and three sisters: Marlana Brown, Mable Brown, and Malta Brown.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 7, at 11 a.m., at the Pilgrim's Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Andy J. Dye, Martin Dye, Doug Dye, Matthew Dye, Craig Dye, Jarrod Dye, Chris Gates, Bruce Johnson, and Greg Johnson. (Paid obituary)



Forest D. "Bubby" Gibson

Forest D. "Bubby" Gibson, 59, of Mays Lick, died Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, in Lexington.

Born September 29, 1949, in Tram, he was the son of Henry Dallas Gibson and Lona Blevins Gibson. He was a disabled coal miner; a truck driver; a member of the Pleasant Ridge Union Church in Maysville; a member of DAV Chapter 134, in Pikeville, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Sue Seedorf Gibson.

Other survivors include

three daughters: Sandra Gibson, and Dusty Gibson, both of Tram; and Bonnie McGinnis of Coeburn, Virginia; four sisters: Geneva Walker, Barbara Blevins, Beulah Slone, and Iva Lea Taylor, all of Tram; and a granddaughter, Isabella McGinnis.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Clyde Blevins and Jimmy Crate Gibson.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 8, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Red Alley, Terry Hall, and Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Tackett Cemetery, in Tram, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Ruby Gilliam

Ruby Gilliam, 83, of Ligon, died Friday, February 6, 2009, at her residence.

Born September 3, 1925, in Ligon, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Nannie Slone Humphrey. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, William Frank Gilliam.

In addition to her husband, survivors include five daughters: Barbara (Paul) Branson of Cleveland, Ohio, Delores Newman, and Cleta Haywood, both of Prestonsburg, Evelyn Gilliam of Winchester, and Judy (Charles Ray) Johnson of Weeksbury; a brother, Herbert Humphrey Jr., of Columbus, Ohio; and 12 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Gilliam; four brothers: Palmer Humphrey, James Humphrey, Clinton Humphrey, and Charles Humphrey; and a sister, Lucille (Sissy) Phillips.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Frazier Family Cemetery, in Price.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Orville Hansford

Orville Hansford, age 88, of Wayland, husband of Edith Moore Hansford, passed away Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born August 10, 1920, in Burnside, a son of the late George Hansford and Grace Slone Hansford. He was a disabled World War II Army veteran; and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a son, Don Hansford of Eastern; two daughters: Nodga Webb of Elyria, Ohio, and Tyann Barker of Boerne, Texas; four brothers: George Roy Hansford of Wayland, Coye Hansford of Ashtabula, Ohio, Danny Hansford of Topmost, and Byron Hansford of Paintsville; two sisters: Judy Roope of Prestonsburg, and Teresa Huber of Louisville; and four grandchildren: Craig, Krista, Stewart, and Josh.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Charles, Homer, and Don Hansford.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, February 13, at

11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bradley Cemetery, in Wayland, with the Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Elsie Mae Stephens

Elsie Mae Stephens, 92, daughter of John and Nola Baldrige Stephens, died Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the Hospice of the Bluegrass Care Center, following a brief illness.

Miss Elsie, as she was known by generations of students, spent her career as a first grade teacher and reading specialist in the Prestonsburg and Floyd County Schools.

After graduating from Prestonsburg High School, she attended Pikeville College and went on to earn a BA and MA in Education from the University of Kentucky. She returned home to Floyd County and taught there for more than 30 years, until her retirement.

She also served as the principal of Prestonsburg Elementary, and as Head Start Reading Program Coordinator in Floyd County.

She was a devoted teacher who provided her young students the fundamentals they would need to succeed in all future academic pursuits.

She is survived by two nephews, two nieces, three great-nieces, and two great-nephews. She will be greatly missed by each of them.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: M.G. Stephens and Clayborne Stephens, and three sisters: Linda Stephens, Thelma Wallen, and Mary Stephens.

Visitation was on Monday, February 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.,

and Tuesday, February 3 from 12 to 1:30 p.m., at W.R. Milward Mortuary, Southland Drive.

The funeral followed the visitation.

A graveside committal service and burial was held at Davidson Memorial Cemetery in Ivel, at noon on Wednesday, February 4.

Contributions are suggested to Hospice of the Bluegrass. (Paid obituary)



Howard Stidham

Howard Stidham, 80, of Wayland, died Monday, February 9, 2009, at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, in Kingsport.

Born May 7, 1928, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Hiram and Rosie Hicks Stidham. He was a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beatrice Ritchie.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 12, at 4 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Cordial Cemetery, in Wayland, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Frank Sweeney

Frank Sweeney, 70, of Plant City, Florida, passed away Friday, February 6, 2009.

He is survived by Janet Sweeney, his wife of 32 years.

Other survivors include a son, Jeff Sweeney, and his girlfriend, Sommer of Plant City; a daughter, Teri Navarez and husband, Eddie of Brandon; and three grandchildren: Ethan, Caden, and Eddie.

He was retired from the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, February 9, at Hopewell Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. David Jones officiating.

Interment was in Hopewell Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Friends may make donations to the American Lung Association. (Paid obituary)



Shannon Lewis Watkins

Shannon Lewis Watkins, 38, of Wayland, died Friday, February 6, 2009, at his resi-

dence.

Born May 29, 1970, in Martin, he was the son of the late Charles and Antha Jean Watkins. He was disabled, and was a member of the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include six brothers: Carl, Roger and Danny Watkins, all of Wayland, James Watkins of Rochester, Michigan, Rodney Watkins of Prestonsburg, and Teddy Watkins of Mt. Sterling; four sisters: Loretta Ward of West Liberty, Carolyn Brunson of Cleveland, Ohio, Debbie Clark of Clay City, and Mary Stacy

dence.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers: Charles E. Watkins, David Ray Watkins, and Jerry Glenn Watkins.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, at noon, at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Mildred Johnson would like to sincerely thank our friends and neighbors who helped in any way during our recent loss. We appreciate the comforting words, food, flower arrangements, pallbearers, and the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We wish to thank Dr. Rivera and the staff at the McDowell ARH Hospital and Home Health Agency for the good care they gave our mother during the past years. A special thank-you to the Joppa Church; the Old Regular Baptist preachers for their comforting words; the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service; and the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF MILDRED JOHNSON

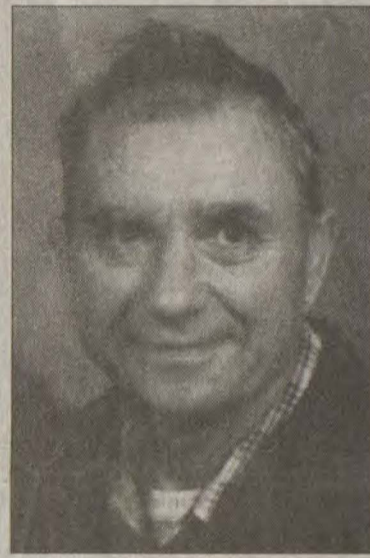
~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Happy Birthday in Heaven Leonard M. Roberts, Sr.

This wonderful man was born February 12, 1928, to Roscoe and Elizabeth McKee Roberts. On January 19, 1946, he married Nellie Terry. On December 11, 2008, the Lord called him Home.

He was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a retired coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He could build a car from the ground up. If he found himself without a tool he needed, he could make that tool. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He loved having visits from family, and would want to feed them as soon as they entered his home. He loved to sing and praise the Lord.

Those with saddened hearts and precious memories include his wife, Nellie; his children: Len (Dotti) Roberts, Clementene (Ronald) Tackett, Rita (John) Donaldson; his grandchildren: Kevin (Christal) Roberts, Tony (Lisa) Roberts, Brian and Brent Tackett, Lori (Ed) Flinger; his great-grandchildren: Courtney, Chad, and Travis Roberts, Lacey, Jenna, and Dylan Tackett, Eddie and Hunter Flinger; his sisters: Helen and Brenda; his brothers: Oscar, Donald, Woody and Larry; and many nephews and nieces.



Card of Thanks

The family of Joe W. "Buddy" Harris would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergyman Rick Kelley for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF
JOE W. "BUDDY" HARRIS

Card of Thanks

The family of Tishie Johnson would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; to those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergymen Jimmy Hall and Jerry Manns for their kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, Thank you, and God bless.

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia.466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

Floyd Extension Office free educational lesson

Come join us for our educational lesson, "The Successful Person's Guide to Time Management." Learn valuable techniques for managing your time and your life! Floyd County Extension Office, Monday, February 16, at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome! Free to the public. To register, call Theresa or Dottie at 886-2668.

Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence is offering free sessions on Self Management of Diabetes. **Class No. 1, February 11, 1-3 p.m.** What is Diabetes??? How to manage high and low blood sugar and sick days.

Class No. 2 February 18th 1-3 p.m. Foot and Skin Care, Eye and Dental Exams.

Class No. 3 February 25th, 1-3 p.m. Carbohydrate counting, how to read food labels, portion size, eating out.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays, at Auxier Learning Center, 21 South River Street, Auxier, KY 41602.

Let us teach you how to count your carbs.

For more information call FCHD at 606-886-2788, ext. 233, 231, 214.

HRMC

"Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

"Have a Healthy Heart." Learn about heart habits to reduce your risk of Heart Disease.

Thursday, February 26. Meeting will be held in the Medical Office Building rooms A & B, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. All classes are free of charge. For further information contact: Food & Nutrition Services, at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353. We look forward to

seeing you!

HRMC Community Calendar February 2009

Living Well With Diabetes February 26th Meeting Place A & B Highlands Medical Office Building 5 p.m.-6 p.m

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, Alzheimer's Association, Pikeville Medical Center and the Kentucky TeleHealth Network present: Education series for family members and friends of those who suffer from memory disorders. All programs are on Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

April 22, 2009

* Ask the experts; a general Q & A for your issues!

* Our expert panel includes expertise in neurology, psychiatry, social work and the experts at the Alzheimer's Association.

July 23, 2009

* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches

Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

Your community location is: Pikeville Medical Center Library, Brenda Burgess, 626-427-3931.

Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers to hold volunteer training

Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers will hold new volunteer training at the Pikeville office, located at 101 Hibbard Street in Pikeville on Tuesday, February 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer is encouraged to attend. The training is free to the public, and lunch will be provided. For more information, or to register for training, call Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers, by noon Friday, February 20, at (606) 437-3700, or toll free at (877) 807-3011, or email: pspradlin@hospicebg.org.

Auxier Community Center

Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

Support group for Guardians of Autistic Children will meet the first Thursday of every month at the Haven of Rest, 1601 Airport Road, Inez. Call 606-298-0520 for information.

Free Bible Lessons

Write to: Bible Way Outreach Ministry, P.O. Box 3371, Kingsport, TN 37664. Lessons completely free of charge to all interested.

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday

Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center can help! We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you, or someone you know, are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by our office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-4.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Hope in the Mountains

Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Water Gap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.

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

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Country at Heart. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354.

UNITE

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

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25

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

GED classes are also available.

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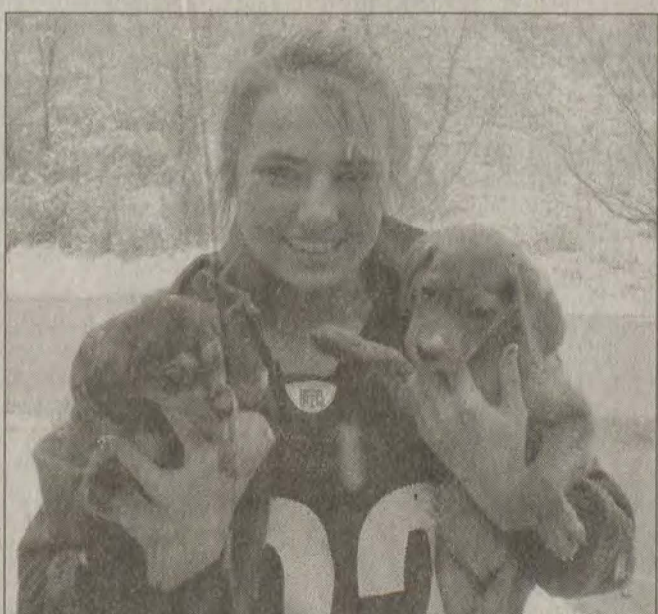


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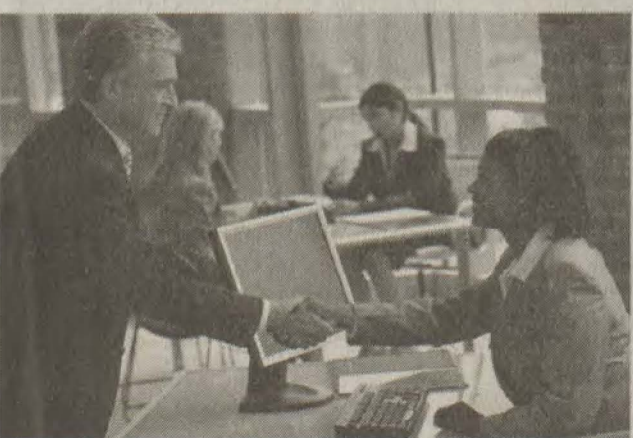
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- The use of alcohol or tobacco products is strictly prohibited.

Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Worth Repeating ...

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— Socrates

— Guest View —

Yes, spend. A lot

Congress makes sausage when it drafts legislation -- especially when it writes spending bills. And there is no bigger sausage than the stimulus bill now being stuffed by lawmakers.

Now that a compromise apparently has been reached in the Senate, there should be quick action to move this bill through a conference committee and to President Barack Obama's desk.

Most Republicans still aren't buying in. They have several complaints, all of them hollow.

GOP leaders have said that stimulus spending will dramatically boost the nation's budget deficit. While true, the absence of business activity forces the government to fill the gap. There is a real risk of a deflationary spiral that would make the current downturn look like a soft landing. Unemployment nationally climbed to 7.6 percent in January and may be headed north of 10 percent. The chief of the Congressional Budget Office recently said that without a stimulus, "the shortfall in the nation's output relative to potential levels will be the largest -- in duration and depth -- since the Depression of the 1930s."

Led by The Wall Street Journal's editorial page and radio entertainer Rush Limbaugh, Republicans have bellowed that the bill is stuffed with pork. Yes, questionable projects were tossed into the stimulus bill by members of the House during the bill-writing process. But most of those now have been stripped out. The bill is not perfect -- the reckless "buy American" protectionist language needs to go. But as Obama has said, let's not make perfect the enemy of good. Funny, we didn't hear such GOP bellowing back in 2004, did we?

Republicans also say that the bill doesn't do enough to stimulate the economy immediately. The bill should get money into the economy as quickly as possible, but most economists believe that the recession will still be with us well into 2010. If some spending doesn't occur until then, that's fine. In fact, more spending might be needed by then.

Why do some in the GOP want to give less aid to states -- one of the quickest ways to infuse money into the economy? States like Wisconsin that face constitutional requirements to balance their budgets will cut spending otherwise. A federal stopgap would help to avoid some of those cuts and is stimulative.

Finally, Republicans argue for additional tax cuts and less spending. The best approach is a combination of spending and tax cuts in the range of \$800 billion to \$1 trillion, economists say. Such a Keynesian combination of tax cuts and spending has been used with success. Even -- gasp -- Ronald Reagan applied Keynesian economics during the early 1980s when he cut taxes and led a big buildup in defense spending. Coupled with inflation-busting interest rate increases under the leadership of then-Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, the recession ended, and the nation went on to enjoy a robust recovery.

But the mix of tax cuts and spending matters. The idea is to spend money and spend it as quickly as possible. Tax cuts for the rich don't accomplish that. But tax cuts targeted to low- and moderate-income Americans do help, and that's what a stimulus bill should provide.

The economy is falling off a cliff, and Republicans are arguing over how thick the rescue rope should be. Enough. Government spending is needed -- now. Get this sausage on the grill.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



— Guest Column —

70 cents is good tax policy

by TERRY BROOKS

Newspapers, blogs, and the radio airwaves have been awash with comments regarding the governor's proposal to increase the cigarette tax rate by 70 cents a pack. Many comments, paraded as fact, are simply not true.

To set the record straight, let's be clear: having one of the lowest cigarette tax rates in the nation is bad for Kentucky businesses, and not the opposite. The main reason is that having the highest rate of adult smokers in the nation increases the costs that businesses pay to provide health insurance to their employees by \$1.5 billion every year.

Additionally, there is a cost to businesses of \$2.1 billion in lost productivity. For this reason alone, the low cigarette tax rate and the high smoking rate make Kentucky a less than desirable place to do business. Certainly this is the crux of the reason that the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce supports a higher tax rate

on cigarettes.

Second, if we truly care about low-income smokers' pocket books, let's help them quit smoking so that they can spend their money on more important items than cigarettes. The 70-cent increase is predicated on the fact that many smokers want to quit and a high cigarette tax increase is proven to give them the incentive to finally break the habit. For this reason, the only tax increase that is truly burdensome to smokers is one that is low enough to not provide any economic incentive to give up a costly habit.

Third, it's time to fairly distribute the costs of smoking. Currently, all of us -- smokers and non-smokers alike -- pay the cost of smoking. We pay it in our taxes that provide Medicaid for smoking-related illnesses. We pay in higher health premiums. And we pay because Kentucky is a less than desirable place to do business. In fact, the low state tax rate acts as a subsidy to encourage smokers to continue their habit. A 70-cent increase would go a long way towards having those who choose to smoke pay the real cost.

Fourth, let's be honest -- a cigarette tax rate any lower than 70 cents

is simply a way to raise money. It borrows from the future health of the Commonwealth for provisions today. A lower rate will do nothing to encourage smokers to quit and will do little to decrease the smoking rate in the state. In fact, a lower cigarette tax rate is nothing more than a burden on the poor masqueraded as fiscal conservatism.

In a nutshell, the facts support an increase of no less than 70 cents.

The long-term physical health of the Commonwealth depends on a decrease in the smoking rate. A significant increase in the tax on cigarettes is the most effective way to get people to quit smoking. According to the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids and the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, an increase of 70 cents will decrease the youth smoking rate in Kentucky by 16.5 percent and the adult rate by 5 percent.

It's time to stand up and make responsible decisions that make sense for Kentucky's long-term health and economic viability. It's time for a 70-cent increase in the cigarette tax.

Brooks is executive director of Kentucky Youth Advocates.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Ice and snowstorms that paralyzed the state have passed for now, but Kentucky lawmakers who returned to Frankfort for the second act of the 2009 Regular Session last week still have to face some cold, harsh realities when it comes to state budget matters.

Foremost in our minds is how to address a \$456 million state budget shortfall this fiscal year without decimating state agencies and programs.

With the exception of Medicaid, corrections, per-pupil funding for education and a few other areas, most agencies were facing cuts of around four percent in mid-January that would net the state around \$150 million in savings by the end of the fiscal year on June 30. But in recent days, agencies began determining if they could make deeper cuts in case legislation to raise new revenue as proposed by the governor and others is not passed this session.

Gov. Steve Beshear made his case for raising revenue to prevent deeper cuts on Wednesday night in his State of the Commonwealth address in the House chamber. With House and Senate members gathered in joint session, the governor said new revenue could offset a good portion of the shortfall if lawmakers agree to his proposal to raise taxes on tobacco products.

Most of the new tobacco tax revenue would come from a proposed 70-cent increase in the per-pack tax on cigarettes, which would raise that levy from 30 cents to \$1. State budget officials have said the new revenue and 4 percent agency cuts would comprise nearly half of the governor's \$475 billion reduction plan, with the

remaining \$247 million drawn from state fund transfers, using a portion of the state's budget reserve rainy day fund, and a proposed three-day furlough of state employees that would net around \$8 million, according to state budget figures.

Reaction to the governor's revenue plan has been mixed. Many observers said in recent weeks that the governor's tax proposal faced likely difficulty in the Senate, but top Senate leadership indicated last week that while a 70-cent increase is not likely to pass, a smaller increase in tobacco taxes and maybe alcoholic beverage taxes might be possible. Still, the plan must first get past the House, where the full 70 cents also faces an uphill fight. But leaders have said lawmakers want to avoid solely relying on deep budget cuts that could badly debilitate state programs, so some form of cigarette tax remains on the table.

The governor made no mention of expanded gaming in his speech, although legislation that would allow video lottery terminals -- or VLTs -- at Kentucky racetracks has been introduced in the House by House Speaker Greg Stumbo. The Speaker told a House committee in January that the bill is projected to raise \$1.2 billion in new gaming revenue, with approximately \$700 million generated in the first year of operation.

The House Licensing and Occupations Committee could vote on the VLT proposal in coming days.

It is impossible to talk about the state budget crisis without calling to mind all the state services that are struggling because of it. Lawmakers know that our public schools, higher education, basic health care and public safety are deeply impacted by current shortfall, and we hope to find the best possible solution for the problem before the session concludes in March. In the meantime, though, law-

makers are sponsoring bills that we hope will improve services in these critical areas with or without new revenue.

One of these bills is HB 54, a health and business measure passed on Wednesday by the House Banking and Insurance Committee, would allow Kentucky residents not eligible for care under another group health plan to participate in the state high risk health pool called Kentucky Access. The state pool was created nine years ago to provide health coverage for individuals with costly medical conditions. HB 54 now goes to the full House for a vote.

Another measure that made it out of committee last week is intended to help our military troops fighting for freedom overseas. HB 39, passed by the House Seniors, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee on Wednesday, would offer full driving privileges to enlisted 18 year olds who are unable to finish the intermediate license phase of Kentucky's graduated driver's license law before deployment. That measure also now goes to the full House for its consideration.

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

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

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Health survey reveals continuing safety concerns

FRANKFORT — Preliminary results from a survey of more than 500 households in 10 Western Kentucky counties over the weekend indicate serious safety concerns remain for those still without power, health officials announced today.

The most striking preliminary finding indicates that many Kentuckians in these areas are at continued risk for carbon monoxide poisoning due to the improper use of generators, kerosene heaters and grills. The biggest problem observed involved generators being used in enclosed areas or too close to the home.

Findings also indicated that

Use of generators, kerosene heaters and grills still pose dangers for those without power

carbon monoxide detectors are playing a key role in saving lives.

"Carbon monoxide poisoning is deadly," said William Hacker, M.D., Kentucky Department of Public Health commissioner. "We urge Kentuckians to take steps to prevent exposure to carbon monoxide and avoid heating sources, such as propane heaters and charcoal grills,

while indoors. It can be a matter of life or death. We also ask neighbors to share this information with one another, especially while individuals are without power and may not receive broadcasts from the news media."

As Kentuckians continue to recover from the affects of the severe winter storm, the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency are working together to coordinate local, state and federal resources available under the president's disaster declaration covering 93 counties.

Prevention (CDC) in conducting an assessment of specific needs and issues in communities experiencing the largest impact from the ice storm. CDC mobilized 28 Epidemic Intelligence Service officers, subject matter experts and supporting staff for the door-to-door sampling.

Some specific health and safety recommendations:

■ Make sure generators are a safe distance from the home, approximately 25 feet away.

■ If you have a carbon monoxide detector, check to make sure the batteries are active.

■ If you don't have one, install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector.

■ If the detector sounds, leave the home immediately and call 911. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless

gas. Poisoning from carbon monoxide is treatable, if detected early.

■ If you are using a kerosene heater, follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully for their specific heater model and make sure the wick is clean and set at the proper level.

■ Operate kerosene heaters in a well-vented area. Leave a door open to the rest of the house or keep an outside window open to ensure an adequate flow of fresh air. Infants, small children and pets should be kept away from heaters to avoid serious burns.

■ Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea, vomiting and fatigue, and some survey teams encountered individuals with such symptoms at affected homes.

■ Gas and charcoal grills and camp stoves designed to be operated outdoors should never be used inside your home, basement or garage or near a window.

More information about carbon monoxide poisoning can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/co/guidelines.htm> or via the Poison Control hotline at 800-222-1222.

FEMA leads and supports the nation in a risk-based, comprehensive emergency management system of preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation, to reduce the loss of life and property and protect the nation from all hazards including natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters.

Calendar

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-266 for info.)

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

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

• **Overeater's Anonymous** - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen just past red light. Call 889-520 for more info.

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

• **Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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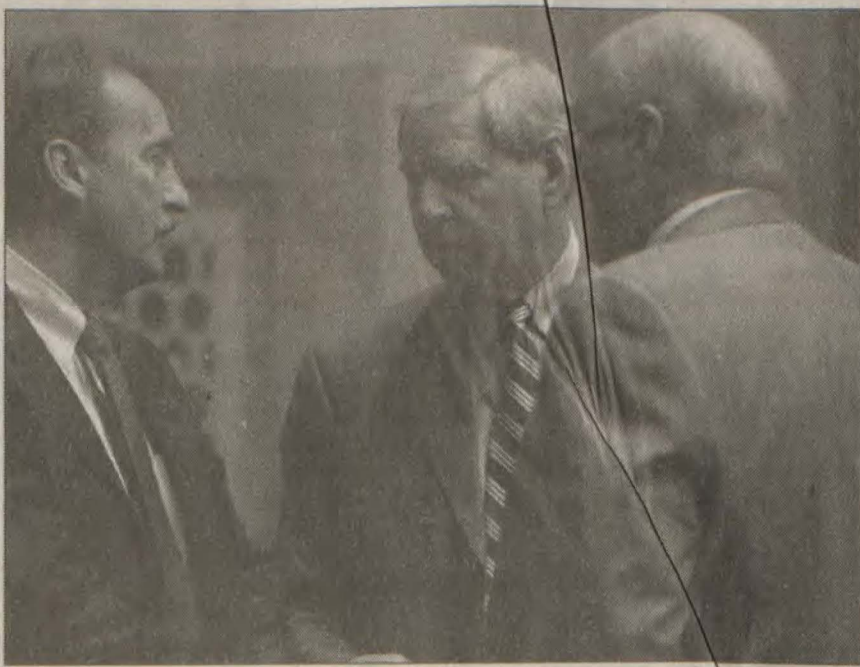
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Love always,
 Mom, Dad, and all the family

Sen. Turner files legislation to establish Mesothelioma Awareness Day

Senate Minority Floor Leader Ed Worley (left), D-Richmond, talks with Senate Democratic Caucus Whip Jerry P. Rhoads (center), D-Madisonville, and Senate Democratic Caucus Chairman Johnny Ray Turner (right), D-Drift, on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate.



FRANKFORT - Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, filed legislation last week to declare Sept. 26 of each year as Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer in which malignant (cancerous) cells are found in the mesothelium, a protective sac that covers most of the body's internal organs.

"The establishment of a Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Kentucky would raise public awareness about the prevalence of mesothelioma and the serious problems associated with the disease," Senator Turner said.

The main cause of mesothelioma is exposure to asbestos. EPA identifies asbestos as

"one of the most hazardous substances to which humans are exposed in both occupational and non-occupational settings."

Each year approximately 3,000 Americans die from mesothelioma. Between 2,500 and 3,000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed annually and 30 percent of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on Naval ships and in shipyards.

Senator Turner said that it is important to raise the awareness of this rare cancer because exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma 30

years later. Asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975.

There is no specific treatment for mesothelioma and the expected survival rate of those diagnosed with the disease is between 8 and 12 months.

Many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Grand Zerc (September 11, 2001) could be at great risk of contracting mesothelioma in the future.

Senate Bill 58 will be considered during the 2009 legislative session.

Legislative leaders amend session calendar

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Senate and House leaders approved changes to the calendar last week for the General Assembly's 2009 legislative session. The session is now scheduled to conclude on March 27, three days later than previously planned.

In addition to observing the Feb. 16

Presidents' Day holiday by not convening that day, the General Assembly will also not be in session on Feb. 17, 18, 19 and 20, according to the amended calendar.

The veto recess - the period of time during which lawmakers return to their home districts to wait for potential gubernatorial vetoes - will be held from March

14 to March 25. After the recess, lawmakers will return to the Capitol on March 26 and 27 for the final days of the session.

A copy of the new 2009 legislative calendar can be viewed online at http://www.lrc.ky.gov/sch_vist/09RS_calendar.pdf.

States borrow from federal government to meet increased need

WASHINGTON - Seven states now are borrowing from the federal government to cover an increase in unemployment benefits for jobless workers, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The national unemployment rate now stands at 7.6 percent, which is a .4 percent increase from December 2008. Nearly 600,000 jobs were lost in January alone, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. More than three and a half million jobs disappeared in 2008 and more than 11 million Americans are unemployed.

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) con-

tinues to update its chart on state unemployment trust funds. The chart breaks down unemployment rates for each state, the current trust fund balance and how much money has been paid out in the month to jobless workers. Of the seven states borrowing money from the federal government, Michigan, alone, owes more than \$1 billion.

"No one anticipated this type of increase that would put such a strain on state unemployment systems," said Diana Hinton Noel, labor analyst for NCSL.

Fourteen states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have unemployment rates higher than the national average of 7.6 percent. And Michigan, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico have unemployment rates higher than 10 percent. Four states are close to double digits with unemployment numbers hovering just over 9 percent.

"Kentucky is in dire straits,"

said Kentucky Representative Brent Yonts, chair of the NCSL Labor and Economic Development Committee. "We've got to look at the whole system because the whole system is collapsing, just like everything else." Kentucky's unemployment rate is at 7.8 percent and they are one of the seven states borrowing from the federal government to meet demand. The other six include Michigan, California, Ohio, New York, South Carolina and Indiana.

"We have a plan that includes a task force and have held meetings with our unemployment administrator to address the current crisis and to ensure that our system remains solvent for the long term. It is a volcano about to erupt that we must keep close tabs on," Yonts added.

States pay for unemployment benefits through payroll taxes levied on employers. These taxes are deposited into the federal Unemployment

Trust Fund, which maintains a separate account for each state, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Many individual state accounts in the federal fund face shortfalls, due to the increase in claims for unemployment benefits and the decrease in payroll tax revenue caused by job losses.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 598,000 jobs were lost across the United States during the month of January.

NCSL's January unemployment trust fund chart can be accessed by clicking here.

NCSL is the bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staffs of the states, commonwealths and territories. It provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system.

State scholarship program helps students become teachers

Kentucky students who want to become teachers may qualify for a scholarship from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Applicants must show financial need and must be enrolled full time in a teacher education program at a participating Kentucky college to receive a KHEAA Teacher Scholarship. Teachers who are already certified are not eligible.

The amount a student may receive depends upon available funding and the student's year in school. A college junior or above may receive up to \$2,500 for each semester. If funds remain, college freshmen and sophomores may receive up to \$625 per semester.

Recipients must teach one semester at a school certified by the Kentucky Department of Education for each semester a scholarship is received. Recipients who do not finish their teacher education program or do not teach at a certified Kentucky school must repay the scholarship with 6 percent interest.

Students who wish to apply must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and a KHEAA Teacher Scholarship application. To complete the application, go to www.kheaa.com and log on through Zip Access. To file the FAFSA, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Students may request up to three copies of the paper FAFSA by calling

(800) 4-FED-AID. KHEAA must receive the scholarship application and the FAFSA results by May 1. Recipients will be notified in early July.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education and to access the FAFSA, go to Error! Hyperlink reference not valid. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 6-7381. For information about low-cost student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

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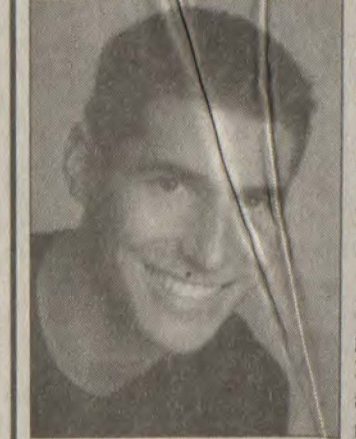
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McGuire Graduates with Honors



Jarred Kimber McGuire graduated Cum Laude from Eastern Kentucky University on December 20, 2008.

Jarred is the son of Kimber and Ann McGuire; the grandson of the late Frank and Grace McGuire; and of Rufus and Phyllis Moore.

Jarred received a degree in Insurance Risk Management, graduating with honors with a 3.7 cumulative G.P.A. While attending EKU he gained recognition and memberships from such societies as the Golden Key Honors Society, Delta Iota Gamma, and Who's Who Among American College Students. He held the position of vice president in the university's Insurance Society, and qualified for the Dean's List each semester while at EKU.

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Footprints

pursuit, yelling, according to reports, for Spriggs to stop.

The order to stop was disregarded, police said, and Spriggs continued running east toward a nearby gas station before hiding beneath a nearby boat cover.

Police said they tracked Spriggs' footprints through the snow which led them to the boat, discovering the 27-year-old beneath the cover.

He was asked to come out at that time, but balled his fists and refused to comply, officers said. The Martin resident was Tasered and taken into custody.

Spriggs was charged after the incident with theft by unlawful taking, fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest and menacing.

Spriggs' background check revealed a number of past offenses, both drug-related

and traffic-related, for which he had been found guilty in Floyd County.

He is now being held at the Floyd County Detention Center on a \$2,000 cash bond. He pleaded not guilty to the charges during his arraignment in Floyd County District Court Feb. 6 and will next appear for a preliminary hearing in his case today.

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Ballfield

The nominating party's field of choice is placed on the company website, where others can then access the page by visiting www.frostedflakes.com and sign on to support.

Wheelwright's field was nominated on Feb. 5 by Perry, who explained her reasons in a forum provided within the section.

"Our field has historic significance related to the old coal-camp ball teams," Perry said, "and it is important to the community because it is the only place where local children can engage in outdoor sports."

Perry went on to explain why the Wheelwright field had

fallen into a poor condition.

"It has become an illegal dumping ground and has been damaged to the point that it could not be used by mining and logging interests nearby," she added.

One of those, Sara Chopp, remembers her father and uncle once playing on the field.

"This ballfield is where my father, Bill Bauch, and uncle, Jim Bailey, played ball," Chopp wrote in the comments section for nominating the ballfield. "They were on the mining team in the 1940s. Please restore it so the children of today can enjoy the same fun as my dad and uncle."

Chopp said her grandfather, Doc Bailey, who later became a doctor in Wheelwright after returning from residency work, would always come to watch the games.

Another field, that once served as the Wheelwright and South Floyd High School football field, has also been nomi-

nated for renovation. This field was not nominated, according to the website, until Feb. 10. As of Tuesday, the baseball field had more than 30 supporters who signed the online petition, while the football field had three.

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School

On Monday, all schools in the district met the attendance goals, with 96 percent showing up for the first day back.

"Everyone is really ready and focused," said Beverly Crisman, director of community education for Floyd County schools. "They were happy to get back to school."

At Allen Central High School on Tuesday, students took advantage of the dramatic change in temperature to gather in groups outside during

their lunch hour.

"I'm tickled to death to have students back to interact with," said ACHS Principal Lorena "Sis" Hall. "I'm tired of looking at four walls. I think they stayed out so long that they got really bored."

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Marijuana

ijuana grew stronger the closer Sheriff's Department officers Lt. Greg Johnson, Lt. Gary Tackett, Sgt. Delmas Johnson and Deputies Kenneth Prater, Clayton Teel and Ray Bates moved throughout the house searching for more evidence.

Wireman was interviewed by officers outside the home, where a few feet away a "Beware of Dog" sign was tacked above a nailed chain pulled to full length by a dog hunkering away from the unexpected visitors.

Johnson remained in the living room offering state-

ments as Blackburn examined a modified shotgun later added to evidence stored at the scene.

Blackburn said that during the investigation it seemed the couple were entertaining buyers at the home were they believe at this time most of the drug transactions were taking place.

Wireman, who police said was unemployed, and Johnson, an employee of Riverview Nursing Home, were charged with cultivating and trafficking marijuana and later transported to the Floyd County Detention Center.

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Tourism

park's top post.

Ringham was transferred to Dale Hollow State Resort Park after being placed on administrative leave in February of last year in the wake of an investigation, for which reasons and results have not yet been made public.

Before making the move to Eastern Kentucky to take up the assistant manager position, Lindon served in several management positions for parks in both Kentucky and Mississippi. He had acted as assistant manager for Jenny Wiley since 2005.

Many of the policies and approaches to marketing Lindon undertook when he became park manager are ideas the tourism commission is hoping he can carry over into a wider look at the goals of the entire city and region.

When first named to the top position, Lindon spotlighted

the natural beauty of the park, something he will certainly bring to the tourism board.

"It's hard to beat the natural setting of Jenny Wiley," Lindon said of the park shortly after he was named manager. "Natural beauty is a great seller, and all the money in the world can't buy it."

One of the cornerstones of Lindon's plan at the time was to market the park to the local region, saying there were still many who were unaware of the many things the park had to offer visitors, even people in our own back yards. He also planned to up the level of customer service and upkeep of the existing facilities.

"A lot of people don't know what we have here," he told folks shortly after taking the helm. "Sometimes people overlook what's in their back yard."

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Deaths

vehicle operated by William Andrew McKinnon, of Helena, Ga., on the eastbound side of the interstate. Both vehicles came to final rest on the eastbound shoulder of the interstate. Trigg County coroner, John Mark Vincent, pronounced Toni L. Pelcha, of Millington, Tenn., and Robert R. Mullins Jr., of Oak Grove, dead at the scene.

There was one pedestrian fatality that occurred in Fayette County and the suspected use of alcohol is a factor in this death.

Through Feb. 8, preliminary statistics indicate that 69 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is two fewer than reported for this time period in 2008. Of the 65 motor vehicle fatalities, 34 victims were not wearing seat belts. Four pedestrians have been killed. A

total of 17 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

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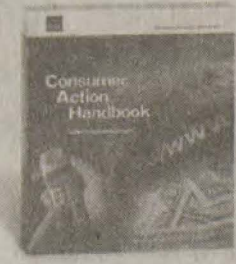
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National Guard soldiers rescue teens from icy water in Owensboro

OWENSBORO — Sgt. Matthew S. Hamilton and Sgt. Michael A. Clary of Headquarters Company, 206th Engineers, assisted local law enforcement with pulling the victims from the water after the vehicle they were riding in

slid off of the roadway and into the creek. "We monitored the sheriff's radio all night, waiting for them to actually call us for anything they needed help with," said Clary. "We heard them (on the radio) and (the

authorities) couldn't figure out how to get to them," he said. That's when the two Soldiers headed to the scene. According to Chief Deputy Lt. Col. Jeff Jones, Daviess County Sheriff's Department, the vehicle had already filled

with water by the time emergency officials arrived, noting that the temperature at the time of the accident was 10 degrees, with a wind chill index dipping below zero. "They had to exit the vehicle and were actually on top of

the vehicle when the 911 call was made," Jones said about the victims of the accident. "They were all basically in a huddle," said Clary. "I noticed that a couple of the teen's jeans were frozen solid along with their shoes. A couple of them were crying. I remember one of them kept saying that she couldn't feel her legs...she couldn't move her legs."

there and I feel that it was a big team effort and we just did our part of it." First Lt. Bradley R. Youngman, acting commander for Headquarters Company, 206th Engineers, said he is extremely proud of his Soldiers.

"If the call came in and I was here and somebody said, 'hey I need two people to come out here and help the fire department rescue these people,' these are two of the guys I would think of," said Youngman. "I'm intensely proud and relieved that these guys were able to take the initiative and they didn't sit and wait till somebody asked," he said. "Anytime a mission you can't plan goes well, that's just icing on the cake as far as I'm concerned."

Including the Soldiers of Headquarters Company, 206th Engineers, there are 4,600 National Guard Army and Air troops on the ground throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky after Gov. Steve Beshear activated the entire Kentucky National Guard Jan. 30 after an ice storm blanketed the state, leaving thousands without power.

Clary jumped in the water with a Masonville Fire Department volunteer firefighter to aid in the rescue while Hamilton assisted with calming the teenagers and moving them to the Soldier's humvee for warmth. After the last teen was pulled from the vehicle, the two Soldiers delivered them to awaiting ambulances where they were taken to the Owensboro Medical Health System where they were treated and released.

"We went out there and helped," Hamilton said. "We had the fire department, the Owensboro Police Department, the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, first responders, paramedics and volunteer firefighters. There were a lot of people out

Arts Council seeks nominations for Governor's Awards

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council is currently accepting nominations until March 1, 2009, for the 2009 Governor's Awards in the Arts. Governor Steve Beshear has been invited to honor the 2009 award recipients at a special public ceremony and reception in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort in October of 2009.

The awards are the state's highest honor in the arts, recognizing individuals and organizations with extraordinary achievement in the arts or making outstanding contributions in Kentucky through the arts. Any individuals, organizations or businesses may make nominations.

The nine award categories — Artist, Business, Community Arts, Education, Folk Heritage, Government, Media, Milner and National — recognize the broad range of support the arts enjoy in Kentucky.

To be eligible to receive a Governor's Award in the Arts, a candidate must be a Kentuckian or a Kentucky organization, business, media outlet, school or government agency, with the exception of the National Award, which is bestowed upon a Kentucky native son or daughter who has achieved national or international acclaim in the arts.

"The Governor's Awards in the Arts honor the achievements of Kentucky artists and

confirm the importance of businesses, media, education, communities and government in sustaining a strong arts environment," says Lori Meadows, executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council. "We encourage nominations from all parts of Kentucky. We value the diversity of people and communities in our commonwealth as well as the broad range of art forms found in Kentucky."

To nominate, go to http://artscouncil.ky.gov/guide/prog1/ga_gd.html. For more information about the Governor's Awards in the Arts program, contact Dan Strauss, Kentucky Arts Council at 502-564-3757 x 474 or dan.strauss@ky.gov.

Enzyme shows promise in treating Alzheimer's

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky researchers have found that an enzyme that breaks down the peptides believed to be a causative agent in Alzheimer's disease, when present in

blood, offers a promising approach for preventing and treating Alzheimer's disease.

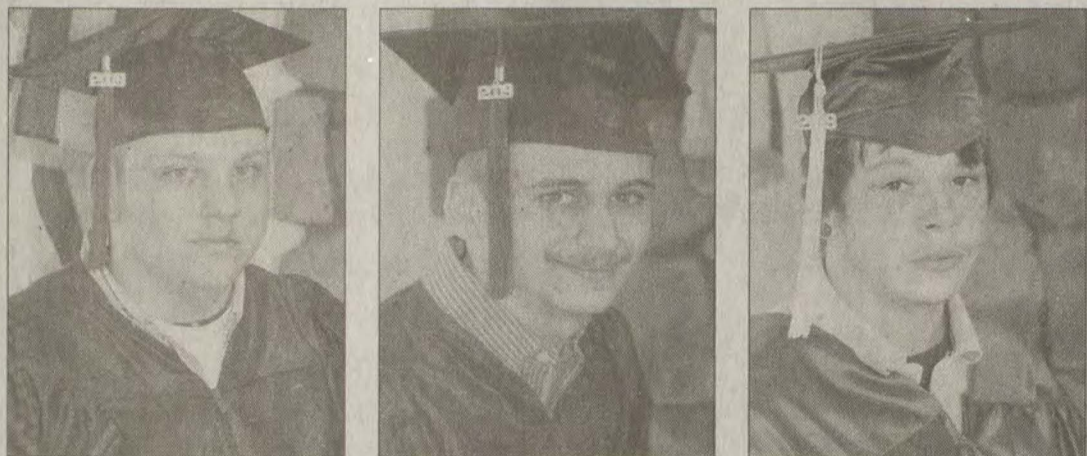
The researchers, led by Louis Hersh, professor of molecular and cellular chemistry at the UK College

of Medicine, found the enzyme, called neprilysin, breaks down amyloid beta peptides in plasma. One current theory on Alzheimer's disease cites these peptides as a cause of neurodegeneration.

The UK research team used an adeno-associated virus currently used in gene therapy to produce neprilysin on the hind limb muscle in an animal model. The neprilysin generated in the muscle was secreted into the blood, where it degraded the amyloid peptides that entered the blood from the brain.

The net effects were decreases in levels of both brain amyloid beta peptides and amyloid deposits similar to those typically seen in Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease afflicts more than 26 million people worldwide. At this time, there is no cure, and current treatments can only alleviate or slow the disease's progress.



David School Graduation

The David School held its Spring graduation on Friday, Jan. 23. Among the high school graduates were Brandon Ratliff, of David, left, along with Ryan Howell, of McDowell, center. Both plan to attend nearby colleges in the Fall. Also, The David School recognized Raymond Burgess for completing the required eighth-grade coursework in order to move on to the high school program.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Fields scores 1,000th career point

Sheldon Clark downs P'burg, 59-44

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG

Prestonsburg senior Linsey Fields scored a game-high 22 points and surpassed 1,000 points for her career Saturday night in a home game versus Sheldon Clark. The Lady Cardinals, however, claimed the win. Sheldon Clark gradually pulled away

from Prestonsburg, winning 59-44.

The Lady Cardinals edged Prestonsburg 13-12 in the first quarter. Sheldon Clark – the reigning 15th Region All “A” Classic champion – led 26-22 at halftime as Prestonsburg wouldn’t go away. Sheldon Clark started to pull away in the second half after establishing a double-digit lead in the third quarter. Prestonsburg found good looks at the basket to be rare at times in the third quarter. Sheldon Clark outscored the Lady Blackcats

22-6 in the third quarter as part of a strong second half run.

Eighth-grader Katelyn Newsome led Sheldon Clark with 18 points. Newsome was one of three Sheldon Clark players to reach double figures in the scoring column. Carla Booth and Jordan Harless each had 14 points for the Lady Cardinals.

Kristian Waugh was the only other Prestonsburg player to reach double figures as she finished with 10 points.

Prestonsburg (2-18) and Sheldon Clark (13-8) are

both winding down regular-season competition and gearing up for their respective district tournament.

Sheldon Clark 59,
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Sheldon Clark (13-8):
Booth 14, Newsome 18,
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Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp presented senior Linsey Fields with the game ball after she scored her 1,000th career point against Sheldon Clark on Saturday.

Hinton leads Lady Bears past UVA-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. – Natiera Hinton poured in a game-high 29 points as Pikeville College survived a furious rally to knock off U.Va.-Wise 74-71 Monday night. Hinton, a 6-0 sophomore from Rock Hill, S.C., needed every one of her points to offset Meghan Rutherford. The 5-10 sophomore from Bristol, Va., matched Hinton’s 27 points, scoring 11 points in the final 8:06, including a three with 20.8 seconds left to pull the Lady Cavs within one at 70-69.

In addition, Hinton pulled down 11 rebounds and had two steals. The win completed the season sweep of Wise.

Pikeville knocked off the Lady Cavs 69-59 on New Years Eve. Pikeville (17-8), winners of four of its last five, survived its final non-Mid-South Conference game of the season despite hitting its last field goal with 5:59 remaining. That basket, a three-pointer by senior Alice Daniel (Johnson Central (HS)), was her second in 38 seconds and put the Lady Bears ahead 67-55. From there, however, the Lady Cavs went on a 14-3 run that culminated with Rutherford’s three to make it a one-point game. Rutherford and freshman Kristin Mullins had five points apiece during that stretch. Pikeville survived by hitting its last six free throws in the final 26.3 seconds. Freshman Megan Mosley (Knott County Central HS) had four of them with Hinton capping the game with two at 4.0 seconds left.

Wise (5-21), which had pulled within one on a layup by freshman Amber Carter with 5.7 seconds left, had one last chance to tie, but Carter’s three from just inside midcourt bounced off the front of the rim. Hinton was joined in double figures by sophomore Lakin Bailey, who came off the bench for the second straight game to hit double digits, recording 11. She had four rebounds and a pair of steals as well. Pikeville won the rebounding battle, 52-34, reaching 50 for the eighth time this season.

Eight different players had at least four rebounds, including sophomore guard Lauren Potts and freshman center Alexis Johnson, both of whom followed Hinton with seven.

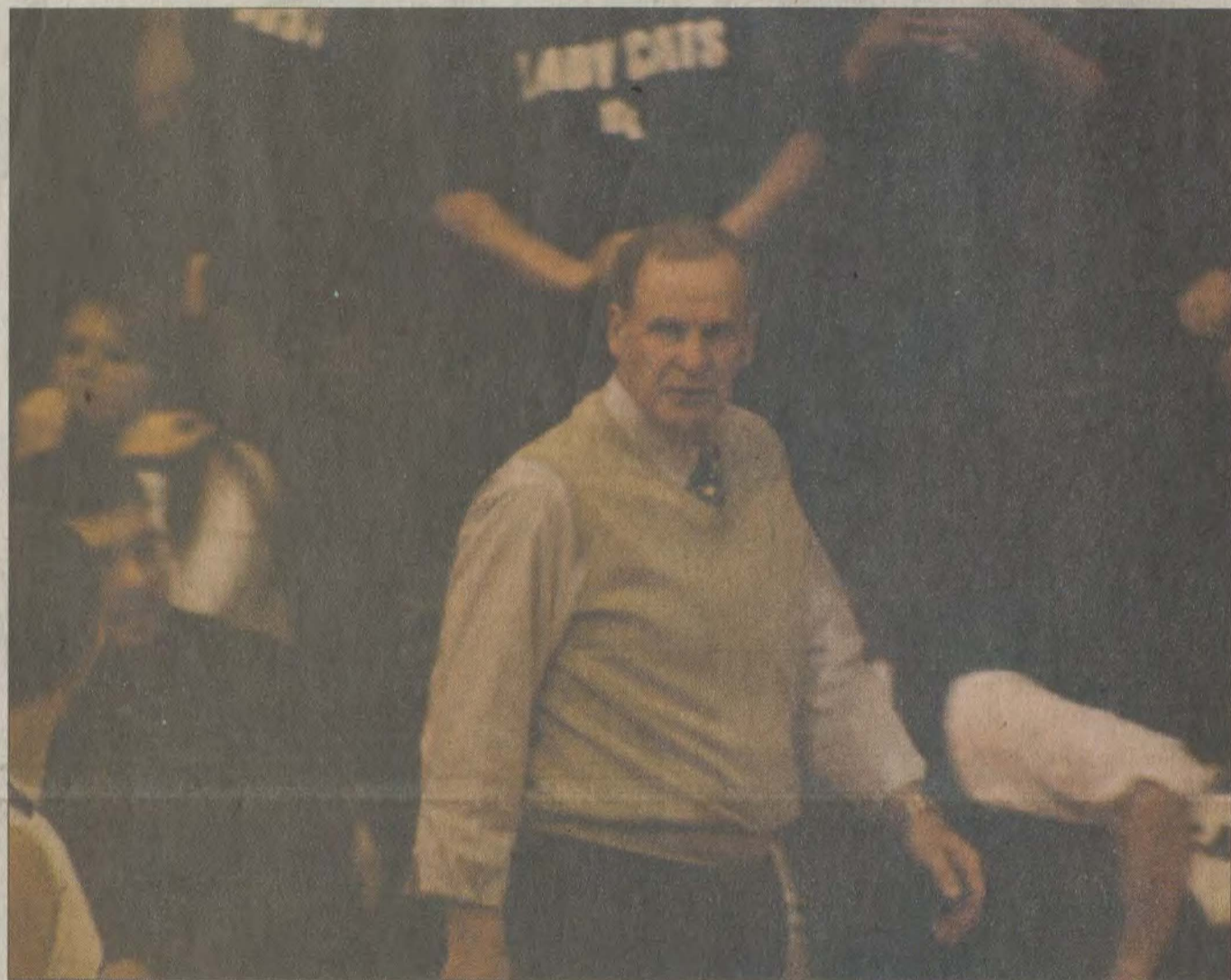
Wise had three players in double figures. Rutherford had her 27 on 9-of-14 shooting and pulled down five rebounds as well. Mullins finished with 16 while Carter tossed in 12.

Senior Lauren Jervis led the Lady Cavs on the glass, pulling down 10, and also paced her club with three steals.

Pikeville will return to league play on Thursday night when it travels to play No. 11 Campbellsville in a 6 p.m. tip. The Lady Bears will be trying to end an 11-game win streak by the Lady Tigers. U.Va.-Wise will remain home on Wednesday to entertain King College.

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BETSY LAYNE SWEEPS



photos by Jamie Howell
BETSY LAYNE COACH JR. NEWSOME eyed the action during Friday night’s 58th District home game versus Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne defeated the Blackcats 53-33.

Bobcats turn back P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — South Floyd wasn’t the only 58th District/Floyd County Conference boys’ basketball team enacting some revenge Friday night. The Raiders got back at Allen Central for a loss they suffered earlier in the season. At the Dome, Betsy Layne enacted some revenge of its own, defeating Prestonsburg 53-33. The Blackcats posted a win over Betsy Layne earlier in the season.

Richie Tackett led Betsy Layne with 14 points. Bryant Tibbs added 10 points as eight different Betsy Layne players provided scoring.

Betsy Layne took a lead in the first quarter and ran with it. The Bobcats doubled up Prestonsburg 16-8 in the second quarter. Betsy Layne extended its lead in the third quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 19-8.

Josh Head and Jordan Newman each had six points for Betsy Layne. Bryce Adkins and Casey Adkins delivered five points apiece for the Bobcats. Adam Slone scored four points and Nathan Martin added two for Betsy Layne.

Steven Patrick paced Prestonsburg, scoring 15 points in the district matchup.

GIRLS: Betsy Layne 65, Prestonsburg 36: In the girls’ game, Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 24-8 in the first quarter and collected another impressive district win.

Megan Hamilton had 18 points and Taylor Hott added 16 for host Betsy Layne.

Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg with eight points. Kristian Waugh added seven points for the visiting Lady Blackcats.

Betsy Layne led 38-17 at halftime.



Defensively, Betsy Layne limited Prestonsburg in both the boys’ and girls’ games.



Bears knock off No. 9 Lindsey Wilson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College had four players in double figures and committed only nine turnovers in upsetting ninth-ranked Lindsey Wilson College 66-56 Saturday afternoon.

The Bears, 16-8, 4-3 in the Mid-South Conference, have now won four of five. The Blue Raiders had won seven of their last eight games and now stand 18-4 overall, 5-2 in the league.

Lindsey scored five points in a 30-second stretch on a layup

by junior Paki Brown and a three by junior Tim Parker to tie the game at 50 with 4:20 left. But the Bears answered with back-to-back three-pointers, first by senior J.B. Smiley and then by junior Josh Samarco, to push their lead to six. Sophomore Justin Hicks hit two free throws to make it 58-50 with 2:23 left.

The Blue Raiders tried to answer, getting a three by sophomore Jeremiah Diebler with 2:08 remaining, but the Bears then scored eight straight thanks to 6-of-6 from the free throw line to pull away for the win.

Pikeville shot only 41.3 percent from the floor and made only 3-of-13 from the arc, but hit 25-of-28 (89.3 percent) from the line. Lindsey Wilson also struggled from the field, hitting 34.4 percent overall and 29.4 percent from the arc. The Blue Raiders were also solid from the line, hitting 9-of-11 (81.8 percent).

Junior Josh Samarco led all scorers with 22 points to lead four players in double figures for Pikeville. Junior Anthony Smith followed with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Smiley and Hicks followed

with 11 markers apiece. Smiley, a 6-0 guard, had five rebounds while Hicks handed out seven assists.

Lindsey Wilson was paced by junior Eric McPherson’s double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. He was 9-of-9 from the free throw line. Brown followed with 10 points and five rebounds.

Pikeville will return to action on Thursday night, traveling to Campbellsville. Lindsey Wilson will be home on Tuesday night when No. 2 Mountain State University comes to call.

Lady Rebels fall to Greenup

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LLOYD — Destiny Jones scored a game-high 22 points to lead host Greenup County past Allen Central 47-37 Saturday in a non-district game.

Allen Central and Greenup County swapped leads as early as the first half. Greenup County eased out of the first quarter with a 14-11 lead. Allen Central, however, was far from being out of the game. The Lady Rebels battled back, pushing into halftime with a 21-20 lead. Greenup County regained the lead for good in the third quarter, outscoring Allen Central 16-7.

Greenup County won despite struggling from the free throw line. The Lady Musketeers connected on just four-of-23 charity shots.

Megan Jones led Allen Central with 16 points. Amber Shepherd scored eight points for the Lady Rebels.

Allen Central shot 50-percent (9-of-18) from the free throw line. Jones and Shepherd each hit two three-point field goals.

The Lady Musketeers improved to 5-11 while Allen Central dropped to 6-10.

Greenup County 47,
Allen Central 37
Allen Central (37) — Jones 15, Kidd 6, Shepherd 8, Mullins 3, Kinney 3, Klein 2.

Greenup County (47) — Jones 22, Barlow 6, Grizzle 5, Brown 5, White 5, Williams 2, Bentley 2.

AC.....11 10 7 9-37
GC.....14 6 16 11-47

Berea defeats Alice Lloyd

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd Eagles played well for one half, but the Berea Mountaineers took command over the final 20 minutes Thursday, pulling out a 95-74 win.

Things started well for ALC as they led the first 20 minutes. The Eagles connected on 53-percent of their field goals as they pulled out to a 41-36 lead at the break.

In the second half, ALC struggled to find their shooting eye. Berea, sparked by the one-two punch of Cody Hornsby and Mikah Turner, quickly took advantage. Berea went on a 20-2 run and the Eagles were never able to recover from the knock-out blow.

For the Eagles (10-15), Will Dillard paved the way with 15 points. Justin Hobbs and Corey Hairston added 14 each. Rodney Mitchell also hit double figures as he registered 13 points.

Hornsby and Turner led the Mountaineers (12-9), finishing with 28 and 27 points, respectively. Chase Wofford added 16 points for visiting Berea.

Alice Lloyd: 41, 33-74: Dillard 15, Hairston 14, Hobbs 14, Mitchell 13, Brumback 9, Dixon 4, Combs 3, Simon-Spradlin 2.

Berea College: 36, 59-95: Hornsby 28, Turner 27, Wofford 16, Burrus 9, Mallory 7, Clark 4, Wandera 4.

Joe Johnson named new Pikeville College football coach • A10

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TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College didn't have to search far for its fourth football coach. On Monday afternoon, defensive coordinator Joe Johnson accepted the task of leading the program.

Johnson served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator during the 2008 season while coaching defensive backs and kickers. Despite its 2-9 record, the Bears were first in the Mid-South Conference against the pass.

In addition to his efforts with the defensive unit, Johnson coached junior Kyle Chilton through his first-team All-American season.

"We're very pleased Coach Johnson has accepted our head coaching position," said Dr. Michael Looney, president of Pikeville College. "He is an outstanding person who we believe will do the right things for our student-athletes. We believe he has the leadership to guide our program in the right direction."

"Joe Johnson is the right person for this job," said Robert Staggs, interim athletics director at Pikeville. "He is a quality person who has a strong set of values and the qualities we cherish here, and we're thankful he has made the decision to accept this challenge."

Johnson is a native of nearby Abingdon, Va., and has a Bachelor of Arts degree from

Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va. His experiences on both the college and high school levels are vast; included in that is a two-year stint as head coach at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C.

In addition, Johnson was defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Lenoir-Rhyne College; recruiting coordinator, secondary coach and kicking coach at Charleston Southern University; director of football operations, and recruiting coordinator at Appalachian State University;

and assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Lees-McRae College.

"I'm very honored and humbled to be chosen to lead the Pikeville College football program," Johnson



JOE JOHNSON

the right decision. I love Pikeville College and

believe in it, and am very excited about this opportunity. It was during his stint at Lees-McRae from 1986-1991 that he worked with Mac Bryan, who brought Johnson to Pikeville College this season. Under their direction, the Bobcats went 44-10-1, winning three Coastal Conference Championships and participating in five consecutive bowl games. In their tenure, Lees-McRae stayed in the nation's top 11 in the junior college poll for four consecutive seasons.

Johnson has coached 13 position players who were named all-conference, nine kicking specialists who were so honored, six All-Americans and several players who went on to careers in the National Football League. During his stint as head coach at North Greenville, he led the Crusaders to their first ever bowl game, the KWTO Bowl in Bolivar, Mo. In addition, he was Director of Athletics Ministries at the school.

Putback pushes Lady Bears past No. 24 Lindsey Wilson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Senior Whitney Hogg scored on a putback with 7.2 seconds left to give the Pikeville College Lady Bears a 59-58 win over No. 24 Lindsey Wilson College on Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville (16-8, 3-4 in the Mid-South Conference) got the ball back with 50 seconds left, trailing 58-56, when freshman center Valery McKernan missed a layup. Sophomore Whitney Compton made one free throw and missed the other with 31 seconds left, but freshman guard Megan Mosley pulled down the rebound to set the stage for the winner.

Pikeville worked the ball inside to Compton who missed the layup, but Hogg was in position for the rebound and layup.

Lindsey Wilson (18-7, 4-3) had one last chance, but sophomore Diondra Anthony missed an off-balanced three as the horn sounded.

Pikeville sophomore Natiera Hinton led all scorers with 19 points. She also had nine rebounds and four steals in the win. Sophomore Lakia Bailey came off the bench with 10 points. Compton had seven points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Lindsey Wilson was led by junior Sierra Rambert's 14 points. She also had five rebounds. Sophomore Viktoria Krell followed with 13 points and eight rebounds. Anthony added 10 points, four steals and three rebounds.

Sophomore Bethany Spillman, who had seven points, led Lindsey with 10 rebounds. The Lady Raiders edged the Lady Bears 40-39 in the rebounding department.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Team	Overall Record
Johnson Central	16-5
Paintsville	15-5
Shelby Valley	14-6
Sheldon Clark	14-8
Magoffin County	13-8
Phelps	12-4
Pikeville	11-10
Lawrence County	11-12
Betsy Layne	10-7
Pike Co. Central	10-9
East Ridge	8-13
South Floyd	7-11
Allen Central	6-10
Belfry	4-14
Piarist School	3-16
Prestonsburg	2-18

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Jacksonville State downs Eastern Kentucky, 75-70

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Jacksonville State used a 17-2 run midway through the second half to pull away from the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team and earn a 75-70 victory over the Colonels Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Gamecocks (11-11, 5-8 OVC) picked up a season split with the Colonels (14-10, 7-6).

Junior Josh Taylor led Eastern Kentucky with a career-high 21 points. Senior Mike Rose chipped in with 13 points while freshmen Joshua Jones and Jorge Camacho each added 11 points.

Three Jacksonville State players tallied double-doubles while DeAndre Bray paced the squad with 21 points. Bray went 7-for-7 from behind the arc and hit two three-pointers in the final four minutes to hold off an EKU come-back attempt.

The host Gamecocks led throughout most of the contest and took a 39-32 lead into intermission. Taylor kept the Colonels within striking distance thanks to netting 14 points in the first 20 minutes of action.

Eastern Kentucky opened the second half with seven straight points to even the score at 39-all. Jones capped the run with his only three-pointer of the game.

After a Jones free throw evened the score again at 43-apiece, Jacksonville State put together the 17-2 run to go ahead, 60-45. Five different JSU players scored during the stretch including Toles and Bray, who each hit a three-pointer.

From there Eastern Kentucky responded with 10 straight points to claw within five points, 60-55, with 4:02 left. The Colonels twice had chances to get even closer in the next minute, but Jones and Taylor each missed on fast-break opportunities.

Bray's final three-pointer with 1:44 left stretched the Jacksonville State lead back up to eight points, 66-58. The Gamecocks then iced the game by making 9-of-12 free throws down the stretch.

Jacksonville State controlled play on the offensive glass as the Gamecocks recorded 14 offensive boards which led to 18 second-chance points. Nick Murphy posted five offensive boards and finished with a game-high 11 rebounds.

Eastern Kentucky is now 1-6 all-time at Jacksonville State.

The Colonels will return home to host Southeast Missouri in an ESPN nationally-televised game on Thursday, Feb. 12. Tip-off is set for 9 p.m.

Lady Colonels fall at JSU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Eastern Kentucky University's women's basketball team lost to Jacksonville State, 73-55, on Saturday. The Lady Colonels (6-16, 3-10 OVC) were led by Kayla Drake and Ilona Muszak with 12 points each. Jolie Efezokhae led the Gamecocks (5-18, 2-11 OVC) with 21 points and eight rebounds.

EKU sophomore Nadia Mossong contributed a career-best 12 rebounds and eight points. Cherie White also finished with a career-high 11 rebounds. Candice Carmine came off the bench to score 10 points for JSU.

After Eastern scored first, Jacksonville State went on a 16-2 run. After a bucket by Colette Cole at the 16:30 mark, the Lady Colonels didn't score again until 9:57 remained in the first half. EKU made only two of its first 13 shots. Back-to-back baskets by Efezokhae, including a three-pointer, put the

Gamecocks on top 16-4 10:07 left in the first half.

Eastern Kentucky quit. The Lady Colonels answered with an 11-0 climb back into the lead. EKU made 5-of-9 attempts from the field during the run. Sarah Fraser-Jones capped it with a three-pointer with 4:45 showing on the clock to make it an 18-16 game in favor of JSU.

EKU suffered through another extended scoring as the first half closed. Laura Becerra's three-pointer from the top of the key with 42 seconds before the horn was the only basket for Eastern in the final 4:45. The Gamecocks added seven points over that same time span and took a 25-19 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Lady Colonels shot 28.6 (8-of-28) in the first half. Jacksonville State made 30 percent (9-of-30) of its shots.

Eastern Kentucky opened the second half by scoring six of the first eight points and closed to within two. Back-to-back buckets by Cole made it a 27-25 game with 18:49 left in the game.

The Gamecocks slowly edged ahead by double figures. A 14-6 run capped by a three-pointer from Cassi Stuart and a free throw by Carmine made it a 10-point advantage, 41-31, with 14:26 to play. Carmine's basket at the 12:02 mark stretched the lead to 16, 49-33. The lead reached 18 points on a three-pointer by Brittany Wiley and a free throw from Efezokhae with 7:38 left to play.

Jacksonville State shot 54.2 percent (13-for-24) in the second half and 40.7 percent for the game.

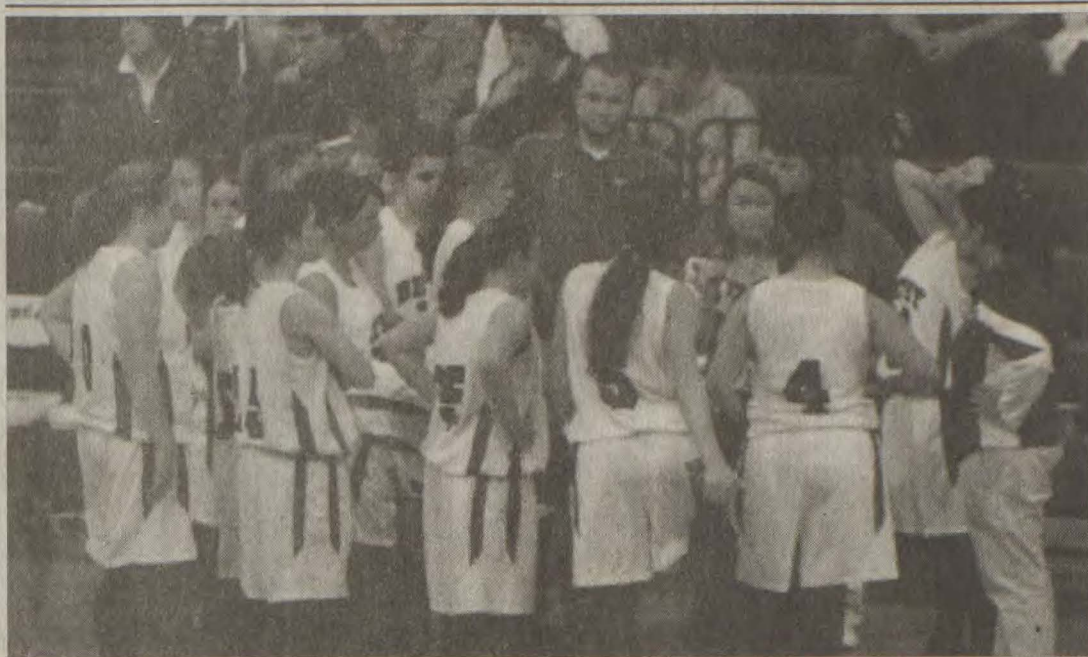
The Lady Colonels will return home for three games beginning with Southeast Missouri State on Thursday. Tip-off at McBrayer Arena is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

Floyd spring soccer registration set for Saturday

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Youth Soccer Association recently announced that registration for the Spring 2009 season will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 21 at McDonald's located in the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center. Volunteers will be present at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The registration fee remains \$40 per child.

Parents may also register their children by accessing the league website at www.ekysoccer.org. The registration form posted online should be printed, completed by the parent, and mailed to Robin Simpson Smith, Registrar, P.O. Box 176, Prestonsburg, Ky., 41653. Check or money order in the amount of \$40 for registration fees should be included with the registration form. Floyd County Youth Soccer is not responsible for mail delivery, and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

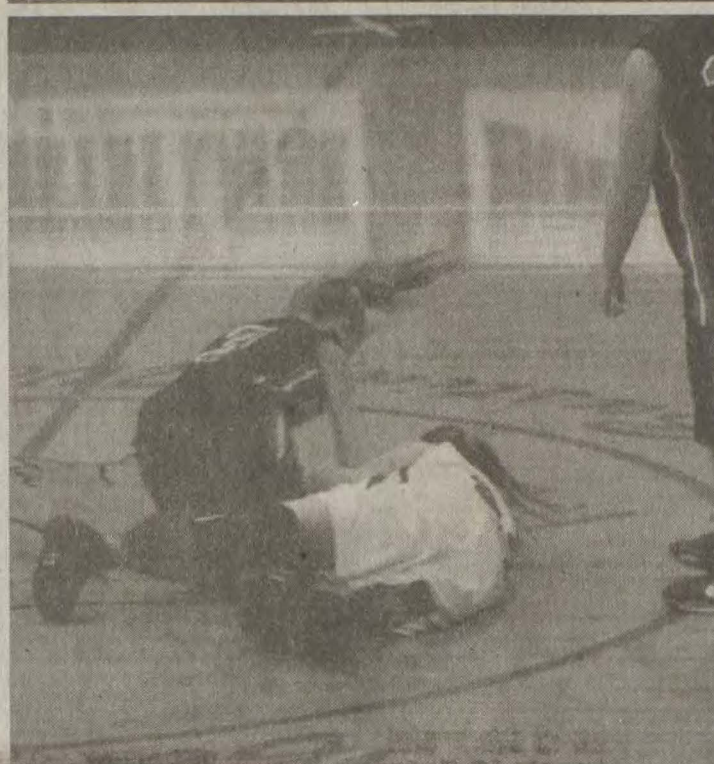
All children at least four years of age, but no less than 19 years of age on August 1, 2008 are eligible to participate in the soccer league. Players in the Under6 and Under8 divisions play against other Floyd County teams only. Teams in the Under10 division and older play teams from surrounding counties. For more information, call Smith 886-9562.



photos by Jamie Howell

THE BETSY LAYNE LADYCATS have locked up the No. 1 spot in the upcoming 58th District Tournament. Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg on Friday night in a district game at the Dome.

Former Ladycat Devon Reynolds (pictured above talking to her team during a timeout) is in her first season as Betsy Layne head coach.



Resurgent Raiders pull away from Allen Central, win district game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Early on in the 2008-09 season, Allen Central got into the win column with a 58th District victory over South Floyd. On Friday night, South Floyd returned the favor. The Raiders, playing on the road at Allen Central, faced a near double-digit deficit at the end of the first quarter. South Floyd, however, recovered nicely. The Raiders, facing a three-point deficit at the half, outscored Allen Central 26-9 in the third quarter. Allen Central was unable to battle

back in the final quarter as South Floyd won 74-62.

Shannon Turner led South Floyd with a game-high 25 points. Tommy Joe Hall followed with 18 points for the Raiders (5-16). Matt Tackett and Brandon Marson each had nine points for visiting South Floyd. Corey Paige scored eight points and Tyler Mitchell tossed in five for the Raiders.

Allen Central started the game strong, outscoring South Floyd 22-13 in the first quarter. The Rebels were ahead 32-29 when the two teams went into the locker rooms during the intermission period.

Chris Stumbo led Allen

Central with 22 points. Micah Harlow added 10 points for the Rebels (1-13).

South Floyd 74,
Allen Central 62
South Floyd (5-16) -
Tackett 9, Mitchell 5, Marson 9, D. Hall 18, Paige 8, Turner 25.

Allen Central (1-12) - Cole 2, Dingus 4, Meade 2, Nelson 4, Harlow 10, Stumbo 22, Salisbury 5, Jackson 5, Jarrell 9.

SF.....13 16 26 19-74
AC.....22 10 9 21-62

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P'burg Little League signups continue

Prestonsburg Little League continues to host a series of signups for the 2009 season. Signups will be held Feb. 14, 21 and 28. The Feb. 14 signups will be held at Prestonsburg Elementary School. The Feb. 21 and 28 signups will be held at Dairy Queen of Prestonsburg. Each set of signups will be conducted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information on the signups, call 886-2232.

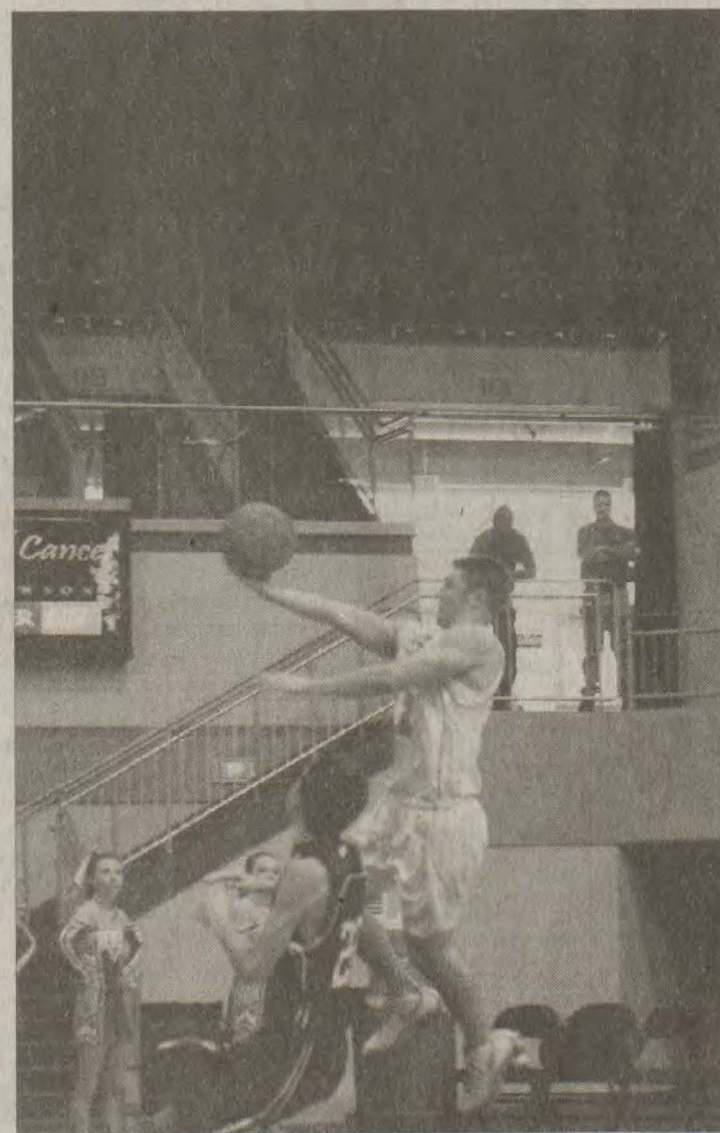


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ALLEN CENTRAL STANDOUT CHRIS STUMBO went in for a layup during a game at the East Kentucky Expo Center earlier in the season.

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Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, enered on the 13th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$21,957.32, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
Division No. 1
Case No. 07-CI-182

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Sarah Gayheart Caudill and Chris Caudill, her husband; Ricky Gayheart, single; Phyllis Ann Gayheart McKinney and James McKinney, her husband; Billy Gayheart and Marie Gayheart, his wife; Thena Faye Gayheart Jones and Fred Jones, her husband; Ronald Gayheart and Linda Gayheart, his wife; Sandra Gayheart Samons, single; Trisha Marlene Gayheart, single; Tony Gayheart, single; Jackie Gayheart and Tammy Gayheart, his wife; Randall Gayheart, single; and Randy Gayheart, single
Petitioners vs. Roger Gayheart and

Kathy Gayheart, his wife; and Randolph Gayheart and Susan Gayheart, his wife; Randall Gayheart and Unknown Spouse of Randall Gayheart Respondents

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 12th of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice

Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 12th day of February, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described surface property, located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:
Parcel 1: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on Left Beaver Creek of Frasures Creek, containing 20 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning on top of cliff at a marked rock with an "X" on the left side of Frasures Creek just below Susan Johnson's house, thence a straight line to top of point to Frank Lambert's line, thence running with said Frank Reynolds line;

thence running with said Reynolds line to the creek; thence down the said Frasures Creek and running with the creek to a marked post thence running straight across the bottom to a post at the foot of the hill, thence down the creek running along the foot of the hill a straight line to an oak on top of a cliff, thence around the hill to a marked rock to the beginning.
Parcel II: A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Frasures Creek, containing 2 acres more or less.
Beginning at a point where present county road is located as of October 3, 1968, thence running east with Jack Gayheart line to fence, thence running north with Jack Gayheart line to Pay Hamilton line, thence running west with Pay Hamilton line to present county road, thence running south with

county road present to the beginning.
Terms of Sale:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Petitioners, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable.

Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.
Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick,
Floyd Master
Commissioner

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 826-0332 Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, intends to revise permit No. 836-0332 to change the operator. The oper-

ator presently approved in the permit is FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new operator will be General Equipment Sales, Inc., 1111 N. Westshore Boulevard Ste. 211, Tampa, Florida 33607.
The operation is located 3.0 miles southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The facility is approximately 3.0 miles southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.1 mile west of Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map, at latitude 37°30'40" and longitude 82°43'14".
The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections, must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections

must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 27, 2009, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy Area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be compiled with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2009.

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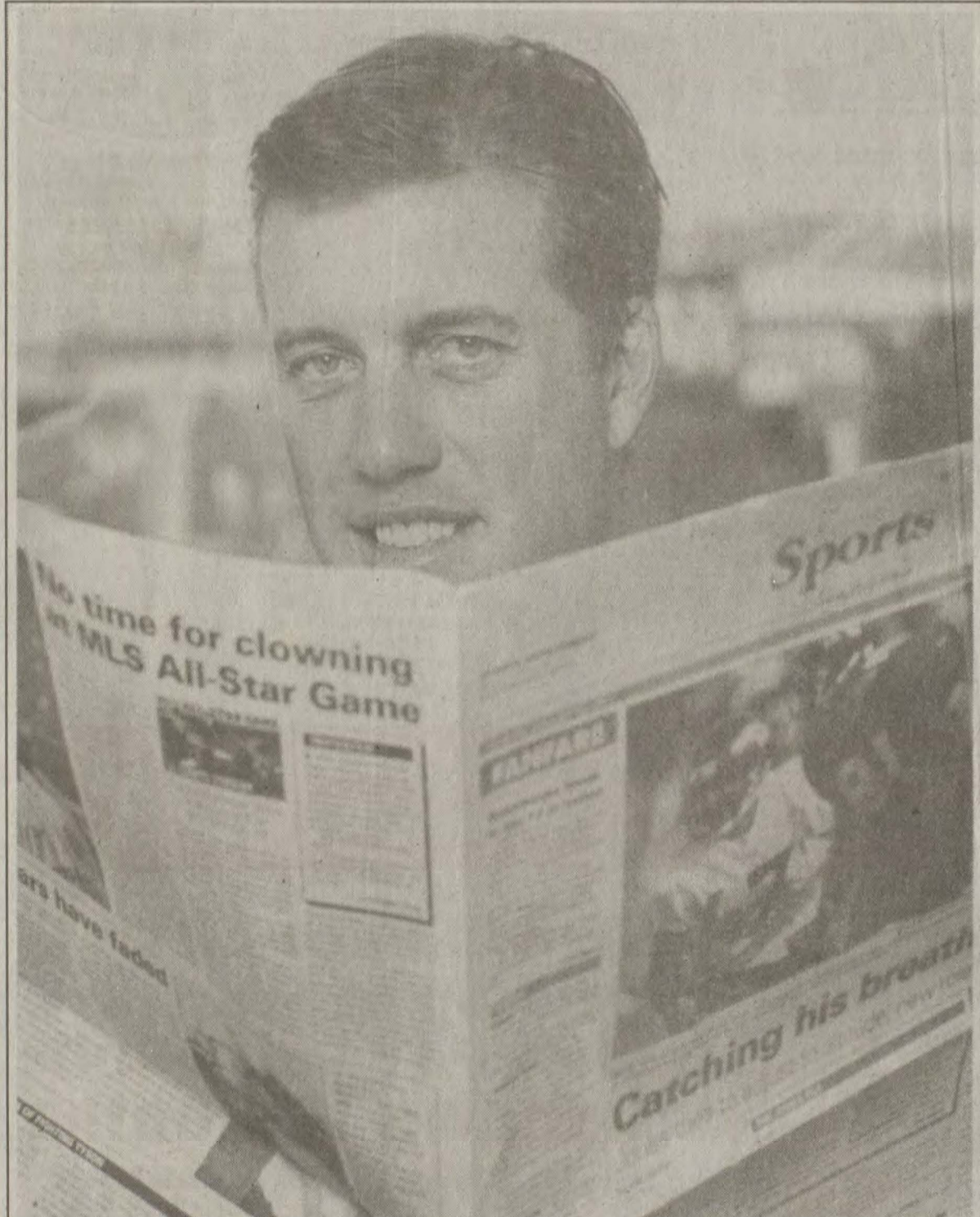


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by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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I admit it: I'm a sucker for a "gee-whiz" story. You'd think that after more than three decades of hanging around the "news biz" in one form or another, I'd be more hardened and tough to impress. But give me a news story with a neat twist or a curious angle, and I'm barely through the back door in the evening before I'm saying to my husband, "Honey, wait until you hear this!"

That's what makes the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) such a fun place to work, in my humble opinion. I'm not saying that every single discovery is the kind that you just can't wait to tell the neighbors, but an incredibly high percentage of them are, and it's certainly enough to keep me showing up for work every morning thinking, "Wow, I wonder what's going to come across my desk today."

Here are a couple of recent discoveries that you might enjoy:

■ In that great holiday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life," George Bailey's once-in-a-lifetime chance to "get in on the ground floor" of a terrific business opportunity comes early in the movie, when his old high school pal Sam

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POISON OAK

Spring forward! Please!

by CLYDE PACK

Since we're well into February, there's a good chance that many of those who made New Year's resolutions have probably broken them, already. I haven't broken mine, for the simple reason I didn't



Clyde Pack

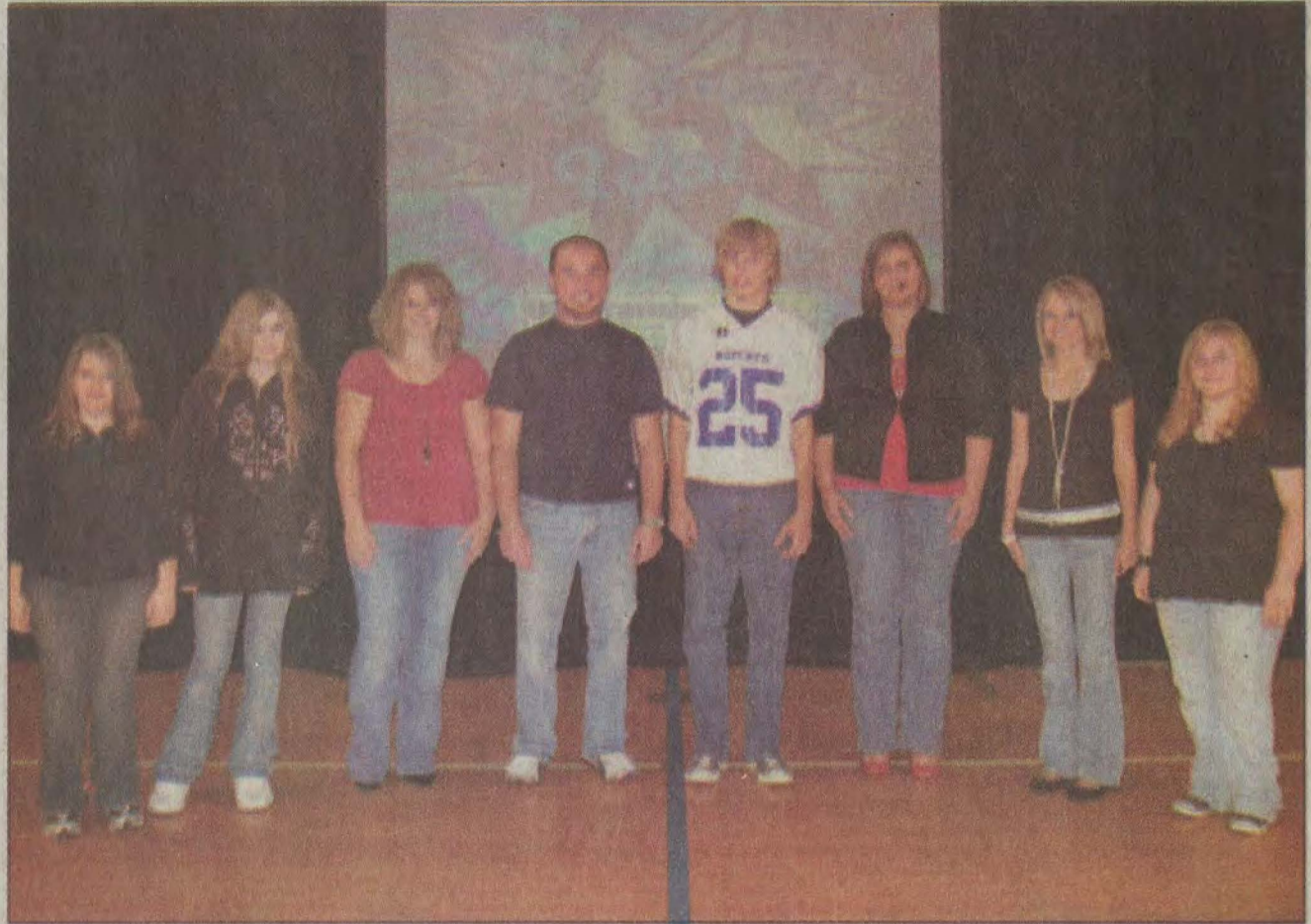
make one. So, although it's a bit late now, I suppose I'll have to call what I'm about to make something else. But regardless of what one chooses to call it, here goes. I'm never again

going to complain about anything pertaining to summer.

I'm so ready for winter to be over. Last summer, all I did was gripe. If I wasn't complaining about it being too hot, I was griping about my hedge growing too fast. From now on, if it gets to be 110, in the shade for weeks at a time; if my hedge ends up looking like a jungle—even if a monkey takes up residence in it—I shall not complain. This winter has pretty much done me in. Of course, the recent ice storm didn't help the situation, but even before it came calling, the season was beginning to wear thin as far as I was concerned.

Of course my distaste for winter is really nothing new, it all goes back to my childhood, to those times when I was very small and would press my nose against the window pane and beg Mom to let me go out and play in the snow, like every other kid in the neighborhood. It usually took the first half of the winter to persuade her to let me go, and the last half for me to recuperate from the one day of play. I'd spend days at a time covered with Vick's salve—one of Mom's favorite winter-time cures—trying to ward off pneumonia.

(See OAK, page five)



Several students from Betsy Layne High School recently showed off their vocal skills for the judges of the Big Sandy Idol local-level competition. Pictured are left to right: Second Place Winner Sola Williams, Honorable Mention Winner Heather Johnson, First Place Winner Ariel Hopkins, Big Sandy Idol Director Clayton Case, Honorable Mention Winner Aaron Beard, Honorable Mention Winner Kayla Iricks, Kelsie Akers, and Kayla Younce.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Betsy Layne students move ahead in competition

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Betsy Layne High School had a good showing in the local-level competition of Big Sandy Idol, with two students selected for the chance to compete in the region-wide event in March.

Ariel Hopkins was selected as the first-place winner, and Sola Williams took second-place, and five other students received honorable mentions.

"Big Sandy Community and Technical College is pleased to recognize the Betsy Layne High School participants," said Laura Ford Hall, Big Sandy Singers director.

Big Sandy Idol is a talent and scholarship com-

petition that offers two winners from each school a chance to compete in the regional Big Sandy Idol event. The winner will have the opportunity to record a demo CD, a full album, and a \$1,200 vocal scholarship to attend Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The winner will also earn a spot with the Big Sandy Singers.

"We are very excited about this new program," said Clayton Case, coordinator of the Big Sandy Idol program. "We are excited to provide an opportunity for our high school students to receive performance and recording experience, and ultimately a college scholarship."

The competition is organized by the music department of Big Sandy Community and

Technical College, in partnership with the Mountain Arts Center, and is sponsored by Jennifer Reynolds' State Farm Insurance in Pikeville.

The regional section of the Big Sandy Idol competition will be held at the Mountain Arts Center on March 13, for the second-place winners, and March 14, for the first-place winners and the championship round.

Tickets for Big Sandy Idol are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The tickets will be available for sale at the Mountain Arts Center on Feb. 9.

For more information on purchasing tickets, contact the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Postal service honors civil rights pioneers

by MARILYN LOESER

To commemorate the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) 100th anniversary, the Postal Service will dedicate the Civil Rights Pioneers' stamps February 21.

The public is welcome to attend the dedication ceremony at the NAACP Board Meeting in New York City. The ceremony will take place at 10:15 a.m. in the New York Hilton Hotel and Towers' Trianon Ballroom, 2nd Floor, 2335 Ave. of the Americas.

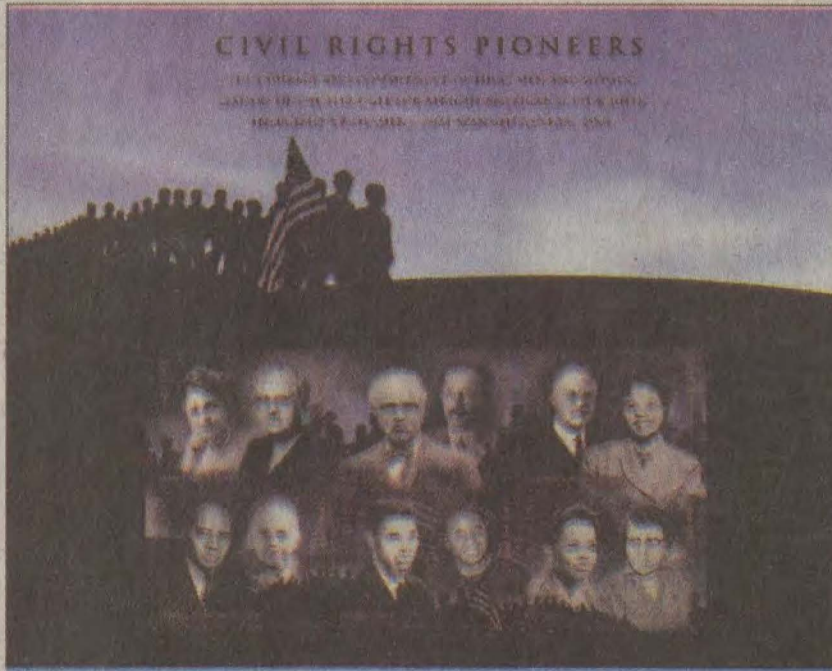
The Civil Rights Pioneers' stamps immortalize the courage, commitment and achievements of 12 civil rights leaders.

Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) was a writer, activist and lecturer. She was a powerful advocate for racial justice and women's rights in America and abroad.

A journalist and social worker, Mary White Ovington (1865-1951) believed passionately in racial equality and was a founder of the NAACP.

J. R. Clifford (1848-1933) was the first black attorney licensed in West Virginia. In two landmark cases before his state's Supreme Court, he attacked racial discrimination in education.

Joel Elias Spingarn (1875-1939) endowed the prestigious Spingarn Medal, awarded annually since



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1915, to highlight black achievement.

One of the founders of the NAACP, Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949) wrote the "Call" leading to its formation.

Daisy Gatson Bates (1914-1999) mentored nine black students who enrolled at all-white Central High School in Little Rock, AR, in 1957. The students used her home as an organizational hub.

A lawyer and educator, Charles Hamilton Houston (1895-1950) was a main architect of the civil rights movement. He believed in using laws to better the lives of underprivileged citizens.

With blue eyes and a fair complexion, NAACP leader Walter White (1893-1955), was able to make daring undercover investigations.

Medgar Evers (1925-1963)

served with distinction as an official of the NAACP in Mississippi until his assassination in 1963.

A Mississippi sharecropper, Fannie Lou Hamer (1917-1977) fought for black voting rights and spoke for many when she said, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Ella Baker (1903-1986) was a skillful organizer. She encouraged women and young people to assume positions of leadership in the civil rights movement.

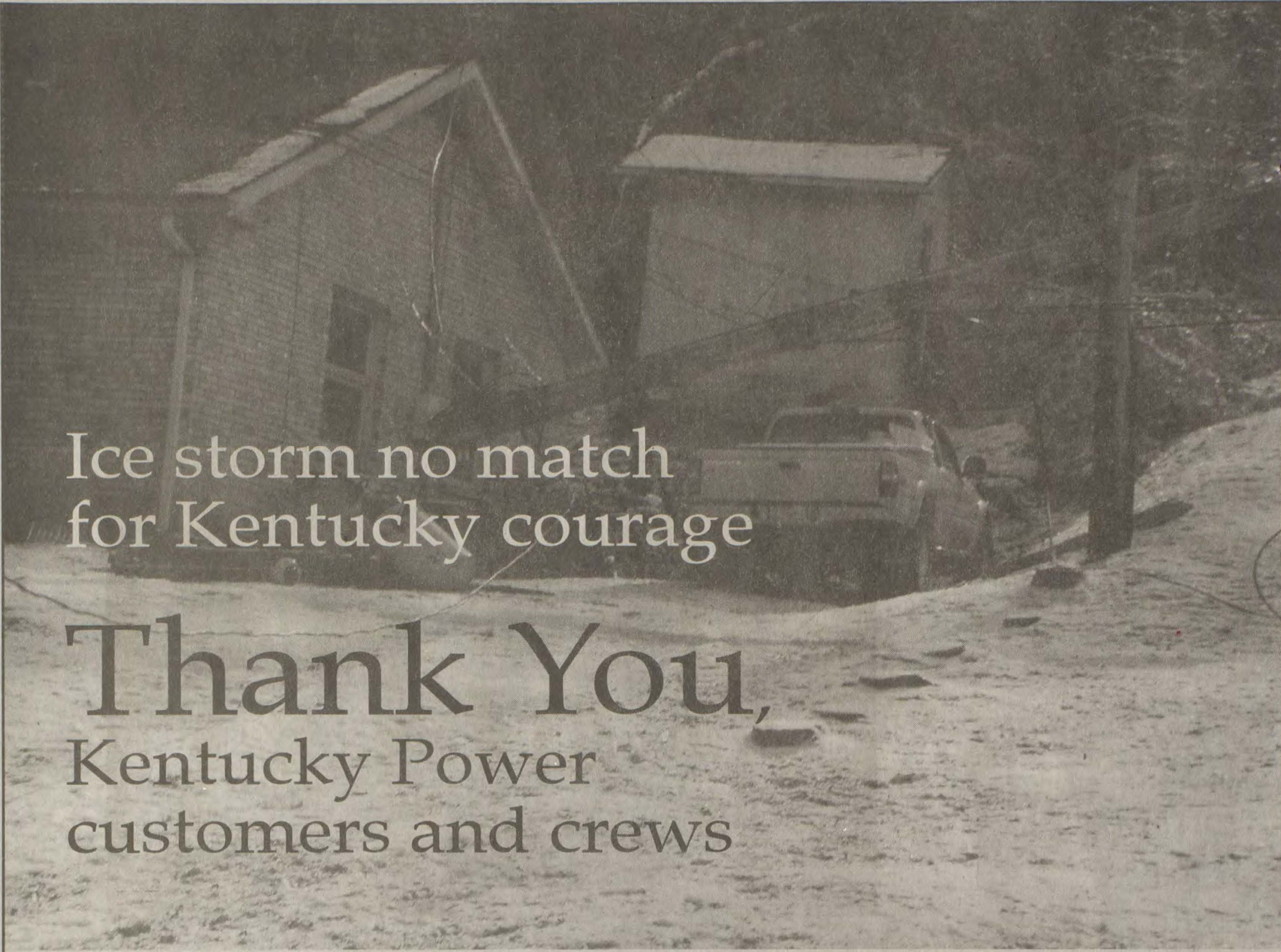
A courageous and capable official with the NAACP, Ruby Hurley (1909-1980)

did difficult, dangerous work in the South.

In addition to stamp honorees Mary White Ovington and Oswald Garrison Villard, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ida B. Wells, Archibald Grimke, Henry Moskowitz and William English Walling were the original founders of the NAACP.

The Black Heritage stamp, historically issued in late January or early February, will be issued in June this year and will serve as the 2010 Black Heritage stamp.

Anna Julia Cooper (c.1858-1964) is this year's honoree. She was an educator, scholar, feminist and activist who gave voice to the African-American community during the 19th and 20th centuries - from the end of slavery to the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement.



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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 5 and 10, 1999)

Community Chorus is being revived at Prestonsburg Community College. The blending of voices is set for Monday, 7-9 p.m., in the Pike Auditorium on the PCC campus, starting February 8

MSU will have the second in its series of symposiums on teacher education reform today at 3 p.m.

Pikeville College has scheduled its 1999 phonathon for March 1-11, and is recruiting volunteers to join students and staff in calling to solicit scholarship funds

The Floyd County Board of Education is serious about attendance. Now it wants students, parents, teachers, administrators, certified personnel and citizens to be more concerned about the 7,458 Floyd County students attending school on a more regular basis

At its regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday night, the 911 Advisory Board advised that the county 911 is on line and all citizens should use this number to report all emergencies

Transcripts of hearing-transcript pages and other legal document copies, composing the "technical record" of the Lillielid murder case, were taken to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Knoxville last month

David Hall, 29, of Garrett, is charged with murder in the death of Steven Wayne (Stevie) Wicker, 26, and of assault on Okie Prater, 46. He is accused of stabbing Wicker to death and wounding Prater

Rebecca Derossett of Prestonsburg is getting down to business when it comes to the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. Derossett, who is president of the Chamber, is expected to be hired as the new Chamber director today

Minus Democratic opponents, Gov. Paul Patton and Lt. Gov. Steve Henry are on what's billed their "first campaign tour." The duo—a shoo-in for their party's primary—are scheduled to touch down in Prestonsburg, at 4:15 today at the Floyd County Courthouse

The Martin County Fiscal Court has asked the Kentucky State Police to patrol its garbage transfer sites during closed hours. Apparently person have been dumping illegally in the evenings and on Sundays at the sites

Ronnie Newsome, 38, of Virgie, was killed Saturday morning at about 7:45 when a pickup truck he was driving hit a stop sign at the intersection of US 23 and KY 122 at Robinson Creek

In a special called-meeting Thursday night at Adams Middle School, the Floyd County Board of Education dealt with the sale of snacks at schools; set the stage for activating the long-range planning committee (LPC); and took the first step in hiring a consulting firm to assist in selecting a new superintendent

Even though he lost his bid for re-election in Floyd County, former Judge-Executive Ben Hale moved up to the governor's office in Frankfort. On February 1, Hale took the position of Cabinet Liaison in Gov. Paul Patton's Office of Constituent Services

Some Martin residents who receive Social Security checks and supplemental social security (SSI) checks did not get paid on time, this month. According to Jim Kelly, district manager for the Social Security Administration, 75 checks apparently were never delivered to the Martin Post Office. He said his office was notified on Monday, and duplicate checks are being mailed to recipients. As many as 40-50 checks were late arriving at the Prestonsburg post offices

Residents of David have about three weeks to decide whether to turn their sewer system over to Prestonsburg Utilities or to continue to maintain themselves

Two long-time administrators at Prestonsburg Community College have been temporarily relieved of their duties while their investigation into "an element of fiscal management" is carried out, according to Dr. Tony Newberry, Chancellor for Community Colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical Colleges System (KCTCS)

A fire at McDowell on Middle Branch Road (Royal Hollow) Saturday, destroyed the home of Susie Knott and her son, Larry. There died: Walker D. Craft, 65, of Hueysville, Wednesday, February 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Gertrude Durham, 90, of Lima, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, January 22, at the Lost Creek Care Center in Lima; Mary Elizabeth Hopkins, 83, of Lauderhill, Florida; Wednesday, February 3, at Divinity Home Care Center, Lauderhill; Kathryn Martin, 70, of Wayland, February 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Haley Joe Hall, infant daughter of Morris Joe Hall and Michelle Taylor Hall, of Hi Hat, Wednesday, February 3, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lizzie Ratliff, 94, of Martin, Sunday, January 31, at her residence; Steven Wayne Wicker, 26, of Garrett, Wednesday, February 3, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Austin Michael Gayheart, infant son of Jeffery Clay and Midge Jarrell Gayheart of Slick Rock, Prestonsburg, Friday, February 5, at U.K. Medical Center, in Lexington; Adren Akers, 71, of Ivel, Tuesday, February 9, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Jackie Caudill, 67, of Auxier, Saturday, February 6, at his residence; Quentin Hackney, 78, of Pikeville, Sunday, February 7, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Troy Curtis

Harris, 63, January 5, at Charlotte, Michigan; Inis McKenzie Little, 98, of Wurtland, formerly of Auxier, Thursday, February 4, at the Wurtland Nursing Home; Estel Johnson, 81, of Bypro, Friday, February 5, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ronnie "Cat" Newsome, 39, of Pikeville, Saturday, February 6, at Robinson Creek; Ida Patrick, 85, of Leburn, Thursday, February 4, at her residence; Eugene Inmon, 65, of Lackey, Saturday, June 30, at his residence; Grover Cleveland Johnson, 79, of Ligon, Thursday, February 4, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Abel Kelly, 67, of Hazard, Sunday, February 7, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Jake Junior McCoy, 69, of Pikeville, Tuesday, February 4, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Clara Reynolds Snyder, 64, of Allen Park, Michigan, Tuesday, February 2, at Oakwood Medical Center in Dearborn, Michigan; Rita Spurlock, 41, of Minnie, Monday, February 8, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Sandra Marie Stewart, 30, of Garrett, Friday, February 5, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Vernice Young, 52, of Varney, Saturday, February 6, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 8, 1989)

The federal proposal to do away with the buffer zone that protects homes, schools, cemeteries and public parks from strip mining will be the subject of a public hearing on Thursday, February 16, in Lexington

Fears about falling rocks and concern over a continuing dog problem in the community, occupied much of Saturday's meeting of the Wayland Town Board

State Superintendent John Brock said state assistance team members will work in Floyd County for approximately a year to help resolve many of the system's fundamental problems

In what Commonwealth Attorney Jerry Patton terms an "unusual" case, Ervin Drew Adkins, 24, of Virgie, was convicted of second degree assault, last week, in Floyd Circuit Court

A state conservation officer with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, stationed in Floyd County, has been given a 30-day suspension

Barkley J. Sturgill of Prestonsburg is one of three regional attorneys whose names have been submitted to Governor Wallace Wilkinson to replace Dan Jack Combs on the state Court of Appeals

Floyd County resident Janet L. Stumbo of Prestonsburg, filed to run for the Court of Appeals seat

There died: Opal A. (Lewis) Adkins, 72, of Stanville, February 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center

Servia Akers, 89, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Printer, February 5, at her residence; Geneva T. Bryant, 60, of Amelia, Ohio, formerly of Melvin, January 31; Elder Wayne McCarty, 77, of Prestonsburg, February 2, at his residence; William Davis, 77, of Hippo, February 4, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Donald "Blackie" Dorton, 65, of Hager Hill, February 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rannie Joe Hall, 39, of Prestonsburg, January 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Regina Frances Bitts Mayo Roberts, 94, formerly of Prestonsburg, January 31, in Chillicothe, Ohio; and Curtis Stumbo, 70, of McDowell, February 2, in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 14, 1979)

The grand jury will be called back for a special session, beginning March 5, to probe several cases, which, Commonwealth Attorney James R. Allen said, need attention before the regular session

In an attempt to formulate a strategy for the upgrading of what was termed an "inefficient" system for the collection and disposal of garbage in the county, the Floyd Fiscal Court, Monday, approved a resolution to form a five-member task force to investigate the present system and make recommendations for improvements

The Huntington District Corps of Engineers' office, this week, laid to rest fears of mercury contamination of Dewey Lake

The Floyd County Board of Education last Thursday night, in a weather-delayed meeting, rescinded its December order which set the removal of asbestos from Prestonsburg High School

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods, a daughter, Jessica Rose, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital

There died: Nancy N. Carr, 78, of Martin, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Net Burchett Goble, 87, of Auxier, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Rosie Hall, 81, of Beaver, Ohio, formerly of Mud Creek, at Chillicothe Medical Center; Ricky Lee Carroll, 3 months, at his home on Abbott Road; Henry Edward Stratton, 61, of Stanville, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; John E. Warren, 71, of Battle Creek, Mich., in Calhoun County Medical Care Facility; Archie Greathouse, 66, of Plymouth, Ohio, formerly of Auxier and Wayland, in a

Mansfield, Ohio hospital; Wilgus Daniel Slone, 57, of Halo, at his home; Helen S. Weddington, 79, of Emma, at her home; Laura Prater, 70, of La Grange, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, in the Community Hospital in Willington, Ohio; Guardy D. "Pete" Osborne, of Fort Worth, Texas, formerly of Eastern, in Fort Worth; Mary Patton Shepherd, 75, of Royalton, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Eva Maggard Allen, 78, of Martin, in St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Lona Hall, 74, of Estill, at her home.

Forty Years Ago

(February 13, 1969)

Bids will be received March 7, by the Department of Highways, on two bridges and 2.62 miles of highway in this county, it was announced this week. One of the projects up for bids is the Lancer-Water Gap road which would require a bridge to connect U.S. 23 on the east side of the river to Water Gap. The second bridge project is the span across the Big Sandy at Harold

A health council, major purpose of which is to plan for health programs in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Pike, and Magoffin counties, was organized at a meeting held Feb. 6, at Jenny Wiley Park

Apparent low bidder on two major contracts for construction of the Mud Creek Water District system is the H.B. Ranier Construction Company of Prestonsburg

Officials and citizens of the town of Martin lodged a protest with the Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission against construction of the proposed Right Beaver high school at Eastern, approximately seven miles up stream from Martin

There died: Willie Slone, 68, native of Floyd County, he was a son of Jack and Carolyn Brown Slone; Ralph L. Anderson, 68, at Banner, son of Ralph L. Anderson; John H. Cassells, 48, vice-president of the Amherst

Coal Co.; Mrs. Minerva McGuire Gibson, 45, formerly of Floyd County, daughter of the late John and Daisy Hale McGuire; Mrs. Rebecca Hunter, 73, of Honaker, widow of J.B. Hunter.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 12, 1959)

Possibility of an airport to serve the Prestonsburg-Paintsville area was discussed at last Thursday's meeting of the Prestonsburg Kiwanis Club with William Sullivan, of the Ky. Dept. of Aeronautics. Mr. Sullivan estimated for cost of the project at \$140,000 with Blockhouse Bottom as a possible location

The Floyd Fiscal Court, this week, called on the Attorney General's office to make an investigation into the rural highway program as carried out in this county

The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources began, Tuesday, its work of trying to make Dewey Lake a greater water fowl attraction. Fifty male mallard ducks and 32 Canadian geese have been liberated on the lake within this week. Two white swans were also freed at the lake a few days ago

The Prestonsburg Municipal Housing Commission has been notified that an amended allocation order revising the boundaries of the urban renewal project, here, has been approved

The average fisherman caught twice as many fish from Dewey Lake last year as he did in 1955

The January March of Dimes drive for funds to carry on the work of the National Foundation, netted a total of \$821.02 from the Prestonsburg area alone. Ray Howard, county chairman, announced this week

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wright, of West Prestonsburg, a daughter, Feb. 5, at Prestonsburg General Hospital

There died: Mrs. Anna Akers, 38, of Grethel.

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King Crossword

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Oak

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As far as I was concerned, having to go to school in the wintertime should have been against the law. Unlike now, we never heard of a snow day; if the teacher could make it to the school house, we were expected to make it, too. And as if just the fact that we'd have to get up and go wasn't bad enough, I'd nearly always come in last in the snowball fights we'd have on the way home in the first place. Mom made sure I was always dressed in so many layers of clothing that I couldn't throw hard enough to hit anybody. And on top of that, some big, ugly over-grown eighth grader would always dip his snowball into a water hole and try to slam it around the side of my head. Once, in an attempt to dodge

one of those ice balls, I ran into a parked C&O coal gon and cut a nasty gash over my eye. It left no mark on my body, but it sure left a scar on my memory.

Although those types of memories have a way of fading as years pile up, winters like the one we are experiencing tend to flush them out into the open again. The temperatures seem to have warmed a bit, so I'm now counting the days until March 20, when at least the calendar says spring has arrived. Then I suppose, along about the middle of September, I'll start counting down (with dread) the days until December 21.

But as for now, as I said at the beginning, I am so ready for this winter to be over.

Science

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calls him up from New York to tip him off that Sam's dad is going to build a plant in Rochester to make plastic out of soy beans. (George gets the girl, but misses out on the big business score--of course.)

It turns out that Sam's dad wasn't far off the mark, according to ARS scientists in Peoria. They've been busy lately testing defatted soy flour as a "green" filler for tires and other natural rubber products.

Soy flour is primarily used in cooking and baking, but the ARS scientists say it could also serve as an inexpensive alternative to today's carbon-black tire fillers. Carbon black is the name for petroleum-based particles used in rubber to improve the rubber's tensile strength and resistance to wear.

The ARS scientists dispersed defatted soy flour in water to form aggregates, which they then added to rubber latex and freeze-dried. This caused the aggregates to form a tight interconnecting network throughout the rubber.

The results? In tests of material elasticity, composites containing 30 percent soy flour scored 20 times higher than rubber with no filler at all, but a little lower than the scores for rubber reinforced with carbon black. So no brass ring yet, but we'll get there!

If you're an aficionado of the "extreme weather" shows on TV, here's an interesting tidbit: Extreme weather makes for more than just dramatic pictures. In a collaborative study with University of Maryland scientists, ARS researchers have found that weather and climate change play key roles in the levels of certain antioxidants, called tocopherols, tucked away in soybean seeds.

Tocopherols are a family of antioxidants that protect biological membranes. Among this family, alpha-tocopherol is the active form of vitamin E

in humans. Soybean seeds are a major source of vegetable oil in the U.S. diet, and consequently a major contributor to our intake of tocopherol.

Incidentally, the Recommended Dietary Allowance for vitamin E for men and women aged 14 and older is 15 milligrams. But it may surprise you to learn that more than half of American adults don't get adequate amounts of vitamin E.

The ARS scientists looked at the content of tocopherol in soybean seeds grown at several locations in Maryland between 1999 and 2002. Although the weather in those locations was relatively normal between 1999 and 2001, in 2002 there was extreme drought and warmer-than-normal temperatures.

Since soybeans mature at different rates, the scientists looked at approximately 18 soybean lines representing different maturing groups. They saw small but significant increases in alpha-tocopherol levels in beans from the same genetic line grown in the warmer, full-season locations along Maryland's Eastern Shore, compared to beans that matured under slightly cooler conditions.

But when temperatures and drought really heated up in 2002, the early maturing lines of soybeans had up to three-and-a-half times more relative alpha-tocopherol content, compared to the other years when rainfall was adequate.

These studies demonstrated how the nutritional properties of crops can be dramatically affected by weather--and potentially by global environmental change. Now that's food for thought!

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

Yesterdays

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at Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Laura Belle Clay, 82, of David. She was a daughter of Nelse and Cynthia Clay, and the widow of Robert Clay; William (Gyp) James McGuire, 75, native of the Johns Creek section, at the Louisa Hospital. He was the son of S.W. and Sarah Burchett McGuire; Tracy Burchett, 52, Ivel, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital. He was a son of Richard Burchett and the late Annie Blackburn Burchett.

Sixty Years Ago
(February 17, 1949)

A bright future for the nation's coal industry, but a future not without its trouble spots for the same industry in eastern Kentucky, was the picture presented by David L. Francis, president of the Princess Elkhorn Coal Company, in David. Analysts predict that by 1965, the nation's coal industry will be producing a billion tons a year

Despite an average reduction of 10 percent in coal mine assessments from the figure established by the State Department of Revenue, the figures for 20 mines of the county will be around \$1,750,000 higher when the final assessment recapitulation goes to Frankfort, it was said, this week. If the figures remain without further change, the county's assessment total will be \$18,000,000, a new high

The best and the worst in the matter of school attendance came in for official attention here Saturday. Teachers of the nine Floyd schools with the lowest attendance average were asked to confer with

county superintendent Palmer Hall, attendance officers, and the director of elementary education. At the same time the 18 teachers whose schools had an average of 95 percent or better came in for recognition. These teachers and their schools follow: Maggie Tackett, Antioch; Frankie S. Best, Cliff; Irene Gibson, Sizemore; Helen Campbell; Maude Foster, Jack's Creek; Mary A. Wright, Lancer; Winifred Grace Moore, Turkey Creek; Edna B. Sanders, Auxier Road; Myrtle M. Hunt, George School; Ruby J. Gibson, Sizemore; Pet Salisbury, Arkansas; Alva J. Hamilton, Dist. 92; Andy Martin, Emma; Dixie Neeley, Neeley school; Johnie Crider, Fraley school; Bernice Hamilton, Beaver; Inez S. Hall, Spears school; Amelene Elliot, Ligon

There died: John Spradlin, 45, Prestonsburg, in Veteran's Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Nancy Martin, 95, widow of R.C. Martin, at the home of Jobie Spurlock, at Hunter; John Jarrell, 81, Dana; Miss Zadie Stevens, 31, of Osborne, at a Lexington hospital; Mrs. Ora Lee Allen Hall, at Banner, daughter of Blucher and Myrtle Dye Allen, of Hueysville.

Seventy Years Ago
(February 16, 1939)

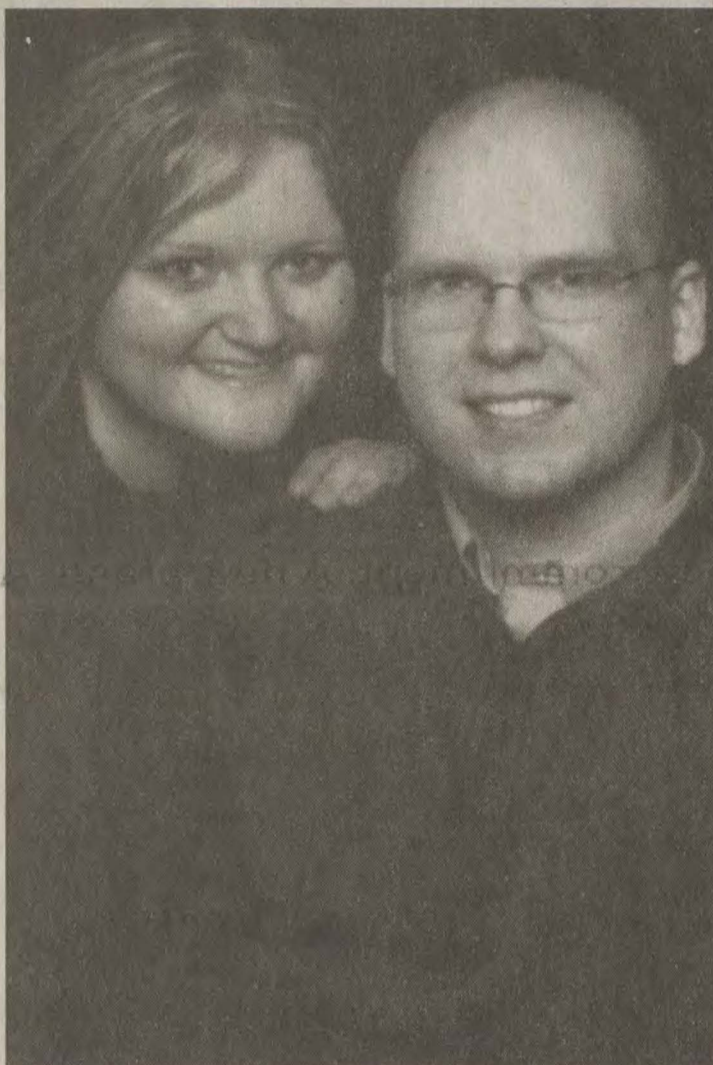
"We will be able to put our finger on the person guilty in the disappearances of the indictments, when the grand jury is ready for us," Circuit Judge John W. Caudill, this week, quoted John Campbell, of Atty. Gen. Meredith's office, after conducting an investigation here,

Friday and Saturday, into the disappearance of 32 grand jury indictments from the office of Circuit Clerk Troy B. Sturgill

Scope of the activities of the Floyd County Health Department in the work of disease prevention, health education, control of epidemics, and other phases of endeavor, is graphically told in a 78-page volume, containing the department's report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1938

To be featured in the Prestonsburg WPA Sewing Center's "Open House" day, here, Feb. 24, a loom, a flax wheel and a spinning wheel, whose ages total more than 250 years, Mrs. Winnie F. Johns, supervisor of the Center announced. The loom, made of yellow poplar by Bill Adams, of Abbott Creek, 116 years ago. It remains in excellent condition. The spinning wheel was formerly owned by Mrs. Arzilla Wallen, of Dock, and is at least 50 years old. The flax wheel was one time the property of Mrs. Susie Hoskins Hale, grandmother of Henry Stephens Jr., cashier of The First National Bank here. Its age nears the century mark

Four slot machines confiscated and destroyed, Saturday, by Deputy Sheriffs Trudy Salisbury and Tom James, brought the slot machine "death toll" in Floyd County since Sheriff Dial Salisbury, assumed office, to 15. There died: A.J. Gunnell, 81, Prater Creek; Willie Crum, 48, formerly of Banner, killed by a slate fall in an Aflex Coal mine; William H. Harris, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hargis Harris, of Lancer; Mrs. Will Gray, Bull Creek, at her home; Mrs. Elizabeth Tackett Reynolds, 23, of tuberculosis, at her home at Ligon; George Shepherd, 70, of Prestonsburg, of pneumonia.



Anna and James Nichols, of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Kay, to Michael John Maynard, son of Shirley and John Maynard, also of Prestonsburg. The two will be united on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Home Baptist Church. An open church wedding will be observed.



Johnny and Gloria Hall, of Martin, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Courtney Blair Hall to Brett Lee Bentley, son of Kenny and Debbie Bentley, of Allen. Blair is a senior at Pikeville College and will be graduating in May. Brett is the Director of Operations at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center and a nature photographer. The wedding will be June 27, 2009 at Allen First Baptist Church in Allen.



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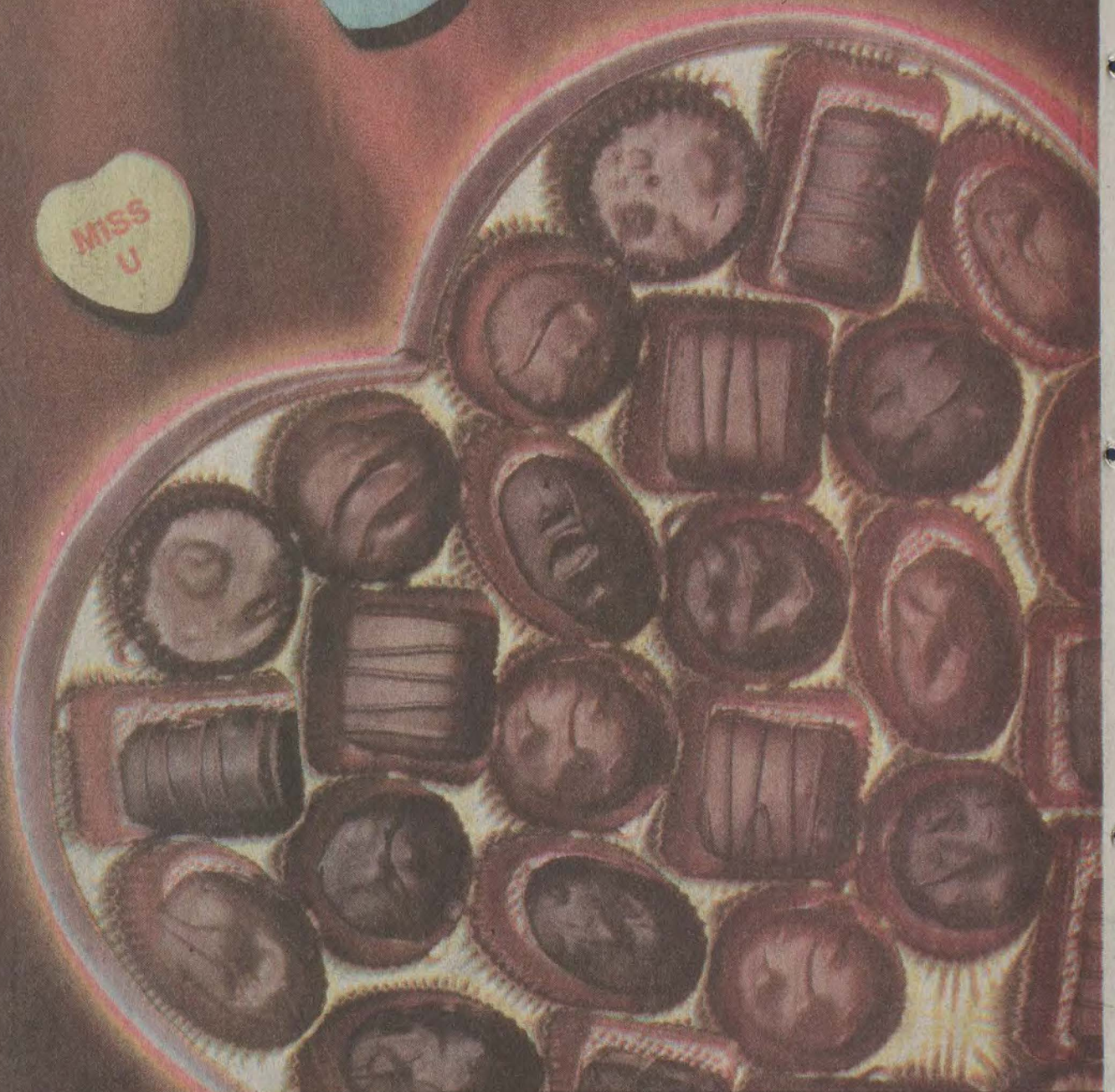
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