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briefs

Fireman's mom loses home

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Members of the Betsy Layne Fire Department were at the end of a long day when they received a call about 11 p.m. this past Thursday of a structure fire along Lower Hollow.

Two things combined to force the firefighters to focus and gather their remaining energy. One was that the residence on fire was the home of their fellow-firefighter Darren Daniels' mother. Another was that the crew had just finished a day-long session of intense training drill at the fire station.

While only hours before, the firefighters had been involved in various rescue scenarios that left them tired, more than 20 members were on scene at Lower Hollow within minutes.

Daniels' mother and three others were brought safely from the home, but the residence could not be saved, according to fire department officials.

Attempting to secure the structure fire involved 16 firefighters, three pumpers, the station's rescue truck and numerous other personal vehicles, all responding to a the family of a fellow-fighter.

The crew dealt with the blaze until the early morning hours Friday before finally claiming the home as a total loss.

Father, son charged in shooting death

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HIPPO — A Hueysville man was found shot to death on a strip mine site at Hippo Saturday and two men police say are responsible or involved are now in custody.

Following a call to 911 Saturday night, Kentucky State Police officers arrived at the strip mine and found 27-year-old John Joseph Salisbury suffering from two gunshot wounds.

Salisbury was transported to St. Joe's in Martin, where he died early Sunday morning.

Further investigation led to the arrest of two Martin residents, Robie Lee Miller 27, and Robie Dean Miller, 44, Robie Lee Miller's father.

Robie Lee Miller pleaded not guilty Monday morning in Floyd County District Court to one charge of murder, tampering with physical evidence and falsely reporting an incident, while Robie Dean Miller pleaded not guilty to charges of tampering with physical evidence and falsely reporting an incident.

Both have been lodged at the Floyd County



Robie Lee Miller



Robie Dean Miller

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ROUTE TO THE FUTURE

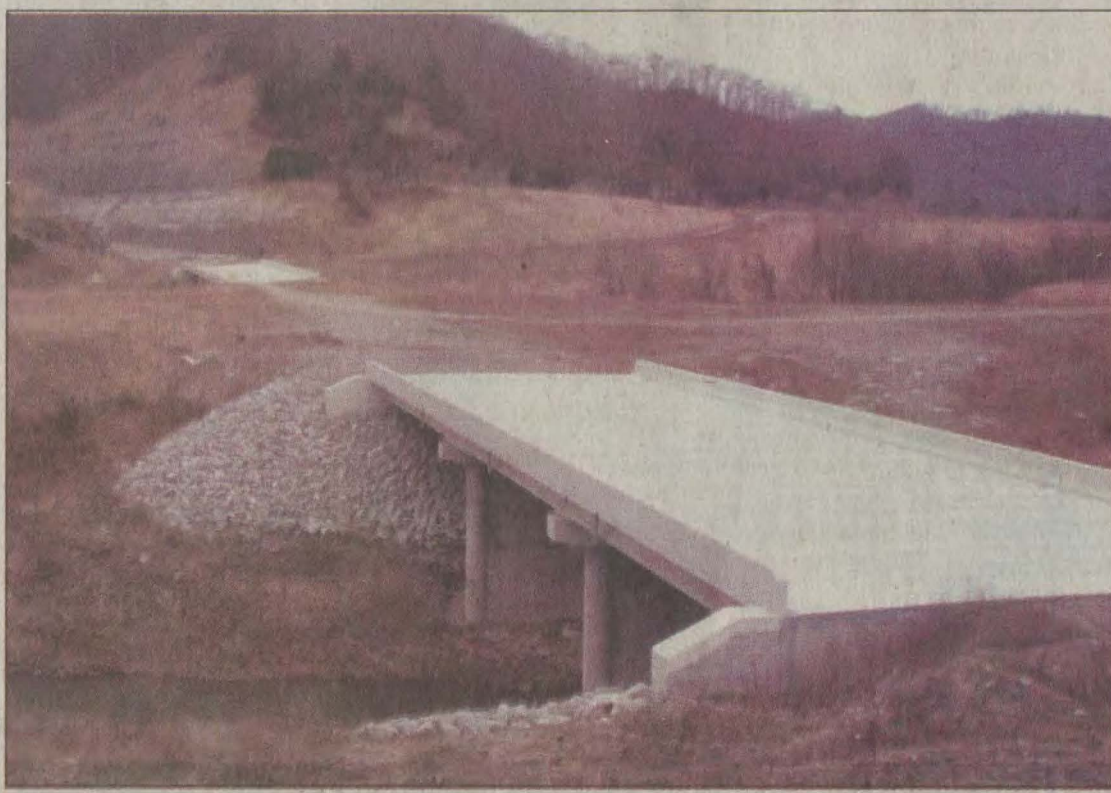


photo by Sheldon Compton

Overpass sections along Mud Creek of what will eventually be the Harold-Minnie Connector, a road connecting Route 979 and Route 680. Floyd officials say the road will also be the key element in the formation of the Mud Creek Park, allowing citizens access that would not otherwise have been available.

Officials see potential in road's completion

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Now that the Kentucky House of Representatives has approved a road plan that will see funding brought back to the Minnie-Harold Connector project, Floyd County officials are excited about the possibilities.

In particular, plans for a full-sized community park may now be able to move ahead, pending approval of the road plan by the Senate.

"The one thing that I'm really excited about is the fact that this connector will facilitate

access to the new Mud Creek Park," said Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "The project will give us the chance of getting some land to develop the park for District 4, the only district in the county that still doesn't have a park of that kind."

The Mud Creek Park has been in the planning stages for some time, Marshall said, and would be made possible through land donated by Elkhorn Coal Company, the same company that has agreed to assist the state in various aspects of the connector project.

That reclaimed mining land, which could be anywhere between 25 to 50 acres said Marshall, would become the location of a large park to include a variety of attractions.

Among those attractions would be at least three baseball fields that would accommodate high school and Little League games, at least one basketball court, a complete walking track, picnic shelters and possibly a recreation center on the property.

"If we didn't have good access to get to that property, it

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Officials say city audit better than bottom line

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Though the final numbers from a recent financial audit for the city of Prestonsburg reflect a loss in the overall budget, city officials say the total does not reflect debt relief offered from the city to Archer Park and Stonecrest Golf Course.

The city has long taken care of payroll and other miscellaneous expenses for the two venues and recently decided to forgive debt from the park totaling \$155,022 and also for the golf course totaling \$461,141.

With the combined amount of these two financial decisions added to the overall budget for the city, records reflect a surplus of \$334,423.

And the total government funds as reported in the audit, which was presented to the city council Monday and covers the 2007-08 fiscal year, paint an even better picture, city officials say.

The total government funds the city has in hand, according to the audit, totaled \$989,977 while the report only reflected \$156,272 the city owes out in accounts payable.

But despite the overall good news, the audit did point out what city officials have known for several months. Much like any other business in today's economic climate, the Mountain Arts Center is struggling with finances.

The audit reported losses for the center of \$543,308, an alarming but understandable figure, officials said, when considering that in the financial climate money spent on entertainment has dropped nationwide as consumers tighten their budgets to include essential needs. Stonecrest also saw losses totaling \$138,997, while the park board lost \$365,468.

Recommendations from the auditors, Wells and Company of Paintsville, included a handful of items involving the addition of various financial items, some of which involved procedural points for Stonecrest, Archer Park and the Mountain Arts Center.

One recommendation points out that all three tourist venues were not getting approval to pay bills from the respective commission.

"It was stated that the commissions do not meet regularly enough to review

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Magoffin man charged in murder-for-hire plot

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — A Salyersville man has been arrested for his alleged involvement in a murder-for-hire plot.

Robert H. Barnett, 70, was arrested on March 6, and charged with causing another to travel in interstate commerce with intent that a murder be committed. Barnett is also charged with unlawfully possessing and transferring a machine gun in furtherance of a crime of violence.

According to court documents, Barnett hired an undercover agent with the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to murder an individual in Huntington, W.Va.

Barnett allegedly gave the ATF agent \$5,000 as a down payment and promised to pay him \$4,000 more after the murder. Barnett also allegedly provided the undercover agent with a machine gun, a pistol and two silencers to be used for the murder.

According to the summary of the investigative activity that led to the arrest warrant, Barnett called the undercover ATF agent's

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Park plans 'Operation Clean Sweep'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Spring cleaning is starting early at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Kentucky State Parks and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers have organized "Operation Clean Sweep" in the hopes of keeping the popular Prestonsburg location in the best condition possible.

Volunteers from the public are invited to participate in the

cleanup, and special t-shirts will be given to all volunteers who pick up two bags of trash, as long as supplies last.

Stoney Burke, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said that the effort to keep the park clean continues to grow.

"It's something that has been going on for years now," Burke said. "People that have volunteered in the past usually come back again, and it demonstrates the pride that they have for Dewey Lake and Jenny Wiley

State Park. It really shows the dedication and commitment that they have here as environmental stewards. It's been going on for at least 15 years, and it keeps growing and growing. We picked up over four tons of trash last year."

The park recently suffered severe damage from the ice storm that decimated some parts of Kentucky last month. Most of the damage came from downed

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Obituaries

Harold Adkins

Harold Adkins, 87, of Martin, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born February 20, 1922, in Harold, he was the son of the late Bud and Cora Spears Adkins. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Arkansas Community Church of God.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Crum Adkins.

Survivors include a sister, Della Crum of Martin; two grandchildren: Tamara Lynn Adkins and Sheila Ann Baker; three great-grandchildren: Jeffrey Kyle Adkins, Brock Tyler Adkins, and Mason Baker.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Hubert Adkins; seven brothers: Brack, Lewis, Willie, Carl, Garner, John Lee, and SESCO Adkins; and three sisters: Stella Conn, Nova Conn, and Dakota Conn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bud Crum, Johnny Patton, and Ernest Reynolds officiating.

Burial was in the Arvil Crum Memorial Cemetery, Arkansas Creek, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

James Howard "Buddy" Caudill

James Howard "Buddy" Caudill, age 67, of Hanover, Indiana, died Thursday, March 5, 2009, at his home. He battled cancer for 20 months, and was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing.

He was born June 7, 1941, in Allen, the son of the late Loyd and Stella Branham Caudill.

He began his teaching career in Bellevue, Ohio, in 1964, before teaching at Trimble County, Kentucky, and at Southwestern Consolidated Schools in Hanover. From 1968 until his retirement in 2001, he taught for the Madison Consolidated School Corporation. While he spent most of his career teaching high school government, U.S. history and psychology, he was also the school's program leader for social studies.

He held masters and bachelors degrees, respectively, from Indiana State University and Pikeville College, and attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. He was a member of the Madison Teachers Association, the Indiana State Teachers Association, and the National Education Association.

He was an avid sports fan. Known as the "Voice of the Cubs," he was the public

address announcer at Madison Cubs football and basketball games for many years. He was a loyal University of Kentucky basketball fan who followed NASCAR, and also enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles, and golf (in which he lettered at Pikeville College). In the years following his retirement, he especially enjoyed spending time with his young granddaughter, Susanna.

He is survived by Linda Martin Caudill, his wife of 43 years, whom he married on June 12, 1965 in Milton, Kentucky; one daughter, Jamelin Swinger and her husband, Anthony, of Plainfield, Indiana; three sisters: Bonnie Hinton of Orange Park, Florida; Pauline Crisp of Prestonsburg; and Betty Jean Rickman of Lackey; one granddaughter, Susanna Frances Swinger; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Leah Justine Dingus of Riverview, Michigan; and two brothers: Charles Clifford Caudill and Harry Winford Caudill.

A service of remembrance was conducted Sunday, March 8, at 2:00 p.m., by Rev. Vickie Perkins, with remembrances by Noah Spears Hinton, Anthony Swindle, and Bill Lindquist, at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, Indiana.

Visitation was held Saturday, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at the Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m., until time of the service of remembrance at the Hanover United Methodist Church.

His granddaughter, Susanna Swinger, and family honored him with a balloon ceremony at the Point at Hanover College, on Sunday, March 8, at 5:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may take the form of donations to the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library (Hanover Branch Library Fund); Hanover United Methodist Church; or Plainfield United Methodist Church Music Guild. Cards are available at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

William Henry Jarvis

William Henry Jarvis, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at King's Daughters Medical Center.

Born November 1, 1923, in Endicott, he was the son of the late Thomas and Caroline Sester Jarvis. He was a retired Kentucky and West Virginia Gas Company well tester, and was a member of the Auxier

Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Donna K. Jarvis.

Other survivors include a son, Larry D. (Sharon) Jarvis of Grethel; a brother, Wayne Cletis Jervis of Auxier; two sisters: Irene Jervis of Ohio, and Hattie Belle Strickland of Cow Creek; two grandchildren: Lisa Arnett of Lexington, and Michael (Carmelita) Jervis of Prestonsburg; four great-grandchildren: Lewie, Sage, Maxwell, and Annalise.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Anna C. Jarvis; seven brothers: John Hardy Jervis, Columbus Jervis, Virgil Jervis, Lee Jervis, Thomas Jervis, TJ Jervis, and George Jervis; and three sisters: Mary Jervis, Hazel Jervis, and Otie Jervis.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jim Smith and Calvin Setser officiating.

Burial will be in the Jarvis Cemetery, in Endicott.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Dora Rector

Dora Rector, 93, of Garrett, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Born April 2, 1915, in Quicksand, she was the daughter of the late Silas and Ellen Moore Brown. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Garrett First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam J. Rector.

Survivors include a son, Adrian (Peggy) Rector of Lexington; a daughter, Barbara (Dan) Smerillo of Hamilton, Ohio; a sister, Stella "Penny" Stumbo of Martin; seven grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Ruby Rowe

Ruby Rowe, 87, of Melvin, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, in Zolon, Ohio.

Born January 6, 1922, in Robinson Creek, she was the daughter of the late Tom and Dicy Roberts Coleman. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Auta Rowe.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law: Merwonne (James Childers) of Solon, Ohio, Patricia (Jim Evanoff) of Wiloughby, Ohio,

Dicy Kay (Roger Thornsberry) of Melvin; her daughter-in-law, Linda Rowe of Weeksbury; a half-brother, Eddie Earl Coleman of Arizona; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Larry Rowe; her brothers: Freddie Coleman, Daniel Coleman, Thomas Coleman, and David Coleman; her sisters: Bertha Compton, Dorothy Lamb, and Myrtle Campbell.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Atha Johnson officiating.

Burial was in the Lonesome Pine Cemetery, in Weeksbury.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Charlotte L. Salisbury

Charlotte L. Salisbury, 91, formerly of Rittman, Ohio, died Monday, March 9, 2009, surrounded by her loving family at Hospice Care Center in Copley.

She was the wife of Wayne Salisbury, daughter of Winnie France and Monroe Caudill, and step-daughter of Owen Steiner.

She was born in Columbus, Ohio, on September 6, 1917, and lived in Kentucky and Ohio all her life. She was a member of the Eastern Road Church of God. She enjoyed sewing, quilting and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children: Orris Salisbury of Hunter; Randy (Elfie) Salisbury of Firebrick; Emmitt (Nada) Salisbury, Arvenia (Bill) Thompson, and Rebecca (Mike) Diller, all of South Shore; Sue (T-Bone) Van Hook of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Evelyn (Gary)

Norris of Powers, Oregon; Diana (James) Robinson of Rittman, Ohio; Rita (Dale) Brion of Akron, Ohio; Rhonda (Dick) Simonton of Barberton, Ohio; Teresa Griffith of Akron, Ohio; Michael (Karen) Salisbury of Fairfield, Ohio; Renee (Marlon) Taylor of Proctorville, Ohio; and Elfie Salisbury of Kissimmee, Florida; 47 grandchildren; 77 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne, in 1990; her sons, Richard and Barry Salisbury; a daughter, Carolyn D. Salisbury; and four grandchildren.

Five generations of family have been blessed because of you, Charlotte. Your children, grandchildren, and family will greatly miss you. Because of your prayers and lifelong testimony, we will see you in Heaven.

Services will be held Friday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m., at the Eastern Road Church of God, 2600 Eastern Rd., Rittman, with Rev. Steve Huskey officiating.

Burial will be at Rittman Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, March 12, at the church; and one hour prior to services on Friday, at the church.

For online register book, obituary, condolences, visit www.gillmanfuneralhome.com.

Gillman Funeral Home in Rittman, is handling arrangements.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hospice Care Center, 3358 Ridgewood Rd., Akron, OH 44333. (Paid obituary)

John Joseph Salisbury

John Joseph Salisbury, 27, of Hueysville, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at St. Joseph Martin.

Born March 1, 1982, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of Homer and Colleen Shepherd Salisbury. He was a dozer operator.

Other survivors, include two daughters: Brandi Jo Salisbury and Alyssa Raiann Shepherd, both of Hueysville; a special friend, Sarah Adkins Shepherd of Hueysville; his grandparents: Ella Arnett Shepherd of Gunlock, and Joe and Sally Shepherd Salisbury, of Gunlock; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, John Henry Shepherd.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 12, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen officiating.

Burial will be in the Willie Shepherd Cemetery, in Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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In Loving Memory~

Lisa Lynn Hall

1977 - 2008



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We thought about you yesterday, and the day before that, too.

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You are missed every day and night, and we will love you forever and a day. We love you, Lisa.

Your Family and your Uncle, and most of all,
Your Best Friend, Bill Goble.
Lisa, Your Memory will not leave us.

In Loving Memory of Minnie Miller Warrix

May 26, 1924 - January 16, 2004



Minnie was adventuresome. When still a teenager, she flew in a biplane, and became one of the very first people to see Prestonsburg from the air. In her later years, she roller-skated, rode motor bikes, rode on a camel and an elephant at the New York State Fair, went motor boating on the St Lawrence River in New York, went up in a hot air balloon, she was an avid fisherman, vacationed in Hawaii, toured the West, traveled to Canada and down the east coast, visiting most states to Miami. She also visited the arch in St Louis and dipped her toes in the Mississippi River. She was in the World Trade Center in Sept 2000 and loved it all. She most enjoyed quilting, crocheting, painting, special crafts and word puzzles too. Always using her hands to show her love to her family. She was always game for something new, something exciting, and something fun. It was the foundation of her personality, and kept her young at heart.

Minnie was a mother, a good and patient mother. In a time before modern appliances, she managed to raise five children; four were born within six years. There were diapers to wash, gardens to tend, cows to milk, and a household to run; and somehow, she managed to do it all. Her children were good children, but like all children, they had their mischievous moments. They rode horses, calves and sheep, swung on ropes and vines, played pranks, rode snow sleds through fences and into creeks, muddied their best clothes; wrecked cars, and did all the thousands of things all children do, just in a multiple of five. She was a good mother through it all.

She was a housewife until 1969 when she took her first job outside the home. She managed a small restaurant (the Twister), Cooked at the May Lodge, worked at Meals on Wheels, made biscuits for Hardees, worked in the deli at IGA, and finally worked at Wal-Mart for 11 years. She did not learn to drive until late in life, although she probably held more learners' permits than any Kentuckian ever born. She enjoyed her freedom once she finally earned her license, and could go anywhere she wanted forward; some places backwards; and could somehow park an eight foot truck so as to completely block a six-lane highway.

Minnie was a woman of humor, who could make light of herself. She went on stage at the Mountain Arts Center one Christmas to participate in a "Munroe" skit and had one of the best times of her life. She would dress up in hats, do party games, and "go along" with a joke, so long as she was sure things were wholesome and harmless. She knew how to use humor as a tool, and she used it well.

Minnie was always patient, always kind; she was never envious, never boastful or conceited. She was never rude or selfish, she did not take offense, and she was not resentful. She took no pleasure in others' sins, but delighted in the truth. She was always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever came. This is how Paul explained love to the Corinthians, and who can doubt that Minnie met that definition. Gifts of prophecy, of knowledge, and of language will fail, because they are incomplete and imperfect.

Only three things last; faith, hope and love,
and the greatest of the three is what Minnie most possessed, love.
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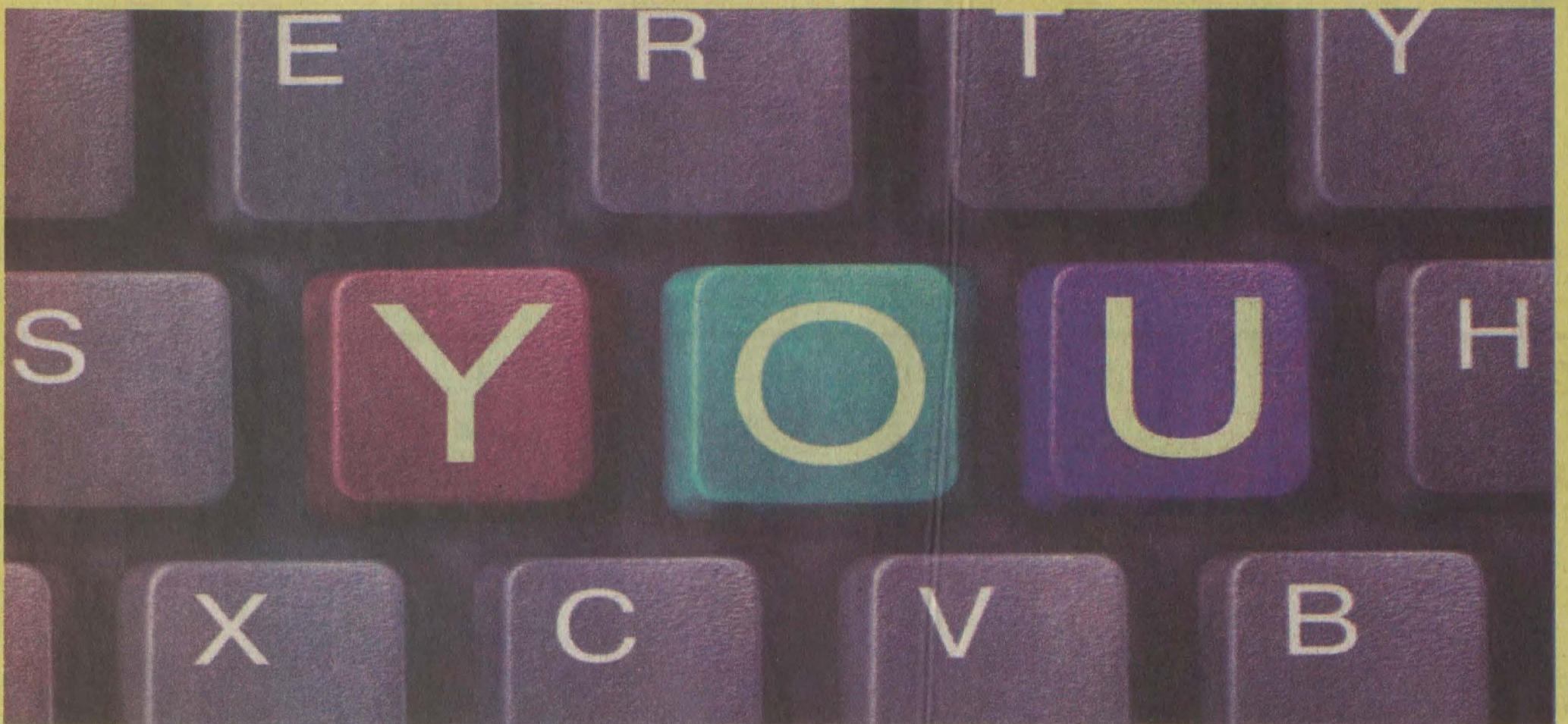
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Guest View

A 'holy cow!' budget

Viewed in its parts, there is much to recommend President Barack Obama's audacious \$3.6 trillion budget proposal. But as a whole ... a whole lot of spending.

Congress must pare the cost while preserving the essential elements. And there is much in the package that should be considered vital for redirecting a nation that has been way short on innovation and too stingy with investment in key areas. Energy, education, transportation and health care top those areas. Obama's budget is appropriately ambitious in all of them.

But there is that bottom-line cost, which must be viewed in light of a deficit that likely will be more stubborn than Obama's projections indicate.

And it is not at all encouraging that the president apparently has agreed to sign a separate \$410 billion spending bill that contains an estimated \$7.7 billion in earmarks. The same politics that compel Obama to sign this bill — keeping ruling Democrats happy — still will be present when it comes to signing off on future spending.

Legislation introduced Wednesday could solve this. Sens. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., and John McCain, R-Ariz., and Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., are proposing what amounts to a presidential line-item veto. Congress should approve it.

The GOP has instantly jumped on Obama's proposed budget. It allegedly represents class warfare because it taxes at a higher rate households earning \$250,000 or more. But it is not unreasonable to expect the wealthiest among us, after years of relief, to pay a higher percentage of incomes while those below are struggling to make ends meet. In any case, this wouldn't start until 2011.

Other parts should be more palatable. Key in Obama's education proposal is a reinvented Pell Grant program targeting families earning less than \$30,000.

In health care, he would trim Medicare and Medicaid growth to create a \$634 billion fund over 10 years to expand health insurance. He bills it as a "down payment" on universal care. We await the details of what this will look like.

On energy, there will be a \$15 billion investment starting in 2012 in clean energy, paid for by a cap-and-trade system in which companies have to pay to emit the gases that contribute to global warming. Congress should consider whether a more direct tax is preferable, but one immediate concern is whether 2012 is too late. On the whole, Obama starts to steer the nation away from fossil fuels.

And this proposal properly starts putting the brakes to farm subsidies, halting the payments for the biggest operations.

Ambitious? Yes. But Obama did not run on a platform of timidity. He promised change and bold action. He won. And in this there is a guide for Congress.

Popularity doesn't give him carte blanche, but it does offer something of a road map.

— The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



Letters

It takes individuals to build a community

With whatever limited means, as I experienced during the Great Depression, mountain people will survive hardship, regardless of the harsh stereotypes perpetuated by the mass media.

I didn't watch — didn't want to — the controversial TV program, "20/20," knowing there would be nothing positive about it. These people set out to make their point, good or bad, and that's what they do for ratings and money.

Now, The Times' second editorial about it all was just fine except for too much subtlety about the main point of you, the citizen.

Mountaineers, or whomever, must be aware of what goes on around them, and speak up if they see wrongdoing that affects them as a community.

As The Times points out, "Your assistance could mean the difference ... in helping." It is you, the individual, that makes the parts come together as a whole.

Let's be reminded of what Walt Kelly's "Pogo" said a long time ago: "We have met the enemy and they are us."

Paul R. Jordan
Bardstown

Government is most of the problem

I had to put my two cents worth in, following Diane Sawyer's ABC report on Eastern Kentucky. I've lived here 22 years now, coming from south Florida, and I happen to like most of what this area has to offer. There have also been many positive changes in our area over that time period. We have much improved roadways; a cleaner environment mostly devoid of trash one used to see in the rivers, hill-sides, etc.; better technology (phone, cable, internet, et al); and a wider variety of stores and restaurants so that one does not have to travel a great distance to get just about anything these days.

To be sure, we have our share of problems, but I know from traveling this nation extensively while working for the federal government some 23

years ago that each area I've been to also has its issues and we certainly are not unique in most of them. The drug epidemic is all over. While it may be pills and meth here, it's crack, heroin, ecstasy and other things in other areas. Outsiders can point blame at us, but when you analyze and look at things in proper perspective, much of the fault lies with the federal government!

We've spent millions each year for a drug problem that does not work. We've done the DARE thing and many others, yet the problem still exists. With the huge amounts of money that drugs net, one problem is the corruption of officials in many areas. Many who serve on drug task forces are the same ones who profited from keeping drug dealers from prosecution.

It's even worse in countries like Mexico and Colombia, where many drugs come from. Justice officials' families are threatened or killed, and many law enforcement officials making a few bucks a week can earn thousands just by turning a blind eye to illegal activity. In many areas, the drug gangs are better-armed and better-equipped than law enforcement.

Many of the drug programs seem to work well in Europe, with less crime and violence evident, but we refuse to try anything different, so our nation continues to suffer.

My father grew up one of 11 children who survived infancy in Eastern Kentucky during the Depression. There was no welfare, no food stamps or SSI checks back then, and no one starved, no one froze to death and folks got by. You look at the Kentucky Explorer magazine and you see how hard-working and industrious our people were, and though they may have had hard lives, they made do. All of Dad's siblings worked on the farm and all went to school and finished. Many went to college as well. It was not easy, but they worked for it and made good lives for themselves without aid.

Thanks again to the federal government, a lot of that pride, decency and work ethic has been taken away. Lyndon Johnson came down here in the 1960s and told everyone that they didn't have the kind of houses and lifestyles folks had in suburbia and the cities, and the government would take care of that. What had been a plan to give a hand up has turned into a lifestyle of living on a handout for thousands in our area.

Men who got hurt in the mines or the war continued to work at something back in the day and somehow supported their families, as the Bible says a man must do. Nowadays, healthy 20-year-olds somehow lounge their lives away on a check and you

see supposedly disabled men hunting, riding four-wheelers, fishing, working under-the-table jobs, etc., while living off the rest of us. We've created generations of bums and we all know idle hands create mischief!

That's another reason for the drug problem here. You've got young girls who get pregnant just to get a check and baby. If you can't take care of yourself, you have no business bearing children. The state should allow one and adopt out the others.

You even have SSI "fat" checks for those who have eaten themselves into health problems. Give me a break! I have a best friend who has had five heart attacks and open heart surgery, yet he works every day. He's got those intangibles called pride, ethics and gumption.

The first thing most attorneys do is send someone seeking a draw check to the doctor, who puts them on pain pills, nerve pills, etc. — getting them hooked or selling before their first check arrives. Yet lawyers and doctors get very little of the blame for the problem. "The government has plenty of money and narcotics, come get your piece of the pie," is their advertisement. The government seems to have plenty of money for entitlement checks, but no money to investigate all the fraud and waste that goes on.

Many of our folks don't need the checks or pills they keep getting, but if their government doesn't force them to "man up" and do something other than lounge their lives away, who can? At least when Roosevelt was president, those on assistance had to do something for their draw. Why not a new WPA or CCC program today? The economy is lousy and there are lots of projects people could work on right here to improve society and infrastructure. Instead, we've got young people whose entire goal in life is to get on a check. It's no wonder education in some counties is not valued very highly. Why strive when you know you can achieve a check without trying? Look around these days and you see foreigners being bused in to do work that our people are too sorry to do.

We are not alone in this problem, though. Far too many people look to the government to solve all their problems when government in one of the problems. If we lose our job or can't pay for the car or house, it's up to the government, not ourselves, to fix it.

My question in ending is: What happens when the government runs out of money and we don't have the skills or desire to help ourselves? Who fixes it then?

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Safe Kids offers safety tips to protect all athletes this spring

LEXINGTON — As winter turns into spring and temperatures increase, so does the amount of time that children spend outdoors playing spring sports. This means the number of injuries to children can also increase.

Each year, more than 30 million children participate in sports in the United States and more than 3.5 million children ages 14 and under are treated for sports injuries. While collision and contact sports are associated with higher rates of injury, injuries from individual sports tend to be more severe. In team sports, most injuries - 62 percent - occur during practices, not games. The most common types of sport-related injuries in children are sprains (mostly ankle), muscle strains, bone or growth plate injuries, repetitive motion injuries, and heat-related illness.

"When we think of sports injuries, we tend to think of dramatic tackles or falls - such as the plays you often see on highlight reels, but young athletes are also at risk of injuries," said Sherri Hannan, coordinator of Safe Kids Fayette County. "If your coach recommends certain types of warm-ups, it's not just to make you a better athlete; it will help keep you from getting hurt."

Safe Kids Fayette County recommends these precautions for all children playing or practicing any individual or team sport:

■ Always wear appropriate protective gear for the activity - for practice as well as games - and make sure it's the right size and properly adjusted.

■ Always do your warm-

ups and cool-downs. If it's important before and after a game, it's important before and after practice too.

■ Make sure responsible adults know and enforce the safety rules of the sport, are present to provide supervision, and are trained in first aid and CPR.

■ Never "play through" an injury. Get immediate help from a coach or trainer and be sure to mention everything that hurts or aches. All coaches should have a plan for dealing with emergencies.

■ If you're playing outside, wear SPF 15 or higher sunscreen.

■ Follow the rules. In most sports, the rules are based not only on sportsmanship, but safety.

Last but not least: "Stay hydrated," says Hannan. "Drink plenty of water or elec-

trolyte sports drinks before and during the activity, and rest frequently during hot weather. A child can lose up to a quart of sweat during two hours of exercise, and kids get overheated more quickly than adults and cannot cool down as easily."

Safe Kids Fayette County works to prevent accidental childhood injury, the leading killer of children 14 and under. Its members include health professionals, school, police

and fire officials, and community leaders. Safe Kids Fayette County is a member of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations dedicated to preventing accidental injury. Safe Kids Fayette County was founded in 1993 and is led by Kentucky Children's Hospital.

For more information about sports safety, call Safe Kids Fayette County at (859) 323-1153 or visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Obituaries

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Edd Shepherd

Edd Shepherd, 63, of David, died Saturday, March 7, 2009, at his residence.

Born April 26, 1945, in David, he was the son of the late Aaron and Bertie Moore Shepherd. He was a retired school bus driver.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Terry Shepherd.

Other survivors include four sons: Clayton (Regina) Shepherd of Blue River, Eddie (Opal) Shepherd of Harold, Clyde (LaDonna) Shepherd of Prestonsburg, and TJ Shepherd of David; two daughters: Jennifer (Gary Keith) Ousley of Prestonsburg, and Lula Shepherd of David; three brothers: Steve Shepherd of Ohio, John Shepherd of David, and Owen Shepherd of Eastern; seven sisters: Geneva Marshall of David, Brenda Pennington and Vina Crider, both of Prestonsburg, Marlean Howard of Royalton, Earnestine Stone of Paintsville, Mable Moore of Ohio, and Virginia Hale of Indiana; eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 10, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Carlos Beverly officiating.

Burial was in the Family Cemetery, Open Fork, David. Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Allen Tackett

Allen Tackett, 50, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, March 7, 2009, at the McDowell ARH.

Born April 9, 1958, in Floyd County, he was the son of Francis Rackey Tackett and the late Arthur Tackett.

She is survived by his wife, Gerlie Gayheart Tackett.

In addition to his mother and wife, survivors include a son, Wendell Tackett of Hi Hat; a daughter, Veronica (Jonathan) Howell of Prestonsburg; a special daughter, Patricia Mullins of Beaver; four brothers: Joe Tackett, Dean Tackett, Willie Tackett, and Timmy Tackett, all of Hi Hat; two sisters: Gloria Gayheart of Hi Hat, and Janette Johnson of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren: Hailey LeShae Howell, Betty Brooklyn Howell, and Alisa Tackett.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Wallace Tackett.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 11, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Rosie Tackett Cemetery, in Hi Hat.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is at the church.

(Paid obituary)

Nine highway deaths on Kentucky roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that nine people died in eight separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, March 2, through Sunday, March 8.

Eight of the crashes involved motor vehicles and four of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Bath, Boone, Boyle, Jefferson, Mercer and Warren counties. One double-fatality crash occurred in Russell County. None of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

One motorcycle fatality occurred in Madison County

on Route 1295. The victim was attempting to pass another motorist when he collided head on with an oncoming vehicle. The victim was wearing a helmet.

Through March 8, preliminary statistics indicate that 110 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 23 fewer than reported for the same time period in 2008.

Of the 101 motor vehicle fatalities, 57 victims were not wearing seat belts. Six pedestrian have been killed. Two fatalities involved a motorcycle and one fatality involved an ATV. A total of 26 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 (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.

Murder

Detention Center without bond.

Investigating officers believe the son shot Salisbury on the strip mine late Saturday night, but have yet to attach a motive to the shooting. As of yesterday, KSP Det. Jason Dials and others were still seeking answers, while Salisbury's family did the

same while trying to deal with the sudden loss.

Salisbury, a dozer operator by trade, was the father of two daughters. His family said in interviews earlier this week that he knew Robie Lee Miller, but not well, adding they could think of no reason why anyone would want to do anything to hurt him.

Plot

cell phone on March 5, requesting that they meet in Mount Sterling.

The agent reported that he met with Barnett at a hotel in Mount Sterling where he was handed \$5,000 in cash by Barnett, who told him that he would receive an additional \$4,000 once he had completed

the murder. The agent said that he showed a picture of the intended victim to Barnett, who confirmed that it was the person that he wanted killed.

The agent met Barnett again at the same hotel and provided him with the guns along with several hundred rounds of ammunition.

Cleanup

trees and power lines. Crews worked long hours to get things back to a state of normalcy, and the campground is scheduled to open in April.

The cleanup is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the disc golf course. A complimentary cook-out will be held at the park office at 12 p.m. for all volun-

teers.

The event is sponsored by Friends of Dewey Lake, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kinzer Drilling Company, Pepsi, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, The Maytown Center, Caney Bible

Church Youth Group, Left Fork of Middle Creek Watershed Group, Lonesome Pine District Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts of Kentucky Wilderness Road Council.

For more information, contact Trinity Shepherd at (606) 889-1790, or Stoney Burke at (606) 886-6709.

Audit

and approve bills to be paid before they actually are due to be paid," the report stated. "This is a lack of oversight from the commissions."

The audit suggested that if the commission overseeing the three venues were unable to meet often enough to make these approvals, that the bills

should be taken directly to the city council.

In answer, city officials have said efforts will be made to see that commissions meet monthly in order to review and approve bills before payment.

Also, it was noted in the audit that checks disbursed for Archer Park did not have the

required dual signatures. The report suggested that although local banks would accept the checks with only a single signature and despite the difficulty finding a commission member to sign, the two signatures were required and that the mayor or city clerk should sign off on the check.

Connector

really wasn't going to be feasible, but now that this project has been put back in the road plan, we'll be able to," Marshall said.

Aside from this single park project, Marshall says what many local and state leaders have pointed to about the connector, calling it a main artery for travelers throughout the county.

"We're fortunate in that

we're one of the few counties in the state to have two major arteries in U.S. 23 and Route 80 that traverse the county," added Marshall. "With this new connector, transportation in our county will also be greatly enhanced."

The House approved a \$41 million road plan late last week, with \$20 million going to what House Speaker Greg Stumbo, a

longtime advocate and one of the originators of the connector, referred to as the "long-delayed" project.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, who has also worked over the years to secure funding for the project, said in interviews shortly after the House vote that he expects the Senate to follow suit in giving the road plan a green light.

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RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20.

Cinema 8—Starts Friday, March 13

LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT (R). Mon.-Sun. 7:05-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:05-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:30) 7:05-9:30.

Cinema 9—Held Over

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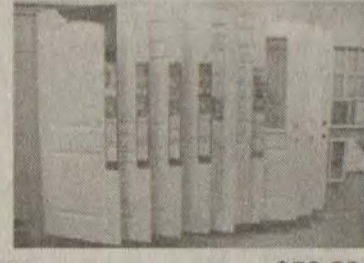


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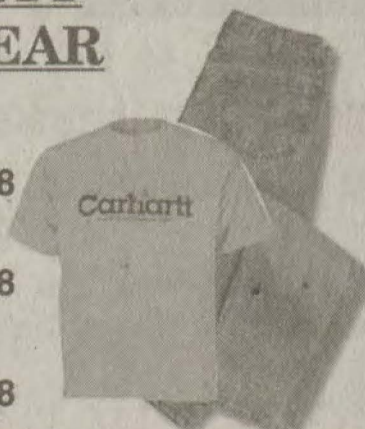
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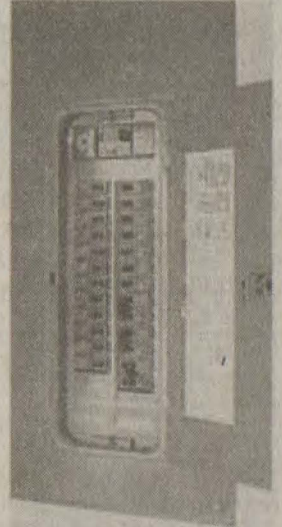
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Area officers among latest graduates of DOCJT basic training

RICHMOND — Martin Police Officer Christopher Kidd, along with law enforcement officers from 19 other agencies across the state, graduated Friday from basic training at the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training.

The 27 officers of Class 401 completed 18 weeks of training, which consisted of more than 750 hours, recruit-level-officer academy instruction. Major training areas included homeland security, law offenses and procedures, vehicle operations, firearms, investigations, first aid/CPR, patrol procedures, orientation for new law enforcement families and mechanics of arrest, restraint and control.

Basic training is mandatory for Kentucky law enforcement officers

who are required to comply with the state's Peace Officer Professional Standards Act of 1998. The Department of Criminal Justice Training provides basic training for city and county police officers, sheriffs' deputies, university police, airport police and others.

The Department of Criminal Justice Training is a state agency located on Eastern Kentucky University's campus. The agency is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and was the first in the nation to be accredited under CALEA's public safety training program designation. In 2006, the academy also became the first law enforcement training academy in the nation to be named as a CALEA flagship

agency. The agency also provides in-service and leadership training for Kentucky law enforcement officers and telecommunications training.

Class 401 graduates and their agencies are:

- Matthew D. Ferguson, Johnson County Sheriff
- Christopher Kidd, Martin Police Department
- Jordan L. Constant, Allen County Sheriff
- Sherman J. Lawson, Barbourville Police Department
- Cody J. Ryan, Boone County Sheriff
- Adam Schepis, Boone County Sheriff
- Daniel A. Minton, Butler County Sheriff

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■ Randall Webb, University of Kentucky Police Department

Judiciary gives nod to cybercrimes bills

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Jack Conway and Rep. Johnny Bell thanked members of the Senate Judiciary Committee Monday for unanimously passing legislation that will strengthen Kentucky laws to protect children from Internet predators.

General Conway, Rep. Bell and Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney Chris Cochran offered testimony on the expanded cybercrimes legislation before a hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee Monday afternoon.

"We appreciate the support shown by Sen. Robert Stivers (R-Manchester), the chair of the Judiciary Committee, and the Senate leadership for this important issue. They recognized, early on, the significance of this legislation for Kentucky families and particularly for law enforcement and their efforts to arrest and convict cybercriminals who are trying to harm Kentucky kids,"

General Conway said. House Bill 315 will now be considered by the full Senate. The House passed the bill 97-0 on March 2.

House Bill 315

House Bill 315 contains the following provisions:

■ Prohibits sex offenders from logging onto social networking sites that are used by children under the age of 18.

■ Requires sex offenders to update their email addresses and online identifiers with the registry in a similar fashion as they update their physical addresses. The bill codifies the Kentucky State Police Department's current practice of making emails available in a searchable database that is accessible to the public. The bill would further require that online profiles, such as those used on MySpace or Facebook, also be included in the searchable database. Email addresses will be removed

from individual pages on the registry because of the concern that sex offenders may use the information to communicate with each other or create online communities.

■ Amends Kentucky's stalking statute to include cyberstalking, recognizing that threats or harassment can take place online and in person.

■ Closes a loophole in current law by clarifying that it is a crime for a person to transmit live sexually explicit images of themselves to minors over the Internet or other electronic network via webcam or other technological devices.

■ Allows police to seize personal property, such as a computer or car, which has been used by a predator in the commission of sexual offenses against children.

■ Grants administrative subpoena power to the Office of the Attorney General when investigating online crimes involving the sexual exploita-

tion of children. This gives investigators direct access to secure relevant information that will help officers identify perpetrators in these cases.

House Bill 148

The Senate Judiciary Committee today also unanimously approved House Bill 148, sponsored by

Representative Mike Cherry. The bill addresses the reorganization of the Office of the Attorney General to include the creation in June 2008 of a Cybercrimes unit devoted to investigating crimes that occur online. Investigators from the Cybercrimes unit report to the Department of Criminal

Investigations, formerly known as the Kentucky Bureau of Investigations (KBI).

General Conway's reorganization efforts outlined in House Bill 148 have resulted in a streamlining and consolidation of priority operations within the Office of the Attorney General.

Kentucky Opry Junior Pros to hold auditions

PRESTONSBURG — The Kentucky Opry will hold auditions for all Junior Pro positions on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

Auditions are open for performers both vocalists and instrumentalists between the ages of 6 and 16. Current and prospective Junior Pros members are required to participate in yearly auditions. Auditions will be by pre-scheduled appointment times only.

Vocalists should come prepared to sing a verse and chorus of "My Old Kentucky Home," as well as one other prepared piece that is age appropriate. Vocalists will have the option of singing with an accompaniment CD or karaoke CD (meaning there will be no vocals on the CD) or they can bring sheet music for piano in the appropriate key. A pianist will be provided. Vocalists who can sing both lead and harmony vocals are particularly desired. Instrumentalists will be

asked to perform two selections of their own choosing, which they feel best demonstrates their musical ability. Because of the musical variety format of this group, we are specifically looking for instrumentalists who can play one or more of the following: drums, bass, guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, or piano as well as be able to sing either lead and/or harmony vocals.

The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros, a unique musical ensemble ranging from elementary to high school age performers, represents the best and brightest of the Eastern Kentucky

region. The group appears regularly as an opening act for Billie Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center, as well as headlining performances for regional events. Moreover, the Junior Pros have performed at the Kennedy Arts Center in Washington, D.C. and for Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush.

For scheduling an audition time or for additional information regarding auditions, please contact Khrys Varney, Arts Education Director for the Mountain Arts Center at (606) 889-9125.



Highlands employees were honored last week for reaching various milestones in their careers with the hospital.

Highlands Health System honors employees for service

PRESTONSBURG — Highlands Health System held its annual service awards banquet on Tuesday, March 3, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Thirty-nine employees were honored for their years of service to Highlands Health System and its subsidiaries. Harold C. Warman, Jr., president and CEO, and board members Burl Wells Spurlock, Ted Nairn and Paul Nunn were on hand to make presentations to each recipient.

Those honored were:

■ Five Years of Service: Rhona Adkins, Elvira Blackburn, Jack Blackwell, Leslie Bryson, Tracy Gamble, Cindy Maynard, Priscilla Mullins, Kelli Nelson, Carol Prater, Rebecca Shanley, Anita Thornsby, and Patty Wefenstette.

■ Ten Years of Service: Kathleen Jenkins and Harold Warman Jr.

■ Fifteen Years of Service: Timothy Banks, Gina Horn, Roy Kidd, Sharon Mullins, Toby Music, David O'Bryan, Lydia Poe, John Michael Roberts and Nancy Sparkman.

■ Twenty Years of Service: Sandra Combs, Mildred Fields, Elaine Fraim, Teresa Justice, and Sandy Lafferty.

■ Twenty-five Years of Service: Christine Furman, Terri Lynn Hall, Twana Gaye Hickman, Karen Kester and Don Willis.

■ Thirty Years of Service: Doris Hackworth, Brenda Meade, Johnny Meade, Debbie Ousley.

■ Thirty-five Years of Service: Margaret Bays and Deborah Mayhan.

Highlands Regional Medical Center, along with its parent company Highlands Health System, is one of the area's largest employers. As the system expands with new facilities and programs, the

organization continues to be a source of economic stimulant and job growth for the Big Sandy region.

"We diligently work to attract and retain the best nurses and health care professionals in their respective fields," said Susan Ellis, vice president of human resources. "It is a strategic goal of our organization to further develop a culture of excellence within our workforce, and the thirty-nine employees honored for their years of service this evening are a testament to how we continue to meet that goal."

In addition to the awards dinner and ceremony, employees were given a certificate and gift as recognition for their years of service.

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Innovation Center opens Pike County office

PIKEVILLE — Pike County Government's Office of Energy and Technology is aiding Morehead State University's Area Innovation Center in establishing a presence in the community.

Working with Pike County Judge-Executive Wayne Rutherford and Roger Ford, director of energy and technology, the Area Innovation Center headquartered in

Paintsville has opened a satellite office in the Pike County Courthouse.

"Pike County is a leader in Kentucky on energy issues and new technology development and its leadership understands the opportunities and commitments required to advance the region and the role entrepreneurs play in that success," according to Joe T. Rowe, director of the Area Innovation

Center.

"Having an office in the Courthouse will make it convenient to area entrepreneurs to access the government programs and expertise that assist technology businesses to start up or expand. I look forward to working with Roger Ford and other community leaders," he added.

The Innovation Center focuses on entrepreneurs that

have creative and new ideas in advanced manufacturing, biosciences, health and human development, information technologies and communications, not just energy related fields. The Center serves Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, Knott, Perry and Letcher counties.

Morehead State University operates two Innovation Centers under the direction of

its College of Business. In addition to the Paintsville Area Innovation Center, the University operates a second Area Center from West Liberty.

The area innovation centers serve as business accelerators to assist entrepreneurs develop their ideas and products in a comprehensive and focused manner. Both area innovation centers are part of the Eastern Region Innovation and

Commercialization network funded primarily by the Kentucky Department of Innovation and administered by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation.

If you would like additional information regarding the area innovation center services, or to request a meeting, you may call the main office at (606) 788-6005 or the Pike County office at (606) 432-6451.

LIHEAP reopens for applicants

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again taking application to help low income households with their home heating bills.

The agency this week received notification that additional funding is being made available under the Low Income Home Energy

Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to continue the Crisis portion of the program.

The Crisis segment is designed to help poverty level households pay heating bills if they are in danger of losing their primary source of heat as a result of being unable to pay their bill. For a household to

be considered in crisis, it must:

- be within four days of running out of their primary source of heat (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene or wood; or
- have received a past due or disconnect notice (natural gas or electric); or
- be facing eviction for non-payment of rent if utilities are included in the rent.

Households who have already received the maximum benefits available under Crisis

in 2009 will not be eligible for additional assistance.

For more information, contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program in your county. In Pike County (606)432-2775; Martin County (606) 298-3217; Magoffin County (606) 3492217; Johnson County (606) 789-6515 and in Floyd County (606) 886-2929. Applications will be taken on a first come/first serve basis.



Highlands Regional Medical Center recently named Sue Ferguson as the March Employee of the Month. Sue has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center for over one year and is currently a registered nurse in the emergency room. Ferguson is noted for her dedication and continuous positive attitude. Nominating comments from her peers included, "During the ice storm, Sue called in to tell us that there were trees down, but if someone would come to the end of her road, she would walk out and climb over. She did just that. Sue is a very dedicated employee and we love having her in the ERI!"

A Woman's Guide To Money Matters Seminar

Join Financial Advisor Edward Jones in a "Woman's Guide to Money Matters" seminar where participants will learn what to do now to prepare for retirement, options to pay for a child's or grandchild's education and how to develop a strategy to help achieve financial goals. The seminar will be Tuesday, March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at HCTC's Hazard Campus. Cost of the class is \$15.

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Lady Bears fall in MSC tourney opener

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Fifth-ranked Georgetown College outscored Pikeville College 17-2 in a stretch late in the first half to pull away for a 76-65 win in the opening round of the 2009 Mid-South Conference women's basketball championship tournament.

Georgetown will advance to play top seeded Campbellsville in Saturday afternoon's second semifinal game at 3 p.m. That game will be preceded by the other semifinal, pitting No. 2

Cumberlands against third-seeded Lindsey Wilson, a 75-26 winner over WVU Tech in the tournament's opening game.

Pikeville (20-11), seeded fourth in the six-team tournament, led 24-18 after freshman Megan Mosley tossed in a three-point shot with 8:43 remaining in the first half.

But from there Georgetown took over, turning a six-point deficit into a nine-point lead. Sophomore Ashley Prince scored seven of her nine points in the 6:42 stretch, which ended when Makaine Huffer nailed a three with 2:01 left.

Huffer had five of her nine points in the run.

Neither team shot well in the game, with Georgetown hitting 40 percent of its shots and Pikeville sinking only 33.3 percent. The teams combined to turn it over 44 times, with Pikeville giving it up 23 times.

Georgetown, 17-14, had only one player in double figures. Senior Ashley Bell finished with 12 to go with five rebounds and three steals. Huffer, Prince, Maddy Lewis and Katie Filiatreau followed with nine points apiece, and eight Tigers had at least seven points in the win.

Huffer led Georgetown's effort on the glass with six rebounds, as all five starters had at least four rebounds.

Pikeville was led by sophomore Natiera Hinton, as the league's leading scorer finished with 19 points and nine rebounds to go with five steals. Sophomore Lacia Bailey joined her in double digits with 14 and pulled down seven rebounds.

Senior Kristal Daniels, a Betsy Layne High School graduate, had eight points and a game-high 12 rebounds as Pikeville won that battle 44-34.

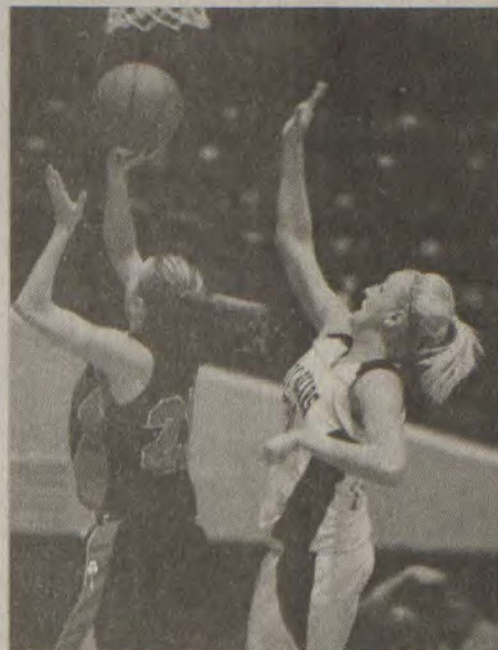


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Pikeville College senior Kristal Daniels attempted to block a shot from Georgetown College's Maddy Lewis. Daniels is a Betsy Layne High School graduate.

Alice Lloyd wins half dozen, improves to 7-0

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team moved to 7-0 over the weekend, picking up six wins. Alice Lloyd is under the direction of veteran head coach Scott Cornett. Floyd County native Jad Deaton is a longtime assistant coach for the ALC baseball program. More on each of Alice Lloyd's recent wins follows.

Friday: Alice Lloyd-Freewill Baptist of Nashville, Game 1: ALC 10, FWB 0: ALC exploded for 17 runs in the top of the third inning to win 19-0 in a contest that was called after four innings. Will Leonard led a 16-hit parade for Alice Lloyd, going 3-for-3 including a home run and a double. C.J. Lynn had four RBIs for the Eagles. Todd Duff picked up the win as he hurled a one-hitter. Gerald Branham tossed one scoreless inning in relief for the Eagles.

Game 2: ALC-7, FWB-2 Matt Hume went 2-for-3 with a home run, double and three RBIs. Lamar Williams added two hits.

Jeremy Hyden scattered five hits over four innings and picked up the win.

Saturday: ALC-Freewill Baptist of Nashville Game 1: ALC 15, FWB-4: ALC belted 12 hits in a game that was called after five innings. Four Eagles had two hits apiece. Joseph Rasnake had three RBIs Will Ray allowed only two runs and earned the victory from the mound.

Game 2: ALC 14, FWB 1: ALC scored 14 runs on nine hits as C.J. Lynn, Matt Hume, and Justin Jacobs each had two hits and two RBIs. Lewis Michael tossed five innings of one hit ball to earn the win.

Sunday: ALC-New River: Game 1: ALC 12, NR 1: Will Leonard went 4-for-4 and crushed two homeruns en route to a seven RBI performance for the Eagles. Justin Jacobs added three hits and Lamar Williams two. Devon Denson tossed a three-hitter to earn the win.

Game 2: ALC 10, NR 5: Matt Hume went 2-for-3 with a homerun and a double and Kenneth Todd belted a homerun to lead the way. Hume, Todd and Will Leonard each had three RBIs. Lamar Williams swiped three bases in the win. Brian Boyes relieved Lance Newman and earned the win.

GET YOUR TICKETS

Tickets to the 2009 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament are now on sale only through www.wkusports.com and the Diddle Arena Box Office. Both all sessions and single session tickets are available.

Tickets to the 2009 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament are now on sale only through www.ticketmaster.com and the Rupp Arena Box Office. Both all sessions and single session tickets are available.

The price for all-session tickets are the same for both the boys' and girls' tournaments — lower arena seats are \$116 each and upper arena seats are \$66 each.



The Prestonsburg Blackcats faced a much-improved Lawrence County team in the Boys' 15th Region Tournament semifinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Blackcats end season in regional semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — In his first season back at the helm of the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program, Jack Pack guided the Blackcats back to the top of the 58th District and back into the 15th Region Tournament. Prestonsburg's postseason run ended Saturday in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Lawrence County, the upstart champion out of the 57th District, established an early lead and defeated the Blackcats 75-48.

The Bulldogs led throughout, outscoring Prestonsburg 22-6 in the first quarter.

Chandler Thompson led Lawrence County with a game-high 18 points. Wade Skaggs added 15 points for the Bulldogs, which led 35-28 at halftime.

Lawrence County enjoyed another solid run in the third quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg 23-9.

Lawrence County beat Phelps 80-60 in the opening round to earn the right to play in the semifinals.

Michael Burchett led Prestonsburg with 13 points. Burchett was the only

Blackcat to score more than eight points. Steven Patrick scored eight points and Austin Gearheart chipped in offensively with six for the Blackcats. Freshman Joseph Jamerson added five points for Prestonsburg.

Lawrence County moved on to the 15th Region Tournament championship game versus Shelby Valley, a winner over Johnson Central.

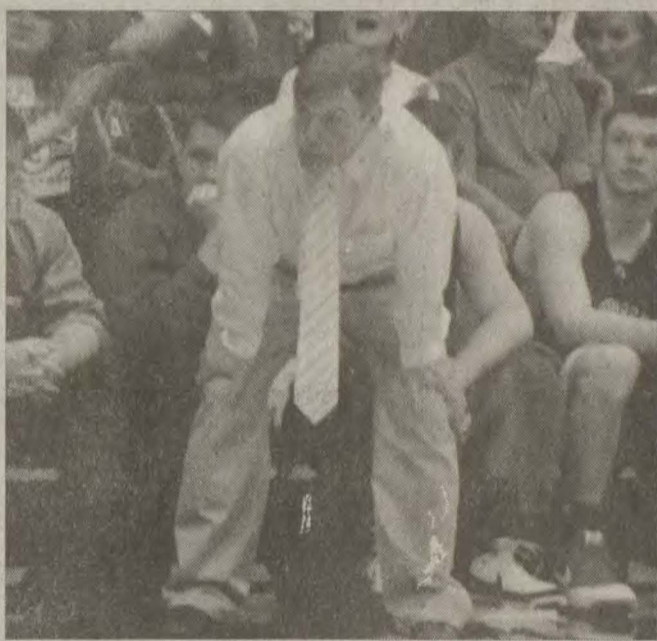
Prestonsburg ended the season 18-13.

Boys' 15th Region Tournament Semifinals

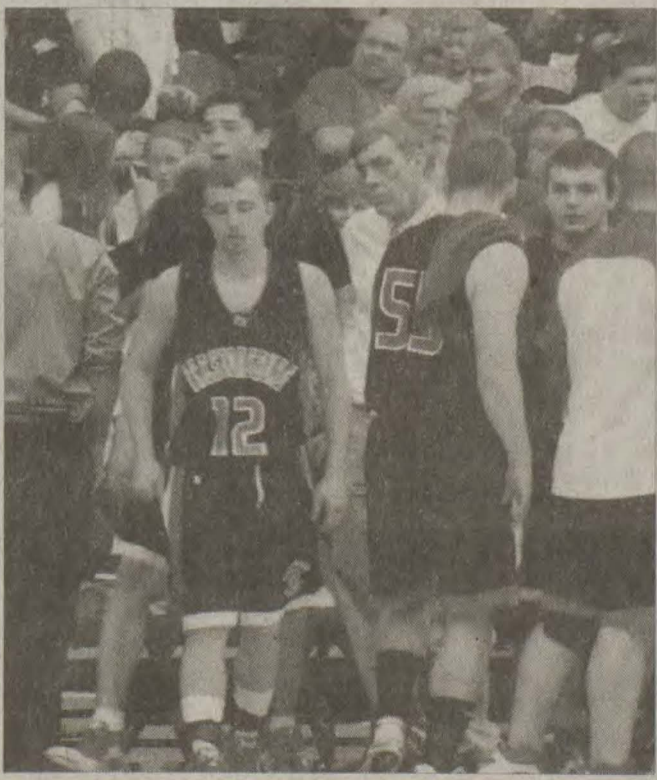
Prestonsburg (48) —
Burchett 13, Stumbo 4, Tackett 3, Patrick 8, Gearheart 6, Tincher 4, Blackburn 2, Jamerson 5, Setser 3.

Lawrence County (75) —
Thompson 18, Skaggs 15, Baldwin 9, Frasher 3, Adkins 7, Wilks 7, Roberts 2, Newsome 10, Bradley 2, Combs 2.

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Prestonsburg finished the season 18-13 following a loss to Lawrence County in the 15th Region Tournament.



Eagles pounce Pikeville, 14-2

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College opened the 2009 baseball season with a 14-2 victory over longtime rival Pikeville College. After more than a week of cancellations due to the weather, Alice Lloyd finally got a chance to begin its season. For the opening game, Alice Lloyd traveled to Pikeville. Disappointed that it had missed so many games, Alice Lloyd was eager to hit the field.

ALC opened the first inning on a tear, scoring six runs in its first at-bat. The Eagles never looked back in the convincing victory. The hot start propelled the Eagles to the convincing win as the host Bears (0-1) struggled to respond. The Eagles (1-0) were sparked offensively by 15 hits. Junior leadoff man Justin Jacobs (Martin/Allen Central HS) led the Allen Central hit parade, belting four hits. Senior Lamar Williams (Hazard HS), sophomore Matt Hume (Lancaster, Garrard County HS) and freshman Will Leonard (Blountville, Tenn./Sullivan Central HS) each added two hits. Freshman Trevor Corns (Davin W.Va., Logan HS) was making his debut as a starting pitcher. Corns showed promise, scattering only five hits over four innings. he picked up the first win of his collegiate career.

"We played hard and hit the ball very well," commented Alice Lloyd Assistant Coach Jason Stowers. "However, we are very young and still have a lot to learn before we reach the conference portion of our schedule. Our pitching is much improved, but inexperienced, as we only have three pitchers who are not freshman. It will be interesting to see how we progress over the season, but the coaches feel confident that we have the makings of a fine ball club."

Tackett, Patrick earn all-tourney nods

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

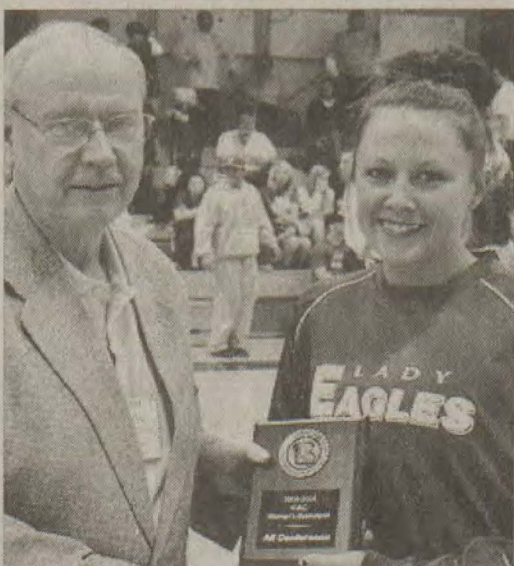
PIKEVILLE — A pair of Prestonsburg boys' basketball players earned a spot on the All-15th Region Tournament team after the Blackcats advanced to the tournament semifinals. Prestonsburg seniors Jody Tackett and Steven Patrick were each named to the all-tournament team.

Shelby Valley junior guard Elisha Justice was named the tournament's MVP.

The Boys' 15th Region All-Tournament Team follows.

Boys' 15th Region All-Tournament Team: Logan Bryant (Shelby Valley); Chandler Thompson (Lawrence County); Ian Welch (Johnson Central); Jody Tackett (Prestonsburg); Ashley Hatfield (Shelby Valley); Lucas Frasher (Lawrence County); Josh Head (Betsy Layne); Taylor Newsome (Shelby Valley); Jo Whitaker (Johnson Central); Jimmy Meade (Pike Central); Jeremy Maynard (Belfry); Curby Tackett (Shelby Valley); Steven Patrick (Prestonsburg); Dillon Stiltner (Phelps); Wade Skaggs (Lawrence County).

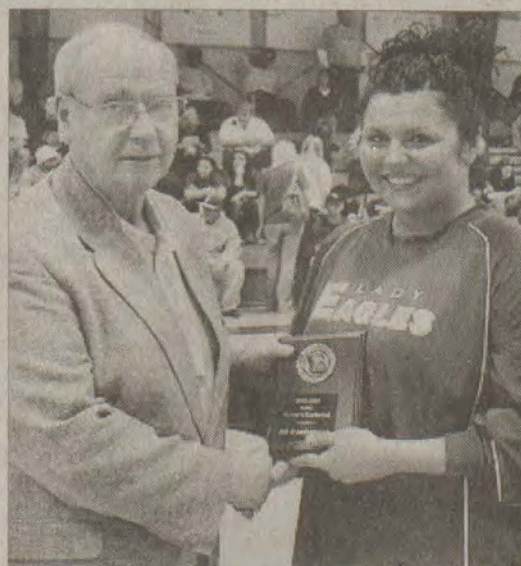
Most Valuable Player: Elisha Justice (Shelby Valley).



LADY EAGLES HONORED

Alice Lloyd College women's basketball players Kaylan Richardson (left) and Camille Cook (right) recently earned All-KIAC honors.

photos courtesy of Alice Lloyd College



Morehead State claims OVC title, earns automatic NCAA Tournament bid

Eagles to play in tourney for first time in 25 years

TIMES STAFF REPORT

NASHVILLE – For the first time in 25 years, the Morehead State Eagles are headed for “The Big Dance.” Freshman Steve Peterson’s baseline jumper with 1.4 seconds remaining in a second overtime period gave MSU a 67-65 win over Austin Peay in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament championship game Saturday evening in the Sommet Center.

Kenneth Faried had his 23rd double-double of the season, scoring a team-high 15 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Demonte Harper had 13 points, Maze Stallworth 12 points and Brandon Shingles and Leon Buchanan 11 points each as all five MSU starters scored in double figures.

The Eagles (19-15) will now have to wait until “Selection Sunday,” March 15, to learn their NCAA Tournament assignment. It will be MSU’s first trip to the tournament since the 1982-83 and 1983-84 Eagles made back-to-back appearances.

“This win tonight was not just for this basketball team and coaching staff,” said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. “It is for all the players the past 25 years who didn’t get a chance to win the OVC Tournament championship, and for our great fans at MSU, in the Rowan County and Morehead community and everywhere else who have been so supportive these past three years since I’ve been back.”

“This was a great game between two teams who played hard and made big play after big play. Steve (Peterson) has come so far his freshman season. He just squared his shoulders, rose up and hit the biggest shot in a long time at MSU.”

Austin Peay (19-13) got 16 points each from Drake Reed and Wes Channels. The Governors led by seven points, 32-25, at halftime. They stretched their lead to as many as 11 points before MSU caught up at 55-55 on two free throws by Faried with 2:17 remaining in regulation.

The Eagles took a 57-55 lead on a dunk by Faried with just under seven seconds left. But, the Governors were able to inbound the ball and get it into front court where Caleb Brown picked up a loose ball and hit a last second shot from just left of the lane to send the game to overtime.

Each team scored six points

in the first overtime period, but neither could score in the final 50 seconds and the contest went to a second extra period.

In the second overtime, Shingles scored on a lay-up with 4:27 left to give MSU a 65-63 lead. There was no more scoring until the Governors tied the score at 65-65 on two free throws by Reed at the 28 second mark. That set the stage for Peterson’s game-winner on an assist from Shingles.

Faried, Harper, Reed and Channels were joined on the all-tournament team by UT Martin’s Lester Hudson. Faried as the most valuable player.

SEC tourney to tip off:

The Southeastern Conference men’s basketball tournament will tip off Thursday in Tampa, Fla., when Kentucky faces Mississippi at 1 p.m. in the opening round.



ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE SENIOR WILL DILLARD has been named KIAC Player of the Year. Dillard is a West Virginia native.

Second-half runs lift Georgetown past Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

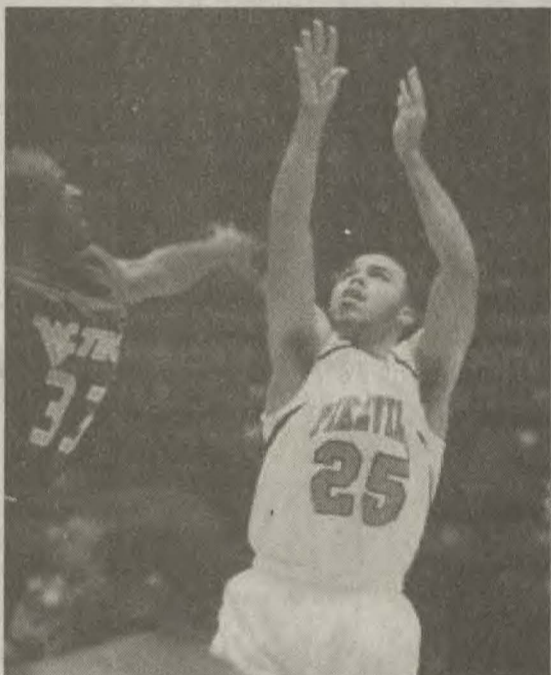
FRANKFORT – Top-seeded Georgetown College used a 14-2 run midway through the second half to break open a tight contest and beat fourth-seeded Pikeville College 77-53 on Saturday in the Mid-South Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament semifinal at the Frankfort Civic Center.

Georgetown (27-3) advances to the MSC Tournament finals on Sunday against the second-seeded University of the Cumberlands. Tip-off is set for 3:30 ET on Sunday. The matchup will mark the third straight season that Georgetown and Cumberlands will play for the championship. Georgetown won both previous meetings.

For the Bears, the season ends for the second straight year with an MSC semifinal loss to Georgetown.

Pikeville (20-12) trailed by as many as 10 points in the opening half but climbed within five at the break and was within three (32-29) following the opening minute of the second half. But the Tigers scored 11 of the game’s next 13 points

The Bears refused to go away and cut the Tiger lead under double digits (48-39) with just over 11 minutes left. But again, the Tigers responded, this time with the decisive 14-2 run en route to the 24-point win.



JOSH SAMARCO lofted a shot for Pikeville College during the MSC Tournament.

to take a 43-31 lead with 14:14 remaining in game.

Georgetown limited the potent Pikeville perimeter attack who entered the game shooting 38.6 percent from beyond the three-point arc to just 1-for-13 (7.7 percent) from deep. The Tigers also out-rebounded the Bears 47-32.

Georgetown senior Demetrius Guions led the Tigers with 16 points. Freshman Vic Moses added 15.

Pikeville junior Anthony Smith finished with a team-high 14 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Ewan Linton and sophomore Justin Hicks added 12 points each.

Cumberlands ends drought, defeats Georgetown 60-57 for MSC title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT – In everything championship games are supposed to be, second-seeded University of the Cumberlands beat top-seeded Georgetown College 60-57 to win the Mid-South Conference Men’s Basketball Tournament championship on Sunday at the Frankfort Convention Center.

Cumberlands senior Josh Phillips’ 24-foot three-pointer with 1.4 seconds left ultimately decided the classic and helped the Patriots (26-6) win their first tournament title since 1998.

Cumberlands earns the Mid-South Conference’s automatic bid to the 2009 Division I Men’s Basketball National Championships in Kansas City, Mo., which runs March 18-24.

The two teams exchanged blows throughout the second half as each team led by as many as six points, in a half that featured four ties and three lead changes.

Trailing 53-49 with a little more than three minutes left,

Cumberlands began to pound the ball inside to senior forward and Mid-South Conference Player of the Year Luke Fitzgerald. The Cleveland native scored eight of his 16 points over the next two minutes - including a pair of old-fashion three-point plays in consecutive possessions - to help the Patriots take a 57-55 with 1:02 left.

Georgetown senior Demetrius Guions tied the game at 57-57 with a pair of free throws with 35.9 seconds left to set up Phillips’ heroics.

Following a Cumberlands timeout, senior Terrance Asmond penetrated just shy of the lane and kicked it out to Phillips for the game-winner. Phillips finished with 13 points.

Phillips’ three-pointer capped an afternoon where the Patriots out-scored the Tigers by 18 points from beyond the arc. Cumberlands finished making 8-of-18 from three-point range, while Georgetown ended 2 for 11.

The Tigers managed a good look - albeit from 35 feet - as Guions came off a

screen for the game-tying attempt. But his shot sailed wide of its target ending the Tigers’ 11-game winning streak against Cumberlands.

In the first half, Georgetown looked like they were going to run away from the Patriots. As the half neared its end, the Tigers used an 8-1 run to take a 32-23 lead with a little more than a minute left. But Phillips buried a three-pointer from the corner to send the Patriots into the break down by just six (32-26).

Cumberlands sprinted out the locker room with a 14-2 run over the first seven minutes of the half to take a 40-34 lead. But the Tigers responded regaining the lead with a little more than eight left.

Georgetown freshman Vic Moses – the MSC Freshman of the Year – scored a game-high 19 points. Guions and sophomore Vincent Crutcher added 10 each.

The two teams await the release of the tournament brackets announced by the NAIA on Wednesday.

Morehead State sweeps Long Island

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Cameron Flynn’s grand slam homerun in the bottom of the seventh inning capped off another offensive battle Sunday as Morehead State (4-5) defeated Long Island (1-7) 23-16 in the final game of a four-game series.

Morehead State jumped out to a 13-9 lead in the bottom of the second inning as MSU posted eight hits and seven runs in the second.

Travis Redmon’s lead-off homer in the fifth inning started a three-run rally as the Eagles eventually pulled away for the 23-16 win.

Freshman catcher Taylor

Davis went three-for-four with a run scored. Flynn was one-for-four with five RBI’s. Pitcher Jake Helvey took over in the second inning and was credited with the win.

MSU went on the road to face Indiana on Tuesday. The Eagles will return home to Allen Field to face Marshall today.

Lady Eagles, Wildcats claim 15th Region championships

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – The East Kentucky Expo Center ended a week-plus run of hosting this year’s 15th Region boys’ and girls’ high school basketball tournaments. Regional champions have been crowned. Johnson Central claimed the girls’ 15th Region championship on Saturday. State title contender Shelby Valley captured the boys’ 15th Region title Monday night. More on each game follows.

BOYS – Shelby Valley 70, Lawrence County 46: Shelby Valley pulled away in a big way after being tied with Lawrence County when the two teams entered halftime. Wildcat junior guard Elisha Justice scored a game-high 27 points and was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Shelby Valley went out in front for good in the third quarter, outscoring Lawrence County 22-8 in the first eight minutes after the break.

Lucas Frasher led Lawrence County with 14 points. Wade Skaggs followed with 12 points for the Bulldogs.

Shelby Valley will face the 10th Region champion in the opening round of the Boys’ Sweet 16 state tournament.

GIRLS – Johnson Central 53, Phelps 39: Johnson Central defeated Phelps 53-39 in the girls’ championship game Saturday night. Chelsey Salyers scored 13 points and Ashley Young added 12 for victorious Johnson Central. Hayley Meek and Celena Conley each had 10 points for the Lady Eagles.

Merissa Pruitt was the offensive leader for Phelps, scoring 16 points. Kaitlin Riley followed with 14 points for the Lady Hornets.

Johnson Central outscored Phelps 20-7 in the third quarter after being tangled in a 22-22 at the intermission. The Lady Eagles are matched up against 12th Region champion Casey County tonight at 9 p.m. in the opening round of the Girls’ Sweet 16 state basketball tournament.

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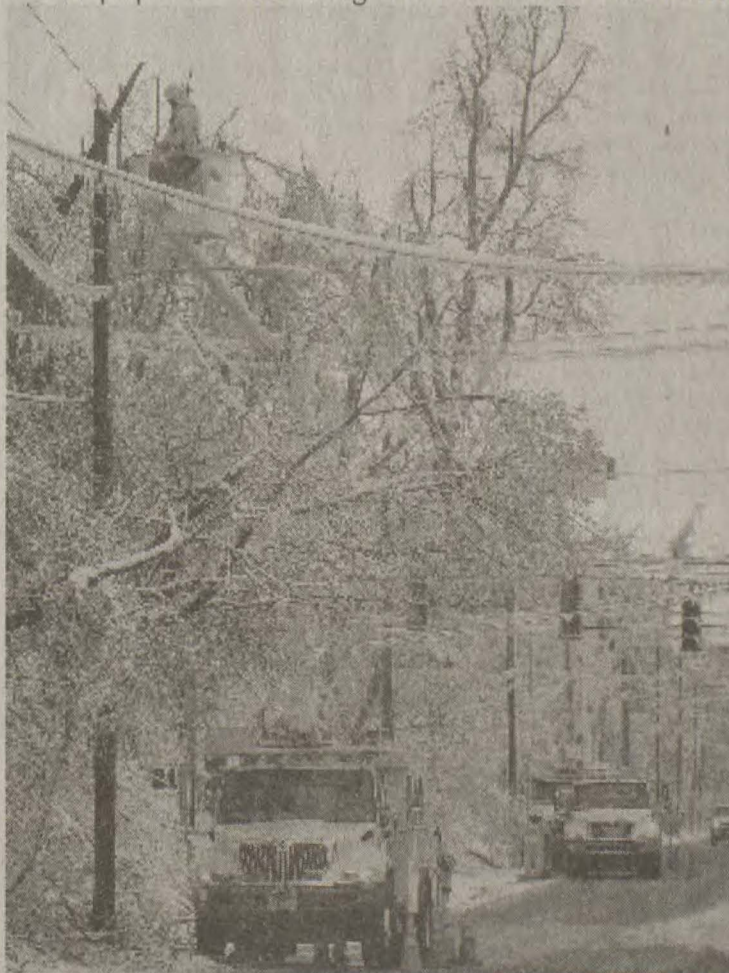


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PC bowlers begin national title defense

Pikeville women to compete in Pennsylvania

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College women's bowling team will begin defense of its national championship with a trip to Pennsylvania this weekend. Allentown is the sight of one of the four sectional qualifiers and where the United

States Bowling Congress has assigned the Bears and Lady Bears as they both attempt to make return trips to the USBC Collegiate International Team Championships in Rockford, Ill., April 15-18.

The other qualifiers are in Chattanooga, Fairview Heights, Ill., and Las Vegas. The teams will bowl 64 Baker games at the sectionals, with the top four from each qualifying for the 16-team ITCs.

Pikeville, ranked fourth in the latest power rankings, will be the top seed in Allentown when play begins on Saturday morning at AMF Parkway Lanes. They'll be joined there

by No. 7 Briarcliffe, No. 11 Penn State and No. 13 Erie Community College.

But it's another team that has Coach Ron Damron's attention: Defending NCAA champion Maryland-Eastern Shore is in Allentown as well.

"They haven't bowled in enough USBC events to have a high rating, but they're very good again," he said. Maryland-Eastern Shore, one of the five teams Pikeville beat in last year's Intercollegiate Team Championships en route to the championship, is ranked fourth amongst NCAA teams.

Damron added the focus would remain on his team and

not the competition. "We know what we're up against and that our main competition will be ourselves," he said. "I think we have enough talent to make a run at the championship again, but first we have to take care of business this weekend."

The Pikeville College men are also in Allentown in attempt to win their way into the national championships and are seeded third. The top seed is No. 3 Rochester Tech, followed by No. 7 William Paterson. Pikeville is 10th in the latest power rankings.

"We like our chances and feel good about where we

are," said men's bowling coach Kyle Wilson. "We have a lot of experience back from last year's team and some new guys who have a lot of talent. I like our mix."

The top seeds elsewhere in the men's draw are Saginaw Valley (Mich.) in Chattanooga; Wichita State in Fairview Heights; and Lindenwood (Mo.) in Las Vegas.

On the women's side, the top seeds are top-ranked Central Florida in Chattanooga; Wichita State in Fairview Heights; and McKendree (Ill.) in Vegas.

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Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes deer season dates

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the 2009-2010 deer season dates and recommended deer zone changes at its quarterly meeting March 6.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

The 2009-2010 Deer Seasons:

Statewide All Zones: Archery (either sex) — September 5, 2009 — January 18, 2010; Crossbow (either

sex) — October 1 — 18 and November 14–December 31, 2009.

Early Youth Weekend (either sex) — October 10 -11, 2009.

Early Muzzleloader (Zones 1, 2 and 3 either sex, Zone 4 antlered only) — October 17-18, 2009.

Late Muzzleloader (either sex) — December 12-20, 2009.

Late Youth Weekend (either sex) — December 26-27, 2009.

Zones 1 & 2: Modern Firearms (either sex) — November 14 - 29, 2009.

Zones 3 & 4: Modern Firearms (Zone 3 either sex, Zone 4 antlered deer only) — November 14 - 23, 2009.

Bag limits remain the same as last year.

The Commission proposed changing Meade and Breckinridge counties from Zone 2 to Zone 3 and also recommended reinstating antlerless deer harvest for the first six days of the December muzzleloader season in Zone 4 counties.

The Commission also recommended changes for deer hunting on state parks and wildlife management areas (WMA's).

They proposed opening the Kentucky River WMA to youth firearms deer seasons and designating the November firearms quota deer hunt on Taylorsville Lake WMA as antlerless only.

At West Kentucky WMA, the Commission recommended lowering the number of quota and open hunt slots from 300 for both hunts to 240 participants for the quota hunt and 200 for the open hunt. The open gun deer hunt on the area will move from the second to the third weekend after

Thanksgiving.

At Clay WMA, the Commission proposed awarding a preference point to quota hunters who harvest a doe. The Dennis-Gray WMA will have the same hunting regulations as the adjacent Green River Lake WMA. At Paul Van Booven WMA, the Commission recommended to allow hunting for deer during the late muzzleloader deer season and institute a 15-inch minimum spread restriction on antlered deer.

The Kentucky Department of Parks canceled the quota deer hunts at Taylorsville Lake State Park and Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park. The number of slots for mobility-impaired quota hunts at Zilpo and Twin Knobs Campgrounds on Cave Run Lake will be reduced from 30 to 24. The Wendell Ford

Training Center in west Kentucky is closed to general public deer hunting.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, June 12, at #1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to KDFWR, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gasset, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

Elkhorn Creek, other streams should have good smallmouth bass fishing this season

Big Sandy River another great option for smallmouth bass

by **LEE McCLELLAN**
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Elkhorn Creek, one of the premier smallmouth streams in Kentucky, produced fantastic smallmouth bass fishing from 1998 to 2002. Anglers could expect to catch a few dozen smallmouth in a day's fishing. A couple of these fish were usually longer than the 16-inch upper limit of the 12-16 inch protective slot limit in effect for largemouth and smallmouth bass in the creek.

Fishing flattened out on the Elkhorn in 2003 and the downward trend continued through 2006. It isn't pollution, disease or development that caused this trend. It's rain.

"When we have really wet years, it impacts the spawn in a negative way," said Jim Axon, former assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "Drought years are good years for small-

mouth spawning on streams."

Fishing on the Elkhorn flourished from 1998 to 2002 because drought years in the late 1980s and early 1990s encouraged great reproduction of smallmouth bass. The better smallmouth bass breed, the better the future fishing.

The same positive development that created the good fishing is taking shape again. Smallmouth fishing on the creek began to pick up in 2007 and improved again in 2008 until last summer's drought made the fish lethargic. This coming year should be the best year for fishing on Elkhorn Creek since the 1998 to 2002 boom.

"In our sampling last spring, we saw lots of smallmouth in that 15-17 inch range," said Jeff Crosby, central fisheries district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "The fishing on Elkhorn should be good this year."

Population evaluations of smallmouth bass by fisheries biologists for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife show excellent smallmouth spawns in 1990, 1991, 1993 and 1994. "Those fish born then are at the top of the slot or above now," said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "You need a time lag of 5 years or longer to see the benefits of a good

spawn. It takes about 5 years for a smallmouth in the creek to grow to 12 inches."

The same phenomenon that created the recent good fishing on Elkhorn should occur throughout the state. "The same weather patterns that impacted Elkhorn should have done the same throughout the state," Buynak said. "It should be a good year for stream smallmouth fishing all over Kentucky."

In southwestern Kentucky, the Gasper River, Fallen Timber Creek and the Barren River downstream of Barren River Lake offer good smallmouth bass fishing.

The Green River downstream of Green River Lake Dam, the Little Barren River and Russell Creek in south-central Kentucky all have quality smallmouth bass to catch. The South Fork of the Kentucky River, the Big South Fork and the Little South Fork of the Cumberland River, the Redbird River and the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River give southeastern Kentucky anglers overlooked smallmouth bass fishing.

The South Fork and main stem of Licking River, the Little Kentucky River, Slate Creek and Eagle Creek in north-central Kentucky are good places for smallmouth bass. The Levisa, Russell and Tug Forks of Big Sandy River,

Kinniconick Creek, Tygarts Creek and the North Fork of Kentucky River grant eastern Kentucky anglers a place to stretch out a light action rod and 6-pound line with a hard-fighting stream smallmouth.

Anglers fishing for smallmouth bass in these streams in the next few weeks need to find the smallmouths' winter holes. Smallmouth bass migrate in late fall to the deepest holes in the stream that also possess good structure such as boulders, stumps and fallen trees. Target the flowing ends of these holes in March and early April with a purple hair jig, 4-inch pumpkinseed with green flake lizard or 1/8-ounce white spinner bait.

If the water is dingy to muddy, pound any current break in the same areas such as a large rock or log with the white spinner bait. Also try the slack water pockets next to flowing chutes in these areas as well with the spinner bait. Some anglers like the Beetle Spin type lures in this situation.

For a complete list of Kentucky smallmouth bass streams, call 1-800-858-1549 and request a copy of the Stream Smallmouth brochure. You may also access this brochure at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website at fw.ky.gov.

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- 1: Lexington Christian (11) vs. Elizabethtown (5)
- 2:30: Boone Co. (9) vs. Rowan Co. (16)
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- 9: Ohio Co.-Clay Co. winner vs. Marshall Co.-Henderson Co. winner.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that

Richardson Fuel, Inc., P.O. Box 565, Betsy Layne, KY 41605, has applied for a Phase III Bond Release, on Increment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Permit Number 836-0212, that was last issued on April 6, 1999. The application covers an area of approximately 143.9 acres, located 0.8 mile west of Northern, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.7 mile southwest from KY 550s junction with KY 850, and located 0.1 mile west of the Right Fork of Beaver Creek.

The bond now in affect on Increment 1 is a surety bond for \$5,600; on Increment 2 is a surety bond for \$9,000; on Increment 3 is a surety bond for \$8,400; and on Increment 4 is a surety bond for \$3,100. Approximately 15% of the original bond amount of

\$171,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding, and mulching, completed in December of 1991.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 18, 2009.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 19, 2009, at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 18, 2009.

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL SPURLOCK POWER STATION UNIT NOS. 1 & 2

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC") is accepting proposals for contract coal requirements at Spurlock Power Station Unit Nos. 1 and 2. Deliveries will begin July 1, 2009. Coal specification requirements shall be a minimum 11,000 Btu/lb.; maximum 16 percent ash; and maximum 7 lbs. SO₂/MMBtu, all on an "as received" basis. **ALL BIDS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH** a full proximate analysis including grindability, mineral/ash including trace elements, ultimate analysis, ash fusions, and slagging and fouling factor calculations.

Please submit a proposal for contract deliveries of up to 20,000 tons per month. Time periods for a term of up to three years will be considered. Force majeure terms, changes in legislation, and breach of contract language are also covered in the contract. A coal supply bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or escrow account in the amount of one dollar times the annual tonnage will be required before the signing of any contracts.

INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL SPURLOCK POWER STATION GILBERT AND UNIT NO. 4

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc., ("EKPC") is accepting proposals for contract coal requirements for the Gilbert and No. 4 units at Spurlock Power Station.

Please submit a proposal for contract deliveries of up to 20,000 tons per month beginning July 1, 2009, for a term of up to three years. EKPC's typical coal quality specifications defined on the Coal Specification sheet are for a sulfur maximum of 10 lbs. SO₂/MMBtu. Force majeure terms, changes in legislation, and breach of contract language are also covered in the contract. A coal supply bond, irrevocable letter of credit, or escrow account in the amount of one dollar times the annual tonnage will be required before the signing of any contracts.

All requested information must be accurately submitted on the proposal forms, available upon request from EKPC. EKPC will require additional information including mine plans, permit information, and financial statements from companies making the short list before any purchase commitment is made. Mine visits will also be conducted. If a contract agreement is reached, no substitution of the coal source or changes in the preparation, as described in the proposal, will be accepted without prior approval by EKPC.

EKPC's Spurlock Power Station receives coal by barge on the Ohio River at Milepost 414 and by rail at Charleston Bottoms, Kentucky, via CSX Transportation or TTI Railroad. If the coal is to be rail delivered, a freeze conditioning agent must be applied on December, January, and February shipments at buyer's option.

A Coal Sales Proposal form and a Coal Specifications & Information sheet are available by contacting EKPC Senior Fuel Buyer, Ernie Huff, at 859-745-9621.

Please mark your envelope "SPURLOCK CONTRACT COAL PROPOSAL ENCLOSED" or "GILBERT AND SPURLOCK NO. 4 CONTRACT COAL PROPOSAL ENCLOSED" and mail to the attention of Ernie Huff at P.O. Box 707, Winchester, KY 40392-0707. Proposals must be submitted by 2 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2009.

Proposals must be received by the above date. Faxes and e-mails will NOT be accepted. No revisions will be accepted after the deadline noted above.

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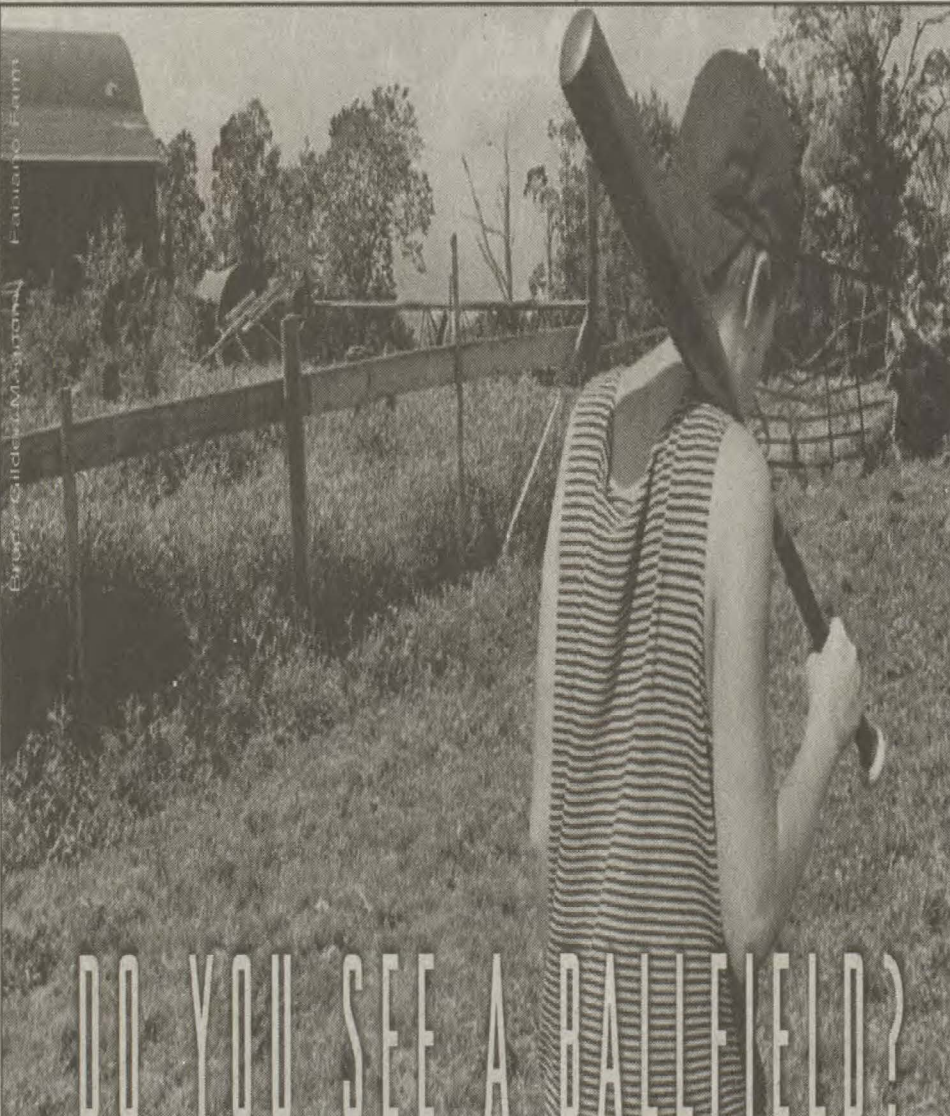
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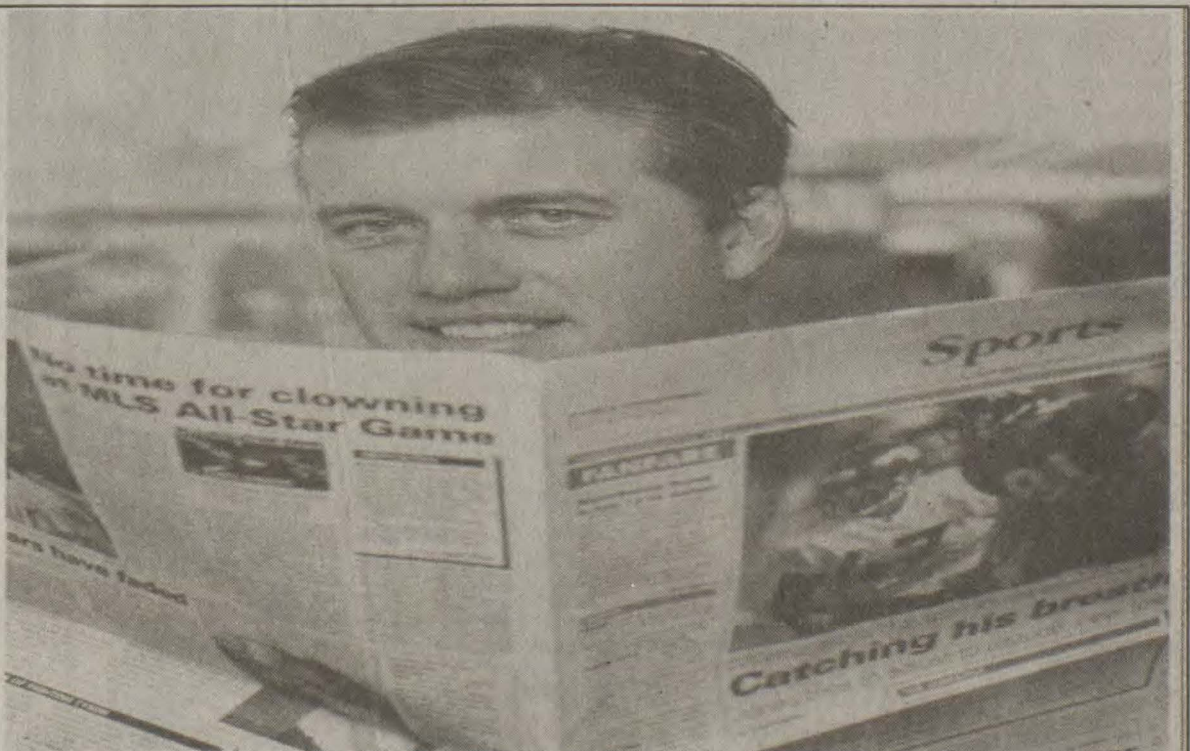
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BSCTC announces President's List

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Those named to the President's List include:

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The Floyd County Animal Shelter
PET OF THE WEEK

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Easy on the eggs

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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If you should ever come across me in a certain section of the grocery store, you might well conclude that I am seriously weird.

That's because when I buy eggs, I flip open the container top and feel every single egg, rolling it around its little cardboard "nest" to make sure it moves freely. If an egg has cracked in the carton, some of its contents will have oozed out into its compartment and glued the egg to the carton, so it won't roll freely.

My little "flip and roll" routine is the way I make sure—as much as possible—that all the eggs in that carton are intact. Fortunately, I've never been arrested for unlawful pawing of eggs!

Of course, the companies that sell the eggs also want to make sure that every egg they send out reaches the customer's kitchen safe and intact. That's why they utilize a variety of methods to examine the egg's shell, with everything from eagle-eyed human inspectors to systems that use a high-frequency analysis to "listen" for cracks in the eggs.

But even the sharpest human eyes can miss what are known as micro-cracks, splits so tiny that no one can see them. The bad news is, those micro-cracks can grow over time, so an egg that looks intact at the processing plant can be seriously leaking by the time it reaches your local supermarket.

Egg cracks are more than just an

(See SCIENCE, page five)

POISON OAK

It's only natural

by CLYDE PACK

I suppose it was only to be expected, but when I was growing up, we youngsters had absolutely no sense of history regarding the surroundings in which we lived.

The company for which our daddies worked; the church and school we attended; even the water we drank, extracted via the squeaky, metal pumps placed strategically throughout the community, were, quite naturally, all taken for granted.

As far as we were concerned, those things could have been natural formations, like the hills that surrounded us; the clouds that danced and pranced over us as we shot cap busters at one another; and let out war whoops under busy eastern Kentucky skies; like the gigantic sycamore which formed a protective umbrella over our play area in the vicinity of the old dairy barn.

We didn't know, nor did we care, that more than 30 years before any of us were even born, a group of entrepreneurs in far-away Pennsylvania, sat down with construction and mining engineers and napped it all out. But it was several decades before the boys and girls with whom I spent most of my waking hours, gave any through to such things.

One thing we did, however, was store memories of a hundred summer evenings, when life-long friendships were formed, as we played until darkness drove us indoors; when our most important thoughts consisted of the best places to hide in order to avoid detection by whomever was "it" in our nightly game of

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DRESSES FOR SUCCESS



Jilleyn Brown Vickery, buyer for Village Boutique, hopes that the upcoming fashion show will greatly benefit Jenny Wiley Theatre.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

ON WITH THE SHOW

Village Boutique to support Theatre with fashion show

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Jenny Wiley Theatre will be getting a fashionable boost in the next couple of months thanks to a local business with ties to the performing arts.

Village Boutique, located in Prestonsburg, is sponsoring a fashion show where all donations will go to Jenny Wiley Theatre.

Jilleyn Brown Vickery, buyer for Village Boutique, has a history with the Jenny Wiley Theatre, serving as a dancer for two years.

"I love the theater," Vickery said. "I've worked with Jenny Wiley for years. When we heard they were in financial trouble, we knew we had to help. It's a local business helping a local business."

According to Vickery, Village Boutique plans to hold the fashion show every year.

"People can donate as much as they want," Vickery said. "We want to give more to the arts."

For the fashion show, any woman who purchases a dress from Village Boutique can participate, with the minimum donation set at \$10.

"We are going to have a group photo for all of the girls who come to the fashion show," Vickery said. "We are going to use it in our advertisements and on a billboard. They will get three months of fame."



Village Boutique has been in its current Prestonsburg location near the entrance to Stonecrest for three weeks.

The End of Prom Season Fashion Show will be held at Dance Etc. in Prestonsburg on June 20. The show is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Village Boutique has been in its current location for three weeks near

the entrance road to Stonecrest Golf Course. They offer prom and pageant dresses, wedding gowns, formal wear, tuxedos and more.

"We want people to be able to buy locally," Vickery said. "They

don't have to drive to Lexington to get dresses. We have everything here. We are a one-stop shop."

For more information on Village Boutique, visit the website at <http://www.village-boutique.com>

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2x8 *SPF* KD.	3.77	4.88	5.88	6.88	7.88
2x10 *SPF* KD.	4.44	6.33	7.33	8.77	9.33

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2x8 Treated	4.88	6.33	7.55	8.88	10.44
2x10 Treated	6.88	8.88	10.88	12.88	13.77
4x4 Treated	5.88	7.55	9.33	11.33	13.55
6x6 Treated	14.88	17.77	22.44	25.55	28.88
1x6 Treated	2.77		4.44		
5/4x6 Treated	3.55	4.55	5.55		8.44
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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
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Times,
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Ten Years Ago (March 5 and March 10, 1999)

Work halted temporarily, this week, on the new post office at Allen. Flood Plain coordinator Lon May discovered the contractor, Rising Sun Development had not filed all the paperwork necessary to construct a building on the 100-year flood plane...Persons interested in the development of trails for horseback riding in this area are encouraged to attend a meeting Saturday at 6 p.m., at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park...Allen Central High School is sponsoring a blood drive next Tuesday, from 9 a.m., to 2 p.m., in the lobby of the school...The Floyd County Board of Education took the first step during Tuesday night's special-called meeting in getting students back on the playgrounds at seven schools, and accepted bids for other projects to be completed in the system...The state appellate court, last month, reversed a ruling by Floyd County Circuit Judge John David Caudill, that said the First Commonwealth Bank, Prestonsburg, did not have to release copies of records related to an Ousley family and their former businesses...Judges with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, in Cincinnati, have come up with a mixed ruling in a case, involving the Floyd County coroner, a Kentucky State Police trooper, and two ambulance workers, and stemming from a 1996 incident...Governor Paul Patton is to be in Floyd County next Monday, with a satchel full of money. According to his press office, he's bringing almost \$100 million. The money will go for capital construction, including projects for the Prestonsburg Community College campus; The Samuel May House; and the Prestonsburg Economic and Recreational complex; roads; water and sewer projects; senior citizens centers, and other projects...The Agency on Aging of the Big Sandy Area Development District is hosting public hearings on the plan it must submit to the state regarding programs for senior citizens in the area. The Floyd County hearing will be at Wheelwright Lighthouse Temple on March 24...Left Beaver residents, county officials and school board members met Monday night, in Wheelwright, to explore ways to keep the old Wheelwright High School gymnasium open...Residents of David took only about 15 minutes, last Thursday, to discuss the issue and then vote to turn the community's sewer system over to the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission (PCUC)...Tragedy was added to tragedy, last week, when Gary Sawyers, 41, of Ashcamp, was killed in a Floyd County mine, and then his mother died after being told of the news. Sawyers was crushed by a roof section after he walked in front of a roof bolter last Thursday evening, at a Betsy Layne coal mine...The Floyd Fiscal Court has scheduled March 20, through April 24, as 1999 Spring Cleanup...There died: Kelly Gene Steffey, 54, of South Carolina, March 2, at his residence; Clea Goble Lawson, 63, of Auxier, Wednesday, March 3, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg; Clara (Clara) Hamilton, 87, of Monroe, a resident of Beach Nursing Home since 1989, Sunday, February 7, in the nursing home; Magdalene Dorcus Perkins Combs, 79, of Wilmore, Wednesday, February 24, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Ray Bevins, 73, of Regina, Thursday, March 4; Anna Mae Keathley Harvey, 94, of Harold, Friday, March 5, in the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charlie Handshoe, 68, of Redfox, Thursday, March 4, at his residence; Phyllis Ann Lafferty, 56, of Hippo, Sunday, March 7, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Della Hall, 88, of Hi Hat, Sunday, February 28, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Wonda Lee Johnson, 58, of Teaberry, Friday, March 5, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hillard Newsome, 83, of Ionancy, Sunday, March 7, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home; Grace Gertrude Butler Corbett, 86, of Estill, Thursday, March 4, in the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital; Maudie Waddles Martin, 94, of Winchester, Tuesday, February 16, at the Clark Regional Medical Center; Don Mullins, 51, of Melbourne, Florida, Saturday, March 6, at his residence; Manda Mosely Sizemore Johnson, 86, of Ashland, formerly of Floyd County, Monday, March 8, at King's Daughters Medical Center;

Beatris Burton May Steffey, 62, of Waterville, Ohio, March 7, at St. Lukes Hospital, Maume, Ohio; Victoria Davis Martin, 81, of South Point, Ohio, formerly of Galveston, Sunday, March 7, at Samaritan Regional Health Systems in Ohio; Ashland DeRossett, 81, of Prestonsburg, Monday, March 8, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; McClellan David Stephens, 83, of Toler Creek, Harold, Thursday, March 4, at Pikeville Mountain

Manor; Lizzie Lafferty Whitaker, 85, of Springport, Michigan, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, February 8, at Springport; Ava Lee Salyers Allen, 64, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 7, in Saint Joseph Hospital, in Lexington; Milton "Shorty" Mullins, 88, of Terrytown, March 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (March 8, 1989)
The Prestonsburg Utilities

Commission has received a natural gas bill for \$2.3 million from Kentucky West Virginia Gas, the result of a lengthy court battle between KWVG and federal officials...High water throughout Floyd County threatened to flood several homes and businesses, but the runoff from the Sunday deluge crested before significant damage resulted...Edythe Lake Wyrick Carter, the first female mayor in Kentucky, died Sunday, March 5, at Highlands Regional Medical

Center...Kentucky Hydrocarbon plants in Langley and Dwale are operating on skeleton crews while their only customer slows down for maintenance...There died: Jim Boyd, 89, of Dana, Saturday, March 4, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; and John Elmon Kendrick, 83, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, March 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (March 14, 1979)

Thousands of homes, businesses and churches in a seven-county area were without electric power most of Sunday, after a malfunction of the Kentucky Power Company's major transmission station at Hi Hat...Although it was built and operated without a permit the coal tippie at Hueysville which has been a target for community protests, apparently will be grant-

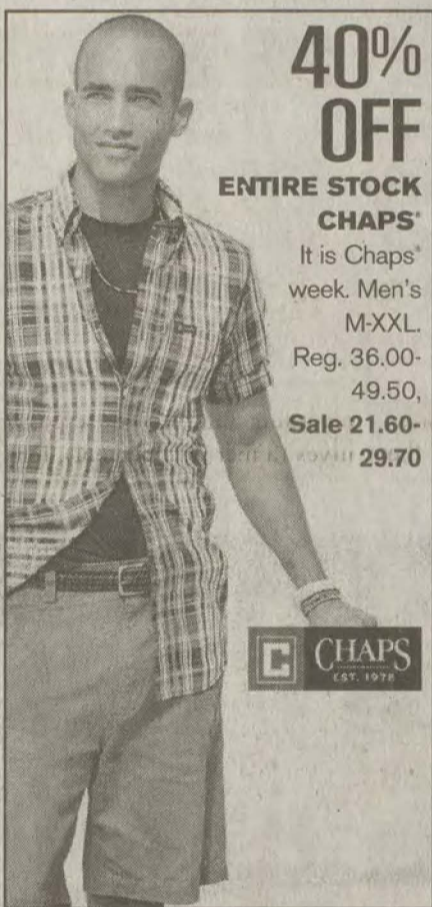
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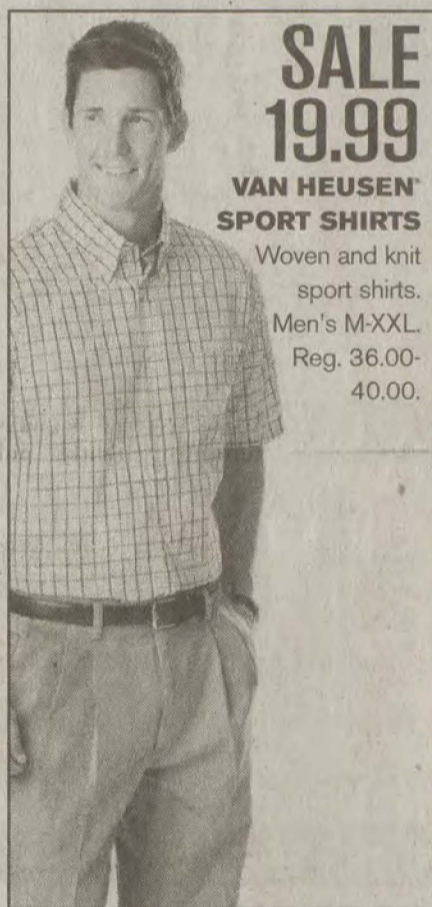
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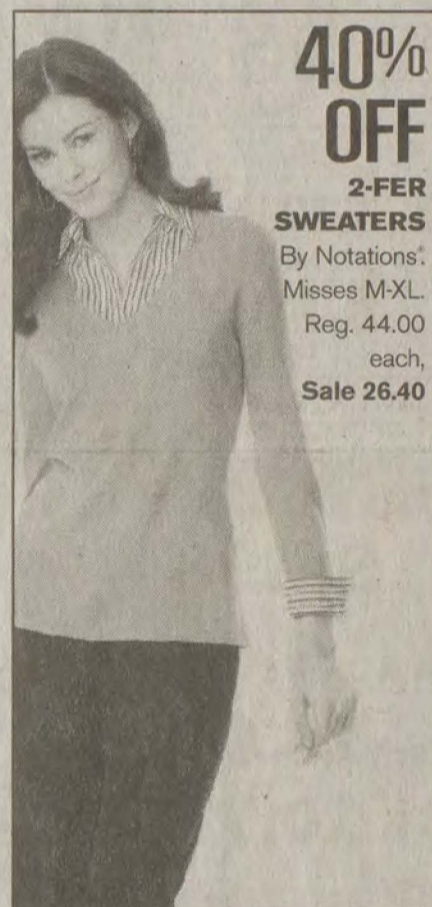


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Yesterdays

ed a permit by the State Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Ramey, a son, Phillip Ray, on Feb. 19; to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nelson, a son, Billy Samuel Nelson II, on March 8, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital...There died: Arthur Lee Hamilton, 26, of East McDowell, inside the JTL Coal company mine; Dr. Julian C. Harlowe, 72, formerly of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Baptist Hospital in Louisville; Myrtle M. Mitchell, 78, of Ligon, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; William N. Hughes, 81, of Dixie Heights, Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Hospital; Bennie J. Caudill, 86, of Miamisburg, Ohio, formerly of Lackey, in the Carlisle Care Center in Carlisle, Ohio; Elizabeth B. Wilcox, 51, of Powell, Tenn., formerly of Langley, at Methodist Hospital in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Elouise S. Leedy, 68, of Stanville, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Florabelle Gearheart, 68, of Town Branch, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Robert Fulton Davidson, 72, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly of Drift, in Cleveland; Gertie Kendrick, 68, of Prestonsburg, at her residence; Vernia Anzie Hamilton, postmistress at Grethel, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Frank S. Friend, 69, Prestonsburg, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Gracie T. Musick, 69, of Auxier, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Leonard Beurnice Howard, 60, of Eastern, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Norman Howard, 64, of Raven, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Elizabeth Ann Craft, 16-

month-old daughter of Mike and Deborah Ratliff Craft of Hager Hill, at UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Forty Years Ago (March 13, 1969)

If low bids opened by the Department of Highways in Frankfort, last Friday, are accepted, and contracts are awarded as expected, construction of two roads and bridge projects costing \$2,304,759 will begin in this county within the next few weeks...The Economic Development Administration (EDA), this week, gave its approval to bids totaling \$1,229,146 for construction of the Mud Creek water system, and formal awarding of contracts to the four successful bidders is tentatively scheduled for next Monday...Gordon Moore, owner of one of eight Dewey Lake summer cottages which have been vandalized in recent weeks, said Tuesday, that owners of the property will meet here Sunday to complete the posting of a \$1,000 reward for persons committing violations on the property in the future...Astor Meade was low bidder for the construction of an addition to the Floyd County Library. Meade's bid was \$47,900, lowest of three...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. William Bottoms, a daughter, on January 8, at Navy Hospital, Millington, Tennessee. Mrs. Bottoms is the former Jenny Meece, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meece...There died: John Derossett, 86, of Water Gap; Mrs. Gladys Marie Newman, 60, at her home at Hi Hat; Mrs. Clara Petry Childers, 68, of Garrett, Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Milda Hobbs, 88, of Langley, at Mountain Manor

Nursing Home; Jim Jones, 84, Hi Hat, Thursday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Willie Crisp, 82, Langley, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (March 10, 1959)

Based upon applications received for admission to state sanatoria, Floyd County has the third highest number of cases of tuberculosis in the two districts that serve eastern, Kentucky. Only Pike and Boyd, with their greater populations, exceed this county...Auxier High School was again designated as an emergency institution for the next school year by the State Board of Education, Tuesday...Governor Chandler refused, Wednesday, to send National Guard troops to Pike County in response to a coal operator's call for protection against violence...Harry Lee Waterfield, administration-sponsored candidate for Governor, invaded the home county of his opponent, Bert T. Combs, to speak at the courthouse here, Tuesday evening, before an overflow crowd...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Combs, a daughter, Radcliff Shelby, March 2, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington...There died: William Hyden, 78, Friday, at his home on Johns Creek; C.D. Patrick, 87, Wednesday, at the home of a grandson at Hueysville; Leo Gibson, 72, of Wayland, last Thursday, at Pikeville Memorial Hospital; Sarah Patton, 75, Saturday, at her home at Warco.

Sixty Years Ago (March 17, 1949)

Newest of inter-county highways being studied by the State Highway Commission, is that

which would connect the Left Beaver Creek section of this county with the Right Beaver section of Knott County...Prestonsburg may be in for a years-long siege of ringworm and may indeed never be entirely rid of the infection, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, director of the Floyd County Health Department, told the Lions Club at the Tuesday evening meeting here at the Brown Hotel...The first driver training course to be instituted in a Floyd County school began with the second semester at Garrett Consolidated School, and has proved so popular that Garrett townspeople have sought entrance to the class...Better than 50,000 Kentucky miners, half of whom are in the Big Sandy and Hazard fields, had worries, this week, as the two-week shutdown ordered by John L. Lewis, UMWA leader, began Monday...The Karston Show, a live-stage show billed as "the show with every thrill in the

book," was scheduled to appear at a local theatre this week. Receiving top billing was "Nature Girl Roberts in her awe-inspiring Fig Leaf Dance"...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Turner, a son, John Bud IV, March 12, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Neeley, a daughter, Mary Jane, March 13, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Elder Wright, a daughter, Sharon Leigh, at their home at Water Gap...There died: Elliott P. Murphy, 41, of Martin, Saturday, after suffering injuries in an auto accident near Stephens Branch; William M. Brooks, 56, Friday, at his home at Hunter; Mrs. Sarah Amanda Adams, 83, Thursday, at the home of a daughter, at Wayland.

Seventy Years Ago (March 16, 1939)

Work on Prestonsburg's \$120,000 grade school building is expected to be resumed within the next 10 days, school board offi-

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Science

irritation; they're a serious safety concern. That's because those openings can allow unwanted intruders such as Salmonella bacteria to sneak inside the egg and lie in wait for the unwary consumer.

Fortunately for all of us, the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have built a better mousetrap... that is to say, a better way of detecting those microcracks.

The scientists based their idea, in part, on the methods now used by the human inspectors: give the egg a squeeze and take a close look. If an egg looks like it might have a crack, the human inspectors squeeze or press on it to help confirm the presence of the crack.

But the ARS scientists wondered if the answer might lie in pulling, rather than pushing, the egg. So they created a prototype system that uses a pressure chamber and a camera to find those microcracks.

The pressure chamber uses a brief burst of negative pressure to slightly pull the eggshell outward to expose

any cracks that might be present, without making new cracks. The camera then takes a picture of the egg before and while this pulling is taking place--while the crack, if it's there, is opening--to "see" if the shell is cracked. The scientists' prototype pressure chamber was built for a single egg, but they quickly expanded it to a 20-egg chamber.

In tests, 1,000 white-shell table eggs were obtained from a nearby egg-processing facility, taken to the laboratory, and brought to room temperature to simulate processing conditions. Many of the eggs were handled to cause microcracks, and were immediately inspected by human graders and scored as either intact or cracked. Then the same eggs were sent through the negative-pressure-and-imaging system and graded again.

How did the system perform? The scientists report that it detected 99.4 percent of the eggshell cracks, while recording almost no false positives (a mere 0.3 percent), for an overall accuracy rate of

99.6 percent. By comparison, the professional human graders racked up 85.8 percent crack detection and 1.2 percent false positives, for an overall accuracy rate of 94.2 percent on the microcracked eggs.

This isn't an either-or situation, where anyone's saying that the whole process could be turned over to machines. But this system could certainly help augment the accuracy of the human graders' inspections. The end result would be improved quality of the eggs that make it to your local supermarket--and to your kitchen table.

Even with this system, I'm not sure that I'll stop flipping the eggs in the grocery store--old habits die hard--but I'm sure I'll find a lot fewer eggs to reject!

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>.

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Oak

kick-the-can. And when the eight o'clock school bell rang, and we lined up to enter the building, we never gave thought to who was responsible for the state-of-the-art structure in which we had our classes (years later I learned it was a Paintsville lawyer), or who furnished the salaries (as meager as they were) for those responsible

for instructing us in our basic educational needs.

At home, when it came our time to go to the pump for the next bucket of water, never once did we ever wonder when, and by whom, this well was dug. It was just there for us to use--to drink, for mom to cook with, for us to bathe in before church services on Sunday mornings, where the

pews and songbooks and the little King James Testaments that were left here and there, all had to be purchased by somebody.

But this happy-go-lucky gaggle of coal-camp kids were enjoying themselves too much to even as much as wonder about such things. And that, I suppose, as only natural.

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Calendar

- David:** 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
- Martin:** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
- Maytown:** 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
- Cliff:** 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.
- Prestonsburg:** 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
- South Prestonsburg:** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)
- Left Beaver:** 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.
- Special interest groups:**
 - Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild:** 1st/3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Extension Office.
 - Newbees Quilt Group:** 4th Thursday, 6 p.m., Extension Office. (The Newbees do not meet during the months of January and February.)
- Looking for a Support Group?**
 - Floyd County Alzheimer's Support Group** meets regularly at Riverview Manor Healthcare Center. Call the center for meeting times.
 - Domestic Violence Support Group** - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of 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 889-9620 for more info.
 - US TOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group** - For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.
 - Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric

- bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.
- Domestic Violence Hotline** - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."
- Disabled?** - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.
- A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or

- 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.
- PARENTS!** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).
- East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers** - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.
- Narcotics Anonymous (NA)** - Each Wednesday, from 7-8 p.m., in the Atrium Conference Room, 2nd floor, May Tower, Pikeville Methodist Hospital. For more info., contact Chris Cook at 606-433-1119 or christopher-cook@hotmail.com.

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