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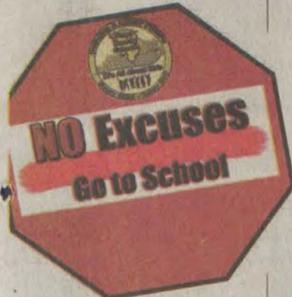
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briefs

7 deaths on state roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that seven people died in six separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Feb. 16, through Sunday, Feb. 22.

All of the crashes involved motor vehicles and four of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-vehicle crashes occurred in Fleming, Green, Jefferson, Nelson and Woodford counties. Three of these crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol. A double-fatality crash occurred in Todd County on U.S. 41.

Through Feb. 22, preliminary statistics indicate that 87 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 10 fewer than reported for the same time period in 2008.

Of the 82 motor vehicle fatalities, 46 victims were not wearing seat belts. Four pedestrian have been killed. One fatality involved a motorcycle. A total of 23 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

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

Study of deadly intersection progressing

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Just over a month after announcing plans to initiate a study into a section of U.S. 23 at the Town Branch Road intersection, officials at Kentucky's Highway District 12 office in Pikeville say they are close to completing one of the most daunting tasks for such a study.

In January, district spokesperson Sara George and Greg Couch, the dis-

trict's engineering support branch manager, responded to a series of fatal crashes at the intersection, saying at that time that the entire section of U.S. 23 was on a "to-do list."

One section of the study Couch said would be most difficult would be accumulating information about the wrecks that had happened along the stretch of road.

Those numbers and the details of that information is not in a form quite ready for the public, said George, but

one some interesting ideas have formed from the new information.

In particular, there could be further study of exactly where the victims in each of the crashes were from, according to George. Many local travelers are aware of some of the more dangerous areas of U.S. 23, such as the intersection at Town Branch Road and the exit from Route 80 just below that intersection. As a result, many will move into the outer lane in anticipation.

However, what George referred to

as "through travelers" — those not from the area, but merely traveling through — are not as aware of the pitfalls of certain areas of the highway.

The full study, which will include the number of incidents along the section of highway and also detailed information about victims involved in those incidents, is expected in a comprehensive form in the coming weeks. The district will then hold a public meeting

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IMPROVEMENT PLAN



photo by Jarrid Deaton
Pete Grigsby Jr., assistant superintendent, spoke at a public forum on Monday concerning the new health plan for the Floyd County school system. Grigsby later presented the plan to the Floyd County Board of Education.

Board presented plan to improve fitness, nutrition

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The members of the Floyd County Board of Education accepted the Nutrition, Health and Physical Activity Plan for the upcoming 2009-10 school year during a meeting on Monday.

Before the board meeting, Pete Grigsby Jr., assistant superintendent, spoke about the plan at a public forum held at Betsy Layne Elementary School.

The plan was developed after the

passing of Senate Bill 172 in 2006. Senate Bill 172 requires that schools develop plans by which students receive education instruction in regard to nutrition, are provided adequate physical activity opportunities and by which vending machine programs are restructured.

Health personnel in the community worked with the committee and school officials to develop the plan, and Grigsby acknowledged those involved on Monday.

The school system's committee on health, nutrition and physical

activity met several times during the last school year and came away with the establishment of a physical fitness assessment took for grades K-12.

"They carried out the plan very, very well," Grigsby said. "It took teamwork."

One of the major changes brought about by the plan is the removal of vending machine snacks that did not meet federal and state guidelines. The items that were removed were

(See **FITNESS**, page five)

Robbery is latest in string

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

META — An armed man robbed the Meta Double Kwik in Pike County Sunday, adding another to a growing list of local robberies that have occurred in the past several months.

The Kentucky State Police received a call from the store Sunday evening from a clerk saying a white male brandishing a shotgun had entered the location and demanded money from the cash register.

The cashier described the man as approximately 6 feet tall and wearing a black hoodie sweatshirt.

The amount taken during the robbery has not been disclosed and the suspect left the store in a vehicle for which witnesses gave no clear description.

In various counties throughout the region, including both Pike and Floyd counties, along with Martin and Magoffin counties, there have been several robberies which have taken place at stores both remote and also along high-profile locations such as U.S. 23, as was the case with the Prestonsburg Exxon Tiger Mart.

The Exxon Tiger Mart in Prestonsburg was the location of two robberies, one in September and another in October, while in Pike County, a variety store in Regina was also targeted. The suspects in those cases have since been arrested.

In Magoffin County, BJ's Liquor was the site of a robbery in mid-November. At that store, along Route 40 in the Falcon area, clerks reported that two male subjects entered the premises with a knife and demanded money. One suspect in that case, David Bowen, 34, of Isonville, was apprehended soon afterwards and charged with first-degree robbery.

A month later, in Martin County, a discount tobacco store in Warfield was the

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County beginning to address audit concerns

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Fiscal Court members are taking some of the first steps in addressing concerns that came up during their last fiscal audit.

Most significantly perhaps was finalizing a deal last week to sell East Kentucky Utilities Inc., something a report from Kentucky State Auditor Crit Luallen placed high on a list of items the county needed to do in the coming year.

But additional concerns were brought to the attention of county lead-

ers, such as issues with administrative duties and payroll, including salary amounts for both Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb.

The issue of providing additional employees or more oversight to the handling of payroll and various other duties is something that has been addressed, Marshall said Tuesday.

"We have brought in a new employee for the purpose of eliminating that situation," said Marshall. "Ella Clay has been brought in as our finance officer,

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photo by Jarrid Deaton
Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin signed a "Read Across America" proclamation at Prestonsburg Elementary School on Tuesday. Joining Fannin for the signing were the top accelerated readers from the school. Pictured left to right are Noah Kelley, kindergarten, Yamaa Shakashiro, second-grade, Seth Ousley, third-grade, and Mason Compton, first-grade.

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Obituaries



Ted L. Akers

Ted L. Akers, 95, of La Grange, passed away on Friday, February 20, 2009. He retired as principal of La Grange Elementary, Liberty Elementary and Floyd County Elementary schools.

His memberships include La Grange Baptist Church; a deacon at DeHaven Baptist Church; Oldham County Lions Club; and Oldham County Retired Teachers Association. He is a Navy WWII veteran, and was stationed in Okinawa. In 1964 he was named Oldham County Man of the Year.

He was preceded in death by two sons: Juan W. Akers (infant) and Jan Neil Akers.

Survivors included his wife, Pauline Elizabeth (Edwards) Akers; a daughter-in-law, Charlotte (Shrader) Akers; a granddaughter, Shannon Seebert (Michael); and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m., at the Oldham County Funeral Home, 706 W. Jefferson St., with interment in Louisville Memorial Gardens East.

Visitation was 2-8 p.m., Monday, at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to La Grange Baptist Church in his memory; or the American Cancer Society, in memory of his son, Jan Akers. (Paid obituary)

Jesse Brown Hagewood

Jesse Brown Hagewood, 79, passed away at his home in Inverness, Florida, last week.

He was born July 7th, 1929, in Wayland, the son of the late Russell and Nell Hagewood.

He graduated from Prestonsburg High School and attended Wesleyan College.

He worked at the First National Bank in Prestonsburg before moving to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was the vice president of Central Plaza Bank. He retired to Inverness, where he enjoyed fishing and a life of ease.

He is survived by Marianna, his wife of 44 years; his daughters, Jane Chapman and husband, Randy and Victoria Pharo; his son, Jack Hagewood and wife, Margaret; a sister, Betty Minix; his grandchildren: Amity, Kim, Aaron, Jesse, Tyler and Kendall; two nephews, and a niece.

He will be greatly missed, and always in our hearts.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, February 21, at the Mayo Cemetery.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Eugene Hamilton

Eugene Hamilton, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, formerly of McDowell, died Friday, February 20, 2009, in Wabash County Hospital.

Born July 8, 1925, in Pikeville, he was the son of the late Henry and Lizzie

Newsome Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Wabash Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elesta Moore Hamilton.

Survivors include two sons: Larry (Nola) Hamilton of Wabash, Indiana; and Darrell (Brenda) Hamilton; four grandchildren: Larry W., Gary D., Chris, and Carla; and seven great-grandchildren: Cassie, Dustin, Ethan, Cameron, Kylie, Jake, and Delanee Jo.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Hamilton Jr.; and two sisters: Ester Sammons and Madeline Heinisch.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Hobart Meek Jr., officiating.

Burial will be in Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)



Donald R. Howard

Donald R. Howard, 54 years old, of Pierceton, Indiana, passed away on Friday, February 13, 2009.

Donald was born on February 28, 1954, in David, Kentucky, to Ashland "Hawk" Howard and Darcus (Stone) Howard, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was married on January 7, 1984, to Ann Hathaway, who survives. Don was of the Baptist faith; a member of the Kosciusko County Gun Club; and a resident of Kosciusko County, Indiana, since 1972 where he worked for over 36 years as a Machine Operator at R.R. Donnelley and Sons of Warsaw, Indiana.

Donald will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 25 years: Ann Howard (Pierceton, Indiana); one son: Brent (wife Dara) Howard (Warsaw, Indiana); one daughter: Heather (husband Brian) Sand (Warsaw, Indiana); and five grandchildren all at home in Warsaw, Indiana: Austin, Adrian, and Alyson Grindle; Deacon "Hawk" Howard and Addison Sand. Also surviving are five Brothers: Earl (wife Carol) Howard (Warsaw, Indiana); Charles (wife Joan) Howard (Warsaw, Indiana); Chalmer (wife Anne) Howard (Auxier, Kentucky); Jackie (wife Kay) Howard (David, Kentucky); Robert L. Howard (Warsaw, Indiana); two Sisters: Gladys Shepherd (David, Kentucky) and Geneva Marshall (Warsaw, Indiana); In-Laws: Fred and Verna Hathaway (Pierceton, Indiana); Bill and Sonya Hathaway (Pierceton, Indiana); Deb Hathaway and Brian Wilson (Warsaw,

Indiana); Vickie and Dan Gackstetter (Minnesota); Frederick and Angie Hathaway (North Manchester, Indiana); and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Lawrence Slone; and one sister, Virginia Howard.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009.

Memorials can be made in his memory to Riley Children's Hospital, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

Georgine Johnson

Georgine Johnson, 70, of Wheelwright, died Monday, February 16, 2009, in McDowell.

Born July 29, 1938, in Halo, she was the daughter of the late Luther and Polly Tackett Johnson. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Johnson.

In addition to her husband, survivors include two daughters: Dreama (Danny) Bates of Wheelwright, and Dena (Buddy) Collett of Weeksbury; five brothers: John W. and Gary Johnson, both of Michigan, Russell and Luther Johnson Jr., both of Wheelwright, and Homer Johnson of Bevinville; four sisters: Bernice Bates of Michigan, Carol Lenahan of New Albany, Indiana, Kathern Collins of Mt. Sterling, and Fayette Cole of Melvin; seven step-sisters; 11 grandchildren: Danielle, Brenna, Kaitlin, Misty, April, Erica, Donovan, Tabitha, Emily, Miranda, Abigail, Amy, and Danny Jr., and five great-grandchildren: Raygan, Cody, Josh, Brantley, and Kaylee.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Estill and Dennis Ray Johnson; and two sisters: Anna Louise Johnson and Virginia Hall.

Funeral services were held Thursday, February 19, at 11 a.m., at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, in Bevinville, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral

Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

Jimmy Dean Reed

Jimmy Dean Reed, age 59, of Prestonsburg, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2009, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born January 27, 1950, in Hippo, a son of the late Goble and Rebecca Hughes Reed. He was a pipeline welder; an active member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and a member of Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, in Prestonsburg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother; Roger Reed.

He is survived by two brothers; Goble Reed Jr., of Waco, Texas, and Carl Reed of Hippo; and five sisters: Carol Sue Prater, Edith Maggard, Elva Prater, and Gertrude Goble, all of Hippo, and Thelma Stephens of Harold.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with burial following in the Goble Reed Family Cemetery, in Hippo, under the kind and professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

James Stanley

James Stanley, 65, of Blue River, died Sunday, February 22, 2009, at UK Medical Center.

Born January 29, 1944, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Otto Stanley, and Ann and William Hall. He was a retired coal miner.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Easter Marie Stanley.

Survivors include six sons: Jeffery Lee and Mark Christopher Stanley, both of Blue River, James Henry (Vicky) Stanley of Paintsville, Tony Douglas and William David Stanley, both of Lexington, and Steven Dwayne (Jennifer) Stanley of Kendallville, Indiana; 14 grandchildren: Tiffany B., Tiffany S., Jessie, Steven, Jeremy, Summer, Ginger, Brandon, Nicole, Jamies, Kathy, Andy, Cody, and Josh; and five great-grandchildren: Kalie, MaKayla, Madison, Kayden, and Pantera.

Card of Thanks

The family of Cora Branham would like to express our appreciation.



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

A very special thank-you to the Old Regular Baptist ministers; the sisters of the church for the wonderful food; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

God bless each and every one of you. THE FAMILY OF CORA BRANHAM

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We, the family of Monnie Brown Dye, would like to thank you and extend our appreciation to everyone who showed love and care to our mom and family during her funeral.

There is no way we can "personally" thank everyone who expressed their love.

We would like to send a special thank-you to Dr. Mary Hall; McDowell ARH Hospital and staff; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home; and all her sisters and brothers in the Lord, who came far and near to be with us in our time of need and sorrow. To our wonderful friends who brought food, visited us at the hospital and church, and to those of you who sent beautiful flowers and gifts, we could not be more grateful for those acts of kindness.

The Dye family would also like to send a very special thank-you to her caregiver, Bertha Hamilton...you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Love and Prayers, THE DYE FAMILY

Card of Thanks

The family of Arnold Daniels would like to express our appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We want to say a special thank you to St. Joseph Martin staff and employees for the excellent care and kindness shown to our loved one. A special thanks to ministers Clinton "Deaner" Moore and Jimmy Hall for their beautiful songs and their kind words of comfort at the service. We would also like to thank the Floyd County Road Department for their assistance; the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we say, thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF ARNOLD DANIELS

Card of Thanks

The family of Margeline Lambert Mitchell would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Little Rose Regular Baptist Church for all the love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF MARGELINE LAMBERT MITCHELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr., for his kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear.

For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

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New withholding tables now available on IRS.gov

Most workers will see bigger paychecks this spring

INDIANAPOLIS —The Internal Revenue Service released new withholding tables that will result in more take-home pay this spring for millions of American workers.

The new tables, now posted on IRS.gov, incorporate the new Making Work Pay credit, one of the key tax provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that became law earlier this week.

"For most taxpayers, the additional credit will automatically start showing up in their paychecks this spring," said IRS Commissioner Doug

Shulman. "Since employers and payroll companies will handle this change, people typically won't need to take any additional action. The IRS will continue working to implement this and other provisions of the new law as quickly as possible."

The new withholding tables, along with other instructions related to the new tax law, will be incorporated in new Publication 15-T. This publication will be posted to IRS.gov next week and mailed to more than 9 million employers in mid-March. The IRS asks that employers start

using these new tables as soon as possible but not later than April 1. Most workers will see a boost in their take-home pay soon thereafter.

Eligible workers will get the benefit of this change without any action on their part. This means that workers don't need to fill out a new W-4 withholding form to get the Making Work Pay credit reflected in their take-home pay. A Form W-4 will not need to be submitted for the automatic withholding change. Individuals and couples with multiple jobs may want to submit revised W-4 forms to ensure enough withholding is held to cover the tax for the combined income. Publication 919 provides additional guidance for tax withholding.

Available for tax years

2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay credit is 6.2 percent of a taxpayer's earned income with a maximum credit of \$800 for a married couple filing a joint return and \$400 for other taxpayers, but it is phased out for higher income taxpayers. Most workers will qualify for the maximum credit. Because the credit is refundable (people can get it even if they owe no tax), most low-income workers will also qualify for the full credit.

Though all eligible taxpayers will need to claim the credit when they file their 2009 income tax return next year, the benefit will generally be spread out over the paychecks they receive beginning this spring and continue until the end of the year.

Many higher-income tax-

payers will see little or no change in their take-home pay. That's because the Making Work Pay credit is phased out for a married couple filing a joint return whose modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is between \$150,000 and

\$190,000 and other taxpayers whose modified AGI is between \$75,000 and \$95,000.

Taxpayers will not get a separate, special check mailed to them from the IRS like last year's economic stimulus payment.

Rowe named to head Paintsville's IC

PAINTSVILLE — Morehead State University and the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center have announced the hiring of its new Area Innovation Center director.

Joe T. Rowe comes to the job with more than 14 years of development experience in Appalachian Kentucky. Rowe previously served as executive director of Morehead Area Habitat for Humanity and as assistant director of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission.

While at the commission, he worked on a plethora of development issues including economic development and growing an entrepreneur base in Appalachian Kentucky.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Berea College and a master's degree in public administration from MSU.

The Paintsville Area Innovation Center (IC) is managed by Morehead State University's College of Business and serves as a business accelerator to assist entrepreneurs in developing their ideas and products in a comprehensive and focused manner. The Center seeks to assist startups and expansions that have creative and new ideas in advance manufacturing, biosciences, health and human development, new energy and environmental tech-

nologies and information technology and communications.

Located in Paintsville in the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center, the Paintsville IC is part of the Eastern Region Innovation and Commercialization network funded primarily by the Kentucky Department of Commercialization and Innovation and administered by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation. MSU manages the IC with support from the City of Paintsville and the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The center serves Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd, Pike, Knott, Perry and Letcher counties.

"Appalachian Kentucky has always possessed an entrepreneurial and pioneering mindset. I look forward to being part of this collaborative effort of state government, higher education and our local entrepreneurs to further grow and enhance that mindset. MSU College of Business Dean Robert Albert and I have discussed the entrepreneurial potential of the region. I am excited to get started," said Rowe.

Additional information on the Paintsville Area Innovation Center and its services, or to request a meeting is available by calling (606) 788-6005.

CNB recognized by ABA for fundraising efforts for American Cancer Society

PAINTSVILLE — Citizens National Bank was nationally recognized Feb. 17 for its contribution to the communities it serves at the American Bankers Association National Conference for Community Bankers in Phoenix, Ariz.

Citizens National Bank was awarded a certificate of recognition for its fundraising efforts on behalf of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The award was given to the entire Citizens National Bank team for the positive impact the program has had on the communities they serve.

"Citizens National Bank is honored to receive recognition for our commitment, passion and leadership in the eight counties we serve," said Mark

Wiete, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Citizens. "Citizens National Bank and its employees have distinguished themselves for their longstanding commitment of giving back to the communities where we work and live."

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Board approves agenda in rapid fashion

by JARRID DEATON
 FEATURES WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education made short work of a small agenda on Monday, approving six consent items with no request to pull any of the items out for discussion.

The board approved the amendment of the DataSeam project contract to be used in medical research related to the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Department of

Commercialization and Innovation, the policy and procedures handbook for the Infinite Campus program and considered a commercial carrier for the Allen Central High School drill meet to Fort Knox next month.

The board also voted to accept the health plan that was presented by Asst. Supt. Pete Grigsby Jr. A public forum was held before the board meeting to inform citizens about the plan and what it entails.

Also at the meeting, administrators

from Betsy Layne Elementary updated the board on the activities and educational progress at the school.

The school recently met all 10 of its No Child Left Behind target goals, and also scored 17 points higher on CATS test scores with an index of 95.7.

The members of the board praised John Kidd, the new principal at the school, for the work he has done to help improve the test scores and overall status of the school.

Kidd said that the school plans to

use improvement funds to allow release time for teachers in order to analyze scores, utilize the reading coach, allow the exceptional children's teacher to be utilized as a math coach/collaborative teacher, provide extra tutors where needed and other changes.

The next regular meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education is scheduled to be held at Adams Middle School on March 23. The regular meetings being at 6:30 p.m.

Fitness

replaced by healthy snacks, which is all part of the nutrition-related efforts of the wellness plan.

Grigsby also presented information of physical activi-

ty reports in some of the schools.

At Prestonsburg Elementary, students take the Presidential Physical Fitness Test twice a year. The tests are

used to access the physical fitness level of students. The results of the test are recorded, and the students that score 50 percent or better will receive the National Physical Fitness

Award. The students that score 85 percent or better are awarded the Presidential Physical Fitness Award.

Prestonsburg Elementary had 607 students that took the test during the last school year, and 67 of those students won

the National Fitness Award. Also, 17 of the students won the Presidential Physical Fitness Award.

The plan must be submitted in full to the state by May of this year.

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Study

to inform and seek further information from citizens, George said.

Though there had been discussion about the section of U.S. 23 in past years, a number of fatal accidents that occurred at the intersection over a two-month period of time spanning December to January got the attention of Couch and others at the Pikeville office.

In that span of time 8-year-old Seth Lafferty and 36-year-

old Michele Sparkman were killed in separate crashes when drivers were attempting to enter onto U.S. 23 from Town Branch Road.

Some of the options that have been mentioned could be placing a traffic signal at the location or a barrier wall along the stretch of highway at the intersection.

Couch also said last month he would like to give a look at the entire section of U.S. 23

from the Watergap overpass to where the Heritage House is located just before the first Prestonsburg exit.

Once a full study is completed, Couch and others at the department would send the study along to Frankfort in the form of an official recommendation. Couch said it would be up to state officials after that time as to how soon that recommendation will be approved.

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Robbery

target of a weekend robbery. Local sheriff's deputies responded to an alarm at the location and later told state police officers that the store's alarm had been activated, adding that a man had been spotted at the scene. Deputies said the man produced a revolver before fleeing on foot.

State police have said the rash of robberies is most likely drug- and alcohol-related and tends to appear in cycles.

Also during this five-month period of time, neighboring South Williamson saw its Dairy Queen robbed at gunpoint. Employees reported to police that a black male

entered the restaurant around midnight, produced a handgun and demanded money before fleeing with an undisclosed amount of cash.

KSP Trooper Randall Coats is continuing to investigate the Meta robbery with the assistance of KSP Det. Gary Sykes.

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Audit

as well as for other duties." Those other duties include issues of personnel and also in taking on the duties as the county's PRIDE coordinator.

As for Marshall and Webb's salaries, pay for the two men has since been adjusted to fit compliance with state regulations, which set the pay for these two county offices, as well as the salaries for the county clerk and sheriff.

All members of the fiscal court voted to adjust Marshall's salary to \$3,154 biweekly and Webb's to \$3,256 biweekly. Both had been receiving less than required by state standards, according to the audit.

Marshall, over the course of the fiscal year was underpaid by \$2,762 and Webb was short \$4,741.

The audit covered the fiscal year ending June 30, and pointed out weakness in payroll functions, records kept for the county's public properties corporation and compliance with administrative codes.

In her audit, Luallen highlighted a lack of "adequate segregation of duties over the payroll functions," pointed out, more specifically that one person enters payroll information into the computer system, prepares the documentation, which includes leave time balances, prepares checks, transfers money from the county's funds into the payroll revolving account and reconciles the retirement bank account.

The audit maintains that because a single employee

handled these duties, the result was that payroll functions and oversight was not provided.

But Marshall now hopes since the issues from the audit have been addressed, he and the fiscal court can move

ahead in the doing the business of the county.

"I feel good about the beginning of this new year, and look forward to meeting the needs of the people," he said.

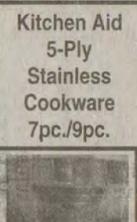
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Cinema 9—Held Over

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we are usually looking
for an accomplice.

— Marquis de la Grange

Viewpoint

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Guest View

A commonsense idea

In an example of necessity colliding with common sense, the Pentagon is turning to immigrants to help offset recruitment shortfalls.

And not just any immigrants either. The effort is aimed at high-skilled immigrants who came to this country legally on temporary visas and who have lived here for at least two years. Recruits would have the chance to become U.S. citizens in as little as six months following their military service. Illegal immigrants are not eligible.

This is a great idea that should have been adopted long ago. These are people who were previously excluded from military service. Permanent resident immigrants can enlist but temporary immigrants cannot. Passing up talented people makes no sense. In fact, in a sad commentary on the quality of the domestic volunteer corps, military recruiters say they expect the temporary immigrants to have more education, foreign language ability and professional experience than many of the Americans who now enlist. The concept seems to be popular, and the only grumbling you hear is coming from the nativist fringe, where some worry that these immigrants are still loyal to their home country and not the United States.

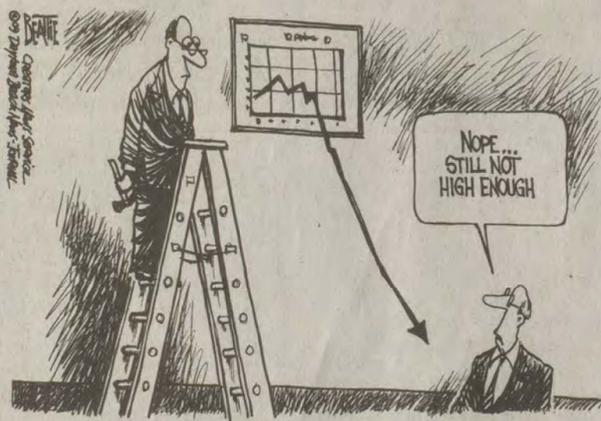
Nonsense. Why not say the same thing about permanent residents who are currently eligible to serve? Or even U.S. citizens who were born in other countries? The fact is, the military has long welcomed legal immigrants with permanent green cards and many of these enlistees have gone on to win medals and serve their adopted country with distinction. In Iraq and Afghanistan, the American casualties include more than 100 of these green-card troops. There is little doubt about their loyalty.

The recruitment effort will be limited to about 1,000 recruits in the first year, mostly for the Army. But if the program succeeds, Pentagon officials say they plan to expand it to include all branches of the military.

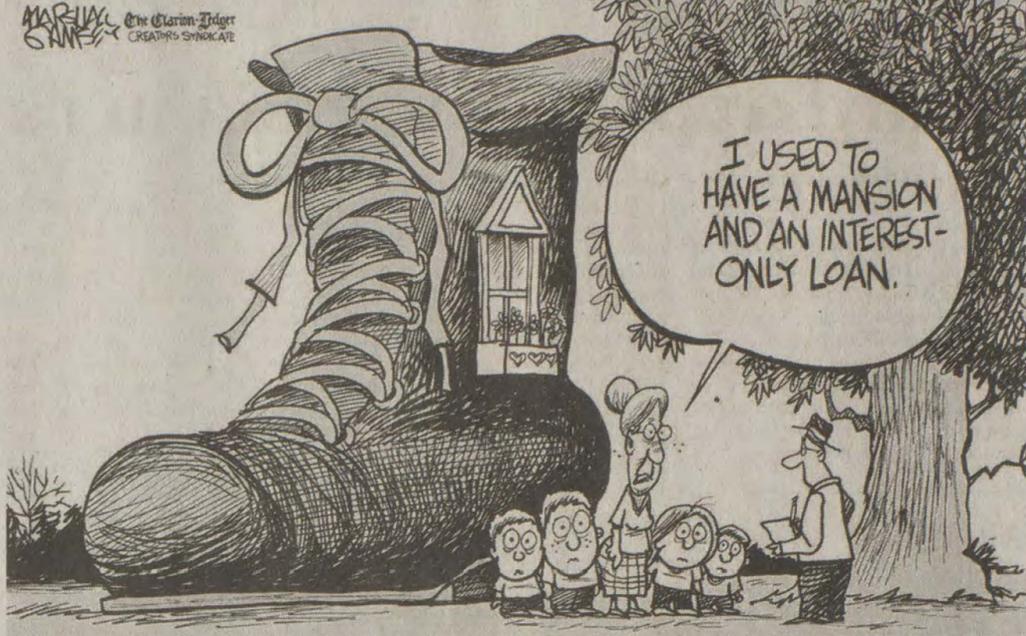
Let's hope that happens. This sort of initiative is a no-brainer. It helps give legal immigrants who are holding temporary visas an on-ramp to U.S. citizenship and allows them to put down roots here instead returning to their home country as many immigrants now do. It also helps the military, which is fighting two wars and struggling to find people with language skills and other specialized expertise. And it helps the cause of condition-based comprehensive immigration by reinforcing the notion that there is no free lunch and that those who stand to benefit from a change in U.S. immigration policy should step up and look for ways to contribute.

For such a simple idea, the concept of enlisting temporary legal immigrants does a lot of good and makes a lot of sense.

— The San Diego Union Tribune



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Guest Column

After 20/20, what?

by AL CROSS

The ABC documentary "A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains" and its short follow-up stirred a lot of talk in Central Appalachia this month. But what action will ensue? That is the question the people of the region, and their journalists, need to answer.

Many Appalachian viewers of the first report had a familiar gripe, that it showed only the bad side of the region. Though it made a brief reference to the 1960s, the "20/20" show was not intended to be a progress report on Appalachia as a whole. It aimed to remind or reveal that "half a million people live in the kind of poverty we cannot imagine," as Diane Sawyer said in her introduction to the national audience of nearly 11 million. She told that story through the lives of children who have been victimized by the failings of adults and are struggling to overcome.

We will always remember the stories of the football star living in a truck to escape his family's depravity, the pre-teen girl struggling for years with her mother's drug problems, and the girl who said "butter and ranch" are sometimes all her family refrigerator has. "Butter and ranch. That's as poetic as most hymns," said Dee Davis, who grew up in Hazard and runs the Center for Rural Strategies, based at Whitesburg.

And contrary to claims that the documentary was a rehash of old issues, it revealed something new: that a favorite soft drink in the region has so much sugar, caffeine and acid that it is responsible for widespread tooth decay and has even earned from dentists a name for a disorder: "Mountain Dew Mouth."

But when journalism illuminates problems that raise questions of public policy, it's obliged to offer suggestions for solutions. That was the main flaw many journalists saw in the documentary, which was long on emotion and

short on context. Many viewers were also troubled by its report of a later-recanted incest allegation in the family of the football player, which consumed one minute and 45 seconds of the 39-minute report and amplified perhaps the worst stereotype of Central Appalachia - a stereotype that, unlike most, isn't supported by research. If that 1:45, and maybe a bit more, had been used to report on causes and possible solutions, "A Hidden America" would have been a more complete package.

ABC tried to do the next best thing, repeating the tack it took in a similar documentary Sawyer did on children in Camden, N.J., following up with reports on reaction and solutions. But its "20/20" follow-up of seven and a half minutes consisted mainly of retelling the story for viewers who hadn't seen it before and reporting on the charity extended to the children as a result of the report, and on promises by Pepsi, the maker of Mountain Dew, to provide a second mobile unit for the chief adult hero of the story, dentist Edwin Smith of Barbourville, and help him with education and recruitment of dentists to the region.

Possible solutions were relegated to the last two minutes of the follow-up, and compressed into a blur of ideas (infrastructure and job training, green jobs, computers for every student, expanded health care) with only two methods of turning them into reality: stimulus money and philanthropy, one of the means suggested by this writer and the one that made it onto air.

Still, by focusing fresh attention on the problems, the reports could help accomplish what Sawyer, a Kentucky native, suggested in her eloquent closing line: "These Kentuckians say the beauty of the mountains is calling to all of us, to restart that conversation that began more than 40 years ago." That's when the Appalachian Regional Commission was created as part of the War on Poverty and Robert F. Kennedy campaigned in the Eastern Kentucky counties where ABC did its reporting.

The nation as a whole, and the states involved, should continue to

bear some responsibility for helping Appalachia, but the region's problems are also local problems. They are often not seen that way by some of the better-off in Appalachian communities who would prefer to dismiss the poverty, ignorance and depredation as unsolvable and the adults involved as incorrigible. But this was a story mainly about innocent victims, and the fighting spirit they show in trying to overcome them. They are inspirations and a call to action.

Also inspiring were the follow-up's final words, from University of Kentucky professor Ron Eller, the leading historian of modern Appalachia: "There are ways to think about the future in the mountains in different kinds of ways than we've thought about them in the past. We just need to be willing to dream."

(optional add end)
Appalachian journalists should seek out those dreams and ideas. There is no shortage of them, from the visionary, like specialty agriculture such as finishing hogs on forest mast to the more immediate, like better dental care. It's in short supply in Central Appalachia partly because Medicaid pays dentists so little. And how about re-establishing the Kentucky Appalachian Commission?

Neil Middleton, news director of WYMT-TV in Hazard, wrote in his blog, "Are we really mad at Diane Sawyer for reporting on a serious problem, or are we upset that someone is reminding us of images we would rather ignore? Remember, our mandate as journalists is to 'give voice to the voiceless,' or ... 'to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.' The images we saw the other night should make us all uncomfortable.' Instead of complaining about the representation of the region, Middleton says, "Maybe we should ask ourselves, 'What have I done to help correct this problem?'"

The writer is director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, based at the University of Kentucky, with partner at 25 universities in 16 states.

Letters

Bashed again

A show was aired Friday night, Feb. 13, called "Children of the Mountains," a 20/20 feature by Diane Sawyer. It really should have been titled, "Let's bash Eastern Kentucky again."

Under the guise of concern, she showed people living in trash piles, with dirty diapers (Diane's words) in the yard. She wants high ratings. The people shown were toothless dopeheads and drunks, living in sin, on welfare.

I was born and raised in Eastern Kentucky and am proud of it, but I'm so tired of the shows spreading venom. They are going to hear them.

Betty Dozier Fraley
Lexington

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Cook, Wynn lead Lady Eagles to Senior Night victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES – Seniors Camille Cook and Sierra Wynn were determined to make the last home regular-season game of their college careers a good one. The two young ladies did just that, parking the Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles to a come-from-behind 57-50 victory last night over the Brescia University Lady Bearcats.

A large crowd was on hand for the pre-game festivities which honored the four seniors (Kaylan Richardson, Camille Cook, Sierra Wynn and

Lyndsey Mahon) for the contributions they had made to the ALC women's basketball program during their careers.

After the floor was cleared it was time to go to work. The Bearcats jumped out to an early lead and owned an 18-11 advantage at the 10:56 mark.

ALC then went on a 14-6 run and captured the lead at 25-24 with 4:39 remaining. The squads then traded buckets before a late BU flurry gave the visiting team a 31-27 lead at intermission.

In the second half, the Lady Eagles picked up their defensive intensity, and gave the

Bearcats fits. Over the first 14 minutes, ALC held BU to only nine points and took command of the game. The Lady Eagles caught Brescia and then extended their lead to 51-40. They then held on to win the game.

For ALC (13-12), Cook led the way with a game-high 16

points. Wynn was a force on sophomore Nicole Lutes continued solid play and made sure their senior teammates had a memorable night. Jarrell came off of the bench and powered her way to 14 points, many of which were scored during the decisive second half blitz. Lutes finished with a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

Sharpshooter Kaylan Richardson was the focus of the Brescia defense during the entire game. She was held

scoreless for the first time this season. However, the Lady Eagles leading scorer, showing she is far from one dimensional, was content to set her teammates up as she dished off a game-high seven assists. Clarissa Houston led Brescia (7-19) with 14 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Eagles will travel to New Albany, Ind., on Friday where they will face St. Louis College of Pharmacy on a neutral floor. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m. The men's basketball squads from the two respective colleges are scheduled to meet in a nightcap at 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27

Alice Lloyd
vs.
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Five in double figures as Tech downs Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, W.Va. – West Virginia University Tech put five players in double figures and survived an onslaught of fouls to knock off Pikeville College 86-71 Saturday afternoon.

WVU Tech (19-9, 5-5 in the Mid-South Conference) survived 21 turnovers to knock off Pikeville, in all likelihood eliminating the Bears' chances of cracking the nation's Top 25.

Pikeville (19-9, 7-4) played the game without the league's top scorer. Junior Josh Samarco chose not to play on an ankle he injured early in the Bears' 84-80 win over third-ranked Georgetown on Thursday afternoon.

The teams were whistled for an incredible 52 fouls on the day, with four players – three from WVU Tech – fouling out of the contest.

Pikeville put up a game effort with only nine uniformed players, and with sophomore Justin Hicks leading the way with 14 points, took a 38-35 lead to the break.

But the second half was all Golden Bears, who outscored Pikeville 51-33 to pull away for the easy win.

Pikeville was led by its starting guard combination of Hicks and senior J.B. Smiley, who finished with 19 points apiece. Senior Ewan Linton had 14 points and 13 rebounds in the loss, while freshman Kane Belcher, starting for only the third time this season, scored 11 points and pulled down five offensive rebounds.

WVU Tech had five players in double figures, led by junior Daryl Slack and senior Victor McGee with 16 apiece. Slack, a 5-11 guard, had eight rebounds in the win. Junior Robby Marshall followed with 13, while senior Sam Robertson tossed in 13 to go with nine rebounds and freshman Vincent Coleman had 10 along with nine boards.

Pikeville will step out of league play for the final time this season on Thursday night when it returns to West Virginia to play fifth-ranked Mountain State University at 7 p.m. WVU Tech will host Lindsey Wilson on Thursday night.

JC Youth Baseball/Softball to host final signups

PAINTSVILLE – Johnson County Youth Baseball/Softball will hold its final signup date Saturday, Feb. 28th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Johnson County Middle School.

First-year players must provide a copy of their birth certificate during the signup.



CHEERLEADING SPOTLIGHT: South Floyd finished runner-up in the cheerleading competition of the Floyd County boys' basketball tournament.

Newsome records first triple-double in Piarist School girls' basketball history

by **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS EDITOR



MARTIN – The 2008-09 season was one of record-setting games for the Piarist School Lady Knights. Early in the season, Piarist scored the most points in the school's history, putting up 73 in a game versus Riverside Christian. Last week, another Piarist milestone was established. Chelsea Newsome, the daughter of Kermit and Joella Newsome of Mud Creek, became the first Piarist student to register a triple-double last week. Newsome, a junior who wears No. 42 for Piarist, went above her own expectations in a game Feb. 17 versus Oneida Baptist Institute. During the game against OBI, Newsome scored 14 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and dished off 10 assists for a triple-double.

"It's been an inspiring season," said Piarist Coach Kevin Tackett. "Chelsea is full of heart and it's been great watching her success all year."

Piarist ended the season 3-22. Prestonsburg defeated the Lady Knights 78-24 on Monday night at Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 58th District Tournament.

District basketball tournaments tip off

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The roads to Diddle Arena in Bowling Green and Rupp Arena in Lexington start Monday for all basketball teams with district action tipping off. The District Tournaments run through Saturday.

Regional action is slated for March 2-7 (girls) and March 2-10 (boys). Regional brackets will be posted on the R i e r d ' s / K H S A A Scoreboard as they are received on Sunday, March 1.

Tickets to the 2009 H o u c h e n s Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament continue to be on sale

through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Girls tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until March 1. After March 1, both single session and all sessions tickets will be sold through www.wkusports.com and the Diddle Arena Box Office.

Tickets to the 2009 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament are on sale through the KHSAA office until March 1. Until then, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. After March 1, both single session and all sessions tickets will be sold through ticketmaster.com and the Rupp Arena Box Office.

Wrestling sets attendance record: The recently completed 2009 Kentucky State Wrestling Championships at the Frankfort Convention Center broke all existing attendance records, including single session (4,587) on Saturday and the three-day total for the event (11,315).

Complete results of the tournament are listed on the KHSAA Web site at <http://www.khsaa.org/wrestli>

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Lady Bears knock off WV Tech, reach 20 wins

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, W.Va. – Pikeville College picked it up after the half and rolled to its 20th win of the season with a 63-47 win over the Lady Golden Bears of WVU Tech Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville has won 20 games four times since starting women's basketball in 1979, but this was the first since 2003. All four 20-win seasons have come during Bill Watson's 12-year tenure.

The Lady Bears struggled out of the gate, trailing much of the first half to WVU Tech, which is winless in Mid-South Conference play. But Pikeville scored the last six to hold a 25-21 lead at the break.

Coming out of the locker room, the Lady Bears continued their roll. Sophomore Natiera Hinton, the current player of the week in the MSC, had 16 points in the opening six minutes as the Lady Bears pulled away for the win.

Hinton led Pikeville with 22 points on 9-of-11 shooting. Sophomore Lacia Bailey followed 15 points off the bench. Senior Kristal Daniels, who had four points, finished the game with 11 rebounds, five of them off the offensive glass.

WVU Tech had one player in double figures, with Ashley Blaney leading all scorers with 24 points. She also had a team-high seven rebounds.

Pikeville (20-9, 6-5 in the league) will wrap up the season next Saturday, playing host to Cumberland. Seniors Alice Daniel, Kristal Daniels and Whitney Hogg will be honored for their time at Pikeville in a ceremony prior to the 2 p.m. tip.

Three Floyd teams compete in state tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – Three teams from Floyd County took part in the Kentucky Middle School State Tournament this past weekend. Adams, Betsy Layne and Wesley Christian competed in the 64-team field. All three teams enjoyed success this season and the trio represented Floyd County well at the state event. Adams defeated Wolfe County in the tournament before falling to Knox County in the second round. Betsy Layne enjoyed wins over Bowling Green and Jones before falling to Grayson County in the second round. Wesley Christian fell to Rosspoint in the first round. The three-day event attracted teams from across the state.

Hazard fell in the Final Four, suffering a loss in four overtimes. Madison Middle won the tournament with a 49-40 win over South Laurel in the championship game.

Betsy Layne captured the Floyd County A-Team championship last week. Adams finished runner-up to the Bobcats in the Floyd County tournament.

OVC Men's Basketball: Colonels roll to fourth straight win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – On Senior Night in McBrayer Arena, the Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team led from start to finish in a 73-51 victory over Ohio. The Colonels (18-10) have now won four straight games and handed Ohio (13-13) its sixth consecutive road loss.

Freshman Jorge Camacho paced ECU with a personal-high 17 points, 12 of which came in the first half. Senior Mike Rose recorded his third double-double of the season (14 points, 10 rebounds) while junior Josh Taylor and sophomore Justin Stommes each chipped in with 13 points.

With his 14 points, Rose moved up to second place on the ECU all-time scoring list. The guard now has 1,731 career points.

Jerome Tillman led the Bobcats with 19 points on 70 percent (7-of-10) shooting from the floor. The forward hauled in a team-high eight rebounds as well.

Eastern Kentucky came out of the gates on fire, scoring 12 of the first 15 points. A three-pointer from junior Papa Oppong gave the Colonels their largest lead of the half, 37-19, with 5:44 left. The home squad shot 66.7 percent (18-of-27) from the floor in the first 20 minutes and took a 42-26 cushion into

halftime.

Camacho and Taylor each scored 12 points in the first half for Eastern. Taylor was 5-for-6 from the field with two three-pointers while Camacho came off the bench to net 6-of-8 field goal attempts.

Ohio scored the first five points of the second half to creep within 11 points, but the Eastern defense held the Bobcats to just four more points over the next nine minutes to thwart off any comeback attempt.

With the win, the Colonels improve to 3-0 against MAC opponents this year. Eastern defeated Akron and Ball State earlier in the season. This was also ECU's first ever win against Ohio (1-3). The two teams last played in 1989.

Eastern Kentucky will conclude the regular season with two road OVC games. First up is league leader UT Martin on Thursday (Feb. 26).

Kent State rallies for BracketBuster victory over Morehead State

TIMES STAFF REPORT

KENT, Ohio – Kent State rallied for a 79-76 ESPNU BracketBuster win over

Morehead State Saturday evening at the M.A.C. Center in Kent.

Host Kent (16-11) was led by Al Fisher who scored 27 points. Tyree Evans had 19 points, and Chris Singletary added 15 points for the winning.

Morehead State (16-13) was led by Leon Buchanan who scored a season-high 31 points. Kenneth Faried had his 19th double-double of the season with 17 points and 12 rebounds. Demonte Harper had 15 points.

"We had an eight or 10 point lead when they went to the zone, and we didn't attack it well," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Our guys played hard, but give Kent State the credit to rallying."

"Leon (Buchanan) and Kenneth (Faried) were warriors, Leon with his 31 points and Kenneth with 17 points, 12 rebounds and five blocked shots."

The Eagles led 31-29 at intermission, but the Golden Flashes out-scored MSU 50-45 in the second half.

MSU will return to conference play with a nationally televised (ESPNU) contest at Murray State on Thursday (Feb. 26). Tipoff in the RSEC will be 9 p.m. EST.

Buchanan named OVC Player of the Week: Morehead State University senior forward Leon

Buchanan has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week. He averaged 28.0 points and 9.0 rebounds in games against Eastern Kentucky and Kent State.

The third Eagle to earn OVC Player of the Week honors this season, Buchanan hit 66.7 percent (18-of-27) of his field goal attempts and 90.9 percent (20-of-22) from the free throw line. He had 25 points and 10 rebounds at Eastern Kentucky and 31 points and eight rebounds at Kent State. Buchanan has hit 39 of his last 42 free throw attempts.

"Leon is playing with a great deal of confidence and toughness down the stretch," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He understands that he only has a few games remaining in his college career, and he's doing everything in his power to make the most of it."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Pittman sets blocks record, MSU beats ECU

TIMES STAFF REPORT

RICHMOND – The Morehead University State

women's basketball team outscored host Eastern Kentucky 38-22 in the second half, and junior Brittany Pittman set the NCAA Division I single season blocked shot record with 11 rejections to go along with 16 points and eight rebounds as the Eagles raced past ECU 70-48 Saturday at Alumni Coliseum. Pittman needed six blocks to set the record of 156 and now has 162 blocks this season. MSU improved to 16-12 and 10-6 in the OVC and stayed in at least a tie for fourth place. ECU dropped its 11th consecutive game.

The win marked the sixth consecutive for MSU over ECU, and the seventh in the last eight meetings. MSU has now swept the season series with ECU in the last three years.

Morehead State trailed 8-0 right off the bat and still were behind 24-18 with 5:13 left in the first half, but the Eagles went on a run late in the first half and took a 32-26 lead. MSU outscored the Lady Colonels 14-2 to end the first half and made it an 18-2 run with the first four in the final half.

"In the first half we were really pumped up and really didn't make good decisions. We really attacked the basket and earned our way to the free throw line during the while game. In the second half, we settled down

and started making good decisions and passes. We started to just lay it in, and our defense played as good as we have in a while," said MSU Coach Mike Bradbury. "They (EKU) really had to start taking shots from the perimeter with Brittany blocking so many shots down low."

The Eagles also got double figure games with 10 each from Tiffany and Tiffanie Stephens. Chynna Bozeman scored nine and had a season high eight rebounds. She also hit three three-pointers and moved to second on the MSU season trey chart with 82. Pittman's double-double was her 13th of the season, and the 11 blocks tied a season high. The Eagles outrebounded the host Lady Colonels 47-39 and outscored ECU 12-3 at the free throw line.

ECU didn't have a player to reach double figures in the point column as Nadia Mossong and Kayla Drake had nine each. The Eagles held ECU to 29 percent shooting after holding them to 28 percent in the first game between the teams on Jan. 24. ECU was only 9-of-36 from the field in the second half, while MSU shot 46 percent. For the game, MSU hit 44 percent.

25 Wildcats inducted into Society of Character

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky Athletics Association inducted 25 student-athletes into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character on Saturday.

The student-athletes were honored in recognition of exceptional commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, personal development, being a role model and career preparation.

The Wildcats were official-

ly inducted during a reception Saturday morning at the UKAA Center for Academic and Tutorial Services. The new members were introduced at Rupp Arena during halftime of the Kentucky-Tennessee men's basketball game by Bob Bradley, UK Associate Athletic Director.

The Society of Character was founded in 1999 and is named in honor of longtime UK Athletics administrator Frank G. Ham. Ham's children, Frank Ham, Mike Ham

and Jennifer Blakeley, assisted with the introductions at Rupp Arena.

The 2008-09 Inductees are: James Alexander (Football); Brad Hart (Football); Austin Moss (Football); Mallory Blackwelder (Women's Golf); Emily Green (Gymnastics); Leslie Angeli (Rifle); Andrew Roland (Rifle); Chad Hagerty (Men's Soccer); Bingy Lara (Men's Soccer); Kristin Kover (Women's Soccer); Natalie Smith (Softball); Justin Smith (Men's Diving); Haleigh

Kerns (Women's Swimming); Leah Harms (Women's Swimming); Kyle Virgin (Men's Tennis); Carolina Escamilla (Women's Tennis); Jose Acevedo (Men's Track); Geoffrey Daley (Men's Track); Kwasi Obeng (Men's Track); Andrea Halasek (Women's Track); Jenna Ortman (Women's Track); Jessica Ortman (Women's Track); Katherine Peterson (Women's Track); Sarah Rumely (Volleyball); BriAnne Sauer (Volleyball).

Richard Petty Driving Experience headed to Bristol

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRISTOL, Tenn. – Fans who have wondered what it would be like to cruise around the World's Fastest Half-Mile in a race car will get the chance to do just that Friday, March 20 as part of the Richard Petty Driving Experience Ride-Along program.

The Richard Petty Driving Experience Ride-Along experience will be available at Bristol Motor Speedway from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. March 20. Participants will be outfitted in a fire suit before taking to the concrete oval where they will get to ride around NASCAR's most popular track for three laps.

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Anyone interested in participating should call 1-800-BEPETTY to register. Some walk-ups will be taken the day of the Ride-Alongs if sessions haven't filled. Those who are pre-registered should arrive at garage entrance 30 minutes prior to session. Cost of the rides is \$149 per person.

COLLEGE BASEBALL: Valparaiso sweeps Morehead State in Saturday doubleheader

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD – Valparaiso took both ends of a season-opening doubleheader from the Morehead State Baseball Eagles, 6-5 and 8-5, Saturday (Feb. 21) afternoon at Allen

Field.

In the opener, Valpo got two home runs and four runs batted in from Josh Wallace in its 6-5 win. Crusader starter Bryce Shafer was the winning pitcher.

MSU got two solo home

runs from losing pitcher Michael Bottoms, and one from shortstop Drew Lee.

In the 8-5 Crusader win in the nightcap, Valpo's Steven Scoby had a three-run home run and a sacrifice fly to knock in four runs. Starting pitcher

Jon Gulbransen was the winner.

MSU's five run came on a three-run home run by freshman Luke Bainer and a two-run blast by freshman Taylor Davis. Reliever Matthew Nichols suffered the loss.

Wright, Reddick lead Eagles on second day of MSU Spring Kick-Off

TIMES STAFF REPORT

OXNARD, Calif. – Sophomore Alex Wright and freshman Crit Reddick led the Morehead State University men's golf team to a three-over par 291 in the second round of the MSU Spring Kick-Off, hosted by MSU and being played Feb. 22-24 at the Victoria Lakes Course at River Ridge Golf Club.

Wright shot a second-round one-under par 71. Reddick shot an even par 72.

Murray State led the team competition at five-under par 571. Eastern Kentucky was

second at 579, Austin Peay third at 586 and MSU fourth at 588. Cameron Carrico of Murray State was the individual leader at five-under par 139.

Eagle 36-hole scores were: Shawn Tipton, 69-74 143 (tie 4th); Crit Reddick, 74-72 146 (9th); Lee Chaney, 75-74 149 (tie 15th); Alex Wright, 79-71 150 (tie 18th) and Aaron Watkins, 74-76 150 (tie 18th).

Watkins is playing as an individual.

Eagle junior Jeff Pierce was not able to complete the first round, but returned on Monday to shoot 75.



ADAMS won the Floyd County dance team championship last week.

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AUTOMOTIVE

Hicks Auto Sale

- 2004 Mitsubishi galant. Extra sharp. Moon roof, V6, 60,000 miles. Asking \$7,495
- 2000 Dodge Dakota Quad cab. Automatic, V6. \$4,200.
- 1998 S-10 .4 cylinder, 5 speed. \$2,500.
- 2000 Ford Tarus. 80,000 miles. \$3,000.
- 1997 Cadillac S/S. 110,000 miles. \$3,995.

2000 Chevy top kick rollback or sale. Cat engine, air condition, power windows, 19ft steel bed. 312,000 miles. If interested call 606-886-2416 after 6pm 606-367-1288 during the day.

EMPLOYMENT

Employees needed to Steam Clean Heavy Equipment. Must have valid driver's license and up to date Surface mining papers. MET papers is a plus. Call Monday thru Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm. 606-886-1759.

Help wanted: Person to assist in antique & gift shop, some cleaning, sales, good with customers, start out part time but could turn in to full-time job in short time. Please call 886-9995 for more information. Hours 10 to 5 M-F to 4 on Saturday.

Experienced ONLY Tower

Climber needed for local work. Job also includes two way radios and car kit installs. Must have valid driver's license and pass drug screening. Must have references! Excellent benefits Package available. Please send resume to PO Box 873, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653. Call 886-3181.

Dietary Manager: Prestonsburg healthcare, a 56 bed Skilled Nursing Facility is seeking a dietary manager to oversee all food service operations. Candidate should possess experience in food service and personnel management. Please apply in person at 147 N. Highland Ave. Prestonsburg, Ky or via fax @ 606-889-9438.

Employment Opportunity Big Sandy Marketing, have experienced a 30:1 growth in business over the last 60 days. 9 people needed to start working immediately in full time positions. \$447 per week to start as per written agreement. Room for advancement. Paid vacations. Must be 18 years of age to apply. Interested parties only call Monday March 2 only 9am-5pm 606-788-0402.

Star construction, LLC has an immediate opening in their Banner, Ky office for a experienced mechanic. The mechanic position will be responsible for maintaining all trucks and heavy equipment at the Banner and Flatlick, KY locations, diagnosing and repairing electric over hydraulics, repairing small engines, tools, and equipment, and maintaining repair and service records for all equipment. The

successful candidate will have a Class A CDL license, be certified in air brake repair, have minimum of three years experience in the above responsibilities, have welding experience, and have good decision making abilities. Star construction offers competitive wages and benefits, to include medical insurance, dental, vision, disability, life insurance, 401 (K) paid holidays and vacation. Interested individuals should contact Harold Adkins at the Banner office at 606-874-1263 for more information about the position and to apply. EOE

Papa John's now hiring drivers & pizza makers. Apply in person. Call 886-2800.

Prestonsburg Health Care Center has CNA positions for 6am, 6p and every other weekend off. If you are interested please call 606-886-2378 and ask for Lynn Fletcher or Kelly Wallen.

Need licensed master & journey men electrician's in Pikeville. Must be experienced in commercial work. Call 859-925-3116.

Post Office Now Hiring Nationally!! Avg. pay \$20/hr, \$57K/yr, incl Fed ben, OT optional fee-based test prep materials, not affiliated with the US Postal service. 866-668-5257.

Will do house cleaning and sit with elderly. 15 years experience. For more information please call 606-377-0935 or 606-339-5095. Can provide references.

Services

If you need brick, block, stone, fireplaces built or trailers under

pinned. Call 606-424-2969 or 606-668-3906.

Furniture

ALLEN FURNITURE ALLEN, KY Furniture, used appliances, living / bedroom suits, bunk beds, and lots more! Call 606-874-9790.

Yard Sale

MOVING SALE!!! Sat Feb 28th: Lots of garage, workshop, and home things. Old chest type pepsi cooler, large antique kerosene pump. Old tractor, antique armoire & dresser. Dining table & 6 chairs and L shaped desk. Camping equipment, X-mas decor, books, and clothing. Located on Hwy 122, 3 miles from martin at Printer Post office building. 606-285-9650.

Miscellaneous

Bristol Nascar Tickets!! For spring race March 22nd. Call 874-9996.

FOR SALE: Hoveround motorized wheel chair. 24" Kenmore gas wall oven. 30" Kenmore gas cook top. Call 886-6958 after 4:00pm.

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Siberian Husky mixed puppies. 3 males and 1 female. Call 452-2775 after 6 pm.

Real Estate

House for sale. Located at Drift. 3 br, 1 bath. \$65,000. Call 377-0251.

Lot for sale. 3 plus acres. Located in Jonesfork area. City water. \$20,000. Call after 5:00 606-946-2785.

Sale or Lease

Office space for rent. 3,000 sq ft, 2 bath. 10 individual rooms suitable for professional office. Call 794-6204 for more information. Located on 1320 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky. Downtown from Jerrys.

Large older home and lot for sale (approx. 1 acre). Great location (3227 South Lake Dr) close to entrance to Jenny Wiley State Park. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 1st floor hardwood / 2nd carpet with new roof. cAn be residential or commercial. Call 886-6749 or 226-4215.

Rentals

1 br apartment for rent. \$350 per month plus utilities. \$350 deposit. Located a couple of minutes from the hospital and the college. Call 886-9291.

Large apartment for rent. Located on US 23 at Stanville. 2 br, 2 bath. Walk in closet. Large living

room area. 1 yr lease. NO PETS. \$650 per month \$650 security deposit. Call 606-478-8100.

House

2 Houses for rent. 1) 4br with 2 baths. 2) 3 br with 2 baths. Located in Knott County. Call 606-438-6104.

Mobile Homes

2 br Mobile home for rent. Call 874-1991.

Mobile home and house for rent. Partly furnished near Prestonsburg J. W. Lake. Nice quiet, clean located. Suitable for 2 people only. Out of town workers welcome. Call 886-3941 or 205-0215.

2 br mobile with deck for rent. Located on end of private street. On Rt 1428 between Prestonsburg & Allen. Water and cable furnished. Background check required. \$475 month plus \$250 deposit. Call 262-4296

New federal lending program for landowners. No down payment & low monthly payments. Complete improvement packages available. Will also remove existing homes. Call 866-597-2083.

Nice 2 br mobile home for rent in Prestonsburg. Call 874-0875 or 226-3207.

For rent: Mobile home lot. Located on Left Fork BullCreek. \$125. per month. References required. Call 886-6749 or 226-4215.

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3 BR 2 full bath mobile home for rent. Located at Auxier. All city utilities. \$550 per month \$150 deposit. Call 367-1169 or 789-8881.

LEGALS

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD COUNTY COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 05-C1-122
First Mortgage Strategies Group, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Ronald Glen Bartley, Tammy L. Bartley, and Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSION-

ER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 20th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$58,776.93, 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 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

17619 Route 122 Beginning at the center of the creek at Richard and Janice Newman's line running in straight line to Highway 122 to

Being the same property conveyed to Ronald Glen Bartley, by deed date October 8, 2001, and of record in Deed Book 464, Page 570, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office. And a 1996 Mobile Maxx MM2001. Mobile Home Serial Number 716 AB.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Trent Nairn has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, proposing to construct a residential structure above the 100 year Floodplain. The proposed site is located in Prestonsburg along Greer Street, approximately 0.34 mile southwest of the intersection of Ky. Route 1428 and Ky. Route 3, on the North side of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, at latitude 37°39'59.6" N, and longitude 82°44'08.0" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Fourth Floor, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by David Lee Tackett. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Marlow's. The nature of the business will be Restaurant and Night Club. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than March 19, 2009, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated, and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for March 19, 2009, in the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge-Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY
 FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

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Management Trainee
 P.O. Box 3681, Pikeville, KY 41501

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APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER

Located behind Wendy's and Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg. All utilities are included and the rent is based upon gross monthly income. Several activities, such as line dancing, crafts, bingo, movies, hair salon and church services. The apartments are furnished with a refrigerator, stove, emergency alarm system, and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711, or come by the office for an application. Highland Terrace does not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, familial status or disability.

Applications are now being accepted for 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-bedroom apartments for low and very low income households at the Housing Authority of Martin.

These apartments are located at Grigsby Heights, Town Center Plaza and Pageant Hill, in Martin, KY. Rent is based on the household's gross monthly income. The Housing Authority of Martin has a Maximum Rent of \$360.00 for qualified applicants. Air conditioned units are available. Please apply between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, at the office located at Grigsby Heights on Route 80, in Martin. You may call (606) 285-3681 for more information.

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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 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first

lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 08-CI-01519 Chase Home Finance LLC Plaintiff vs. Daniel Raines Jonni Raines Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF

Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, refer-

ring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 26th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$132,353.73, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Court-house Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following de-scribed real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: Tract 2

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Rough and Tough Creek and being the same property conveyed to James Watkins

and Freda Watkins, his wife, from Aaron Adams and Versie Adams, his wife, by Deed, Dated April 21, 1986, and recorded in Deed Book 299, Page 654, and recorded with the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Beginning at a steel located at the edge of the creek; thence running in a straight line to another steel stake and continuing on up the hill to a forked white oak, marked by a steel stake; thence running to another forked white oak marked by a stake and continuing on to a third forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running on up the hill to a peak on the line of John Johnson; thence running with John Johnson line down the point to a forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running to a telephone pole; thence running to a sycamore tree and continuing to the edge of the creek at a stake; thence running with the edge of the creek to the steel stake at the

edge of the creek, to the point of beginning, as per description furnished by the party of the first part to the drafter of this instrument.

Tract 3 Beginning at a stake at corner of James C. Watkins property line being the Southwest corner, running with Creek at a Southerly direction to a stake at corner; thence running up hill with Henry McKenzie line to top of hill to a stake, Grizzley Dotson line. Running up point in Northerly direction to a stake that joins Grizzly Dotson and John Johnson line. Then running down hill in Northwesterly to a stake at James C. Watkins line. Following James C. Watkins line down hill to a forked white oak marked by a steel stake. Thence running to another forked white oak marked with a stake on to a third forked white oak marked by a stake. Then on to another stake then down hill across bottom to point of beginning. (Description supplied by second party). Being the same property conveyed to Daniel Raines and Jonni Raines, husband and wife, from James C. Watkins and Freda K. Watkins, husband and wife, by Deed dated March 31, 2008, filed for record on April 4, 2008, in Deed Book 546, Page 86 of the Clerk's Records in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Terms of Sale: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% 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 2008, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

Any announcements made on date of sale take

precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 08-CI-01171 Branch Banking & Trust Company, Assignee of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Plaintiff vs. James Hunter, a.k.a, James R. Hunter, Vanessa Hunter a.k.a Vanessa L. Hunter, The Unknown Spouse of James Hunter a.k.a James R. Hunter, the Unknown Spouse of Vanessa Hunter a.k.a. Vanessa L. Hunter, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Commonwealth Credit Union, Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC, and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF

Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 9th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$70,209.18, 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 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Tract No. 1: BEGINNING at a planted stone at the road; thence with said road 166 feet to a planted stone at a lane or alley, thence up said land 162 feet to a planted stone; thence a diagonal line around the hill 100 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 46 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 156 feet to the place of beginning. For source of title, see deed of conveyance by and between Peggy F. Chaffins, and James R. Hunter, and Vanessa L. Hunter, dated March 17, 1994, of record in Deed Book 375, Page 168, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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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 March 25, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

| Settlement | Case Number | Estate Of: | Fiduciary | Date Filed |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Final | 08-P-00243 | John Andrew Branham | Glenn and Barbara Hopson | 01-20-09 |
| Final | 02-P-0095 | John Gordon Goble | Billie Gray Goble | 01-22-09 |
| Final | 07-P-00329 | Earl Samons | Opal Samons | 01-05-09 |
| Final | 08-P-00030 | Edith Price | Phillip Price | 01-16-09 |
| Final | 01-P-00013 | Greenville Calhoun | Iris Jean Calhoun | 01-29-09 |
| Final | 03-P-00341 | Glenna Brown | Michael D. Vance, Public Admin. | 02-02-09 |
| Final | 08-P-00246 | Ambers Jarrell | Virginia B. Jarrell | 02-04-09 |
| Final | 08-P-00306 | Joyce Goble | Bertha Collins | 02-06-09 |
| Final | 07-P-00310 | Scottie Stumbo | Paula Stumbo | 01-30-09 |
| Final | 08-P-00256 | Eddie Berger | Kris L. Berger | 02-11-09 |
| Final | 07-P-00007 | William E. Griffith | Della Griffith | 02-13-09 |
| Final | 07-P-00031 | Barbara Marie Labugen | Randall D. Jervis | 02-13-09 |
| Final | 08-P-00068 | Leona Samons | Polly Gerhardt | 02-17-09 |

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 |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 22, 2009 | 09-P-00025 | Ruth B. Moore | Regina Ousley | Atty. Timothy Parker |
| Jan. 22, 2009 | 09-P-00027 | Curtis W. Tufts | Evelyn Tufts | |
| Jan. 22, 2009 | 09-P-00028 | Dana W. Moore | Tandy Moore | Atty. Jerry Patton |
| Jan. 23, 2009 | 09-P-00030 | Stella O. Smith | James A. Redrick | |
| Jan. 29, 2009 | 09-P-00034 | Gary T. Daniels | Maggie L. Daniels | |
| Jan. 29, 2009 | 09-P-00035 | Ollie Mae Collins | Linda G. Gibson | Atty. Gerald DeRossett |
| Jan. 30, 2009 | 09-P-00036 | David Carl Conn | Nancy Ellen Conn | |
| Jan. 30, 2009 | 09-P-00038 | Shirley Evelyn Stumbo Vanderpool | Henry Michael Vanderpool | |
| Feb. 2, 2009 | 09-P-00040 | Joe W. Harris Jr. | Dylan Davis | |
| Feb. 2, 2009 | 09-P-00041 | Kenneth H. Spurlock | Terry L. Love | |
| Feb. 6, 2009 | 09-P-00043 | Georgia Lee Martin | Charles Edward Martin Jr. | |
| Feb. 6, 2009 | 09-P-00045 | Jack Childers | Verna L. Childers | |
| Feb. 9, 2009 | 09-P-00046 | Mildred Johnson | Anna Ruth Thomsbury | |
| Feb. 10, 2009 | 09-P-00047 | Charles Calvin McGlothen | Charles E. McGlothen | |
| Feb. 13, 2009 | 09-P-00051 | Gleason Stone | Angela Marie Hall | Atty. Arnold Turner Jr. |
| Feb. 13, 2009 | 09-P-00052 | Clarence Stephens | Mark D. Stephens | Atty. Arnold Turner Jr. |
| Feb. 18, 2009 | 09-P-00057 | Paul David Shepherd | Jessica Shepherd | |
| Feb. 18, 2009 | 09-P-00058 | Rachel Irick Clark | Kimberly Rachelle Hinkle | Atty. Ashley A. Baird |
| Feb. 18, 2009 | 09-P-00059 | Don M. Ratliff | Judith R. Music | |
| Feb. 18, 2009 | 09-P-00060 | Mabel E. Cole Ratliff | Judith Music | |

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOHN K BLACKBURN, SHERIFF
P.O. Box 152
Prestonsburg, KY 41653

ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR 2008

| INCOME | EXPENSES |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| SERVING PAPERS \$ 91,854.00 | PAYROLL \$ 625,638.80 |
| COMMISSION ON TAXES \$ 424,709.92 | OFFICE SUPPLIES \$ 22,300.31 |
| STATE ADVANCEMENT \$ 62,000.00 | POSTAGE \$ 4,226.68 |
| COUNTY PAYMENTS \$ 141,755.04 | AUTO EXPENSES \$ 110,796.61 |
| ARREST FEES \$ 5,072.00 | UNIFORMS \$ 26,824.38 |
| AUTO INSPECTIONS \$ 14,960.00 | AUTO MAINTENANCE \$ 59,186.93 |
| COUNTY CLERK PAYMENTS \$ 6,798.35 | CONVENTION \$ 6,222.34 |
| INTEREST EARNED \$ 6,284.98 | GAS \$ 77,297.58 |
| LAKE PATROL \$ 29,775.05 | KLEPPF \$ 17,980.68 |
| ACCIDENT REPORTS \$ 1,471.00 | TRAINING EXPENSES \$ 4,893.67 |
| STATE PAYMENTS \$ 143,755.63 | UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE \$ 7,134.14 |
| FEES COLLECTED FOR SER \$ 134,180.92 | START UP CASH \$ 600.00 |
| C.C.D.W. \$ 5,240.00 | MISC. \$ 37.00 |
| KLEPPF \$ 22,323.01 | DUES \$ 962.00 |
| START UP CASH \$ 1,200.00 | FISCAL COURT FEES \$ 5,790.00 |
| SHERIFF SECURITY SER \$ 28,323.92 | STATE ADVANCEMENT \$62,000.00 |
| MISC. \$ 244.74 | COURT ORDERED PAYMENTS \$ 186.61 |
| TRANSPORTING \$ 30,898.90 | BOND \$ 981.51 |
| STATE GRANT \$ 9,407.00 | TRAINING (HB810) \$ 3,524.72 |
| TOTAL \$ 1,160,254.46 | TOTAL \$ 1,036,583.96 |
| | TOTAL 2008 EXCESS FEES \$ 123,670.50 |



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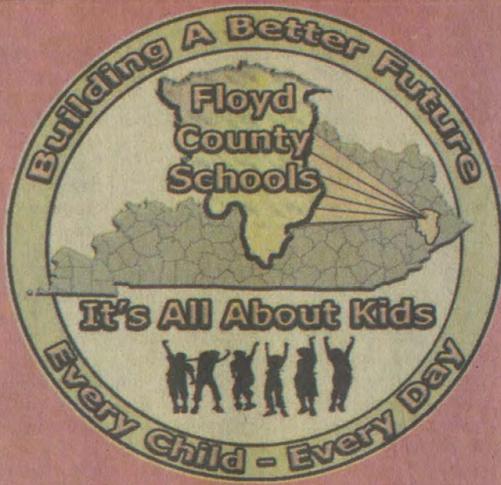
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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Boning up on a healthy future

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

A quick question: What could Rosemary Clooney possibly have in common with Scooby-Doo, Homer Simpson, and the '60s British TV spy drama "The Prisoner"?

The answer is "Dem Bones, Dem Bones," that famous old spiritual (you know how it goes: "Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones..."). Rosemary Clooney recorded it; Scooby-Doo sang a variation of it while making a sandwich ("And the ham slice is connected to the rye bread"); Homer's doctor sang it while working on Homer's triple bypass, and it was heard playing on a car radio in the final episode of "The Prisoner." Talk about making the rounds!

I've had "Dem Bones" rolling around in my head ever since my recent medical checkup, when my doctor informed me that while my latest bone density scan scores weren't awful, they could have been better. I wasn't terribly surprised, because osteoporosis is rampant on both sides of my family. Although I consume plenty of dairy, take a calcium supplement and am diligent about weight-bearing exercise, I know that keeping my bones healthy will be a lifelong battle.

So you can imagine how I zeroed in on a couple of recent news stories

(See SCIENCE, page four)

POISON OAK

Oscar? Oscar who?

by CLYDE PACK

They say that "with age comes wisdom." Guess the rule is that one needs a great deal of age before that would apply, because despite an ample amount of gray hair, age spots and wrinkles, I've yet to experience the "wisdom" part of the old axiom.



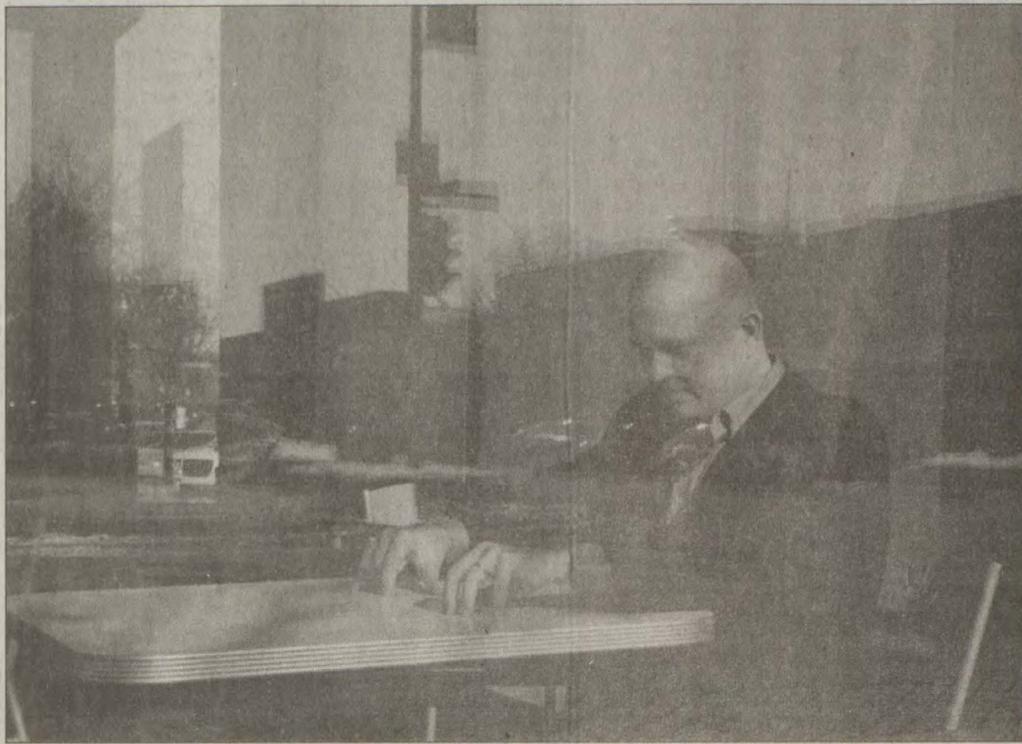
Clyde Pack

One thing that my growing older has made me realize, though, is that no matter how alone I think I am when it comes to certain ideas, I'm in good company, because there are lots of others who feel the same

way I do. I've discovered, too, that one of the reasons that it's taken so long to discover that fact, is because a person has to be pretty much beyond the age of caring what others think, before he has the courage to say what's on his mind.

That's why I don't hesitate now to discuss freely, Sunday night's Academy Awards. I'll admit right off I didn't watch them on TV. The reason will soon become obvious. But as I read about them in the paper, I had to wonder if I was the only one reading the article who could not put a face with half the names of the actors and actresses who were nominated. Oh, I'd have been able to pick out Sean Penn, because I saw him on the news a lot when he was married to Madonna; and of course I remember Kate Winslet when she was in Titanic. But other than that, if someone had offered me big money to match photos of the nominees with their names, it would have been pure dumb luck if I'd gotten a single one of them right.

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Steven Spooner, renowned pianist, will perform a piano recital at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday.

KEYS TO THE FUTURE

Eastern Kentucky Piano Competition at MAC this weekend

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Eastern Kentucky Piano Competition will officially kick off on Friday with a piano recital by Steven Spooner, a renowned pianist and prize winner in seven international piano competitions.

Spooner took top prize winner at both the Hilton Head International Piano Competition and the Artlivre Chopin/Liszt International Piano Competition. He was awarded First Prize and recipient of the Niekamp Career Grant as most outstanding pianist in French music at the Paris Conservatory. He has performed solo recitals at prestigious venues such as the Salle Cortot in Paris, Holland's Vredenburg Centre, Budapest's Great Hall of the Liszt Academy, and numerous halls across Europe, Latin America, South America and the United States. Spooner made his Carnegie Hall recital debut in a tour sponsored by the Hungarian Embassy and this season will perform in Chicago, Washington D.C., Poland, Italy and



Asia.

According to his official biographical information, "Dr. Spooner has released three solo recordings on the EMR Classics Label and has studied at Loyola University, Paris Conservatory, Moscow and Tbilisi Conservatories in the former Soviet Union, and earned his doctorate at Indiana University, Bloomington. He has served as guest artist-in-residence at Paris Conservatory Summer

Sessions and has been appointed to the Artist Faculty of the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Italy. Steven currently serves on the piano faculty at the University of Kansas and specializes in workshops and lectures on a variety of performance and pedagogical topics. A dedicated and caring teacher, Steven's students have already been named winners of several prizes at national piano competitions. Steven is a Steinway Artist."

Spooner's piano recital is scheduled to be at 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on Feb. 27.

The Eastern Kentucky Piano Competition, featuring the Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship, is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. with performances on Feb. 28, and the awards ceremony will take place at 5 p.m.

The Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship was established in honor of Dorothy G. Marsh. The scholarship provides financial support in scholarship awards for high school pianists planning to pursue musical studies in higher education.

The Marsh Foundation was founded in 2006 by Lawrence B. Marsh, a native of eastern Kentucky. According to the foundation's website, The Marsh Foundation was created to "foster talent and innovation in eastern Kentucky."

For more information on The Marsh Foundation, including the Dorothy G. Marsh Piano Scholarship, visit <http://www.themarshfoundation.org>.

PES student wins school district spelling bee

Twelve Floyd County students competed during the District Spelling Bee held February 18, at Prestonsburg Elementary School. Students competed in 13 rounds of spelling until the district champion and runner-up were determined. Prestonsburg Elementary student Tate Greene, a 5th grader is the district winner and Adams Middle School student Jimmy Brown is the district runner-up. "Hustle" was the winning word for Tate Greene. Patricia Watson, Writing Resource Teacher/Curriculum Coordinator coordinated the event.

The School winners were: Adams Middle School, Jimmy Brown, Allen Central Middle School, Drew Halbert, Betsy Layne Elementary School, Paula Tackett, Duff Elementary School, Alexis Hall, McDowell Elementary School, Karan Anderson, May Valley Elementary School, Joshua Hopson, Mountain Christian Academy, Manvir Bhagrath, Osborne Elementary School, Clifton Trammell, Prestonsburg

Elementary School, Tate Greene, South Floyd Middle School, Andrea Cicchetti and Stumbo Elementary School, Kayla Gillespie.

The Floyd County district winner advances on to Derby Festival State Competition to be held on March 14, in Louisville. The state Derby Festival Spelling Bee will provide a cash prize structure for this year's Derby Festival Spelling Bee. A total of \$14,000 in savings bonds will go to the top four overall finishers. The Spelling Bee champion will receive a \$5,000 savings bond and a Webster's International Dictionary. The second place finisher will receive a \$2,500 savings bond, third place a \$1,000 savings bond, and fourth place a \$500 savings bond. The top four finishers will also be awarded a trophy and a \$25 gift certificate. The new prize structure to be implemented will give more students an opportunity to utilize their spelling skills and vie for a significant amount of money for future educational expenses.



Tate Greene, a student at Prestonsburg Elementary School, was the District Spelling Bee Winner.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Higher education begins here

The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older.

Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free.

For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Gospel music

An evening of gospel music featuring Michael Combs and the Barrett Family. Friday, March 27, at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg at 7 p.m. For ticket information, contact 1-888-622-2787.

Gospel Singing

The Freewill Baptist Church in West Prestonsburg, is holding a Gospel Sing on Sunday night, February 22, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Two For One and The Slone family. Everyone's welcome.

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

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

Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence is offering free sessions on Self Management of Diabetes. **Class No. 3 February 25th, 1-3 p.m.**

Carbohydrate counting, how to read food labels, portion size, eating out.

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

Let us teach you how to count your carbs.

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

HRMC

"Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

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

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

Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

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

April 22, 2009

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

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

July 23, 2009

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

* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches

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

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

Auxier Community Center

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

Democratic Woman's Club



Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place. That hope died when he was killed by a drunk driver.

meets at May Lodge

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hope in the Mountains

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

Meetings focus will be to offer information in regard to community resources available to women seeking freedom from drug abuse. Family members are also welcome to attend. The Hope initiative proposes to help women break free from addictive lifestyles to become self-respecting contributing members of society. Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

UNITE

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

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

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

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

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

External Diploma Program

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

GED classes are also available.

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 Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursday's at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially

welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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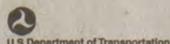
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Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 19-24, 1999)

The Kentucky State University Concert Choir will perform at Prestonsburg Community College next Thursday, February 25, at 4 p.m., in the Pike Auditorium. The 40-voice choir is directed by Dr. Carl H. Smith, professor and director of choral music at KSU...Dr. Robert Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, is the speaker for the fourth session of "Teaching the Teachers for the 21st Century: Morehead State University Symposium in the Future of Teacher Education," this afternoon...Ronnie Cordle, 33, of Prestonsburg, died following a two-car accident, yesterday afternoon, on KY 114, near the entrance to Frasure's Apartments. He was pronounced dead, after being airlifted to Highlands Regional Medical Center. The driver of the other car, Don Whitaker, of Lexington, was treated at the hospital and released, according to an emergency room spokesperson...The Floyd County Housing Authority voted to close one of the access roads to the Left Beaver Creek Townhouses complex, at Minnie, during Wednesday's special meeting. Anna Howell, director of the Left Beaver Creek center, said that drivers are using the two entrances to "cruise" the center...Apparently, some residents of Wayland have been using public roads and railroad tracks to burn their garbage, and the city commission wants the practice to stop. Commissioners, at Wednesday night's meeting, discussed the possibility of drafting an ordinance outlawing burning trash on public property...Despite the warning posted at the entrance of the Floyd County Justice Center, Glenna Endicott, 39, of Buffalo, walked into the center, yesterday, with drug paraphernalia and a quantity of marijuana. Detectives Ricky Newsome and Steve Toy of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department were manning the detection equipment when Endicott opened her purse and revealed the marijuana and drug-related items...The employment of Pam Blackburn in the office of her husband, Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn is still in question, despite an opinion from Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley that Blackburn should remain an employee of the sheriff's department...Some Floyd County miners were affected by the "idling" of several A.T. Massey Coal Co. operations. The company said last week that poor market-conditions have caused shutdowns at Road Fork Development's Burnwell mine, and a 50 percent cut at Sidney Coal's Pegs Branch mine, both in Pike County...The Prestonsburg Fire Department extinguished a blaze at the city garage on Cliff Road, Monday. No one was injured, but a packing machine was destroyed. Fire officials estimate damage as \$10,000-\$15,000...People who work in Wheelwright will have to ante up \$5 a month since the City Commission had the second reading and approved an occupational tax at its regular meeting, Thursday. Warden William Wolford from Otter Creek Correctional Center (OCCC) wrote a letter to be read to the commission in which he argued against the occupational tax...After waiting for more than a half-hour for a quorum to gather, the Prestonsburg City Council canceled its noon meeting on Monday, only to reconvene when a sixth member showed up. Mayor Jerry Fannin explained that two members were out of town and a third was sick with the flu which has been making its rounds among City Hall employees...Student fights at South Floyd High School have resulted in injuries to two teachers and prompted the board to seek expulsion for a student. Interim Superintendent Arnold Woodrow Carter confirmed that a serious incident occurred at South Floyd on Thursday, of last week. One student tried to stab another student with a pair of scissors, he said...With the blessing of the county commissioners, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson took a beginning step toward unifying the county's water and sewer plans during last Friday's Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting. The fiscal court created the Floyd County Utility Service Advisory Committee "to conduct a study as to the best way to provide water and sewage service throughout Floyd County"...When Floyd County Sheriff's deputies pulled over a suspicious vehicle, Saturday night, the arrest turned out to be more than routine. The driver, Harlin Joe Schenck Jr., who was arrested for alleged drug and automobile violation, is apparently wanted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice...There died: Malcom Lewis, 79, of Banner, Monday, February 15, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Barbara Lafferty Morrison, 56, of Marquette, Michigan, a native of Edgar, February 13; Elder Carl Ray Tuttle, 60, of McDowell, Wednesday, February 17, at McDowell ARH; Chester Lee Lafferty, 58, of Ashland, a Floyd County native, February 17; Kelpie Young, 89, formerly of Harold, Wednesday, February 17, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Woodrow Robinson, 70, of Pierceton, Indiana, February 17, at his residence; Jackie Hicks, 71, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, February 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Ethel B. Smith Osborne, 96, of Bypro, Wednesday, February 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Acie Hawkins, 66, of Quincy, Monday, February 15, at Wilson Memorial Hospital emergency room, Sidney, Ohio; Sally Jo Owens Combs, 88, of West Prestonsburg, Sunday,

February 21, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Laeuna Mathis, 76, of Cincinnati, Ohio, February 19, at Hospice of Cincinnati; Roe Ousley, 80, of Martin, Saturday, February 20, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Fannie Harris Runnels, 97, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, February 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Bessie Allen Ousley, 87, of Martin, Sunday, February 21, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Iberay Johnson, 78, of Wheelwright, Friday, February 9, in the McDowell ARH; Rousie Collins, 92, of Price, Sunday, February 21, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ethel B. Smith Osborne, 96, of Bypro, Wednesday, February 17, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Dollie Newsome, 72, of Andrews, Indiana, Thursday, February 18, at her residence; Bobby Lewis Horne, 63, of Drift, Friday, February 19, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Margie A. Thompson, 87, of Lima, Ohio, Friday, February 19, at Lima Health & Rehab; Denver Bailey, 76, of St. Petersburg, a native of Handshoe, Sunday, February 14, at Freedom Square Nursing Center, Seminole; Lona Owens Gayheart, 78, of Hindman, Monday, February 22, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kathryn Moore, 76, of Beaver, Ohio, formerly of Price, Thursday, February 18, at Pleasant Hill Manor in Piketon, Ohio; Barbara Morrison, 56, of Gwinn, Michigan, Saturday, February 13; Mitch Blankenship, 66, of Hudson, Indiana, a native of McDowell, Monday, February 22, at Parkview Hospital in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Estill Harris, 85, of Lexington, formerly of Topmost, Monday, February 22, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Lizzie Slone, 88, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Garrett, Sunday, February 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg; Delmer Davis, 72, of Topmost, Monday, February 22, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington; Maudie Wallen Price Lucas, 88, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, February 21, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 22, 1989)

The petition campaign seeking an April referendum on liquor sales in the Prestonsburg area, hit a snag in the Floyd County Clerk's office, Tuesday evening, because clerks found that addresses of signers and the date signed were missing...The Wheelwright City Council approved the purchase of a police car, and agreed to join the Kentucky Municipal League during Saturday's regularly-scheduled meeting...A dangerous mix of coal, diesel fuel and oil, was strewn across the U.S. 23 intersection in Prestonsburg early Tuesday morning, when a driver lost his brakes and was unable to negotiate the turn...Rain and snow through Floyd County, this week, proved the culprit in a number of mud and rock slides, and also contributed to a serious accident, Monday night...Officials at the Kentucky Lottery Corp, in Louisville refused to confirm that Prestonsburg has been chosen as the site of the southeast regional lottery office...There died: William Danny Allen, 49, of Langley, February 16, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Rebecca Reed Baldrige, 89, of Lackey, February 16, in New Jersey; David Gayheart, 80, former Floyd County resident, February 17, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; William C. Hale, 80, of Scioto, Ohio, February 9, in Ohio; Beulah "Dube" Hall, 64, of Estill, February 16, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mildred Allen Holbrook, 70, of Hueysville, February 21, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Dave Kilburn, 88, of Lexington, February 16, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Sam J. King, 75, of Amherst, Ohio, February 11, at Lorain Community Hospital; James Michael Maynard, infant son of James Erwin and Teresa Jo Garrett Maynard of Endicott, February 14, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; George Walker Redding, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, January 29, in Mayfield; Violet Tuttle Stumbo, 66, of Price, February 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Christopher Salisbury, four-month-old son of Danny and Joetta Slone Salisbury of Hunter, February 14, in Huntington, West Virginia.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 28, 1979)

The Floyd County Board of Education, last Thursday, officially killed the proposal to levy a three percent utilities tax, after hearing angry protests against the proposed tax at a public hearing held at the school system's administrative offices here...A town meeting has been called for a discussion of plans to incorporate the community of David...Riddell Inc., manufacturer of the football helmet which young Ronald Stewart Wright was wearing the night of Oct. 22, 1976, when the youth was paralyzed by a spinal injury, has been named a defendant in a \$50 million damage suit, which is believed to be the largest filed in the Floyd Circuit Court...There died: Gilmon Osborne, 63, of Hi Hat, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Darlene Conley, 77, of Mousie, at Knott County Health Center; Carl Edward Jenkins, 59, of Garrett, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Lula Shepherd, 69, of Marshall,

Mich., at her residence; Ulysses S. Allen, 81, of Langley, at his residence; Lula Mae Brown, 65, of Hi Hat, in Orofino, Idaho.; Everett Jones, 71, of Geneva, Ohio, formerly of East McDowell, at Geneva Memorial Hospital; Vicie B. Childers, 78, of Ypsilanti, Mich., formerly of this county, at her residence; Darwin Rose, 69, of Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; John B. Conn, 74, of Arkansas Creek, at UK Medical Center; Turner Bolen, 57, of Mousie, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Ruth Clay Blanton, 43, of Dwale, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mariah L. Hammonds, 92, of Water Gap, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Forty Years Ago

(February 27, 1969)

The Prestonsburg City Council, last Thursday evening, employed the Lexington firm of architects, McLoney & Tune, to prepare plans for the municipal building proposed, here...Circulation of a petition to request Floyd County's second local option election within a period of little more than two years, has been started in the county...Chester Arthur "Bill" Sexton, 58, former Garrett man, was slain at a trailer, located on Howard Branch, across the mountain from David, Sunday night, by a shotgun blast...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wallen, of Garrett, a son, on Feb. 17; to Mr. and Mrs. Glen H. Likins of Langley; a son, on Feb. 20; to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rogers of Galveston; a daughter, on Feb. 20...There died: Marion F. Stapleton, 74, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Ben Horn, 62, of Cliff, Friday, at a Lexington hospital; Boggs Hayes, 64, of Lancer, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mae Salisbury, 75, of Langley, Tuesday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin; Pearl Salisbury, 47, of Hunter, Saturday, at Printer.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 26, 1959)

Three men were jailed here, early this morning, after being trapped inside the Thomas Hereford Company's store by Mr. Hereford and son, David. A fourth man, the driver of a stolen

car which had been taken to the rear of the store for the apparent purpose of hauling away the loot, escaped. When police arrived, Hereford had captured all three, opened the front door and had them on the sidewalk, waiting for the police cruiser...Barbara Lafferty of Cliff, was named Floyd County corn-growing champion by the 4-H Club council for the third year in a row. A yield of 150.6 bushels per acre won the coveted designation for the Cliff girl. Miss Lafferty, who has been carrying on a corn project for four years, has won the Corn Derby three years in succession...The Prestonsburg City Council upheld the action of the Taxicab Commission, in denying three cab drivers' city licenses...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Robinson Jr., a daughter, Mellissa Lynn, on Feb. 14...There died: Mrs. Larena Harmon Badgett, 72, of Little Paint, at a Paintsville hospital. She was a daughter of James and Elmina Wilson Harmon; Dennis Cordial, 64, of Wayland, at home. He was a son of the late William and Vina Jane Cordial; Floyd Skaggs, 68, Martin grocer, at home. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott Skaggs.

Sixty Years Ago

(March 1, 1949)

"Are you in favor of the sale of alcoholic beverages in Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky?" That question will be answered yes or no on Saturday, March 26, at a local option election. The petition asking a local option election here was signed by approximately 325 legal voters of Prestonsburg...The Kentucky West Virginia Power Company Inc., filed, Tuesday, an application with the Public Service Commission for approval to increase the company's industrial rates. The increase is scheduled to become effective March 21, and will amount to \$306,000 per year...The Inland Steel Company, Wheelwright, filed with Floyd Circuit Court an appeal from the \$1,625,459 assessment levied against its property for county and state tax purposes, as being "unlawful, wrongful and prejudicial" to its rights...Veterans organizations of the county held their meeting in recent weeks, at Martin, to develop plans for the purchase and erection of a permanent war memorial on the courthouse

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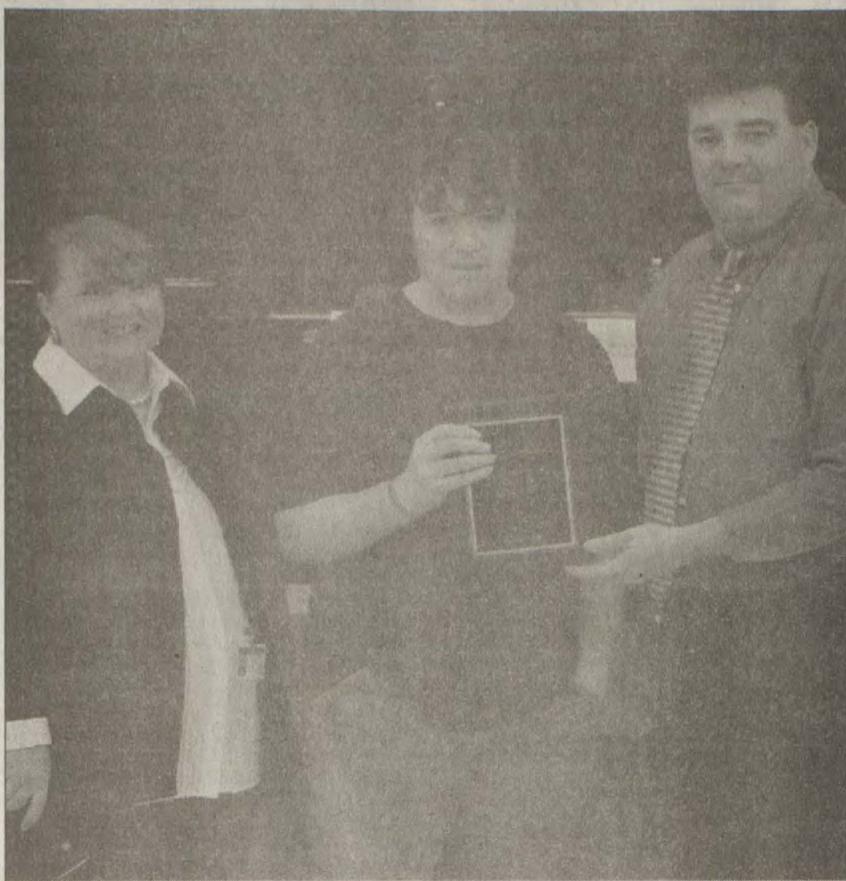
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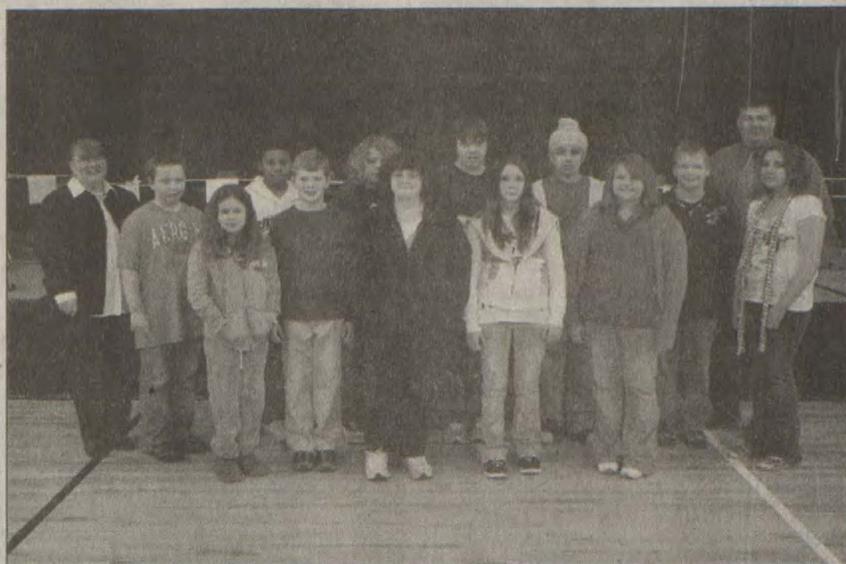
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Jimmy Brown, a student at Adams Middle School, was the district runner-up in the Floyd County District Spelling Bee.



Pictured are the school winners from the Floyd County District Spelling Bee, along with Dr. Patricia Weston, event coordinator, and Brent Rose, principal at Prestonsburg Elementary.

Oak

Guess by now you've figured out that I'm just an old fogey who never goes to the movies. As a matter of fact, the last movie I saw the same year it won Best Picture, was Chariots of Fire, the one where British athletes were training for the 1924 Summer Olympics and everybody ran in slow motion down by the ocean. I remember quite vividly how shocked I was when I heard it had won an Oscar, because it had to have been one of the worst

movies I'd ever seen in my life. Of course, that was before Kentucky Woman, the TV movie with Cheryl Ladd and Ned Beatty, that was partially filmed in Paintsville. As far as I'm concerned, that has to be the worst movie ever made.

Anyway, I don't feel a bit uncomfortable admitting my ignorance about what's playing at the movies now, because I'm 100 percent sure I'm not by myself. I'm confident that there are many

more just like me out there who still remember the days of Randolph Scott, Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall, and those 12-episode cliff-hanging serials, when popcorn and Milk Duds were a nickel a box...and movies made sense.

As I've mentioned, I may be a little shy when it comes to "wisdom," but as long as I've got those good memories about those long-ago Saturday matinees at the Sipp and Royal theatres, I'm satisfied.

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Yesterdays

grounds here...Cost of the memorial, it was said, will be in the neighborhood of \$2,500...Clear Creek School for the third-year, has produced the county's spelling champ. Magalene Howell, 10-year-old old student, copped the title this year...There died: Pfc. Lee Prater, at Leyte Island. He was the son of the late Will H. Prater and Mrs. Sarah Prater Lowe, Hueysville...Joel Bayes, 73, Middle Creek, son of the late Osa and Loucresa Bayes; Edgar Lee Wright, former Floyd teacher, 53, at Veterans Hospital, Huntington; Mrs. Cora Hall Bayes, 70, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall; Frank D. Ward, 73, at his home in West Prestonsburg; Corbett Caudill, 49, at his home at Melvin; the son of Wilburn and Elizabeth Johnson Caudill.

Grace Moore Burchett, county library project supervisor. Mrs. Burchett is now seeking books and materials for a library here, and branch libraries will be operated in Martin, Lackey and Wheelwright, so that benefits of the work will be made available to all parts of the county...Razing of the Fitzpatrick frame building, a Court Street landmark, was begun Wednesday by workmen to make way for a modern two-story structure of brick, to be occupied by the A.W. Cox Dept. Store. The estimated cost of the building is \$10,000...Discussion of the 1939 soil conservation program and the work of community planning, begun last week by County Agent S.L. Isbell, were continued through this week, and are to run into next week in a score or more of Floyd County communities...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neeley, Feb. 19, a son, Frank Jr...There died: Lindsay Hayes, 48, at his home at Mousie. He was a son of Lacey and Elizabeth Martin Hayes; Mrs. Sallie Duncan, at her home, near Bosco. She was a daughter of the late John B. and Polly Martin.

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Seventy Years Ago

(March 2, 1939)

Extension of WPA Packhorse Library projects in the county is being sought by Mrs.

Science

from the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), both of them pertaining to ways to help keep bones in tiptop shape.

The first story reported that findings from a new ARS-funded study suggest that natural pigments found in plants may help protect against bone loss in older men and women. This ties in with other studies that have consistently shown that fruit and vegetable intake is good for bones.

Why? Biological antioxidants such as carotenoids in fruits and veggies protect cells and tissues from damage caused by naturally occurring oxygen free radicals in the body. These plant nutrients may help protect the skeleton by reducing oxidative stress and thereby inhibiting bone breakdown.

In this recent study, the ARS-funded researchers looked at the potential effects on bone mineral density of overall and individual intake of carotenoid compounds including alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin, lycopene and lutein+zeaxanthin.

They tracked changes in bone mineral density at two areas of the hip and lumbar spine of male and female volunteers, aged 75 on average, participating in the Framingham Osteoporosis

Study. The researchers took the measurements on 213 men and 390 women at the beginning of the study and again after four years.

The results: Indications are that carotenoids were associated with some level of protection against losses in bone mineral density at the hip in men, and at the lumbar spine in women.

If you're curious as to how to get more carotenoids, it's easy to look up the levels of individual carotenoids in various foods. Just go online to <http://www.ars.usda.gov/Main/docs.htm?docid=15869> and click on any of the individual carotenoids listed: alpha-carotene, beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin, lycopene or lutein+zeaxanthin.

Findings from another study funded in part by ARS suggest that neutralizing an acid-producing diet may be an important key to reducing bone breakdown as you age.

When you eat fruits and vegetables, your body metabolizes them to bicarbonate, so they are considered alkali-producing. By contrast, the typical American diet is rich in protein and cereal grains that are metabolized to acid, and are therefore acid-producing. As you age, this type of diet can lead to a mild but slowly increasing metabolic "acido-

sis."

For the study, the researchers measured selected biomarkers in healthy male and female volunteers aged 50 and older. The measurements were taken at the beginning of the study and again at the end, about three months later.

A group of 78 of the volunteers were provided with either of two bicarbonates--potassium or sodium--along with their usual diet and exercise regimens. The bicarbonate groups consumed an amount of bicarbonate equivalent to about nine servings of fruits and veggies daily.

The results? The 78 volunteers in the bicarbonate group had significant reductions in the biomarkers that are associated with bone loss and fracture, compared with the 84 volunteers who didn't get the bicarbonates.

The scientists say more studies are needed, but it sounds to me like eating more fruits and veggies could be a safe, low-cost way to help "dem bones" stay healthy as long as you need them!

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

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Women in Leadership forums set for Jackson, Hyden, Hindman and Hazard

Hazard Community & Technical College (HCTC) is piloting a Community Dialogue Series with a focus on leadership which begins in Breathitt County on March 10. The first event titled "Eastern Kentucky Women in Leadership" will feature presenters Judge Sarah Combs, Hilda Legg and Stephanie Stumbo to start the community dialogue.

The goal of the series is to encourage people of all ages and backgrounds to become leaders or enhance their leadership skills in their communities. The sessions are intended to encourage discussions between community members and HCTC students, faculty and staff. This first event will celebrate the success of women in leadership in the

region while exploring opportunities for even more contributions. The three presenters will share their observations followed by discussion of attendees.

The event will begin with a reception of cookies and drinks at 6 p.m. in the community room of the Breathitt Life Skills Center. The panel discussion begins at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately 75 minutes.

The three other events in the series will follow the same format beginning with a 6 p.m. reception and the presentation and discussion at 6:30 p.m. The events are: March 12, Leslie Center in Hyden, Youth Leadership 6:30 p.m. The speakers are Jim Tackett, The Center for Rural Development Vice President for leadership

programming; Fred Brashear, and Doug Fraley.

March 24, HCTC Knott Branch in Hindman or Hindman Settlement School, The Legacy of Carl D. Perkins 6:30 p.m. The speakers are David Hawpe, Courier Journal editor, Bill Weinberg, Judge Sarah Combs, and Ron Daley.

March 30 - Hazard Campus of HCTC /Stephens Library, African-American Experience in Eastern KY. The speaker is Dr. William Turner of Berea College, former UK dean, African-American experience in Eastern KY scholar.

For more information about the series contact Ron Daley, HCTC Senior Director of Advancement and Governmental Relations at 606-487-3158 or by email at ron.daley@kctcs.edu.

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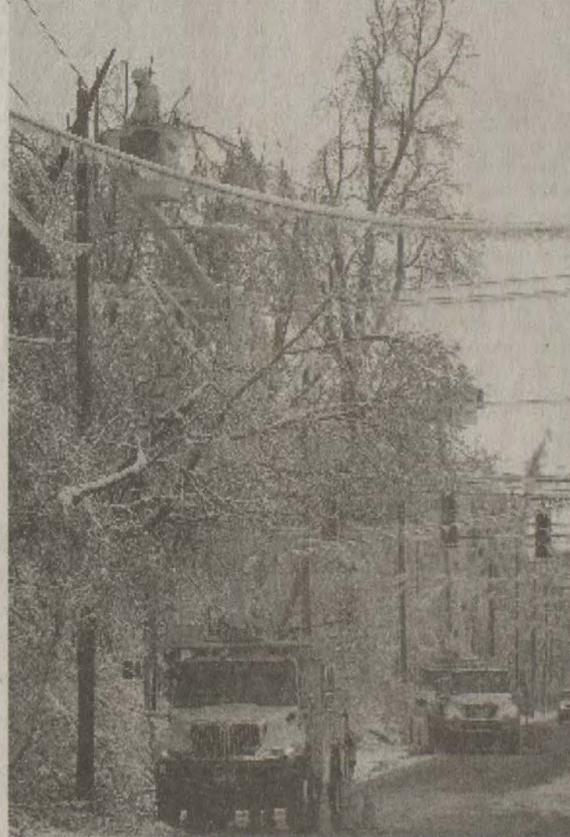


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