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briefs

Senate panel clears plan to overhaul CATS testing

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A Senate panel has approved a plan calling for an overhaul of Kentucky's school accountability testing system.

The plan, which calls for replacing the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System, moves to the full Senate for consideration. The testing system, along with writing portfolios, were a key facet of the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act.

Proponents of the Senate plan say current testing methods lead to teachers and schools devoting too much classroom time to CATS test preparation.

Gov. Steve Beshear held a press conference earlier this week denouncing the proposal and called on lawmakers to defeat it.

House Speaker Jody Richards of Bowling Green says the bill is likely to meet opposition in his Democratic-led chamber.

71 sue over coal dust

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — A lawsuit against a Floyd County coal processing plant grew considerably this week when some 66 residents of Allen, Dana and Banner joined in the environmental legal battle.

According to the attorney Ned Pillersdorf, the lawsuit, which targets Grizzly Processing LLC and Frasure Creek Mining LLC, originally filed by Richard and Bonnie Crisp, has grown to 71 people.

Daniel Branson, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit said, "You can't go outside, can't barbecue. Our lawn furniture is covered in dust."

In 2007 Frasure Creek/Grizzly was found to be out of compliance twice in as many months by the state Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet's Division for Air Quality

when they were found in violation of two KAR statutes.

Steve Hall, an environmental inspector out of the Hazard office, reported that during his inspection on Jan. 2, 2007, he monitored the site for several hours, noting that the coal trucks were tracking material onto Route 1426 and U.S. 23, and that the dust from this was not being vacuumed up, but merely swept to the side.

Hall also spoke with local residents

during his investigation and observed dust on several homes. A followup investigation by Hall in March 2007 revealed the coal operation to still be noncompliant.

"It is almost insidious how that dust gets on everything overnight," Branson said. "We'll go hose off the patio and the furniture, and it's covered again the next day."

(See LAWSUIT, page eight)

COUNTY WINNER



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Swathi Gutti, center, an eighth-grader from Mountain Christian Academy, was all smiles as she was named winner of the county's spelling bee Wednesday. Patricia Watson, right, presented the winning speller with her award, as runner-up Andrea Akers, an eighth-grader from Betsy Layne Elementary, looks on.

MCA student leaves spelling bee V-I-C-T-O-R-I-O-U-S

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — She'll most likely never bake an angel food cake without thinking about it; for the word that finally stumped eighth-grader Andrea Akers, after going 76 rounds in the Floyd County Spelling Bee, was "separate."

Swathi Gutti, an eighth-grader from Mountain Christian Academy, however,

spelled the confounding word correctly, followed by the next, "September," to win the first-place slot in the district contest.

It was well after 1 p.m., following a full morning of spelling rounds, when the contest finally came to an end this past Wednesday morning in the Gearheart Auditorium of Big Sandy Community and Technical College's Prestonsburg campus.

"All the contestants did a wonderful job. This is not an

easy thing," said Beverly Crisman, community education liaison with the Floyd County Board of Education.

Having been canceled due to inclement weather earlier this year, the district's spelling bee got underway this past Wednesday with several of the county's very best spellers vying for the winning title.

Those competing and representing their respective schools

(See SPELLING, page eight)

Officials hope U.S. 23 yard sale highlights region

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Tourism agencies from around the region came together Wednesday in Paintsville to announce the upcoming U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale and to stress the economic impact of the event on the region.

The regional event is scheduled to take place during the last weekend of May, on the 29th, 30th and

31st. "It's difficult to think that a yard sale can have an economic impact," said Sandy Runyon, executive director of the Big Sandy Area Development District, "but it does."

The media day invitation, which took place at the Country Music Highway Museum in Paintsville, brought in tourism agencies, chambers of commerce and public

(See YARD SALE, page eight)



photo by Jack Latta

Freddie James of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission spoke at Wednesday's media day event in Paintsville. The event brought in media representatives from around the region to help promote the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale.

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Prestonsburg Renaissance plans open house next week

by JACK LATTA
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The public is invited to attend the annual meeting of the Prestonsburg Renaissance Main Street Association, which will meet Monday at Dadeo's Restaurant.

"We want to meet everyday people and let them know what we do," said Brent Graden, Prestonsburg Renaissance manager. "We also want to meet these people who are looking to set up shop within downtown. We think we can

offer a lot of assistance to them."

One new item offered as part of the assistance programs by the association is the Main Street Revolving Loan Fund. "We have set up this fund to act as an incubator for business," said Graden. Graden explained that the low-interest loan is made available to new or existing businesses planning to expand. Qualifying businesses may borrow up to \$10,000 at 3 percent APR for a period of four years.

(See OPEN HOUSE, page eight)

Stumbo proposes slot machines instead of casinos

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A state lawmaker says he will propose a plan to allow slot machines at horse tracks across Kentucky.

Democratic state Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg says the idea may be more desirable than an

existing proposal to open up to nine casinos in the state.

Stumbo says he would present his proposal to Democratic lawmakers in a caucus meeting last night. He said he will officially file an amendment to the casino proposal only if a majority of his Democratic colleagues concur.

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Obituaries

Frank Michael Baldrige

Frank Michael Baldrige, 38, of Wayland, died instantly on Saturday, March 1, 2008, as a huge boulder came smashing down from a cut-through from a mountain on the Highwall of Highway 80 at Martin.

He was enroute to his mother's home from Catelettsburg, where he worked at Ashland Marathon Oil Environmental Group, as a licensed Professional Geologist, where he worked for many years, and loved his job and friends. He and his truck were very used to this road, as he traveled home to see his mother most every weekend.

He was born June 24, 1969, the son of the late Franklin D. and Betty Hopkins Baldrige, who survives.

His paternal grandparents, Fred and Julie Baldrige preceded him in death. His maternal grandparents are the late Ishmael C., and Lena Bradley Hopkins, who survives.

His other surviving relatives include Lois Baldrige, Don and Laura Baldrige, and their son, Donald Ray (Michelle) Baldrige, and his family. He is also survived by Edith and Gerald Jones and their daughter Carolyn, Derrick, and Riley Jane Dunaway of Somerset; Ishmael and Marcia Hopkins of Cynthiana; with their chil-

dren, Jeffrey, Alice, Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Joshua Bradley Hopkins of Houston, Texas; Tracy, Tim, Zack and Dalton Childers of Cynthiana; and Betsy Hopkins of Lexington. Many good friends also survive.

He was a graduate of Wayland Elementary, Allen Central High School; and Morehead State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. He was an avid sportsman who loved to hunt and fish, and take pictures of wild game, as he traveled over a great portion of the Continental U.S. He enjoyed nature scenes, and tried to capture the beauty of God's creation. Early in life, Frank Michael showed his love for nature in many paintings that adorn his mother's home.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, and burial was in Bradley Cemetery at Wayland.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Paul Donald Baldrige

Paul Donald Baldrige, age 73, of Prestonsburg, husband of Margaret Wolverton Baldrige, passed away Monday, March 3, 2008, at the

King's Daughters Hospital, Ashland.

He was born January 1, 1935, in Allen, the son of the late Luther Baldrige and Mamie Miller Baldrige. He was a retired U.S. Air Force veteran, and a member of the Allen Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Margaret; a daughter, Patricia Baldrige (Frank) Miles of Waterford, Michigan; a step-daughter, Mary Ann (Daryl) Prater of Hueysville; a step-son, Mark Hamilton of Minnie; a sister, Audra Viola (Pete) Mynhier of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren: Paul Douglas McCoy, Allison Nicole Slusher, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Slusher, and Victoria Lynne Slusher; step-grandchildren: Madison Alexandra Prater, and Chasity Carol Hamilton; nine nieces, and two nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Luther Baldrige Jr., Denver Baldrige, Homer Douglas Baldrige, and Clyde Baldrige; and three sisters: Marie Spurlock, Edna Warrix, and Ruth Baldrige.

Funeral services for Paul Donald Baldrige will be conducted Friday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Randy Osborne officiating.

Burial will follow in

Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Doris Gilliam Boyd

Doris Gilliam Boyd, 79, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born April 21, 1928, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Keith Gilliam and Daisy M. Herndon Gilliam. She was a homemaker, and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Orbie Boyd, whom she married April 2, 1946.

Other survivors include a brother, Doyle K. Gilliam* of Columbus, Ohio; and a sister, Lorraine Arnold of Tazewell,

Virginia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Billy J. Gilliam, Richard Gilliam, and Glen Dale Gilliam; and two sisters: Diane White and Mildred Justice.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, at 1 p.m., at the J.W. Call Funeral Home Chapel, in Pikeville, with Sam Crawford and Doug Lewis officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to: Immanuel Baptist Church, 5469 N. Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

Guestbook at: www.jwcallfuneralhome.com (Paid obituary)



Rita Gay Swiney Branham

Rita Gay Swiney Branham, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Born May 27, 1956, in Pikeville, she was the daughter of the late Estil Ray Swiney, and Wanda Lee Owens Looney. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Branham.

Other survivors include a son, William Branham; two brothers and sister-in-law: Estil Darrell and Mabelle Swiney, and Danny Charles Louney, all of Elkhorn City; uncles: Omsby Owens of West Virginia; Abe Owens of Boston, Massachusetts; and Clifford Swiney of Elkhorn

City; aunts: Georgia Wellman of Dandridge, Tennessee; Reable Bevins of Millard; Gertrude Bevins of Allen; Loretta Boyd of Elkhorn City; and Bertha Swiney of Virgie; a nephew, Darrell Ray Swiney; and several other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nick Damron officiating.

Burial will be in the Branham Cemetery, Bull Creek, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Andrew Elliott

Andrew Elliott, age 78, of Eustis, Florida, formerly of McDowell, husband of Virginia L. Simmons Elliott, passed away Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Florida Hospital-Waterman, in Tavares, Florida.

He was born May 31, 1929, in McDowell, the son of the late Francis Elliott and Darkie Valley Elliott. He was an automotive machinist.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; two sons: Mike Elliott and Steven Elliott, both of Detroit, Michigan; a brother, Junior Elliott of McDowell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services for Andrew Elliott will be conducted Friday, March 7, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Tuttle Cemetery, in McDowell, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

MSU to hold info sessions on alternative teacher certification

MOREHEAD — College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher may want to attend one of the upcoming information sessions on the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Morehead State University.

MSU offers three MAT programs (middle school/secondary/special education) in which degree holders with no prior teaching experience may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher.

Orientation sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held in various loca-

tions from Feb. 27-March 25. At the sessions, program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and special education teaching will be discussed. Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts, GRE/ACT scores and any Praxis test results they may have.

Sessions will be held on various dates at several locations:

- Tuesday, March 11, 3 p.m., MSU at Prestonsburg
- Tuesday, March 11, 4 p.m., MSU at West Liberty
- Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m., MSU at

Ashland

■ Wednesday, March 12, 4 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling

■ Tuesday, March 25, 6 p.m., Mason County High School

On MSU's Morehead campus, orientation meetings are available by appointment.

Additional information on the Master of Arts in Teaching is available by calling the program office at (606) 783-2079; or by sending e-mail to Michelle Roberts, MAT admissions coordinator, at m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu



Pikeville native and resident Lt. Michael T. Kidd received his promotion certificate from Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown, left, and KSP Commissioner Rodney Brewer, right, on Feb. 28 in Frankfort. Kidd is a 10-year veteran of the agency and will be assigned to the KSP Recruitment Branch. A graduate of Pikeville High School and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, he is the son of Erma Kidd and the late Lee Kidd of Pikeville.



Banner resident Sgt. Donald J. Shearer received his promotion certificate from Justice and Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown, left, and Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer, right, on Feb. 28 in Frankfort. Shearer is a seven-year veteran of the agency and will be assigned to KSP Post 14 in Ashland. A 1996 graduate of Oldham Co. High School, Shearer graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2000. He is the son of Diana Van Horn of Louisville.

Card of Thanks

The family of Charles Jr. Hackworth would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent flowers, food, words of comfort, and prayers. A special thank-you to Hershil and Pauline Owens; Dr. Larry Leslie and staff; Highlands Regional Medical Center second floor nurses; Pastor Demmi Marshall; Big Lick Church and choir; Jackie Owens; John K Blackburn and the sheriff's department; and Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

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Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Debra Blackburn, 35, to Travis Hall, 26, both of Prestonsburg.

Audrey Cox, 36, of Melvin, to Paul Hall, 27, of Bypro.

Keysha Childers, 19, Betsy Layne, Bill Collins, 20, Dana Kimberly Newsome, 27, Kermit Murphy Jr., both of Langley.

Melissa Wright, 29, to John Jervis, 40, both of Prestonsburg.

Elizabeth Gilstrap, 17, to Barry Marsillett, 19, both of Prestonsburg.

Jessica Allen, 19, of Lackey, to Joshua Huff, 22, of Wayland.

Carolyn Hackworth, 38, to Alvin Spears, 34, both of Prestonsburg.

Civil Suits Filed

Lendmark Financial Services vs. Glenn Blackburn, et al

Sandra McDavid vs. Andrea Lockhart

Midland Funding vs. Tessie Young

Application of Brandy Perez for approval of sale of structured settlement payment

David Hereford vs. James Sine

Angela R. Johnson vs. Harold Johnson III

Sherry Wright vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center

US Bank vs. Stuart Swanberg, et al

Cavalry Portfolio Services vs. Thelma J. Burchett, et al

Small Claims Filings

Commonwealth Credit Union vs. Lisa Cole

Central Financial Services vs. Greg Mullins

Kimberly Hall vs. Amanda Akers

Kimberly Hall vs. Shirley King

NCO Portfolio Mgt. vs. Jessica Johnson

Capital One Bank vs. Irene Johnson

Pioneer Credit Co. vs. Rebecca D. Swanson

Capital One Bank vs. Kayla R. Chapman

NCO Portfolio Mgt. vs. John S. Stumbo II

Capital One Bank vs. James H. Isaacs

Charges Filed

Gary McCoy, 57, of Raccoon, terroristic threatening.

Jeremy D. Caudill, 28, of Hager Hill, leaving scene of accident; driving without a license; failure to produce insurance card; failure to maintain required insurance; fleeing/evading police.

Heather L. Castle, 22, of Eastern, hindering prosecution or apprehension.

Brian C. Myers, 35, of Fairmont, West Virginia, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Mable Charlene Jarrell, 39, of Printer, harassment.

Michael McMurray, 30, of Chester, South Carolina, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; terroristic threatening.

Brian Mulkey, 35, of Wayland, alcohol intoxication, public place; disorderly conduct.

Anthony Martin, 23, of Drift, alcohol intoxication, public place.

Terry Wayne Collins, 46, of Printer, harassment.

Kim Patton, 25, of Kite, harassing communications.

Angel Patton, 24, of Kite, harassing communications.

Heather Castle, 22, of Prestonsburg, receiving stolen property, over \$300 (two counts).

Jeremy D. Caudill, 28, of Hager Hill, receiving stolen property, over \$300.

Willis A. Thomas, 56, of Prestonsburg, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs; fleeing/evading police; resisting arrest; license to be in possession; assault; failure to produce insurance card; reckless driving; failure to wear seat belts; open/drinking alcohol; wanton endangerment.

Gary D. Warick, 41, of Prestonsburg, driving DUI on suspended license; fleeing/evading police (motor vehicle); fleeing/evading police (on foot); reckless driving; failure to maintain required insurance; failure to

produce insurance card; wanton endangerment.

Inspections

Otter Creek Correctional Center commissary, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained. Nonfood contact surfaces not properly constructed. Employees personal items stored properly. Score: 98.

Otter Creek Correctional Center, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Several cells inspected have malfunctioning water faucets. Restroom found without proper hand towels. Score: 94.

Jenny Wiley State Park Convention Center, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained. Walls, ceiling, attached equipment not in good repair. Score: 98.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Commercially canned or packaged products improperly labeled. Lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods. Nonfood contact surfaces not properly maintained. Nonfood contact surface of equipment and utensils not clean. Improper storage of single service articles. All plumbing not maintained according to law. Floors not in good repair. Score: 93.

Super Eight Motel, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Drapes in disrepair, rooms 107 and 202. Reading lamp by chair not operable during inspection. Score: 96.

Property Transfers

Appalachian Regional Healthcare to Equity One, location undisclosed.

Angie and Steve Bailey to Steve Bailey, location undisclosed.

Kentucky beneficial Inc. to Kentucky beneficial and Mortgage Beneficial Co, Auxier.

David and Linda Bowling to Gregory and Judy Preece, Conley Fork Subdivision.

Anna Boyd to Edith and Paul Burke, Emma

Tina Boyd to Tiffany Scott, Harold.

Greta Branham to Charles and Dellis Branham, Bull Creek.

James Dillion to Equitable Production Company; Rolling Acres Estates Subdivision.

Willie Duff to Willa

Lykens; Turkey Creek.

Equity One to Equity One; location undisclosed.

Jennifer and Ricky Fyffe to Mary and William McKinney; Wayland.

Homecoming Financial Network to Franklin Credit Management Corp; Bucks branch.

Hometown Convenience to Brenda and Mike Newsome; Big Mud Creek.

Jason and Kathy Johnson to US bank NA; Wheelwright.

William Kendrick Master Commissioner to Equity One; location undisclosed.

William Kendrick Master Commissioner to US Bank NA; Wheelwright.

William Kendrick Master Commissioner to Franklin Credit Management Corp; Bucks Branch.

John and spouse, Juanita and spouse King to Franklin Credit Management Corp; Bucks Branch.

Leah Enterprises Inc. to Gregory and Judy Preece; Conley Fork Subdivision.

Gloria Mayo to Jil Mayo; mineral deed.

Bobby and Marry Moore to Kentucky Beneficial Inc. and Mortgage Beneficial Co; Auxier.

Paul Mullins to Mary and William McKinney; Wayland.

PIC Real Estate LLC to Dewey Bocook Jr.; Cliff Industrial Site.

Gregory and Judy Preece to Natural Resources group LLC; Conley Fork Subdivision

Edith Roberts to

Progressive Development LLC; Mare Creek.

Timothy Ryan to Tommy Ryan; Location undisclosed.

Georgia Shepherd to Connie and Malcolm Shepherd and Georgia and Larry Cecil; location undisclosed.

Paul and Suzanne Tackett to Equity One; location undisclosed.

US Bank NA to US Bank NA; Wheelwright.

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State Senator Johnny Ray Turner (center), D-Drift; Rep. Greg Stumbo (left), D-Prestonsburg, and Floyd County Magistrate John Goble (right) last week participated in a memorial dedication for the victims of the Prestonsburg Bus Crash of 1958. The Floyd County Board of Education had never established a memorial honoring the 26 students and bus driver who died in the nation's deadliest highway accident involving children. A plaque (held by Turner) presented at the dedication will now hang in the board office in remembrance of the victims of that tragedy.

Vote on mountaintop mining bill delayed, could come soon

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A proposal that some say could halt mountaintop coal mining in Kentucky is coming for a vote before the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee soon, the panel's chairman said Wednesday.

The bill would have been put to a vote before the legislative panel on Wednesday, but there weren't enough members present, said Rep. Harry Moberly, D-Richmond. Moberly said he wants the panel to vote on the measure when it next meets.

"It's a long shot, a big long shot to pass all the way through," Moberly said of the bill's chances in clearing the House. "But I think we ought to have all the members here before we vote on the bill. So we're going to vote on it when we have everybody here."

Mountaintop removal mining is a process in which peaks are leveled with explosives and heavy machinery to extract coal. Opponents to the procedure say it damages the environment and leads to polluted streams and drinking water.

The plan would prohibit coal companies from dumping dirt and rock from mountaintops into streams and valleys.

Proponents have been urging lawmakers to pass the legislation. They say current mining practices lead to environmental damage, including polluted streams and drinking water.

Moberly said he believed that the proposal had not been seriously considered in the House Natural Resources and Environmental Committee, where it had been pending during the last four years.

Coal companies oppose the bill.

Mountaintop mining brings needed flat land to mountainous regions, and increases property values, said Bill Caylor, president of the

Kentucky Coal Association.

If passed, the measure would hurt the coal industry and impose unfair restrictions, Caylor said. Other industries, such as farming and construction, have similar effects on their surroundings, Caylor said.

"Why should we focus solely on coal?" Caylor asked the panel.

But Truman Hurt, a former coal miner from Perry County, disagreed. He said the mining shakes homes in his community and pollutes water surrounding the mines.

"It's time for our water to have some protection," Hurt said.

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Emergency Food and Shelter Funds Available

Floyd County has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Floyd County has been chosen to receive 22,962.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county for use during 2008.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management agency, and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the county.

A Local Board made up of the County Judge/Executive or his designee, local representatives of national social service agencies, and interested citizens, will determine how the funds awarded to Floyd County are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter program run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private volume non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 5) if they are private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

The Local Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously with St. Vincent's Mission, Mud Creek Community Health Corporation, Christian Service Ministry, Middle Creek Community Development Club, Floyd County Ministerial Association, Betsy Layne Church of God/Bread of Life Food Pantry, Martin First Baptist Church/Heaven's Harvest Food Pantry, Jacob's Ladder Food Pantry, Town Branch Church/Feed My Sheep Food Pantry, Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, Martin Church of Christ Food Pantry, and Auxier Food Pantry.

Awards will be determined by the Board at a public meeting to be held on Friday, March 14, 10 a.m., at St. Martha's Church, 60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, located off Route 302 (Water Gap Road).

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local Board Chair, Renee Thornberry for an application. Telephone 606-874-4386; please leave a message, or email at reneethornberry@hotmail.com. Application packets may be picked up at Martin City Hall, between 9 a.m.-3 p.m., on Friday, 3/7/08, and Monday, 3/10/08 through Friday, 3/14/08. The deadline for applications to be received is on March 14, at 10 a.m.

Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

Hollywood is a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul.

— Marilyn Monroe

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, on William F. Buckley Jr.:

William Buckley, the seminal conservative with the loosened tic and the crooked smile who died last week at 82, stood, or more often slouched, in witty, thoughtful contrast to the hyperbolic radio and TV talk show grandees who followed him. ...

His were clever rapier thrusts at the hearts of liberals, and occasionally his own side. What we have today are blunt instruments of invective delivered at high decibels.

Why the braying types never learned from Buckley isn't clear. He was their intellectual touchstone — before him and the conservative magazine National Review, the right was a direction, not a viewpoint. ...

Buckley's classic TV show, Firing Line, was the longest-running program with the same host in television history. People of all political stripes were anxious to appear, and Buckley did his skewering as all civilized debaters do: carefully, thoroughly but quietly.

Perhaps some enterprising network will rerun some of Buckley's old shows just to show today's young people how political debate in the media used to be conducted.

If they saw that, they might demand better from the current crop.

Durango (Colo.) Herald, on incarceration rates in the U.S.:

The Pew Center on the States released a report Feb. 28 that found more than one in 100 American adults are serving some form of jail or prison sentence. The figure is record-breaking, and should be attention-getting for its stark numbers alone. The associated costs, though, require a review of who we are incarcerating and why — and for how much.

Since tougher federal sentencing requirements took hold in the late 1980s, prison populations have swollen rapidly. For criminals who have committed violent crimes, or who are inveterate repeat offenders, prison is an appropriate place. ... It is those convicted of lesser — or victimless — crimes who could benefit from alternatives to prison. At the same time, taxpayers could see a better return on their money.

... The Pew report shows that now is the time to find more cost-effective ways of handling those convicted of crimes. Investing in drug and alcohol treatment, counseling, drug courts and other innovative, non-incarceration approaches will likely do more to turn around the lives of some of those who choose to behave badly than traditional jails and prisons. ...

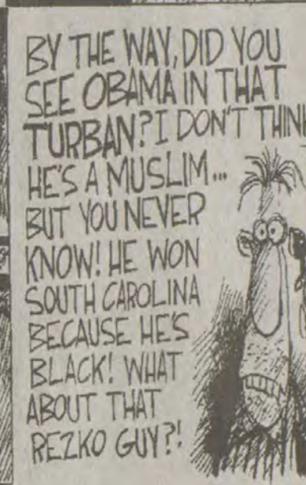
The Star-Ledger, Newark, N.J., on the health care company Aetna and anesthesia for colonoscopies:

Aetna's recent declaration that it would not cover the cost of anesthesia during routine colon cancer screenings was not the first time an insurance company has used its dollars to direct a change in routine care.

Aetna — which last week put that decision on hold — is, however, one of the giants, with 1.4 million members in New Jersey, and a colonoscopy can be a lifesaver. The exam can find and eliminate growths before they become cancerous. The cost goes up \$500 or more when a patient gets anesthesia instead of moderate sedation.

Although colon cancer is a major killer, it has been hard to convince people to routinely get the exam, which involves moving a scope through the rectum and the lower part of the intestinal tract. So anything that negatively affects screening rates must be of concern, and it is likely that more than a few of the people pondering the exam for the first time winced at the idea of getting it without anesthesia.

... Insurance companies should not substitute financial decisions for medical decisions. And both doctors and insurance companies have a vested financial interest in putting the health of patients first.



Guest column

House week in review

by STATE REP. HUBERT COLLINS

As deliberations continued this week in House budget subcommittees, action was taken on both a public employee pension bill that passed the full House and a proposed constitutional amendment on casino gambling that was approved in committee.

The pension proposal, or House Bill 600, passed the House by a vote of 96-0 on Thursday and now goes to the Senate. The legislation is expected to result in significant savings to the state over the next 15 to 30 years by slowing the growth of \$26 billion in unfunded liabilities in the state employee retirement systems and bolstering funding for retiree health care. Net savings would be generated by changes in certain benefits for new hires, current employees and retirees—and retired state lawmakers and judges.

Most of the changes would affect future state, local government and classified school employees, who would have to work an additional three years—30 rather than 27—and until at least age 55 before becoming eligible for full retirement benefits under the state's defined benefit plan. Those employees would have their cost of living raise, or COLA, set at 1.5 percent unless increased by the General Assembly, and make an employee contribution of 6 percent of their salary into the retirement fund instead of the current five percent. The additional one percent will be used to help cover retiree health insurance benefits.

The new 1.5 percent COLA would also apply to current employees and retirees, with retirees prohibited from earning two pensions if they return to state employment after retirement.

As far as state lawmakers and judges are concerned, changes made to their legislative and judicial retirement plans would ensure that they receive the same level of benefits as the people they serve by giving them the same 1.5 percent annual COLA that employees would receive.

How much the state would benefit financially from a proposed constitutional amendment on casino gambling — a bill approved by the House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday—has been debated for months by lawmakers and the public. Debate has also focused on the social ills opponents say legalized gambling both causes and exacerbates.

Should the amendment proposed by the committee this week make it onto this fall's election ballot, Kentucky would be allowed to license up to nine casinos, which some say would generate hundreds of millions of dollars a year in tax revenues at a time when Kentucky's fiscal cupboard is bare.

Still, much would have to happen for the amendment to become law. First, at least three-fifths of the membership of both the House and Senate would have to approve the amendment for it to appear on the ballot. Should that happen, the amendment would still require the approval of the state's voters in a referendum next November to pass, with both sides of the issue making their case to the voters. I hope you will continue to follow the casino amendment debate and make your opinion on the issue known.

State retirement and the casino amendment dominated coverage of the 2008 Regular Session this week, although the House also took action on dozens of measures affecting everything from child safety and job protection for state employees to strategies to lower drug costs. Legislation to accomplish those goals was sent to the Senate this week after the House passed HB 211, HB 134 and HB 7.

HB 211, which passed the House 96-0 on Thursday, would improve Kentucky's child sexual abuse laws by including older children in the definition of minors protected under state laws governing first-degree sexual abuse. The bill would also add knowingly masturbating in front of a child to the definition of first-degree sexual abuse, increase the statute of limitations for bringing charges against abusers, and increase the penalty for failure to report child sex abuse after the second or third occurrence. A provision that would

make it first-degree sexual abuse for someone over age 21 or in a position of authority or trust to engage in sex acts while communicating with someone under age 16 via a computer or other electronic communication device was added to the bill by the House.

HB 134, which passed the House 95-0 on Monday, includes several provisions that would provide state merit system employees with more protection on the job. It would create a new mediation program to resolve workplace issues, require former political appointees who become merit employees to serve a one-year probationary period to eliminate the practice of "burrowing", allow merit employees to seek nonpartisan elected office and limit comp time provided to political appointees. It would also improve the employee suspension process.

Lawmakers also voted 95-0 on Monday to pass HB 7, a drug importation bill that lawmakers hope could lead to lower-cost prescription drugs being resold in Kentucky. The bill would require the governor and Cabinet for Health and Family Services to ask the federal Food and Drug Administration to report to them and state lawmakers on whether imported drugs are safe and more economical. The Cabinet would be prohibited from creating a state drug importation program unless the FDA certifies the imports' safety and low-cost advantage.

We can expect the remaining weeks of this 2008 Regular Session to be primarily focused on writing a state budget for the next two years. The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee will begin drafting that legislation shortly with much input from all branches of government and individual citizens. The budget will likely be barebones, considering we are in a state budget crisis, but lawmakers hope to provide as much funding as possible for the state's most critical needs.

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

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THROUGH MY EYES

Deep breaths

Don't you just love those times when you're at work and your desk phone rings and one of your children say something to you like, "Mom, I was taking a shower and that big pump bottle of shampoo fell and hit the hot water knob and now I can't get the hot water to turn off?"

Yeah, me, too.

Oh? You don't follow what I'm talking about? You must be one of the lucky ones who have yet to experience the multiple "joys" of parenting.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

And, yes, that's sarcasm you're detecting there. Lots of it.

Yeah, that's the call I received just yesterday morning from dear daughter Elizabeth. We live in Paintsville, so there wasn't much I could do about the situation. They have yet to manufacture those nifty little saucers the Jetsons got around in to zip from here to there, you know, so I was faced with only a couple of limited choices.

One choice was to jump in my car and drive helter skeller to the

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Students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corp Center offered valuable assistance to the staff of the Floyd County Conservation District when they volunteered to help prepare young saplings for give-away to the community.

Working for the People

Conservation office sponsors tree give-away

In these dire economic times, service to people and communities seems to become less important than other activities in our busy lives. It is through these times, however, that we must come together and assist one other in our own ways and manners. We are very fortunate, in Floyd County, to have numerous agencies and personnel that live and work here in the county. These agencies and their staffpersons work together to bring the best service they can to the residents of Floyd County. This was demonstrated recently when the Floyd County Conservation District, the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, and the Kentucky Division of Forestry cooperatively worked together to prepare the trees for this year's annual tree give-away. Members of the Kentucky Division of Forestry were also present during the give-away to answer any questions residents may have had about the trees being presented to the community.

Mr. Picklesimer's class from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center worked with the staff of the Floyd County Conservation District to prepare the trees, purchased by the Conservation District, for the give-away. The hard work of the students was greatly appreciated and their community service will be remembered in the county, and by the District staff, for years to come. Floyd County Conservation District Office Manager/Technician Tony Grubb said, "It was an honor to work with the students and staff of the Job Corps Center and to meet and work with the residents of the county who came out to get trees to plant. The steps taken today will help

the generations to come tomorrow."

The students from Mr. Picklesimer's class that assisted in the tree give-away preparation are: Zachary Blessing, LaPrentice Dunn, Lawerance Givens, James Johnson, Brandon Maull, Richard Neff, Britney Pigford, Rashiem Porter, Richard Reed, Phillip Sauls, and Gary L. Winston.

If you are interested in finding out about other give-aways, FCCD programs, or other

such programs or activities, you may contact the Floyd County Conservation District at 889-9800 or email to: conserve@bellsouth.net.

The staff of the Floyd County Conservation District wishes to thank all who assist us year around for helping make our programs successful. Your involvement in planting the free trees, participation in our Art and Essay Writing contests and such, helps us to help you and the future of our county.



After sorting and separating approximately 500 young seedlings, the students securely wrapped the roots and placed the immature trees into water lined plastic bags to ensure their viability until planting.

DINNER DIVA
Spinach and greens

by LEANNE ELY

One of my very favorite green foods that can also double as a fast food is baby spinach. Not just any baby spinach, but organic fresh baby spinach lightly tossed into a clam shell plastic tub (keeps way better than those plastic bags!). I just love that spinach and use it constantly to up the ante on my nutritional profile.



Leanne Ely

But there are others out there! Take greens for example. I've talked about them before to you, especially my beloved kale, one of the healthiest foods you can possibly ingest.

Other greens like Swiss chard and collard greens, to name a few, are also some of the healthiest foods you can eat. Don't forget to add some broccoli to your shopping list for some serious cancer fighting power. All of these veggies contain liberal amounts of phytonutrients called lutein and

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FLY LADY

Join the parade

by MARLA CILLEY

We all love a parade but did you know that each day in your life is a parade? What is a parade, anyway? I will define it by where you stand. You can be in the parade, which means you put one step in front of the other and follow an assigned route through your town; or, you can be sitting or standing on the sidelines watching the parade pass you by.

You get to choose where you are in our little parade. To celebrate the month

of March, we are focusing on getting dressed to shoes and fixing your hair and face each morning in a marching band theme. Marching bands love to perform in a parade.

I was in marching band in high school. We practiced many hours in the sun to learn our routines. Oh, wow, I actually said it. We had "routines." We had warm-ups and we took breaks, too.

I will never forget my first summer in band. We went to band camp! Now let me tell you that I barely knew how to play my French horn but, when I had

to put playing and marching at the same time, I had two left feet! My band director taught me one important lesson that has stayed with me all these years - it was to "learn the steps first, then you will not have to think about two things at once." Once the steps are learned, your body will automatically do them and then your mind can focus on the music. Guess what? It worked then and it works now!

This is why we practice one habit at a time, because as we establish one habit, we can easily integrate the next lesson to that. We are not being mean to ourselves by piling on. This is what we have always done; make a big list of what we should do and expect our-

selves to follow that list to the letter. As you establish one habit at a time, you do not have to think. One foot goes in front of the other and before you know it, you are marching to the consistent beat of the peaceful rhythm of your day.

No longer are you rushing so fast that you can't breathe or don't know which way to go or the flip side - stopped dead in your tracks! Each step you have taken has prepared you for the next step and you are in the parade instead of sitting on the sidelines wishing to get organized!

To begin our parade, we have to get up and get dressed in our uniforms. In



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Family Medicine

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Reader should urge father to see doctor about chronic cough

Q I visited my parents recently and noticed that my dad coughed all the time. He never smoked, and I have never noticed this before. When I asked him about it, he said it didn't bother him. When I asked my mother about the cough, she said that she doesn't notice it much anymore. He hasn't been sick, running a fever or getting any worse. He doesn't think he needs to go to the doctor. Should he?

A Chronic cough is a very common cause of a trip to the doctor. The chronic cough, one lasting for several weeks, is a symptom of something else going on and is

not a disease itself. There are many things that can cause a chronic cough, and most of them are not serious but are quite treatable. Of course, cigarette smoking tops the list of causes for chronic coughs, but in your father's case, this does not apply.

Chronic drainage from the nasal sinuses - often called postnasal drip - can also cause a cough that lingers for quite a while, even year-round. Acid reflux, or GERD, causes fluids from the esophagus to collect in the throat and can lead to chronic throat clearing and cough. More serious problems, like bronchitis, asthma and pneumonia can cause prolonged coughing.

Some medicines, especially blood pressure medication, can cause a chronic cough.

A visit to the doctor can start the diagnostic process. Many times a chest X-ray is done. While it seldom tells you what is wrong, it often tells you what is not wrong. For instance, it can rule out a tumor or foreign body, as well as pneumonia. If your father complains of a lot of postnasal drip, his doctor may want to look at X-rays of the front part of his skull to see what is going on in the sinuses.

Sometimes the doctor will ask for an upper GI endoscopy if he or she suspects GERD. This is a test where the doctor inserts a fiberoptic tube through the mouth and down into the esophagus, stomach and duodenum. As sedatives are given, the procedure is easily tolerated by most patients.

The treatment of a chronic cough is aimed at treating the cause, so getting the problem diagnosed is really

important. Sinus problems are frequently treated with antihistamines and decongestants. There are several medications to decrease the symptoms of GERD - some neutralize stomach acid and others reduce the production of acid. Bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma also need to be diagnosed and treated with appropriate medications.

If your father's chronic cough is due to medication for high blood pressure, his doctor may be able to switch him to another drug. Fortunately, there are many classes of blood pressure medications that do not cause cough, and most people tolerate changes in blood pressure meds quite well.

Finally, I'd urge you to not let this go because inaction can lead to lifestyle changes and isolation. Many times the spouse is annoyed by the cough and won't even be in the same room as the cougher. Social occasions

can become embarrassing for the person with a chronic cough. And, the problem here is not just the chronic cough itself. In many people, chronic coughing can cause urinary incontinence, as well. So, please encourage your father to see his physician to get to the root of the problem.

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

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

*"Get Moving AMS" will meet on Mondays, beginning Feb. 25, for six weeks. Students may sign up in the Youth Services Center.

*March 11, and March 25 - Magic Me (weather permitting).

*March 8 - Fun Fair for New and Expectant Parents, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the MAC. Free to expecting parents or those with babies up to age 1. Informational workshops, exhibits, and door prizes.

*March 10 to 14 - Spring Book Fair.

*March 12 - The Wulfe Brothers will present "The Awesome 80s" at 10 a.m., in AMS Gym.

*March 14 - 4-H Camp promotion.

*March 27 - Dept. of Transportation will present a Hands On Student Simulation for 8th graders on the dangers of drinking and driving.

*April 10 - Give Yourself a Break Day, parent program.

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

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

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

Allen Central High School

*March 8 - ROTC trip (Morehead)

*March 10 - Balfour will be at school to take orders for class rings.

*March 11 - ACT test for Juniors.

*March 12 - SBDM, 4:30 p.m.

*March 15 - JROTC trip to Fort Knox.

*March 17 thru 21 - Spring Break.

*March 24 - Camp Nathaniel, 9:30 a.m.

*March 25 - ACT make-up exam.

*March 26 - ROTC formal inspection.

*March 27 - Open House

*March 29 - Military Ball

*Center hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

Sharon Collins, coordinator. Telephone 358-3048. Center provides services for all families regardless of income.

Allen Central Middle School

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

*March 8 - "Fun Fair for New and Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the MAC. For Floyd County expectant parents and parents of children up to 1 year old.

*March 11, 12 - Genetics presentation for 7th and 8th grades.

*March 26 - CPR training for 8th grade.

*March 29 - Last day for ACMS to receive Food City points for merchandise.

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

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

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

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

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

*Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator.

Duff Elementary

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

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

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

May Valley Elementary

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

*March 8 - Fun Fair for New and Expectant Parents, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*March 11 - VIP Parent meeting, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

*March 13 - Wulfe Brothers, 1 p.m.

*March 24, 25 - Quality Kids (personal hygiene program).

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

*Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include

Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

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

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

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

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

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

*MCA is an accredited non-denominational Christian school.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

*Now thru March 7 - Book Fair.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kindergarten, 6th grade exams, and well-child exams from birth to 18 years.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource & Youth Service Center

*March 11 - Wulfe Brothers, 1 p.m.

*March 13 - Parent Support Group meeting, 12:30 p.m.

*March 13 - Mark Comley Magic Show, 8:30 a.m.

*March 14 - Joe Washington, 9 a.m.

*March 26 - Parent Support Group meeting, 12:30 p.m.

*March 26 - Safety & First Aid program, 4th and 7th grades; presented by Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH.

*John M. Stumbo Elementary is currently registering students for Kindergarten. Parents/guardians may pick up packets in school office.

*Lost & Found located in the Family Resource Center. If your child has lost an item,

please contact us as soon as possible. Items left over two weeks become the property of the center and will be donated to charity.

*Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call the center at 587-2233 and ask for Anita Tackett, Center Coordinator or Joyce Blackburn, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne "Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

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

*March 8 - Fun Fair for New & Expectant Parents, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at MAC. Free for all Floyd County expectant parents and parents of babies up to 1 year in age.

*March 11 - The Wulfe Brothers, 9:30 a.m., in gym. Program is for all grade levels.

*March 17-21 - Spring Break.

*March 29 - 2008 Home & Garden Expo, at Jenny Wiley Convention Center, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info., call 886-2668.

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

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

*The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. Those wishing more information about the center are welcome to visit, or call. Ask for Cissy (center coordinator). Center telephone and fax: (606) 452-4553.

Wesley Christian School

*March 10 thru 14 - Scholastic Book Fair.

*March 11 - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.

*March 12 - Grand Day at the Book Fair beginning with Chapel Services at 10 a.m. Refreshments to follow.

*March 20 - Deadline for Yearbook orders.

*March 21 - No School - Good Friday.

*March 24-28 - No School - Spring Break.

*April 22 thru 25 - Stanford testing.

*May 1, 2, 8, 9 - WCS Aldersgate Camp Family Retreats, K-4 through 2nd grade on May 1, 2; 3rd grade through 7th grade on May 8, 9.

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

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

Big Sandy Community & Technical College Adult Education and GED

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

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

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6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

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Michael and Bernadean Collins, along with Eddie and Kimberly Hall, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Audrey D. Cox and Paul Justin "P.J." Hall. The couple will exchange vows of marriage on March 15, 2008, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Wheelwright Methodist Church, in Wheelwright. A dinner reception will follow at the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge. The gracious custom of an open church ceremony will be observed for this special occasion.

BRITHDAY



Happy Birthday!

Tony and Adam Branham will celebrate their 23rd birthdays on March 8, 2008. The brothers are the twin sons of Ellhouse and Laryl Branham, of Wheelwright.

Eyes

house to try to get that water turned off. Not really such a good choice. I ascertained, as I most likely wouldn't know what to do myself once I got there. Another choice, then, was to get on the phone and start making those "Please-help-me-my-children-have-done-it-again" calls. After about three, I finally got hold of my good neighbor, Ron, who promptly went over and turned the main valve off at my house. Thank goodness Ron happened to be home, else I might have gone home to find that my house had turned into a veritable swimming pool. Seeing as how the water was just going, wasted, down the drain, though, that most likely would not have happened. What would have been more likely - and probably

what I was most afraid of - was that I would have had a water bill that I'd have had to take a loan out for to pay. Thank you, Ron, for saving me, at least for now, from debtor's prison courtesy of Paintsville Utilities. Whew. Okay. So for now, the water is off. Now, I can, with a "clear" (cough, cough) mind, get my attention back to the work at hand of finishing up yet another Friday edition of this section. As I pen this column, I am thinking only of good thoughts to share with you, my devoted readers. No thoughts of "how in the world am I going to prepare dinner tonight without water in the kitchen sink"; no thoughts of "how in the world am I going to get ready for work tomorrow-

Diva

zeaxanthin, known for their cancer-fighting prowess. I know you know what broccoli looks like and I am betting you've cooked with it, too. It's the greens that mystify even the more experienced produce picker. To the uninitiated, they look like piles of weeds sitting in the produce department! Let's remedy that and get cooking with greens. Here are a quick five tips for choosing greens: 1—Go Green. Make sure you pick greens that are definitely green and not yellow, with nice healthy leaves. 2—Stem Search. Some greens, like kale, collards and chard have thicker stems that should be removed before cooking. Make sure however, when you're purchasing the thicker stemmed variety, that the stems are in good shape, not dried out, split and tough. 3—Sweet Smell. If the greens you are considering smell rather "strong," you might want to avoid them. They've probably been hanging around the produce department too long and need to be pitched.

4—Cold Storage. Greens are hearty and can take refrigeration for up to 5 days if they're left in their plastic bags and stored in the crisper. 5—Quick Prep. Get rid of big stems by tearing the leaves off one side and then off the other using your hands—a lot easier and faster than using a knife. Now that you know how to pick, store and prep them, let's cook with them! Here's a favorite soup recipe that gets its nutritional kick from kale—enjoy!

Crock Bean Soup with Kale
Serves 6
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 medium onions, chopped
1 medium carrot, chopped
3 cloves garlic, pressed
1 bunch kale, trimmed and sliced
1 pound cannellini beans, soaked overnight (you can also use white beans)
4 cups low sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup tomato sauce
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
Salt and pepper, to taste

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Two dramas delivered the goods this week but the other releases left a little something to be desired.

■ "Into the Wild" — A true account of one man's journey to self-discovery ends tragically in this deliberately paced story from actor/director Sean Penn. The film follows a young man who decides to chuck it all after college and promptly gives up his life savings before embarking on a

trip to Alaska. Along the way he meets several interesting people but Alaska proves to be a rugged landscape that doesn't show mercy to ill-informed newcomers. A sturdy cast grounds this well intentioned (though not entirely accurate account) and includes Hal Holbrook, Vince Vaughn, William Hurt and Marcia Gay Hardin.

■ "Things We Lost in the Fire" — This drama didn't win too many accolades but is a gripping tale that follows the efforts of a family and best

friend to come to term with a husband/father's death. Halle Berry has a good role here as the widow who takes in her husband's best friend (Benicio Del Toro). The pair help each other, and Berry's two children, come to terms with the death and the cast is well suited to their roles. Not flashy but well made.

■ "Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium" — Natalie Portman stars as the manager of the titular toy store which she inherits from the eccentric owner (overplayed

by Dustin Hoffman). The kids will have a good time here, but adults might want to have a book on hand as the kids settle in.

■ "Savage Planet" — The Sci-Fi Channel makes a lot of movies, but many turn out like this dud, unfortunately. Here you get a trip to the planet Oxygen (which looks like Earth to me) where the crew has to deal with space bears (which look just like earth bears). Dull and somewhat stupid.

Next week look for things to pick up with the release of "No Country for Old Men" and Jerry Seinfeld's "Bee Movie."

REMEMBERING DR. SEUSS

Dr. Seuss Day was recently celebrated at Prestonsburg Elementary School. The day consisted of many special activities including a breakfast menu of "Green Eggs and Ham."



Where's Santa?

Santa Claus made a stop at Toddler Town Daycare Center, located at Cow Creek, this past holiday season, to visit all the good little girls and boys and to ask them what they wanted to find underneath their trees on Christmas morning. The children were all very excited and enjoyed their visit with Santa. Call 874-4191 to inquire about Toddler Town Daycare.

Fly Lady

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order to do this, our uniforms have to be clean and laid out for us to jump into when we arise! Our shoes are part of that uniform. They give us support for the many steps we have to take during our daily parade route. And, we have to keep our "instruments" tuned up by eating good food, drinking water, and taking breaks. Have you ever stopped to think about how many steps you are making in your day? Put on your uniform, grab your timer and duster and let's march the FlyLady Way! Put on some Marching music and let's have some fun! Do you have an old pedometer hiding in a drawer somewhere? Get it out and put it on! For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net, listen to her http://www.blogtalkradio.com/flylady show or read her books, Sink Reflections, published by Bantam and her New York Times Best Selling book, Body Clutter, published by Fireside. Copyright 2008; Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.



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Lawsuit

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In June, a notice of non-compliance was issued along with a fine of \$2,500, and in October a final order for payment of the fine was demanded by EPPC. The current status of those proceedings could not be determined, as phone calls to officials with the cabinet were not immediately returned.

Of particular interest to residents are the possible health issues the dust could cause.

"That dust is in our furnace filters, which we're having to change more regularly," Branson added, "If it's airborne, we have to be breathing it in."

In the complaint, the plaintiffs state that the coal mining activities at the processing plant and coal tipples have both contaminated and polluted their residences.

According to the complaint, "The continuous coal

dust and noise emitted from the defendant's coal mining and processing operations, including the running of their coal trucks, have caused substantive and unreasonable interference and violation of the rights of the plaintiffs to enjoy, use and utilize their houses and properties."

Pillersdorf says in the complaint that several of the plaintiffs have respiratory health problems, which have been reportedly exacerbated by the coal operations taking place.

It is also alleged that the value of the plaintiffs' homes has diminished as a result of the processing plant.

The plaintiffs are seeking compensatory damages for the loss of value in their residences, as well as the loss of use of those residences, costs of repair, associated medical expense, and suffering damages. The plaintiffs also are asking for an assessment of punitive damages against the coal companies for their "reck-

less disregard of the plaintiffs' rights."

The plaintiffs now listed on the complaint include:

- Bonnie and Richard Crisp, Banner
- Mitchell and Mary Williams, Banner
- Gene and Norma Davis, Banner
- Angie Hall and Glenna Childers, Banner
- Kenneth and Liz Allen, Allen
- Daniel and Pat Branson, Allen
- Tony and Judy Childers, Allen
- Elsie Belle Conn, Allen
- Jackie Day and Rita Crisp, Allen
- Aaron and Patricia Derossset, Allen
- James Jr. and Wanda Harmon, Allen
- Geraldine Martin, Allen
- Belinda Martin, Allen
- Bill and Josephine Schlick, Allen
- Ruth Ramey, Allen
- Gertrude Bevins, Allen

- Jack and Daneque Howard, Allen
- John Goble, Allen
- Jeff and Heather Meade, Allen
- Edgar and Phyllis Craft, Allen
- Wendell and Alma Jean Patton, Allen
- Lloyd and Tommie Layne, Allen
- Roger and Vanessa McKinney, Allen
- Georgia Salisbury, Allen
- John and Minerva Pelphey, Allen
- Bobby and Kloria Osbourne, Allen
- Charlotte Reynolds, Allen
- Ova and Ruth Salyer, Allen
- Phillip and Alma Stumbo, Allen
- Brandon and Jamie

- Castle, Allen
- Ramon and Marie Childers, Allen
- Thomas and Margaret Holbrook, Allen
- Sherry Cline, Allen
- Larry and Mary Thompson, Allen
- Carl Sellards, Allen
- Tommy and Maudie May, Allen
- Melissa Anderson, Allen
- Beatrice Branham, Allen
- Charles Lemaster, Allen
- Scotty and Amy Jarvis, Allen
- James and Eileen Banks, Allen
- Christina Compton, Allen
- Colleen Compton, Allen

A legal complaint is not a determination of guilt, and only presents the plaintiffs' side of the case.

Yard sale

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officials from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Greenup, Boyd, Lawrence and Letcher counties to give details about the event.

"This is an opportunity to show who we are, and what we have to offer," Runyon said, adding that yard sale events like this draw people from all over. "Some people schedule their vacations around yard sale events."

Runyon said people visiting the area for the yard sale will learn something new about Eastern Kentucky, whether that was their intention or not.

U.S. 23 has a unique history of country music legends who grew up along the highway with a list that includes Loretta Lynn, Crystal Gayle, Tom T. Hall, Billy Ray Cyrus, Ricky Skaggs, Dwight Yoakam, Hylo Brown, Patty Loveless, Gary Stewart and The Judds. The highway was immortalized in Yoakam's 1987 "Readin', Rightin', Rt. 23."

In 1994, District 97 state Rep. Hubert Collins introduced a resolution to designate U.S. 23 as the "U.S. 23 Country Music Highway." The Kentucky General Assembly passed the measure and markers were placed at each county line in honor of all the favorite sons and daughters of the region.

Fred James, executive director of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission, who explained that the yard sale focuses on the region and not individual counties.

"U.S. 23 Country Music Highway is something unique, and something in which people in this region can be proud," said James. "What other 200-mile stretch of U.S. highway can claim the kind of star power as U.S. 23?"

James said that visitors to the event will contribute to the economy of a region, which already accounts for over \$300 million in annual tourism expenditures.

According to tourism agencies, U.S. 23 is one of three National Scenic byways in Kentucky and visitors on the highway have much to experience, including two state resort parks, one interstate resort park, three state parks, the largest elk herd east of the Mississippi River and the deepest canyon south of Niagara.

James noted that vendors and those participating in the yard sale are not permitted to set up on any portion of state right-of-way.

James also stressed the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale is designed to market the region for tourism, and that he hopes residents, business owners and those planning to participate in the yard sale will "welcome visitors to your neighborhood with a friendly taste of mountain hospitality."

Floyd County residents with questions regarding the yard sale should contact the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission. The phone number is (606) 886-1341.

Court

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Wednesday morning were Summer Ousley, Adams Middle School; Holly Donohoe, Allen Elementary School (third-place winner); Braxton Burke, Allen Central Middle School; Andrea Akers, Betsy Layne Elementary School (second-place winner); Kaylee Stumbo, Duff Elementary School; Jordan Pack, May Valley Elementary School; Coleman Giese, McDowell Elementary School; Swathi Gutti (first-place winner), Mountain Christian Academy; Audrey

Caudill, Osborne Elementary School; Tate Greene, Prestonsburg Elementary School; Josh Akers, South Floyd Middle School; and Liz Farley, John M. Stumbo Elementary School.

The competition, held for grades 4 thru 8, was held for the first time on the BSCTC campus. The winner will now advance to state level competition.

A student of Ms. Cindy Hall, at MCA, Gutti is the daughter of Drs. Sai and Sujata Gutti, of Pikeville.

Open house

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"We look at the individual's overall business plan as the focus of our decision and then lien against the money borrowed," said Graden. "This is a great way to give someone a chance to start their dream."

Graden added that construction assistance is available through volunteerism as a way of trying to give business owners every opportunity to

succeed. Board members and the manager will be present to answer any questions, and literature on current and upcoming programs will be available.

Questions about the Prestonsburg Renaissance or current and future Main Street programs should be directed to Brent Graden at (606) 886-2335.

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Pikeville eliminates Lady Rebels

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Pikeville owned the fourth quarter Tuesday night in a 15th Region Tournament opening round matchup versus Allen Central. The Lady Panthers, under the guidance of former Allen Central head coach Cindy Stuart, scored 19 of the game's last 24 points en route to a hard-fought 57-46 win at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Pikeville outscored Allen Central 19-5 in the final quarter.

The Lady Panthers outrebounded Allen Central 36-20. Pikeville hauled in 15 offensive rebounds.

Pikeville outscored Allen Central 18-15 in the first quarter. The Lady Rebels, however, owned an advantage at the conclusion of each

of the next two quarters. Allen Central took a 30-29 lead into halftime and edged the Lady Panthers 11-9 in the third quarter. But Pikeville's fourth quarter run sent the higher seeded team over the top for the win.

Christina Johnson led Pikeville with a double-double of 19 points and 15 rebounds. Anna Sanders provided 17 points, three assists, three steals and nine rebounds for the Lady Panthers. Sanders pulled down six offensive boards. Sarah Davis added 11 points for the Lady Panthers.

Pikeville improved to 18-9 after claiming the win.

Sara Johnson paced Allen Central with a game-high 20 points. Amber Shepherd added 15 points and Brandi Brown netted 10 for the Lady Rebels. Allen Central struggled in the second half, connecting on only five-of-20

field goal attempts.

Allen Central ended the season 8-18.

Pikeville (18-9) will face Pike Central in today's second semifinal matchup. The Lady Hawks edged Paintsville 62-60 in the opening round. Kayla Lowe led defending region champion Pike County Central with a game-high 24 points

15TH REGION TOURNAMENT

AT EAST KENTUCKY EXPO CENTER

PIKEVILLE 57, ALLEN CENTRAL 46

ALLEN CENTRAL (8-18) — Sarah Johnson 20, hepherd 15, Brown 10, Kim Bilter 1.

PIKEVILLE (18-9) — Johnson 19, Sanders 17, Davis 11, Shull 6, Maynard 2, Cecil 2.

Allen Central.....15 15 11 5-46

Pikeville.....18 11 9 19-57



photo by Jamie Howell

Allen Central's Brandi Brown (15) awaited a free throw attempt during the regional tournament opening round game versus Pikeville.

Tournament time is tops for area teams, fans

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Here's the thing about the regional tournament: It doesn't matter if you've seen every game your team has played all year or if — like me — you're in your maiden voyage for high school basketball for the year.

If you go, odds are good you'll enjoy yourself.

You see, it's pretty simple: A good time is easily had at the regional tournament. It's not about who wins or who doesn't. That plays into it very little.

It's all about atmosphere.

Wednesday night, for example, I was fortunate enough to be seated directly in front of the Johnson Central student section. And I can tell you, the education system in Johnson County is working well.

Apparently the focus this year has been on vowels, and it's paying off: The student section was quite enthusiastic about showing off their new skills, and nearly have learned all five vowels. "E-I-E-I-O" they chanted. They chanted it early. They chanted it often. And, allow me to assure you, they were chanting it quite vociferously.

Also, some teacher has focused on spelling, and the entire section can now properly spell the school's name. It's true. If you don't believe me, show up Monday night. They'll show you. I promise.

It's good to see students proud of what they've learned.

I joke about it, but I love being in the midst of it. And I'll tell you this: I hope we can get that kind of enthusiasm this weekend when the college kids roll into the Expo Center. This has been fun to watch, and I know if fans will come out this weekend they'll enjoy watching the older guys, too.

Besides, how many times does the No. 1 team in the entire country come to town with the chance to play multiple games? Or, the chance to play your own home team on a Sunday night?

Seriously, going to the tournament without a favorite team is the way to go. Because of that, I could enjoy the show put on by Allen Central senior Aaron Crum, who was 5-of-7 from the arc in his team's overtime loss. He got help from sophomore Logan Crowder, who led his team in

(See TIME, page two)



photo by Stephanie Conn

Logan Crowder (30) attempted a field goal against Johnson Central in a 15th Region Tournament opening round game.

Rebels fall short in regional tourney

In OT, Johnson Central prevails over AC, 72-66

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PIKEVILLE – The opening game of the 2008 15th Region Tournament was expected to be one of the most evenly matched contests of the first round. Allen Central took on Johnson Central with a spot in the semifinals at stake. Allen Central was hoping to continue its streak of playing well in the second half of games, but on this night the second half would prove

to be a downfall for the Runnin' Rebels season. Hot shooting in the first half led to a 10-point lead for the Rebels midway through the second quarter. Tough defensive pressure from Johnson Central, however, turned a 60-percent three-point shooting first half into a 27-percent second half for the Rebels. Johnson Central forward Ian Welch led all scorers with a game high 25 points. Allen Central took a 14-11 lead after one quarter and stretched the advantage to 10 after Aaron Crum's fourth three-point basket in the first half. Johnson Central trailed 37-31 at the half before outscoring Allen Central 15-12 in the third quarter to cut the lead to 49-

46 after three quarters. A 10-7 advantage for the Eagles in the fourth quarter sent the game to overtime. Logan Crowder tossed in 22 points for Allen Central in the loss. The Golden Eagles outscored Allen Central 16-10 in the overtime to come away with a 72-66 win.

Crum finished with 19 points for Allen Central. Hunter Crowder added 12 points for the Rebels. Alex Hammonds finished his career as a Rebel with eight points in the season-ending game. Josh Prater flipped in three points for the Rebels.

Clinton Turner rounded out the Allen Central scoring with two points.

Mike Conley tossed in 12 points for the winning

team. Cody Parker came in off of the bench with nine points for the Golden Eagles.

Johnson Central shot 50-percent in the tournament game on a 30-of-60 shooting effort.

Allen Central finished the game at 49-percent shooting from the field. Free Throw shooting hurt the Rebels. Allen Central hit only 38-percent (7-of-18) of its charity shots.

The Rebels ended the season 21-9.

Johnson Central advanced on into the tournament semifinals and a matchup versus East Ridge, a 56-54 first round winner over Phelps.

Miners headed to CBA Playoffs

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE – The East Kentucky Miners are headed to the postseason as part of their inaugural campaign. East Kentucky is CBA Playoffs bound. The Miners have earned a trip to the postseason after locking up the third seed in the American Conference. East Kentucky has enjoyed the support of a passionate fanbase throughout its debut season. The Miners will begin their postseason trek on Monday, March 11 in Pittsburgh at the Petersen Events Center versus the host Xplosion. East Kentucky basketball fans who cannot

travel to Pittsburgh to support the Miners in their game against the Xplosion can follow the East Kentucky professional basketball team online via webcast at www.ekminers.com.

A win over Pittsburgh would put the Miners back at home at the East Kentucky Expo Center for a home postseason game versus American Conference frontrunner Minot on Thursday, March 13. East Kentucky would meet Minot in a best two-of-three series.

Tickets for the East Kentucky-Minot game would go on sale Wednesday morning, March 12.

Tickets would be available for purchase at the East Kentucky Expo Center Box Office.

Miners season ticket holders would be able to purchase their seats for the playoff game at a 20-percent discount up until noon on Thursday, March 13. After noon on Thursday, March 13, all season seats not purchased at the box office, or reserved by calling the box office at 606-444-5500 or emailing Kelly@eastkyexpo.com, would be released to the public. Sponsorship packages will be available for the playoff game. For sponsorship information, contact the Miners office by calling 606/437-9715.

Lady Patriots out Wolfe

TIMES STAFF REPORT

STANTON – The Knott County Central Lady Patriots started play in the 14th Region Tournament on a successful note Monday night, defeating Wolfe County 77-37.

Knott County Central opened the game on a 25-6 run. The Lady Patriots carried the 25-6 lead out of the initial period and cruised into halftime out in front 48-12.

Megan Mosley and Shandra Thomas paced Knott County Central with 12 points apiece.

Knott County Central was out in front 67-25 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Patriots held Wolfe County to six points in each of the first two quarters. Knott County Central's dominating first half performance proved to be too much for the Lady Wolves to overcome.

Kayla Spencer scored a team-best 18 points for Wolfe County.

In another 14th Region Tournament opening round game, Powell County held off Leslie County, defeating the Lady Eagles 71-56.

Kendra McFarland led Powell County with 20 points. Stevie Rogers added 15 points for the Lady Pirates.

Hillary Moore led Leslie County with a game-high 24 points.

Leslie County ended the season 14-15.

Lady Cats turn back Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE – Betsy Layne earned one of four spots in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals thanks to a win Monday night. The Lady Cats shot extremely well from the outside in a tournament opener at the East Kentucky Expo Center versus Belfry. Betsy Layne hit nine three-point field goals en route to a 71-56 win over the Lady Pirates. The Lady Cats were nine-of-14 from behind the 3-point line.

Megan Hamilton led the Lady Cats with 24 points. Hamilton drained four-of-six shots from 3-point range.

Taylor Hott added 18 points and six assists for the Lady Cats. Kaitlin Lawson contributed 14 points for Betsy Layne in the opening round contest.

Betsy Layne stayed out in front of

Belfry. The Lady Cats outscored Belfry 20-11 in the first quarter and carried a 36-24 lead into the break.

Betsy Layne doubled up Belfry 24-12 in the third quarter.

Belfry ended the season 15-14.

Megan Hamilton led the Lady Cats with 24 points. Hamilton drained four-of-six shots from three-point range.

Freshman guard Taylor Hott added 18 points and six assists for the Lady Cats. Kaitlin Lawson added 14 points for Betsy Layne in the opening round contest.

Shae Deskins led Belfry with a game-high 26 points. Deskins scored her 2,000th career point in the fourth quarter. Merissa Pruitt added a near double-double of 16 points and nine rebounds for the Lady Pirates.

Betsy Layne (18-9) advanced to today's semifinal round and a matchup

versus Johnson Central. The Lady Eagles rolled past Shelby Valley in another tournament tilt. Ashley Young scored 13 points and Celena Conley added 11 as the Lady Eagles won 65-35. Johnson Central improved to 23-6 after posting the win.

Shelby Valley ended the season 19-11.

15TH REGION TOURNAMENT
AT EAST KENTUCKY EXPO CENTER

BETSY LAYNE 71, BELFRY 56

BELFRY (15-14) – Deskins 26, Pruitt 16, Staten 6, McCoy 4, Howard 3, Woolum 1.

BETSY LAYNE (18-9) – Hamilton 24, Hott 18, Lawson 14, Martin 9, Flanery 4, Meade 2.

Belfry.....11 13 12 20-56

Betsy Layne.....20 16 24 11-71



TAYLOR HOTT (5)

National City/KHSAA Sweet 16 scholarship award winners announced

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Following are the 2008 winners of the National City Sweet 16 scholarships. As part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16, National City will present each with a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. Each winner, along with his/her family, will be invited to attend a reception Saturday, March 22 from 5-7 p.m. at the UK Basketball Museum prior to the championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament. In addition, winners will be recognized during halftime of the contest. Media outlets are invited to the reception.

Region 1 — Mcagan Pickett (Ballard Memorial), Travis Spiceland (Marshall County); Region 2 — Angel Williams (Webster County), C.J. Croft (Fort Campbell); Region 3 — Carrie Himmelhaver (Breckinridge County), Nicholas Hoffman (Owensboro); Region 4 — Ashley Edwards (Russellville), Dustin Stovall (Allen Co.-Scottsville); Region 5 — Madelynn Ringo (Bethlehem), Justin Pile (Nelson County); Region 6 — Brittany Luster (Bullitt Central), Jeff Mullaney (DeSales); Region 7 — Meredith Doll (Assumption), Josh Nicholas (Eastern); Region 8 — Stacey Corry (Trimble County), Cody Lasseigne (South Oldham); Region 9 — Courtney Crank (Boone County), Brian Hamilton (Villa Madonna); Region 10 — Jenny Moran (Calvary Christian), Wylie Brace (Mason County); Region 11 — Sarah Tandy (Lafayette) Chris Morford (Woodford County); Region 12 — Jesslyn Long (Lincoln County), Kenneth Hughes (Somerset); Region 13 — Melanic Uy (Middlesboro), Jared Jeffrey (Pineville); Region 14 — Arielle Engle (Hazard), Corey Davidson (Jackson City); Region 15 — Kathryn King (Johnson Central), Jeremy Pack (Paintsville); Region 16 — Tori Smith (Ashland Blazer), Nathan Miles (Rowan County).

This is the fifth year National City has awarded scholarships during which time \$144,000 in scholarships have been awarded to 160 individuals.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS THIS WEEK: The roads to Diddle Arena in

Bowling Green and Rupp Arena in Lexington are a little shorter this week as regional tournament play begins Monday. Regional action is slated for March 3-8 (girls) and March 3-11 (boys). Regional brackets are posted on the R i h e r d ' s / K H S A A Scoreboard.

BASKETBALL TICKETS: Tickets to the 2008 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until today (March 7).

Tickets to the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament are now on sale only through ticketmaster.com and the Rupp Arena Box Office. Both all sessions and single session tickets are available.

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Wednesday, March 5
13th Region
 Corbin 54, Southwestern 36
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14th Region
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 East Ridge 56, Phelps 54
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McLeish named CBA American Conference Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — East Kentucky Miners guard Jason McLeish has been rewarded for his stellar play. McLeish, a first-year CBA player who was a standout guard at Eastern Kentucky University, claimed the CBA American Conference Player of the Week award for the week ending March 2. The EKU product earned the CBA award for the first time in his career, joining East Kentucky teammates James "Boo" Jackson and Josh Pace as 2007-08 season player of the week honorees.

"Jason (McLeish) definitely earned the player of the week award," said East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley. "He has worked hard throughout the season. Coming into the season, Jason was a player we knew could become a leader for our basketball team."

In three East Kentucky wins last week, McLeish scored 75 points and dished off 31 assists. McLeish helped the Miners to a trio of wins, including a pair of victories over Oklahoma.

One of the league's top point guards, McLeish is currently averaging 15.7 points per game. The East Kentucky guard has dished out 179 assists (4.3 per game average) and recorded 71 steals.

McLeish (Queens, N.Y.) averaged 17.8 points per game as a senior at Eastern Kentucky University. The New York native led EKU to the 2006 NCAA Tournament.

Other players under consideration for the CBA American Conference Player of the Week award included Ronnie Fields, Minot; Ray Cunningham, Minot; and Jason Williams, Albany.

Rio Grande Valley forward Gordon Klaiber earned the CBA National Conference Player of the Week award for the week ending March 2. Klaiber was also a first-time honoree.

Other players under consideration for the award included Harvey Thomas, Yakama; Jibril Hodges, Butte; and Curtis Haywood, Oklahoma.



East Kentucky Point Guard Jason McLeish



Carter Caves State Resort Park to host family outdoors skills workshop April 4-6

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OLIVE HILL — A weekend workshop aimed at teaching outdoor skills to adults and kids will be coming to Carter Caves State Resort Park, April 4-6. The deadline to register is March 20.

As an extension of the Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program (BOW), which is geared to adult women who want to learn more about fishing, boating, shooting, hunting and other wildlife-related activities, this special off-shoot event will also offer classes designed for children ages 8 to 17, along with adult women or men. Often families enjoy doing things in the outdoors together, and this workshop has been structured to teach the basics of many activities with families in mind.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Kentucky Department of Parks are co-sponsoring this event. Classes will include archery, fishing, caving, hiking, campfire cooking, wildlife identification, falconry, firearms safety, canoeing, horseback riding and others. Experienced instructors teach these sessions with beginners in mind.

The Family BOW Workshop begins with check-in at 5 p.m. Friday, April 4, followed by dinner and a group tour of Cascade Cave, one of the largest in

Carter County. There are two additional class sessions on Saturday and the final session Sunday morning. On Saturday afternoon, the Kentucky National Guard will be on hand with its "climbing wall" for participants to try their hand at simulated rock climbing.

"We think this is a really good line-up of class choices for adults and children alike," said Beth Spivey-Minch, volunteer BOW Program Coordinator for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

"Whether you attend with youngsters or come on your own, you will get a chance to get your feet wet with some hands-on learning about the basics of all those things people talk about doing outdoors that you'd like to try, too, but just haven't had the right opportunity," she said.

Registration is \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids. Some classes may have additional fees for special materials. Registration does not include meals and lodging at Carter Caves State Park. A late fee of \$25 will be charged to each person registering after the March 20 deadline.

For more information and a registration form, visit the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. You may also register by telephone by calling the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife information center at 1-800-858-1549. Credit cards are accepted.



photo by Jamie Howell

MARK MARTIN guided the Allen Central Lady Rebels back into the 15th Region Tournament.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Megan Hamilton, Betsy Layne Girls' Basketball

Aaron Crum, Allen Central Boys' Basketball

Time

scoring with 22 points.

But Johnson Central got 21 points off its bench, and Allen Central got two. One field goal, coming from Clinton Turner, and it came late in the overtime period.

As a result, Johnson won the battle of the Centrals 72-66 in overtime.

During Monday night's girls' action, we were a little surprised with the crowd. It is possible that was the smallest gathering since the tournament moved into the Expo Center three years ago.

It's too bad, too, because there was some good play that night. Johnson Central came out ready to roll and Shelby Valley was just helpless to respond. I was surprised, to be honest, at how Betsy Layne charged out of the gate against Belfry. By the time I looked up it was 12-0 and the Floyd County champ was rolling.

Honestly, the tournament came at a good time for me. If you walk into my office you'll see a small wooden display. It's a football on a stand with the logo of the Green Bay Packers.

I became a fan of the Pack kind of by accident. I persuaded my nephew Josh to be a Pack fan to keep him from the humiliation of being a Chicago

Bears' fan a few years back, and to show my loyalty to him, I started following them too.

All week folks have been arguing about where Brett Favre ranks on the list of the top quarterbacks ever. That can be debated, to be sure. The fact is regardless of where you have him on your list, nobody's going to change your mind.

What isn't up for debate, at least in my estimation, is this: He's the most exciting player in the history of the game. He may win or he may lose, but if the Packers are on, you're probably going to watch.

He may throw six touchdowns or five interceptions, but either way, you'll be locked on him.

And another thing I've never heard anyone say is they don't like the guy. He may not quarterback your team, but everybody seems to like and respect him.

I have a cousin who has gotten to know him a little, and he says Favre is the most down-to-earth player in the league. Once he shared a flight with him coming back from a game and said he didn't realize until they landed that Favre had been sitting right beside him the entire way.

So all this basketball has kept me from being totally depressed this week, or getting unbelievably tired of hearing about it every time I turned on the television.

And on Wednesday night, it ended with a bang. I came in wanting to watch Michael Rowe of East Ridge and Charlie Hunt of Phelps, and I got a nice show from both. Rowe, who edged out Paintsville's Shane Grimm to lead the entire state in shooting percentage, did not disappoint as he sank all but one of his seven shots to finish with 13 and Hunt, whose ability to play is simply miraculous, finished with nine.

But Phelps got a huge show from Dillon Stiltner, who I've been told is a phenomenal pitcher, as he finished with 25 thanks to 4-of-5 shooting from the arc.

And in the end, Corey Fields, who'd made only one of his previous nine shots, sank a jumper from the left elbow with a couple of seconds left to give East Ridge a 56-54 win.

At the Expo Center this weekend, it's wall-to-wall basketball.

It doesn't get any better than this.

Dick's Sporting Goods, Little League team up

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

PITTSBURGH — As the baseball and softball seasons get underway, Dick's Sporting Goods is pleased to announce that it is now the Official Sporting Goods Retailer of Little League Baseball and Softball. This sponsorship will give Dick's Sporting Goods the ability to work directly with leagues and coaches in a number of ways, including discount coupons for all Little League teams, equipment donations and a variety of in-store events, such as player registrations and instructional clinics.

"With its long history of giving children the opportunity to learn important life lessons, have fun and be active, Little League exemplifies everything that's great about sports," said Jeffrey R. Hennion, Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer of Dick's Sporting Goods. "We're proud to partner with such a fine organization and their outstanding efforts on and off the field."

"Dick's Sporting Goods represents our first retail sporting goods sponsor," said Stephen D. Keener, President and Chief Executive Officer of Little League Baseball and Softball.

"We are pleased to be working with them in order to provide added opportunities to our leagues and players, while helping us maintain the lowest league affiliation fee as possible. This partnership with Dick's Sporting Goods is an excellent fit for local Little Leagues and the millions of families they serve."

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SPORTS FAN OF THE WEEK



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Smith, Lofton lead No. 4 Tennessee to SEC championship

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since Tennessee beat Memphis and moved to No. 1 for the first time in school history the Volunteers have played three straight three-point games.

They lost 72-69 to Vanderbilt in their first game as a top-ranked team early last week and then beat Kentucky 63-60 on Sunday.

After dropping to fourth in the rankings, Tennessee had another close one Wednesday night, beating Florida 89-86 to set a school record with its 27th victory and clinch its first Southeastern Conference regular-season title since 1967.

"You hate to equate it to what's bigger, but it's clearly one of the biggest wins of the last three years," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "To win it outright against the competition we're facing is special."

"I hope everyone back home is celebrating. You have to respect the competition to appreciate how difficult it was for us to do this on a night Florida played great basketball."

JaJuan Smith scored 23 points and Chris Lofton added 21 for the Volunteers (27-3, 13-2), who trailed by 16 points in the first half.

But Tennessee turned to Smith

and Lofton down the stretch, and they delivered. The duo combined to shoot 15-of-26 from the field, including 8-of-15 from 3-point range.

"Those two guys, they do it every single game," Gators coach Billy Donovan said. "It's a special and unique quality that they have to really be able to make extremely difficult shots and I thought that was the difference in the game in the second half."

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was: No. 2 Memphis 72, SMU 55; No. 6 Duke 86, Virginia 70; No. 10 Wisconsin 77, Penn State 41; No. 16 Vanderbilt 86, Mississippi State 85 in overtime; No. 18 Indiana 69, Minnesota 55; and No. 19 Notre Dame 68, St. John's 55.

The Gators (21-9, 8-7) made their first nine shots, were ahead 35-19 midway through the first half and looked like they might get their biggest win of the season.

"I'm starting to think Coach Pearl is a genius," Smith said. "I just figured it out. He told us before the game that Florida was going to come out hot. ... He told us, 'Handle it. They're not going to keep shooting the ball that well.'"

Lofton and Smith started shooting

well late, especially from long range.

Lofton's first 3, a wide-open shot from the elbow, made it 63-58. His second, an off-balance shot with a defender in his face, got it to 69-68 and started a 14-0 run.

Smith's two 3s were equally impressive. After he gave the Volunteers their first lead of the game, 70-69, with a layup, he hit 3s on consecutive possessions.

Nick Calathes had 24 points and nine assists for Florida, which had two chances to tie at the end of the game.

The two-time defending national champions have lost six of their last nine and might need to win the SEC tournament to make their 10th consecutive NCAA tournament.

No. 2 Memphis 72, SMU 55; Derrick Rose scored 19 points and Chris Douglas-Roberts added 18 as the Tigers (29-1, 15-0 Conference USA) extended their road winning streak to 18 games and finished unbeaten on the road for the first time since 1960-61, going 10-0.

Jon Killen had 16 points for the Mustangs (9-19, 3-12).

No. 6 Duke 86, Virginia 70; Gerald Henderson scored 19 points to lead five Blue Devils in double figures and set up Saturday's show-

down between Duke and top-ranked North Carolina for the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championship.

Sean Singletary had 18 points for the Cavaliers (14-14, 4-11), who were playing their third game in five days.

No. 10 Wisconsin 77, Penn St. 41; Marcus Landry scored 15 points for the Badgers (25-4, 15-2), who clinched at least a share of the Big Ten regular-season championship. They finish the season at Northwestern on Saturday and a victory would give them the outright championship.

Taylor Battle had 10 points for the visiting Nittany Lions (14-15, 6-11).

No. 16 Vanderbilt 86, Mississippi St. 85, OT; Shan Foster, Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer, had a career-high 42 points and hit his final nine 3-point attempts, the last with 2.7 seconds left in overtime. Foster, who missed his first six 3-point attempts, scored Vanderbilt's final eight points. The Senior Night victory allowed the Commodores (25-5, 10-5 Southeastern Conference) to finish 19-0 at home this season.

Jamont Gordon had 24 points for the Bulldogs (20-9, 11-4), who had

a three-game winning streak snapped.

No. 18 Indiana 69, Minnesota 55; Eric Gordon scored nine of his 20 points during a decisive late run and D.J. White had 17 points in his final home game for the Hoosiers (25-5, 14-3). Indiana, which has won 25 regular-season games for the first time since 1992-93, is tied for second in the conference with Purdue, one game behind Wisconsin.

Lawrence McKenzie had 22 points for the Gophers (18-11, 8-9).

No. 19 Notre Dame 68, St. John's 55; Luke Harangody scored 20 points and the Fighting Irish (23-6, 13-4) became the first Big East team to go undefeated at home in conference play in consecutive seasons. Notre Dame extended its Big East home winning streak to 18 games, two shy of the league record set by Pittsburgh over three seasons, ending in 2004. The Irish extended their overall home winning streak to 37 games, one shy of the school record set from 1943-48.

Anthony Mason Jr. had 16 points for the Red Storm (31-18, 5-12), who dropped their 22nd straight road game to a ranked team dating to 2002.

Kentucky continues late-season charge

Crawford's career-best 35 points leads Kentucky to 71-63 conference victory

by PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Joe Crawford used to think, like nearly every Kentucky fan, that the NCAA tournament was the annual conclusion for Wildcat basketball. This season has taught him differently.

Crawford had a career-high 35 points and helped Kentucky (17-11, 11-5 Southeastern Conference) continue its late charge to the NCAAs with a 71-63 victory over South Carolina on Wednesday night.

The NCAAs "means a lot more than it did the previous years," said Crawford, a senior. "The way we started, it seemed like there wasn't a chance for us. People were doubting us."

It was close to a Bluegrass State of emergency when the Wildcats opened 7-9 under first-year coach Billy Gillispie.

"I heard comments like the season was over," Crawford said.

Instead, they have won 10 of their last 12 and are suddenly back in the NCAA tournament picture.

Crawford's big reason why. He came in averaging 16.5 points and nearly matched that in the opening half against South Carolina (13-16, 5-10). His long-distance 3-pointer — from nearly 30 feet — had Kentucky up 52-36, a lead that would hold up despite a late run from the Gamecocks.

"We're hoping that it's enough, that it's enough to put us in," Bradley said. "We've been working our butts off and they should acknowledge that."

The win spoiled the final home game for South Carolina's retiring coach Dave Odom.

Kentucky seemed to have things locked up with about 10 minutes left. Crawford hit two straight 3-pointers and followed with a jumper. When Ramel Bradley hit two foul shots with 9:09 left, the Wildcats were ahead 56-40.

The Gamecocks rallied to tighten things up. Brandis Raley-Ross and Zam Fredrick had 3s as

South Carolina used a 17-6 run to trail 62-57 with 3:52 remaining.

But Bradley hit a 3-pointer that bounced high off the rim and hit the backboard before falling through. Then he broke free for a layup to restore control for Kentucky.

Bradley added 20 points for the Wildcats.

Crawford surpassed his previous career best of 32 set in November against Texas Southern.

Fredrick led the way for the Gamecocks with 19 points. South Carolina's leading scorer, Devan Downey was held to nine points, 10 fewer than his average.

Gillispie praised his team's character for working so hard over the past few weeks.

"These guys amaze me, kind of," Gillispie said. "They're so tough and they're so close. Just a huge win for us."

Gillispie said it should be hard for anyone to ignore what the Wildcats have done in the SEC. If other games break right for Kentucky, Gillispie points out a win Sunday at home over Florida could give his team a share of the SEC title.

South Carolina can still end

up tied for last place in the SEC East if the Gamecocks lose to Tennessee this weekend and Georgia beats Mississippi.

Before the game, South Carolina honored Odom, who announced in January he would retire at season's end. Odom's wife, Lynn, his family and Terry Holland, his former boss at Virginia, joined the coach on court for a two-minute video tribute.

Afterward, the crowd at the Carolina Coliseum gave the seven-year coach a standing ovation. Two fans held up a simple sign, "Thanks Dave."

Odom said he felt the adrenaline at the end as South Carolina went on a 17-6 run to trail by just five points in the final few minutes. "In the end, it was too much Joe Crawford and too much Ramel Bradley," Odom said.

The emotion of his retirement hit him at the end in seeing faces he's looked at for the past seven seasons, Odom said. But, he said, "We've got a practice on Friday. We've got a practice on Saturday and we've got a great opportunity" at No. 4 Tennessee on Sunday to close the regular season.



ALLEN CENTRAL JUNIOR JOSH PRATER lofted a jump shot during Wednesday's regional tournament game versus Johnson Central.

Eagles fall to Tennessee State in OVC tourney opening round game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University men's basketball team posted a late run but fell short to Tennessee State 68-61 in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament Tuesday at Johnson Arena. Senior Jamyron Steward led the Eagles with 18 points, and fellow senior Nikola Stojakovic totaled 11 assists in their final appearances as Eagle athletes.

"Those two guys (Steward and Stojakovic) have been special young men for the past two years," said MSU coach Donnie Tyndall. "I'll miss those guys. They gave everything they had every day for two years. It's going to be very difficult to replace these two young men."

Morehead State finished the season with a 15-15 record and finished in third place in the OVC. The Tigers improved to 14-16 and moved on to the OVC Tournament semifinals at Nashville's Municipal Auditorium Friday.

Steward led the Eagles from behind the arc, hitting four of seven three-pointers against TSU, including a three-ball with 11:51 left in the game to pull the Eagles within two, 47-45.

"Every time we got it within one, two or three, (Jerrrell) Houston made tough shot after tough shot," said MSU head coach Donnie Tyndall. "I thought our effort level was fine and our energy level was fine, we just

turned it over too much."

MSU started a late run with 8:17 left in the game when sophomore Mave Stallworth nailed a layup to cut the TSU lead to 54-47. Stallworth then cut the deficit to three at the 7:38 mark when he hit two free throws.

The Eagles committed 19 turnovers to the Tigers 16. TSU capitalized on the Eagle turnovers, scoring 22 points off turnovers. Bruce Price led the way for the Tigers with 22 points. Houston scored 16 and was 7-for-10 from the floor. Gerald Robinson posted 13 points, and LaDarius Weaver netted 11.

The Eagles also got double figure scoring games from freshman Kenneth Faried (14), junior Leon Buchanan (12) and Stallworth (10). Buchanan pulled down eight rebounds, and Faried had seven. The Eagles held a 27-24 lead on the glass.

"We have a good group of guys, they're hard workers and character young men," said Tyndall. "We've said it before, it's a building process and we certainly didn't want it to end tonight, but we're just in year two. It takes four or five years to really get your program in place."

The Tigers took a 4-2 lead at the 17:27 mark of the first half on a Price layup and never relinquished the lead. MSU crawled back to within one twice in the final half, but the Eagles could not find a way to take a lead.

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Herd tops Tulane on Dorris' game-winning shot

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

NEW ORLEANS — The Marshall University men's basketball team trailed by as many as 15 points in the second half, but senior Mark Dorris once again provided a game-winning jumper, this time with 1.6 seconds left, to lift the Thundering Herd to a 70-68 win over Tulane on Wednesday at Fogelman Arena.

With the win, the Herd (16-12, 8-7 Conference USA) clinched its first winning season since 2000-01 and tallied its eighth C-USA victory, its most since joining the league in 2005.

Tulane (15-14, 5-10) led by 15 points, 43-28 with 17:10 remaining, after scoring the second half's first eight points. The final three points of the Wave's half-opening run were the result of a double-technical called on MU head coach Donnie Jones, which sent Kevin Sims to the free-throw line for four tosses.

A Markel Humphrey foul for a block caused discussion between Jones and referee Rick Crawford. Crawford promptly assessed Jones with a pair of technicals, thus disqualifying Jones from the contest. Former Tulane head coach and MU assistant Shawn Finney assumed head coaching duties in his return trip to Fogelman Arena.

The Herd's comeback bid did not reach full gear until it trailed 59-46 with 10:47 left. From there MU went on an 11-2 run to pull to within four points with seven minutes on the clock. A Matt Wheaton 3-pointer bumped the Green Wave lead back up to seven, but the Herd kept chipping away.

A freakish athletic play by freshman Tirrell Baines sparked the Herd en route to erasing its deficit. Baines took a Pierre-Marie Altidor Cespedes pass on the low post, soared under the goal while

spinning around the defense for a lay-in while getting fouled. Baines sank his free throw to put MU down 65-61 at 4:24.

Dorris, who scored 14 of his 16 points after halftime, then scored the game's next five points. His fadeaway bank shot off the glass brought Marshall all the way back for a 66-65 lead with just under three minutes remaining. Baines then drilled an 18-foot jump shot at 1:38 for a three-point cushion.

A Donnavan Smith free throw put the Wave down two points. The Herd's next possession resulted in a missed jumper but Baines cleaned up the offensive glass to allow Marshall to milk more of the clock with under a minute remaining.

Sims came up with a steal, however, and Eric Vianney threw a pinpoint pass to Eric Gomez for a fastbreak dunk plus a foul. Gomez, who was 6-for-6 from the free throw line up to that point, missed the go-ahead free throw to leave the game knotted at 68-68 with 25 seconds left. After Finney called a timeout, Dorris dribbled the ball to the middle block, jump stopped and drained the Herd's game-winning points.

It marked Dorris' second game-winner on the road in MU's last three tilts away from the Cam Henderson Center (SMU on Feb. 13).

Humphrey and Baines scored a game-high 20 points apiece. Forward Tyler Wilkerson posted his team-high fifth double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. The sophomore blocked three Wave shots and went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line, hitting the front end of a one-and-one three different times in the second half.

Altidor Cespedes dished out a game- and career-high seven assists with two turnovers in 35 minutes.

Marshall shot 65 percent from the floor in the second half and 47.9 percent for the

game.

Gomez netted a team-high 14 points for Tulane, followed by 13 from Sims. Smith grabbed nine rebounds for TU, which lost its eighth straight game.

For the second straight contest, Wilkerson was whistled for an early foul (18:40 of first half) and did not see the floor again until the 9:49 mark. Baines had the early hot hand in Wilkerson's absence, scoring 10 points in the first 10 minutes of the game as the teams were knotted at 18-18 after Baines' layup at 10:09.

Tulane jumped by five points minutes later after a Vianney 3-pointer. Humphrey scored the next six Herd points, the last of which regained the lead for Marshall. Humphrey gave MU a 24-23 edge at 5:44 after scoring on a jumper in the lane while getting fouled.

With the game tied at 27 apiece with 3:27 left, Tulane ended the half on an 8-1 run to enter halftime up 35-28. Gomez was fouled by Baines with 10.1 seconds left, giving the Wave senior a three-point play.

Gomez, who went to the free-throw line a MU opponent-high 16 times in the season's first matchup, went 6-for-6 from the stripe in the opening 20 minutes. TU shot 54.2 percent in the first half (13-for-24) and went 3-for-4 from beyond the arc. The Wave out-rebounded the Herd, 20-10, in the first half.

Baines and Humphrey netted 12 first-half points apiece. Humphrey went 4-for-4 from the floor with MU's lone 3-pointer of the half.

Herd sophomore Adam Williams hit his first career 3-pointer, just after Jones' ejection, to get the MU offense going after stalling to begin the second half. Williams' trey proved to be the lone points provided by the MU bench.

The Herd, coupled with losses by UCF and Tulsa on Wednesday, can clinch a first-

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Winless through 3 races, Hendrick slump has competitors talking

Johnson, teammates held out of Victory Lane

by JENNA FRYER
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jimmie Johnson had never run so poorly, not in any race in his six previous seasons and certainly not at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, where he'd won three-straight races.

Johnson's sluggish 29th-place finish Sunday came right before team owner Rick Hendrick addressed thousands of store managers at the national sales meeting for Lowe's, Johnson's corporate sponsor.

"I told them they had pretty good timing," Hendrick quipped. "To see that team run that way, they had just witnessed history."

It was rather unusual for the two-time defending Sprint Cup champion to have such a bad day, but it certainly wasn't history-making. Still, as Johnson failed to contend for a fourth consecutive win in the desert, many in NASCAR began to wonder what's wrong with mighty Hendrick Motorsports.

The team that couldn't be beat last season is now winless through the first three events of this year. That has sent a buzz through the garage that even Hendrick has heard.

"I'm actually kind of glad everybody thinks we are in trouble," the team owner said. "It gives us an opportunity to focus on what we need to do to start winning races."

It seems rather preposterous to call Hendrick's start to the season a slump. After all, all four of his cars have run up front at one point or another and it was just last month that they appeared poised to race each other for the Daytona 500 victory.

But aside from victories by newcomer Dale Earnhardt Jr. in two non-points events at Daytona, the cars have failed to find their way to Victory Lane. Most teams would trade anything for the way Hendrick Motorsports has performed this season, but when a team is used to winning everything in sight, the slightest struggles can send a shock wave through the garage.

"I think there's a lot of hype," said Jeff Gordon, Hendrick's four-time series champion. "There's a lot of expectations put on Hendrick this year, from bringing Junior into the mix. Jimmie had back-to-back championships and we finished second (in the points)."

"I feel like it's just a matter of time before we can win. It's a good problem to have, people asking you how come you haven't won yet. That means that they expect it, and so do we."

Hendrick drivers won 18 of 36 races last season, put three cars in the Chase and finished first, second and fifth in the

final standings.

This season, Earnhardt is the highest of the Hendrick drivers. With two top-10 finishes — and the Daytona exhibition victories — he's ranked 10th in the standings.

Johnson, who was wrecked out of the Daytona 500 after starting from the pole and had the poor Las Vegas run, is 14th. Gordon, who has two DNFs this season, is 22nd in the standings. And Casey Mears, a victim of the wet track in California two weeks ago, is 34th.

But Hendrick argues those stats don't paint an accurate picture.

His drivers have led 198 of 717 laps this season, including a dominating performance by Johnson and Gordon at California in which they combined to lead 144 of the 250 laps. Although Carl Edwards won the race, Johnson and Gordon were second and third.

And Earnhardt and Gordon were both running up front at Las Vegas. Gordon crashed on a restart, and Earnhardt settled for second after cold tires prevented him from chasing down Edwards on a restart two laps from the end.

Overall, Hendrick has had a pretty decent start with at least one top-10 finish in all 2008 points-paying and non-points events, including runner-up efforts in the last two races.

"I'm just tickled with where we are — we're real competitive every week, with all the cars," Hendrick said. "If you

had asked me (in January) if you could win the first two (non-points) races of the year with Junior, sit on the pole at Daytona and run strong every week, I would have said 'Hell yeah.'"

Truth of the matter is, Hendrick never expected to duplicate the magical 2007 season. He recognized those 18 victories had as much to do with luck as they did hard work and performance, and he readily admits rivals Tony Stewart, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. should have claimed some of those wins.

But by being in the right place when other competitors faltered, Hendrick drivers always seemed to capitalize. The owner knew luck like that couldn't last forever.

"We had great racer's luck, and we were not as good as we looked last year. I promise you, we were not that much better than everybody else," Hendrick said. "But we also are not as bad as we look right now. Nobody is ever going to win that many races every year. Nobody. And we knew that going in."

The key now, though, is getting his cars into Victory Lane. He's thrilled with Earnhardt's debut, and credits crew chief Tony Eury Jr.'s early arrival at Hendrick last fall with preparing the No. 88 for a strong start to the season.

It's got him in Chase contention, and even though it's early, the driver who missed it two of the past three seasons is focused on staying in the top 12.

"I'm going to run hard and try to win races, but I'm really watching that top-12 hard," he said. "I've waited and been lackadaisical, 'We'll get around to it, we'll put some runs together to get in there.' I'm not going to do that this year. I'm going to concentrate on every lap."

And Hendrick isn't concerned with Mears' slow start. Mears was with the leaders late at Daytona before a mistake caused him to wreck. He slid in water at rainy California, then rebounded with an 11th-place finish in Vegas. Hendrick has faith crew chief Alan Gustafson will have the team turned around in no time.

"If I have to have a guy who can get a team going, it's Alan," Hendrick said. "Alan is like a Marine, you are not going to rattle him. He's going to get the team rolling."

Hendrick points to rare mechanical failures for Gordon, and just a bizarre off day in Vegas for Johnson. Those two drivers aren't likely to be plagued by those failures often, and Hendrick expects to see a slow climb back to the front of the standings.

"Everybody said we were the Yankees, we couldn't be beat, we were so much better than everybody else," Hendrick said. "Now if you come to me in July and ask why we haven't won a race, I might be ready to get the knife out."

"But right now, we're actually real comfortable with our start."

NASCAR Sprint Cup drivers venture to Georgia for Kobalt Tools 500

by BRIAN KACHARABA
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NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Kobalt Tools 500
Site: Hampton, Ga.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 6:30 p.m.); Sunday, race (FOX, 1:30 p.m.).

Track: Atlanta Motor Speedway (quad-oval, 1.54 miles, 24 degrees banking in turns)

Race distance: 500.5 miles, 325 laps.

Last race: Carl Edwards' second consecutive victory was short-lived: His winning Ford Fusion failed a post-race inspection at Las Vegas that could lead to severe penalties for his team. NASCAR officials discovered the lid was not on the oil tank box of his car.

Last year: Jimmie Johnson used a late-race charge to catch and pass Tony Stewart three laps from the end and drive away with a victory at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Fast facts: Johnson will try to become the first driver to win three straight races at Atlanta. He has posted eight top-five finishes and nine top-10 placings in 13 career starts at the track. Last week, Johnson was denied a fourth straight victory at Las Vegas. ... Stewart bruised his foot 108 laps into last week's race when his right front tire failed and he hit the wall. ... Ryan Newman is tied with Buddy Baker for most poles at Atlanta with seven, but has not carried any of those into a win. ... Edwards swept both Atlanta events in 2005. ... Mike Skinner will replace AJ Allmendinger at Red Bull Racing for this weekend's race. Allmendinger failed to qualify for last week's race at Las Vegas, making him 0-for-3 on the season. Brian Vickers has

made all three races in the other Red Bull car.

Next race: Food City 500, March 16, Bristol, Tenn.

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

NASCAR NATIONWIDE

Nicorette 300
Site: Hampton, Ga.

Schedule: Saturday, qualifying (Speed Channel, 9 a.m.), race (ESPN2, 1:30 p.m.).

Track: Atlanta Motor Speedway (quad-oval, 1.54 miles, 24 degrees banking in turns)

Race distance: 300.3 miles, 195 laps.

Last race: Mark Martin took car owner Dale Earnhardt Jr. to Victory Lane by winning at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, then immediately apologized for an accident he started in the closing laps. Martin, the winningest driver in NASCAR's No. 2 series, raced to the 48th victory of his career in a car owned by Earnhardt's JR Motorsports. After a restart with 10 laps to go, Carl Edwards and Brad Keselowski were racing side-by-side when Martin quickly closed in on Edwards' bumper. Slight contact sent Edwards' car wiggling across the track, and he slid high directly into Keselowski to wreck both cars.

Last year: Jeff Burton made it two victories in a row, easily holding off Richard Childress Racing teammate Kevin Harvick to win at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Fast facts: No Nationwide driver has won three straight races at Atlanta. Martin is the only one to have three victories overall at the track. ... Dario Franchitti finished sixth at Las Vegas for his career best NASCAR finish. ... Tony

Stewart's run of two straight wins ended when he wrecked 138 laps into the 200 lap event last week. ... Toyotas have won two of the first three races, but Chevrolet (10) and Ford (6) are the only manufacturers with wins at Atlanta. ... A NASCAR appeals committee reduced the penalties Tuesday for two Nationwide Series crew chiefs punished for violations found before the season-opening race. Newt Moore, crew chief for Johnny Sauter, had his suspension reduced from six weeks to two weeks by the three-member National Stock Car Racing Commission. Charlie Wilson, crew chief for Cale Gale, had his \$15,000 fine reduced to \$5,000 by a separate three-member panel.

Next event: Sharpie MINI 300, March 15, Bristol, Tenn.

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

NASCAR CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

American Commercial Lines 200

Site: Hampton, Ga.

Schedule: Friday, qualifying, 4:45 p.m., race (Speed Channel, 8:30 p.m.).

Track: Atlanta Motor Speedway (quad-oval, 1.54 miles, 24 degrees banking in turns)

Race distance: 200.2 miles, 130 laps.

Last race: Kyle Busch continued his string of strong runs on Feb. 23, adding a victory in the San Bernardino County 200 at Fontana, Calif., to his runner-up finish in the truck race the previous week at Daytona. He also finished second in the Daytona Nationwide Series event and fourth in the Daytona 500.

Last year: Mike Skinner

bumped past Clint Bowyer to take the lead on a restart seven laps from the finish and raced away to his second straight victory. Todd Bodine, the previous spring's winner at Atlanta, followed Skinner past Bowyer to grab second place on lap 124 of the 130-lap event, but the leader was just too strong, pulling away to a five-length victory.

Fast facts: Busch has won both of his truck starts at Atlanta, in 2005 and last year's fall event. He ran in the top 15 in all but one of the 260 combined laps. ... Bodine followed up his win in the season-opener at Daytona with a second-place finish last week. He won at Atlanta during his championship season of 2006. ... Ron Hornaday Jr. edged Bobby Labonte by 0.008 seconds during the 2005 event, making it the closest truck finish ever on a superspeedway. Hornaday also lost to Busch by 0.971 seconds last year for the widest margin of victory in the event's seven-year history. ... Toyota trucks have won five straight races dating to last year.

Next event: Kroger 250, March 29, Martinsville, Va.

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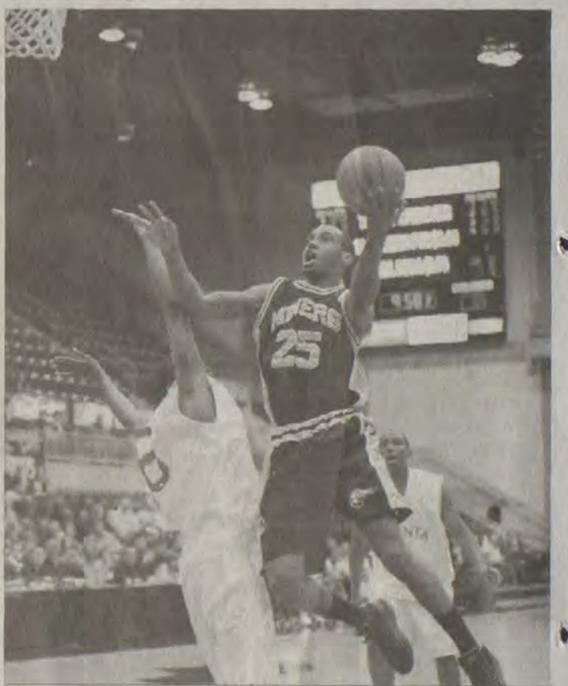
Last event: Larry Dixon raced to his first Top Fuel victory of the season and 42nd overall, beating Dave Grubnic in the final of the Checker Schuck's Krageen Nationals at Firebird International Raceway on Feb. 24. Jack Beckman took the Funny Car category and V. Gaines won in Pro Stock for the first time in seven years.

Next event: ACDelco Gatornationals, March 16, Gainesville, Fla.

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Commission opts to uphold penalties against No. 0 car

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The National Stock Car Racing Commission on Wednesday heard and considered the appeal of JD Motorsports regarding the No. 0 car. The appeal concerned three penalties issued by NASCAR following post-qualifying inspection on Feb. 15 for the Nationwide Series event at Daytona.

The infractions concerned Section 12-4-A of the NASCAR Rule Book "Actions detrimental to stock car racing"; Section 12-4-Q "Any determination by NASCAR Officials that the car, car parts, components, and/or equipment used in the Event do not conform to NASCAR rules" and Section 20A-8.4C: "The oil reservoir tank cover was not fastened securely."

The penalties assessed were:
— Loss of 25 NASCAR Nationwide Series Championship Car Owner Points for car owner Johnny Davis.
— Loss of 25 NASCAR Nationwide Series Championship Driver Points for driver Kurtus Davis.

— \$15,000.00 fine; suspension from NASCAR for the next six (6) NASCAR Nationwide Series Championship Events; suspen-

sion from NASCAR until April 9 (not including testing), and probation until Dec. 31 for crew chief Gene Allnut.

The Appellants argued that the missing bolt at the corner of the cover was inadvertent; that it did not constitute a performance advantage; that the penalties were too severe for the infraction; and that the disallowance of their qualifying time at Daytona should factor into the subsequent penalties.

In deliberating, the Commission considered several factors including Section 20A-2.1J concerning the passage of air into or out of the car. In this case, the movement of the cover resulting from the missing bolt was evident.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the National Stock Car Racing Commission to uphold the original penalties assessed by NASCAR.

The Commission notes that crew chief, Gene Allnut, began serving his suspension last week, so the adjusted penalty notice to correct for the deferral will reflect this.

The Appellants have the right under Section 15 of the Rule Book to appeal this decision to the National Stock Car Racing Commissioner.

NSCRC overtuns penalties levied against R. Gordon

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

The National Stock Car Racing Commission on Wednesday heard and considered the appeal of Robby Gordon Motorsports regarding the No. 7 car. The appeal concerned three penalties issued by NASCAR following opening day inspection on Feb. 8 for the Sprint Cup Series event at Daytona.

The infractions concerned Section 12-4-A of the NASCAR Rule Book "Actions detrimental to stock car racing"; Section 12-4-Q "Any determination by NASCAR Officials that the car, car parts, components, and/or equipment used in the Event do not conform to NASCAR rules" and Section 20-3.1-A: "Unapproved front bumper cover."

The penalties assessed were:
— Loss of 100 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship Car Owner Points for car owner Robby Gordon.

— Loss of 100 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship Driver Points for driver Robby Gordon.

— \$100,000.00 fine; suspension from NASCAR for the next six (6) NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Championship Events; sus-

pension from NASCAR until April 9, and probation until Dec. 31 for crew chief, Frank Kerr.

The Appellants argued that the bumper cover was installed as delivered from the manufacturer, that it did not provide a competition advantage since it was discovered prior to being allowed on the racetrack, and that the bumper met the templates. The Appellants also argued against the severity of the penalties.

In deliberating, the Commission considered several factors. The bumper cover constituted an obvious rules infraction and the Appellants did not contest the legality of the part.

The Commission notes and reaffirms the following fundamental principal which is vital to maintaining the integrity of the sport: Regardless of the source of an unapproved part on a racecar, the race team that officially enters the car in a NASCAR race is ultimately accountable for that racecar's conformance, or non-conformance, to the rules.

NASCAR issued penalties and fines to the No. 7 team as a result of rule infractions found during Speedweeks at Daytona.

However, the Commission believes that the facts presented

during the hearing represented an extraordinary and unusual set of circumstances. While this does not excuse the infraction, the National Stock Car Racing Commission has decided to reinstate the car owner and driver championship points, lift the suspension, and increase the fine.

The restoration of the points moves Gordon to 21st from 37th in the standings, lifting him well above the all-important top-35 mark needed to guarantee a spot in the field each week.

For the crew chief, Frank Kerr, the penalty is increased to \$150,000 and he remains on probation through Dec. 31.

The Appellants have the right under Section 15 of the Rule Book to appeal this decision to the National Stock Car Racing Commissioner.

"We see this as good news," Gordon said in a statement Wednesday night. "We are grateful the commissioners rescinded the points penalty and suspension but disappointed by the fine. Still, we see this as a victory for Robby Gordon Motorsports. We feel like justice was done and appreciate NASCAR creating a system that allowed us to take our appeal to the National Stock Car Racing

Commission.

"Now we plan to put this issue behind us and concentrate on making the Chase in 2008 as well as getting the Jim Beam Dodge into Victory Lane. I want to thank the thousands of fans and our sponsors who have supported us through this episode and want everyone of you to know how much we appreciate all that you have done."

"Our goal is to be a model team in the future and never go through something like this again," Gordon said.

The Sporting News Wire Service contributed to this report.

* NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Driver Standings: 1. Carl Edwards, 491; 2. Kyle Busch, 470; 3. Ryan Newman, 450; 4. Kasey Kahne, 444; 5. Kevin Harvick, 428; 6. Greg Biffle, 427; 7. Jeff Burton, 421; 8. Martin Truex Jr., 371; 9. Elliott Sadler, 368; 10. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 361; 11. Tony Stewart, 355; 12. Kurt Busch, 348; (tie) Brian Vickers, 348; 14. Jimmie Johnson, 343; 15. Bobby Labonte, 330; 16. Matt Kenseth, 328; 17. Mark Martin, 324; 18. Reed Sorenson, 321; 19. David Ragan, 304; 20. Denny Hamlin, 295.

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Legals

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

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, FCDC Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has applied for a permit for a surface/auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.0 miles Southeast of Printer and is situated in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 428.67 surface acres and will underlie 356.21 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 784.88 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 3.0 miles Southeast from State Rt. 2030's junction with State Rt. 122 and located 0.1 miles West of the Spurlock Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U. S. G. S. 7 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the area and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Clayborn Bailey Heirs, Ruby Halbert, Kermit & Doreen Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Estate, Tommy & Sherry Shelton, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC., Phillip & Ida Ann Meade, and Denzil Yates Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by Clayborn Bailey Heirs, Ruby Halbert, Kermit & Doreen Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Estate, Tommy & Sherry Shelton, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC., Phillip & Ida Ann Meade, and Denzil Yates Heirs. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within (30) days of today's date.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the unknown spouse, if any, of Mr. Terry Bentley, of 326 Stumbo Branch, Printer, KY 41655, has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit filed in Floyd Circuit Court, on February 6, 2008. Said lawsuit is styled Kentucky Housing Corporation vs. Mary B. England, Executor and known heir of the Estate of Thelma Bentley, et al., and has been assigned Civil Action No. 08-CI-00175. The basis of the suit is a foreclosure action filed against each of the named defendants by Kentucky Housing Corporation. The Complaint alleges that the Defendants have defaulted on their obligations to pay for the terms of the finance contract. The Plaintiffs are seeking to foreclose on the property located at 326 Stumbo Branch, Printer, KY, which is the subject of this lawsuit, and damages in the amount of the entire unpaid balance due under the finance contract. The Defendant, the unknown spouse of Terry Bentley, must no later than March 27, 2008, file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Clerk, if she desires to do so. If the Defendant does not appear in the pending lawsuit or otherwise present a defense to the claims asserted against her, then a judgment may be entered against her. Earl M. McGuire Warning Order Attorney P.O. Box 1746 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5527

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Genesis Coal Corporation, 268 East Friend Street, Suite 101, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.06 miles southeast of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.9 surface acres and will underlie 696.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 704.9 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.03 miles southeast of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with KY Route 2030 and located 0.1 miles east of Little Mud Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by SEQ CHAPTER 1 The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Emory Newsome, Icess Newsome, Willis Newman, Joseph Tackett, Carmel Newman, Thurman Newman, Marie Tackett, Lou Tackett, Rosemary Tackett, Commonwealth of Kentucky, James Newman, Terry and

Gayle Hall, Akers Estate, Estil Moore, Palmer Hamilton, Clifford Hall, Ravin Parsons, John Tackett and Judy Tackett. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road CR 1737. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or

requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CASE No. 08-CI-00175 Kentucky Housing Corporation 7255 Baymeadows Way Mail Stop JA XB2007 Jacksonville, FL 32256 Plaintiff V. NOTICE OF

LEGAL ACTION Mary B. England, Executor and Known Heir of the Estate of Thelma Bentley; Unknown Spouse of Mary B. England; Unknown Heirs (if any) of Thelma Bentley; Unknown Spouses of Thelma Bentley; Terry D. Bentley, A Known Heir of Thelma Bentley; Unknown Spouse of Terry D. Bentley; Mance D. Bentley A Known Heir of Thelma Bentley; Unknown Spouse of Mance D.

Bentley; Unknown Executor of the Estate of Dianna G. Hale, Known Heir of Thelma Bentley; Unknown Spouse (if any) of Dianna G. Hale; Unknown Heirs of Dianna G. Hale; Unknown Spouses of Unknown Heirs of Dianna G. Hale; Robin Hale, a Known Heir of Dianna G. Hale; Unknown Spouse of Robin Hale; Tax Ease Lien Investment I LLC; Caudill Tire Company; Capital One Bank; Subaru American Credit, Assumed

Name of Ford Motor Credit Company, and Floyd County Judge Executive On February 19, 2008, I was appointed warning order attorney to notify the Unknown Heirs of Dianne G. Hale, of an In-Rem Complaint for Foreclosure filed in Floyd Circuit Court, involving a certain tract or parcel of land located on Left Beaver Creek, Northwest of Hannah Branch, near Hite, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning on a stake, 11.9 feet from the center-line of the existing road and being S 75 deg. 13' W 50.49 feet from the East corner of house, and S 63 deg. 02' W 73.00 feet from South cor-

Hite, Kentucky 41649, Parcel Number: 049-00-00-140.01, Address: 2011 Hite Road, Hite, Kentucky 41649, more particularly described as follows: A parcel of land located on Left Beaver Creek, Northwest of Hannah Branch, near Hite, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning on a stake, 11.9 feet from the center-line of the existing road and being S 75 deg. 13' W 50.49 feet from the East corner of house, and S 63 deg. 02' W 73.00 feet from South cor-

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

NATURAL GAS FACTS

Natural gas is lighter than air, non-toxic and contains no poisonous ingredients. Breathing natural gas is not harmful as long as there is adequate air to breath along with it. Natural gas will not burn by itself. Combustion can occur only when there is a mixture of gas and air containing between 5 percent and 15 percent natural gas and between 95 percent and 85 percent air. Because of its unique qualities of being lighter than air with a narrow band of combustion, natural gas is one of the safest energy sources available. It is also one of the most economical sources. Understanding and following safety procedures will make natural gas an even safer choice.

THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS OF NATURAL GAS

Gas accidents can be avoided if you understand the potential hazards.

(1) FIRE

Natural gas can be a fire hazard, if you let it. Don't let it. A very hot stove, open flame or pilot light can ignite any combustible materials that happen to be near. Keep paper, curtains, paints, solvents, etc., away from gas appliances.

(2) EXPLOSION

Natural gas can be ignited by open flames or sparks. That's why unburned natural gas should never be allowed to escape into a room. A spark, flame, lit match or cigarette, even the flick of a light switch may be enough to cause an explosion.

(3) CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Even though natural gas itself isn't poisonous, gas burners that aren't adjusted properly can produce deadly carbon monoxide. You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but it's a killer. To avoid its dangers, always make sure that any natural gas appliances in your home are properly adjusted and vented to the outside...so they'll burn safely and efficiently.

(4) SUFFOCATION

Natural gas can cause suffocation if it replaces air containing oxygen. (Only air that has oxygen can sustain life.) This is another reason why natural gas should never be allowed to leak from appliances or build up in an enclosed area or room.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON SENSE SAFETY RULES... IT'S UP TO YOU TO USE SAFE GAS APPLIANCES AND TO USE GAS APPLIANCES SAFELY!!!

- (1) **KEEP COMBUSTIBLES** such as papers, fluids, paints, curtains and rags away from furnaces, water heaters and gas ranges and dryers.
- (2) **TEACH CHILDREN** never to light or play with the controls of any gas appliances.
- (3) **KEEP PILOT LIGHTS** of your gas range lit. If you put them out to save energy, a dangerous gas build-up can occur if someone accidentally turns on the range.
- (4) **KEEP GAS RANGE CLEAN** — make sure burner bowls are free of used matches, grease, paper, etc.
- (5) **AND, NEVER USE YOUR GAS RANGE** to heat your home or apartment. This practice creates a serious fire hazard and puts you and your family at risk from dangerous carbon monoxide fumes.
- (6) **MAKE SURE APPLIANCES ARE VENTED** — Natural gas needs air containing oxygen to burn safely and efficiently. Without enough air, dangerous carbon monoxide is produced. For this reason, always make sure that your gas furnace and water heater are vented to the outside of the building. If you're not sure your appliances are vented properly, have them checked by a qualified heating contractor or plumber.
- (7) **KEEP FLUES AND CHIMNEYS CLEAR** — Have your fluepipe and chimney checked to make sure they're not blocked with debris such as nests, branches, or ivy. (Your heating contractor can inspect and clean fluepipes for you.)
- (8) **SIGNS OF POOR FLUE VENTILATION** — Indoor wetness (condensation); unusual smell in your home that doesn't go away; sick houseplants; yellow or wavering appliance flames; soot in your home; pilot light that keeps going out.

CERTAIN OLDER GAS CONNECTORS MAY BE DANGEROUS!

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to fuel gas supply pipes. Some older brass connectors have come apart, causing fires and explosions resulting in deaths and injuries.

These older brass connectors have a serious flaw in the process used to join their tubing to their end pieces. Over time, the end pieces can separate from the tubing, and cause a serious gas leak, explosion, or fire. To our knowledge, these dangerous uncoated brass connectors have not been made for more than 20 years, but many of them are still in use. The older these connectors get, the greater the possibility of failure.

Although not all uncoated connectors have this flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass connector should be replaced immediately with either a new plastic-coated brass or a new stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving, bending, or corrosion. Connectors should always be replaced whenever the appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

WARNING: Only a qualified professional should check your connector and replace it if needed. Don't try to do this yourself! Moving the appliance, even slightly, whether to clean behind it or to inspect its gas connector, can cause the complete failure of one of these older weakened connectors, possibly resulting in a deadly fire or explosion.

DO NOT MOVE YOUR APPLIANCE TO CHECK THE CONNECTOR!

HOW DO I KNOW IF A GAS HAZARD EXISTS??? — YOUR SENSE OF SMELL SHOULD TELL YOU

(1) A GAS LEAK IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS! — Gas may leak from faulty appliances, broken pipes or broken mains. Make sure all members of your family know what to do if they smell gas.

(A) IF THE ODOR IS STRONG:

- 1) Do not light matches.
- 2) Do not turn lights on or off.
- 3) Do not operate any controls or pull any plugs from outlets.
- 4) Do not use the telephone.
- 5) Notify everyone in the building or house to leave immediately, and leave the door open.
- 6) If possible, ventilate the building by opening doors and windows, starting where the odor is strongest. Do not re-enter the building for this purpose.
- 7) Call the utility company or fire department from a nearby building or house. Do not use the telephone in your house.
- 8) Do not re-enter your home until the utility company or fire department has released you to do so.
- 9) **Never take chances!** If your safety is threatened, get out quickly.

PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION
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HOW TO RECOGNIZE A GAS LEAK OUTSIDE HOUSE OR BUILDING — Gas leaks outside are uncommon, but it is a good idea to know how to recognize them. Common signs include:

- 1) A gas odor.
- 2) A blowing or hissing sound.
- 3) Dirt being blown or thrown into the air.
- 4) Water bubbling or being blown into the air at a pond.
- 5) Fire coming from the ground or burning above the ground.
- 6) Brown patches in vegetation on or near gas pipeline.

If you detect any signs of a gas leak outside, call Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission immediately.

NOTICE TO PRESTONSBURG CITY'S UTILITIES COMMISSION NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT CUSTOMER SERVICE LINES

1. Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission does not maintain customers' service lines beyond the gas meter setting. Customers are responsible for properly maintaining and repairing their service lines.

2. If customers' buried piping is not maintained, it may be subject to the potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.

3. Buried gas piping should be:
I. Periodically inspected for leakage.
II. Periodically inspected for corrosion if piping is metallic.
III. Repaired if any unsafe conditions are discovered.
IV. Repaired, located, inspected and maintained by plumbers or heating contractors.

4. When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance, and the excavation done by hand.

Safety comes first with Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission. Below are some of the steps taken by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission to insure the safety of our employees and customers.

- 1. Continuous patrolling of gas system.
 - 2. Monitoring pressures at various points in gas system.
 - 3. Annual/ semi-annual leak surveys.
 - 4. Immediate response to any reported problem.
 - 5. Proper operation and maintenance of system
 - 6. Continuing education of gas pipe line employees, including emergency response to gas emergencies/ accidents.
- Together with the help of our customers we can maintain a safe and reliable gas system.

NOTICE TO ALL CONSTRUCTION AND EXCAVATION COMPANIES

In accordance with federal and state regulations governing natural gas pipeline safety, Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is pursuing a damage prevention program to minimize accidents and/or disruptions that could involve its underground pipeline facilities. If you observe any type of construction or excavation, or if you plan to do any work requiring digging near a company pipeline, please call the Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission so that we can send qualified personnel to locate and properly mark the exact location of the pipeline. Knowing the exact location of the underground pipeline will reduce the possibility of property and/or personal and financial loss to both parties.

David M. Ellis, Superintendent
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

ner of the house; thence parallel and 30 feet from Said house S 39 deg. 00' W 144 feet to East right-of-way of the C&O Railroad; thence following the right-of-way in a Northwesterly direction 210 feet; thence leaving the right-of-way N 39 deg. 00' E 83 feet to the existing road; thence with the road in a Southeasterly direction 200 feet; thence leaving the road S 39 deg. 00' W 11.9 feet to the beginning, and containing 0.52 acres, more or less; the same according to a new survey dated December 27, 1979, by John A. Reed, Land Surveyor, Formerly Described As:

Beginning on a willow corner to Rebecca Salisbury line and with her line to a spotted oak, same course to P.M. Dingus line and with P.M. Dingus line down the point to the C&O Railway, thence up the C&O Railway right-of-way to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Mencie Bentley, Thelma Bentley, his wife, by virtue of a deed

from Anne Stephens and Edgar Stephens, her husband, dated February 11, 1961, filed February 25, 1961, recorded in Deed Book 176, Page 410, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky. Mencie Bentley died on February 20, 1986, and pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Mencie Bentley and Thelma Bentley of record in Book G, Page 239, all his rights, title and interest pass to Thelma Bentley. And further conveyed to Thelma Bentley, no status given, by virtue of a deed from Robin Hale, no status given, dated October 29, 2003, filed October 29, 2003, recorded in Deed Book D492, Page 253, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky. Thelma Bentley died on October 22, 2005, and pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Mencie Bentley and Thelma Bentley of record in Book G, Page 239, all her rights, title and interest pass equally to her children, Dianna G. Hale,

Mary B. England, Terry D. Bentley, and Mencie D. Bentley, Dianna G. Hale died on July 7, 2007. A copy of the complaint in this action may be obtained from the Floyd Circuit Court, Floyd County Justice Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. In the complaint, the plaintiffs are requesting In-Rem Foreclosure. If you are an heir of Dianne G. Hale, then you may want to make an entry of appearance in this action.

Under our civil rules, you must answer the complaint within 50 days of February 19, 2008. If you fail to file an answer, you might forfeit your rights to challenge these allegations or be forever barred. You may need the services of a local attorney. Please understand that I am the warning order attorney and do not and cannot represent you. My function is to attempt to notify you and report my findings to the court. Should you decide to answer the complaint yourself, your answer should be mailed to

Floyd Circuit Clerk, Floyd County Justice Center, 127 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653.

This warning order notification is being made by publication in the Floyd County Times and this notification will be published for two consecutive weeks beginning March 07, 2008.

Ralph H. Stevens
Warning Order Attorney
P.O. Box 466
142 West Branham Street
Prestonsburg, KY 4165

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5535 (Transfer)

(1) In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuels, Inc., P.O. Box 565, Betsy Layne, KY 41605, intends to transfer permit 836-5468 to The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The new permit number will

be 836-5535. The operation disturbs 9.0 surface acres, and underlies 935.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

(2) The operation is located 2.0 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The operation is approximately just west of KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located just west of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

(3) 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, Suite #6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.



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Faith and Family



READER TESTIMONIAL

Happy birthday to me!

by TRISH BURKE

Gifts come in all shapes and sizes. Sometimes for our birthdays we ask for certain gifts we have been longing for. Maybe we save our money to buy something special to treat ourselves with. One year I prayed for something for my birthday that I had had all my life. The best birthday present I ever received was my mom.

It was April 5, 1977, and it was my 11th birthday. There are some who would remember this as the flood of 1977. Just as the rain was flooding the roads, homes and businesses in Floyd County, a flood was raging in the hearts of my family members. During this time my mom was in the hospital. She was 36 years old and had to have a hysterectomy and during recovery she started hemorrhaging profusely. Before regaining consciousness from the first surgery, she was having an exploratory surgery to see where the bleeding was coming from.

During this time the blood supply was low. Our family and friends traveled through the floodwaters to donate blood that mom desperately needed.

Meanwhile, while at home, I heard my older sisters talking about mom. They were saying that the doctors said they didn't think she was going to make it, she was going to die. I could hear my own heart pound within my chest. My mom and dad had been divorced since I was an infant. I was the youngest of four girls until mom remarried. So, for the first four years of my life, mom and the four of us girls were closely bonded. Mom was always a hard worker and some of my earliest memories were going to work with her. She would clean houses for different families while the older girls were at school. Eventually, my mom remarried a widower who had six children of his own. He and my mother had a baby girl and all together there were 11 children.

The thoughts of losing my mom were unbearable especially on this day, because it was my birthday. This birthday stands out among the rest. It's the only birthday that I can distinctively remember each memory as if it were a film in slow motion. The television was on the Rikki-Tikki-Tavi cartoon. I think they were trying to distract us younger children in hopes that we wouldn't realize what was going on. I was rocking in a child's rocking chair and I guess to look at me they may have thought I was really into the cartoon. Although, no one else heard me, I know God did. I was praying within me. "Lord all I want for my birthday is for



you to bring my mommy home to me."

Even as a child I knew God would hear me if I prayed. I knew God had all power and with him all things are possible. Only the older children could go to the hospital with all the hospital restrictions. Me being one of the younger children, I knew that going to the hospital was not an option.

Slowly as the days went by mom would start to do better. After an extended hospital stay and 19 units of blood, the day would finally come that she got to come home. The doctors informed her that there was a possibility that her kidneys would never function again and she would have to wear a foley catheter every day of her life. They told her she would most likely die by the age of 40.

There are no words that can describe what my heart felt when I saw her. Her appearance was different. She was pale with sunken eyes and her skin draped over a small skeletal frame. Although, the differences were there, I could still see mommy in her eyes. I didn't care what she looked like as long as she was home.

Shortly thereafter, mom's kidneys would begin to function. I couldn't thank God enough for all he did for my mom. I thanked God for the best birthday present I had ever received, my mom.

My mommy turned 67 on Jan. 28.

What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24

KIM'S KORNER

Welcome to Faith & Family

Welcome to our new com, and please remember addition of the Times and here's hoping you enjoy the uplifting and encouraging stories and poems our readers have graciously shared with us for our first edition.



Kim Little Frasure

Please feel free to send us your submissions of testimonies and poems each week to share with our readers.

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'Til next week ...

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Sunday Morning 9:15 Breakfast Fellowship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship
Sunday Evening 6:00 Worship Children's Programs

Wednesday Evening 7:00 Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Children's & Youth Programs

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FAITH IN VERSE

The Awesome Power of Prayer

by GIL PLANTS

A simple prayer was said today,
And I'm sure that it was heard,
It was answered so completely,
I know God heard every word.

And the answer came so quickly,
Just to let my spirit know,
That the power of prayer is stronger,
Than any trials that I could know.

The day has been much fairer,
And the burdens have been light,
It seems that prayer has lit the lamp,
That makes the world seem bright.

I can change the things about me,

I have found that hope is there,
When I use and trust the promise,
Of the awesome power of prayer.

And for those who haven't witnessed,
What great power is in a prayer,
When you find your burdens heavy,
And they seem too much to bear,

Lift your heart in supplication,
And believe you will be heard,
And your prayers will soon be answered,
For He hears our every word.

Then accept the answer you receive,
Never have one doubt or care,
And you will see great things accomplished,
By the awesome power of prayer.

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First Presbyterian's Mission... Growing in Faith, Fellowship, and Family. Our vision is for God to work through us to nurture and encourage one another in our common faith, and use our talents and resources for the fulfillment of His plan in our church and in our community.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
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Worship Service—11 a.m.
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Rev. Vicki Poole, Pastor
www.prestonsburgfpc.org
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Pastors Carl and Missy Woods

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We commit ourselves to serve and to tell others about Jesus.
We strive to pursue God's justice and peace in every area of life.

Sunday School.....10 AM
Worship Service.....11 AM
Sunday Evening Service.....7 PM
Wednesday Evening Service.....7 PM
Friday Evening Intercessory Prayer7 PM

Come Worship and Praise with us!

Without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

FAITH IN VERSE

What If?

by GIL PLANTS

What if you woke this morning,
To find you could not see,
Or could not rise to greet the day,
What would your outlook be?

What if when you rose from sleep,
You found you could not walk,
What if when you tried to speak,
You found you could not talk.

These things we take for granted,
As if they were meant to be,
But what if we thought of others,
Who can't walk, or talk, or see.

What if we were to trade places,
With someone in this condition,
Would it change our way of thinking?
Or improve our daily mission?

What if we searched our hearts and souls,
To see if we could find,
Somehow to make a better way,
For those deaf, or lame, or blind.

What if we started with ourselves?

To walk that extra mile,
And kept in mind our blessings,
And always wore a friendly smile.

What if we were to be more thankful,
For the blessings we receive,
Would we be a help to someone?
Could we cause them to believe?

Together we can make a difference,
And let those around us see,
That the world can be a better place,
Because of you and me.

Why can't we all be like that?

by GIL PLANTS

I was sitting in a waiting room,
Where I had been for quite a while,
When I saw a little girl come by,
With a radiant and heart-warming smile.

When our eyes met she said to me,
Isn't this a lovely day?
It's the kind of day when children,
Like to get outside to play.

I noticed how her blue eyes shined
And that her skin was fair,
And how beautiful she seemed to be,
Although she had no hair.

She said it's been a long, long time,
Since I've been allowed outside to play,
For since they found my cancer,
I've been here day after day.

My heart was filled with emotions,
That I had never felt before,
And I couldn't wait to hear the rest,
I said please tell me more.

She said because of so much love
My life has sure been blessed,
I've decided to Trust Jesus,
So my mind can get some rest.

He told me He would care for me,
And I should not be concerned,
And I've found that what He said is true,
Since to Him I have turned.

And there's something else He told me,
That has taken away my doubt.
He said those who say I can't get well,
Don't know what they're talking about.

He said if I'd believe on Him,
He would help to pull me through,
And I believe that He is able,
To do all that He said He'd do.

So I'm sure it won't be very

long,
Until the time will pass away,
And then I can join the other kids,
And go outside to play.

I thought how wonderful it is,
To see a true believer,
Who will not be taken in by doubt,
Or the voice of some deceiver.

And as she left I bowed my head,
In that hospital where I sat,
And I said Dear Lord please tell me,
Why can't we all be like that?

Garrett First Baptist Church



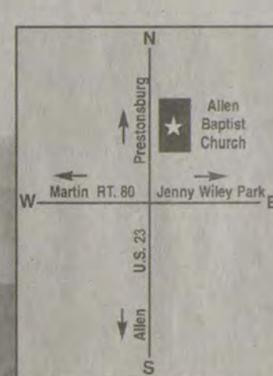
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- Sunday School.....10 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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- Prayer Meeting and Small Groups:
Wednesday.....7 p.m.
- Youth Ministry: Sunday.....6 p.m.
and Wed...7 p.m.
- Children's Ministry: Wed....7 p.m.

And now these three remain:
faith, home, and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
I Corinthians 13:13 NIV

I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.
John 10:10 NIV

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St. Martha Catholic Church

60 Marthas Vineyard
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St. Martha Catholic Church is a small, multicultural parish community located on Lancer/Watergap Road in Prestonsburg, KY. As a parish family we join together to worship, serve, evangelize and nurture one another in our faith.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we serve the spiritual and material needs of our parish family and our community through a variety of outreach and education programs:

- Martha's Portion—providing previously owned clothing, and household items for the needy of our community, and a Diaper Program for infants.
- Good Samaritan Program—providing for the spiritual and social needs of our parish family through home visits.
- Giving Bag Program—providing cleaning and personal care products on a monthly basis for individuals and families referred by community agencies.
- Prison Ministry—providing for the spiritual needs of inmates in local prisons.
- Spanish Masses—providing for the spiritual needs of the Spanish-speaking community (held monthly at St. Francis Catholic Church in Pikeville, KY).
- Religious Education Programs for Children and Adults—providing for life-long spiritual growth in our faith.

- Mass Schedule
Saturday—5:00 p.m.
Sunday—11:15 a.m.
Reconciliation
Saturday—4:45 p.m.
and by appointment

Pastor:
Fr. Robert Damron

Phone—606-874-9526

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Christian Appalachian Project leads focus on poverty issues

In Eastern Kentucky, chances are someone who is living in poverty lives right next-door. Appalachians have dealt with poverty for decades, but still 250,000 people in eastern Kentucky live in poverty.

The 25 percent of Eastern Kentucky's total population that lives in poverty is more than double the 12.4 percent US poverty rate, according to the Appalachian Regional Commission. These poverty numbers represent friends and neighbors including babies in diapers, school age children with lost potential, single mothers and an elderly man living alone.

Even before Lyndon B. Johnson declared his "war on poverty" in 1964 and the federal government turned its attention to poverty, the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), along with other agencies, were quietly working behind the scenes offering shelter, food, clothing and hope to the neediest. CAP continues to provide self-sufficiency programs designed to break the cycle of poverty and engaging the community in seeking solutions.

Over the past 40+ years, CAP's work has provided for immediate assistance and long-term self-sufficiency helping to lift many families out of poverty. And overall, the number of people in poverty has declined.

Yet, the reality is that eastern Kentucky continues to house one of the highest concentrations of poverty in the United States. Of Appalachian Kentucky's 51 counties, 37 are currently designated distressed by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Some of the criteria the ARC uses to determine distressed status are income and unemployment. Eastern Kentucky's distressed counties account for almost half of all the ARC distressed counties in the 13 states that are considered a part of the Appalachian region.

The good news is that the work on poverty issues is paying off to some degree for our region. The reality is the progress is slow, and the numbers still aren't good.

As a long-time nonprofit leader in Kentucky, Christian Appalachian Project has always focused on "providing programs that alleviate the poverty plight." Bill Mills, CAP's President who is an eastern Kentucky native, recently stated, "...poverty can be a very hard place to climb out of, especially with the unique challenges of Appalachia. Whether children are handed a legacy of multi-generational poverty, or a single parent needs assistance for a short time, all face common barriers such as geography and the economy."

"For decades, CAP has been providing practical services to those in need in order to build self-sufficiency. We know CAP has made a difference, but poverty remains a persistent and insidious problem in eastern Kentucky," said Mills.

Basically, 25 percent of our neighbors, friends and family

members are still deprived of the necessities of life due to living at or below the poverty level. Furthermore, the highest percentages of eastern Kentuckians in poverty are small children and the elderly; our most vulnerable populations.

These people who are least able to help themselves, our young and our old, face issues of hunger, ill health, lack of adequate health care and transportation. Substandard living conditions aggravate their health problems. Families struggle to pay for basic needs.

Christian Appalachian Project's staff reports that every day they are faced with families forced to make decisions between buying groceries or paying the heating bill. Living in poverty is expensive. Poor people often pay more for mortgages, car loans and insurance. Poverty is also expensive for our communities in the form of lower wages, lost potential and poor health.

"One problem compounds another," said Ron Crouch, Kentucky State Data Center Director, in a recent interview. According to Crouch, the data shows that unemployment, lack of education and single parent families are all factors relating to continued high poverty rates in the eastern part of the state.

"Many times employers try to save money by hiring part-time and not paying benefits, but in the end, the economy suffers. This option is more costly to the employer and the community," said Crouch.

Another factor, according to Crouch, is the lack of education, which means low-paying jobs. "The more education a person has the more opportunities they have," said Crouch. This is a prevailing problem in Appalachian Kentucky where over 50 percent of the population in some counties does not have a high school education.

"We must focus on programs that keep children in school," he said. Of school-age children in eastern Kentucky, about 60 percent are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches. In Owsley County, where CAP provides supports for the Owsley County Outreach's children's weekend backpack food program, that number jumps to over 65 percent.

Single-parent households are also significantly more likely to live in poverty. And, according to Crouch, 40 percent of moms today are single mothers compared to 7 percent in the 18970's.

"We need programs that provide support services offering a hand up, not a hand out. Nonprofits can and are getting involved in making others aware of the issues. This will go a long way toward maintaining programs and services that help people," said Crouch.

In Appalachia, the elderly who live in isolation and often in remote locations depend on assistance programs such as CAP's which takes them to doctor

appointments and brings groceries. Disadvantaged school age children depend on programs offered by nonprofits, including CAP, which level the playing field for them by providing school supplies, clothes, and education-based summer respite from the stress of poverty.

Single mothers working minimum wage jobs depend on programs that nurture their young children while they are away. Families living in cramped and cold houses held together with cardboard and scrap lumber depend on programs like CAP's, and others in the area that assist with home repair.

"We work diligently to alleviate the suffering of the poor. We have been doing that one day at a time, one family at a time for over 44 years. And, last year CAP's 230 employees and scores of volunteers made an impact with the support on cash and in-kind donations totaling over \$140 million," according to Mills. "Not only are CAP programs making an impact on families, but CAP is also making an impact on communities. We are constantly working to bring resources to our region, and we partner with hundreds of local churches, schools and other nonprofits in the process."

Mills noted that CAP is not only dedicated to providing programs that alleviate people's problems, they are also committed to educating the public about poverty issues and being a voice for change. He continued with "It is critical that CAP, along with the other nonprofits who serve those living in poverty, make sure the level of awareness along with the commitment to addressing poverty issues remains a high priority in the communities we serve."

Mills noted that in this spirit, Christian Appalachian Project is sending representatives to, and ensuring other eastern Kentucky nonprofits are well represented at, the University of Kentucky's Nonprofit Leadership Initiative's Nonprofit Day at the Capitol on February 7th. The day is designated to give nonprofits in Kentucky a chance to talk with each other and with legislators about the issues affecting their participants and communities.

In a continuing effort to keep the priority of addressing poverty issues high, CAP, with capacity-building funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has created a nonprofit alliance to help other area agencies grow and to come together for the purpose of sharing ideas and information. "Eastern Kentucky has a lot of people out there doing a lot of great things. But, our work is more effective and our voice is stronger when we are bonded together," said Marilyn Payson, Director of CAP's Community Development Program.

"Almost every nonprofit working in our area spends the majority of their time providing their services and finding resources for their programs" according to Payson.

Providing resources for grassroots nonprofits including technical assistance and funding is another way CAP helps support those who are working to address the impact of the pervasive poverty in eastern Kentucky. One resource CAP provides free to partners is membership to a web-based funding search engine called GrantStation. GrantStation memberships provide comprehensive grant-seeking resources for nonprofits throughout the area. "This one resource alone from CAP has helped other nonprofits obtain critically needed dollars that have been put to work in our region" noted Payson.

CAP's President also noted that while addressing poverty issues in eastern Kentucky is the mission, it also vital that we think and act strategically by focusing

on the future. "With the support of our government officials, collaboration with other agencies, backing from our communities, and continuing resources from our donors and volunteers, new initiatives to address poverty must become increasingly effective in the future."

As an example of new initiatives, Mills cited a CAP program that will bring all stakeholders including other nonprofits, government representatives, business leaders, and those living in poverty, together to seek solutions to poverty. The plans for the initiative includes a series of "Impact Summits" to be held for the purpose of education, interaction and collaboration with those interested in changing the plight of poverty in our region. People can help by

educating themselves and creating dialogue with others in the community.

CAP believes that all citizens who care about their community can do something to alleviate the suffering of the poor and the impact of poverty on the region. "People tend to think about helping in December, which is great, but the poor are still with us in January and February," said Mills. "When we all refuse to disregard the plights of those living in poverty and we work together to combat poverty, we will accomplish our mission."

For more information about poverty or to find out how you can get involved, visit CAP's website at www.christianapp.org, or call the Christian Appalachian Project at 606-789-9791.

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St. Vincent Mission, Inc.

6369 Hwy. 404, David, KY 41616

"It takes a lot of faith and trust that the Lord will provide from one day to the next." This statement was made by Br. Michael Lonsway, who was one of the original volunteers with St. Vincent Mission and still holds a seat on the mission's Board of Directors.

St. Vincent Mission, Inc., is a non-profit organization that was established in 1968 by the Brothers of Charity from Philadelphia, PA. The Mission forms a community of people dedicated to sharing the expression of Christian values in Eastern Kentucky. Because the Mission is located in the central Appalachian Mountains, the staff has been called to the service of unique people with a rich ancestral heritage. Staff members include a full-time Executive Director, Sr. Kathleen Weigand, and a full-time Social Services Coordinator, Joyce Mitchell. There are also two part-time warehouse, second hand store and food pantry workers. 350 to 400 volunteers come from Kentucky and across the United States each year for the Home Repair Program to assist low-income, disabled and elderly individuals.

The Mission's goals, which are met through concrete programs, are to encourage the use of participant's skills, talents and personal gifts to help each other. The mission is one of Hope that leads all who participate toward a vision of continuous growth.

David Appalachian Crafts is a subsidiary of St. Vincent Mission. Sr. Ruth Ann Iwanski, its full-time director, and two part-time employees, help to identify, train, mentor and provide marketing services for about 90 artists and crafters at this time.

Come and join us for our 40th anniversary reunion on Saturday, July 19, 2008, at the mission's property on Highway 404 in David, Kentucky, which is the site of the old David swimming pool. Please call 886-2513 to make reservations or to inquire about specific directions. The celebration will include music from local artists, craft demonstrations, a silent auction, lunch, and time to visit David Appalachian Crafts. We are also looking forward to the guest appearance of some of the original singing Patsy Teenagers!



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10th Year Anniversary of David Appalachian Crafts

Mountain Christian Academy

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History & Mission

Mountain Christian Academy, an academically enriched Christian school in Eastern Kentucky, was established in 1983. The mission of Mountain Christian Academy ("MCA") is to provide quality education in a Christian environment.

MCA equips its students, inside and outside the classroom, with the skills they need to excel in their future plans and goals. More importantly, through daily Christian education classes and prayer, we strive to develop in each MCA student the moral and ethical character upon which the future of our communities, nation, and world depend.

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New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

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Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church, Mousay Ky: Worship Service, 9:30; Every third Sat. and Sun. of each month; Roger Hicks, Pastor; Ralph Howard, Asst. Pastor. Contact Kermit Newsome 606-377-6881 for more information.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

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Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

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Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on 1428, between Allen & Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Bob Wireman.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Eglpt. on Rt. 1428: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Elder Donnie Patrick and Buddy Jones, Ministers.

First Baptist, Garrett: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Osborne, Minister.

First Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Greydon Howard, Minister.

First Baptist, Prestonsburg, 157 South Front Street: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Jerry C. Workman, minister.

Fitzpatrick First Baptist, 1063 Big Branch, P.O. Box 410, Prestonsburg, KY 41653: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Tommy Reed.

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Grethel Baptist, State Rt. 3379, (Branchham's Creek Rd.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett: Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 358-4275.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist: Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; David Garrett, Minister.

Jacks Creek Baptist, Bevinsville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Trusty.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chad Blair, Pastor.

Lackey Freewill Baptist, Lackey: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Johnny J. Collins, Minister.

Lancer Baptist Church, 71 Cooley St., Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Bobby Carpenter

Liberty Baptist, Denver: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Merle Little, Minister.

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon: Worship Service, Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Thursday, 7 p.m.

Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, (Indian Bottom Association): Services: 1st Saturday & Sunday of every month 9:30 a.m., 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m., Odd Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; James (Red) Morris, Minister.

Martin Freewill Baptist, Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; John L. Blair, Minister.

Maytown First Baptist, Main St., Maytown: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Bob Vamey, Minister.

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Lighthouse Baptist, 2194 KY Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Donald Crisp, Minister. home phone 285-3385

Pleasant Home Baptist, Water Gap Road, Lancer: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark Tackett, Pastor.

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Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist, Stephens Branch: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Phillip Ramey, Pastor.

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23 (north of Layne Brothers): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chuck Ferguson, Minister.

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist, Cliff Road: Sunday

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Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Saturday, 7 p.m.; John "Jay" Patton, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Deliverance, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton: Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday, 7 p.m.; Patricia Crider, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Holiness, Rt. 122, Upper Burton: Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Louis Sanlan, Minister; David Pike, Associate Minister.

Goodloe Pentecostal, Rt. 850, David: Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Malcom Stone, Minister.

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal, Floyd and Magoffin County Line: Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Mike D. Caldwell, Minister. 297-6262.

Trinity Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, Main St., Martin: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; 2nd Sat., 7 p.m.; Thurs., 7 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Minister.

Free Pentecostal Church, Dwale: Services Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11 a.m.; No Sunday Night Service.

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift: Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Vicki Poole, pastor.

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OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY.** Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift: Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0906.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith 2 Faith, Harkins Ave., West Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Thurs. 7 p.m. Randy Hagers, Minister. 886-9460.

Faith Fellowship, Allen, Ky. Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. Carl & Missy Woods, Pastors.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville: Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard.

Martin House of Worship, Old Post Office St.: Worship Service, 7 p.m., Saturday/Sunday.

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Spurlock Bible (Baptist), 6227 Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Stephens, Minister. 886-1003.

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The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; J. J. Wright, Minister.

The Tabernacle, Rt. 321 (Old Plantation Motel), Christian Educator, 10:30; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00; Pastors, Paul and Ramona Aiken.

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International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

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School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Youth Service, 5:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; No Service the 1st Sunday of each month; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jody Spencer, Minister.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist: Intersection of U.S. 23 and KY 80. Water Gap; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Worship Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m., Youth Services 7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome.

United Community Baptist, Hwy. 7, Hueysville: Worship Service, 2 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; Carlos Beverly, Minister.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright Junction: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Louis Ferrari, Minister.

CATHOLIC

St. Martha, Water Gap: Mass; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday; Father Robert Darron, pastor.

CHRISTIAN

First Christian, 560 North Arnold Avenue: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Jim Sherman, Minister.

Victory Christian Ministries, 1428 E.: Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sherrn Williams, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy J. Spears, Minister.

Prestonsburg Church of Christ, 88 Hwy. 1428: Worship Service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Richard Kelly and Nelson Kidder, Ministers.

Harold Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Willie E. Meade, Minister.

Highland Church of Christ, Rt. 23, Hager Hill: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hueysville Church of Christ: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Chester Vamey, Minister.

Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Lonie Meade, Minister.

Mare Creek Church of Christ, Stanville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

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Maytown Church of Christ, 66 Turkey Creek Rd., Langley: Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11:00 a.m., Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Upper Toler Church of Christ, 3.5 miles up Toler Creek on right: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dale Bush, Minister.

Weeksbury Church of Christ: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mike Hall, Minister.

CHURCH OF GOD

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Judith Caudill, Minister.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin: Worship Service, 11 a.m., Friday, 7 p.m.; Bud Crum, Minister.

First Church of God: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steven V. Williams, Pastor.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Family Training Hour - Thursday 7 p.m.; Bill B. Tussey, Jr, Pastor

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Little Paint First Church of God, 671 Little Paint Road, East Point: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Charles Heater Jr, Minister.

The Ligon Church of God of Prophecy, Saturday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Ralph Hall, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL

St. James Episcopal: Sunday Service, 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Study Group 6:00p.m., Holy Eucharist & Healing 7:30 p.m. Father Johnnie E. Ross, Rector.

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Our Savior Lutheran, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville: Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; WKLV (600 am) 12:05 p.m.; Rolland Bentrup, Minister.

METHODIST

Auxier United Methodist, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Garfield Potter, Minister.

Betsy Layne United Methodist, next to B.L. Gymnasium: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Randy Blackburn, Minister.

Allen Christ United Methodist, Allen: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Kenneth Lemaster, Minister.

Community United Methodist, 141 Burke Avenue (off University Drive and Neeley St.): Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Steve Pescosoldo, Minister.

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist, Rt. 979, Beaver: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Philip T. Smith, Minister.

Emma United Methodist, Emma: Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.; Pastor David Proff.

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:55 a.m. and 5 p.m. UMYS Service; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Mark D. Walz, Pastor.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

Graceway United Methodist, Rt. 80, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Roy Hartow, Minister.

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

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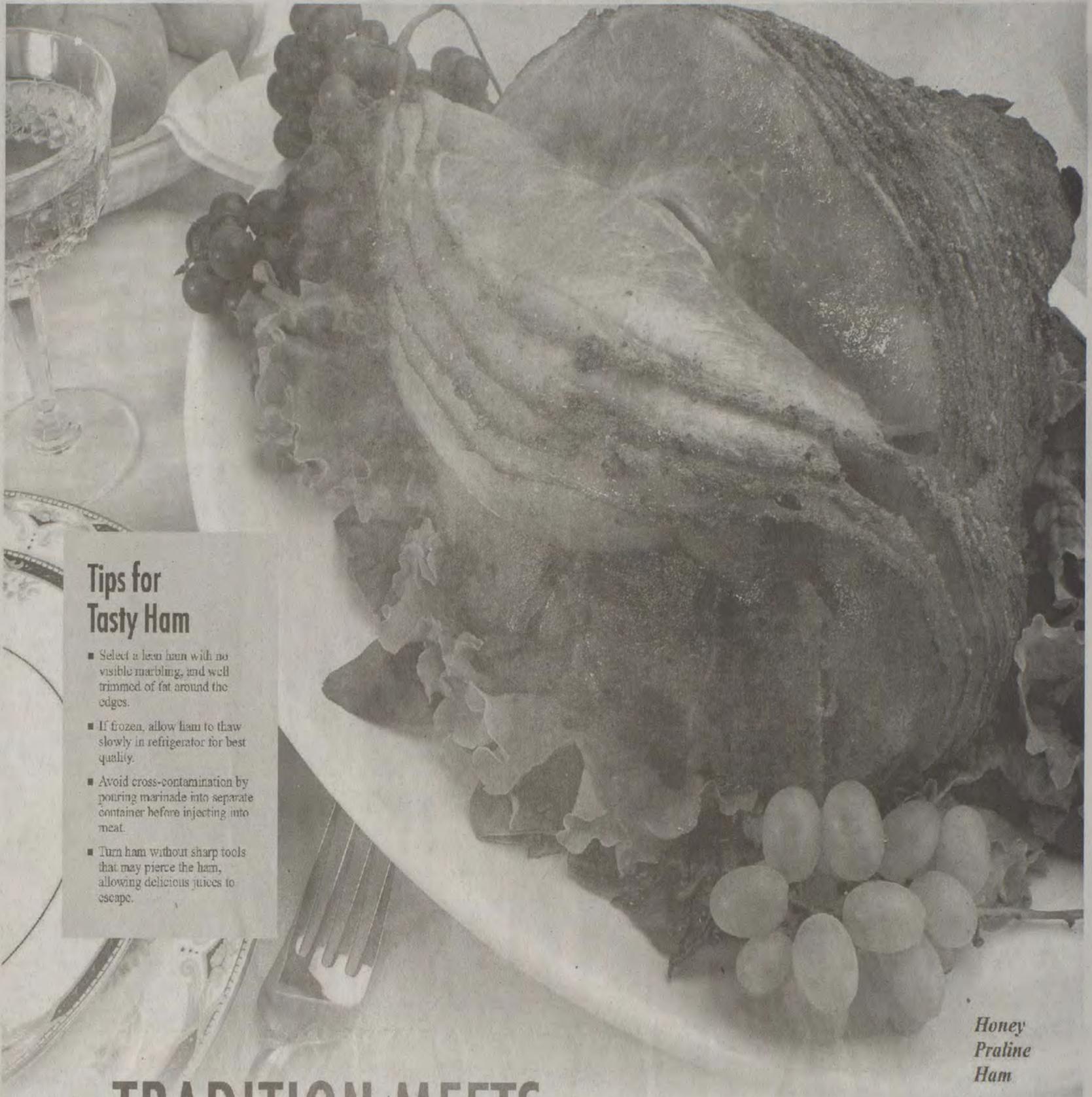
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Honey Praline Ham

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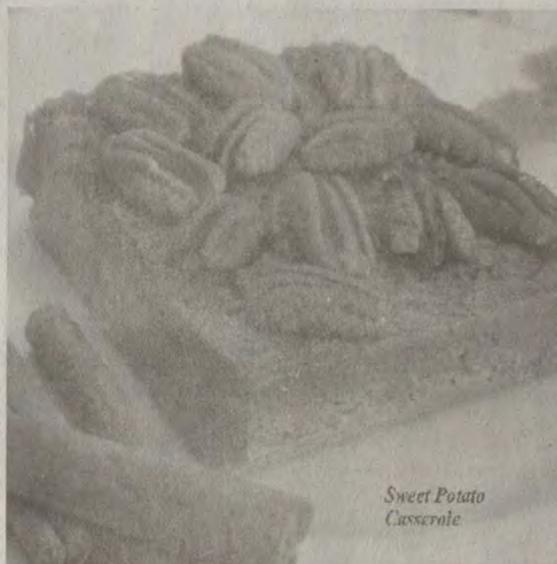
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Sweet Potato Casserole



Southern-Style Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce

Honey Praline Ham

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 1 to 3 hours
Servings: 25 to 30 (3-ounce) slices

- 1 (8- to 12-pound) bone-in ham or spiral cut ham
- 1 (16-ounce) jar Cajun Injector Honey Praline Marinade With Injector
- 1 (3.25-ounce) canister Cajun Injector Praline Topping

Preheat oven as instructed on ham packaging. Pour marinade in measuring cup; warm approximately 40 seconds in microwave. Inject marinade evenly throughout ham using approximately 1 1/2 ounces per pound of meat. After injecting with marinade, cover ham; bake according to package directions. Remove ham from oven; pat topping evenly over ham. Return ham to oven; bake 30 more minutes basting with pan drippings. Remove ham from oven; allow to rest covered before carving.

Sweet Potato Casserole

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 35 to 45 minutes
Servings: 7 (5-ounce) servings

- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 (29-ounce) can Bruce's Sweet Potato Casserole with (4-ounce) can Pecan Crumb Topping
- 4 tablespoons butter, softened

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine milk, vanilla, eggs, melted butter and casserole mix, blending well. Place topping in separate bowl; cut in softened butter and mix until crumbly. Pour mixture in 9- by 9- by 2-inch baking dish; sprinkle with topping. Bake 35 to 45 minutes.

Southern-Style Bread Pudding With Rum Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 8 servings

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 3/4 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 box Bruce's Southern Style Bread Pudding Mix
- 6 cups loosely packed French bread, torn into 1-inch pieces

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine egg, milk, and butter in large mixing bowl. Add bread pudding mix; blend well. Stir in bread pieces. Pour into greased 8- by 8- by 2-inch baking dish. Bake 50 minutes or until knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cut into individual portions and cover with rum sauce.

Rum Sauce

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons white or dark rum

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Mix together sugar and cornstarch; stir into butter. Pour milk in pan; cook stirring frequently until mixture begins to boil. Continue cooking until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in rum. Serve warm over bread pudding.

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This year the Great Easter Egg Hunt has expanded to include a second egg, giving you another chance to win! Just find our "Little Junior" egg, bring it and the enclosed certificate to The Floyd County Times, and you will win \$200!

Clues to the location of the second egg can only be found by clicking on the "Little Junior" link at The Floyd County Times website, www.floydcountytimes.com. In addition to the clues you are accustomed to in the Great Easter Egg Hunt, "Little Junior" clues may include sound, pictures, video or maps. It's a new way to play!

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