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## Collins, Branham say wireless less than advertised

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Less than a week after its grand unveiling, Prestonsburg's status as a wireless community came under harsh criticism during Monday night's city council meeting.

"People can't get service," said councilman Shag Branham. "When they do get it, they get low service, or get dropped."

The wireless network project, which was

officially unveiled last week at the Mountain Arts Center, has been the brainchild of Brent Graden, the city's economic development director.

During last Thursday's unveiling Graden said, "Things are starting to happen. People are starting to notice."

But according to councilman Gorman Collins, what is happening is a lot of people are complaining, and what they notice is the system

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photo by Jack Latta  
Prestonsburg City Council members Gorman Collins and Shag Branham listened intently to Economic Development Director Brent Graden give a presentation on the city's wireless internet system.

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### briefs

## Turner named to budget committee

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, today was appointed to the state budget conference committee to finalize details of House Bill 406, the state spending plan.

"It is a privilege to be selected to serve on the committee that will work toward a compromise on the financial plan that will affect all Kentuckians," said Senator Turner. "I am optimistic that we will be able to reach an agreement that will be the best economic plan for our state."

Senator Turner was chosen by Senate President David L. Williams, R-Burksville, to represent the Senate Democratic Caucus as a member of the legislative conference committee.

If the conference committee reaches an agreement, the bill will be sent back to its respective body to be voted upon. If it gains approval from both the Senate and the House of Representatives, the bill will be sent to Governor Steve Beshear to be signed into law.

"As a member of both Senate leadership and the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Senator Turner is a good choice to serve on the budget conference committee," said Senate Democratic Floor Leader Ed Worley, D-Richmond. "Senator Turner will take this opportunity to work toward a compromise that will benefit all the citizens of the Commonwealth."

## EGG HUNT WINNERS



photo by Ralph B. Davis

Times Publisher Joshua Byers, left, congratulated Zak and Coleen Ratliff on winning the fifth annual Great Easter Egg Hunt. The Dwale couple won \$500 for finding the grand prize Easter egg.

## Dwale couple win Great Easter Egg Hunt

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The fifth annual Great Easter Egg Hunt came to an end around noon Sunday, when the grand prize egg was found.

This year's winners are Zak and Coleen Ratliff, of Dwale. The couple received \$500 for finding the winning egg.

The Great Easter Egg Hunt is an annual contest run by The Floyd County Times, in which an egg worth \$500 is hidden somewhere in the county. The paper then publishes clues to its whereabouts, allowing readers to compete to see who

can decipher its location first.

This year's egg was located at Spurlock Creek, near Prestonsburg. The egg was hidden under a bridge at the junction of Route 122 and Conley Fork Road, tucked behind a stone wall and covered with leaves and mud.

The egg was well hidden, given the fact that egg hunters were seen in the area up to a week before it was discovered. And for the first time in the contest's five-year history, the newspaper published all 12 clues before the egg was found.

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## Fake eggs discovered

Times Staff Report

As the Easter Bunny was making his rounds over the weekend, it appears an Easter Grinch also visited Floyd County.

The Floyd County Times is investigating the appearance of several counterfeit Easter eggs that are falsely identified as winning eggs in The Times' "Great Easter Egg Hunt" con-

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## So what did all of those clues mean?

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Now that the grand prize egg in the Great Easter Egg Hunt has been found, it is once again time to explain what the clues meant:

■ "By now it should come as no surprise, that to see me you must first see the skies." How does one see the skies? By going outside. So to find the egg, you must go outside.

■ "Pink and Pretty Boy's common denominator, will help you find me sooner or later." Pink and Pretty Boy

refer to the musical group Pink Floyd and the 1930s bank robber Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. What do they have in common? The name "Floyd." Therefore the egg was located in Floyd County.

■ "Having no seat is not irritating. There are no lines but I'm still waiting." "No seat" meant that the egg was not in Prestonsburg, the county seat. "No lines" meant that the egg was not near any city or county lines.

■ "Over and under, over again, undercover, back again." This clue would prove crucial

later on, because it described how to find the egg once the location could be pinpointed. The egg was under a bridge, so one would have to drive over the bridge to park, then go back under the bridge. Once there, one had to reach over a stone wall to find the egg. It was undercover because it was buried under leaves and mud.

■ "You can figure it out if you know the way, and stop between the places to play." This clue was a little misleading because it relied on two

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## City braces for downtown sewer construction

by JACK LATTA  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Several topics were up for discussion during Monday night's city council meeting, including the upcoming construction set to take place in downtown Prestonsburg.

Construction is set to begin in downtown Prestonsburg on the sewer system — construction that Mayor Jerry Fannin has previously said will be a mess.

As the city begins to tear up streets downtown to improve and replace old sewer lines, many on the council feel that they should take the opportunity to, again, ask American Electric Power if they would like to bury some of their power lines while the city is doing the work.

Mayor Jerry Fannin suggested that AEP would

expect the city to cover the expense of burying the lines. Councilman Shag Branham openly questioned why the city would pay for something that would be beneficial to AEP.

"That certainly isn't going on the city's dime. They are a private entity," Branham said.

Fannin said that he would speak with AEP representatives again to see if something could be worked out.

Also during the meeting Gorman Collins inquired about the cable channel that the city has rights to and asked if one that wasn't being used could "show government updates, about what is going on in the city."

Collins said he noted in another city that they use their cable channel to give updates about upcoming

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## Board receives attendance report, considers calendar

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — As yet another school year edges to a close, the Floyd County Board of Education appears to have all under control as yet another regular meeting came to a calm and controlled end this past Monday evening at Adams Middle School.

Kristina Springer, director of pupil personnel for the district, appeared before the board members to present reports on student attendance, the 2008-09 school calendar and the results of a recent nonresident survey sent out to the parent and guardians of Floyd County children who attend school in neighboring districts.

While student attendance numbers suffered some due to winter bouts with the flu and other seasonal ailments, district prin-

cipals are gearing up to target specific groups in order to increase attendance. At the same time, the district, currently engaged in March Madness activities designed to increase student attendance. Winners of the March Madness competitions will be announced the following weeks and the April meeting of the board.

Springer also presented the board with three options in regard to the 2008-09 school calendar. One option includes a full week of break in the month of October, while another option calls for a week of break during the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as a long weekend during the President's Day holiday. The third option encompasses both a full week of break in October and a long President's Day weekend.

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

#### Today



High: 59 • Low: 46

#### Tomorrow



High: 68 • Low: 52

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# Obituaries

## Otto Cesco

Otto Cesco, age 87, of 366 Clark Drive, Prestonsburg, passed from this life, following an extended illness, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, on Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Born October 13, 1920, at Gulnare, Pike County, he was the son of the late Georgia Cesco Scott, and the stepson of the late Lando Scott.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Blackburn Cesco; two sons: Kenneth Forrest Cesco and Thomas Howard Cesco, both of Prestonsburg; and a daughter, Glenda Mae Cesco, of Prestonsburg.

Surviving are his second wife, Geraldine Burchett Cesco of Prestonsburg; a son, Ottis Ray Cesco, of Maple Heights, Ohio; a daughter, Deborah Cesco Porter of Prestonsburg; two grandsons: Kenneth Cesco of Nelson Ledges, Ohio; and Terry Cesco of Prestonsburg; and a special granddaughter, Lora Dingess of Prestonsburg.

He was a retired plant manager for Black River Lime Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He enlisted for duty in the United States Marine Corps on August 26, 1942. He was in the South and Central Pacific Theaters of War, and saw combat in the following locations: Roi-Namur Island in the Marshall Islands group; and Saipan and Tinian Islands in the Marianas Islands group. He was wounded on Tinian Island, on July 24, 1944; and afterward received an honorable discharge.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 24, at 11:00 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Richard Kelley officiating.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Pallbearers: Kenny Cesco, Terry Cesco, Jimmy Baril, Jeffrey Wells, Vernon Hall, Joe Ryan, and Curt Jarvis.

(Paid obituary)



## Vernie Huff

Vernie Huff, age 92, of Greenwich, Ohio, died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Hillside Acres Nursing Home, Willard.

She was born, March 31, 1915, in Floyd County, the daughter of the late Jim "Blackhawk" and Willie (Johnson) Shepherd. She lived in the Shiloh area for more than 70 years. She enjoyed quilting and gardening.

She is survived by six sons: Henry (Nancy) Huff of Kelliher Minnesota; Edward (Lana) Huff of Greenwich; Daniel (Pam) Huff of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Thomas (Becky) Huff and Raymond (Cindy) Huff, all of Ashland, and Theodore (Sue) Huff of Mansfield; and eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milo Huff, and four brothers: Chandler, Chester, Sage, and Babe Shepherd; and her granddaughter, Heather Huff.

A graveside service will be held, Thursday, March 27, at 11:00 a.m., at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Greenwich.

In lieu of flowers her request for donations were to the Salvation Army Service Unit of New London, 12 Akron Street, New London, Ohio 44851; the Southern Care Hospice, 775 Lexington Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907; or Hillside Acres Recreation Department, 370 East Howard, Willard, Ohio 44890.

Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at:

www.eastmanfuneralhome.com  
(Paid obituary)



## Claude Hargis Mullins

Claude Hargis Mullins, 68, of McDowell, died Monday, March 24, 2008, at his residence.

Born September 23, 1939, in Drift, he was the son of the late Merlin and Maxie June Cole Mullins. He was a retired truck driver, a veteran of the Army Air Force, and the Vietnam War.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Olive Mullins.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Shelia Johnson.

Other survivors include a son, Claude H. Mullins Jr., of Yerkes; two stepsons, and a stepdaughter: Rodney Mosley of McDowell; Keith Mosley of Ashtabula, Ohio; and Linda Sue Hall of Topmost; a brother, David Clive Mullins of Atlanta, Georgia; four sisters: Billie Pauline Jones of Kingsport, Tennessee; Helen Jean Bolger of Cleveland, Ohio; Mary Jarrell and Brenda Gail Reynolds, both of Martin; grandchildren and stepgrandchildren: Kevin Mullins, Steven Mullins, Megan Mullins, Michael Mullins, Jessica Grace Mosley, Rodney Daniel Mosley, Amy Deann Mosley, Raymond Tyler Hall, and Jared Michael Hall.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers: William Carl Mullins, Celie Paul Mullins and Cline Hardy Mullins; and two sisters: Glo Duel Mullins and Palestine Bolger.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 27, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Earnest Reynolds, Frank Salisbury, and Bobby Crum officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, in McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.



## Melissa Renee Powers

Melissa Renee Powers, age 30, of Auxier, died Friday, March 21, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born July 29, 1977, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of Darrell and Leesa Cox Powers. She attended Happy House Adult Day Care for nine years.

Survivors include two sisters: Michelle Powers and Meredith Powers, both of Auxier; a niece, Madison

Jervis of Auxier; a nephew, Braydon Jervis of Auxier; uncles: Delmer Cox of Lexington; Mike (Della) Powers of Auxier; and Cecil (Ruth) Powers of Massillion, Ohio; her aunts: Lavern McClure of Navarre, Ohio; Georgia (Linard) Marsillett of Prestonsburg; and Neva (Tommy) Ferrell of Florida; her grandparents: Geneva Bays Cox of Auxier; and Ruby Griffith Powers of Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, James Powers; her aunt, Brenda Davis; her great-grandmother, Alice Bays; and her grandfather, George Powers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 25, at 11 a.m., at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, with Bobby Joe Spencer, David Powers, and Shane Powers, officiating.

Burial was in Highland Memorial Park, in Staffordsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church.



## Shirley Jean Sisco

Shirley Jean Sisco, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 23, 2008, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born February 9, 1949, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of Eliza Mann Sisco of Eastern, and the late Winfrey Sisco. She was a homemaker, and a member of Praise Assembly of Prestonsburg.

In addition to her mother, survivors include a son, Jason Winfrey Layne of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Apryl Chantal Hyden and Crystal Grace Layne, both of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Veronica Sue Ward of Martin, and Connie Lynn Hurt of McDowell; and a grandchild, Carley Chantal Hyden.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, March 26, at 2 p.m., at Praise Assembly, in Prestonsburg, with J.M. Sloce officiating.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is Tuesday, after 4 p.m., at the funeral home, and Wednesday, March 26, after 11 a.m., at the church.



## Alan Keith Tackett

Alan Keith Tackett, age 47, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Robinson Creek, passed from this earthly life, Thursday, March 20, 2008, at his residence.

He was born April 12, 1960, a son of Lois Hudson Tackett and the late Lester Tackett. Alan was a security guard, employed with S.E.I., and was a member of the Buckfield Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lisa Lynn Hall Tackett; and a brother, Benjamin Carl Tackett.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by six children: Ronnie Alan Tackett, Ryan Hall, Vanessa Hall, Alicia Danielle, Olivia Deanne, and Holly Norita Tackett, all of Prestonsburg; three brothers

and their wives: Gary Lee (Katie) Tackett of Weeksbury; Sterling Glenn (Glenna) Tackett, and Brandon (Tonya) Tackett, both of Robinson Creek; four sisters and their husbands: Norita (Kip) Collins of Long Fork, Virgie; Tulessa Rochelle (Bob) Slone of Elkhorn City; Lois Jean (Dennis) Rose of Virgie; and Flossie Marie Tackett of Elkhorn City; and a sister-in-law: Ramona Tackett.

He also leaves behind numerous other family members and friends to mourn his passing.

Alan will be sadly missed by all of those who knew and loved him, especially his children.

(Paid obituary)

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## Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy Hamilton would like to take this opportunity to thank all those friends, relatives, and neighbors who helped to comfort, and were there for our family during this difficult time. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, and prayers. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Jimmy Hall for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their loving care and hand of friendship to our family. The many prayers and support will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF DOROTHY HAMILTON

## Card of Thanks

The family of Paul Donald Baldrige wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all those who sent flowers, food, and prayers to our family. A special thanks to Pastor Randy Osborne for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service. All your thoughtfulness and kindness will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF PAUL DONALD BALDRIDGE

## Card of Thanks

The family of Woodrow L. Horne would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, relatives, and neighbors, who helped in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Johnny Collins for his comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All the many acts of kindness during this time will always be a comfort to our family.

THE FAMILY OF WOODROW L. HORNE

## In Loving Memory

### ADAM WRIGHT

Born: 9/12/77 Passed away: 3/26/03

Adam, it's been five years since you left us; it broke all of our hearts.

But the Lord must have had bigger plans, and wanted you by His side. We hope that someday we will all be together again.

It is so hard to live in this world without you, Adam. The family and I think about you all the time.

Love, Mom, Dad, Justin, and family



## In Memory of

### Wanda Lee Manuel Symon

4/9/49 - 3/26/07

We miss you so much, nothing is the same here any more.

But God saw you getting so tired, and a cure was not to be. He put His arms around you, and whispered "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you fade away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, your tender hands at rest. God took you home, to prove to us. He only takes the best. You left us with so many memories, and you will always be in our hearts.

#### Your family:

David Brent Symon (son), Mom (Ocie Manuel), brothers and sister—Arnold Manuel Jr. (Janet), Roger Manuel, Charles Manuel (Virginia), Brenda Ousley (Don), and all your nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews; and all your friends whom you loved so much.

We will never forget you.



## Card of Thanks

The family of Blanche McCown would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those friends, relatives, and neighbors, for their kindness in the loss of our mother. Special thanks to all of those who sent flowers, shared kind words, hugs and prayers, during this time. A special thanks goes out to Pastor Sam Smith, Paula Smith, and all of our brothers and sisters at New Bethel Assembly of God in Salyersville, for their support. Thanks to those that sang at the funeral and helped as pallbearers. A thank-you to the staff at Highlands Regional Hospital and Prestonsburg Health Care, for all of their kind attention to our mother, and their kindness to the family as we sat with her during her illness. We appreciate the help of the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their professional and caring service.

May God's blessing be upon you all.

THE FAMILY OF BLANCHE McCOWN

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# Community Calendar

**Calendar items will be printed as space permits**

there will be lots of fun, free activities in the Pikeville City Park that the entire family can enjoy.

**Free Health Screenings**  
KYHealth Choices, the Floyd County Health Dept., Diabetes Center of Excellence, and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals will host a free health screening for adults, age 18 and over, on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Wilkinson Convention Center, Jenny Wiley State Park. Screenings will include blood pressure check, weight, cholesterol and glucose checks, educational materials, counseling, and free t-shirt for each completed screening. For more info., call Libby at 422-0077.

**Piarist School Reunion**  
The First Annual Piarist School Reunion, featuring the Class of 1998's 10-Year Reunion, will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 6 p.m., at the Mountain Arts Center. Music, dancing, dinner and silent auction. All former students and faculty cordially invited to attend. For more info., please contact Ann @ 859-626-2171 or email to: piaristalumni@yahoo.com.

**MADD to meet**  
MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will conduct a meeting on April 3, at 6:30 p.m., at the Big Sandy Area Development District Agency (110 Resource Court). For more information, contact the Regional Prevention Center at 889-8902. All community members encouraged to attend.

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

**4th Annual Home and Garden Expo to be held Sat., March 29**  
The 4th Annual Home and Garden Expo will be held Saturday, March 29, at the Jenny Wiley Convention Center from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Home and Garden Expo features various sections with on-going home and garden presentations and demonstrations. There will be an area showcasing products and ser-

vices of area businesses and questions and answer booth with free literature on many topics. You and your family can also have fun with "hands-on" youth and family activities. There are free herb, vegetable, and flower seeds available to all participants. Come enjoy, have fun, and learn!

**Family reunion**  
The descendants of Bud and Tannie Johnson, Ab and Lendie Bryant, and Green and Mary Johnson will have a family reunion Saturday, May 24, at the Weeksbury Community Park, starting at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Paul W. Johnson, 1274 Alexandersville Road, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342. Phone: 937-866-7937.

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

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

- Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
  - Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
  - Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
  - Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
  - Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
  - Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
- For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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

to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**External Diploma Program**  
Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the

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

**Zebulon Lodge 273, F&AM Master Mason Degree**  
Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held Saturday, April 19. The first section of the degree will be conferred at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served; and the degree work will continue. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend.

**Christ United Methodist Sunday night "Joy Service"**  
Christ United Methodist Church of Allen, will hold a Sunday night "Joy Service" on March 30, at 6 p.m. Special singing by "Crystal Collins."

**Benefit dinner**  
The Pikeville Rotary Club will host an International Dinner on Tuesday, April 1, from 6-8 p.m., in the Pikeville College Gym. Enjoy fine cuisine from around the world! Admission: \$25/person. Tickets available from any Rotary member or at the door. All proceeds will go to the East Kentucky Science Center.

**Book of Life play at Betsy Layne church**  
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A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.

— Doug Larson

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## Our View

### Another good year, even with spoilsports

The Great Easter Egg Hunt is over for another year, and we're sure we are not alone in thinking this was the best year ever.

Not only did the contest expand to include a second egg and second opportunity to win this year, but the hiding place of the grand prize egg proved so elusive as to allow us to give out all of the clues before the prize was claimed. That helped to bring the excitement to a fever pitch this year, as day after day the prize went unclaimed and more people took part in the fun.

Unfortunately, the fun was tarnished a little this year by the antics of some prankster who thought it would be funny to hide at least a dozen counterfeit eggs at various locations. It truly was heart-breaking to have to ruin the happiness of about a dozen people who thought they had won the prize by telling them that they had been the victim of this spoilsport. Maybe this was someone's misguided attempt to get a few laughs, but what they did was cause more than a few tears.

Rest assured that we will do what we can to find the identity of whoever is responsible for this hoax, and then ensure that he or she faces the consequences.

But even with these antics, the fun of the Great Easter Egg Hunt could not be spoiled. This year was perhaps the best ever, and we look forward to doing it all again next year. The hunt is truly the most fun we have all year long. And even though there were only two winning eggs, we're certain that everyone else who took part in the search had as much fun as we did putting it together.

Of course, this contest would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We encourage you to let them know how much you appreciate their support for this contest, perhaps with continued business throughout the year, or maybe with a word of thanks.

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Once again, thank you to everyone involved. We'll see you back on the hunt next year.

— The Floyd County Times



## Guest Column

### Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

With approximately nine working days remaining in the 2008 session of the General Assembly, the legislative process is going full steam. Bills to improve education, protect miners and strengthen sex offender laws are just a few pieces of legislation that have passed the Senate this session.

As a growing number of bills are moving through committees and coming before the full Senate for a vote, we are digging into the budget plan sent to us by the House of Representatives. We anticipate moving the budget bill out of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee to go before the full Senate for a vote early next week.

There are many projects and initiatives important to our region that I am working to include in the final budget. I am looking for ways to ensure the plan guides the state through its tough budget crisis, while protecting the programs and services Kentuckians depend on everyday.

Crafting a budget is the biggest responsibility lawmakers have. Taxpayers rightfully expect their leg-

islators to make sure state revenues are used wisely and not wasted. At the same time, we need to make sure Kentucky is investing in its infrastructure and supporting the schools and services important to you.

Next week will be busy as members appointed by each chamber meet in a conference committee to work out a compromise on the state-spending plan. Conference committees will also be appointed to work out differences on other important legislation including ethics, state pensions and school bullying.

This week, we passed Senate Bill 213 that would mandate that all mines have landing zones for medical helicopters that are called in during accidents. Especially in the mountains, it can be difficult to find a safe landing zone close to a mine opening, and wasted minutes endanger lives. This bill would make sure mine offices and local EMS dispatch agencies have the tools they need to get mine accident victims treatment as soon as possible. It is a great supplement to the mine safety legislation we have passed the last few years.

We also had the privilege of honoring some of our outstanding youth. On Wednesday, we adopted a resolution recognizing Kentucky 4-H members and their adult mentors as they took part in "4-H: A Capitol

Experience." Hundreds of 4-Hers visited the Capitol to gain a better understanding of how their government works.

Kentucky ranks in the top 10 of several 4-H enrollment categories nationally. Kentucky's 4-H provides young people with hands-on, real-world opportunities to learn skills, gain knowledge, and make contributions in areas such as agriculture, environmental education, technology, community service, and current youth issues.

There are approximately 230,000 young people in the state involved in this youth development program. I am pleased to see such participation because 4-H is helping train our future leaders.

We are getting to crunch time on this long session. Only seven days remain until we break for the year period. It is important for me to know where you stand on the issues we will be facing in the next few days, so do not hesitate to call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or you can e-mail me at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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Senator Johnny Ray Turner represents Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.



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GED classes are also available.

**Floyd County Extension Homemaker Club Meetings**  
**Allen:** 1st Monday, 11 a.m., at Christ United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Dixie:** 3rd Thursday, 12:30 p.m., Dixie Community Room.

**David:** 1st Monday, 1 p.m., at St. Vincent's Mission.

**Martin:** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., Martin Church of Christ.

**Maytown:** 3rd Thursday, 6 p.m., Maytown Learning Center.

**Cliff:** 3rd Tuesday, 12 p.m., Community Center.

**Prestonsburg:** 2nd Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Extension Office.

**South Prestonsburg:** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Home of members (call 886-2668 for info.)

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

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

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

**Looking for a Support Group?**

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

**Domestic Violence Support Group** - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center

holds meetings each Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call Jessica Slone at 886-6025 for more information.

**Overeater's Anonymous** - Meetings held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., at the old Allen Baptist Church, located in Allen, just past red light. Call 889-9620 for more info.

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

**Community Weight Loss Support Group** - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center.

For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

**A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky)** - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster par-

ents and all others interested in adoption. To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net.

**PARENTS!** - Contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. to find out about child care services in your area, the STARS for KIDS NOW licensing standards program, and how you can earn an income by staying home with your own children while caring for the children of others. Find out more by

calling Cheryl Endicott at 886-1280, or 888-872-7227 (toll free).

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

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

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### Big Sandy heating aid tops \$2.3 million

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The agency began taking applications for the program year in November 2007, processing 15,449 applications before the ending in early February. BSACAP distributed \$2,381,913 to help heat homes in Johnson, Floyd, Pike, Magoffin and Martin Counties. An additional \$299,402 in LIHEAP funds were used to help families during last summer's prolonged heat wave.

"Our agency's goal is to help those in the community who are in need," said James Michael Howell, the agency's executive director. "The increasing number of requests for help reflects the impact rising energy costs is having on everyone, especially the elderly and low income. The assistance LIHEAP provides makes a difference between a family staying warm or suffering from the cold."

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## HCTC to hold 12th annual Spring Writers Conference April 18

An exemplary group of writers are offering free workshops at the 12th annual Spring Writers Conference at Hazard Community and Technical College on Friday, April 18th. The conference will host a variety of esteemed writers to lead workshop sessions.

Diane Gilliam Fisher will lead three poetry sessions. Gilliam's books include *Recipe for Blackberry Cake*; *One of Everything*, and *Kettle Bottom*. She is the winner of the Ohioana Library Association Book of the Year Award in Poetry 2005 for *Kettle Bottom*, which also won a Pushcart Prize and was an American Booksellers Association Book Sense Pick or the Top Ten Poetry Books of 2005.

Gurney Norman will offer three fiction workshops at this

year's Spring Writers Conference. Norman is the author of *Kinfolks: the Wilgus Stories*, a collection of connected short stories featuring Wilgus Collier, and the novel *Divine Right's Trip*. He is also a contributing editor of *Back Talk from Appalachia: Confronting Stereotypes and An American Vein: Critical Readings in Appalachian Literature*. Norman, a long-time advocate for Appalachian writing and culture, has participated in the HCTC Writers Conference since its inception. He teaches creative writing at the University of Kentucky.

Crystal Wilkinson will lead three sessions on short stories. Crystal Wilkinson is currently a Writer in Residence at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky. She is the author of two collections of short stories—*Blackberries*,

*Blackberries and Water Street*. Wilkinson was also the recipient of the 2002 Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature, and she is a member of a writing collective called *The Affrilachain Poets*. Her creative writing, both fiction and poetry, has been published in *Southern Exposure*, *Calyx*, *African Voices* and many other journals as well as multiple anthologies.

Hugh X. Lewis will present a special lunchtime discussion and musical performance from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the HCTC auditorium of the Jolly Classroom Center. Hugh X. Lewis comes from very humble beginnings in tiny Yeaddiss, Kentucky and has enjoyed a career as diverse as it is long. Those recording his songs include country and bluegrass stars Charley Pride, Del Reeves, Jim Ed Brown,

Lynn Anderson, Mac Wiseman and his biggest records to date have been Carl Smith's recording of "Take My Ring From Your Finger" and Stonewall Jackson's version of "BJ the DJ".

The writing workshops will be held simultaneously at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. Mr. Lewis's lunchtime session will run from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will have a Question and Answer session following. The Conference is sponsored by HCTC and funded in part by the Mountain Writing Project and The Hampton Inn of Hazard. For more information, contact Professor Scott Lucero at 800-246-7521, ext. 73200 or 606-487-3200. You can email him at [Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu](mailto:Scott.Lucero@kctcs.edu) and you can see more at <http://www.myspace.com/eveningwithpoets>

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## Pikeville High School student wins state finals of Poetry Out Loud national recitation contest

FRANKFORT — Amy Cordero emerged as the winner among 23 high school students from across the commonwealth that competed in the third annual Poetry Out Loud state finals March 19, hosted by the Kentucky Arts Council on the campus of Kentucky State University in Frankfort. Emmanuel Nfor of Western Hills High School in Franklin County was named runner-up.

Cordero will receive \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national finals for a \$20,000 scholarship prize on April 28 and 29, 2008. Her school, Pikeville High School also receives \$500 for the purchase of poetry books while the runner-up Nfor will receive \$100 with \$200 for the Western Hills High School library. Both the Kentucky winner and runner-up will be invited to recite their poems at the Kentucky Writers' Day Celebration, April 24, in Frankfort.

Poetry Out Loud is presented by state arts agencies such as the Kentucky Arts Council in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Last year over 100,000 high school students across the country participated in the program, which aims to



From left to right, Arts Council Board Member Wilma Brown, Arts Council Executive Director Lori Meadows, Poetry Out Loud State Finals Winner Amy Cordero, National Endowment for the Arts Director of Arts Education Dr. Sarah Cunningham and Arts Council Arts Education Director John S. Benjamin.

develop young people's public speaking skills, self-confidence, and knowledge of their literary heritage.

Starting at the classroom level, winners advance to a school-wide competition, then to the state competition and finally to the national competition, where 12 finalists and ultimately the Poetry Out Loud National Champion are chosen from the 50 state and the District of Columbia winners. Both of Kentucky's past state winners, Kendra

Holloway and Dean Muir, were chosen as national finalists.

Participants in the Kentucky state finals have been selected from 23 high schools that completed a unit of study on poetry with materials provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and an artist residency provided by the Kentucky Arts Council before the contests began. Participating artists from the Kentucky Arts Council's Arts Education Roster included

Dick Albin, Angelyn DeBord, Bet Stewart, Cynthia Changaris, Katherine Mapother, Kathi E. B. Ellis, Mitch Barrett, Octavia Sexton, Shannon Woolley, and Susan Pope. Students worked with these professional artists in selecting, interpreting, and rehearsing their poems.

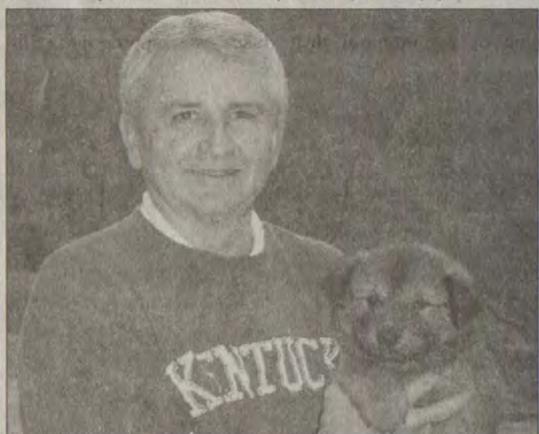
Judges this year were Kentucky Poet Laureate Jane Gentry Vance, Sarah Gorham, poet and co-founder of Sarabande Books, Inc. in Louisville and Hasan Davis, a nationally-recognized performer, poet, and youth advocate. Kentucky Arts Council Board Member, Wilma Brown, served as accuracy official. Special guest Dr. Sarah Cunningham, Director of Arts Education for the National Endowment for the Arts presented awards to the state winner and runner-up, as well as each high school finalist.

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# Kentucky Senate approves two-year state spending plan

by JOE BIESK  
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FRANKFORT — A Senate spending plan to run state government for the next two years would release up to 2,000 felons from prison and put them into home incarceration programs.

The plan would allow for the release of nonviolent and non-sexual felony offenders, while some could be released early for completing certain programs while still in prison. State government could save up to nearly \$50 million over the next two fiscal years under the plan, lawmakers said.

"If we can put these people in treatment, as opposed to incarcerating them where they get no treatment, the savings will be tremendous," said Sen. Charlie Borders, Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee chairman. "Because not only will it get the people to treatment where we hope they won't be second-, third-, fourth-time offenders, but now they become taxpaying contributors because they're able to get jobs and become a contributing citizen as opposed to locking them away forever and without treatment."

The Senate approved the measure Monday on a 36-2 vote, sending it back to the House for consideration. House lawmakers subsequently voted not to agree with the Senate changes, a move that sets the stage for budget negotiations between the two chambers later this week.

Kentucky lawmakers are facing a grisly economic forecast based on sagging revenues and soaring expenses that has the state facing a projected revenue shortfall of approximately \$900 million over the next two fiscal years starting July 1. That's on top of an approximately \$434 million shortfall in the current fiscal year.

Gov. Steve Beshear proposed an approximately \$18.7 billion budget proposal that

called for 12 percent cuts to various state agencies, government programs and public universities. Beshear has called on lawmakers to increase revenue by raising the state's tax on cigarettes by 70 cents a pack and approve a proposed constitutional amendment to legalize casino gambling.

House lawmakers, seeking to close the gap, approved a nearly \$19 billion budget proposal that would increase the cigarette tax by a quarter and raise various other taxes on services.

Under the Senate proposal, inmates who receive their high school diplomas or graduate equivalency diploma, or other educational or drug treatment programs, could receive up to 90 days of "good time credit" while in prison.

Kelly said some of people who could be released include those convicted of writing bad checks or failing to pay child support. The state's prison commissioner would have the discretion to release inmates.

Kentucky has more than 22,000 inmates.

Beshear has said Kentucky needs to reconsider some punishments for people convicted of nonviolent crimes to reduce its inmate population. Beshear has noted that while the state's crime rate has increased by 3 percent over 30 years, the inmate population has spiked by 600 percent.

"We're going to need to look and see if it's realistic under our current circumstances to project that we will be releasing 2,000 inmates and saving a bunch of money because of that," Beshear said.

Senate lawmakers said their proposal, among other things, called for no additional money from taxes. However, the plan would collect about \$110 million more from the Kentucky Lottery to offset cuts to higher education, said Senate Majority Floor Leader Dan Kelly, R-Springfield.

Borders said Senate lawmakers did not feel raising taxes was appropriate. Still,

Borders said lawmakers were expecting state revenues would exceed current official projections.

"Increasing taxes was not a priority because we considered with the economy being what it is — and some fear of where the economy is headed — that we should tighten our budgets as much as we expect folks back home have to do the same thing," Borders said.

Currently, lottery revenue helps fund college grant, scholarship and literacy programs, lottery spokesman Chip Polston said in an e-mail. Since 1998, the lottery has contributed more than \$950 million toward college grants and scholarships and last year turned over about 26.4 percent of its sales, about \$196 million, Polston said.

Public school teachers would receive smaller pay raises under the Senate proposal. The proposal calls for 1 percent wage increases in each

of the next two fiscal years. A proposal approved by House lawmakers earlier this month would provide raises of 1 percent in the first year of the budget and 3 percent in the second.

The Senate plan would add up to 2 percent in pay raises for teachers under a contingency spending plan that would be triggered if state revenues improved beyond current projections.

Kentucky Education Association President Sharron Oxendine said she is hopeful the larger raises can be restored before lawmakers give final approval to the budget.

"You can't make ends meet on a promise," she said.

Among other things, the proposal would fund less money for higher education than the House plan but more than Beshear proposed. Public universities would face cuts of about 9 percent under the

Senate plan compared with about 12 percent proposed by Beshear.

Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, called the budget proposal "cruel and callous." Scorsone was one of two senators who voted against the measure.

"I cannot compliment the cutting and slashing that is part of this budget," Scorsone said. "The House did not meet all

the unmet needs of the commonwealth, but this budget unfortunately doesn't even get as close as the House does."

The legislation is House Bill 406.

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## Highlights of the Senate's 2-year budget proposal

Below is a list of highlights contained in the two-year spending plan the Kentucky Senate approved Monday:

- Would release up to 2,000 felons, saving \$50 million over two years.
- 1 percent pay raise for teachers in each of the next two years, more depending on state revenue.
- \$60 million for Bucks for Brains program, a program that provides state matching money for private donations to universities for research and other spending.
- \$2 million for Operation UNITE.
- No increase in cigarette tax, compared with House's 25-cent proposed increase.
- No appropriation for expansion of Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Elliott County.
- Adds two members to state Parole Board.
- Appropriates \$10 million to a military service rebate fund.
- Does not fund proposed replacement of Glasgow State Nursing Facility in Barren County, a long-term care facility for individuals with mental illness or mental retardation.
- \$13 million for a boiler project at Morehead State University.
- \$3 million for purchasing land for a new northern Kentucky National Guard Armory.
- \$1 million over two years for additional amusement park ride inspectors.
- \$10.3 million for roads around the Kentucky Horse Park.
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# BSCTC to hold talent showcase April 4

Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) will be holding its second annual Big Sandy Stars: Talent Showcase Friday, April 4, at 7:00 PM in Gearheart Auditorium, Pike Building,

Prestonsburg Campus. Twenty-two acts will perform a variety of talents: from singing, to dancing, to instrumental selections. These acts include the students, faculty, staff, and community program

members of BSCTC and include faculty and staff members: Featuring Susan Chaffin, Daphene Goble, Debbie Castle, Tom Vierheller, Doug Heman, Don Barlow, Michelle Fields, Melissa Ramsey, Conda Little, Mike & Kathy Dixon, George Edwards, Gil Plants, Mary Stepp, Betsy Spradlin, Clayton Case, and Laura Ford Hall; community music program members Mary Lou Lavender, Nicole Pennington, Jerica Blair, Rachael & Will Hayes, Melanie Stapleton, Ashley Fleming, Chesi Spriggs, Brandi Brown, & Ashley Hall; and BSCTC students: Troy Burchett, Amy Hall, Marquisha Matthews, Recca Conn, Rhonda Alley, Chris Robinson, C. J. Cobb, and Katie Wilson.

BSCTC Serenade, an elite community and student based singing ensemble from Big Sandy will open and close the showcase. Little's Tappers: a tap dancing troupe, directed by Conda Little will also perform.

The public is welcome to attend the Big Sandy Stars: Talent Showcase. Tickets are \$5.00 each and all tickets are available at the door. The auditorium will open for seating at 6:30 PM and all seating is on a first come, first served basis. All proceeds will benefit the BSCTC Music and Drama Club for funding for the music and drama programs at the college.

"I am looking forward to performing," said performer Melanie Stapleton. "The talent show gives students, faculty, and staff a great opportunity to



The Big Sandy Stars Talent Showcase will feature (front row, from left) Susan Chaffin, Mary Lou Lavender, Nicole Pennington, Amy Hall, Daphene Goble, Jerica Blair, Rachael Hayes, Debbie Castle, (second row) Melanie Stapleton, Brandi Brown, Tom Vierheller, Doug Heman, Don Barlow, Ashley Hall, Michelle Fields (also featured but not pictured); Melissa Ramsey, Conda Little, Little's Tappers: a tap dancing troupe; Mike & Kathy Dixon, George Edwards, Gil Plants, Mary Stepp, Marquisha Matthews, Troy Burchett & Betsy Spradlin, the Perkins Boys, Clayton Case, Laura Ford Hall and The Big Sandy Singers.

## Century 21 American Way Realty agents receive awards

Dorothy Harris, broker and owner of Century 21 American Way Realty, has announced that Ellen Harris, sales associate with the office, recently earned the Century 21 System's "Centurion Producer Award," following her 2007 sales success.

The Centurion Producer Award honors Century 21 System sales associates that earn \$209,000 in sales production or 60 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. Harris will be presented with the Centurion Award statue and lapel pin, in addition to being recognized at the Century 21 International Convention.

"Ellen is a leader and innovator in delivering powerful home buying and selling choices to her clients because she knows the community she serves," Dorothy Harris said. "Ellen is a valued and trusted real estate resource for the Prestonsburg community and a major contributor to the overall success of Century 21 American Way Realty."

Ellen Harris has 21 years of experience in the real estate industry, all with the Century 21 System.

"This is an amazing accomplishment in a community of approximately 5,000," Dorothy Harris said.

"Achieving Centurion Producer status is a great milestone in my professional career and, with a continued

effort and focus on my clients, I hope to continue on this path of success," Ellen Harris said.

In addition to Ellen Harris, two other sales associates were also recognized with awards.

Gary Frazier was awarded the Topaz Award for selling \$3.3 million in property during 2007.

Jessica Holcomb was awarded the Horizon Award for completing her first full year in real estate with the Century 21 brand. During 2007, she reached \$1.6 million in sales.

Century 21 American Way Realty is a full-service brokerage located at 412 North Arnold Avenue in Prestonsburg, specializing in residential, commercial and rural properties.

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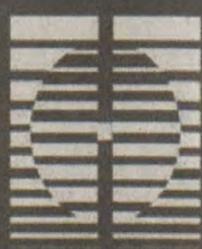
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**Winner**

Zak Ratliff agreed. "It was the toughest this year that it's ever been," he said.

The Ratliffs have been participating in the egg hunt for the past three years and have become quite good at it. The ability to interpret the clues was in evidence last year when they arrived at the location of the hidden egg during the 2007

Great Easter Egg Hunt, only to be told that it had been found 15 minutes earlier by 15-year-old Chase Johnson, of Topmost.

The Ratliffs were hot on the trail of this year's egg early, figuring out that it was in the Spurlock area after the eighth clue, the "Math Quiz" clue. They even searched under the

bridge twice before, only to come away empty handed, and they began looking in other areas nearby.

That changed when Sunday's clue referencing the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" fairy tale hit newsstands. "It was the very last clue that sent us back to the bridge," Zak Ratliff said.

"It was so ironic, because we searched there earlier," Coleen Ratliff said. "He was under the bridge. I was on top and I asked him, 'Do you want to play the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'?"

Other clues that helped the ninth clue (the "boots and key" clue) and the tenth and eleventh clues that referenced

the nearby Living Waters Ministries.

With their winnings, the Ratliffs plan to engage in another hunt of sorts. Zak Ratliff said he plans to use the money to buy his son a Nintendo Wii, the gaming console that has been in short supply and hard to find since its launch in November 2006.

"This is the best Easter egg hunt I've ever been on," Zak Ratliff said.

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**Clues**

definitions of play. If traveling Route 122 at Spurlock, the egg was located between the Martin Community Center, where basketball is played, and the Mountain Arts Center, where music is played.

■ "Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble. If you're looking in one, try its double." If you were looking in Magisterial District 1, you were on the wrong track. Look in its "double." District 2.

■ "If you're wondering which direction is best, try a smidgen north and a little west." This is not a clue telling what direction to go,

but what area of the county the egg was located in. Looking at a map of Floyd County, the egg was slightly northwest of center.

■ "Math quiz: Start with 6 or 8, no less, no more, then take 5 between 3 and 4." You could start on Route 80 (8+0=8) or Route 114 (1+1+4=6), then take Route 122 (1+2+2=5) and stop between mile markers 3 and 4.

■ "Not the boots, not the key, close to both is where you'll find me." This clue was perhaps the key to solving the entire contest, because it gave the general area where the egg

was hidden, while the remaining clues would narrow down the area further. To solve this clue, you would have to think of two things that were not boots or a key, but were close to them. If you guessed spurs and a lock, it would then be easy to figure out that the egg was hidden at Spurlock Creek.

■ "Where oxygen and hydrogen combine, turn and stop before they come alive." This clue is a reference to the nearby Living Waters Ministries. Oxygen and hydrogen combine to form water. You would then turn onto Conley Fork Road and

stop before coming to Living Waters Ministries.

■ "Signs of the cross to the left and the right, but cross in the middle and find me you might." The egg was located between the two signs for Living Waters Ministries, both of which had crosses on them. You would then cross the bridge at the mouth of Conley Fork to find it.

■ "Three goats once had an enemy. He's gone now, leaving only me." A reference to the fairy tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff, whose enemy was a troll that lived under a bridge.

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**Fakes**

test.

Three such eggs have been brought to The Times' office, and the paper has received phone calls reporting up to nine more. The eggs have been mostly found at Archer Park and Stonecrest Golf Course, with one egg reportedly found at Pig in a Poke Restaurant.

"This is very unfortunate," said Times Publisher Joshua Byers. "We certainly sympathize with those people who believed they had found the winning egg, only to be told that they weren't winners after all."

"We are trying to find out who is doing this, and when we do, we will consult with our attorneys to see if any civil or criminal charges are possible. But at this point, unfortunately, there is not much we can do but break the bad news

to some good people who have been taken advantage of by a mean-spirited prankster."

The counterfeit eggs that have been brought in to The Times have been the smaller, "egg-size" plastic eggs with a mailing label attached to the outside. The labels say, "Congratulations! Return this egg to the Floyd County Times to collect your \$500.00 prize!"

The Times uses a much larger egg, with a certificate inside.

"When we first started this contest, we anticipated that someone might try to produce a counterfeit egg," said Times

Editor Ralph B. Davis. "With that in mind, we made the certificate hard to duplicate by implementing a number of security features."

Davis declined to give further information about the security features, and said the paper is looking at implementing additional security in future contests.

"The key thing to remem-

ber this year is that the contest has already been won," Byers said. "Any eggs that are found from now on are certainly fakes."

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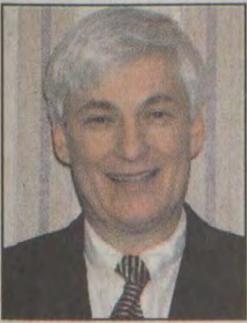
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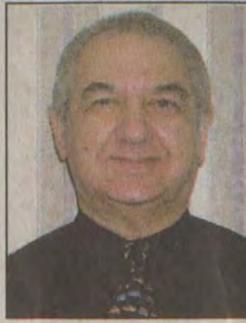
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Wireless

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doesn't work. "All we're doing is making people mad," Collins said.

Collins said he wants Graden to stop promoting the network like it is something the city has officially decided to do. Both Collins and Branham noted that the service was intended to be a test pilot program which the city might adopt later, if it is both functional and fiscally feasible. "You are rolling this thing out as if it works, and it doesn't," Collins said.

As a testament to the success of the program, Graden noted that on the day of the unveiling, the service peaked at a record 107 simultaneous users.

According to Graden, the city's wireless zone is roughly two miles long and covers the area between S-curve and Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The network allows people with wire-

less-enabled computers, cell phones and other devices to connect to the internet without having to pay a fee.

Though Graden has spent the last several months intensely marketing the city on a local, state and national level as a free wireless internet community, council members said the costs involved in maintaining such a system would require the city to charge for it. "There is no way we can do it for free," said Branham.

Though previous estimates had put the cost of such a program between \$50,000 and \$250,000, Graden discovered an advertisement for Meraki Networks, a California-based company which claimed it could provide the tools for the network far cheaper than other estimates.

According to its website, Meraki boasts "thousands of Meraki networks are running around the world," though

they list only one case study to the success of the program with cities or towns — Prestonsburg.

According to that study, "Graden used WiFi as a competitive advantage when convincing new businesses to set up shop to the area, including six restaurants, three national retailers and two light industrial companies."

According to Graden, the city had budgeted \$8,500 to test out the program, but according to council members, the costs for maintaining such a system could range between \$80,000 and \$90,000 a year.

Mayor Jerry Fannin and Graden both contend that the service has been popular within the community and that they have already received requests from residents outside the wireless zone for the city to expand it.

"As far as I know, it hasn't worked real good for any-

body," Collins said.

Despite the fact that the council has not yet voted to approve the city adopting the wireless network, the service has already expanded once to include both Archer Park and the Mountain Arts Center, and work to provide service to Stonecrest Golf Course is reportedly in progress.

"I was not aware of it expanding, or that it is a full-fledged endeavor that we are pursuing," Collins said.

Graden said the wireless network will help the city compete for 21st century jobs, especially if the city moves forward on plans to open a high-tech business park. According to Graden, such investments are necessary for Prestonsburg to compete in the modern economy.

Graden believes the wireless community will put Prestonsburg in a position to compete globally. "We're not

competing with the next town over," Graden said. "We're not competing with the border of Indiana. We're competing with China and India ... It truly is a global economy without borders."

According to both Collins and Branham, the ConnectKentucky program that the city is reportedly working with is designed for areas that have no internet connection. "We have internet here, and it is probably better than anything that we could provide," Collins said.

Branham said that he had previously put together a study for the city to invest in the infrastructure to offer an internet service that could compete with companies such as Suddenlink, but that study was disregarded by Graden. Branham said that program would have cost millions to implement, but it would have put the city in a position to compete for the hundreds of thousands in revenue taken in by Suddenlink.

According to Graden, this wireless network, provided it is approved by the city council, will improve the quality of life in areas of education, medicine, tourism and communication.

Graden said the city is already receiving a positive impact with increased exposure, saying that he has

already fielded calls from people in 20 different states who have expressed an interest in Prestonsburg's wireless network.

The network is part of a plan to modernize city government, with the second phase being the creation of a website for the city which will allow residents to complete much of their city business, such as paying taxes, online.

Collins listed several reasons for his objections to the program, "I don't know how much it's going to cost, don't know if it will work. All we're getting right now are complaints."

Collins said the city needs to let people know this is only a test program. "There is no need to lead people to believe we will be doing this."

Board

however, that option also calls for an earlier start date.

Springer reported that some teachers have commented that they feel that an entire week off during the month of October is not beneficial to instruction.

Another important factor for consideration is the CATS testing schedule. Springer reported that elementary school teachers seem to prefer having school dismiss for the summer break immediately following the testing window, while high school staff prefer to get the testing over prior to end-of-school activities. Therefore, the possibility exists that elementary and high schools will recognize different testing window dates.

In addition, the possibility of lengthening the school day in order to bank time for the upcoming year in anticipation of closings due to inclement weather was also discussed. If so decided, the school day for next year could be lengthened

by 15 minutes, which would most likely be accomplished by an earlier start date due to transportation considerations and after-school activities.

No calendar option was accepted at the meeting. Instead, the board will continue to look at the proposed options and make a final decision in the weeks to come.

In regard to the results of a nonresident survey requested by the board earlier in the year, Springer reported that 51 of 327 surveys mailed were completed and returned. In January, the surveys were mailed to parents and guardians of Floyd County students who attend schools in neighboring districts of Pike, Johnson, Knott and Magoffin

counties, in addition to Pikeville Independent and Paintsville Independent school districts.

Of the surveys returned, the top two reasons given by parent and guardians for sending their children to neighboring districts were, first, overall academic reputation of the neighboring district, and second, convenience in regard to parent/guardian employment and child care.

Supt. Henry Webb said that he appreciated the time and effort of those who responded to the survey and that their comments and recommendations would be taken into consideration by committee members looking into the issue.

In other business, board

members received reports on student cell phone usage, the feasibility of offering districtwide free lunches to all students, and accepted a resolution of the Floyd County School District Finance Corporation that will allow a renovation project for Betsy Layne High School to move forward.

Jeff Stumbo, board chair, said that the Betsy Layne school will receive "about \$2.8 million" in renovations that will include "school bathrooms, heating and cooling systems, a new water tank, and new furniture."

Board member Dr. Chandra Varia was not present at the meeting.

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police programs, or public safety news. "People need to know about what is going on."

Other happenings during the council meeting included a unanimous vote to authorize Fannin to sign a 20-year loan for the purchase of Auxier Water. Eddie Campbell, city utilities finance director, said customers of Auxier Water will get a rate break, as they will now pay the same rate as the rest of the city's customers, which is lower, than Auxier's rate.

Jean Rosenberg, with the Floyd County Health Department came before the council to ask that the city declare April 2 to be "Kick Butts" day in conjunction with a regional promotion. "We're trying to get as much smoke-free space as possible," Rosenberg said.

According to Rosenberg, there are 23 restaurants that are nonsmoking everyday, and she is working to encourage other businesses to participate that day. The measure was voted on and passed by the council.

The council also voted on and approved a measure to enforce the collection of city taxes. The city council plans to begin taking bids from private firms who would handle the collection of taxes. "We want to put it up for bid and wash our hands of it," said Branham.

After receiving only one bid, the city voted to purchase a wood chipper for the Public Works Department. The wood chipper comes with a price tag of \$23,485.50, which falls under the \$28,000 the department had reportedly budgeted for the acquisition.

Council members also asked the public works department about several potholes in the streets of downtown Prestonsburg that are in need of repair.

Councilman B.D. Nunnery was absent from the meeting.

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# Odds & Ends

■ **SALISBURY, Conn.** — Police say a man's excuse for speeding through a small Connecticut town takes the cake — or, at least, the cookie.

A state trooper who stopped the 1993 BMW last fall says its driver, 28-year-old Justin Vonkummer of Millerton, N.Y., blamed his driving problems on an errant Oreo.

Vonkummer told the trooper that an Oreo had just slipped from his fingers as he dunked it in a cup of milk, and that he was trying to fish it out when he lost control of his car.

Prosecutors learned in court this week that Vonkummer had been charged with speeding and driving under a suspended license — not driving under the influence, as a clerk had mistakenly noted in the court records.

Vonkummer's attorney declined to comment. The case is pending.

■ **NIKISKI, Alaska** — The cake was in the shape of a pool and the walk down the aisle was replaced by a zip down a water slide as Mark Confer and Joanne Wainwright took the plunge into marriage — literally.

The two were married Saturday in a swimming pool.

Instead of jumping in with both feet, they came whooshing around and down the pool's 136-foot slide. The couple then bowed their heads while Scott Coffman, senior pastor at College Heights Baptist Church, blessed their marriage.

Confer and Wainwright are dedicated to physical fitness. Confer's passion is skiing, while Wainwright has swum competitively and coached high school swim teams most of her life.

"I always would tell my students if I ever got married in Alaska I was going to get married at the Nikiski pool," Wainwright said. According to its Web site, the enclosed, heated pool is open year-round and offers "excellent views of the surrounding terrain and wildlife."

On top of their pool-shaped wedding cake, the couple placed a tiny bride and groom coiled on the diving board, ready to dive in.

■ **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.** — How bad is the housing market? Bad enough that a cash-strapped builders' group is forced to sell its own home.

Three years after moving into its posh, new \$3.5 million headquarters, the Home & Building Association of Greater Grand Rapids is putting the building up for sale.

Chief Executive Judy Barnes said the association is hampered by the weak economy, a sluggish residential building industry and declining membership. The setbacks have resulted in some pledges made toward paying for construction of the 15,000-square-foot headquarters going unfulfilled.

The association spent \$1.5 million of its own money on the building. The remainder was to be covered by donations and the sale of its previous headquarters.

Barnes declined to release the amount still owed on the new building but said the association was not in financial trouble.

"Like the rest of our industry, it is a little slow right now," John Overbeck, president of the association's board of directors, told The Grand Rapids Press for a story published Friday. "We've looked at it for the last year and a half, done everything we could to weigh our decision."

The group had more than 1,200 members and 19 staff

personnel when it moved into the building in March 2005. Later that year, membership grew to almost 1,400.

Today, it has fallen to about 980 members and 10 staff.

■ **CHICAGO** — Two sisters from Virginia sold their Illinois-shaped corn flake on eBay Friday night for \$1,350.

"We were biting our nails all the way up to the finish, seeing what would happen," said Melissa McIntire, 23. "There's a lot of relief involved."

The winner of the auction, which lasted more than a week, is the owner of a trivia Web site who wants to add the corn flake to a traveling museum.

"We're starting a collection of pop culture and Americana items," said Monty Kerr of Austin, Texas. "We thought this was a fantastic one."

Kerr owns TriviaMania.com and said he will likely send someone to Virginia to pick up the flake by hand, so it won't be damaged. This isn't the first corn flake that Kerr has tried to buy. He said he purchased a flake billed as the world's largest, but that by the time it was delivered it had crumbled into three pieces.

McIntire and her sister Emily, 15, listed the corn flake on eBay last week, but eBay canceled the auction saying it violated the Web site's food policy.

The sisters restarted their eBay auction, advertising a coupon redeemable for their corn flake, instead of the cereal itself.

The McIntires said they'll likely use the money for a family vacation.

Copycat items have popped up on eBay, including corn flakes shaped like Hawaii and Virginia. There's also been a potato chip shaped like Florida, and Illinois corn flake paraphernalia, including T-shirts and buttons.

■ **MARYVILLE, Tenn.** — Blount County's newest police cruiser has been turning heads, but whether it could keep up in a high-speed chase seems unlikely.

Assistant Chief Deputy Archie Garner retrofitted a 1973 Volkswagen Beetle to add to the sheriff's fleet of police interceptors, but with a top-end speed of about 70 mph, he's not writing a lot of speeding tickets.

The "bug-erceptor" was seized in a DUI case and boasts a new paint job, sheriff's decals and tags, a siren, radio, barred rear side windows, a side-mounted spotlight and police lights.

The car even has the same number, 53, as Herbie the Volkswagen race car in the movie "The Love Bug."

Garner said the car will be used mostly as a public relations tool for the department, making appearances in parades and at school events.

■ **LIHUE, Hawaii** — A man hoping to cheer up an ailing relative at Wilcox Memorial Hospital hadn't considered one of the visitation rules: No horses allowed.

The man thought the patient would enjoy seeing his stallion, said Lani Yukimura, a spokeswoman at the hospital. He and the horse entered the hospital earlier this month and rode an elevator up to the third floor, where they were met and stopped by security personnel.

Security managed to get the man and the horse out of the

hospital, with "just a few scuff marks," she said.

The hospital has a pet visitation policy, but it's for dogs and cats, not horses.

"On Kauai, we have a very warm inviting atmosphere at Wilcox," Yukimura said. "We just hope people understand this is not a place for a horse."

The man's good intentions were further dashed when his relative was brought out to see the horse.

"That's not my horse," the patient said to hospital staff.

■ **McLEAN, Va.** — A high school coach emptying his luggage after a team trip to South Carolina was bitten by a small rattlesnake that had somehow gotten into his bag, authorities said.

Andy Bacas was stable condition at Inova Fairfax Hospital, fire officials said. He remained hospitalized Tuesday morning.

Bacas, a rowing coach at Yorktown High School in Arlington, told authorities he felt a sharp pain on his hand Monday when he reached into his luggage. He then saw the nearly foot-long snake and slammed the suitcase shut.

Fire and rescue workers took the suitcase outside, opened it and blasted the snake, identified as a juvenile canebrake rattler, with a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher. The chemical essentially froze the animal to death.

"The guy who responded had seen (the fire extinguisher technique) done on TV," Arlington County Fire Department spokesman Ben Barksdale said.

Bacas' son, Peter, said the luggage had been left open on a porch during the trip. Barksdale said he had no information that the snake was deliberately put into the luggage.

Bob Myers, director of the American International Rattlesnake Museum in New Mexico, said it's conceivable that a snake would crawl into luggage seeking warmth or shelter.

The venom from a canebrake rattlesnake can be particularly harmful, but a young snake is not usually large enough to deliver enough to be lethal, Myers said. Adult canebrakes can grow to 6 feet.

"There's an old wives' tale that says a baby rattlesnake bite is worse than an adult bite, but that's just not true," Myers said.

Three or four people die each year from rattlesnake bites in the United States, out of perhaps 8,000 bites a year, Myers said.

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FAMILY FEATURES

## Vegetables: The More the Merrier!

Eating vegetables is one of the most important things you can do for your health. In fact, a growing body of science shows a vegetable-rich diet can help you control calories and lose weight, and also may help reduce risk factors associated with heart disease, diabetes and some cancers.

Yet nine out of 10 U.S. adults aren't meeting the daily recommended intake for vegetables and fruit.<sup>1</sup> Why? Some of the most common barriers are convenience and taste. In fact, a recent survey reveals that nearly 60 percent of respondents said that if vegetables tasted better, they would likely eat more each day.<sup>2</sup>

The good news is that a little creativity can go a long way in making vegetables taste good. One of the latest innovations from the makers of V8 vegetable juice, which has been delivering vegetable nutrition for 75 years, is V8 V-Fusion—a unique blend of vegetables and fruit that delivers a light, sweet taste. Each 8-ounce glass provides a full serving of vegetables and a full serving of fruit, plus antioxidant vitamins A, C and E. That's great news for more than half of the women surveyed who said they prefer the taste of fruit over vegetables.<sup>3</sup>

Also consider new and innovative options like a mango and avocado salad, a refreshing granita, or sneak extra vegetables into favorites like pasta or lasagna.

Vegetable guru and best-selling cookbook author Mollie Katzen says the sky's the limit when it comes to ways to enjoy eating your vegetables. "There are hundreds of ways to make vegetables flavorful and fun. Experiment with all different types and combinations to find something that tantalizes your taste buds."<sup>4</sup>

### Here are some tips to get you on your way to eating more veggies!

- **Creative Cooking:** Add vegetable juice to chilis, stews, meatballs and more. One 8-ounce glass adds 2 servings of vegetables.
- **Fuel Up on Flavor:** Enjoy one of the flavorful varieties of V8 V-Fusion, which provides a full serving of vegetables and fruits in each 8-ounce glass in unique, on-trend flavors include Acai-Mixed Berry, Pomegranate-Blueberry and Peach-Mango!
- **Keep It Simple:** Grab and go with a bag of pre-cut baby carrots or celery for a healthy snack or lunch accompaniment. Choose frozen vegetables to add to sauces or eat as a side dish.
- **Be Adventurous:** Try new vegetables in new ways! More than 200 types of vegetables have been categorized around the world, with about 75 types growing throughout the United States.<sup>4</sup> Mix and match with your favorite fruits and other foods for something you'll enjoy.

<sup>1</sup>Casagrande SS, Wang Y, Anderson C, Gary TL. Have Americans Increased Their Fruit and Vegetable Intake? The Trends Between 1988 and 2002. *Am J Prev Med* 2007; 32:257-63.  
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<sup>4</sup>Michael W. Davidson and The Florida State University.

### Pan-Seared Salmon in Peach-Mango Sauce

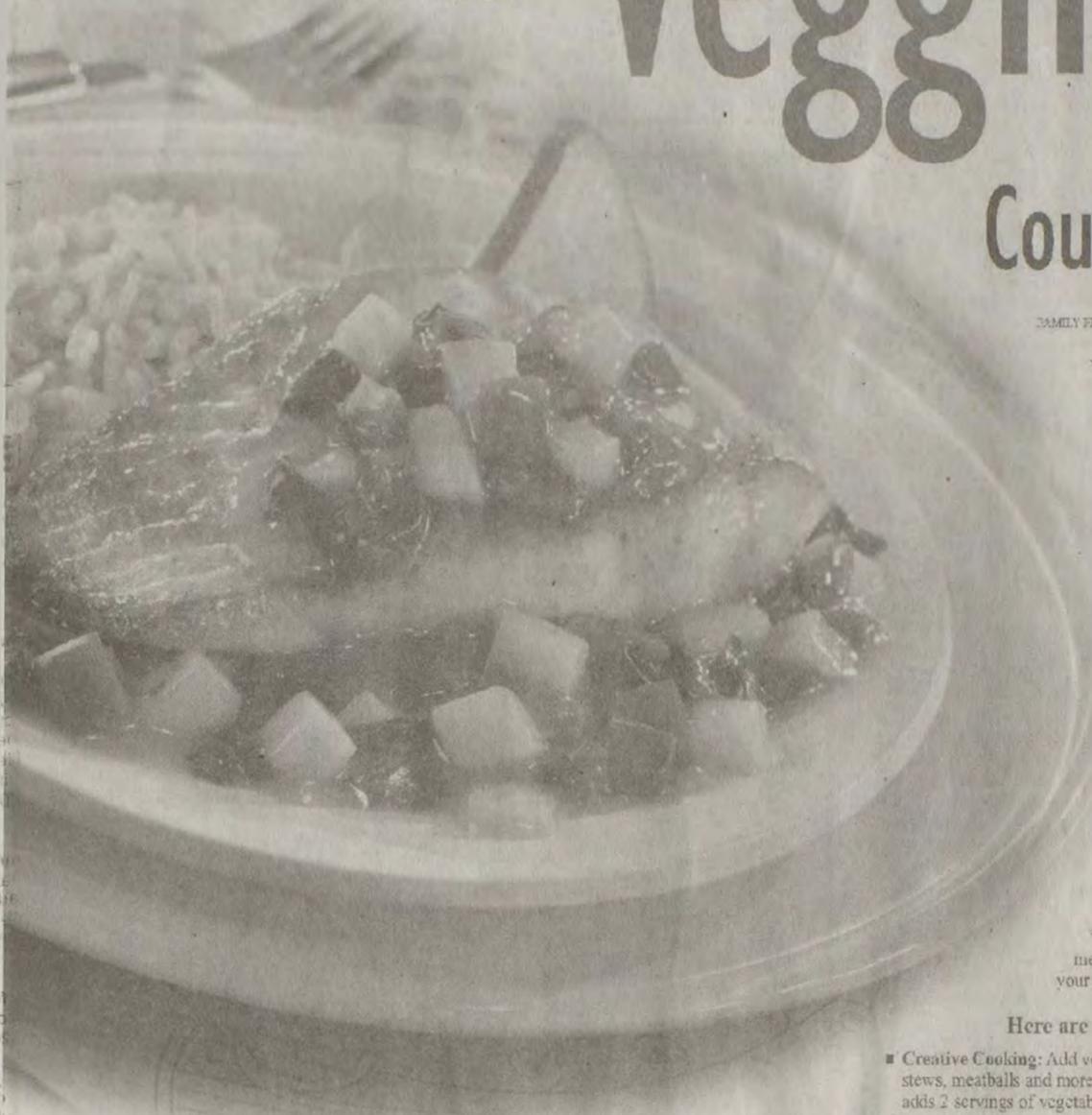
Prep: 20 minutes  
Cook: 30 minutes

- 1/2 cup Vegetable cooking spray
- 4 salmon fillets, about 3/4 inch thick
- 1/2 cup V8 V-Fusion Peach Mango juice
- 1 mango, peeled, seeded and chopped (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 2 cups cooked regular brown rice

1. Season the salmon as desired.
2. Spray a 12-inch skillet with the cooking spray and heat over medium-high heat for 1 minute. Add the salmon, skin-side up and cook for about 5 minutes or until it's well browned. Turn the salmon over and cook for 4 minutes or until it flakes easily when tested with a fork. Remove the salmon from the skillet and keep it warm.
3. Add the red pepper and garlic to the skillet and cook over medium heat until the pepper is tender-crisp.
4. Stir the V8, mango, honey, cornstarch, lime juice and black pepper in a small bowl. Stir the V8 mixture and the spinach into the skillet. Cook for 2 minutes or until the mixture boils and thickens. Stir in the cilantro. Serve over salmon. Serve with rice.

Makes: 4 servings

Nutrition facts, amount per serving: Calories 430, Total Fat 9 g, Sat. Fat 2 g, Cholesterol 56 mg, Sodium 106 mg, Total Carb: 63 g, Dietary Fiber 4 g, Protein 26 g  
 % Daily Values: Vitamin A 100%, Vitamin C 79%, Calcium 7%, Iron 12%



From Mollie Katzen's new cookbook *The Vegetable Dishes I Can't Live Without*.

### Beet-Avocado-Pear "Carpaccio"

Thin slices of beautifully contrasting ingredients are arranged in shallow layers on a plate and sprinkled with touches of extra flavor, texture and color. Serve this as an elegant first course for dinner or as a main dish for lunch.

**NOTES:** You can cook the beets any way you prefer—by steaming, boiling or roasting. Cut the pear and avocado just before using, so they won't turn brown.

- A few handfuls of very fresh arugula leaves or spinach leaves
- 1 pound beets, cooked until tender, then peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 to 2 tablespoons roasted walnut oil or extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium firm-but-ripe avocado
- 1 tablespoon cider vinegar
- Salt, to taste (optional)
- 2 medium-sized perfectly ripe pears, in thin slices (peeling optional)
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup crumbled Roquefort or Gorgonzola cheese
- 1/2 cup minced walnuts, lightly toasted
- Optional garnishes:  
Pomegranate seeds  
Dried cranberries (or minced fresh cranberries)  
Squeezable lemon wedges  
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Scatter the arugula or spinach onto a medium-large serving platter, or on 4 or 5 individual plates.
2. Place the beet slices over the arugula. Drizzle the beets with oil.
3. Halve the avocado, then pit, peel, and cut it into long thin slices. Arrange these around the beets and immediately drizzle the avocado surfaces with vinegar to keep them from discoloring. Sprinkle very lightly with salt, if you desire.
4. Lay the pear slices on or around the avocado, then sprinkle everything with lemon juice.
5. Toss the crumbled cheese over the top and garnish with walnuts, pomegranate seeds, or cranberries, and a wedge of lemon. Serve immediately, passing around the pepper mill.

Yield: 4 to 5 servings

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### Pomegranate Blueberry Granita

Prep: 10 minutes  
Chill: 5 hours, 30 minutes

- 4 cups V8 V-Fusion Pomegranate-Blueberry juice
- 2 cups fresh blueberries and/or strawberries
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

1. Place the V8, blueberries, honey and lemon juice into a blender container. Cover and blend until smooth. Pour the V8 mixture into an 11x17-inch baking pan. Cover the pan tightly with plastic wrap.
2. Freeze for 45 minutes or until the edges of the V8 mixture become icy. Stir the V8 mixture with a whisk. Cover and freeze for 45 minutes more. Stir the V8 mixture again with the whisk.
3. Cover the pan and freeze for 3 hours or until the V8 mixture is frozen solid.
4. Scrape the frozen V8 mixture with a fork to form icy flakes. Cover and freeze for 1 hour.
5. Spoon the granita into goblets or parfait glasses. Garnish with mint leaves and serve with additional fresh fruit.

Makes: 6 servings

Nutrition facts, amount per serving: Calories 114, Total Fat 0 g, Sat. Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 22 mg, Total Carb: 29 g, Dietary Fiber 1 g, Protein 0 g  
 % Daily Values: Vitamin A 11%, Vitamin C 108%, Calcium 3%, Iron 2%

### Mango & Avocado Salad with Acai Berry Vinaigrette

Prep: 15 minutes

- 1/2 cup V8 V-Fusion Acai Mixed Berry juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 cups chopped Romaine lettuce
- 1 medium mango, peeled, seeded and sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced (about 1 1/2 cups)

1. Beat the V8, oil, vinegar, water, mustard, garlic and black pepper in a medium bowl with a whisk or fork.
2. Divide the lettuce among 4 salad bowls. Top with the mango and avocado slices. Spoon 2 tablespoons vinaigrette over each salad. Serve immediately.

Makes: 6 servings

Tip: Garnish with fresh raspberries.  
 Nutrition facts, amount per serving: Calories 122, Total Fat 8 g, Sat. Fat 1 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 49 mg, Total Carb: 12 g, Dietary Fiber 3 g, Protein 1 g  
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**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0343 NW**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560, (304) 204-1455 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.7 miles northeast of Hippo, Kentucky in Floyd County.

The proposed operation will disturb 192.08 surface acres and will underlie 336.74 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 528.82 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.8 miles south from KY 1210 junction with Alum Lick Road and located 0.2 miles southwest of Caney Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by George Thornsby, et. al., Evie Thornsby, et. al., Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et. al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Chris Damron, Danny Ousley, Rosie Reffitt, Craig Ousley, et. al, Betty Litsey, Charles Litsey, Gordon Ousley, Brenda Ousley, Sally R. Kessie, Charles E. Bradley, Amy Bradley, Abby Bradley, Adam Bradley, Johanna L. Silveus, Kenneth

located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will be use a combination of contour, auger/highwall mining, and area mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Jewell Lovely and Michael Howard

Silveus, Earl and Peggy Stephens and Sianna Risner, Mont Ousley Heirs, Edward L. and Sadie Shepherd, J.T. and Anna Lea Thornsby, Phyllis Reffett, Dovie Thornsby, Glen Hurd-Estate, Jeff Sloane, and Curt and Anna Howard. The operation will underlie land owned by Shade and Patricia K. Pitts, Lou Ellen Pitts, et. al., Big Branch Holding Company, LLC and Mont Ousley Heirs. 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, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Permits, Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, phone (606) 889-1746. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits; #2 Hudson Hollow; US 127 South; Frankfort, KY 40601.

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0356 Original**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Wolverine Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 77, Ivel, KY 41642, (606) 889-8440 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 365.7 of surface disturbance acres and underlying 240.4 underground acres for a total of 606.1 acres located 3.45 miles southwest of Brainard, Kentucky and in Floyd and Magoffin Counties.

The proposed operation is approximately 3.45 miles southwest from KY 114's junction with Prater Branch and located 0.31 miles southwest of Middle Creek. The latitude 37°09'48". The longitude 82°05'49". The proposed operation is located on the Ivyton U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will be use a combination of contour, auger/highwall mining, and area mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Jewell Lovely and Michael Howard

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and Terry & Zona Francis, Junior & Mabel Hackworth, et. al, Clifford & Hannah Adams, Byrd and Helen Holbrook Heirs C/O Gerald Holbrook, Jewell Lovely. The underground area underlies property severed, but owned by Thelma Jeannie Hensley, Terry D. Whitaker & Thomas J. Whitaker, Raymond & Mabel Salyer, Marvin & Sharon Whitaker, Thomas Salyer Heirs C/O Clayton Salyers, Mane & Willard Marshall, Frank & Bessie Bailey, Dovie Miller, Gregory & Ola F. Fitzpatrick, Blaize Tony, Virginia & Howard Parker, Charles L. & Judith Icenhour.

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**WILLIAM S.FIFTH THIRD MORTGAGE COMPANY AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO HOME EQUITY OF AMERICA PLAINTIFF VS. JERRY DAVID LOWE, ET AL DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

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VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of June, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$116,566.88, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 27th day of March, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following

described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Being the same property conveyed to Jerry David Lowe and Sandra J. Lowe, his wife, from Jerry Lowe and Wanda Lowe, his wife, by Deed dated September 8, 1994, of record in Deed Book 380, Page 775, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Calf Creek, which is more particularly described as follows: Beginning at pipe & cap marked L.S. #2890 1.3 feet from Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. Well #366; Thence N 41° 22' 15" W, 418.49 feet to a pipe & cap in fence on center pint, said pipe & cap being on the property line between Jerry Lowe and Chester Layne Heirs; Thence down the point with Chester Layne Heirs property line following courses, N 68° 37' 47" E, 37.70 feet, N 57° 24' 56" E, north side on gravel road, said pipe & cap being on the line between Jerry Lowe and Donnie Goble; Thence crossing gravel road S 58° 38' 53" E, 34.75 feet to a pipe and cap in center of drain; Thence S 21° 40' 18" W, 142.63 feet to a pipe & cap; Thence S 31° 44' 09" E, 94.91 feet to a pipe & cap; Thence S 52° 43' 30" W, 187.48 feet to a pipe & cap; Thence N 35° 53' 01" W, 55.05 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.41 acres more or less as shown by survey attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A" which survey is of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office in Map File No. 1. Subject to easements, conditions and restrictions of the record and/or in existence. The property address of the above real estate is: 368 Columbus Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

**ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS-SURPLUS PROPERTY**  
The Floyd County Board of Education will receive sealed bids for technology items formerly declared surplus. Items declared surplus below  
\* Monitors \* Keyboards \* Printers \* Telephones  
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Sealed bids must be mailed or delivered to Matthew C. Wireman, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Floyd County Board of Education, 106 Front Ave., Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope, "SURPLUS PROPERTY SEALED BID."  
Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:30 p.m., April 3, 2008, and publicly opened on April 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., in the central office, located at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. All bids will be subject to board approval at 6:30 p.m., April 28, 2008, during the regular scheduled board meeting, which will be held at Osborne Elementary, 43 Osborne Branch, Bevinville, KY 41606. All bids must be received by the time designated, and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. You are invited to be present at the bid opening.  
Items sold will be awarded to the highest bidder(s) meeting all specifications and conditions, and subject to all applicable laws and regulations, on a per item basis, and/or a group basis, or on a total batch basis, whichever is deemed to be in the best interest of the Board of Education. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all sealed bids.

TERMS OF SALE:(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.(c)The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2007, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5517 Renewal No. 1**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that DeKalb Recovery, Inc., P.O. Box 166, 0490, State Road 550, Eastern, KY 41622, intends to apply for renewal of a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 5.46 acres, located 0.15 mile southwest of Eastern, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is located approximately 0.50 mile southwest of KY 550's junction with KY Route 80, and located 0.10 miles northwest of right fork of Beaver Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Ned Hall. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

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 or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-8064 Operator Change 2**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit no. 836-8064 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Twin Energy LLC, 209 Second St., Paintsville, KY 41240, and Aspen Highwall Mining, LP, 800 Northside Dr., Suite 27, Summersville, WV 26651. The new operator will be a American Contracting Group, LLC, P.O. Box 5085, Ashland, KY 41105. The operation is located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer, in Floyd County. The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map, at latitude 37°31'25"

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The Housing Authority of Floyd County has an opening for a Public Housing Manager. Position requires ability to prepare reports, record keeping, and experience working with confidential information. Must have ability to initiate work projects, monitor staff and residents needs. Must have excellent communication skills. Must have ability to maintain effective working relationship with residents, general public and co-workers. Some travel may be required. High school graduate with 3 years of office experience, Accounts Payable, and Payroll experience. Must have valid Kentucky Driver's license. Salary plus attractive benefit package. Apply in person only at the Floyd County Housing Authority Central Office, located at Warco Apartments, 402 John M. Stumbo Dr., Langley, KY. Applications accepted Monday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. March 24th, thru April 4th, 2008.

**DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT**  
needed to manage information systems for nonprofit office. Create and manage databases, assist with events/registration, prepare large mailings, produce reports, manage office and maintain files. Must have exceptional computer skills and 3-5 years experience with database and office management. Complete position description available at: www.HindmanSettlement.org/about\_us/staff.html. Mail resumé and three references to:  
Mike Mullins, PO Box 844,  
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and longitude 82°43'30".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF BLASTING SCHEDULE Permit No. 836-5520**

This is notice that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, KY 41601, (606) 874-9003, Permit Number 836-5520, will be blasting at Hoods Fork of Frasure's Creek, Latitude 37°26'03", longitude 82°41'50". Blasting will be done Monday and Saturday. No blasting will be conducted before sunrise or after sunset. At least ten (10) minutes before the blast, access to the area will be controlled by company personnel. Before each blast is detonated, the following type(s) of audible warning will be given. Five (5) minutes prior to the blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of an air horn or siren. One (1) minute prior to the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of an air horn or siren. The all-clear signal(s) after blasting will be: One (1) long sound of an air horn or siren. Blasting will not be conducted at times different from those given above, except in emergency situations where rain, lightning, other atmospheric conditions, or an operator or public safety requires unscheduled detonation. Prior to these detonations, the following audible warning will be given: five (5) minutes prior to blast, a one (1) minute series of three (3) long sounds of an air horn or siren; One (1) minute prior to

the blast, a series of three (3) short sounds of an air horn or siren. The all-clear signals after the blast will be one (1) long sound of an air horn or siren. Also prior to detonations in emergency situations, the permittee, using audible signals, shall notify all persons within one-half (1/2) mile of the blasting site. All warning and all-clear signals will be audible within one-half (1/2) mile from the point of the blast.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8064 Operator Change 1**

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 587 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit No. 836-8064 to change the operator. The operator presently approved in the permit is Twin Energy LLC, 209 Second St., Paintsville, KY 41240, and Hendrickson Equipment, Inc., P.O. Box 467, Hindman, KY 41822. The new operator will be Aspen Highwall Mining, LP, 800 Northside Dr., Suite 27, Summersville, WV 26651. The operation is located 1.9 mile southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The facility is approximately 1.4 mile southeast from KY 122's junction with State Route 2030, and located 0.004 mile northeast of Spurlock Creek. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. quadrangle map, at latitude is 37°31'25" and longitude is 82°43'30". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 1 Hudson Hollow,

U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0321 Amendment #1**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Miller Bros. Coal, LLC, P.O. Box 990, Allen, Kentucky 41601, has applied for a permit for an surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.22 miles southwest of Grethel in Floyd County. This amendment will add an additional 60.17 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 55.23 auger/highwall acres making the total area within the permit boundary 841.12 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.75 miles southwest from Frasure Branch County Road's junction with KY Route 979, and located in Frasure Branch of Little Mud Creek in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip, area and high-wall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Iva Howell, Shelby Jones et. al., and Johnny and Annetta Hamilton. The operation will underlie surface area owned by The Elk Horn Coal

Company, LLC, Shelby Jones et. al.. The operation will use the contour and auger/highwall methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-0316 OPERATOR CHANGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Lightsource Mining Company, P.O. Box 1078, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 intends to revise Permit No. 836-0316 to add an operator. The operator presently approved is the permittee, Lightsource Mining Company, P.O. Box 1078, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. The new operator will be PIA Company, Inc., P.O. Box 1590, Martin, Kentucky 41649.

The operation is located 0.2 miles east of Minnie in Floyd County, Kentucky. The operation is approximately 0.4 miles southeast from KY RT 1101's junction with Simpson Branch

Road and located on Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°28'21" and longitude 82°44'12".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or

objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT**

**DIVISION NO. II CA NO. 08-CI-00165**

**Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, Plaintiff**

**vs. NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION**

**Robert Jaime and Thelma Jaime, Defendants**  
By virtue of the Order of the Floyd

Circuit Court, dated February 22, 2008, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order Attorney to notify Robert Jaime and Thelma Jaime of the pendency of a debt collection action currently pending in the Floyd Circuit Court, wherein the following real estate is involved:

A certain tract of parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Waters Spurlock Creek, and being more particularly described as follows:  
Being Lot Number 4, of Hall

and Howell Developing recorded in Map File Number 541, on June 1983, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Jaime and Thelma Jaime, husband and wife, by virtue of a deed from Robert Jaime and Thelma K. Jaime fka Thelma K. Fife, husband and wife, dated December 15, 2003, filed January 15, 2004, recorded in Deed Book 494, Page 662, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentuc-ky. Parcel No. 036-10-

01-004.00  
Property address: 708 Jim Potter Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Notice is hereby given that Robert Jaime and Thelma Jaime are directed to come forward and present any defense they claim in this action or be forever barred.  
Signed: A. David Blankenship  
Kinner & Patton  
328 East Court Street  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Warning Order Attorney  
Telephone No.: (606) 886-1343  
Telecopier No. (606) 886-1349

**LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All persons indebted to an estate should settle with the fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

Date of Appointment	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Attorney
02-22-08	08-P-67	Hazel Blackburn	Lawrence Melvin Blackburn	Jerry Patton
02-25-08	08-P-68	Leona Samons	Polly Gerhardt	
02-25-08	08-P-69	Barbara Dotson Allen	David D. Allen	
02-26-08	08-P-70	Berton Bailey	Olla Carol Dean	
02-27-08	08-P-72	Daniel Thomas Heintzelman	Ruth Heintzelman - Wyatt	
02-28-08	08-P-73	Wade Hamilton	Brenda C. Hamilton	
02-29-08	08-P-74	Winifred Virginia Collins	Janice Collins Langford	William G. Francis
02-29-08	08-P-75	Wade Ousley	Jason Ousley	Gerald DeRossett
03-03-08	08-P-76	Juanita Amburgy	Ezra Amburgy	
02-29-08	08-P-77	Dianna Gwen Bentley Hale	Robin L. Hale	
03-03-08	08-P-80	Dickie Mitchell Goble	Jennifer L. Bishop	
03-04-08	08-P-83	Eshmel Caudill	Barbara Hamilton and Bobbie Jones	Miller Kent Carter
03-04-08	08-P-85	Johnnie Thornsby	Ada Thornsby	
03-05-08	08-P-86	Melvina N. Akers	Zachary Dale Akers	
03-05-08	08-P-91	Sadie Hayes	Savage Hayes	
03-06-08	08-P-93	Saundra Howell	Dolores Ann Howell Ward	
03-06-08	08-P-94	Martin Gregory Halbert	Belinda Lee Halbert	
03-10-08	08-P-98	Carcl M. Rowland	Roy C. Rowland	
03-10-08	08-P-100	Mary Olga Goble	Linda Rose	
03-10-08	08-P-101	Merlin Goble	Linda Rose	
03-11-08	08-P-103	Blanche McCown	Glenda Fraley	B.D. Nunnery
03-13-08	08-P-106	Herman C. Porter	Thomas E. Porter	Anthony Craig Davis
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**NOTICE (OF FINAL SETTLEMENT)**

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following settlements of estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said settlements must do so on or before April 28, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of:	Fiduciary	Date Filed
Final	02-P-468	Clyde Blackburn	JaniceB. Allen	02-20-08
Final	06-P-449	Sarah Katheryn Moore	Robert Nelson Moore	02-20-08
Final	05-P-429	Thurman Akers	Teddy Ray Akers	03-03-08
Final	07-P-14	Sadie Hunter	Trudy Little	03-07-08
Final	07-P-259	Henry Kidd	Melissa Hampton	03-14-08
Final	07-P-299	William L. James	Janice Warrix James	03-18-08
Final	07-P-301	Orville James Cooley	Sara Butcher	03-18-08
Final	07-P-335	Kenneth J. DeRossett	Carol Ann DeRossett	03-06-08

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BID**

The Floyd County Board of Education have declared eight (8) modular units as surplus property located at the previous Prestonsburg Elementary site, 236 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Sealed bids will be received until April 2, 2008 (2:00 PM) at 23 Martin Street, Allen, Kentucky and presented to the Board of Education on April 28, 2008 for approval; faxed bids will not be accepted. Bids received after this time shall not be accepted and will be returned unopened to the bidder. Bids may be mailed or hand delivered.

To view the modular units, please contact Gregory Adams, Director of Facilities, at (606) 874-9569.



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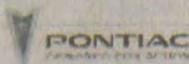
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## Tigers tumble in state tourney quarterfinals

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LEXINGTON — Arrez Henderson scored a game-high 21 points, all in the second half, and Elijah Pittman continued his coming out party as Holmes edged Paintsville 61-53 on Friday in the quarterfinals of the Boys' Sweet Sixteen state tournament at Rupp Arena.

The victory by the Bulldogs (33-2) ended the career of longtime Paintsville coach Bill Mike Runyon, who is retiring after 26 seasons.

Holmes, which has won 27 of its last 28 games, will play Lexington Catholic (32-3) in the semifinals Saturday morning.

Henderson, a 6-foot senior guard, missed all three of his shots in the first half, but came to life in the second half. He finished 5 of 10 from the field, made 11-of-14

free throws and added seven rebounds.

"I think the heart and soul of our team is Arrez, he's just got a will to win," Holmes coach David Henley said.

Pittman, a 6-foot-5 sophomore forward, added 19 points, 13 in the first half. Pittman, who came into the Sweet Sixteen averaging 5.4 points per game, scored in double figures for the second straight game off the bench for Holmes, which shot 43.9 percent from the field and outrebounded the Tigers 31-25.

Senior forward Shane Grimm paced Paintsville (30-4) with 17 points, while senior guard Justin Murray added 14. Senior guard Landon Slone, who was third in the state in scoring during the regular season and who entered the Sweet Sixteen averaging 24.8 points per game, had 11. The game was played at Holmes' pace.

The Bulldogs, who were second in the state in scoring defense during the regular season, led 14-8 after the first quarter thanks to eight points from Pittman.

But Paintsville, which entered the Sweet Sixteen averaging 81.3 points per game, outscored the Bulldogs 16-7 in the second quarter to lead 24-21 at halftime.

The back-and-forth third quarter featured three ties and four lead changes before the Bulldogs took control in the fourth period behind Henderson.

"There are too many turkeys to hunt, deer to hunt and birdies to make, so I don't have any second thoughts (about retirement)," said Runyon, who took the Tigers to the 1996 state title. "Coaching my last game in Rupp Arena, it doesn't get any better than that...I have no regrets, none whatsoever."



Senior guard Landon Slone ended his storied career as a Paintsville Tiger in the Sweet 16 quarterfinals.

## Player, coach lifelong winners despite loss

by RICK BENTLEY  
TIMES COLUMNIST

LEXINGTON — So there it is. A career, in theory, is done.

Actually, make that two of them. One, Landon Slone, is one of those legendary players we started hearing about in grade school. You know, the kid who's throwing in 40, maybe 50 in those 24-minute games. The kind of legend that only seems to happen in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and by the time he's a junior feels like he should be a junior in college.

The other, of course, is Bill Mike Runyon, he of the 500-plus wins, the eight trips to the Sweet 16 when many coaches — say, his old buddy Danny Adams from Magoffin — would kill for a first one. It ended for him on Friday when overlooked Holmes won 61-53, but that isn't really the point.

The point is one of the legends called it a career on Friday, and it'll be a while before someone else from the 15th approaches his status.

Slone, for his part, couldn't quite live up to Wednesday's display when he poured in 35 on a night he could hardly miss. Friday was a little more human: 14 points on 4-of-13 shooting to go with five rebounds and a pair of blocked shots.

He was named to the all-tournament team — when they started doing this as the tournament progresses nobody knows — and went out in style: When he received his award at mid-court, he smiled for the cameras, shook hands with Nat Guard, and then knelt and kissed the floor.

"Growing up in Eastern Kentucky you dream of playing for Kentucky," he said. "To get to play on this floor and think about all the great players who've played here ... I have 100 percent respect for UK."

Later Slone mentioned three schools he would likely visit. East Tennessee State was on the list, as was Evansville and Marshall.

But would he consider walking on at Kentucky? "Absolutely," he answered. "I've managed to get a couple of academic scholarships ... A scholarship isn't a necessity."

Slone then said his GPA was 3.6. His point total has been surpassed only by one J.R. Van Hoose, the 1998 Mr. Basketball.

The kid will have a lot of options.

Runyon, on the other hand, is out of options.

After the game, Holmes head man David Henley said his profession had just taken a hit. "I can tell you this," said the guy who's prepping for his second straight trip to the semifinals, "as a lifelong fan of high school basketball in Kentucky, the quality of coaching just went down. He's been a great ambassador for our sport. You can see those kids fight for him. They respect him and they'd run through a wall for him. It says a lot about him."

Prior to the game, another legendary mountain coach who knows something about what Runyon is about to go through weighed in.

(See WINNERS, page two)



Above: Allen native Brandon Kinzer held off a challenge from Scott Bloomquist in the Spring Thaw at Volunteer Speedway. Below: Mike Marlar (50) worked for position of his own.

## Owens wins 'Spring Thaw' race

### Kinzer claims fourth-place finish

by ROBERT WALDEN  
VOLUNTEER SPEEDWAY

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Volunteer Speedway kicked its 2008 racing season off Friday and Saturday with Branch Banking & Trust Co. and Rusty Wallace Toyota of Morristown presenting the Advance Auto Parts Thunder Series, \$10,000-to-win 10th Annual BB&T/Toyota Tundra Spring Thaw 100 racing weekend. The first day of spring arrived earlier in the week, but Saturday turned out to be a bone-chilling night in East Tennessee that had fans bundled up braving the blustery wind and cold temperatures. Jimmy Owens of Newport, Tenn., a fan-favorite at Volunteer Speedway dating back to his early racing career chauffeuring Street Stocks and Open Wheel Modifieds, has steadily climbed his way up the racing ladder over the last couple of years, winning several high-profile Super Late Model events on the national level. Owens turned back all challengers Saturday night en route to claiming the victory.

Allen driver Brandon Kinzer finished in the top-five, ending the race fourth.

Saturday night, Owens won the

first Sunoco Race Fuels Quick Six Dash to earn the pole position for the Spring Thaw 100, with Scott Bloomquist finishing second to nail down the outside front-row starting berth. Owens launched into the lead at the drop of the green and proceeded to lead flag-to-flag, though he had to hold off several late-race charges from Bloomquist as the lead duo negotiated lapped traffic en route to his \$10,000 victory.

With 46 cars signing-in for qualifying, Owens toured the high-banked, 4/10-mile oval at 12.408-seconds (116.050 mph) Friday night to set fast time and earn the Powermaster Performance Pole Award.

Owens backed his fast qualifying run up by winning the first of four 10-lap heat races, which transferred the top-4 finishers from each heat into Saturday night's \$10,000-to-win BB&T/Toyota Tundra 10th Annual Spring Thaw 100. Owens was fol-

lowed across the stripe by Vic Hill, Jeff Maupin and Brad Neat.

Kinzer, sixth quickest in time trials, launched into the lead over second-fastest qualifier Shanon Buckingham at the drop of the green

in the second heat. Kinzer held Buckingham off for the victory, with Ray Cook and Dale McDowell finishing third and fourth, respectively.

Scott Bloomquist of Mooresburg, Tenn., the defending and four-time Spring Thaw 100 winner, cruised to victory in the third heat over Rick Rogers, Mike Weeks and John Blankenship.

Chris Madden of Gray Court, S.C., led wire-to-wire in winning the fourth heat over Mike Marlar, Dusty Carver and Mark Douglas.

Billy Ogle Jr. and Tommy Kerr each won West Haven Speed Equipment B-mains on Saturday night.

Owens, driving the Reece Monument Co./Gantte Appraisals/Wear Development of Pigeon Forge/Performance Rod & Custom/VP Racing Fuel/Ohlins Shocks/Hoosier Racing Tires/Cornett Thunder Racing Engines/Bloomquist Race Cars/No. 20 Ford Fusion — stayed ahead of Bloomquist to bank the \$10,000 for winning the Spring Thaw 100. Finishing third through fifth, respectively, were Hill, Kinzer and Buckingham.

Completing the top-10 finishers were Marlar, Madden, John Blankenship,



England and Neat.

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## P'burg spring flag football league announced

by STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School football program has announced the formation of a spring flag football league. Signups for the flag football league will be held on Saturday at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All league games will be played at Prestonsburg High School on Mondays from 5-9 p.m. Practices times will be open on Tuesdays from 5-9 p.m. Each practice time is at the discretion of the individual team's coach.

The startup flag football league will have an adult coach along with three to four members of the PHS football team serving as assistant coaches.

The league is being sponsored by the PHS Youth Service Center and the Blackcat Touchdown Club. No signup fee will be charged and each player will receive a T-shirt and football for participating in the league. The intent of the league is to teach basic fundamentals while allowing players the chance to have fun with the major emphasis being placed on fun.

Each level of play will depend

on the number of players signed up. For more information on the league, call PHS Coach John DeRossett at either of the following numbers — 886-2252 (School) or 874-2550 (Home).

The Prestonsburg Spring Flag Football League Schedule: March 29 — Signups at Prestonsburg Dairy Queen; April 1 — Signups, Practice at Blackcat Stadium; April 7 — Games; April 14 — Games; April 21 — Games; April 28 — Games; May 5 — Games; May 12 — Games; May 19 — Final Games of Season (Cookout, Footballs handed out).

## Miller leads Mason County to state title

### Royals capture 2nd championship

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Darius Miller dominated the second half as Mason County beat Holmes 57-48 Saturday in the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena.

The 6-foot-7 senior forward scored a game-high 24 points — 19 in the second half — to lead the third-ranked Royals (34-4) to their second state championship in five years.

Mason County won its first title in 2003. The Royals lost in the final the next season with Miller playing on the team as an eighth-grader.

A front-runner for Mr. Basketball and a University of Kentucky signee, Miller connected on 7 of 11 shots and 10 of 13 free throws.

"My teammates had a lot of faith in me and they just kept feeding me," said Miller, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. "I was settling for too many jumpers in the first half and (in the second) I just tried to get down there (in the post) and finish."

Leading 41-27 heading into the final quarter, Mason County had to withstand a fourth-quarter rally by Holmes. Behind five points by senior guard Arrez Henderson, Holmes began the period with an 8-0 run. But they could pull no closer than six.

Henderson finished with 18 points to pace No. 7 Holmes (34-3). Sophomore forward Ricardo Johnson added 15 points and sophomore forward Elijah Pittman had 12 for the Bulldogs.

"We just dug ourselves too big a hole right out of the gate," Holmes coach David Henley said. "We couldn't make a basket and much of that was because of Mason County and their defense. And, they just killed us rebounding the basketball."

Both teams started cold from the field, combining to miss their first eight shots. The Royals outscored Holmes 8-2 to close out the second quarter with a 21-16 halftime lead.

Miller sparked an 8-0 run to open the third quarter by scoring the first six points — on two inside baskets off post-ups and two free throws.

"He's the best player in the state, he's got to get the ball there," Mason County coach Chris O'Hearn said.

Miller was perfect in the third period — going 4-for-4 from the field and 5-for-5 from the free throw line.

"He's a great player and obviously they were going to go to him in the second half, they knew it, we knew, everyone knew it, that's why he's going to the University of Kentucky," Henley said.

Junior guard Russ Middleton added 13 points and junior forward Keith Downing 10 for the Royals.

Editor's Note: Paintsville guard Landon Slone earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

# Top seeds still in it but 3 double digits make it to round of 16

by **EDDIE PELLIS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina couldn't be stopped. Then again, neither could Western Kentucky.

One coach who got ejected and embarrassed gets a second chance. Teams like Duke and Georgetown are among the many who don't.

The 64-team NCAA bracket is down to 16 after Sunday's games, though many of the story lines that existed when the tournament began — those of prominent powerhouses, plucky underdogs and fantastic freshmen — are still very much alive.

"We've been getting everybody's best game," UCLA coach Ben Howland said after the Bruins barely escaped their second-round game against Texas A&M. "That's why this is the greatest sporting event in all of American sports, because anybody can beat anybody."

But nobody could beat the top seeds over the first weekend.

Kansas, Memphis and North Carolina joined UCLA in making it through. The Jayhawks and Tar Heels did it most impressively, winning their four games by an average

of 28. Memphis and UCLA, meanwhile, looked vulnerable in their second-round victories.

The Bruins, in fact, lost two points on Sunday even though they didn't play. NCAA officials said the final score of their Saturday-night win over Texas A&M should be 51-49 instead of 53-49 because a meaningless, last-second dunk by Russell Westbrook didn't come before the buzzer.

UCLA's next opponent in the West Regional is Western Kentucky, one of three double-digit seeds remaining in the tournament. The 12th-seeded Hilltoppers were part of the craziness in Tampa, where upsets reigned and 12th-seeded Villanova also advanced out of the Midwest Regional.

The Wildcats were one of the final bubble teams to make the tournament, and wound up as one of the few pieces of good news for the Big East, which took eight teams into the first weekend — more than any conference — and left with only three.

Louisville rolled through its two games, including a 78-48 win over Oklahoma on Sunday, and West Virginia also advanced with an

upset over second-seeded Duke.

The Mountaineers, who play Xavier next in the West, are coached by the combustible Bob Huggins, though Huggins was hardly the biggest newsmaker on the coaching front over the weekend.

Instead, that honor went to Trent Johnson of Stanford. Ejected in the first half against Marquette, Johnson watched from the locker room as his team won by one in overtime.

"The bottom line was, the responsibility was on me, and I was out of line," Johnson said. "Just leave it at that if you would, please." Probably won't happen, Coach.

Johnson's next game, should he choose to stick around for it, could be a good one, against Texas and Rick Barnes in the South Regional in Houston.

The other South game pits Memphis, a 77-74 winner over Mississippi State, against Michigan State. The Spartans, after being a popular pick to win the Big Ten, didn't live up to expectations and played much of the season under the radar.

It means freshman Kalin Lucas might not be as much of a household

name as either Michael Beasley (Kansas State) and O.J. Mayo (USC) — both of whom are gone from the tournament — or Kevin Love (UCLA) and Derrick Rose (Memphis), who still remain.

But maybe not for long. Lucas combined with senior Drew Neitzel to help the Spartans pull away from Pitt for a 65-54 win Saturday and keep Tom Izzo in the running for his fifth Final Four.

"I'm jacked for the guys," Izzo said. "When you push guys so hard, sometimes you kind of feel sorry for them. Thank God I didn't let that get to me too much, because this is what it takes."

In the Midwest, Big Ten champion Wisconsin will take on the NCAA's other double-digit surprise. That would be 10th-seeded Davidson, which beat Gonzaga for its first tournament win since 1969, then knocked out another No. 2 seed, Georgetown, for an encore.

"I'm numb right now," Davidson coach Bob McKillop said.

Kansas plays Villanova on the other side of the Midwest bracket. Those familiar with their NCAA history will note that matchup as a stark reminder that not all under-

dogs have to be from nowhere.

In 1988, it was Danny Manning and Kansas knocking off heavily favored Oklahoma in the finals. Three years earlier, Rollie Massimino and Villanova pulled off one of the biggest upsets ever, in a 66-64 victory over Georgetown for the title.

"Nova is in the regional semis for the third time in the last four years."

"I think Villanova's unique in its basketball tradition," coach Jay Wright said. "We take it very seriously to uphold that tradition for the former players. That's what's important to us."

In the East, No. 3 Louisville plays No. 2 Tennessee and No. 4 Washington State plays No. 1 North Carolina.

Form held perfectly there, though the Volunteers struggled mightily against both American and Butler, while Washington State was surprisingly impressive in blowouts over Winthrop and Notre Dame.

"Big step for our program," said Wazzu coach Tony Bennett.

There are even bigger steps beginning Thursday in Phoenix and Charlotte, N.C., then Friday in Detroit and Houston.

# Funny Cide trainer Tagg could have 3 horses for Kentucky Derby

by **RICHARD ROSENBLATT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It took Barclay Tagg more than 30 years to get a horse to the Kentucky Derby. When the trainer finally made it, he unexpectedly won with a New York-bred gelding named Funny Cide.

Tagg has been back to Churchill Downs twice since that breakthrough victory in 2003. Two years ago, Showing Up finished sixth and last year Nobiz Like Shobiz ran 10th.

In less than six weeks, the 70-year-old former steeplechase rider plans another return trip — not with one horse but as many as three in Big Truck, Elysium Fields and Tale of Ekati.

"It's exciting to be where we are now, but it's very tough," Tagg said by telephone from south Florida. "You have to keep a level head and if you don't think a horse belongs you shouldn't put him in it. We hope to show up with a few if they continue doing well. But you just don't know what's going to happen."

Usually cautious, Tagg

can't help but be optimistic these days.

Big Truck won the Tampa Bay Derby in a huge upset over 1-20 favorite War Pass. The colt might have one more prep race (the Holy Bull Stakes on April 12) before heading to Louisville.

Elysium Fields should be among the favorites for Saturday's \$1 million Florida Derby at Gulfstream Park. The Fountain of Youth runner-up worked 6 furlongs in 1:12.00 on Thursday, and Tagg said the colt is "doing very well."

And Tale of Ekati, a disappointing sixth in the Louisiana Derby, remains on track for the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct on April 5.

Tagg's trio helps fill out this week's Run to the Roses' Top 10 list, with Big Truck No. 6, Tale of Ekati No. 10 and Elysium Fields on the contenders-to-watch list.

Five years ago, Tagg seemed almost reluctant to bring Funny Cide to the Derby, feeling that maybe the horse wasn't up to handling all the hoopla that surrounds the buildup to America's greatest race. He's got a dif-

ferent take now.

"If you hear someone say they aren't excited about having a horse in the Derby, I'll show you a liar," he said.

In a Derby prep over the weekend, Adriano won the Lane's End Stakes at Turfway Park but is long shot to end up in the starting gate on the first Saturday in May. The weekend results produced no changes in this week's Top 10.

Louisiana Derby winner Pyro, who arrived last week at Keeneland to continue training for his final prep in the Blue Grass Stakes on April 12, remains No. 1, with War Pass at No. 7 after finishing last in Tampa.

Still unable to explain War Pass' first loss after five front-running wins, trainer Nick Zito brought his colt back to the track Wednesday for a 1-mile gallop at Palm Meadows in Boynton Beach, Fla.

He and owner Robert LaPenta both said War Pass did not have a fever in the days leading up to the race, even though LaPenta said immediately after the race that could have been the rea-

son for the loss.

In addition to Elysium Fields, other Florida Derby probables include Big Brown, Fierce Wind and Smooth Air. Majestic Warrior, co-owned by Yankees boss George Steinbrenner, is possible.

Also, Rebel Stakes winner Sierra Sunset is off the Derby trail with a left front ankle injury.

1. Pyro (Steve Asmussen, trainer, Shaun Bridgmohan, jockey): Settled in at Keeneland and training for final prep race. ... Won Risen Star and Louisiana Derby. ... Next start: Blue Grass (Keeneland, April 12). ... Future wager odds: 4-1.

2. Colonel John (Eoin Harty, Corey Nakatani): Nakatani climbs aboard for next start. ... Sham winner worked 5 furlongs in 59.60 at Santa Anita on Wednesday. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby (April 5). ... Odds: 17-1.

3. Cool Coal Man (Nick Zito, Kent Desormeaux): Fountain of Youth winner has four victories in seven starts. ... A son of 2003 Horse of the

Year Mineshaft. ... Next start: Blue Grass. ... Odds: 26-1.

4. Denis of Cork (David Carroll, Robby Albarado): Irish trainer looking for first Derby starter. ... Southwest winner is lone unbeaten horse in Top 10. ... Next start: Wood Memorial (Aqueduct, April 5) or Illinois Derby (Hawthorne, April 5). ... Odds: 12-1.

5. El Gato Malo (Craig Dollase, David Flores): Worked 7 furlongs in 1:24.60 at Hollywood Park on Saturday. ... Distance questions since sire El Corredor never ran over a mile. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 15-1.

6. Big Truck (Barclay Tagg, Eibar Coa): Could run one more prep before heading to Derby. ... Won Tampa Bay Derby by a neck. ... Next start: Holy Bull (Gulfstream, April 12) or Kentucky Derby (Churchill Downs, May 3). ... Odds: 6-1 (mutuel field).

7. War Pass (Zito, Cornelio Velasquez): Returned to track Wednesday

in good health after last-place finish in Tampa Bay Derby. ... 2-year-old champion still a force to be reckoned with. ... Next start: Wood Memorial. ... Odds: 9-2.

8. Georgie Boy (Kathy Walsh, Desormeaux): Desormeaux replaces Michael Baze, who replaced injured Rafael Bejarano. ... San Felipe win was third straight in stakes race. ... Next start: Santa Anita Derby. ... Odds: 20-1.

9. Visionaire (Michael Matz, Jose Lezcano): Gotham winner has three wins in five starts, with runner-up finish to Pyro in Risen Star. ... Next start: Blue Grass or Illinois Derby. ... Odds: 19-1.

10. Tale of Ekati (Tagg, Edgar Prado): Needs big effort in Wood to make it to Derby. ... Next start: Wood Memorial. ... Odds: 47-1.

**KEEP AN EYE ON:** Atoned, Big Brown, Court Vision, Elysium Fields, Fierce Wind.

## Winners

"I don't know if he can do it," said Bobby Keith, he of the 767 wins and 124 losses. "I know what that's like. It's not easy."

Keith should know. He retired, sat out two years and came back for round two. "I've been out for about 10 years now," he said. "It's about out of my system now."

As of now, Runyon said he's ready.

"No second thoughts," he said. "Too many turkeys and deer to hunt. Too many birdies to play for. This is a great way to go out. To coach your last game in Rupp Arena? This is great."

"He's a special coach," said Slone. "For him to end his career here, that was special."

Slone, the one who kissed the floor afterward, wasn't the last. He did so, then walked off. After he and Nat cleared the floor, they were followed into the center circle by the clean-cut coach who always had his sleeves rolled up.

In stepped Runyon for a repeat of his final game at his home gym. He bent down, kissed the floor, and walked off.

In the postgame rounds with the press, Runyon joked about the expectations he's created at Paintsville.

"You mentioned the eight

trips (to the Sweet 16), the people back home think it's not enough," he said. "They think it should be 26. They expect it every year. It's been special, but when it gets down to it, I've had great players and some darn good assistants."

Oh no, I thought. Here we go again. The same final quotes I ended my Friday's column with. But this time, he threw me a bone.

"But I have no regrets," he said. "None now. It's been a great run, even with the expectations."

Now. That said, would you want to be the guy who replaces him?

# Eagles sweep VCC in doubleheader

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PIPPA PASSES** — The Alice Lloyd College baseball program won last week, despite an inconsistent weather pattern. The Eagles were able to get one doubleheader in last week. On Friday, Alice Lloyd hosted Southwest Virginia Community College for a pair of games. The Eagles won both games of the doublehead-

er. In the first game, Kevin Davidson pitched a complete game, winning 3-1. Davidson gave up five hits and recorded seven strikeouts. Adam Adkins had two hits, an RBI and scored a run. C.J. Lynn had a hit and an RBI and Michael Kelly produced one hit. Robert Smith scored two runs.

The Eagles won the second game, 17-2. Lamar Williams

was the starting pitcher, going three innings. He gave up one hit and a run, and had three strikeouts. Josh Bedingfield and Todd Duff each pitched a scoreless inning. Lynn had two hits and four RBIs. Dustin Jacobs also had two hits. Adkins had three RBIs and Matt Hume had two RBIs. The Eagles broke the game open early with eight runs in the first and second innings.

# Brown to serve as keynote speaker at MU event

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** — Larry Brown, one of the most renowned coaches in the history of basketball, will be the keynote speaker at the 30th annual Big Green Scholarship Foundation Dinner sponsored by Pepsi.

"It is hard to top having the only person to coach both an NCAA champion and an NBA champion speak at your banquet" said Marshall University Director of Athletics Bob Marcum, who joined Big Green Board of Trustees President Mark George in making the announcement about the event on April 24 in the Cam Henderson Center.

"The Big Green is blessed to have Coach Brown join such an elite group of recent prominent speakers," said George. "Last year we had Billy Donovan and the year before Jim Tressel and the year before

that John Calipari. Now we're getting Larry Brown to help us raise money for our student-athletes."

In an amazing coaching career, Brown recorded 1,010 regular season victories in 23 seasons as an NBA head coach, plus another 100 playoff victories, including 16 in 2003 when he led the Detroit Pistons to the NBA championship. He has another 177 college coaching victories, winning the NCAA title in 1988 with the Kansas Jayhawks. His 1979 UCLA Bruins were defeated by Louisville in the NCAA Final Four championship game.

Brown's regular-season victories rank him fifth all time, but if you add his 229 playoff wins and another 127 ABA regular season and playoff wins, his total professional coaching victories climb to 1,366.

Brown was inducted into

the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002. He was the ABA Coach of the Year three times and NBA Coach of the Year in 2001 with the Philadelphia 76ers. In his 34 years of coaching, he has been head man for eight NBA teams, two ABA teams, two college teams and the 2004 U.S. Olympic team. He is the only man to both play for and coach a U.S. Olympic team. A native New Yorker, Brown played college ball for the University of North Carolina and was a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic team.

All proceeds from the banquet go to support athletic scholarships at Marshall University. Corporate tables for eight cost \$2,000 and include a private reception with Coach Brown. Individual tickets are \$75. For more information call the Big Green office at 304/696-4661 or toll free at 1-866-443-7310.

# Bulldogs fall to Shelby County

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**LEXINGTON** — Shelby County used relentless defense and rebounding to rally to a 53-50 victory over Hazard Friday night in the quarterfinals of the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament at Rupp Arena.

Shelby County (25-8), which trailed by 10 points at halftime, outscored the Bulldogs 33-20 in the second half to advance to Saturday's semifinal against Mason County.

Cache Tomlinson scored 12 points to lead four Rockets in double figures. Senior guard Tim Sanford scored 11 points and senior center Coty Minnis and sophomore reserve center Nigel Beach added 10 points and

seven rebounds apiece.

"You've got teams in this tournament with the Darius Millers and Scotty Hopsons, we don't have that headline man," said Shelby County senior forward Alex Matthews, who scored six points and grabbed five rebounds. "It could be any one of us any night, as coach (Mike) Clark is always preaching. We play together, we play as a team, we fight for each other."

The Rockets' outrebounded Hazard 30-28 and outscored the Bulldogs 15-11 in second-chance points.

Josh Whitaker scored 21 points, 14 in the first half, for the Bulldogs (31-5). Cory Martin added 13 points for Hazard, which shot just 27 percent from the field in the second half.

Hazard led 30-20 at halftime thanks to some torrid three-point shooting. The Bulldogs were 6 of 8 (75 percent) from long range in the first half, with Whitaker knocking down four 3-pointers.

The Rockets rallied by scoring the first 10 points in the second half and outscoring Hazard 18-5 in the third quarter.

"The third quarter just killed us," Hazard coach Al Holland said. "Our goal coming in was to get the ball in the paint and take it to No. 30 (Minnis) because I thought he was the backbone of their team, but we struggled to get the ball into the paint."

Shelby County then held off the Bulldogs' late comeback, which ended when Whitaker missed a three at the buzzer.



**HONORED:** Veteran South Floyd High School girls' basketball head coach Tony Isaac recently claimed the 2008 KABC 15th Region Coach of the Year award.

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# Pitino, Louisville rush past Oklahoma 78-48 in East Regional

by BEN WALKER  
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Rick Pitino and Louisville pressed on.

Earl Clark scored 14 points and the Cardinals played to near-perfection on both ends, romping past Oklahoma 78-48 Sunday in the second round of the East Regional.

Louisville harassed freshman star Blake Griffin with double teams down low, trapped the Sooners and ran every chance it got. The Cardinals neatly zipped passes in the paint — that bit of insider trading paid off with easy baskets all game.

Even plays Pitino didn't draw up worked out. The coach walked off with a wry smile after little-used Will Scott hit a 35-footer at the halftime buzzer for a 44-22 lead.

Starting five players born outside Kentucky, the third-seeded Cardinals (26-8) reached the round of 16 for the first time since 2005. They will take on Tennessee, which beat Butler 76-71 in overtime, on Thursday night in Charlotte, N.C.

Jerry Smith added 12 points for Louisville, a team that relies on balanced scoring. Most everyone took part, and the Cardinals shot 59 percent for the game.

David Godbold hit four 3s and finished with 15 points for sixth-seeded Oklahoma (23-12). Griffin looked like a mere freshman, held without a shot for the opening 12 minutes and limited to eight points.

Louisville matched its biggest rout in the NCAA tournament, having trounced Kansas State by 30 in 1968. Oklahoma absorbed its most-lopsided loss in the tourney.

Down by a bunch, any hope the Sooners had for rallying in the second half ended right away when Andre McGee quickly hit a 3-pointer.

The second half was a breeze for the Cardinals. The only hiccup a hard pass from David Padgett that deflected off teammate Terrence Williams' face and deflected out of bounds. No harm, and they shook their heads while a couple of Cardinals chuckled on the bench.

Even after Pitino returned to his roots with a barrage of 3s in an 18-point rout over Saint Joseph's in the first round, many fans figured this game would become a matchup of the big men — Griffin and Longar Longar against Padgett, Derrick Character and a cluster of Cardinals.

Pitino indeed concentrated on stopping the Sooners in the low blocks. At the outset, Louisville seemed to leave

Godbold alone, even after he made five 3s and scored 25 points in the Sooners' first-round win over Boise State.

Godbold made three early 3s, but was not a big factor after that. Pitino improved to 34-11 in the NCAA tournament play and won again with a hallmark of his: stopping the opponent's top threat.

The Cardinals, meanwhile, scored from all over the court. Williams' basket on a fast break made it 37-16 and forced the Sooners to call timeout, with Longar staring at his teammates while he walked to the bench.

This was the first meeting between the teams since 1988, when Harvey Grant and the Sooners beat Louisville 108-98 on this same court in the Southeast Regional semifinal.

## Lee carries Hilltoppers to Sweet 16 with 72-63 win over San Diego

by MARK LONG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Western Kentucky blew another big lead, then responded with another clutch performance.

Behind Courtney Lee's dazzling array of shots early and his free throws down the stretch, the 12th-seeded Hilltoppers advanced to the round of 16 for the first time in 15 years with a 72-63 victory over No. 13 San Diego on Sunday.

Now comes the toughest test.

Western Kentucky (29-6) will face top-seeded UCLA in the West Region semifinals in Phoenix. The Hilltoppers can only hope their three senior guards — Lee, Tyrone Brazelton and Ty Rogers — will carry them through another round.

"I'm not totally surprised that we're here," Hilltoppers coach Darrin Horn said. "We thought this was a special team coming into it. ... We've been telling these guys for two years, three years really, 'If we get there, we've got a real chance to make some noise.'"

And a chance to prove how important guard play is in the tournament.

Lee, the Sun Belt Conference player of the year, finished with 29 points and seven rebounds. He had a huge 3-pointer that gave his team the lead for good with 6:17 remaining, then sank six straight free throws in the final 34 seconds to seal the victory.

Brazelton added 15 points

for the Hilltoppers, who won for the 18th time in 19 games.

Rogers, who hit a 26-footer at the buzzer in overtime to beat Drake in the first round, had a much quieter afternoon offensively. He had five points, three rebounds and two assists. But he came up big on the defensive end, holding San Diego's Brandon Johnson to 4-of-15 shooting and 13 points.

"He's Mr. One Shining Moment right now," Horn said. "His defensive performance on Johnson was a huge key to the game. He had to work awful hard for what he did get, and Ty had him most of the time."

Gyno Pomare had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Toreros (22-14), who overcame a 15-point deficit in the second half before fading in the closing minutes.

Devin Ginty's 3-pointer capped an 18-2 run that turned a lopsided game, 52-37, into a nail-biter with about 6 minutes to play.

That may have been the

scare the Hilltoppers needed. After all, they lost a 16-point lead to Drake before prevailing on Rogers' buzzer-beater.

This time, Lee was the go-to guy.

"He hit a big shot, but he hit big shots all day," San Diego coach Bill Grier said. "I think he's a future NBA kid. He played a terrific game at the right time."

Lee's 3-pointer came a few seconds after Ginty gave San Diego a 55-54 lead, the Toreros' first since going up 5-4 early.

Brazelton hit another 3 a few minutes later, then Western Kentucky pulled away from the free throw line as San Diego kept missing shots.

"They got us out of our comfort zone and kind of sped us up a little bit," Pomare said. "Just sped it up too much."

Considering what Lee did in the first half, it was no surprise the 6-foot-5 Indiana native got the ball in the final minute.

The Hilltoppers shot 57 percent before the break, a sizzling start that helped them open a 10-point lead in the first 10-plus minutes. They stretched it 37-23 with an 8-0 spurt just before halftime.

And Lee was San Diego's main matchup problem.

Western Kentucky's leading scorer was 8-of-11 shooting and had 19 points in the first 20 minutes.

Maybe the Toreros should have known they were in for a long afternoon when they lost the opening tip and then watched Lee drive for an easy layup.

Lee added a bank shot, two runners in the lane and finished the first half 3-for-4 from 3-point range. The Toreros switched defenders several times in an effort to slow him down, but nothing worked.

Lee was clearly feeling it. He even waived off Rogers once before hitting a pull-up jumper in the lane.

Pomare kept the Toreros

close, despite 17 turnovers and 4-of-15 shooting from 3-point range. After hitting 10 of 12 shots before fouling out in Friday's game, Pomare finished 7-of-10 from the field Sunday.

"We just didn't have enough left in the tank to finish it down the stretch," Grier said.

Western Kentucky did and got back to the round of 16 for the first time since 1993. The Tops are looking for better results. They lost to Florida State 81-78 in overtime in Charlotte, N.C., to end that season.

"One of our goals was to win the conference championship so we can position ourselves to come here and play games," Lee said. "We didn't want to stop with that. We wanted to come and make noise."

"We have a great team." Follow the entire NCAA Tournament in the pages of *The Floyd County Times* and online at [floydcountytimes.com](http://floydcountytimes.com).

# Woolpert receives CBA coach of the Year Award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALBANY, NY — The Continental Basketball Association (CBA) has announced that Yakama Sun Kings head coach Paul Woolpert is the recipient of the Stan Novak CBA Coach of the Year award. This is Woolpert's second CBA Coach of the Year honor. He won the award last season with the Sun Kings.

During the 2007-08 season, Woolpert set all-time records for the best winning percentage in a season, .895 and for the highest quarter point average, 5.50 a game for Yakama. Woolpert's Sun Kings also tied the record for most 7-0 victories with eight this season. Along with these records, the Sun Kings won 43 games, the most ever in a 48 game schedule. The Sun Kings started the season off with a 14-game winning streak, lost a game, and then rattled off 17 more wins, losing one game in

77 days.

For the third consecutive season, and forth in his coaching career, Woolpert was named the 2008 CBA All-Star Classic head coach of the CBA's National (Western) Conference. Woolpert guided his All-Stars to a 109-107 victory in front of a standing-room only crowd in his home building, the Yakama Sun Dome, home of the 2008 All-Star Classic.

During the 2007-08 season, Woolpert was able to earn several other distinctions and achievements, including his 248th CBA coaching victory and his 200th win as the Sun Kings' head coach. Woolpert's 248 victories places him fifth all-time in CBA coaching wins. Woolpert trails only Mauro Panaggio (446), Dan Panaggio (313), Eric Musselman (270) and Flip Saunders (253) in all-time coaching wins.

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### POISON OAK

# Smarty, Smarty had a party

Nelson, the grandson of Earl and Opal, the couple in the comic strip "Pickles," has been giving them



Clyde Pack

some grief lately from what my dad would have called his "smart mouth." More specifically, he's been calling his grandfather "Dude," and addressing his grandmother as "Babe."

A lot of things seem to have changed in sixty years, but apparently the passage of time hasn't done much to change youngsters, because when we were Nelson's age, we too acted a bit briggity from time to time.

But, our smart-aleckness wasn't directed toward the older generation. Those clever little comebacks that we obviously had learned from older kids, that we thought were so cute, were most always directed toward each other.

Like for instance, a bunch of us would be walking along, maybe going to the show on a Saturday morning, or heading for the Number One Pond for a swim, and somebody would ask, "What time is it?"

It was almost a certainty that one of us would answer back, "Time all dogs are dead. Ain't you glad you're a pup?"

Then everybody would sort of chuckle and pretend we understood what all that meant, which of course, we didn't. Furthermore, since no one ever carried a watch, we still had no idea what time it was, not that it mattered.

And how many times did we hear the classic answer to that simple little question, whenever a new kid moved into the camp?

"What's your name?"  
"Puddin' tame. Ask me again and I'll tell you the same."

Years later, we still laughed when Andy Griffith's buddy Ernest T. Bass came out with that one. Of course, to my knowledge, no one ever questioned what "puddin' tame" was—or meant—but since it made a little rhyme, it didn't seem to matter.

Then there was the standard answer to the question, "How old are you?"

"Old enough to sleep by myself!"  
Guess I must have been dumb as a paint bucket, because I never did understand that one.

And finally, when we'd get a new best friend (remember, you were only allowed to have one best friend at a time, and they pretty much varied from day to day) we'd yell this little chant-like phrase toward our old best friend. "Smarty, Smarty had a party and nobody came but little Smarty."

Of course, had anybody in the neighborhood really had a party, be it "Smarty" or somebody else, everybody would have shown up. Personally, I'd never miss a chance to eat another bologna salad or pimento cheese sandwich with the crust cut off.

Anyway, reading about Nelson and Earl and Opal just serves as a little reminder that kids will always be kids. The biggest difference in then and now is, we knew better than to smart off to our elders.



Someone's heard the song by Irving Berlin...this lovely miss in the pink bonnet 'with all the frills upon it' is Jessica Crider. Her brother, Trenton, also got in on the Easter fun with some fancy headgear of his own. The two were photographed as they were waiting for the fun and games to begin Saturday morning. Jessica and Trenton are the children of BSCTC employee Donna Crider.



Wow, that's a big bunny! Bryson Branham is the lucky boy who found the golden egg, winning the biggest prize of them all.

# Easter fun at BSCTC

by KATHY J. PRATER  
FEATURES EDITOR

Colored eggs in hues to rival the rainbow, filled with tasty chocolates and candies to please every mouth were only part of the fun this past Saturday morning on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College where the college's Student Government Association hosted a festive Easter Egg hunt for area children.

In addition to having the campus grounds literally covered from inch to inch with bright plastic eggs for all to find, the event also boasted door prizes, a cake walk, goody bags, and special guest - the Easter Bunny.

"It's all sponsored by the SGA," said the association's president, Anna Burton. "But we had help from the various clubs and offices on campus that donated prizes."

Among those prizes were about a dozen brand new bicycles, both girls and boys, and suited to a variety of age ranges; two wagons; a giant, stuffed Easter Bunny; and a mouth-watering smorgasbord of tempting cakes, cupcakes and chocolatey treats.

Despite threatening skies, a large crowd turned out for the event and all were exhausted as the festivities came to an end near 2 p.m.

"It's a lot of work," said SGA secretary Emily Baldrige. "But it was fun watching the kids and seeing that it all made them so happy."

Among the clubs and offices that helped make the event a huge success were: The BSCTC Respiratory Care program, KANS Club, Care Club, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Criminal Justice program, Karate Club, Virginia Williamson, Vera Joiner, and SGA.



The special guest of the day took time out of a busy schedule to pose for pictures with children attending the event.



This little girl was amazed to win a brand new bike, one of the many door prizes given away Saturday at the SGA-sponsored Easter festival and egg hunt.



photos by Kathy J. Prater  
Several rounds of musical chairs kept children busy while eggs were being hidden and others registered to win prizes and have their picture made with the Easter Bunny prior to the big event of the day.

### CRITTER CORNER

# Spring plants sometimes harmful to pets

by KATHY J. PRATER

Now that spring is officially here, it would be a good time to remind pet owners that many popular plants and flowers can be harmful to both cats and dogs. Being familiar with the plants in and around your home is key in preventing serious illness in your pets. Many pets, especially cats, seem to enjoy nibbling live plants and fresh flowers. A great resource to learning which plants are toxic and which are not, can be found by accessing [www.aspc.org/apcc](http://www.aspc.org/apcc). This site serves as an animal poison control center, manned by trained staff and veterinarians of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Following is a list of the 17 most common poisonous plants that pet owners need

to be aware of in order to prevent accidental poisoning of their pets:

1. Lilies (many of you may have Easter lilies in your homes right now - please protect your pets!)
2. Sago palm
3. Tulip/Narcissus bulbs
4. Azalea/Rhododendron
5. Oleander
6. Castor Bean
7. Peace Lily (aka Mauna Loa Peace Lily)
8. Cyclamen
9. Kalanchoe
10. Yew
11. Amaryllis
12. Autumn Crocus

(See CRITTER, page seven)



This is "Taunts." Jennifer Shepherd, of David, says that this picture was taken by Jennifer's mom, Emma, just as Taunts was waking from a nap to catch one of her "staff" capturing the moment with a camera! Jennifer writes that Taunts likes to "act like she runs the house (which of course, she does!)" and that she enjoys life at David with Jennifer, Emma, and dad David.

# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
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70 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago (March 27 & April 1, 1998)

With time running out, Floyd County's Board of Education approved a comprehensive improvement plan, but vowed to keep fine-tuning the document until it is satisfactory. At a special meeting, Tuesday, individual board members aired their concerns regarding the plan, saying it didn't go far enough to correct the system's many problems, and that the brunt of the improvements would be borne by too few employees.

State education officials went on the defensive, Tuesday night, after school officials blamed them, in part, for delays in getting Floyd County's district improvement plan off the drawing board. Floyd school officials must have the improvement plan in the hands of state officials by Friday, but local school board members were not pleased with some areas of the plan, and felt that some of the June deadlines were unrealistic.

The Maytown home of Randy Allen, and two vehicles, were totally destroyed by a fire early Wednesday morning.

A proposal that school board members felt would inhibit public participation at board meetings was put on the back burner, Tuesday. Floyd board members reviewed a proposed policy for outlining rules for public comment at regular board meetings, and two members felt the timing was bad to propose new rules.

William Paul Skeans, a Martin native, who has spent most of his life giving his time and energy to the communities in Floyd County, is awaiting the call alerting him that University Hospital in Cincinnati has a liver for his necessary transplant.

Muncy Meade Jr., of Knott County, the operator of M & D Coal Company No. 3 Mine,

where Tracy Bryant, 20, of Honaker, was killed in a roof fall in August 1996, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Ashland, last week, on seven criminal violations of mandatory safety regulations.

James O. Prince, 31; Erica C. Prince, 24, and Kimberly Crider, 18, all of Prestonsburg, were arrested, Wednesday, within minutes after they allegedly burglarized a residence in Goble-Roberts.

Gary Hall of Floyd County, was arrested on February 20, after authorities found 268 marijuana plants in his residence. He was charged with cultivating marijuana, a felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possessing marijuana. Floyd District Judge James R. Allen referred Hall's felony charge to a grand jury.

Trooper Johnny Slone, Wednesday, testified that he arrested Clyde Issac of Bypro, after he allegedly shot at the home of Patty Ann Perry over a property dispute. Judge Allen referred Issac's felony charge to the grand jury.

A pre-school program run by the David School was closed, indefinitely, by school officials, Monday, after concerned parents called state and local health officials, after discovering their children had been using the bathroom outside, beside a tree. Harold Meade, owner of Vito's on Auxier Road, one of two owners charged earlier this year with numerous felony and misdemeanor gambling charges, pleaded guilty, Thursday, to two amended charges. He was fined \$500 for each of two violations, and was ordered to pay court costs, as a result of an undercover investigation conducted by State Alcoholic Beverage Control officers. State police and Paintsville police officers briefly detained an overcrowded van of migrant workers on Route 23, Sunday afternoon. Sgt. Lee Stapleton, said Tuesday, that officials suspected the 19 occupants in the van were illegal immigrants. The workers were "sent on their way" after authorities determined the workers were not illegal immigrants.

Robert Darrel Bryant, a Floyd County man, whom local authorities refer to as the area's

number one cocaine trafficker, put himself out of business when he admitted to possessing the drug. He was lodged in the Floyd County Adult Detention Center, Monday, after he pleaded guilty to the amended charge, for a two-and-a-half year jail sentence.

A bill originally intended to allow high schools to award posthumous diplomas became the vehicle to reform Kentucky educational testing after the house and senate passed bills offering sharply different viewpoints.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale issued an executive order prohibiting all outdoor burning until further notice, due to the "extreme danger of forest fires."

There died: John K. Back II, 42, of Henderson, formerly of Morehead, Tuesday, March 24, in Jasper, Indiana; Leslie Moore, 83, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, March 24, at his residence; Margie Mae Spears, 73, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, March 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Lucreasie Slone, 86, of Ligon, Friday, March 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Almeda Johnson Cook, 65, of Carmell, Indiana, Sunday, March 29, at St. Vincent Hospital, in Carmel; Florence Delaney Goble, 95, of Prestonsburg, March 28, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Charles "Tooter" Hall, 60, of Bevensville, Saturday, March 28, at the residence of his daughter in Morehead; Benton Slone, 76, of Hollybush, Monday, March 23, at his home; Martha Newman, 86, of Hi Hat, Saturday, March 28, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Burnis "Burnie" Flannery, 73, of Warsaw, Indiana, Thursday, March 26, at his residence.

which came into effect March 25, and will cost the county \$130,000, according to Rep. Greg Stumbo.

Dump trucks and heavy equipment noise was the cause of complaints from area residents as "noise pollution" was a point of contention between those living at Middle Creek.

Jennifer Martin, the only school nurse in the county, which works at 23 different schools, nonetheless passed a spot inspection by state accreditation officials.

There died: Foster Meade, 67, of Harold, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Woodrow Smith, 70, formerly of Prestonsburg, after sustaining injuries in a car accident in Louisiana.

Nancy Campbell, 64, of Water Gap, March 17, at her residence.

Mary Harrison, 84, of Martin, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Jim Layne, 77, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

Ralph Spears, 63, of Abbott Creek, Sunday, at the VA Medical Center, Huntington.

Martha Johnson, 74, formerly of Weeksbury, March 21, at Ashtabula, Ohio.

Sadie Chadwick, 59, formerly of Hueysville, Friday.

Stephen Ison, infant son of John and Regina Ison, Sunday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Jennie Morgan, 95, formerly of Prestonsburg, March 20, at Newport News, Virginia.

Joe Music, 71, formerly of Floyd County, December 18, in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Nova Gibson, 78, formerly of Cow Creek, March 18, at Gallipolis, Ohio.

## Twenty Years Ago (March 30, 1988)

The Mountain Laurel Company brought plans for expansion before the Prestonsburg City Council this week. Area officials protest unmined minerals tax

## Thirty Years Ago (March 29, 1978)

The threat of a strike at Highlands Medical  
(See YESTERDAYS, page seven)

# School Happenings

**\*Of special note:** On Saturday, March 29, "Fun Fair for New and Expectant Parents," 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the MAC. Free to all Floyd County expectant parents and parents of new babies up to one year old.

\*Thursday, April 10, "Give Yourself a Break Day," 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at MAC. For all parents/guardians of all Floyd County students. Food, door prizes, information - all free.

### Adams Middle School Youth Services Center.

\*March 27 - Dept. of Transportation will present a hands-on student simulation for 8th graders on the dangers of drinking and driving.

\*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 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 26 - CPR training for 8th grade.

\*March 27 - Advisory Council meeting, 8:30 a.m., in YSC.

\*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

\*March 27 - Special-called PTO meeting, 6 p.m., in library.

\*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 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 check-outs. 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

\*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 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 March to provide dental treatment for participating students.

\*March 27 - Family Read/Activity Night, 6 p.m., in school library. Refreshments served; door prizes; lots of family fun!

\*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

\*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.

1:30 - 5 p.m. - Wheelwright Baptist Church.  
Tuesday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic; BSCTC.  
9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. - David Craft Center.

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

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

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

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

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

6-8 p.m. - BSCTC.

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

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

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

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

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

Lisa Pelfrey - Assistant, 886-7397

Ron Johnson, Stephanie Conn, Lynn Hall, Nancy Bormes, Cindy Justice and Wayne Combs - Adult Education teachers.

# New Arrivals

## Highlands Regional Medical Center

March 5, 2008

A daughter, Hayden Raelynn Lazar, to Terra & Nathan Lazar, of Auxier  
A son, Barker Adam

March 6, 2008

A son, Kalby Vincent Faulon, to Valerie Causey, of Viper  
A son, Jaquau Ramone

March 7, 2008

A son, Andrew Tristan Young, to Bessie Denice Young, of Pikeville

Watkins, to Amanda Adams, of Falcon  
A daughter, Harley Cheyanne Preston, to Rebecca & Dewey Preston, of River

Carter, to Crystal Deniese Johnson, of Wheelwright  
A son, Jack Maddox LeWallen, to Crystal & Justin LeWallen, of West Van Lear

A daughter, Skyler Mae Fletcher, to Ginger Perry, of Louisa

March 8, 2008

A son, Nolan Colby Rice, to Melanie Lynn & Ronnie Clay Rice, of Viper  
A daughter, Queenie Paige Hatton, to Elexas Thornsberry, of Prestonsburg  
A daughter, Kyleigh Marie Sparks, to Miranda & Michael Sparks, of Sitka  
A daughter, Cobey Alexander Combs, to Jessica Renee Click, of Hazard

March 9, 2008

A son, Austin Perry Kuss, to Jessica & Eddybanks Kuss, of Prestonsburg

March 10, 2008

A son, Terrence Wade Ramey, to Andrea Rose & Kyle Thomas Ramey, of Paintsville  
A daughter, Sierra Nakota Kidd, to Marica & Bradford Kidd, of East Point



### Welcome, Dakotta!

Dakotta Kyle Little was born March 11, 2008, at Pikeville Medical Center, to proud parents Lisa Caudill and Justin Little. He weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 20 and one-half inches in length. He is the grandson of Woody and Mashonda Mullins, of Jack's Creek, Mark and Michelle Caudill, of Wayland, and Stanley Little, of Beaver Creek. In addition to his proud parents and grandparents, little Dakotta is excitedly welcomed by two aunts, Tina Thomas and Wendy Caudill, one uncle, Kevin Little, and one half-brother, Austin Scott Little.

## Critter

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- 13. Chrysanthemum
- 14. English Ivy
- 15. Pothos
- 16. Schefflera
- 17. Marijuana

Floral arrangements make great gifts but please consider your pet-owning friends before sending flowers. Take time to check out the ASPCA's poison control center website for a complete listing of toxic and non-toxic plants. There, you will find that most varieties of lilies are highly poiso-

nous to cats, but roses are not. However, with roses, pet owners must be aware that thorns could prove injurious to curious felines and other animals.

In order to ensure that the flowers you send won't harm the recipient's pets, you may call 1-800-FLOWERS for a complete listing of flowers that are safe for pets. Some include dendrobium orchids, violets and gerbera daisies, among others.

If you wish to place an

order from 1-800-FLOWERS (FLOWERS.com), you may use the promotion code ASPCA when ordering and 10 percent of the net proceeds of your order will be donated to The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Also, please keep in mind that even "safe" plants can produce minor stomach upset if ingested by overly curious pets.

## Yesterdays

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Center passed, hours before the last Wednesday midnight deadline, when union employees of the hospital ratified a three-year contract

Suits were filed this week in Floyd Circuit Court by the Abbott-Little Paint Water District against six property owners in the Abbott Creek section who have refused to grant easements for installation of water line, which is expected to begin in early June

The Floyd Fiscal Court had a day-long meeting, Tuesday, and almost half the time was consumed by listening to complaints of residents whose roads are in miserable condition, after a miserable winter

Although eastern Kentucky miners rejected the new contract last Friday, the overall vote approved the pact, and workers of this section, abiding by the principle of majority rule, returned to the mines, Monday, bringing to an end the 109-day-old strike

There died: James (Doc) Newsome, 85, of Dana, Wednesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; William Gene Kise, 32, of Van Lear, Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Armina Conn Allen, 78, of Printer, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Ed Stone, 55, of Bypro, last Thursday, at his home; Mrs. Myrtle C. Osborne, 85, of Martin, Monday, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Curtis Wells, 82, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Mrs. Anna Mae Bolen, 76, of Garrett, Friday, at her home; Mrs. Mary Hamilton, 88, of Hi Hat, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Pearl Webb Wicker, 89, of Wayland, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Lacy Hamilton Jones, 59, of Beaver, Thursday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Sebaston (Babe) Bolen, 95, of Garrett, March 18, at Welch, W.Va.; Bill Johnson, 43, formerly of Blue River, March 16, in Carey, Ohio; Thomas Harvey, 60, of Dema, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

## Forty Years Ago

(March 28, 1968)

Mayor George P. Archer was notified, last week, by Congressman Carl D. Perkins, that final approval has been made, in Washington, of Prestonsburg's big project to enlarge and improve the municipally-owned water system here

Two sets of precinct committee members of the Republican party were elected, last Saturday, by divergent factions of the party

The feeling that Princess Coals' David mine may be closing was intensified, Tuesday, when 56 employees were cut off from work

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ishmael (Buddy) Hackworth, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Cindy Lynn, March 11, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Shepherd, of Martin, a daughter, March 20, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Van D. Patton of Estill, a son, March 21; to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bradley, of Risner, a daughter, March 22; to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stone, of Buckingham, a son, March 24

There died: Mrs. Della Hopkins, 77, last Thursday, at her home at Topmost; Mrs. Martha Ann Hall, 82, of Dry Creek, Saturday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Belle Hackworth, 89, of Bonanza, last Thursday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; George W. Stephens, 73, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Huntington, W.Va.; James Hall, 85, Wednesday, at his home at Bevinville; Fenton Waugh, 64, Saturday, at Huntington, W.Va.; Mrs. Julie Wallen, 88, Monday, at her home at Dwale; Mrs. Leora M. Pack, 85, of Minnie, Friday, at the home of a daughter at Printer; Mrs. Parthenia Rowe, 64, of Risner, Sunday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Henry C. Fitzpatrick, 81, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at his home at Flatwoods.

## Fifty Years Ago

(March 27, 1958)

The Floyd Fiscal Court contracted, Wednesday morning, for the purchase of 30

voting machines—more or less, depending on requirements, later to be determined

Heavy damage was inflicted on the United Fuel Gas Company's Beaver Creek compressor station at Warco, early Tuesday morning, by the explosion of a 20-inch pipeline

Graham Burchett, of Emma, accepted the job as Director of Operations for the Prestonsburg Schoolchildren Recovery committee this morning

The courthouse here will be deserted, Friday, as officials, and all those who work in their offices, join National Guardsmen and volunteer workers in the search of the Big Sandy River for the bodies of seven children yet missing after the February 28 school bus tragedy, near Lancer

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Verne Warrix, a daughter, Kathy Ann, March 17, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Mac Dixon, of David, a son, recently

There died: Lloyd Daniel Sprinkle, 33, of Drift, killed instantly by a slatefall in the Kathryn Elkhorn Mining Company's mine at Drift, Friday; Sheridan F. Kozee, 66, formerly of Water Gap, Friday, at Wabash, Ind.; Mrs. Lillian Smith Hilleman, 48, formerly of Ivel, last Wednesday, at Baltimore, Md.; John D. Mitchell, 70, of Hi Hat, last Wednesday, at his home; Harry Louder, 44, formerly of Handshoe, last Tuesday, at Cincinnati; Mrs. Mary Bryant, 80, Tuesday, at her home at Minnie; Mrs. Frances Carroll, 74, of Honaker, Saturday, at the home of a son.

## Sixty Years Ago

(April 1, 1948)

Representatives of the Prestonsburg Junior Chamber of Commerce were canvassing the community, this week, for funds with which to establish, here, the Floyd County Playground Center

With upwards of 50 persons given anti-rabies treatment in the last 30 days, and several head of livestock lost to hydrophobia, a 90-day county-wide quarantine on all dogs was ordered by the state veterinarian, Wednesday

Five murder cases, an all-time low in the modern history of Floyd County, are docketed for trial in the April term of circuit court

Forced by a federal judge to appear, Tuesday, before a board investigating the coal strike, John L. Lewis, entered a blanket denial that he caused the nation-wide walkout

Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Cottrell, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, March 27, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital

There died: Charles Vincent DeCoursey, 73, of Wayland, Wednesday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey.

## Seventy Years Ago

(March 31, 1938)

The Kentucky Department of Highways, this week, asks, in an advertisement in The Times, bids not only on grade and drain construction of uncompleted sectors of the Left Beaver road, but also offers to contract a low type surface for the route

Of the 407 criminal cases docketed for trial in the Floyd Circuit term of court, beginning April 4, five of the 19 defendants, charged with willful murder are not in the custody of the court

After a two-day strike at the Elk Horn Coal Corporation's mines, 860 members of a U.M.W.A. local union at Wayland, last week, returned to work

A large crowd was present, Sunday, at the Bill Buck Stumbo farm for the fox and coon chase to see Bob Rowe's "Old Lead" take first prize in the coon chase, and Lige Millett's dog, entered by Woody Stumbo, take first in the fox chase

Mont Gibson is "up and around again" after being laid up several weeks with a fractured foot, Gibson was the first patient in the new Gearheart Hospital

There died: Ed Johnson, 54, of Martin, Monday; D.B. Leslie, 69, of Emma, Sunday, at St. Mary's Hospital.

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## MAC students receive top honors at NATS competition



MAC Individual Instruction students Michaela Tussey (left) and Whitney Trimble.

On October 26 and 27, the Kentucky Chapter of NATS (The National Association of Teachers of Singing) hosted its annual state auditions at Northern Kentucky University. NATS, founded in 1944, is the largest international association of teachers of singing and is dedicated to the promotion of excellence in singing through education and research.

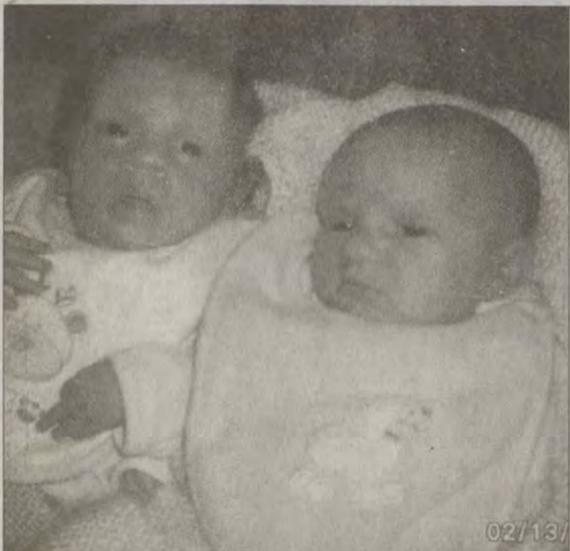
Each year, NATS sponsors state and regional auditions to give voice students an opportunity to perform and receive feedback from teachers other than their own. If students perform well enough in the first round, they move to the semi-final round where they are ranked first to last. While classical literature has been the traditional repertoire performed at the event, this year KY NATS introduced categories for Musical Theatre.

Mountain Arts Center individual instruction students Michaela Tussey and Whitney Trimble entered

both the Classical and Musical Theatre categories and came away with top honors. Whitney Trimble placed first in the state in the Underclassmen Musical Theatre division. She performed selections from *Once Upon a Mattress*, *Spamalot*, and *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Michaela Tussey was a semi-finalist in the High School Classical division and placed third in the state in the High School Musical Theatre division. She performed selections from *West Side Story* and *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.

Whitney and Michaela are both students of the private voice studio of Janean Freeman, a MAC individual instructor, coordinator of Music Studies at Pikeville College, a member of NATS since 2003, and last year was appointed to the executive board of the Kentucky chapter of NATS.

The Mountain Arts Center congratulates Whitney, Michaela, and Janean on their achievements.



### Double Delight

Brad and Paula Wells are overjoyed to announce the arrival of their twins, Evan Bradley and Ella Brooke Wells, born January 24, 2008, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. Evan weighed 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and measured 20 inches in length; his sister, Ella, weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 19 inches in length.

The twins are the maternal grandchildren of Kenneth and Mary Heater, of Prestonsburg. Their paternal grandparents are Ralph and Barbara Wells, also of Prestonsburg.

They are the great-grandchildren of Norcie and Henry Miller, of Prestonsburg. This double blessing has come as a tremendous joy to their family who are thankful to God for such a precious gift!

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