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briefs
P'burg launches holiday bingo

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A \$1,200 shopping spree goes to the winner of Prestonsburg's downtown "Holiday Retail Bingo," being sponsored by the Prestonsburg Renaissance this Christmas season.

"We have developed a 'Bingo' card that has downtown businesses representing each square. All you have to do is visit each square, and have it validated to have a chance to win," said Brent Graden, Main Street manager and director of economic development.

Holiday Retail Bingo is the latest effort in a series to bring shoppers back to downtown. Other programs have included providing loans to new and expanding businesses, and the wireless community project.

"People can eat out a bunch of times, get their hair done, eat some fudge or win a fabulous gift," said Graden, "even a free Christmas tattoo."

According to the rules of Holiday Retail Bingo, there will be only one winner, but no purchase is necessary to play.

2 DAY FORECAST

Today



Tomorrow



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



Candidates begin filing for next year

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — Former state Rep. Charles "Chuckie" Meade, who had been district representative from 2004 to 2006, made his intention to run in the 95th District House race official on Friday.

According to a press release,

Meade, who was narrowly defeated in 2006 said, "Last election, so many said they just thought we were okay. This time we must take a much different attitude."

Meade will presumably be facing off against Brandon Spencer, the incumbent state representative who defeated Meade in 2006 by less than 3 percent of the vote. Spencer has

indicated he will seek a second term.

A possible third candidate could be Attorney General Greg Stumbo, who served as representative of the 95th district before Meade.

"I've had a lot of people ask me to consider that," said Stumbo.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner also filed papers last week officially stating that he will seek reelection.



Chuck Meade



Johnny Ray Turner

CHANGING OF THE GUARD



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First Lady Jane Beshear, Gov. Steve Beshear, Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo and his fiancé, Allison Patrick, celebrated following Tuesday's parade in Frankfort.

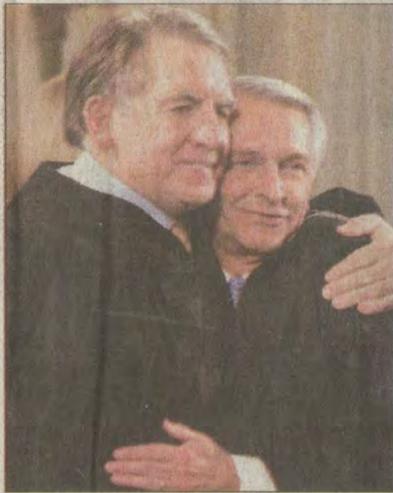
Beshear enjoys festive first day as governor

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Steve Beshear arrived at the Capitol in a horse-drawn carriage Tuesday morning for his first day as governor — a day filled with the pomp of inaugural festivities for a man who had given up on politics years ago.

Beshear and his wife, Jane, were greeted with cheers, whistles and the first rays of sunshine to fall on Frankfort after five days of rain as they turned onto Capitol Avenue in the green wooden carriage pulled by two huge black horses.

(See BESHEAR, page eight)



Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham hugged Gov. Steve Beshear shortly after Beshear took the oath of office mid-night Tuesday.

photo by Ed Reinke, Associated Press

Rescue squad being honored before anniversary

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad will be awarded the 2007 National Service or Sacrifice Award for Response during a ceremony next week in Washington D.C., for their many years of service.

Capt. Timothy C. Cooley, who will accept the award on behalf of the squad, said he is proud of his crew's accomplishments.

"I'm just overwhelmed," Cooley said. "I'm so proud of the squad members right now."

Cooley has also been

invited to participate as a delegate in the National Congress for Secure Communities to identify new practices and funding for local first responders to prepare for disasters.

Cooley noted that his rescue squad is funded solely by donations and grants.

"I just want the area, the state, to know about the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, and that in 50 years we have never billed a citizen of Floyd County," Cooley said.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad was formed 50 years ago in response to a tragic

(See SQUAD, page eight)

No progress seen in nurses strike

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Union officials are accusing Appalachian Regional Healthcare of going against Gov. Joe Manchin's request that neither ARH nor any Kentucky Nurses Association/West Virginia Nurses Association representatives discuss their meetings with the media Monday.

"Unfortunately there was no resolution today and

the meeting could only be described as the union's attempt to pressure ARH into returning the nurses to work under the 2004 contract, which is not feasible for the nurses or ARH at this point in time," said Jim Smith, attorney for ARH.

In a public response to ARH, KNA/WVNA officials said that ARH's "account of the meeting was inaccurate" but would not comment further.

(See STRIKE, page eight)

ARH opens medical clinic in Wheelwright

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — Appalachian Regional Healthcare took some time to celebrate Monday with the opening of the new Wheelwright Family Care Clinic.

Russ Baker, CEO of McDowell ARH, said that when he took over at McDowell, he was charged with getting a new clinic in Wheelwright.

"I wanted to get a foothold up here for the people of this community, to provide health

care so that people didn't have to drive so far," Baker said.

The new clinic will staff two nurses and one full-time physician.

"Keeping everything close to home is what its all about," said Dr. Bradley Moore.

Dr. Moore, of Jacks Creek, who will be the area's first full-time physician in over 20 years, pursued his entire education in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, at South Floyd High School. Alice Lloyd College and the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He

completed his residency at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Moore has been working at McDowell ARH and says he is excited to be providing convenient health care to people in the area.

The clinic, which has been open about three weeks, will become the first full-time clinic in the Wheelwright area since the late 1980s, when the last full-time clinic closed its doors.

Wheelwright Mayor David Sammons said, "I've never had better care than at ARH, and I thank them for coming."



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Community leaders gathered at the new ARH Family Care Clinic for the grand opening on Monday.

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Obituaries

Patsy Lou Banks Cesco

Patsy Lou Banks Cesco, 63, of Weeksbury, died Saturday, December 8, 2007, at her residence.

Born October 23, 1944, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Dewey Banks and Pollie Johnson Banks. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Cesco.

Other survivors include a brother, Elmer Banks of Cadillac, Michigan; two sisters: Sarah Jo Hamilton of Weeksbury; and Joan Evelyn Branham of Greensburg.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: Hatler Strong, Curtis Banks, and Delmer Banks; and a sister, Sue Ellen Harris.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 12, at noon, at the Weeksbury Pentecostal Church of God, with Jay Patton and Ricky Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be in the Meade Cemetery, in Weeksbury.

Visitation was at 5 p.m., Monday, with services nightly at 7 p.m.

Roberts Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

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Alka Blevins Fitch

Alka Blevins Fitch, 85, of Martin, died Sunday, December 9, 2007.

Alka has been in failing health for some time.

Born April 20, 1922, in Paintsville, she was the daughter of the late Donna McKinsey Blevins and Lewis Blevins Sr. She was a mother, homemaker, nursing assistant, and had worked as an assisted living partner for many friends over the years.

Alka was a devoted member of the Dwale Free Pentecostal Church, where she prayed, loved and cared for all of her church brothers and sisters in Christ.

Alka devoted her life to God and her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil Fitch.

She is survived by one daughter, Jaunita (Delano) Ousley of Martin; three sons: Ralph (Joellen) Fitch of Larwill, Indiana; David (Sarah) Fitch, of Martin; and Lenville Fitch of Marengo, Ohio; two brothers and three sisters; nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons: Randell Fitch and Darrell Fitch.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 12, at 2 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Viewing is at the funeral home.

Full church services were held Monday and Tuesday, at 6 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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Una Turner Moore

Una Turner Moore, age 94, of Garrett, wife of the late Elder Edd Moore, passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2007, in King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

She was born December 11, 1912, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Milford Turner and Lucrea Hughes Turner. She attended the Regular Baptist Church, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son, Carson Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio; five daughters: Wanda Duff of Eastern; Anna Vonda Lawson of Rochester, Indiana; Evelene Martin of Langley; Bonnie Conley of Georgetown; and Judy Schlegmilch of Michigan City, Michigan; 17 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Gordon Moore; seven brothers; two sisters; two grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild.

Funeral services for Una Turner Moore will be conducted Wednesday, December 12, at 11:00 a.m., in the Stone Coal Old Regular Baptist Church, in Garrett, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Harry Moore Cemetery, at Turkey Creek, Langley, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

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Eugene "Gene" Mullins

Eugene "Gene" Mullins age 79 of Wayland, passed from this life on Friday, December 6, 2007, in Prestonsburg.

He was born August 28, 1928, in Wolfpit, the son of the late Troy and Italy Ratliff Mullins.

He was retired land manager for Elkhorn Coal Company.

He was a member of the United States Marine Corps, having served during the Korean Conflict; a Member of James W. Alley Masonic Lodge No. 869, F&AM, Wayland; a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 128 of Garrett; the Historical Society of Wayland; and former mayor of Wayland.

He is survived by a son, Paul Eugene Mullins of Garrett; a daughter, Jennifer (Rick) Fyffe of Ashland; his loving companion, Elizabeth Anne Venters of Prestonsburg; a sister, Virginia Mullins Hall of Clay City; and a granddaughter, Natalie Grace Fyffe of Ashland.

Funeral services: were held Sunday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergymen Larry Adams and Randy Osborne officiating.

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

Pallbearers: Ben Moore, Don Hansford, Kenneth Howard, Ricky Howard, Jon Vanover, Gary Francis, Doug Harvey, and Adrian Lovely.

Honorary Pallbearers: members of James W. Alley Masonic Lodge No. 869.

(Paid obituary)

Jerlydine Tackett Petty

Jerlydine Tackett Petty, 56, of Weeksbury, died Monday, December 10, 2007, at her residence.

Born March 27, 1951, in Beaver, she was the daughter of the late Jim and Hannah Jones Tackett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, William Petty.

Other survivors include a daughter, Jessica Blankenship of Weeksbury; her brothers: Danny Tackett and Curt Tackett, both of Ligon; and Donald Ray Tackett of Michigan; four sisters: Gladis Slone and Irene Lee, both of Ligon; Gladys Tackett of Melvin; and Ethel Johnson of Michigan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Berry Tackett, and Eugene Tackett; and a sister, Martha Mae Hopson.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, December 13, at 1 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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Ellievenas Hale Shepherd

Ellievenas Hale Shepherd, 79, of Gunlock, died Saturday, December 8, 2007, at her residence.

Born December 20, 1927, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Rozelie Hicks Hale. She was a homemaker, and a member of Trace Fork United Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ashland Shepherd.

Survivors include her sons and daughters in law: Elzie and Julie Shepherd of Greenwich, Ohio; Ray and Sue Shepherd, Ronald and Janie Shepherd and Donald and Connie Shepherd, all of Gunlock; daughters: Betty

Lou and Jim Eckles of Greenwich, Ohio; Mildred and Jimmy Castle, Ella and Teddy Shepherd; and Melva and Tim Shepherd, all of Hueysville; Della and Carl Shepherd, Corieen and Clayton Howard, and Josephine and Robert Prater, all of Gunlock; Geraldine and Henry Bailey, of Hippo; Donna and Larry Minix of Prestonsburg; and Darlene and Mark Johnson of Van Lear; brothers: Samuel Hale of Plymouth, Ohio; and John T. Hale and Grover C. Hale, and Henry Hale, all of Greenwich, Ohio; sisters: Irene Sallee of Monroesville, Ohio; and Janice Griffith of Floyd County; 39 grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Shepherd; her brothers: Raymond Hale and Ellis Hale; and two sisters, Sadie Hale and Ruby Jean Hale; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 11, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen and Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial was in the Hale-Shepherd Cemetery, in Gunlock, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

www.nelsonfrazierfuneralhome.com

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Ruth Brown Spears

Ruth Brown Spears, 77, of McDowell, died Friday, December 7, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, in Lexington.

Born March 21, 1930, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Sill and Ruby Carr Brown. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Spears.

Survivors include a son, Charles Roger Williams of Drift; a daughter, Linda Chenault of Lexington; a brother, David Brown of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Barbara Combs of Huntington, Indiana, and Dorothy Terry and Edna Faye Meade, both of Grove City, Ohio; a friend, Bill McGuire; five grandchildren: Kevin Luxmore, Clayton Williams, Kyle Williams, Serenia Williams, and Myron Williams; and two great-grandchildren: Dallas Williams and Matana Williams.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 10, at 11 a.m., at the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church, in Minnie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Boyd Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.

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Ruby Mae Tackett

Ruby Mae Tackett, age 74, of Prestonsburg, wife of the late Elder Harold Tackett, passed away Friday, December 7, 2007, in the King's Daughters Medical Center, Ashland.

She was born August 1, 1933, in Martin, the daughter of the late Wiley Abrams and Roxie Hall Abrams. She was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of the New Salem Association, and a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters: Barbara Fisher, her husband John, of Ashland; Terri Murphy, her husband Beau, of Memphis, Tennessee; and Sherri Hammel, her husband Mike, of Rochester, Indiana; a son, Harold Gene Tackett, his wife Ruth Ann, of Prestonsburg; a brother, Buddy Abrams of Rochester, Indiana; and seven grandchildren: Stacy, Jennifer, Matt, Brittany, Blayne, Brett, and

Natalie. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Ed and Everett Tackett; and a sister, Marie Abrams Jackson.

Funeral services for Ruby Mae Tackett were conducted at 11:00 a.m., Sunday, December 9, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Elder Bill Tackett, and other Old Regular Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial was in the Morgan Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, with Hall Funeral Home, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Matthew Tackett, Beau Murphy, Mike Hammel, Mike Jones, Blayne Hammel, Justin Gravel, David Tackett, Mike Tackett, and Billy Tackett.

Honorary pallbearers: Buddy Abrams and Brett Murphy.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Edith Horn Price wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to Dave M. Flanery, Aaron Davis, and Clarence Risner for all their comforting words; to Jerry Lafferty for the beautiful music, the Floyd Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and compassionate service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF EDITH HORN PRICE

Card of Thanks

The family of Shadery Watson would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Belmont Johnson or his comforting words; the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts of kindness during this time will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF SHADERY WATSON

Card of Thanks

The family of William Hager Wright would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. All the love and compassion shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM HAGER WRIGHT

Card of Thanks

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Extended Family, We want to thank you all so much for your prayers, kind words and presence during the passing of our father. He worked hard during his lifetime of 79 years, and touched many lives in many places. Now, we celebrate that he is at rest in Heaven with our Lord.

With much appreciation,

THE FAMILY OF EUGENE "GENE" MULLINS

Card of Thanks

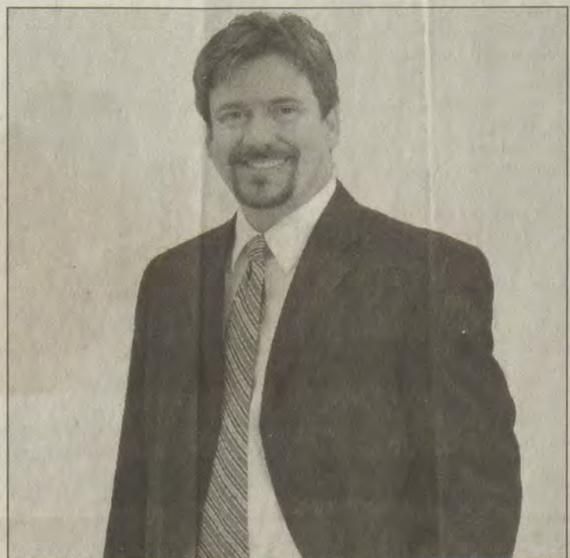
The family of Geneva Hall would like to extend one heartfelt thanks to family and friends, for the love and support during the loss of our loved one. Whether you called, visited, sent flowers, cards, food, or silently said a prayer, we wish to sincerely "Thank You." A special thanks to George Tackett and the other Old Regular Baptist ministers for their kind words and prayers, Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance with traffic control. All the love, support and kindness will forever be appreciated and never forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF GENEVA HALL

Card of Thanks

The family of Jeffery Bentley would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors, and loved ones, who helped comfort us during this time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards, prayers, or who spoke kind words. A special thanks to the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and to the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF JEFFERY BENTLEY



Tom Mabe, the comedian nationally recognized for getting revenge on annoying telemarketers, will be working the crowd at a local business' promotional event. Mabe is expected to keep the laughs flowing along with the prizes when he hosts Let's Pick a Deal at Honda of Prestonsburg on December 15. A frequent guest on radio and TV shows, Mabe tours the country doing stand-up comedy, going after anything that "ticks off" Americans like high gas prices, bad customer service and junk e-mail. His popular album, *Revenge on the Telemarketers, Round One*, received rave reviews in national magazines.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Christ United Methodist Church to sponsor Drive-thru Nativity December 15 and 16
A Live Drive Through Nativity will be at the Christ United Methodist Church, 105 Methodist Lane, in the Allen Church Parking lot, December 15-16, from 6-till 9 p.m. "Come, go back to the night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Experience the wonder of the Special night from the comfort of your own car." Also plan to attend December 24, 8 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Highlands Regional Medical Center
Dec. 13, 27 - Kiwanis, meeting Place B; 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 14 - Blood Drive, meeting Room A & B; 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
For more information concerning these support groups, contact Highlands Educational Services Department at 886-7424.

Star of Bethlehem at EKSC
Astronomers have helped

First phase of energy assistance program ending

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Area Community Action Program would like to remind consumers that the last day to submit an application for the Subsidy phase of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be Friday, Dec. 14.
Applicants may still apply at any BSACAP office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call the BSACAP office in your county, or 789-3641.
LIHEAP is available to help eligible low-income consumers pay utility bills during the winter months when home energy costs typically are higher.

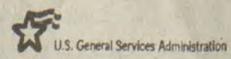
The application period will not be open again until Jan. 7, when the agency will begin taking applications for the Crisis phase, which helps consumers who are in danger of having their heating source disconnected or are running out of heating fuel.

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For additional information, call (606) 889-0303 or visit the website <http://www.wedo-science.org>
Groups available by reservation.

Small steps to health and wealth!
Where: BSCTC - Prestonsburg Campus
When: December 13, & 20
Time: 12-1 p.m., (Bring your brown bag lunch, if desired.)
Cost: \$6.00 (make check payable to Floyd County Extension)
Contact: Theresa Scott at 886-2668, or Kelly Adam at 886-3863, to register.

MAC looking for military pics
The Mountain Arts Center is looking for pictures that have been sent home from loved ones who are currently serving overseas - military personnel in such places as Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea - those serving our country in some capacity during the upcoming holiday season.
Photos may be emailed (Jpeg) to ann@macarts.com, or mailed to: G. Ann Lafferty, Marketing Director, Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Send along a stamped, self addressed envelope and your photos will be returned. Pictures will be used as part of a slideshow during a special song presentation during the KY Opry Christmas show.

Recipes are Wanted for PHS Cookbook
Prestonsburg High School Senior Class would like to invite alumni, parents, and community members to contribute favorite recipes for a cookbook.
We will gather recipes, print them with contributors' name, and create a cookbook for all to purchase and enjoy.
Please submit recipes to Karen DeRossett or Sharon Vaughan at 825 Blackcat Boulevard, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Democratic Woman's Club meets at Floyd Co. Library
The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets regularly on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

Hope in the Mountains
Hope in the Mountains will host public meetings on Mondays, at 9 a.m., at the junction of U.S. 23 and Rt. 80, on Watergap Rd., behind the Trimble Chapel Church.
Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society.
Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club
Prestonsburg Rotary Club meets, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at Made From Scratch Restaurant, 1566 North Lake Drive. For additional information, contact Chris Daniel, 886-7354, or Tommie Layne, 886-2321, ext. 1297.

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the SECOND Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.
"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.
Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info., contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

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

Senior employment program
Are you a senior citizen on a fixed income struggling with soaring medical bills and living expenses? Could you use some extra spending money but don't know how to get back into the workforce?
If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

External Diploma Program
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.
GED classes are also available.

Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings
Allen: 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Dixie: 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.
David: 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.
Martin: 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.
Maytown: 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.
Cliff: 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

Prestonsburg: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.
South Prestonsburg: 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2666 for info.)
Left Beaver: 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Osborne Elem. School Library.
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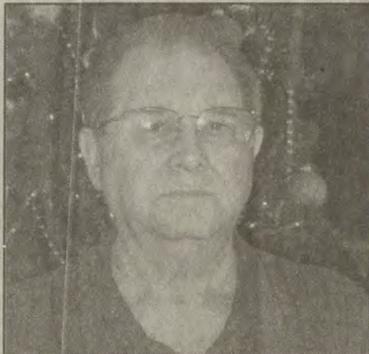
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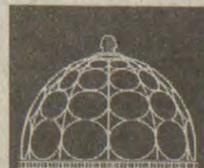
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Guest View

Unequal protection

Consumers Union, the widely respected publisher of Consumer Reports, last month found high levels of lead in a toy blood pressure cuff sold as part of the Fisher-Price Medical Kit, a classic toy for toddlers. If the lead in the red plastic cuff weren't poisonous, the irony almost would be amusing.

Instead it's disturbing. Similar incidents — toys contaminated with lead, sold by trusted companies — have occurred often this year. Millions of toys have been recalled.

But there's a special problem with the Fisher-Price Medical Kits containing the red blood pressure cuff (no lead was found in other colors of cuffs). Although they were removed from store shelves in Illinois this month, ... most other states still allow them to be sold.

That's because there's no federal law governing the amount of lead in plastics like the red blood pressure cuff. Federal law deals only with lead in paint and dye and mandates that children's toys can't contain paint with more than 600 parts per million of lead.

Tests on the red blood pressure cuffs showed they contained seven to nine times that amount; but because it's part of the plastic, and not red paint, the toys comply with federal law.

Those Consumers Union tests involved brand-new toys. But a subsequent test on a two-year-old cuff taken from a magazine staffer's home revealed even higher levels: 10,000 parts per million. Lead is used as a stabilizer in plastics, even though there are less toxic alternatives available. Millions of window blinds were recalled several years ago after studies found that exposure to sunlight and heat can cause plastics to release embedded lead. That may explain higher readings in the older blood pressure cuff.

The magazine reported its findings to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and Fisher-Price. Both declined to pull the toys from store shelves because they said they comply with federal safety standards. But scientists working for Consumer Reports estimated that, based on the amount of lead on the surface of the red blood pressure cuff, a child playing with it could receive more than 15 micrograms of lead per day.

The level at which a child is considered lead-poisoned is 10 micrograms per deciliter of blood. That doesn't necessarily mean one day's play would result in a lead-poisoned child, but the level clearly is high enough for concern - and not just for parents in Illinois.

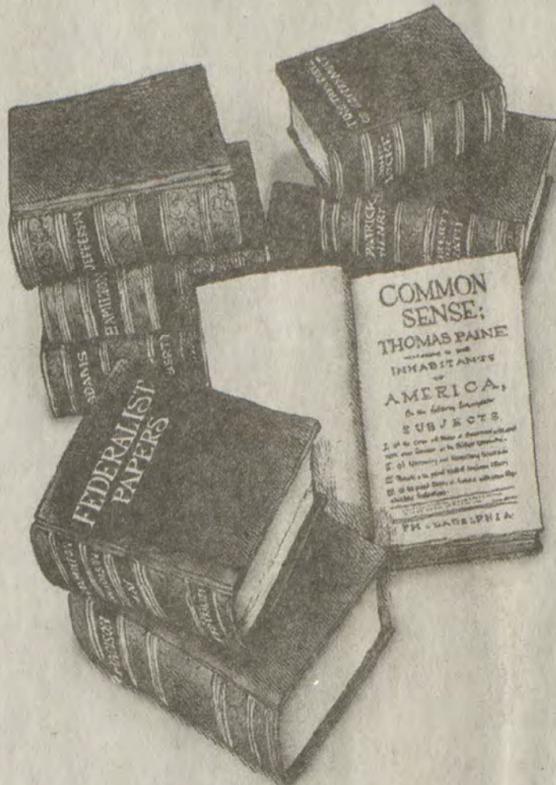
Illinois lawmakers recently enacted a law that limits lead in children's toys to 600 parts per million. That gave Attorney General Lisa Madigan legal grounds to prevent the toy blood pressure cuff from being sold. Fisher-Price is offering Illinois families that own the red cuff a free replacement.

Good for them. But what about kids in other states? Does Fisher-Price need a law hanging over its head to do the right thing?

Congress already has begun working to fix well-documented problems at the underfunded, understaffed and clearly too-cozy-with-industry CPSC. It immediately should close the gaping loophole that permits lead in plastic toys.

— St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Letters

Supports superintendent selection

I would like very much to commend the Floyd County school board for making a good decision in selecting a new superintendent.

It came down to five candidates, mostly from Eastern Kentucky, and that's good. It's even better to get the five candidates narrowed down to two, the two being from right here in Floyd County, and that's stupendous.

Since the 1990s, the Floyd County school board has always selected a superintendent from another state or another area of this state. Finally, this board has selected a superintendent

from this county. That's good!

I've always been a big proponent in selecting a superintendent from Floyd County. We have just as qualified, educated people right here in Floyd County that can do the job just as good or better than an outsider.

I'm sure Mr. Henry Webb, who was selected by the board, will have the energy and qualifications to do a great job as our new Floyd County superintendent.

Congratulations, Mr. Webb, for being selected our new Floyd County school superintendent. I want you to know that I support you 100 percent.

Thank you, board!

John Hicks
Hueysville

Police were helpful

I just want to let Prestonsburg know, and I know they do, that they have a very good police force.

I was in Prestonsburg some time ago to visit my daughter. We went to Foodland to pick up a few items, and I locked my keys in the car. We had Foodland call the police to send someone to help us. In a very short time, they came. A very pleasant young man had our car unlocked in a moment or two.

I want to say thank you so much for your accommodation.

Shirley Richmond
Dalton, Ohio

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Harris to give student address at MSU graduation

MOREHEAD — Michael Tyler Spence Harris will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 15.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 559 graduate and undergraduate students.

Harris is a candidate for a Bachelor of Music degree in performance with an emphasis in jazz studies and studio music with guitar as his principal instrument. He will continue his education by pursuing a master's degree in performance at MSU while working as a graduate assistant in the Department of Music.

The Betsy Layne High School graduate has been a member of the award winning Jazz Ensemble I for the past four years and was a member of the Jazz Guitar Ensemble for three years.

Since 2006, he has been one of the student conductors

of the Jazz Ensemble II and a leader of several of the jazz combos. He also has provided music for various art show openings, awards luncheons, charity dinners and fundraisers.

He has studied and performed with the foremost guitar and jazz educators in the region for more than 10 years. At MSU, Harris has worked with Dr. Gordon Towell, Raymond Ross Jr., Glenn Ginn, Dr. Steven Snyder, and Grammy Award winning MSU Professor Emeritus Jay Flippin.

In February, Harris was named Outstanding Soloist at both the University of Louisville Jazz Festival and the Elmhurst College Jazz Festival in Chicago. On campus, he has twice been the recipient of the Jamey Aebersold Jazz Award, and the local musician's union scholarship award for outstanding jazz musicians. He received the Raymond P. Ross Sr. Memorial Award for being the senior music major with the

highest grade point average.

Harris is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He has been named an Undergrad Research Fellow in Music, completing a study titled "The Language of Kenny Burrell: A Transcription Comparison and Analysis."

The son of James and Loma Harris of Harold, he has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has been a member of the Dean's List every semester since 2003.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Brian Reeder, professor of biology and executive director of the Center for Environmental Education in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy.

Faculty marshals are Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Peggy Osborne, associate professor of marketing and faculty representative for athletics.

Student marshals will be

Randy Manis of Greenup and Ashley Groenhout of Morehead, Graduate Programs; Casey Hufford of Wilmington, Ohio, and Kiersten Sandfoss of Alexandria, College of Science and Technology; Jonathan Maynard of Pikeville and Erica Belmont of Ft. Thomas, College of Business; Angela Hamby of Franklin, Ohio, and Twila Hall of Morehead, College of Education; Rachel Messer of Dry Ridge and Maria Harless of Madisonville, Caudill College of Humanities.

Amy Lynn Painter, Louisa senior music psychology major, will sing the national anthem; Melanie Everman, Mt. Sterling senior music education major, will lead the

alma mater; and MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform during the commencement program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Gary Adkins of Morehead.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately after the ceremony. The reception is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association.

During the afternoon, MSU's Nursing Program will host a pinning for 40 students who have completed degree requirements. The pinning will begin at 1 p.m. in the Reed



Michael Tyler Spence Harris

Hall Auditorium.

Additional information on Winter Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

Education commissioner wants businesses to help improve schools

The Associated Press

COVINGTON — Kentucky's new education commissioner hopes to recruit chambers of commerce across the state to help generate broad support for improving schools.

Jon Draud points to last month's Northern Kentucky Education Summit as an example. The event drew 850 people — from educators to business leaders to parents — to discuss how every segment of the community needs to support education.

"One of my first initiatives will be to take the summit concept and do it regionally on a statewide basis," said Draud, a former lawmaker who resigned from the Kentucky House after being named education commissioner.

"I want to use the Chambers of Commerce as a base of support."

Draud said he has met with the state Chamber of Commerce president and has a planning meeting scheduled for Jan. 10.

Draud said he wanted to encourage Chambers of Commerce to hold summits in areas where there are strong chambers.

Draud said his top priority is to assure that Kentucky students meet proficiency standards by 2014, as mandated in the federal No Child Left Behind program.

But that must become a goal for more than educators if it is to be reached, said Draud, who before he got into politics was superintendent of Ludlow schools in northern Kentucky.

"We have to create a sense of urgency, to have people concerned about this again, like they were in 1990 for Kentucky's education reform. The business community has

to lead the way," Draud said.

"Most research says, for education reform to work, the business community has to be involved. It takes collaboration and cooperation. Without getting all the stakeholders involved, we're not going to reach proficiency," he said.

Barbara Stonewater, executive director of the Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education, which helped spearhead the Northern Kentucky summit, said the program energized community leaders.

She said area leaders realize that reaching the potential for job creation "will not happen if we don't focus on education."

Our Lady of the Way Hospital has named Billie Turner, vice president clinical operations and chief nursing officer, as Employee of the Month for October. Billie began with OLW in 1979 and has held many positions in nursing. Her first experience with OLW came in 1974 as a student. Billie credits her mom, who was an employee at the time, and the mission OLW professed and lived, for bringing her back as a registered nurse. Billie and her husband Bill of 32 years, reside at Garrett. They have two children Kyle who lives in Lancaster and LeAnn who lives in Mount Sterling. Billie enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren — Sky, Audrey and Reagan Turner and twins, Benjamin and Ava Davidson — antiquing and collecting, trying new recipes from the Food Network, gardening and activities at her parish.



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Fletcher issues dozens of pardons, commutes sentences

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Ernie Fletcher commuted the sentences of three convicted murderers, including a death row inmate, and pardoned more than 80 other people on Monday, his last day in office.

Among those who received commuted sentences was Jeffrey Devan Leonard, a brain-damaged Louisville man who has spent nearly 25 years on Kentucky's death row. Leonard had exhausted his appeals of a conviction in the 1983 murder of Louisville consignment store owner Esther Stewart and was in line to have an execution date set.

Fletcher's action won't free Leonard. He still must serve life without the possibility of parole, said Fletcher's general counsel, David Fleenor.

Ernie Lewis, executive director of the Department of Public Advocacy, praised Fletcher for commuting Leonard's sentence.

"By his decision, the governor has acted with conviction, compassion and courage," Lewis said. "Executing Jeffrey Leonard would have been a significant and irrevocable injustice."

Lewis said Leonard was represented by a disbarred and indicted lawyer who did not even know his client's real name.

Fletcher also commuted the

20-year sentence of a state lawmaker's son who was convicted of killing a 62-year-old pedestrian while driving drunk in 2005.

Harrison Yonts — whose father, Brent Yonts, is a state representative from western Kentucky — was convicted in February on a charge of wanton murder in the death of Nadia Shaheen, a graduate student at Murray State University who was walking home from the campus computer lab when she was struck.

The jury also convicted Harrison Yonts, 21, of drunken driving, leaving the scene of an accident and tampering with physical evidence. He would have had to serve 17 years before becoming eligible for parole. Under his commuted sentence, he will have to serve only eight years, Fleenor said.

A third man, Demond Brown of Hopkinsville, who was serving 20 years for wanton murder after a collision that killed two people in Christian County, will be freed from prison when the paperwork is filed. Fleenor said Brown is "mildly retarded" and that he should not have been sent to prison for what was essentially a horrible accident.

"We were as fair as we could be," Fleenor said Monday evening. "There will be people who feel like they should have gotten a pardon and didn't. There will be victims out there who feel like pardons shouldn't be issued, and there will be prosecutors who will be taking my name in vain."

Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites, whose office was opposing the appeals of

Leonard, Yonts and Brown, declined to comment on Fletcher's actions Monday night.

However, Anna Pruitt, founder of Kentuckians' Voice for Crime Victims in Louisville, objected to Fletcher's decision to commute the sentences.

"If the evidence is there, and a jury hears the evidence and determines the sentence, I just have a problem with them being released," Pruitt said. "So many times they come out of prison and the next thing you know they're right back in after committing the same crime."

Fleenor said the people who received gubernatorial pardons had been convicted in years past on a variety of

offenses but that all had since completed their sentences.

Fletcher had already pardoned nine women, most of whom were convicted of killing abusive husbands. Those pardons, announced Sunday, were Fletcher's first since those he offered to his entire administration in the wake of indictments related to a grand jury probe into alleged illegal patronage.

Public defender Marguerite

Neill-Thomas said in most of the cases, the women had lived in fear of abusive husbands;

Fletcher, an ordained Baptist minister whose term ends at midnight on Monday, said he opted to pardon the women "based on their individual circumstances."

"The ultimate purpose of the pardon power is to grant mercy and ensure justice in exceptional circumstances," Fletcher said.

GIS workshop to be held in Prestonsburg

East Kentucky residents are invited to attend workshops on how to make use of free Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources and freely available Kentucky data to enhance government and business activities.

The next workshop is set for Wednesday, Dec. 19, from 9 a.m. until noon at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Room 239, Bert Combs Drive, in Prestonsburg.

Reservations are not required, but the workshop is limited to 20 participants.

The session is designed to acquaint people in business and government who have limited or no experience with GIS resources and data that are available across the Commonwealth. More and more free GIS applications are being made available both online and on desktop computers. Similarly, many Kentucky agencies are offering excellent data sets.

Presented by The Kentucky Center for Geospatial Education, Research and Outreach (KCGERO) housed in the Institute for Regional

Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) at Morehead State University, the workshops will be conducted by Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology, director of KCGERO, and instructor in the MSU's Geographical Information Systems Certificate Program within IRAPP.

The workshops will demonstrate how to acquire these resources and provide hands-on training on how to use them to enhance business and government decision-making and service provision. For instance, they can facilitate development of city/county plans and business strategies. GIS can help users understand statistical and geographical information, analyze population growth patterns, and map voting and census data. Business enterprises can calculate optimal locations for retail outlets and developing marketing strategies.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Hare at (606) 783-9436; by e-mailing him at t.hare@morehead-state.edu; or by visiting www.kcgero.org.

MSHA warns repeat violators to improve or face sanctions

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration has warned 20 companies across the country that they may face sanctions as repeat violators of health and safety rules.

The list includes coal operators in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, along with a cement plant in Kentucky. Each received a letter giving them 90 days to make significant improvements or face a temporary shutdown.

The companies are the second group targeted by MSHA for repeated violations. Last July, the agency sent similar warning to eight other operations.

Director Richard Stickler says the warnings had the desired effect. He says those companies cut their rates of serious violations an average of 50 percent. Stickler says they should serve as an example to the new group.

Fleming-Neon mayor urges conservation

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON — A shortage of drinking water in southeastern Kentucky has caused officials in Fleming-Neon to declare a state of emergency.

Water Commissioner Marshall Bevins says the local utility pumps water from two mines. He says one has gone dry and the other has about eight feet of water left.

Rain has been falling in the region, but officials say it will take about 10 days for the moisture to make a difference in the wells.

While officials didn't issue mandatory restrictions, they strongly urge people who live in Letcher County to use water sparingly.

The state is sending an inspector to review the water supply Monday.

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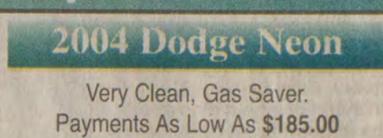
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Text of Governor Beshear's inaugural speech

FRANKFORT — Following is the text of Gov. Steve Beshear's prepared inaugural speech:

Honored and distinguished guests.

My fellow Kentuckians: Once more, our commonwealth is at a crossroads. The course we set out upon today will help to determine whether or not we pass on to our children and grandchildren a Kentucky that's better and more prosperous, and more promising than the one we live in today.

We can choose the path of least resistance; the status quo.

Or, we can choose the path of progress. This path will involve new thinking and new ideas. It will require cooperation and patience. And it will demand courage.

The status quo is unacceptable to me. There's too much to do. We need to act.

We often look to the past to find clues to the future. Our challenge as Kentuckians is to hold fast to the values that embody Kentucky's past, and learn from them as we create our own future.

Kentucky was America's first frontier. The first state west of the Appalachians. Our ancestors succeeded by creating opportunities, working hard, building communities, and putting their faith in God and in each other. That is the legacy they left to us.

We need to get back to those values so that we can be proud of the legacy we leave

to our own children.

However, in many ways, the Kentucky of today has stood still while others have moved forward.

When it comes to economic and educational opportunities, Kentucky has fallen behind.

When it comes to investing in our people, we've too often fallen short.

When it comes to hope for the future, we've become resigned to watching helplessly as many of our children move to other states where better opportunities beckon them.

But it doesn't have to stay that way. If we address the challenges that face us, and take bold steps to meet them, I believe that we can make Kentucky America's Next Frontier.

A frontier of imaginative solutions;
A frontier for new technology and new industries;
A frontier that protects the environment, while creating opportunities;

A frontier that attracts entrepreneurs, tourists, retirees;

A frontier that keeps our own graduates right here at home.

My administration will be about our shared future. We have a responsibility to work together and I have a responsibility to lead. I take that responsibility seriously because our prosperity is at stake.

I ask everyone in this great

commonwealth of ours — Democrat, Republican and Independent, white, black and brown, from Pikeville to Paducah, from our bustling cities to our small towns, to our farms both large and small — to join hands with me in meeting this challenge.

We have just come through the time-honored American rite of a hard-fought campaign; as a result, it is easy to see what divides us. Instead, what I want to see, and what I do see today, is what unites us.

As Kentuckians, and as Americans, we share the same basic values.

We're passionate about our freedom, we celebrate our differences, we cherish our faith, and we love our families.

Our history is filled with examples of overcoming division. During the Civil War, our commonwealth was split between those siding with the Confederacy and those favoring the Union.

The years following the war were hard, but our ancestors came together to build the foundation for a modern Kentucky. Eventually, they worked through their differences for the sake of the future.

It's time to focus again on what unites us. Only then will we achieve truly great things.

Abraham Lincoln, whose 200th birthday we will begin to celebrate 2 months from now, said in his first presidential inaugural address: "We are not enemies, but friends. We

must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break, our bonds of affection."

Lincoln's plea for unity in 1861 is no less relevant today. While we have made extraordinary progress as a people since that time, we still must work to overcome our differences and not allow them to impede our progress. Sixty years earlier, in his 1801 inaugural address, Thomas Jefferson said: "every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle."

Now, some may disagree with me on opinions, but let's agree on principles and goals.

We can accomplish much over the next four years, but only if we work together for the common good.

Only if we're open about the challenges we face and honest about the solutions.

Only if we're open to new ideas and new ways of thinking.

Only if we put the interests of all Kentuckians ahead of the interests of political parties, individuals and special interests.

The great Kentucky Senator Henry Clay once said: "Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees. And both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people."

Let us remember those wise words as we begin the difficult and exciting task of creating a new Kentucky for the 21st century.

A Kentucky where the youngest among us have expanded learning opportunities that will serve a lifetime;

A Kentucky where the oldest among us are not forced to choose between food and medicine;

A Kentucky where citizens trust that their leaders are doing the people's business, not their own;

And a Kentucky where it doesn't matter if an idea is a Democratic idea or a Republican idea, as long as it's a good idea.

My administration will be looking for good ideas to help Kentucky innovate and become a leader among the states.

I expect to earn your trust, not to simply be given it. I expect my administration to be accountable — and it starts at the top, with me.

That's why one of my first official acts as governor will be to require all my top appointees to take extensive training in laws relating to ethics and the merit system, and to pledge to follow them.

In addition, one of my first proposals to the legislature will be a package of new ethics laws to govern us — increasing penalties for violating the ethics code, strengthening protections for whistleblowers, and changing the way appointments to the Ethics Commission itself are made.

We need to get our own

house in order before we can be trusted to do the people's business. I look forward to working with legislators of both parties to pass tough new ethics and accountability standards we can all be proud of.

We've seen too often what happens when the people don't trust their government. Enacting new ethics standards will help to regain some of that trust.

So will governing effectively, efficiently and with humility. This, I pledge to you.

And that starts with being honest about the serious challenges we face as I take office today.

The current state of the economy means that we will need to be jealous guardians of the public's money. We will need to make difficult choices and set clear priorities. We will need to show the courage to cut back where we can now in order to invest in what we must in the future.

My priorities are ones we all share: investing more in the education of our people to better prepare them to compete in the global economy; creating more opportunities by attracting better paying jobs throughout Kentucky, in industries that promise long-term growth not just for today's workers but also for tomorrow's; and making health care more affordable for all our people so that

(See SPEECH, page eight)

Inaugural address of Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo

Today is a beautiful day - not because of the weather, but because it is the fulfillment of the legacy our ancestors provided us. It is democracy in action. A day everyone can celebrate the orderly transition of power. An orderly procession that began when our nation was young - when Kentucky was still America's first frontier.

Kentucky was then a place people came to strike out on a new journey, to find adventure, to seek fortune. Where brave men and women of all nations, creeds, and political beliefs came not just to find, but to create, a better life. It was a rugged land that needed taming, but our ancestors did not shrink from this challenge. They embraced it. Working together they made the American dream a Kentucky dream.

It was that same American dream that led a young man named Dominic and his two brothers to leave Italy and come to Harlan County, Kentucky a century ago. Not knowing what lay ahead, but with hope and promise, they came to work in Kentucky's coalmines. It was not easy. It took hard work, but working together they made a life for themselves. The opportunity Kentucky gave them allowed Dominic to bring his children from the Old world to the new.

The promise of America allowed his son, Jimmy, to grow and prosper. My father, with me today, left school at 15 and went to work to provide for the family. He married my mother, Katherine, bringing her from Italy. He, too, had an American dream. From nothing they built a life in Eastern Kentucky.

Like Kentucky's story, their story had hardship and pain. Their first son, my brother Dominic whom I never knew, was lost because quality health care was not available in Eastern Kentucky then. But, like Kentucky, my parents endured.

Kentucky gave my parents the opportunity to prosper and they gave me the chance to follow my dreams - through Hazard High School, Transylvania University, and to the University of Kentucky School of Medicine.

Their commitment to that American dream led me back

to my home in Eastern Kentucky to practice medicine. It led me to the Kentucky State Senate. It led me here today where I am proud and honored to become Kentucky's Lt. Governor.

The story of my family is a uniquely American story, a uniquely Kentucky story.

It is from this Kentucky story that Steve Beshear and our entire administration embark in a new direction.

Working together, Steve Beshear and I want to make that Kentucky Dream available to everyone in this great commonwealth.

I'm from Eastern Kentucky and Steve Beshear is from Western Kentucky. From Hazard to Dawson Springs people have been telling us that it's time to find common ground - that it's time to put partisanship aside and get things done.

I'm proud to be serving with Steve Beshear. He's someone who doesn't just talk about bringing all sides together, he does it.

Governor Beshear will be a leader we can look up to. A leader we can be proud of. A leader everyone can work with.

The road ahead will not be easy. Kentucky's problems are many, but so are our opportunities. Working together, we can solve those problems and take advantage of those opportunities.

First, we must restore trust in our government. Without trust, it will be difficult to

effect the changes Kentucky needs.

Then, we must restore a strong economy in all regions of Kentucky by strengthening our existing businesses and by fostering and attracting new businesses and good-paying jobs.

Our abundant natural resources can be developed into alternative sources of energy. This will make us less dependent on foreign oil and it will create new jobs.

We can be a national leader in adventure tourism: using our natural beauty to become a destination for people all over America.

We can tackle the problems confronting our greatest resource: our citizens. The education of our children and the health of all our people must be improved.

And we must train our workforce to give them the skills they need to compete in the global economy because

Kentucky cannot afford to fall further behind.

But we will need everyone working together to achieve these lofty goals. We will need everyone's ideas and everyone's input.

When Dominic left Italy a hundred years ago he could not imagine what was before him - certainly he could not envision that his grandson would become Kentucky's Lieutenant Governor.

Likewise, we cannot see into the future. But Kentucky's history proves we can prevail. It will not be easy and the way may not always be clear, but we must be like our ancestors and meet the challenges that lie before us.

I have faith that we can conquer these challenges because I know Kentuckians have done so before.

God bless you and God bless the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Kentucky marks 100-year Christmas Seal anniversary

From the time Kentucky's first Christmas Seals were sold 100 years ago from the steps of Louisville's Seelbach Hotel to help fight tuberculosis, these colorful stickers have become a holiday tradition in Kentucky.

This year, in honor of the Christmas Seal's 100th anniversary, the American Lung Association is launching a new Christmas Seals website at www.christmasseals.org.

On the website, you can send free e-mail holiday cards featuring the 2007 Christmas Seal, download ready-to-color seal images, and add a Christmas Seal to your e-mail

signature. You can also read messages of hope from those affected by lung disease and see a collection of historical seals.

When a volunteer named Emily Bissell designed and sold the first Christmas Seals in 1907 to help out a Delaware tuberculosis sanatorium, TB was the most feared disease in the world. There was no cure for TB and small hope of recovery. Most victims died within a short time. TB sanatoria were small, makeshift and often in dire financial straits.

Printing 50,000 Christmas Seals on credit, Bissell met her goal to raise \$300. By the end of the holiday season, she had

raised over \$3,000 and the first Anti-Tuberculosis Society was formed. The 1908 Christmas Seal campaign was nationwide and raised a staggering \$135,000 giving the first real public funding to fight lung disease.

Today, in Kentucky and nationwide, Christmas Seals continue to fund important lung health programs. Here in Kentucky, donations support medical research at the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky, and local programs such as camps for kids with asthma and support groups for adults with chronic lung disease.

Beshear calls for unity after divisive election

by JOE BIESK
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FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear, in his inaugural address on Tuesday, called for unity among Kentuckians after a divisive election year that was marked by harsh criticism from all sides.

"I ask everyone in this great commonwealth of ours — Democrat, Republican and Independent, white, black and brown, from Pikeville to Paducah, from our bustling cities to our small towns, to our farms both large and small — to join hands with me in meeting this challenge," Beshear said in his first major address since being sworn into office.

The theme of Beshear's speech has become standard for newly elected Kentucky

governors after particularly rancorous elections like the one in November that ended in the ouster of first-term Republican Ernie Fletcher.

"We have just come through the time-honored American rite of a hard-fought campaign," Beshear told a crowd of more than 2,500 gathered at the Capitol on Tuesday afternoon. "As a result, it is easy to see what divides us. Instead, what I want to see, and what I do see today, is what unites us."

Beshear said Kentucky has a history of overcoming division, especially in the years following the Civil War when the state was split between residents siding with the Confederacy and the Union.

"The years following the war were hard, but our ancestors came together to build the

foundation for a modern Kentucky," Beshear said. "Eventually, they worked through their differences for the sake of the future. It's time to focus again on what unites us. Only then will we achieve truly great things."

Beshear, who made ethics a key component of his campaign, said he will require all of his top appointees to undergo extensive training on laws regarding government ethics and the state's merit system. He said he will also require that the appointees pledge to follow those laws. He also called on lawmakers to adopt tougher ethics and accountability standards.

"We need to get our own house in order before we can be trusted to do the people's business," he said.

The new governor also

addressed "the serious challenges" that face the state, including budget shortfalls that have been highlighted in recent weeks.

"The current state of the economy means that we will need to be jealous guardians of the public's money," he said. "We will need to make difficult choices and set clear priorities."

Beshear said he wants to invest more in education, economic development and health care — all of which, he said, need to be improved to preserve and protect the quality of life for the state's residents.

"I see Kentucky as one big family," he said. "We may have our disagreements, but we share the same values and we want what's best for our children and our grandchildren."

Beshear

"I brought the sun," a jesting Beshear told well-wishers lining the sidewalks.

Beshear was sworn in as Kentucky governor in a private midnight ceremony in the Executive Mansion, completing an unlikely political comeback 20 years after he last held an elective office.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Frankfort to catch a glimpse of the state's 61st governor in an inaugural parade that began about 10 a.m. EST.

Alexis Seymore, a school superintendent from Dawson Springs where Beshear grew up and one of the spectators, said the new governor is an inspiration to small-town children because he has proven that they can do anything they set their minds to.

"It's just a great example," Seymore said.

After losing his first attempt at the job in 1987, Beshear had given up aspirations of becoming governor. However, the Lexington attorney made an unplanned return to Kentucky politics earlier this year, jumping into the governor's race after trying unsuccessfully to persuade other prominent Democrats to run.

"This is a prime example of how strange things happen in life," Beshear said after being sworn in early Tuesday. "We're going to face some challenging times in the days and months ahead but, my friends, I will tell you right now, we're going to be successful."

Dawson Springs Mayor Stacia Peyton, who spoke briefly during the inauguration ceremony, gushed about Beshear, saying "we are all hometown proud of our native son."

Joe Gershtenson, director of the Center for Kentucky History and Politics at Eastern Kentucky University, said Beshear pulled off a remarkable feat by

returning to state politics after such a long absence.

"It's got to be a nice feeling," he said.

Beshear, surrounded by his family, was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham. With his hand on a white family Bible held by his wife, Beshear repeated Kentucky's traditional and archaic constitutional oath. In addition to a customary vow to uphold the law, the oath required Beshear to swear that he has never fought a duel with deadly weapons — a holdover from Kentucky's frontier days, one that drew snickers from the 120 people invited to watch the ceremony in the mansion ballroom.

Newly elected Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo was sworn in with the same oath by Court of Appeals Chief Judge Sara Walter Combs immediately afterward with his fiancée, Allison Patrick, at his side.

Brig. Gen. Edward W. Tonini was also sworn in as adjutant general for the Kentucky National Guard, a move that satisfies a constitutional mandate that the job never go unfilled.

Beshear previously announced Tonini as his choice for adjutant general. He already has named several other people to fill key positions in his administration. They will be sworn in on Wednesday.

Frankfort residents fulfilled a long-standing tradition Tuesday morning by welcoming the new governor to town.

Franklin County Judge-Executive Ted Collins came to the governor's mansion carrying a white cake on a silver tray. Others brought Kentucky bourbon, candy, country ham and beaten biscuits.

Beshear said he was "thoroughly enjoying" his first day as governor.

After accepting the gifts, Beshear and

his family attended a morning religious service in downtown Frankfort. Ministers prayed during the hour-long interdenominational service for Beshear and Mongiardo to lead the state with strength and courage during the next four years.

Beshear was publicly sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Mary C. Noble at 2 p.m., after which he delivered an inaugural address outside the Capitol, calling for unity after a divisive election year.

"We have come through the time-honored American rite of a hard-fought campaign," he said. "As a result, it is easy to see what divides us. Instead, what I want to see, and what I do see today, is what unites us."

Beshear, 63, has said he thought his political career was over long ago. But he reconsidered at the urging of friends and political advisers. He went on to win a crowded Democratic primary in the spring and later toppled incumbent GOP candidate Ernie Fletcher in a lopsided victory.

Fletcher, who was the first Republican elected Kentucky governor in more than 30 years, had been politically weakened by an indictment charging that he rewarded politically connected Republicans with jobs at the expense of Democrats.

The son of a Baptist preacher, Beshear climbed the political ladder in the 1970s and 1980s as a state lawmaker, attorney general and lieutenant governor. He lost in his first run for governor in 1987, then failed in a 1996 run for the U.S. Senate.

After that, he had faded from the political scene.

"He is very excited," spokeswoman Vicki Glass said. "He's looking forward to helping make Kentucky a better place. He's ready to hit the ground running."

Speech

every family can provide their children the care they deserve, and so that no senior need go without the medications they need.

We must address these challenges if we are to preserve and protect our quality of life and build the future that we all hope for.

A future where our children don't need to move away to find good-paying jobs with benefits;

A future where new ideas will create new opportunities and new industries; A future

where Kentucky is competing not just with our neighbors, but with the world.

I see Kentucky as one big family. We may have our disagreements, but we share the same values and we want what's best for our children and our grandchildren. And we want to keep our families together.

Wouldn't it be something if we could build a Kentucky that our children would not want to leave and that would attract many others because of the opportunity we would offer

them here?

The Bible states, in Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 17: "So there is hope for your future," declares the Lord. "Your children will return to their own land."

That, my friends, would be something!

This inauguration is a new beginning. Now is the time to put aside our preconceived notions and our ideologies.

Instead, let us strive to work with those who differ with us and forge new alliances. Let us consider new ideas and revisit

old ones. Let us demand excellence and honesty. And let us listen. For if we listen, we will never forget why we're here or who we're here to serve.

I will never forget that I serve the people of the commonwealth of Kentucky.

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Strike

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"We were asked by Gov. Manchin to refrain from going to the media regarding our meeting. Though ARH will not honor the governor's request, the nurses have and will continue to do so," said Pat Tanner, KNA/WVNA lead negotiator.

ARH maintains that they

are interested in resolving the strike, though no further talks have been scheduled.

"The meeting ended with no resolution and with ARH asking the union to once again provide us its complete list of issues so that we can put an end to the strike and return our nurses to work," said Smith.

Squad

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bus accident that killed 26 students and the driver on Feb. 28, 1958, after the vehicle crashed into a wrecker and plunged into the freezing waters of the Big Sandy River.

The rescue squad was formed by Graham Burchett and James B. Goble, both having lost children in the accident.

"It was important to those men that things were done right," Cooley said. "They did everything perfect."

Asa Hutchinson, former undersecretary for the Department of Homeland Security, said in a letter to Cooley that local responders, not federal officials, must be prepared to deal with such tragedies.

"Our federal government simply doesn't have the financial resources to be a first response organization for all American communities — it's not practical, or realistic," Hutchinson said.

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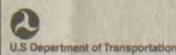


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Odds & Ends

■ PHOENIX — Mark Littell believes he has a better way to protect himself, and the former major leaguer will risk his manhood to prove it.

In a video posted on YouTube, Littell is perched on a wooden pallet bracing himself as assistants aim the barrel of a pitching machine between his legs. On cue, the machine fires a baseball that smacks Littell right in the — well, you know — with a resounding whomp.

Littell stands and flexes his muscles, unfazed.

"Yes sir folks," he says into the camera. "The Nutty Buddy: It's mean, it's tough, and it's right there for ya, every time."

Littell, 54, says nine seasons with the Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals helped him design an athletic cup that's ahead of the competition. The challenge now is to convince ball players that a good cup is worth the extra money.

"All people have to do is try it," Littell says.

The primary advantage to the Nutty Buddy is that it's anatomically correct, Littell says, which makes it more comfortable. Unlike traditional shell-shaped cups, the Nutty Buddy is wider, deeper and full of curves.

At \$19.95, the Nutty Buddy costs about twice as much as a typical athletic cup. They come in macho names: "Hammer," "Boss," "Hog" and for really big men, the XL-sized "Mongo," a salute to the ogre-like character in the movie "Blazing Saddles."

"I'm a hick," Littell says with a chuckle when asked about the names. "I'm from the country."

Littell now works around the minor leagues as a pitching coordinator, and the idea for the Nutty Buddy came several years ago in the dugout.

"I asked my pitchers, how many of you guys don't wear cups? And half of them raised their hand," he said. "So I went off on a little mild tirade at the time."

Littell made his first prototype with a moldable plastic for splints and two golf balls. He says he's now sunk \$40,000 of his own money into refining the model and applying for patents. His company has sold about 3,500 of the cups through the Web.

Bike Athletic, an Atlanta company that claims to be the originator of the modern jock strap, has taken a look at the Nutty Buddy.

"The only drawback is that it's such a drastic evolution" in shape, says Steve Kesterson, a senior merchandising manager for Bike Athletic. "Is it a decent cup?"

Littell has a simple answer: Look at the video. Will other companies stand by their product like Littell has with Nutty Buddy?

"Let's get the CEO of every cup company," he says. "You put your cup on, and I'll put my cup on, and we'll see who's left standing."

■ DEADWOOD, S.D. — A relaxing soak in a hot tub came to an abrupt end when Marlene Todd came eye to eye

with a mountain lion in her backyard.

"I was kind of hidden, sitting with my back up against the side of the tub, and I heard a little rustling sound in the needles right beside me," she said.

Todd said she thought it might have been her house cat until she saw "this big, tan, hairy body" just 4 inches away.

"I didn't realize what it was until it took a leap and jumped up on the side of my hot tub," Todd said.

The cougar was cornered somewhat because the deck stairs blocked its retreat. It would have to go up and over the hot tub.

"It just took a leap. It jumped on the side of the hot tub," Todd said of the Thursday morning encounter. "We locked eyes, and it kicked off of the hot tub and ran away. When it jumped, it flipped my robe into the hot tub."

She summoned Deadwood police, who surmised the big cat was stalking some deer in the neighborhood and may have been attracted to the warmth of the hot tub on the frosty morning.

"Now I know what a goldfish feels like when the cat is staring in its bowl," Todd said.

■ GROSSE POINTE PARK, Mich. — Sister Kathy Avery won't put up with swearing on the playground at her school, and she's not above repeating the offending language to make sure everyone understands which words she won't tolerate.

The principal of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School had students stay after a Mass last month and informed the fifth- through eighth-graders that she has a zero-tolerance policy for cursing.

Just in case anyone wasn't sure what she was talking about, Avery read off a list of the very words and phrases that she was banning.

"It got a little quiet in church" during her talk, she told the Detroit Free Press.

Some parents were shocked, but others applauded, the newspaper said.

"In a way you would think a nun would shy away from something like that, but she's very open with the children, very clear in her messages," said Margaret Roache, chairperson of the school commission.

Roache's sixth-grade son was there when Avery read the list of banned words.

"When I asked him to give me a sample of it, he said 'Oh, no, I can't say it!'" Roache said. "I thought it was great."

A representative of the Archdiocese of Detroit declined to comment Sunday.

Cuss words aren't the only things that set Avery off. She's also banned the words "stu-

pid" and "boring."

■ NEW YORK — Call it a special delivery. A postal carrier pocketed dozens of greeting cards he was supposed to deliver to get at the cash inside, postal inspectors said.

He was found with more than 130 pieces of other people's mail in his car, according to a court complaint.

Michael Olivio was released on his own recognizance Thursday following his arrest the previous day, court records show. The exact charges against him were not listed in court records available early Saturday, and a spokesman for prosecutors did not immediately return a telephone call.

Olivio said he was "not allowed to talk," and his lawyer, Michelle Gelernt, declined to comment.

Postal authorities started getting complaints in June

about greeting cards getting lost en route to residents of a Brooklyn ZIP code, U.S. Postal Inspection Service Special Agent Stephen Dolloff said in papers filed in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.

He set up stings involving decoy cards in September and again this week. The latest one included cash — and a hidden electronic transmitter. The transmitter showed that Olivio kept the card after finishing his mail route Wednesday, Dolloff said.

Agents stopped Olivio and found their decoy in his car, along with about 137 other cards and other letters, Dolloff said in a sworn statement. He said Olivio later told agents he had been filching greeting cards from his mail bag since February, recently taking as many as 35 per day.

It wasn't clear how much cash Olivio is accused of taking.

■ CONNELLSVILLE, Pa. — Matthew McKnight hopes nobody manages to top his feat in the Guinness Book of World Records.

That's because McKnight holds the record for "Greatest Distance Thrown in a Car Accident" in the book's 2008 edition.

The 29-year-old record-holder lived to tell about being thrown 118 feet by a car that hit him while traveling about 70 mph. He was struck on Oct. 26, 2001, while trying to help accident victims along Interstate 376 in Monroeville, about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

He suffered two dislocated shoulders plus a broken shoulder, pelvis, leg and tailbone. He spent two weeks in the hospital and 80 days in rehab before returning to work in April 2002.

McKnight is a volunteer

firefighter and paramedic, though he wasn't on duty when he stopped to help the accident victims. He works full-time as a communications specialist at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh.

McKnight's emergency room physician, Dr. Eric Brader, submitted paperwork for the record, which Guinness recognized in 2003. It was not listed in the book until the 2008 edition, however.

"I thought it was a big joke. Dr. Brader is known for joking around a lot," McKnight told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "But when he brought (the paperwork) to me, I saw how serious he was."

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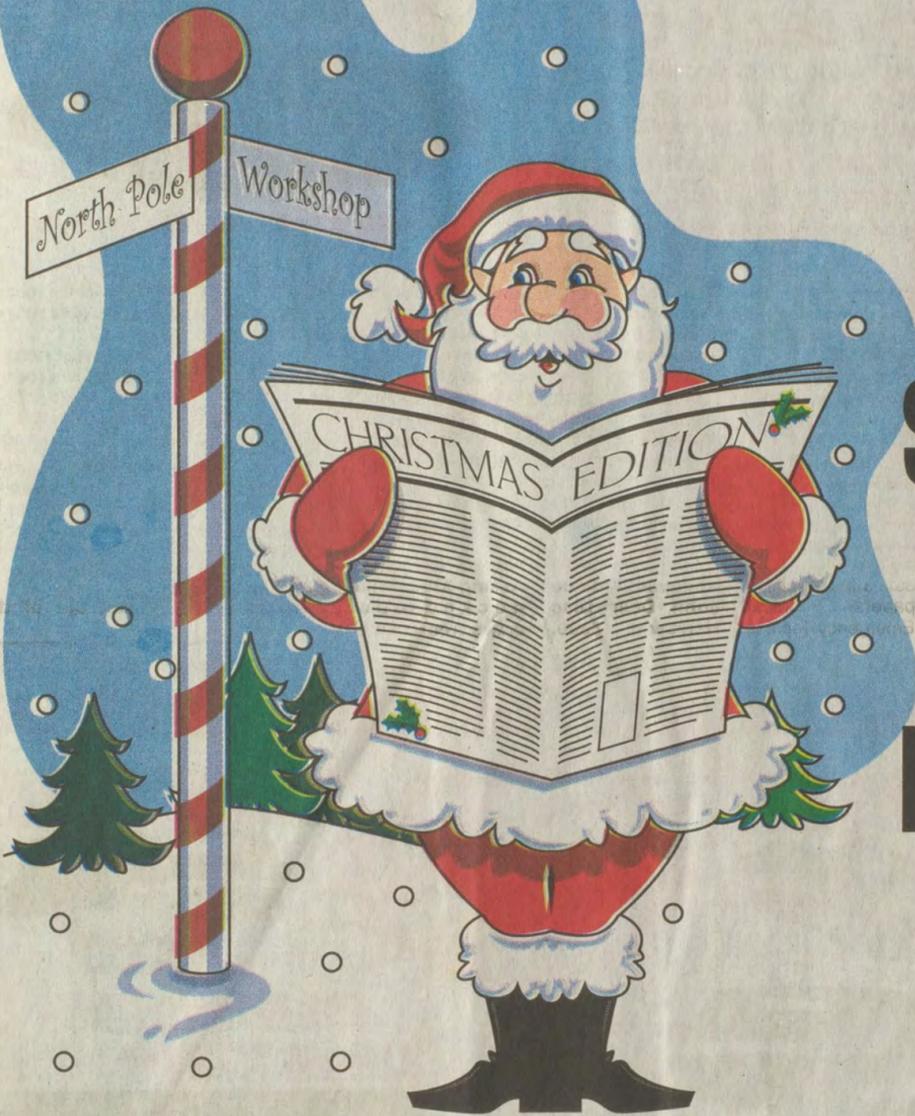
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 06-CI-00939 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, As Trustee of Ameritrust Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2004-R8, Under The Pooling and Servicing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

BY VIRTUE OF Judgement and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of May, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$85,495.56, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 13th day of December, 2007,** at the hour of **9:00 a.m.,** the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots No. 20, 21, 44, and 45 of the River Plains Estates, as shown by map of same recorded in the office of the Floyd County Court Clerk in Plat No. 1-1-8,

and to which map or plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

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

TERMS OF SALE:

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

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

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's

Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

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

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Plaintiff's Counsel: Hon. Douglas C. Howard Christopher M. Hill & Associates, P.S.C. P.O. Box 817 Frankfort, KY 40602 William S. Kendrick Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Mining Company, 5703 Crutchfield Drive, Norton, VA 24273, has applied for Phase III bond release on permit number 836-5454, which was last issued on 8/06/03. The application covers an area of approximately 12.90 surface acres, and 990.00 underground acres, located 1.5 mile north of McDowell, in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.80 mile south from Ky. 979's junction with Ky. 122, and located along Hays Branch. The bond now in effect for the 836-5454 is a surety bond for the amount of

\$14,500.00. The entire remainder of the original bond amount of 27,400.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: Backfilling, grading, seeding, mulching and planting trees.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 25, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 25, 2008. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF

INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0352

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Clarence Hayes, 156 Layne Hill Drive, P.O. Box 157, Betsy Layne, Kentucky 41605, has applied for a permit for surface area, contour and auger mining operation, affecting 10.06 acres, located at Betsy Layne, in Floyd County, Ky.

The proposed operation is located on Layne Hill Drive, 0.8 mile north of the intersection of US 23/460 & Ky. Rt. 80 and Ky. Rt. 979.

Located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37°32'56". The longitude is 82°37'59". The operation will use the area, contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clarence Hayes, Darvene Conn, Kenneth Layne, and Bufford Layne. There is no blasting proposed for this operation.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Regional Office,

Prestonsburg Regional Office,

3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 61, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO MINE Pursuant to Application 836-5332

Major Rev. No. 1 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given V & M Mining Co. of Paintsville, Inc., 1509 Napier St., Flatwoods, KY 41139, has applied for a revision to a surface and underground mining and reclamation operation, located approximately 1.2 mile north of Honaker, in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 4.94 surface acres, and will underlie 121.76 acres, and the total permit boundary will be 126.70 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 mile south of the junction of CR 1426 and the

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 06-013

The Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, at a meeting to be held on December 20th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the Fiscal Court room of the Floyd County Courthouse, 149 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, will consider for first reading the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CREATION OF A TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE SOUTHEAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

WHEREAS, the County of Floyd, acting by and through its Fiscal Court, is authorized, pursuant to KRS 75.020, to create a fire protection district and by ordinance to levy taxes for fire and emergency services in the Southeast Fire Protection District in Floyd County, Kentucky; and WHEREAS, KRS 75.020 (6) (a) states that the tax levied under this section shall not exceed ten (0.10) cents per one hundred dollars of valuation, assessed for county taxes if neither the fire district nor the fire subdistrict operates an emergency ambulance service under KRS 74.040, and WHEREAS, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department presented the Floyd County Fiscal Court with a signed petition from residents in the proposed area of service for the Southeast Fire Protection District, a map describing the proposed service area, and WHEREAS, the Floyd County Fiscal Court Clerk properly advertised two public hearings that were held on May 25, 2007 and September 11, 2007 to discuss the creation of the above stated taxing district; and WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007, the Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting in which the issue of a special taxing district along with the creation of a fire protection district to be known as the Southeast Fire Protection District was discussed; and WHEREAS, a majority of the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted to create by ordinance a special taxing district for the fire protection district to be known as the Southeast Fire Protection District.

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordained by the Fiscal Court of the County of Floyd, Commonwealth of Kentucky, as follows:

CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATUTORY AUTHORITY & PURPOSE

1. The statutory authority for the levy of this tax is set forth in those powers granted by KRS 75.015 following the adoption of this ordinance by the Floyd County Fiscal Court does hereby create a fire protection district and by ordinance to levy taxes for fire and emergency services in the Southeast Fire Protection District in Floyd County, Kentucky.

PERIOD & RATE

2. KRS 75.020 (6) (a) states that the tax levied under this section shall not exceed ten (0.10) cents per one hundred dollars of valuation assessed for county taxes, if neither the fire district nor the fire subdistrict operates an emergency ambulance service under KRS 74.040 and as stated in KRS 75.015 (7) the Floyd County Clerk shall add the levy to the tax bills of the affected property owners. For taxing purposes, the effective date of the tax levy shall be January 1 of the year following the certification and creation of the subdistrict.

EFFECTIVE DATE

3. This Ordinance, Floyd County Ordinance No. 06-013, shall become effective upon its Second Reading, adoption and passage, as required by law.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____
INTRODUCED, SECONDED, AND GIVEN FIRST READING AND APPROVAL, at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 20th day of December, 2007.
Robert D. Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive
Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____
GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 27th, day of December, 2007.
Robert D. Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive
Attest:
Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk
By: _____ D.C.

FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 06-013

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WHEREAS, the County of Floyd, acting by and through its Fiscal Court, is authorized, pursuant to KRS 75.020, to create a fire protection district and by ordinance to levy taxes for fire and emergency services in the Southeast Fire Protection District in Floyd County, Kentucky; and WHEREAS, KRS 75.020 (6) (a) states that the tax levied under this section shall not exceed ten (0.10) cents per one hundred dollars of valuation, assessed for county taxes if neither the fire district nor the fire subdistrict operates an emergency ambulance service under KRS 74.040, and WHEREAS, the Southeast Volunteer Fire Department presented the Floyd County Fiscal Court with a signed petition from residents in the proposed area of service for the Southeast Fire Protection, a map describing the proposed service area, and WHEREAS, the Floyd County Fiscal Court Clerk properly advertised two public hearings that were held on May 25, 2007 and September 11, 2007 to discuss the creation of the above stated taxing district; and WHEREAS, on December 7, 2007, the Floyd County Fiscal Court held a special called meeting in which the issue of a special taxing district along with the creation of a fire protection district to be known as the Southeast Fire Protection District was discussed; and WHEREAS, a majority of the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted to create by ordinance a special taxing district for the fire protection district to be known as the Southeast Fire Protection District.

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PERIOD & RATE

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EFFECTIVE DATE

3. This Ordinance, Floyd County Ordinance No. 06-13, shall become effective upon its Second Reading, adoption and passage, as required by law.

Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____
INTRODUCED, SECONDED, AND GIVEN FIRST READING AND APPROVAL, at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 20th day of December, 2007.
Robert D. Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive
Motion by: _____
Seconded by: _____
GIVEN SECOND READING AND ADOPTED at a duly convened meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on this the 27th, day of December, 2007.
Robert D. Marshall
Floyd County Judge/Executive
Attest:
Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk
By: _____ D.C.

Justice Branch Road, and is approximately 0.3 mile south of Justice Branch. This revision is for a land use change, and to leave a road and pond as permanent. The proposed operation is located on the Harold 7 1/2 U.S.G.S. minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected is owned by Michael Coleman and Charlie Akers. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, at 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5531 Transfer

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Consol of Kentucky, Inc., P O Box 130, Mousie, KY 41839 intends to transfer Permit No. 836-5461 to Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560. The new permit number will be 836-5531. The operation disturbs 18.4 surface acres and underlies 2,160.3 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is located 0.5 miles northeast of Hippo in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.5 miles northwest from State Route 850's junction with Brush Creek County Road and located north of Hicks Fork of Brush Creek. The operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Permit No. 860-5300
In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for Phase 2 bond release on permit number 860-5300, which was last issued on 11/28/06. The application covers an area of approximately 20.14 acres, located 2.2 miles south of Lackey, in Knott and Floyd Counties. The permit area is approximately 0.6 mile southeast from KY Route 650's junction with

Triplett Branch Road, and located on Triplett Branch of Jones Fork. The latitude is 37°26'37". The longitude is 82°50'05". The bond now in effect for this permit is a Surety Bond in the amount of \$40,300.00. Approximately \$23,475.00 of the bond amount is included in the application for release. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, No. 2, Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 28, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., or soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 28, 2008.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5416

Increment No. 1
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that DS Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Pikeville, KY 41502, has applied for a Phase 1 bond release on Increment No. 1, on permit No. 836-5416, which was last issued on 9/12/07. The application covers an area of 1,037.41 acres, located 0.9 mile west of Woods, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.25 mile east from KY 194's junction with KY 1428, and located adjacent to Cow Creek.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Letter of Credit for \$23,200.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$23,200.00 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, fertilizing, seeding and mulching. The revegetation achieved is in accordance with the approved plan as outlined in the permit application. Written comments, objections, or requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 28, 2008.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for January 29, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake

Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 28, 2008.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5505

Amendment
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 9 miles southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 1400 acres, making a total area of 1597.17 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 9 miles southeast from KY 2030's junction with KY 122, and located 0.2 mile north of Spurlock Creek. The amendment will underlie land owned by James Keith Hale and Debra Halbert, Black Diamond Land Company, the Roberts Heirs, Jeff Gayheart, J and R Land Company, Inc., Appalachian Land et al., Edgar and Lucinda Kidd, Eddie Kidd, Susan Hunter, Willard and Patsy Stanley et al., Mearilla and David P. Pitts, Johnnie Akers, Nayoma Conn, Norman Sanders, Burley Akers, Bernard and Dixie Lynn Conn, Ivan Boyette, Joe R. Keathley, Mortville and Shirley Parsons, Douglas Gene and Wanda Akers, Alice Kidd Lawson, Dewy Darrell Akers, Clyde and Mary Conn, Richard and Cheryl Arms, Dennie Ray and Michelle Hall, Clifford and Jane Conn, Richard Kimbler, Lizzie Boyd, John David and Pamela Akers, Betty Rose Newsome, and Willie Conn, Georgene Conn Wright, Banner L. Conn, Bobby and Sherry Coleman, Ernest and Geneva Boyd, Danny R. and Anna Conn, Donald and Lois Adkins, Donnie and Monica Akers, Loretta Hunter, Charles Elliott, Phillip Ray and Tonya Boyd, Delphia and Cleadous Hall, Sode Scott and Michelle Lawson, George K. and Lois Boyd, Ellis Hunter, and Brenda Gail Hunter.

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The amendment will affect an area within 100 feet of public record KY 2030. The amendment will not involve relocation and/or closure of the public road.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg

Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY SOUTHERN DIVISION PIKEVILLE Civil Action No. 07-143-GFVT

Tract No. 553M United States of America Plaintiff
Vs. NOTICE: CONDEMNATION
3.91 Acres of Land, More or Less Situate in Floyd County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, And Myrtle June Allen, et al Defendants
TO: The following named persons and their spouses, if any, if living, whose addresses and places of residence cannot be ascertained by plaintiff, and if deceased, then their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, executors, administrators, successors, creditors and assigns, whose names and places of residence as unknown: Tract No. 553M: Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry, Edith L. Frazier aka Edith L. Frazier Martin aka Edith Norris, Ethel Frazier, Eugene Frazier, Greta Graham, Robert Flanery aka Robert Rudolph Flanery, Cindy Frazier, as spouse of George W. Frazier, Victor Warren, as spouse of Rose Warren, Unknown spouse, if any, of Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry, Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Myrtle Flanery aka Myrtle J. Flanery aka Myrtle Berry, Unknown spouse if any of Edith L. Frazier aka Edith L. Frazier Martin aka Edith Norris, Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Ethel Frazier, Unknown spouse, if any, of Greta Graham, Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of Greta Graham, Suzie Osborn, Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees or assigns, if any, of Suzie Osborn, William T. Osborn, Unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, or assigns, if any, of William T. Osborn, Unknown successors or assigns in interest, if any, to Marland Natural Gas Company, pursuant to that oil and gas lease found in Deed Book 102, at page 111 of the records of the Floyd County, Kentucky Court Clerk's Office.

In addition to those named above, there may be others who have or may claim an interest in the property taken, who are unknown to plaintiff, and such persons are made parties to the action under the designation "Unknown Owners".
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint in Condemnation has heretofore been filed in the Office of the Clerk in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, in the United States District Court, in Pikeville, Kentucky for the taking of the fee simple title to the land described in Schedule "A", subject, however, to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines, excepting and excluding from the title all interests in coal, oil and gas, and other minerals in and under said land which are outstanding in parties other than the surface owners and all appurtenant rights for the exploration, development, production and removal of said coal, oil and gas and other minerals so excluded, and for the use in connection with the establishment of the Town of Martin, Kentucky Nonstructural Flood Control Project, in and to the land in which you have, or claim to have an interest, and more particularly described in the pleadings herein: Tract 553M, a certain tract of land in a Town of Martin Project, situate in Floyd County, Kentucky, and containing 3.67 acres more or less. It is the intent of the foregoing description to include a part of the same land conveyed to Mary Frazier in a deed from Louisa Osborn, the wife of W. T. Osborn (deceased), S. D. Osborn and Calvin Osborn, dated January 24, 1913, and recorded March 17, 1913, in Deed Book 36, Page 368, the coal, oil and gas in this land was reserved by Mary J. Frazier, aka Mary Frazier, and W. S. Frazier, her husband, in a deed dated January 16, 1924, and recorded February 19, 1924, in Deed Book 65, Page 412.

Mary J. Frazier, aka Mary Frazier, died testate and according to her Last Will and Testament dated December 1, 1932, and recorded March 27, 1933, in Will Book B, Page 9, she devised her interest in the subject tract to her children: Minnie Frazier Smith, Calvin Frazier, Dr. W.D. Osborn, Effie D. Maggard, Thos M. Frazier, Myrtle Flanery, Edith L. Frazier, and Alton O. Frazier.

Effie Frazier Maggard, aka Effie D. Maggard, died testate on April 29, 1991, and was survived by her husband, Robert Maggard, and her children, Greta Graham, Rose Warren, Ada Luxmore and Ruby Maggard Spencer, as shown by that certain Affidavit of Descent, dated and recorded May 21, 1992, in Deed Book 357, Page 333. Lawrence Maggard died intestate on June 14, 1991, as shown by an Affidavit of Descent dated and recorded May 21, 1992, in Deed Book 357, Page 331, being survived by his children, Greta Graham, Rose Warren, Ada Luxmore, and Ruby Spencer, aka Ruby Margaret Maggard Spencer.

Minnie Frazier Smith, died intestate of December 12, 1983, as shown by the Affidavit of Descent, dated March 12, 1990, recorded August 14, 1990, in Deed Book 339, Page 133, her interest in the property being passed to her children: Dewey Ed Smith, and Violet Smith Kolling.

Alton Otto Frazier, aka Alton O. Frazier, died testate, and as evidenced by his Last Will and Testament, dated, January 31, 1972, and recorded January 25, 1974 in Will Book C, Page 249, having devised has interest in the subject tract to his wife, Ruby Eileen Frazier.

Thos M. Frazier, aka Thos M. Frazier, died intestate on September 21, 1963, as shown by that certain Affidavit of Descent, dated March 12, 1990, and recorded August 14, 1990, in Deed Book 339, Page 132, being survived by his wife, Ethel Frazier, and his children: Mary June Allen and Donald Frazier.

Eugene Frazier, aka Calvin Frazier, died testate on March 29, 1983, as shown by that certain Affidavit of Descent dated March 12, 1990, and recorded August 14, 1990, in Deed Book 339, Page 130, being survived by her children: Stephen Frazier, George Frazier, Eugene Frazier and Larry Frazier.

Veral Frazier died intestate on December 6, 1988, as shown by that certain Affidavit of Descent, dated March 12, 1990, and recorded August 14, 1990, in Deed Book 339, Page 130, being survived by her children: Stephen Frazier, George Frazier, Eugene Frazier and Larry Frazier.

Dr. W. D. Osborne, aka William Dewey Osborne, died testate and by virtue of the last Will and Testament, dated September 14, 1953, filed for record August 24, 1959, and recorded at Will Book "B", Page 317, his interest in the subject tract was devised to his wife, Ethel Osborne, for life, and the remainder to his children: Virginia Ann Jamerson, Mary Louise Osborne, and Joan Hall.

Mary Louise Osborne died testate and by virtue of her last Will and Testament, dated October 24, 1992, and recorded January 10, 2003, in Will Book "Y", Page 101, her interest in the subject tract was devised to her sisters, Virginia Dewey Jamerson, aka Virginia Jamerson, and Joan O. Blackburn, aka Joan Hall.

Ethel Osborne died intestate on or about February 17, 1999, terminating her life estate according to the Affidavit of Descent, dated December 30, 2002, and recorded January 13, 2003, in Deed Book 402, Page 57.

The authority for the taking is under and in accordance with the Act of Congress approved February 26, 1931 (40 U.S.C. § 258A) which was recodified by act of Congress approved August 21, 2002 (116 Stat. 1145, 40 U.S.C. § 3114), and acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof, and under the further authority of the Acts of Congress approved April 24, 1888 (25 U.S.C. § 393, 33 U.S.C. § 591, June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 632, 33 U.S.C. § 592), and March 1, 1917 (39 Stat. 950, 33 U.S.C. § 701), which acts authorize the acquisition of land or easements therein for flood control projects; § 202 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1890 (24 Stat. 1331, P.L. 96-357), which act authorized implementation of flood control measures on the Levisa Fork and the Fork of the Big Sandy River Basin and their tributaries; § 367 of the Act of Congress approved August 17, 1999 (113 Stat. 320, P.L. 106-53), which act authorized all necessary measures in Martin, Kentucky to prevent future losses that would occur as a result of a flood equal in magnitude to a 100-year frequency event, the Act of Congress approved October 27, 2000 (114 Stat. 1441, P.L. 106-372) which directed the Secretary of the Army to proceed in accordance with Plan A as set forth in the Preliminary Draft Detailed Project Report, Appendix T of the General Plan of the Huntington District Commander, and the Revised Flood Control Resolution, 2007 approved February 14, 2007 (P.L. 110-5), which act appropriated funds for such purposes.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have any objection or defense to the taking of your property, you are required to serve upon the plaintiff's attorney at the address herein designated within twenty (20) days after the date of the personal service of this notice upon you, exclusive of the day of service, an answer identifying the property in which you claim to have an interest stating the nature and extent of the interest claimed and stating all your objections and defenses to the taking of your property. A failure to serve an answer shall constitute a consent to the taking and to the authority of the Court to proceed to hear, act on and fix the just compensation and shall constitute a waiver of all defenses and objections not so presented.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve upon plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance, designating the property in which you claim to be interested and thereafter you shall receive notice of all proceedings affecting the said property.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at the trial of the issue of just compensation whether or not you have answered or served a notice of appearance, you may present evidence as to the amount of compensation to be paid for the property in which you have an interest, and you may share in the distribution of the award of compensation. If you have no objection or defense to the taking, you may serve on the plaintiff's attorney a notice of appearance designating the property in which you claim an interest. Thereafter, you will receive notice of all proceedings affecting said property. At the trial of the issue of just compensation, whether or not you have previously appeared or answered, you may present evidence as to the amount of the compensation to be paid for the property, and you may share in the distribution of the compensation.

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Rebels rout Harlan in Roy S. Martin Classic

Crum scores 37 for Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central shook Friday night's Floyd County Conference/58th District loss to Betsy Layne in quick fashion Saturday. The Rebels, playing in the Roy S. Martin Classic, an event named in honor of Allen Central Coach John Martin's late father, cruised past Harlan.

Allen Central established a lead early on and beat Harlan 85-60 at tradition-rich J.E. Campbell Arena.

Allen Central improved to 3-1 while Harlan slipped to 0-3.

Aaron Crum led Allen Central with a game-high 37 points. Alex Hammonds and Josh Prater joined Crum in double figures with 16 and 10 points, respectively. A newcomer to the Allen Central boys' basketball program, Crum punished Harlan on the offensive end.

Allen Central exited the first quarter ahead 16-9. The Rebels

owned a 35-19 advantage at halftime.

Logan Crowder added six points and Hunter Crowder chipped in five for the Rebels.

The Rebels continued to enjoy an advantage in the second half, outscoring Harlan in each of the last two quarters.

Travis Harrison, a 6-4 senior forward, led Harlan with a team-high 19 points. Rhodes joined Harrison in double figures for the Green Dragons, finishing with 15 points. Seven different players scored for the Harlan squad.

Allen Central, the defending 58th District champion,

reached the 15th Region Tournament Semifinals last season. Pikeville, which finished runner-up to Shelby Valley in the region, eliminated Allen Central from the most recent postseason.

Allen Central 85, Harlan 60
HARLAN (0-3) — Hensley 8, Couch 3, Creech 5, Rhodes 15, Taylor 7, Harrison 19, Frazier 3.

ALLEN CENTRAL (3-1) — Hammonds 16, Crum 37, Prater 10, H. Crowder 5, L. Crowder 6, Turner 2, Cole 3, Jackson 4.

Harlan.....9 10 19 22-60
AC.....16 19 26 24-85



photo courtesy of Dusty Layne Photography/East Kentucky Miners
EAST KENTUCKY MINERS FORWARD MARUS HEARD went up strong with a putback during a recent game.

Bobcats hold off Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — First-year Betsy Layne Coach Brian Hall made a strong first impression on the Floyd County Conference/58th District Friday night. Hall, who graduated from McDowell High School, guided the Betsy Layne Bobcats to a hard-fought 67-62 win over the Allen Central Rebels.

Hall is in his first year at the helm of the Bobcat program. His previous stints as a head coach include tenures at Breathitt County and Jackson City.

Betsy Layne did most of its damage in the first half, holding Allen Central to just 19 points. The Bobcats, playing on their home floor at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse/Dome, carried a comfortable 39-19 lead into halftime.

Sam Keathley led Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points. One of the 15th Region's leading long-range shooters, Keathley found himself in the Bobcat scoring column along with eight other teammates.

Betsy Layne improved to 2-3 after claiming the key conference/district win.

Allen Central was nearly able to pull off a comeback effort. The Rebels outscored Betsy Layne 24-14 in the fourth quarter, giving an all-out effort in pursuit of the pivotal victory.

Senior Alex Hammonds led Allen Central in scoring with a team-high 18 points. Aaron Crum scored 13 points and Logan Crowder added 12 for the Rebels.

Allen Central slipped to 2-1 after suffering the loss. The Rebels opened the season with impressive wins over Southwestern and Pike County Central.

In the girls' game Friday night, Betsy Layne rolled to a convincing 63-28 win. The Ladycats (2-2) are under the guidance of first-year head coach Harold Tackett. The win was Betsy Layne's second straight and the Lady Rebels dropped to 0-3.

BOYS: BL 67, AC 62

ALLEN CENTRAL (2-1) — Hammonds 18, Crum 13, H. Crowder 8, L. Crowder 12, Turner 7, Cole 4. BETSY LAYNE (2-3) — Case 9, Lafferty 1, Keathley 20, Head 9, Tibbs 2, Tackett 11, Maldonado 2, Martin 9, Newman 4.

AC.....10 9 19 24-62

BL.....17 22 14 14-67



photos by Jamie Howell
The Prestonsburg Blackcats returned to the hardwood Friday night versus the Pikeville Panthers. ABOVE: Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp (left) and assistant coach Don Compton are veterans on the Blackcat bench.

Panthers pounce P'burg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Host Pikeville played its best basketball in the second half Friday night, defeating Prestonsburg 80-56 in a matchup between two longtime rivals. The Panthers, under the guidance of head coach Bart Williams, outscored Prestonsburg in all four quarters.

The game was a season-opener for Prestonsburg (0-1). After posting the win, Pikeville improved to 2-0.

Devin Adams led Pikeville with a team-high 20 points. A Floyd County native, Adams was one of nine different Pikeville players to break into the scoring column. Four Panthers reached double figures in the scoring department.

The Panthers eased out of the first quarter ahead 12-9. Pikeville led 34-27 at halftime.

Prestonsburg failed to get back into the game in the second half. Pikeville outscored the Blackcats 25-13 in the final quarter.

Jordan Hall led Prestonsburg with a game-high 28 points. Jody Tackett was Prestonsburg's second-leading scorer, finishing with 12 points.

Michael Burchett and Nathaniel Stephens chipped in five points apiece for the Blackcats.

In another area game Friday night, Pike County Central defeated Phelps 62-50.

Colby Slone paced Pike County Central with a game-high 14 points. The fourth quarter was the different for Pike County Central as the Hawks outscored Phelps 22-10.

Pikeville 80, Prestonsburg 56
PRESTONSBURG (0-1) — Burchett 5, Hall 28, Stephens 5, Rodebaugh 2, Tackett 12, Clark 2, Setser 2.
PIKEVILLE (2-0) — Clark 16, Bell 13, Clevenger 16, Honaker 6, Adams 20, Burchett 3, Baker 2, Keene 2, Branham 2.
Prestonsburg.....9 18 16 13-56
Pikeville.....12 22 21 25-80



Letton guides LexCath to state championship

LOUISVILLE — Lexington Catholic shut down record-setting Lone Oak quarterback Corey Robinson, with the Knights defeating the Purple Flash 49-7 in the KHSAA Class AAAA state championship game Saturday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Former Prestonsburg head coach Bill Letton guided the Knights to the state championship.

After enjoying a stellar career at Prestonsburg, Letton moved on to Montgomery County High School. He coached in Montgomery County before venturing to Lexington Catholic.

Second-ranked Lexington Catholic (13-2) held Robinson — who entered the game with a national single-season record 90 touchdown passes and 5,631 passing yards — in check until a meaningless fourth-quarter TD toss. Robinson finished the game 21

for 37 for 241 yards and the one touchdown as he was harassed most of the game by the Knights' blitzing defense, which sacked Robinson five times.

"They came from all different directions all night," Robinson said.

Shane Israel, who came in averaging 117 yards per game, rushed for 194 yards and four touchdowns to lead Lexington Catholic as it completed a dominating march to its second state title — the Knights outscored their five playoff foes 236-35. Quarterback Nic Ward passed for 154 yards and one TD and ran for another score while senior wide receiver/safety Winston Guy caught one TD pass, ran for another and recorded 2.5 sacks on defense.

Third-ranked Lone Oak (14-1), which came in averaging 53.2 points per game and hadn't scored

less than 34 points in a game all season, got its only touchdown on Robinson's 49-yard touchdown to Jamarielle Brown with just 3:24 remaining in the game. Brown finished with 10 catches for 156 yards.

Lexington Catholic led 35-0 at halftime as the Knights out-gained Lone Oak 315 yards to 92.

Israel rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns, Guy caught one TD and ran for another and Ward threw for a score and ran for one more. Israel added another TD runs in the third and fourth quarters, the latter of which made for a running clock (which under state rules happens at 45-0) until Robinson's late touchdown pass.

Earlier in the day, Fort Campbell defeated Newport Central Catholic 21-7 in the Class AA championship.

— From Staff, Wire Reports

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Lexington Catholic 49, Lone Oak 7

Class 6A
Trinity (Louisville) 34, St. Xavier 28 (OT)

Raiders fall to Powell County

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — Powell County defeated South Floyd 95-70 Saturday evening in the Roy S. Martin Classic at Allen Central High School. Wes Akers paced South Floyd in the non-district game. Akers hit six three-pointers and finished with a game-high 33 points in South Floyd's loss.

Powell County opened the game on a solid note offensively, outscoring South Floyd 28-15 in the opening quarter. The Pirates packed a 51-33 lead into halftime. Powell County led 72-47 at the end of the third quarter.

The Raiders dropped to 0-6 after suffering the loss.

Daniel Kinser led Powell County (3-0) with 32 points.

Dylan Langdon and Shannon Turner each had eight points for South Floyd. Corey Paige added six points for the Raiders.

Central beats Belfry for first state title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Darrell Taylor scored three touchdowns and Louisville Central overcame five turnovers to upset Belfry 27-17 in the KHSAA Class AAA state championship game on Friday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

It was the first football state title for the school, which became a KHSAA member in 1956, in its first state finals appearance.

The Yellowjackets (10-5) only had 238 yards of total offense, compared to Belfry's 282, and 44 total plays, compared to the Pirates' 62, but rode the big plays of Taylor.

The senior running back rushed for 165 yards and touchdowns of 48 and 45 yards and also came up with a momentum-turning 76-yard interception return on the final play of the first half.

Dustin May rushed for 128 yards and two TDs for Belfry (14-1), which came in averaging 43.6 points per game.

Central led 14-10 at halftime, thanks in large part to Taylor, in spite of four second-quarter turnovers.

Taylor's 48-yard TD run with 1:39 left in the first quarter gave the Yellowjackets a 7-0 lead. Taylor, though, fumbled on Central's next possession, setting up May's 1-yard touchdown 8:17 before halftime to tie the game at 7.

The Yellowjackets fumbled the ensuing kickoff, leading to a 28-yard field goal by Glen Earnest to give Belfry a 10-7 lead.

But Taylor turned the tide of the game when he picked off Andrew Elkins' Hail Mary on the final play of the first half and returned it for a touchdown.

Early in the third quarter Central increased its lead to 21-10 on Leland Banks' 26-yard touchdown pass to Stephon Robinson.

May's 6-yard TD run with 11:34 remaining pulled Belfry within 21-17. And the Pirates threatened late, but on third-and-5 from the Central 14 Yellowjacket defensive lineman Terryl Wadlington forced, and recovered, a fumble by Elkins.

Then Taylor put the game away with his final TD run.

Crawford dominates brother as No. 15 IU beats UK 70-51

by MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Jordan Crawford's three-game suspension made him hungrier Saturday.

He wanted to beat Kentucky, outdo his brother, Joe, and show his Indiana teammates what they had been missing since late November.

With Indiana's starting guards sitting out and his parents watching from behind the Indiana bench, Crawford delivered a masterpiece. The freshman scored 20 points in his first career start and led the 15th-ranked Hoosiers to a 70-51 rout over border rival Kentucky.

"I was more motivated about just getting back out there," Crawford said. "I didn't want to make this a one-on-one battle. My team had three good wins without me, and I wanted to get them one."

Crawford did just that in one of the Hoosiers' biggest rivalries.

With his nifty ball-handling, crisp passes, impressive shooting and solid defense, Crawford turned the battle of

the brothers into a lopsided affair.

Friends and family took the cue. Crawford's parents, clad in mixed Indiana and Kentucky gear behind the Hoosiers bench, laughed when officials separated the brothers during a shoving incident early in the game and were amused when fans chanted "Jordan's better" several times throughout the game.

But it was more about what Kentucky didn't do.

Kentucky shot poorly, turned the ball over too much and had two starters foul out in the first 10:02 of the second half. Even Joe Crawford, who joined Kentucky's 1,000-point club last week, couldn't get his team righted.

Patrick Patterson led the Wildcats (4-3) with 15 points in a second straight loss to a traditional power. Kentucky lost to No. 1 North Carolina last week, and for only the third time in the last 14 games of this passionate series.

"They whipped us in every aspect and they did it with a short-handed team," Kentucky coach Billy Gillispie said. "We're not happy about that."

The Hoosiers (8-1) have won 23 straight home games, and coach Kelvin Sampson is a perfect 21-0 at Assembly Hall since taking over as Indiana's coach last season.

This victory, however, deviated from the Hoosiers' usual script.

Freshman Eric Gordon, the nation's second-leading scorer entering the week, was a late scratch because of a bruised lower back. Sophomore Armon Bassett missed the game because of a suspension for violating team rules, and Sampson said afterward he hasn't yet decided whether Bassett's suspension will be for more games.

Worse yet was losing senior forward D.J. White for most of the last 10 minutes of the first half because of foul trouble. White finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds, joining the Hoosiers' 1,000-point club.

If Kentucky thought those absences would make it easy, the Wildcats discounted the impact Jordan Crawford could have.

"It was time for him (Jordan) to step up and get it going," Joe Crawford Sr.

said at halftime, wearing an Indiana hat and a Kentucky sweat shirt.

The younger brother pestered Kentucky by jumping into the passing lanes, knocking balls away and getting Kentucky's Ramel Bradley into early foul trouble. Offensively, he was even better. He hit a 3-pointer over his older brother, drove confidently to the basket and routinely found open teammates.

By game's end, the younger brother had the upper hand in the one-on-one game, 20-10.

But that wasn't the toughest part for the Kentucky senior to accept.

"We've got to figure out what the problem is," Joe Crawford said. "I'm just kind of hurt right now. The most frustrating thing about it was us just not fighting. It's hard to go down like that when we're not making any runs or just not fighting at any time."

Indiana took control midway through the first half with a 15-5 run that expanded the lead to 29-15 with 6:11 left in the first half.

Kentucky closed to 31-23 when Joe Crawford stole the ball from his brother

and drove in for a layup. But Jordan Crawford made three of four free throws in the final 90 seconds, during a five-point flurry that gave Indiana a 37-25 halftime lead.

The second half was all Hoosiers.

Indiana scored the first nine points in the second half, building a 46-25 lead, and then things turned ugly for the Wildcats. Bradley fouled out with 13:51 left, and Michael Porter fouled out with 9:58 to go.

Even when something did go right, like Joe Crawford's driving layup at the 12:49 mark, the Wildcats still made mistakes. Crawford drew a technical foul after the play.

The result: Kentucky never got closer than 17 points the rest of the way, and Jordan Crawford walked away with a win and family bragging rights.

"It looked like joy and pain," Sylvia Crawford said, dressed in a Santa Claus with UK on the front. "The reality is you can only expect that they're both going to do their best and do something to show that they're committed to their team. I think that's what they both did."



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EAST KENTUCKY GUARD MIKE CRAIN went up for a shot during a late-November game versus Butte. Crain is a Valdosta State University product.

Albany prevails over Miners in overtime

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, N.Y. — East Kentucky dropped its second straight game Saturday night, falling to host Albany in overtime, 125-120. Albany, playing on its home hardwood at Washington Avenue Armory, outscored the Miners 16-11 in the extra session.

Albany improved to 5-3 after claiming its third straight win. East Kentucky, following the loss, fell to 5-6.

Albany slipped out of the first quarter ahead 28-26. The host Patroons clung to a 53-50 lead at halftime.

It didn't take East Kentucky long to overcome the halftime deficit, though. The Miners outscored Albany 34-27 in the third quarter.

Guard Nat Burton paced Albany with a team-best 21 points. Forward Amal McCaskill turned in a double-double performance of 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Patroons. Chad Timberlake, who joins Burton in the Albany backcourt, also scored 20 points in a balanced Patroon offensive

attack. Josh Pace led East Kentucky with a game-high 29 points. Boo Jackson produced a double-double of 28 points and 14 rebounds for the Miners. New York native Jason McLeish added 19 points for the East Kentucky unit. Daniel Price added 12 points for East Kentucky in the road game.

East Kentucky will return to its home court Monday night when Minot visits. Tickets for the Continental Basketball Association Monday night game at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville remain available. Tip-off for the East Kentucky-Minot game is set for 7:05 p.m.

Patroons fend off Miners: The East Kentucky Miners had their two-game win streak snapped on the road Friday night versus the Albany Patroons. Host Albany won all seven quarter points and defeated the Miners 118-107 at the Washington Avenue Armory. Amal McCaskill paced Albany with a double-double

of 28 points and 14 rebounds. Lucious Jordan aided the Albany effort with three three-pointers, tossing in 18 points for the Patroons (4-3).

East Kentucky faced a deficit at the conclusion of every quarter. Albany led 37-33 at the end of the first quarter. The Patroons were out in front 57-50 when the game entered halftime.

Boo Jackson paced East Kentucky with a game-high 30 points.

Nat Burton added 27 points on an 11-of-12 shooting effort from the field.

Dayshawn Wright, the latest signee for the Albany team, added 16 points.

Chad Timberlake followed with 12 points for the Patroons.

Ed Horton and Marcus Heard each had 15 points for the Miners. Josh Pace and Daniel Price both netted 14 points for the East Kentucky team. Reo Logan finished with eight points for the Miners (5-5).

The Patroons outscored East Kentucky 33-30 in a high-scoring third quarter. Albany led 90-80 at the end of the third period.

ing previously gone 6-0 at home with a pair of neutral-floor wins this season.

Brescia slipped to 3-8.

Junior Ewan Linton had four in the initial stretch of the second half and led the team with 21 points. William Harris, a junior from Winchester, added 16 for the Bears, who avenged an 80-59 loss on this same floor last February 6.

Senior Jeff Ferguson added 15 for the visiting team. Freshman Justin Hicks came in off of the bench and scored 10 points for the Bears.

Brescia was led by junior Anthony McNeal, who had 25 despite going only 9-of-17

from the free throw line. Andrew Howard, a sophomore who came into the game eighth in the country with an average of 21.4 points per game, was held to 10. Logan Woolridge, a freshman from nearby Tell City, Ind., took advantage of some late playing time to finish with 10.

The Bears will return to action Wednesday night when they host Ohio State-Mansfield at 7 p.m. It will be Pikeville's first game at the East Kentucky Expo Center this season. The men's game will follow a women's contest between the schools. Tip-off for the women's game is set for 5 p.m.

No. 14 Cards fall to Flyers, 70-65

by WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Point guard, shooting guard, it doesn't matter how to you try to label Dayton's Brian Roberts.

"I just want the ball in my hands and I want to make plays," Roberts said.

The senior made plenty of them Saturday, scoring 28 points as Dayton upset No. 14 Louisville 70-65. The win spoiled Louisville coach Rick Pitino's first attempt at joining the 500-win club.

"This is a huge win for our program and for Dayton," Roberts said. "We opened some eyes today. I know from this point on, there'll be a lot of people looking at us."

The Cardinals sure got an eyeful as Roberts lifted the Flyers (7-1) to their second straight victory over Louisville (5-2).

Last year, Roberts scored seven points in the final three minutes to pull off the upset. He dominated from the start on Saturday, scoring 14 of Dayton's first 19 points as the Flyers raced to an early lead then held off a late charge.

"For us to come in to this environment and keep our poise shows a lot of toughness," Roberts said.

Roberts wanted to redeem himself after subpar performances against Holy Cross and High Point. He delivered with the kind of steady play that's made him one of the best guards in the Atlantic 10.

"Brian was the best player on the court for 40 minutes," Dayton coach Brian Gregory said. "You've got to give him credit. He stepped up big."

The Cardinals got off to a sluggish start and simply had no answer for Roberts, deny-

ing Pitino a shot at becoming the 17th active coach to reach 500 wins. Not that he cared after watching his team struggle again without injured starters David Padgett and Juan Palacios.

"We're still not where we need to be fundamentally and we are paying for it now," Pitino said. "We're just not understanding basketball and the fundamentals."

Derrick Character had 16 points and seven rebounds and Earl Clark had 15 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks for Louisville, but the Cardinals shot 43 percent from the field and couldn't get the stops when they needed them.

The Cardinals trailed by as many as 12 points during a horrid first half, but held the Flyers scoreless for over six minutes during a 13-0 run that gave the Cardinals a 41-39 lead with 10 minutes to go.

Dayton responded behind Roberts, who hit two pull-up jumpers and added two free throws during a 14-5 burst that put Dayton back in front 53-46 with 7:05 remaining.

"We got the lead and it looked like we were in the groove but they wouldn't go away," Louisville guard Edgar Sosa said.

The Cardinals would get within three points several times in the final minutes, but the Flyers made their free throws to clinch it.

"We gathered our composure and really made plays the last 10 minutes," Gregory said. "We took a step forward today as a team ... we just have to keep building on this."

The Cardinals, playing just their second game in 14 days, couldn't seem to get into a rhythm. Character got in early foul trouble and the Cardinals

struggled to find any consistency on either end of the floor.

Louisville missed its first six shots and shot 33 percent in the half. Dayton built a 19-7 lead and maintained it by crashing the offensive boards, generating numerous second-chance opportunities.

Roberts, who had eight turnovers in his last two games, had no such problems against the Cardinals. Though Louisville switched matchups frequently in an effort to disrupt Roberts, he dominated whoever happened to be on him. Roberts had just one turnover in 37 minutes.

"We didn't want to play him the way we played him," Pitino said. "We didn't want to back into the level of the screen. We wanted to stay on him and play him correctly (but) even our zone was bad tonight."

Roberts — who scored 20 points in Dayton's win over the Cardinals last year — took over after Louisville got back in it. He received a little help from Chris Wright and Jimmy Binnie, who both added nine points.

"We got a lot of good basketball from a lot of guys," Gregory said.

The Flyers were 16-of-20 from the free throw line, including making 10 straight in the final minutes. Even center Kurt Huelsman got in on the act. He made three of four free throws, not bad for a player who came in shooting 44 percent from the line.

Louisville turned the ball over 15 times and had just nine assists. Though Character and Clark were dominant at times, Louisville shot 32 percent from 3-point range.

TOPPED OUT: Western 77, Eastern 60

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND — The Western Kentucky University men's basketball team shot 55 percent for the game and cruised to a 77-60 win over host Eastern Kentucky University Saturday night in McBrayer Arena. The Hilltoppers (7-2) have now defeated the Colonels (4-5) 12 straight times in the Battle of the Bluegrass.

Junior Mike Rose paced the Colonels with 14 points while netting four three-pointers. Sophomore Josh Daniel came off the bench to finish with 13 points and senior Jamaal Douglas added 10 tallies. Meanwhile, sophomore Adam Leonard equaled a career high with six assists, but was held scoreless for the first time in his collegiate career.

WKU's Courtney Lee led

all players with 23 points, 17 of which came in the first half when he hit 7-of-10 (70 percent) shots from the field. Tyrone Brazelton (15 points) and Orlando Mendez-Valdez (10) also finished in double figures.

The two teams exchanged three-pointers and dunks to begin the contest with Eastern holding a slim 8-7 advantage heading into the first media timeout. Following a Lee dunk and three-pointer, the Hilltoppers went on top, 14-8, and never trailed the rest of the game. A lay-up and three-pointer on back-to-back WKU possessions with 7:51 left gave the Toppers their first double-digit lead of the game, 23-13. Two more Lee trifectas helped WKU push the cushion to 18 points, 46-28, heading into intermission.

In the first half, the

Hilltoppers netted 8-of-12 (66.7 percent) three-point attempts and forced 11 Eastern Kentucky turnovers.

WKU extended its lead to 24 points, 60-36, early in the second half, but the Colonels would not go away. Eastern's defense stepped up its intensity and held the Hilltoppers without a field goal over the next six minutes. A pair of three-pointers from Rose and a Josh Taylor lay-up helped slice the deficit to 15 points, 61-46, with 7:56 left.

Unfortunately, that would be as close as Eastern Kentucky would get as the Toppers responded with an 11-2 run of their own to rebuild the 24-point margin.

EKU has this week off to study for final exams. The Colonels return to OVC action Monday, Dec. 17, with a home contest against Eastern Illinois.



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FANS OF ALL AGES are enjoying East Kentucky Miners home games at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville. The Miners are an expansion team in the CBA.

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Shayne Graham kicks 4 FGs, Bengals beat Rams 19-10

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Rain pelted Brock Berlin's face as he settled in for his first regular-season snap in the NFL. He called signals in misty breaths, then got decked when he let go of a pass.

So, this is what it's like. Berlin collected himself and kept going, making it through his debut without any major gaffes. He didn't make any big plays, either, and that made the difference.

Rudi Johnson ran 1 yard for a touchdown, Shayne Graham kicked four field goals on a nasty day, and the Cincinnati Bengals took advantage of the St. Louis Rams' novice quarterback for a 19-10 victory Sunday.

"It was fast, it was really exciting," said Berlin, who had only one day of running the offense in practice last week. "It was (like) big-time college football, except you've got all guys who are all-Americans on the other side of the ball. I felt really comfortable."

Neither team had much fun on an afternoon more suitable for holding a clipboard than throwing a football.

A steady, sometimes driving rain on a 38-degree afternoon made it tough to throw, catch or hold onto the slick footballs — not what the Rams (3-10) wanted on a day when they were down to their third-string quarterback.

"It was tough," said Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer, who was 21-of-29 for 189 yards. "We were expecting a light drizzle, but it was pouring. I'm just thankful it let up at the end and gave both teams a chance to throw the ball."

Berlin, who entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent, got to play because injuries wiped out the Rams' top two options. Marc Bulger sat out a second straight game with a concussion, and backup Gus Frerotte was sidelined by an injury to his passing shoulder suffered last Sunday.

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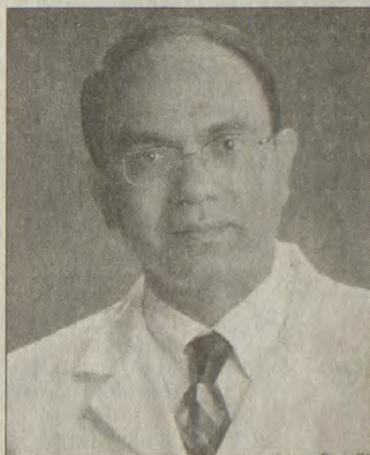
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POISON OAK

Cap busters and checker boards

Although the Christmas presents I received as a kid were not restricted to an apple, an orange and a few pieces of hard candy (as generations older than mine have claimed), my toy intake was pretty much limited to one or two relatively inexpensive items. A set of Hopalong Cassidy cap busters or a checker board, both made



Clyde Pack

at the North Pole by Santa's elves who had them flown to the folks at Montgomery Ward for distribution via their two-inch thick catalog, were considered a real haul.

But there was something magical about the season in those days. As the song suggests, Christmas was a feeling, a time when even without a hushed warning from Mom, my little brother Joe and I knew we'd "better be good." Of course, that just means we fought only twice a day instead of three or four.

"Santa Claus has his Brownie Men (that's how she referred to the elves) out watching everybody," she'd say. "Better be careful."

That remark would usually lead to a discussion about where we thought they might be hiding around our house, and usually ended with the conclusion that the chimney was most likely the spot.

As far as we were concerned, department store Santas were as much a myth as the jolly old elf himself and

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KIM'S KORNER

Letter from Jesus

After last week's column, I received the following email from several different readers, relatives and friends. Thank You, for it sure snaps you back to reality and just to show appreciation and what an impact it had, I'm sharing it in this week's column.

Letter from Jesus about Christmas
Dear Children,

It has come to my attention that many of you are upset that folks are taking My name out of the season. Maybe



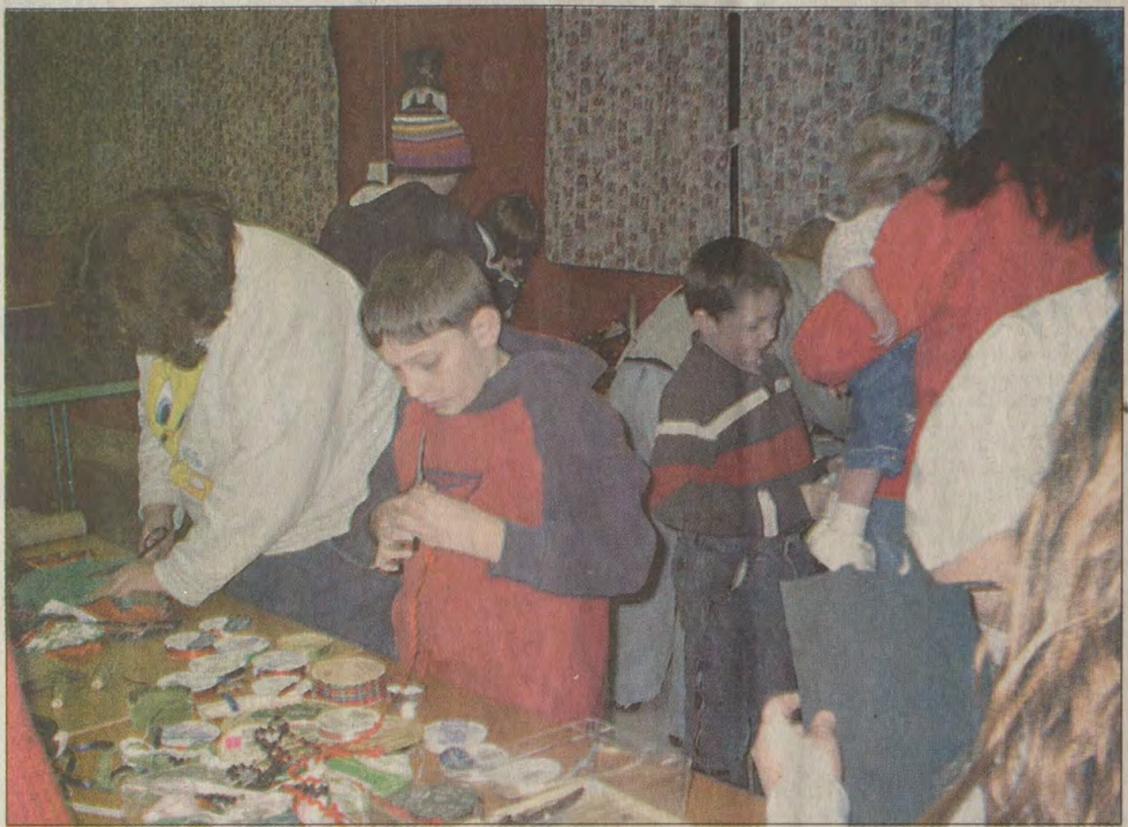
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you've forgotten that I wasn't actually born during this time of the year and that it was some of your predecessors who decided to celebrate My birthday on what was actually a time of pagan festival, although I do appreciate being remembered anytime.

How I personally feel about this celebration can probably be most easily understood by those of you who have been blessed with children of your own. I don't care what you call the day. If you want to celebrate My birth, just GET ALONG AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Now, having said that let Me go on. If it bothers you that the town in which

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Children, parents and community members busied themselves crafting holiday ornaments as keepsakes or, to give as gifts. photos by Kathy J. Prater

Gathering community, touching lives

The Maytown Center celebrates Christmas

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

"The old violin was battered and scarred: "What am I bidden," the auctioneer asked, "one dollar? Two...who'll make it three?" A gray haired man picked up the bow. He played a melody, sweet as an angel sings. "Now what do you bid? One thousand? Two? Who'll make it three?" What changed its worth? The Master's Touch.

The words border a beautiful painting hung in a prominent position near the entry of the spacious kitchen of the Maytown Community Center. A place where diners may feast on the words and so nourish their souls as they also nourish their bodies.

The painting, expertly fashioned by Beth Chauncey, co-director, Maytown Center, and a

young volunteer who visited the center a couple of summers ago, seems to exemplify the very essence of what Beth, along with husband, Dan, first envisioned when first they arrived in Maytown to head up the Maytown Lifetime Learning Center some six years ago.

Arriving to an area "battered and scarred," so to speak, the Chauncey's have since set about the work of helping area residents to see, with uplifted eyes and rejuvenated spirits, all that their community can again become through the touch of "The Master."

Working closely with Father Ralph Beiting, founder of the Christian Appalachian Project, the Chauncey's came to Maytown to take on the task of refurbishing and renovating the old Maytown elementary and high school buildings and campuses. Abandoned for years, the buildings, now



Embracing the Christmas spirit with some festive headgear, Corianne Chauncey and friend Jenny Dingus enjoy a game before heading outside for some caroling.

Happy faces and handcrafted pretties to hang on Christmas trees embody the spirit of the season.

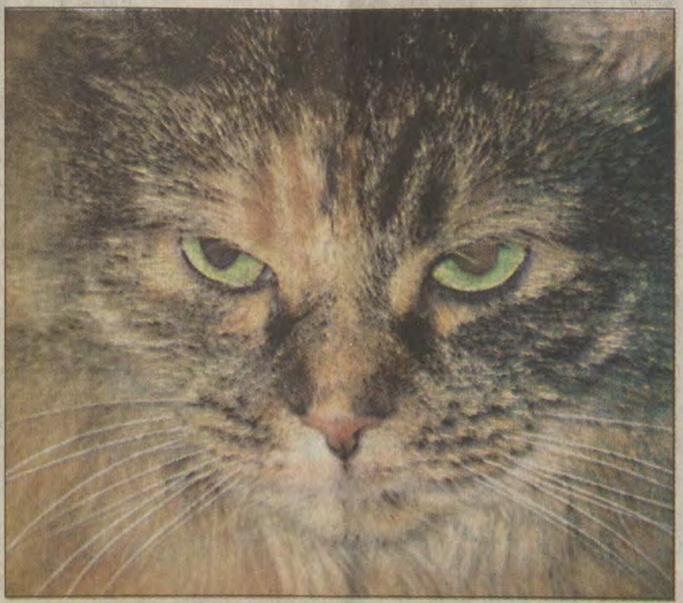


CRITTER CORNER

Winter holiday pet safety tips

While holiday celebrations are a time of great fun, popular foods and decorations that make the holidays so enjoyable can also be dangerous to animals. Veterinarians Dr. Race Foster and Marty Smith, of Doctors Foster and Smith, the world's largest provider of pet supplies and prescriptions via the Internet and catalogues, want to remind responsible pet owners that they need to be aware of the dangers and plan carefully to avoid these potential hazards so the holidays remain a happy time of year, rather than a time for an emergency visit to a vet.

According to the Doctors, many traditional holiday foods pose a threat to pets. Rich, fatty foods like gravy or grease can cause problems ranging from upset stom-



This is "Sissy." Sissy is seven years old and lives with Juanita Goble near Emma. Looking out the window at the falling leaves, drinking water from the bathtub faucet, and hiding under the cover when the bed is being made are some of her favorite activities. (Gorgeous! Thanks for sharing!)

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YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from
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Ten Years Ago

(December 24, 1997)

William Edwin Woods, 44, of Prestonsburg, was killed early Tuesday morning, after apparently driving his truck under a coal truck on Route 23, at Ivel. The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad extricated him from the vehicle. He suffered neck injuries, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

In other incidents, 22-year-old Nikita Beverly of Johnson County and Delphia Patton, 79, of Prestonsburg, were killed Monday, on the Mountain Parkway, and Steven A. Hamilton, 30, of Banner, was killed when he apparently lost control of a four-wheeler around midnight, Saturday, on Rice Branch.

Ligon and Clear Creek area residents will most likely have adequate drinking water within the next two years. The Floyd Fiscal Court gave first reading to an ordinance, Friday, to include \$935,000 in unbudgeted receipts from the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML). The money will be used to provide approximately 220 residents from Route 979, to the top of Ligon Hill, with safe water.

Four Prestonsburg fire and police officers, were awarded life-saving pins, last week, by Mayor Jerry Fannin, for their efforts to save two area residents. They are: dispatcher Selena Hager, volunteer fireman Phillip "Rusty" Chaffins; firefighter Tim Blackburn, and firefighter Mike Mays.

Floyd Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill ruled Friday, that the bond for accused murderer, Andy Mitchell is not excessive and that he is a flight risk if released from custody. The judge's ruling followed a motion by Mitchell's attorney, Kristi Gray, who was seeking to have her client released on a personal recognizance or unsecured bond. Mitchell has been held at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond since November 11, for allegedly shooting his wife, Billie Jo Mitchell to death at her Ivel home, November 2.

There died: Alpha Damron, 70, of Honaker, Thursday, December 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Adam Ousley, 52, of Hueysville, Sunday, December 21, at his residence; Elmer Campbell, 84, of Allen, Thursday, December 18, at his residence; Mary Lou Webb Hackworth, 56, of Prestonsburg, Monday, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Dannie Amburgey, 74, of Amburgey, Tuesday, December 16, at King's Daughters Hospital, in Ashland; Eddis May Spears Yates, 49, of Hueysville, formerly of Riceville, Monday, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Virgil O. Turner, 89, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, formerly of Langley and Prestonsburg, Saturday, December 20, at Boulevard Terrace Nursing Home; Thomas "Tom" Lewis Webb, 66, of Little Paint, Monday, December 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Clarence Edward "Doc" Allen, 72, of Chesapeake, Virginia, a Hueysville native, Thursday, December 4, at the Chesapeake General Hospital; Diamond Johnson, 72, of Weeksbury, Monday, December 22, at his residence; Milford Hall, 76, of Pikeville, December 19, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Winoa Buzingham, 74, of Stuart, Florida, formerly of Wayland, Friday, December 19, at her residence; Avil Hall, 78, of Boise, Idaho, a native of Amba, Sunday, December 20, at a local hospital; Steven A. Hamilton, 30, of Banner, Sunday, December 21, at Rice Branch at Banner, following an ATV accident; Nikita Jo Beverly, 22, of Paintsville, Monday, December 22, in an accident on the Mountain Parkway; Alvin Johnson, 89, of London, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, December 23, at the Marymount Medical Center.

Greta Adkins of Price, was shot in the legs three times by her estranged husband, Irvin Drew Adkins, following a domestic argument at her trailer.

The proposed four-lane link of US 23, between Prestonsburg and Paintsville, seems assured, and voting may have been approved by the Senate.

The Floyd County Bar Association unanimously voted to request of the judicial nominating committee that an eastern Kentuckian be named to the post of federal judge for the Pikeville bench.

Martin Police officer Tommy Engle was indicted by the grand jury on first degree assault charges, and is now being named a defendant, with the City of Martin, in a civil rights suit in U.S. Federal Court.

The Prestonsburg Rotary Club honored Edward Music, as an Outstanding Citizen of the county.

Cliffside residents aired grievances, concerning the railroad, at Friday's meeting of the fiscal court.

McDonald's, in the shopping plaza near Wal-Mart, opened its doors today.

Holiday gasoline prices are expected to average around \$1.07 per gallon.

There died: Cortney Elisha Tackett, six months, December 16, at the Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk, Ohio.

Albert Cole, 72, of Hunter, Thursday, at the home of his daughter in McDowell.

Renia Spears Burchett, 70, of Endicott, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Turner Samons, 49, of Martin, Thursday, at his residence.

Lona B. Akers, 84, of Grethel, Wednesday, at the home of her daughter.

Michael James Abshear, six weeks, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington.

Arlene Burchett Hunt, 74, of Endicott, Tuesday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Elmer "Bo" Newsome, 64, of Fairborn, Ohio, Saturday, in Kettering Memorial Hospital.

Della Vance, 83, of McDowell, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

and Mary Caudill Stephens, 60, of Allen, Tuesday, at the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington.

Thirty Years Ago

(December 21, 1977)

A heavy court docket for the January term of circuit court is dotted with major cases, including three for murder, and one for manslaughter.

All movement of coal on the Big Sandy Division of the Chessie System ended, last Friday, and in all probability will remain so until a settlement of the strike situation is reached.

The Prestonsburg Shoe Company branch of the U.S. Shoe Company had, by early this week, phased out three sections of its operation, following the recent announcement of its plan to close the plant.

The Prestonsburg Utilities Commission received, Monday, a \$100,000 check from the Kentucky Department of Finance for construction of a two-mile extension of the Prestonsburg sewer system to the Highlands Regional Hospital.

County Judge Henry Stumbo announced, Monday, that the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has granted the Floyd Fiscal Court a 45-day extension of time in which to readvertise for bids and award a contract on the bridge, which will connect the county park under construction at Allen, with the present KY 80.

State Transportation Secretary Calvin G. Grayson announced, last Thursday, that his department will contract with consulting engineers to design a coal transport highway from Martin County, near Inez, to Ulysses in Lawrence County.

There died: Mrs. Pearl Mae Slone, 75, of Martin, Wednesday, December 14, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Mrs. Rose Ann

Oswald, Sunday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, here; Mrs. Edith Mae Hunt Kendrick, 55, of West Prestonsburg, Thursday, December 15, at home; Donald R. Slone, 45, formerly of Garrett, Tuesday, at Mansfield General Hospital; Oliver O. Wiley, 58, of Betsy Layne, Saturday, at the VA Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.; Tom Johnson, 78, formerly of Wheelwright, Saturday, at Northwest Hospital in Detroit; Arthur (Hop) Spriggs, 57, of Drift, Saturday, dead on arrival at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Virgil Goble, 64, of Lake Road, near Lancer, last Friday, near Blaine, in Lawrence County; Shelly Adams, 68, well-known figure in the Prestonsburg-Salyersville area, last Wednesday, at the J. J. Jordan Geriatric Center in Louisa; Thomas Morrison, 55, of Buffalo, last Wednesday, near his home.

Forty Years Ago

(December 21, 1967)

Kentucky Appalachian Industries at West Prestonsburg looks to the beginning of a new year with bright hope of a busy 12 months, after receiving word, last week, that it has been awarded an \$809,558 contract for the manufacture of 2,100 military-type tents.

County officials moved, Tuesday, toward improvement of the old Allen-Banner road to make that route serviceable as an emergency route during future US 23 work, or to the event the Harold or Banner bridges are closed to traffic.

The Federal Housing Administration has approved an initial \$71,214 in rent-supplement funds for use when, and if, the Prestonsburg Ministerial Association, succeeds with its plans for construction of 75 rent-supplement housing units here.

The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue

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Twenty Years Ago

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Yesterdays

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Squad sent 15 men and equipment to the scene of the Silver Bridge, which collapsed last Friday, and may have sent as many as 80 persons to their deaths in the Ohio River, at Point Pleasant, W.Va.

Married: Miss Nancy Marie Skender, of Canton, Ill., and Mr. Henry Louis Bauers, of

Canton, Nov. 4, in Peoria, Ill.; Miss Goldie Jean Salisbury, of Printer, and Mr. Harold Borden Kay Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fla., Oct. 21, in Ocala, Florida

There died: Lee Hall, 86, of Bypro, Tuesday, at the Paintsville General Hospital; Mrs. Pinkie Salyers, 65, of Allen, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Victor Eugene Mitchell, 25, of Allen, Monday, in Jewish Hospital, Louisville; Jack Webb, 94, of Langley, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; John C. Caudill, 73, of Manton, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Millard Martin, 22, of Teaberry, Saturday, at Lexington; Mrs. Tip Martin, 83, of Hueysville, Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; John S Hampton, 76, of Hager Hill, Friday; Green Hall, 77, of Galveston, Friday, at Pikeville.

BIRTHDAYS



Look who's 3!

Jeffery Tyler Campbell turned three years old on November 10, 2007. Tyler had fun celebrating with his friends at Kiddie-Land Daycare on November 9th. Tyler is the son of Angela Campbell, of Martin, and Jeffery Campbell, of Hueysville.



Look who's 2!

Isabella Storm Sowards turned two years old on November 14, 2007. Izzy celebrated her birthday with her little brother, Dylan, and all her friends at Kiddie-Land Daycare. She is the daughter of Jackie Sowards and Donnetta Mullins, both of Wayland.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 19, 1957)

15-year-old Rosella Auxier, Johnson County schoolgirl, was found near death, Friday, in an outbuilding here, after having been missing since the preceding Sunday

The total number of persons visiting Dewey Reservoir, this year, is about 105,000 less, than the number of visitors there during 1956, data

Maytown

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mountains" through programs such as the after-school BreakAway program where children receive tutoring, help with homework, a snack, and adult supervision during that time between the end of the school day and their parents arrival home; community programs such as talent shows, karaoke, and learning to dance with the "Swinging Sensations," along with volleyball, fitness training, martial arts, and summer activities for school aged children.

This past Thursday, children, accompanied by parents, relatives, friends and community members enjoyed an evening together in the center's "Gathering Place," the former school cafeteria, where everyone enjoyed a potluck meal, crafting Christmas ornaments, braving the temperatures to sing Christmas carols throughout the community, and heading back inside to warm up with steaming cups of hot cocoa before bidding farewell for the evening.

"We love that painting," said Charlotte Soder, dance instructor, the Swinging Sensations, "it fits so well with what we try to achieve here."

And indeed, it does. For more information about upcoming activities at the Maytown Center, or to arrange to reserve The Gathering Place for your upcoming family reunion or special event, call 285-0539, 285-9080, or visit www.maytowncenter.org.

released, this week, by Howard Osborne, reservoir manager, showed

The Rev. Archibald Clay Harlowe, 87, retired Baptist minister and former Prestonsburg newspaperman, died Tuesday afternoon, at Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville

Married: Miss Charlene Frasure, of East McDowell, and Mr. Frank Stone, of Betsy Layne, Dec. 7, at Martin

There died: Charles Crum Jr., 32, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Friday, in Munster, Ind.; Mrs. Elizabeth Hicks, 53, of Langley, last Thursday, at the home of a daughter.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 18, 1947)

Anti rabies treatment for 13 persons have been ordered by the Floyd County Health Department as the result of appearances of two mad dogs and a rabid cat in widely separated communities of the county, this week

Mrs. Mallie Amburgey, wife of Deputy Constable John Amburgy, was shot and seriously wounded, early Monday morning, at the Curve Inn, Abner Mountain roadhouse, near Melvin

Tracy Blackburn, motorman for the Turner-Elkhorn Coal Company, was killed, Thursday afternoon, in a Jeep-truck collision on the curve at Hite, near Martin

Gaily-colored Christmas lights were installed, last week, as a Junior Chamber of Commerce project

The general merchandise store of Gene Hale, of Harold, was broken into, and looted, Tuesday night

Married: Miss Stella Prater and Mr. Eugene Davis, both of Dwale, Dec. 13

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. DuRan Moore, of Martin, a daughter, Betty Carolyn, Dec. 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Beckham Caldwell Jr., of Betsy Layne, a son, Nov. 28, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Branham of

Betsy Layne, a son, Nov. 29; to Mr. and Mrs. Olin Amburgey, a daughter, Jacqueline; to Mrs. Elizabeth Mullet, of David, a daughter, Wonnell, Dec. 11, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital

There died: Robert Allen Triplett, 57, former Floyd County Coroner, Saturday, at his home at Bevinsville; Henry Stephen Netherly, 59, Tuesday, in his hotel room here; Charles E. Clevenger, 68, Monday, at home at Allen; Mr. Artie Hunt, 82, Saturday, at the home at Mare Creek of her son, Riley McCoy, 23, of Melvin, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Wednesday; Tobe Shepherd, 57, Wednesday, at his home here; Harry Arnold, 58, of Printer, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Sallie Stephens, 83, at home at Allen, Sunday.

Seventy Years Ago

(December 23, 1937)

Charles B. Layne, 53, died Saturday night, shortly after being struck by an automobile near his home at Betsy Layne

Prestonsburg's one and only traffic light was shot out by an unknown gunman, early Monday morning

Magistrate-elect Will A. Wills, of the First District, this week, reiterated his intention to submit to the incoming fiscal court, his plan for cutting county expenditures, in the burial of indigents, by using home-manufactured coffins, under county supervision

Two children of the Wayland-Estill vicinity were dead this week of meningitis

As of this week, the Martin Purple Flash basketball team was undefeated by any Floyd County teams. Coach of the Purple Flash is Garland Lewis, former University of Kentucky net star

There died: Elisha Johnson, 46, of Halo, this week, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, as a result of injuries sustained in a slatefall in the Inland Steel Company's mines at Wheelwright, Dec. 10; and Richard Tackett, 63, Sunday, at Hunter.

Oak

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neither of us ever had the opportunity to sit on the old feller's lap. Neither did we ever see him, not even parading on TV, since it hadn't been invented yet. We did write him letters and sent them to WSIP, the radio station in Paintsville, where he'd come by a couple of afternoons a week and read them on the air.

But the glitter we enjoyed came mostly from within, not from lights strung from pole to pole across city streets. There were no streets in a coal

camp, nor sparkling store fronts. The only store we had was the one operated by the Northeast Coal Company. During the Christmas season, as it did the rest of the year, except for a single-bulb security light that burned near the store's back door, it spent its nights in darkness.

The season was special at school and church, too. I can't recall ever being in a Christmas play at school, but I was one of the best Wise Men you ever saw at church. I

mean, I could point at, and follow, that little pasteboard star all the way to Bethlehem with the best of them. And if I do say so myself, I cut a dashing figure in my sister's chenille bathrobe.

It probably makes no sense to anybody else, but even in a world with technology advanced to the point where everything we ever wanted is pretty much available, I still liked yesterday's Christmases better.

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