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briefs

Woman tied up, robbed in home

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

DANA — A woman was robbed in her home on Wednesday by an unknown male subject who struck her in the head and tied her up before proceeding to search her home for valuables.

The burglar left the scene with a laptop computer and was described as being dressed in black pants, shirt, shoes, mask and gloves.

The victim refused medical treatment and gave an account of the incident to Trooper William Petry, a former Prestonsburg Police Officer, who is investigating the incident.

Johnson meth lab dismantled

Times Staff Report

THEALKA — The Johnson County Sheriff's Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team dismantled a suspected active methamphetamine lab in the Thealka area Wednesday.

American Electric Power employees called the sheriff's department prior to 1 p.m. Wednesday, after seeing several meth production precursors and

(See METH, page nine)

Sheriff's office seizes \$15,000 in drugs

by MARY MUSIC
and TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITERS

MARTIN — An anonymous tip led the Floyd County Sheriff's Department to a drug trafficking arrest Tuesday, in which officers confiscated more than \$15,000 in cocaine and pills.

"This is a good lick, a good bust," Sheriff John K. Blackburn said.

Blackburn, working with Sgt. Steve Little, arrested Tennessee native James Billy Hall, 51, and his cousin, Mary Short, 55, of Langley.

Hall, who police said is a Martin native, reportedly told County Attorney Keith Bartley in a taped con-

fession that he obtained the drugs in Florida and brought them back to Floyd County to sell them. He told officers that, in addition to cash payments, he traded drugs for goods purchased by customers with food stamp cards. One customer, Little said, was supposed to return with \$120 worth of meat that Hall intended to trade for drugs.

Hall, charged with one count of first-degree trafficking, two counts of second-degree trafficking, three counts of first-, second- and third-degree possession of controlled substances, possession of marijuana, and use or possession of drug parapherna-

(See DRUGS, page eight)



Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and Sgt. Steve Little, working on an anonymous tip, arrested two drug trafficking suspects and confiscated an estimated \$15,000 in pills and cocaine Tuesday.

photo by Mary Music



Eric Thomas, acting director of the East Kentucky Science Center, points out a quartet of stars nestled in the Orion Nebula on Wednesday, during the unveiling of a high resolution image of the nebula taken by the Hubble Telescope and now on permanent display at the center.

Science center unveils new cosmic image

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The East Kentucky Science Center was one of over 70 such venues located around the globe which unveiled a new image from the Hubble Telescope on Wednesday.

Acting director Eric Thomas unveiled the photo, the clearest image ever collected of the Orion Nebula, after giving a brief

overview of what the audience was about to see.

Thomas began by explaining that the Hubble was launched into space in 1990. He explained that ground-based telescopes have to deal with image distortion from the earth's atmosphere, but that the Hubble project leaped over that obstruction by being placed in space, where there are no such impediments to the image quality.

Thomas went on to note that

the image of Orion's Nebula (the nearest star forming site at 1,500 light years distance) that the audience would see is the clearest ever collected and was put together from a composite of photos taken by Hubble which numbered 104. He said that the Hubble itself was remarkable in that it weighs over 1,200 tons and is roughly the size of a school bus.

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Wheelwright takes look at sewer problems

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — As the Wheelwright City Utility Commission continues to struggle to pay an overdue gas bill, commission members announced another hurdle during a special called meeting Wednesday — a past-due sewage bill that is nearly \$200,000.

City business manager Audrey Yates, who manages the city utility commission, says the overdue bill stems from a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority loan that the city acquired more

than five years ago.

The city agreed to pay more than \$11,000 biannually in the loan contract, and one lump sum payment is past due on the account, Yates said.

Yates said that city commissioners, who were previously heading the utility commission because of a lack of community participation, refused to raise customer rates to compensate for increasing sewage costs.

The city's water has been supporting the sewage bill, but the funds are not enough,

(See SEWER, page nine)

Unconscious man arrested in drive-thru

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two local restaurant employees were arrested after one of them passed out in another restaurant's drive-thru last week.

Jody Wayne Carroll, assistant manager of Taco Bell in Prestonsburg, "passed out" in a black Chevy Camaro shortly after 6 a.m. Friday at the Hardee's restaurant drive thru, Prestonsburg

Police Sgt. Steve Montgomery alleges in the complaint.

Montgomery claims that Carroll, 27, of Spradlin Branch, failed a field sobriety test and that he refused to take a blood test after his arrest.

Montgomery claims that Carroll, who reportedly had a Taco Bell deposit with him at the time of his arrest, had a prescription bottle in his

(See ARREST, page nine)

Turner named to HIDTA board

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, who announced his intention to file for a second term this week, was appointed to the executive board of HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area), which marks the first such appointment for a prosecutor in the state.

HIDTA's Appalachian district is made up of representatives from West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky and

works under the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Appalachian branch of HIDTA includes two U.S. attorneys, FBI agents and the director of the Kentucky office of Homeland Security.

The goals of the group include disrupting the market for illegal drugs by dismantling drug trafficking operations as well as upending operations designed to launder profit made from illicit drug sales.

In 2004 HIDTA operations saw the

(See TURNER, page nine)



The driver of this minivan had to pull off North Lake Drive quickly Thursday and into the parking lot of the East Kentucky Branch of Attorney General Greg Stumbo's offices, when the engine caught fire. The Prestonsburg Police and Fire Departments responded quickly getting the fire under control. No one was harmed in the incident.

photo by Tom Doty

2 DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 51 • Low: 34

Tomorrow

High: 52 • Low: 37

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

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Obituaries

Emma Jean Bradley
Emma Jean Bradley, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 8, 1935, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Homer and Gracie Stephens Owsley. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Farish Bradley.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Farish Timothy Bradley Jr., and Renea of Prestonsburg; and Richard and Carol Barnett of Gray Court, South Carolina; four daughters and sons-in-law: Linda and Don (deceased) Johnson; Melissa Stanley and Tim Adams; and Phoebe Michelle and Rick Hughes, all of Prestonsburg; and Barbara and Jack Bowe of Wasilla, Alaska; three brothers: Claude Jake Owsley of Bolivar, Ohio, Nathan Owsley Jr., of Bowerston, Ohio, and Alex Ray Owsley of Hazard; a sister, Alma Faye Gibson of Kendallville, Indiana; a half-brother, Roger Dale Owsley of Indiana; seven half-sisters: Evelyn Hale, Rosie Conley, Laura Mae Bostick, Louetta Grandstaff, Katherine Hicks, Karen Riswinkle, and Sally Franklin, all of Indiana; 11 grandchildren: Denzil, Elizabeth, Roy, Ronnie, Deanna, Eukie Jean, Brandon, Nicole, Dakota, Cody, and Briana; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Owsley.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 1, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Malcolm Stone, Glen Stone, James Stephens, and Adam Marshall officiating.

Burial was in the Stephens Family Cemetery, at Mays Branch, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Martha Ellen Craft

Martha Ellen Craft, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 9, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg.

Born January 4, 1917, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Albert Meade and Bell Bryant Caudill. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Church of The Nazarene.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Craft.

Survivors include: three sons: Bill Craft of Thelma, and Jimmy Craft, and Eddie Craft, both of Prestonsburg; one brother, Ed Caudill of Hi Hat; 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons: Robert Craft Jr., and Donald Ray Craft; three daughters: Rose McCoy Craft, Kathy Robinson, and Jessie Leigh Engle; two brothers: Elmer (Little Bob) Caudill, and

John Caudill; and one sister, Mazie Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Van West officiating.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Emma M. (Sissy) Derossett

Emma M. (Sissy) Derossett, 63, of Dwale, died Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at King's Daughters Medical Center, in Ashland.

Born April 23, 1942, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Gory and Opal Paige Porter. She was a homemaker; and a member of the Praise Assembly Ministries in Prestonsburg.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Derossett.

Other survivors include a son, Greg Derossett of Dwale; two daughters: Karen Derossett Clark of Prestonsburg, and Drema Buerkley of Georgetown; a brother, Otis Porter of Livingston, Tennessee; a sister, Patricia Castle of Ludowici, Georgia; four grandchildren: Joshua Clay, Austin Clark, Nicholas Clay, and Kelly Clark; and two great-grandchildren: Gunnar Clay and Molly Clay.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Gory Porter Jr., and William Michael (Mickey) Porter.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 14, at 1 p.m., at the Praise Assembly Ministries in Prestonsburg, with Pastor Jim Sloce officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Chester Lee Fields

Chester Lee Fields, 71, of Allen, died Monday, January 9, 2006, at his residence.

Born October 26, 1934, in Allen, he was the son of the late Henry and Lula Wright Fields. He was a retired tree trimmer for Davy Tree Experts, a member of the Sydney Dover Assembly of God Church in Florida.

Survivors include his son: Anthony Lee, (wife, Tammy) Fields of Plant City, Florida; daughter, Wendy Kay, (husband, Michael) Thomas of Tampa, Florida; brothers: Dave Morgan Fields of Langley, James Henry Fields of Dwale, and Eugene Fields of Allen; sisters: Louann (Josie) Porter of Battle Creek, Michigan, Roberta Keith of Phoenix City, Alabama, and Linda Fields of Allen; grandchildren: Meshael Fields, Misty

Ann Fields, Melinda Fields, Erika Broom, and Kaylin Thomas.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Ernest Wallen; and two sisters: Betty Miller and Ada Marie Fields.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 13, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Larry Brashear officiating.

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

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Delmas "Ram" Inmon

Delmas "Ram" Inmon, age 75, of Garrett, husband of Sturneth Moore Inmon, passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 11, 1930, in Garrett, the son of Cap Inmon and Allie Chaffins Inmon. He was a retired school teacher, formerly employed by the Floyd County and Knott County School Systems, a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church, in Garrett, and a member of the Floyd County Teachers Retirement Association.

Survivors include his wife, Sturneth; a daughter, Teresa Allen of Garrett; a grandson, Jonathan Allen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a son, Philip Lowell Inmon; a brother, Clester Inmon; and a granddaughter, Brook Allen.

Funeral services for Delmas "Ram" Inmon will be conducted Friday, January 13, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Freewill Baptist and Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Coburn and Inmon Cemetery, in Garrett, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Eugene Spears

Eugene Spears, 64, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, January 8, 2006, at Battle Creek Health Systems, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Born June 7, 1941, in Floyd County, he was the son of Cladie Goble Spears of Prestonsburg, and the late Willie Elmer (Otto) Spears. He was a retired factory worker, and a member of the Pentecostal Christian Church in Michigan.

In addition to his mother, survivors include one son, Chris Spears of Battle Creek, Michigan; his grandchildren: Cameron, and Alexandra; his brothers: Jack Spears, Herbert Spears, Johnny Spears, and Darvin Spears, all of Prestonsburg; and his sisters:

Dorothy Lafferty and Ollie Calhoun, both of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 11, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Brent Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the Spears Family Cemetery, Rough & Tough, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Mabeth Keathley Spurlock

Mabeth Keathley Spurlock, 80, of Harold, died Saturday, January 7, 2006, at St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead.

Born July 22, 1925, in Amba, she was the daughter of the late Grover Cleveland Keathley and Bertha King Keathley. She was a former school teacher for the Floyd County Board of Education for 20 years; and a retired employee for American Standard in Paintsville; and a member of the Upper Toler Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Spurlock.

Survivors include a son, Don Keith Spurlock of Allen; a daughter and son-in-law, Kenitha and Lonnie King of Morehead; three brothers: Joe Ross Keathley of Harold, Samuel Howard Keathley of Allen, and Rodge Dean Keathley of Harold; a sister, Sarah Jane Riley of Jackson, Ohio; and two grandchildren: Daniel King of Osgood, Indiana, and James Donald (J.D.) Spurlock of Allen.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Grover Curtis Keathley.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 11, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Tommy Bush officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson

Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Arnold "Bert" Sturgill

Arnold "Bert" Sturgill, age 77, of Betsy Layne, husband of Donna McKinney Sturgill, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

He was born March 4, 1928, in Toler Creek, the son of the late Mallie Sturgill and Gracie May Sturgill. He was a retired salesman for C.J. McNally Auto Parts, a member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, a U.S. Army, Korean War veteran, and a member of DAV Chapter 169, Betsy Layne.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; three sons: Ricky Joe Sturgill of Kimper, Michael Darrell Sturgill of Prestonsburg, and Arnold Sturgill Jr., of Betsy Layne; two daughters: Sharon Jean Smith of Hueysville, and Karen Lynn Howard of Hunter; three sisters: Joyce Hall of Flat Rock, Michigan, Fannie Hall of Lake City, Florida, and Christine Ford of Henderson;

eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Joseph Sturgill; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services for Arnold "Bert" Sturgill will be conducted Saturday, January 14, at 11 a.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Clergyman Tracy Patton officiating.

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

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

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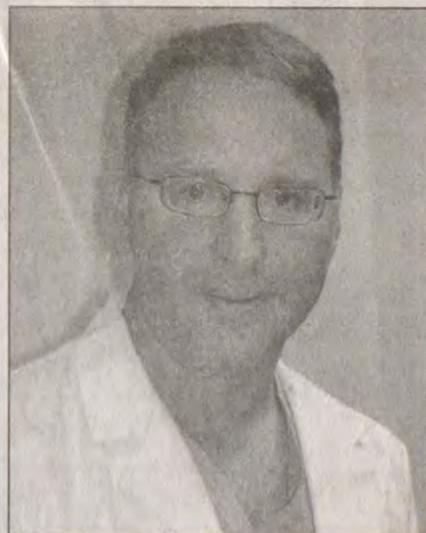


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For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Pamela Jean Martin, 40, of Martin, to Ryan Ellis Shepherd, 32, of Pikeville.

Maranda Dawn Holthouse, 21, of Martin, to Charles David Poston, 31, of Prestonsburg.

Kimberly Eve Williamson, 18, of Richlands, Va., to Michael Lee Brown Jr., 21, of Guilford, N.C.

Sara Grace Childers, 20, of Langley, to Timothy J. Bush, 44, of Dayton, Ohio.

Frances Ann Mayo, 56, to James Lynn Allen, 58, both of Martin.

Martha Jane Newsome, 60, to Archie Gillman, 71, both of Pikeville.

Rebecca Kristen Smith, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Nathan Emery Bartrum, 22, of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Dorinique Jarrell vs. Brandon Jarrell; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Reao Hamilton vs. Paul Hamilton Jr.; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Sarah Jent; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cabinet for Families and Children vs. Charles Jent; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Kimberly Jones vs. Timmy Jones; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Carolyn Gibson vs. Kentucky Board of Claims, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky Community and Technical College System; personal injury complaint.

Charles Ratliff vs. Gwendolyn Ratliff; divorce.

Quentin Scott vs. John Owens; auto accident complaint.

Brookville Acquisitions vs. Regina Miller; debt complaint.

CACV of Colorado vs. Christopher Webb; debt complaint.

Citibank N.A. vs. Rodney Collins, Cynthia Collins, Floyd County; debt complaint.

Danny Martin vs. Debbie Martin; divorce.

Citizens National Bank vs. Raquel Lawson, Ronnie Lawson, Floyd County Attorney; debt complaint.

Kathy Ratliff vs. John Lowe; auto accident complaint.

Jimmy Wireman vs. Kevin F. Vaughn; auto accident complaint.

Sheila Robinson vs. Anna Allen; petition for health care insurance.

Teresa Adkins vs. Steven Adkins; petition for health care insurance.

Amy Bailey vs. Timothy Boyd; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Cindy Hagans vs. Erin Burke; petition for health care insurance.

Lola Hall vs. Richard Hall;

petition for child support and health care insurance.

Miranda Click vs. Tommy Hicks; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Vannie Damron vs. Mona Williams; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Palisades Collection vs. Epp Lafferty; debt complaint.

Huntington National Bank vs. Marsha Hackworth, David Hackworth; debt complaint.

Allstate Insurance Company vs. Barbara Burchett, Olive Bolen, estate of Eugene Corder, Raymond Daniels, Robin Daniels, Eric Lewis, Kristie Lewis, Imelda Wright; auto accident complaint.

Lisa Gibson vs. Jimmy Collins; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Kayla Lynch vs. Steven Conn; petition for health care insurance.

Amos Beverly vs. Winston Dillion Jr., Transfuel LLC; auto accident complaint.

Charges Filed

Marty Vachese, 33, Prestonsburg; trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, three counts of probation violation.

Gary Hale, 24, Martin; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, driving on a DUI-suspended license, fleeing or evading authorities, reckless driving, failure to maintain required insurance.

Frank Reffitt, 27, Martin; possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Woods, 20, Printer; two counts of second-degree forgery, two counts of possession of a forgery device.

Heather Barnett, 30, Printer; second-degree forgery.

Sabrina Johnson, 19, Harold; two counts of second-degree forgery.

Rachel Baisden, age unlisted, Prestonsburg; criminal mischief.

Timothy Blevins, 26, Garrett; felony theft by unlawful taking.

Rhonda Caudill, 25, Prestonsburg; possession of a controlled substance.

James Woods, 22, Allen; second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Eric Shepherd, 25, Hueysville; receiving stolen property over \$300.

Joshua Henson, 21, Teaberry; first-degree rape, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree burglary.

Derek Akers, 24, Teaberry; first-degree rape, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree burglary.

Brad Newsome, 22, Teaberry; first-degree rape, first-degree sexual abuse, second-degree burglary.

Crystal Wiley, 22, Beauty; driving under the influence, 11 counts of possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle, failure to maintain

required insurance.

John P. Robinson, 24, Sidney; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, three counts of use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Casey Huffman, 30, Van Lear; public intoxication.

Glenda Blanton, 47, McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.

Kenneth Spriggs, 24, Drift; public intoxication.

James Crider, 20, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Christopher Ryan, 26, Banner; public intoxication.

George Frazier, 54, Betsy Layne; public intoxication, criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct.

Gary Hale, 24, Martin; public intoxication, fleeing or evading authorities (on foot), menacing, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Harry Porter, 52, Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Rodney Scoggins, 21, Martin; resisting arrest, no brake lights, menacing, fourth-degree assault.

Sandra Moss, 52, Kite; public intoxication.

Jonathan Shepherd, 20, David; fourth-degree assault.

Bradley Williams, 21, Grethel; public intoxication.

Rodney Thornberry, 50, Bypro; disorderly conduct.

Joseph P. Boyd, 26, Dana; public intoxication.

Vernon Chad Slone, 29, Bevinsville; public intoxication.

Justin Yeary, 27, Dwale; public intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Sharon Smith, 40, Auxier; public intoxication, fourth-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, terroristic threatening.

Milton Osborne, 53, Dwale; public intoxication, fourth-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a minor.

Ronald G. Hunt II, 28, Wheelwright; disorderly conduct.

Daniel Hunt, 23, Wheelwright; disorderly conduct.

Randy Lynn Tackett, 36, Wheelwright; disorderly conduct.

Brenda Burke, 37, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Eric Fleming, 24, Dwale; public intoxication.

Mason Lafferty, 19, West Portsmouth, Ohio; public intoxication.

Jeffrey Rister, 40, Garrett; public intoxication.

Brandy Anderson, age unlisted, Bevinsville; terroristic threatening.

Randi Anderson, age unlisted, Bevinsville; fourth-degree assault.

Melinda Brown, age unlisted, David; criminal trespassing.

Lila Craig, age unlisted, West Prestonsburg; misdemeanor

theft by unlawful taking.

Carl Lackey, age unlisted, West Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Pebble Osborne, age unlisted, Prestonsburg; intentional breach of compulsory attendance.

Darron Signs, 35, Erie, Mich.; public intoxication.

Renae Slone Sturgill, 32, Langley; eight counts of misdemeanor theft by deception.

James Prater, 41, Eastern; criminal mischief.

Chad Manuel, 20, Langley; public intoxication.

John Sturgill, 55, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Jimmy Smith, 56, Martin; second-degree cruelty to animals.

Amanda Taylor, 24, of Printer; public intoxication.

Raw Thompson, 50, Prestonsburg; disorderly conduct, endangering the welfare of a minor, fourth-degree assault, resisting arrest.

Jeffrey Thompson, 51, Prestonsburg; endangering the

welfare of a minor, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.

Richard Short, 35, Garrett; driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, no insurance.

Joey W. Wright, 28, Martin; public intoxication.

Will Carroll, 58, Printer; public intoxication.

Travis Lee Johnson, 24, Hindman; speeding 19 miles over the limit, failure to wear seat belts, driving on a suspended license, possession of marijuana.

John Moore, 19, Auxier; pos-

session of marijuana, use or possession of drug paraphernalia.

Javan Branham, 18, Prestonsburg; public intoxication.

Inspections

Food City, University Drive, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food dispersing spoon handle stored in contact with food product, dish washing rack observed stored on floor of deli, single-service articles observed stored in contact with floor, no towels at

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

"Before God we are all equally wise — and equally foolish."

— Albert Einstein

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Our View

Take hard line to stop fights

The Floyd County Board of Education is to be commended for taking a stern approach against the hooligans who appear intent on disrupting area sporting events with violence.

There is simply no excuse for the brawls that have erupted during recent ballgames. Those guilty of such behavior should be dealt with swiftly and severely, and it appears the board is ready to do that.

Sports, particularly on the high school and middle school level, should not just be an arena for competition, but also a classroom for sportsmanship. Obviously, there has been a failure to impart that ideal somewhere along the line.

These fights are not merely evidence of incredible incivility, although they are certainly that. They are also dangerous. How long will it be before one gets completely out of control and someone gets seriously hurt?

Because of these concerns, we do not believe any punishment is too severe for those guilty of such barbaric behavior.

Players who get involved in such melees should be kicked off their teams and barred from future participation in athletics. Other students should be banned from future attendance at school events and face disciplinary action from their schools.

But the most severe penalties should be reserved for the adults who join the fray, and that appears to be happening now that criminal charges are being filed. We hope that our local judges and prosecutors follow suit and insist on at least some jail time for anyone found guilty of such behavior.

Floyd County needs to stand united in its condemnation and punishment of those so uncivilized that they are willing to turn a game between children into a free-for-all.

— The Floyd County Times



"Now we know how many citations it takes to actually make the mine safer."

Capitol Ideas

'Unbridled Spirit' moving to specialty license plates

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — It has evolved from appearing on hats and bumper stickers to national advertisements during last year's Kentucky Derby. This past summer, the state's "Unbridled Spirit" slogan was the central theme on Kentucky's latest re-plating efforts.

Now the state's brand, which features a horse with a flowing mane above the word "Kentucky," is also moving onto specialty license plates.

"We've contacted the organizations and in working with them are encouraging them to incorporate the "Unbridled Spirit" logo and working with them to determine the best fit," Transportation spokesman Doug Hogan said.

Currently, Kentucky offers motorists 40 different specialty plates as an alternative to the state's standard issue vehicle tags. The specialty plates usually represent different organizations or causes in Kentucky, and drivers have to pay extra for them.

One specialty plate reminds pet owners to spay or neuter their pets. Another

— which gives money to the Child Victim Trust Fund — has a smiley face and reads, "I care about kids."

Other groups represented on specialty plates include volunteer firefighters, the Fraternal Order of Police and Ducks Unlimited. Most plates range from \$25 to \$75 and often have additional annual renewal costs.

"Kentucky has a unique collection of specialty plates which represent many aspects of the commonwealth," Gov. Ernie Fletcher said in a press release. "At the same time, our 'Unbridled Spirit' brand is having an impressive nationwide marketing impact. That's why we believe it is important to include the brand on as many Kentucky license plates as possible."

Kentucky's previous, and often maligned, standard-issue license plates featured a smiley face on a sun and the phrase, "Kentucky: It's that friendly." In August, the state began handing out plates with the new design to drivers registering a particular vehicle for the first time in Kentucky.

This month marked the first time the state's new slogan has been available for some of the different specialty plates, Hogan said. All specialty plates will be up for renewal by 2008, and transportation officials are working with the groups to incorporate the design for their plates, Hogan said.

However, it's not mandatory for the groups to incorporate the logo, Hogan

said. "We're approaching the various groups and encouraging them to incorporate the "Unbridled Spirit" logo and working with them on ways to feature the brand into the concept of their license plate," Hogan said. "By 2008, when it's time to re-plate, all of the organizations will be contacted and we're hopeful that they'll see the benefit of the brand and will want to display that brand as part of their plate."

Charlie Brown, a Frankfort resident, picked up new license plates for his vehicle Friday afternoon. Brown, a 50-year-old Internet manager, said he liked the state's logo and thought it was a good idea to include it on additional license plates.

"I think we need some kind of slogan," Brown said. "I'm proud of the state. Why not?"

Floyd May, also of Frankfort, said he has specialty street rod license plates on two of his cars. May preferred the new standard license plates to the state's previous model, but he didn't have an opinion on the changes to specialty plates.

"It doesn't make a difference," May said. "I don't really know. It's a better looking logo than the smiley face. I never really did like that one, but it makes no difference."

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Joe Biesk is a statehouse reporter for The Associated Press.

Letters

Martin thanks donors

The City of Martin, Martin Police Department along with area businesses from Martin, Prestonsburg, McDowell and Hindman helped make the Christmases of 36 children (from 16 families) a little brighter.

The Police Department gathered donations totaling \$5,543 which they used to set out on their way to shop for the little ones. The children received many items from toys, bicycles, winter coats, new shoes, jeans, shirts, socks, and underwear. Each family also received a gift a card for \$25 to help

them purchase all the trimmings for Christmas dinner.

The Martin police department program started with serving a Christmas dinner for all in attendance. Then, as the children's names were called, they each went up, one by one, to see Santa, assisted by one of the "Elf Police Officers." Each child received a big, red, bag full of gifts. Some of the children opened just few of their gifts, while some others opened all of them as fast as they could!

When asked about why he was not opening his gifts, one child replied, "I want to wait until Christmas so that I will have some to open then." Holding back tears, the officers and staff of the

Martin police department knew then that no matter how tired everyone was from shopping and wrapping and making sure that the program was a successful one, it was all worth the time it took to see the looks on the children's faces and hearing their great big "Thank You's."

Success was a job well done by brightening Christmas for at least 36 kids in our community.

"Thank you so much" to our community supporters for helping us have another wonderful, merry Christmas.

The City of Martin
Martin Police Department

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Entertainment Extra

At the Movies: 'Glory Road'

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It's a true story filled with innate drama, tension, heart and historic importance: During the college basketball finals in 1966, Texas Western coach Don Haskins started an unprecedented five black players.

It even has a built-in Hollywood ending: The underdog Miners upset legendary coach Adolph Rupp's Kentucky Wildcats to win the national championship, a victory that some credit as a significant step in the desegregation of the South.

But since "Glory Road" is a Jerry Bruckheimer production, these inspirational events can't just play out for themselves. They have to be amped up with an overbearing score, along with hyperactive camerawork and jumpy edits that obscure the action at some of the most crucial spots. (You want a clear shot of Pat Riley getting dunked on by David "Big Daddy" Latin, don't you?)

Thankfully, though, the performances in James Gartner's directorial debut are mostly understated. As Haskins, Josh Lucas tones down the traditional tough-love routine to a



"Glory Road," a Walt Disney Pictures release, is rated PG for racial issues including violence and epithets, and mild language. Running time: 109 minutes.

Two and a half stars out of four.

believable level, and Derek Luke is totally compelling as showboating star guard Bobby Joe Hill. He and the rest of the actors, many of whom had no prior on-screen experience, have an easy camaraderie that makes you believe they truly are a team, on and off the court — especially when they realize they must look out for each other in the face of racism.

Husband-and-wife writers Christopher Cleveland and Bettina Gilois have tweaked a few of the details — Haskins didn't win the national championship in his first year as coach, for example — but keep much of the story intact.

Haskins came to Texas Western (now the University of Texas-El Paso) after coaching high school girls and was asked to live in the dorms with his

wife (Emily Deschanel) and three kids. Realizing that the basketball program would have to expand its recruiting circle to win, Haskins sent his very white assistants to the playgrounds of Detroit and New York, where they were naturally met with skepticism, followed by uneasy commitments to play.

Among them were Hill, the feisty charmer; forward Harry Flournoy (Mehcad Brooks), whose momma travels all the way from Gary, Ind., to make sure he studies; Willie "Scoops" Cager (Damaine Radcliffe), a forward whose heart condition forces him to stay on the bench, and Lattin (Schin A.S. Kerr), the quietly powerful center from Houston.

The first encounter between the black and white players consists of sideways glances at the

cafeteria table, followed by a raucous pickup game using a head of lettuce instead of a ball. The ways in which these guys tease, challenge and ultimately learn from each other is genuinely inspiring, and it all unfolds effortlessly.

There is, of course, the obligatory training montage of dribbling drills and wind sprints, with Haskins barking orders from the sidelines. And every player at some point gets to make a moving, all-I-care-about-is-basketball speech.

What's less obvious, though, is why Haskins takes this shockingly novel approach. Why him? What makes him more socially enlightened than the fans and boosters who send him hate letters that begin "Dear n — lover"?

The film itself never crawls inside his brain to flesh him out and help us understand him. But leave it to Bruckheimer, the master of overstatement, to explain Haskins in simple, eloquent terms in the film's production notes: "What's so interesting about Don Haskins is that he wasn't looking to make any kind of statement. He simply was driven to win. Yet in making winning his priority, he changed history."

Rental Central

by **TOM DOTY**
STAFF WRITER

There was a little something for just about everyone with this week's DVD and video releases.

"Transporter 2" — Jason Statham returns for this twofisted sequel as an ex-special forces officer who can get a car to do anything except bake a lasagna. This time he's driving the son of a federal prosecutor around Miami. The action begins almost immediately when a team of bad guys kidnap the child and frame Statham as an accessory. You'll see a car do some amazing things here, but don't try this stuff at home. The plot takes a back seat here to the pyrotechnics, but it's all in good fun and clocks in at a lean 90 minutes.

"Red Eye" — This thriller from horror maven Wes Craven proves that "Cursed" was a fluke, as Craven delivers a fine edge-of-your-seat thriller from the claustrophobic confines of a commercial flight. Rachel McAdams stars as the manager of a swank motel whose position is exploited by a mysterious stranger who wants her to have a guest move into a room from which he can be assassinated. Cillian Murphy is even creepier here, as the villain, than he was playing The Scarecrow in "Batman Begins."

"Hustle and Flow" — Urban drama doesn't get much better than this effort which focuses on a Memphis pimp who seizes on the homecoming of a local celebrity turned successful rapper to launch his own music career. What sounds like the premise for an awful comedy is actually a compelling drama, though there is some humor provided by supporting characters played by Anthony Anderson and D.J. Qualls. The film is anchored by a soulful performance by Terrance Howard, who also did good work this year as a troubled producer in "Crash."

"The Constant Gardener" — A fair amount of Oscar buzz surrounds this drama that is based on a novel by John Le Carré. Ralph Fiennes stars as a mild-mannered diplomat in South Africa who is spurred into action after his wife is murdered. His investigation soon reveals that powerful forces are at work and are keen to keep the investigation of a pharmaceutical company under wraps. Superb photography and supporting turns by Pete Postlethwaite and Rachel Weisz add color as well.

"Sam Pekinpah's Legendary Western Collection" — Four of Pekinpah's best films are featured here in collector's editions that offer a wide variety of extras.

"The Wild Bunch" — Two discs are necessary for this version of Pekinpah's violent western classic. Additional features include three documentaries and additional scenes as well as outtakes that have never been included on other versions of the film.

"Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid" — An extended version of the film gets its DVD debut here as well as remembrances from

costars Bob Dylan and Kris Kristofferson. This one also features a fine performance by James Coburn as gunman-turned-lawman Garrett, who is charged with killing his former friend and partner Billy the Kid. Folk singer Bob Dylan makes his feature film debut here as a harmonica-playing henchman who is also handy with a throwing knife.

"Ride the High Country"

— Pekinpah's first feature hits DVD here and is a calling card for the films to come. Pekinpah examines the death of the old west here and casts former western heroes Joel Macrea and Rory Calhoun as aging gunslingers who team to guard a gold shipment. There are also supporting turns by several of Pekinpah's future stars including

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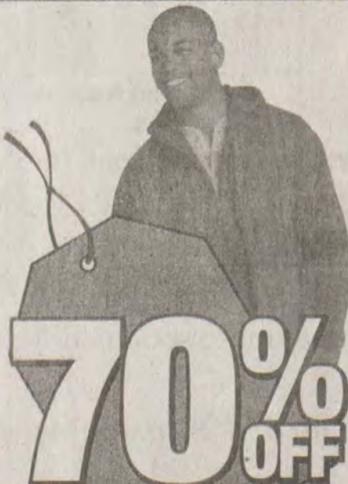
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Gov. repeats call for teaching intelligent design

by JOE BIESK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The concept of "intelligent design" is not a question of religion, and Kentucky's public school districts should consider teaching it along with other ideas of how the world began, Gov. Ernie Fletcher said Tuesday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Fletcher said he encouraged schools to teach the concept because it's "the foundational principal of our nation."

"Our inalienable rights are based on the self-evident truth of those endowed inalienable rights. And all I was saying is that from my perspective, that's not a matter of faith and it's not a matter of religion," Fletcher said. "It's a matter of something called self-evident truth."

It was during the governor's State of the Commonwealth speech Monday night when Fletcher threw in a quick mention, asking rhetorically, "What is wrong with teaching 'intelligent design' in our schools?" Fletcher said it was a matter of "self-evident truth."

Intelligent design attributes the existence of complex organ-

isms to an unidentified intelligent cause. Meanwhile, the theory of evolution maintains that life evolved over time through natural selection.

"I think clearly there are some changes that have occurred over a period of time," Fletcher said. "Personally, I think that we were designed to improve based on our environment. It seems like we do have the capacity for adaptation."

The issue has led to lawsuits in other states, including Pennsylvania where last week a school district rescinded a policy requiring that intelligent design get equal billing with evolution in the classroom. A judge ruled the policy unconstitutional in December, saying the local school board's real purpose was "to promote religion in the public school classroom."

Fletcher said he wants school districts in Kentucky to approach the issue from a historical perspective, not a religious one. He said that's why he briefly mentioned intelligent design in his Monday night speech.

"What we have from our founding fathers is there was a creator and the assumption there and from self-evident truth was

that that creator was an intelligent creator and that he endowed us with certain inalienable rights," Fletcher said, loosely quoting from the Declaration of Independence. "If you take away the fact of this basic understanding of our nation, what basis do you have inalienable rights placed on, which was the foundation of our nation? That's all I'm raising."

Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Department of Education, said state law specifically allows public schools to teach creationism, a concept similar to the intelligent design theory.

"But having said that, the decisions on what to teach in the classroom are made at the local level," Gross said. "Really, there are no limitations on the state level on what teachers teach."

State law says teachers dealing with evolution in the classroom may include instruction on biblical creation and may read passages from the Bible related to the belief of creation.

The law prohibits teachers from stressing any particular denominational religious belief.

Gross said the courses dealing with intelligent design aren't

necessarily limited to science classes. Sometimes, she said, it is included in comparative religion courses.

"The folks who support intelligent design say it is not biblically based, that it does not relate specifically to the Christian faith," Gross said.

Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Kentucky School Boards Association, said arguments could be made that the terms creationism and intelligent design are interchangeable.

"It depends entirely on the definition used by the teacher," Hughes said. "It could mean the same thing."

Hughes said it appears few school districts are taking advantage of the law, which was first adopted in 1976 and re-adopted in 1990 under the Kentucky Education Reform Act. The state law has never been tested in the courts, he said.

A recent e-mail survey turned up no school districts where intelligent design was a routine part of the curriculum.

"If it's going on, it's very limited," Hughes said. "We've gotten no phone calls in our legal section on this issue. I feel like if it was going on much at

all, we would have had inquiries."

Jerry Gels, a science teacher at Lloyd Memorial High School in Erlanger, said he deals with the issue of intelligent design and creationism with his students in a sophomore biology class. But he said he doesn't know of other teachers who do the same.

"Because it is a sensitive issue, teachers want to avoid it," he said.

Gels said it's only natural that he discuss intelligent design with his students when he begins teaching the theory of evolution. That, he said, is because they are predominantly Christian and often have strong beliefs about the genesis of life. Last year, he said, one of his students was a 13-year-old ordained minister.

"They've got a lot of questions, and if you can answer those questions and have open discussions about those things, then you can really move forward," Gels said.

Gels said many of the students in his classes have been taught at home and at church that evolution is a false theory.

"It's imperative that my students understand the concept of evolution," he said. "If they don't understand evolution, they're not going to be very successful in the realm of science. If they're ignorant of evolution, they're not going to be ready for college."

Associated Press writer Roger Alford contributed to this report.

Record

hand wash sink in deli. Score: Food 95, Retail 95.

Foodland, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Pet food observed stored on floor, proper hair restraints not in use, food contact surface in disrepair, wiping cloth use unrestricted, can opener blade in need of cleaning, no soap at hand wash sink in men's restroom, floors in back storage area in disrepair, light in walk-in cooler not properly shielded. Score: Food 92, Retail 93.

The Perfect Setting, Route 122, regular inspection. Violations noted: Unable to locate thermometers in freezer, hair restraints not in use, microwave observed in need of cleaning, utensils stored improperly, mops need to be hung to dry. Score: 94.

Peking Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Three-compartment sink lacks proper drain boards, outside garbage dumpster area in need of clean-

ing, several floor tiles in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score: 95.

Property Transfers

Alec and Tracy Bailey to Cooley and Bailey LLC, property located at Richmond Subdivision.

Betty Francis Trust to Nora Clark and Harold Cooley, property located at Abbott Creek.

Marquarite Boyd to Glen Ramey, property located near Maytown.

Joan Chaffins to Kelly and Mary Slone, property location undisclosed.

Margaret Ann Chaffins to Ruby Colgrove and Chandra Ratliff, property location undisclosed.

Donald and Lillie Cury to Wilburn Hamilton, property located at Tinker Fork.

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Marcilla and Roy Green to Glenda Newsome, property

located at Margaret May Subdivision.

Patsy Griffith to James Burl Griffith, property located at Beaver.

Bertha, Carolyn, Cledis, Donna, Duane, and Jeanette Hamilton to Wilburn Hamilton, property located at Tinker Fork.

Troy Hamilton to Jerrell Swain, property location undisclosed.

Marcus Hylton to Phillip Slone, property located at Maple Wood Subdivision.

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Danny Jerrell to Carrie and Woodrow Jerrell, property located at Slick Rock.

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Emory and Harolyn Moore to Bradley and Brandy Baker, property located at Abbott Creek.

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Melinda Lee Reynolds, property location undisclosed.

Bonnie Travis to Glen Travis, property location undisclosed.

Garry and Helen Vickers to Betty Francis Trust, property located at Abbott Creek.

Correction

In the Dec. 16 edition of The Floyd County Times, Prestonsburg resident Stanley Ray Jervis, 42, was cited for illegally pursuing a deer, wild turkey or elk. That charge, which has since been dismissed, should have indicated that Jervis was cited for not wearing hunter's orange while hunting. (The illegal pursuit charge encompasses various hunting violations.)

Drugs

lia, was taken into custody at the Floyd County Detention Center, along with his cousin. Placed under a \$25,000 cash bond, he is expected to return to court this month for a preliminary hearing.

Short pleaded innocent Wednesday to one count of second-degree possession of a controlled substance and one count of having a controlled substance

in an improper container. District Judge James R. Allen placed short under a \$15,000 partially secured bond. She is scheduled for a pretrial conference in March.

Blackburn said the bust came after he received an anonymous tip Tuesday morning about a woman selling drugs at the Warco flea market near Maytown.

Blackburn, in an unmarked vehicle, observed the suspected vehicle, a maroon van, for several minutes before making arrests Tuesday afternoon.

He said he then walked up to Hall, who later signed a search consent form for the sheriff.

Blackburn said Hall had cocaine and pills in his pockets,

and cocaine and other drugs in his briefcase and in the vehicle's console, where a scale and other drug paraphernalia were recovered.

Blackburn and Little confiscated more than 50 single gram bags of cocaine, approximately 400 pills, including Tylenol 3, Lorcet, hydrocodone and clonazepam, and a small amount of marijuana, in addition to drug paraphernalia and plastic bags found in the vehicle. They also confiscated about \$500 in cash from Hall.

Tuesday evening, Little catalogued all the drugs to determine the correct street value, which Blackburn estimated to be approximately \$15,000.

Rental

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ing Warren Oates and L.Q. Jones.

"The Ballad of Cable Hogue" — Jason Robards and Stella Stevens star in this comedy that showed Pekinpa was a man who wore several hats, though he preferred the 10-gallon variety. Robards strikes the mother lode here as a cowboy who gets rich off a water hole that is conveniently located in the path of a coming train system. Stevens, who is also featured on a documentary here, turns in her best work as a call girl with a heart of gold.

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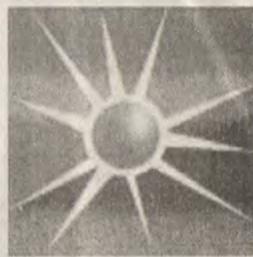
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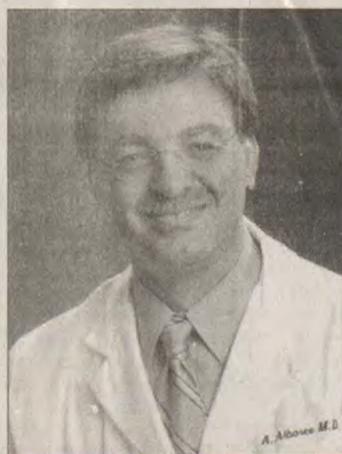
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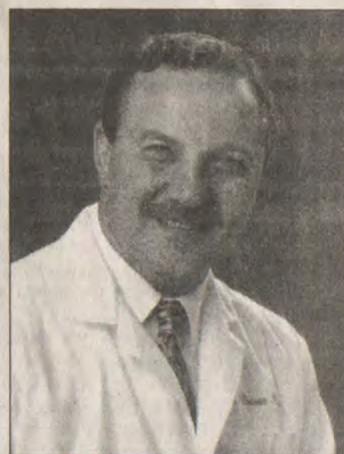


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Pike wreck leads to murder charge

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

BELFRY — A Williamson man was charged with murder Tuesday for allegedly being under the influence when his vehicle collided with another on Route 119 in Belfry.

Lafe P. Ward, 46, was incarcerated following the accident by Trooper Jimmy Nolte and later indicted for first-degree murder in district court on Wednesday.

The driver of the other vehicle was killed in the wreck, which occurred around 5 p.m. Benita Dixon, 39, of Varney, W.Va., was pulling onto Route 199 from the Williamson Wal-Mart, when her vehicle was struck by Ward's, which was

proceeding north on 119.

Dixon was flown to Cabell Huntington Hospital for treatment but was pronounced dead when she arrived by Cabell County Coroner Mike Maynard. Dixon's passenger, Lisa Bryant, 34, of Belfry, was taken to a South Williamson ARH, where she was treated and released for injuries sustained in the accident.

Ward was lodged at the Pike County Jail and arraigned in district court Wednesday where he was set for a preliminary hearing.

Kentucky State Police was assisted at the scene of the accident by Appalachian First Response Ambulance, Medflight Aeromedical and the Belfry Fire Department.



Road crews were busy at work early Tuesday morning breaking up a large boulder that had fallen Saturday evening on Route 321, near Porter Elementary School. When the rockslide occurred Saturday evening, debris covered the road, making it impassable, as well as nearly engulfing a small pickup truck that was traveling the highway when the slide occurred.

photo by Kathy J. Prater

Arrest

pocket with 100 Valium and two Xanax "bars."

Carroll admitted to smoking marijuana, Montgomery wrote in the citation, but he said he had not taken any pills that day.

Carroll pleaded innocent Monday to one count of driving under the influence, two counts of third-degree drug possession and one count of failure to produce insurance card.

District Judge James R. Allen placed him under at \$7,500 partially secured bond and scheduled a court trial in the case for April.

Allen also scheduled a probation revocation hearing in another district court case against Carroll. In that March 2005 case, Carroll received a six-month probated sentence for

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allegedly leaving his 2-year-old home alone while he went shopping at Wal-Mart. A Jan. 13 hearing will determine if Carroll's probation will be revoked for the endangering the welfare of a minor charge against him in that case.

He will face a court trial on the latest charges in April.

Carroll's passenger, Amanda Taylor, 24, a Taco Bell crew member, was also cited for public intoxication Friday by Prestonsburg Police officer Brian Walker. Walker alleges in Taylor's complaint that she had slurred speech and loss of balance, and that she exhibited a strong odor of alcohol. Allen released Taylor, who is scheduled for arraignment next month.

Sewer

Yates said.

Prior to the meeting, Yates provided court-appointed receiver Tom Smith with a ledger sheet, detailing the commission's costs and expenditures with the sewage system. In 1994, Yates said the city paid more than \$10,000 for sewage costs, but received only \$7,425 in revenue. The problem has continued for several years, she said, pointing out a delinquency of more than \$2,000 in funds collected for January 2005.

Member Glenda Hall said the commission owes \$170,785.86, in addition to the lump sum payment due on the account. The delinquent amount includes a \$5,650.47 penalty and a \$9,409.36 interest fee, she said.

"This is a problem that hasn't been addressed and I don't know who chose not to address it," member Blanche Finney said, "but ignoring the problem won't make it go away."

Finney suggested that the commission research ways to pay the debt. Yates, under Hall's suggestion, agreed to search for any grants that may be available, but she said yesterday that she wasn't aware of any grants that would provide funds for past-due loan amounts. The city has agreed to try to help with the payment, but Yates said that would be difficult because the city no longer receives a month-

ly payment from the Otter Creek Correctional Center.

Commissioners didn't discuss raising sewer rates for customers: Yates said yesterday that members are looking into all other available options before they decide to raise sewage rates.

Commissioners are now looking for a sewage plant operator to replace former operator Mike Sparkman, who quit his job shortly after the utility commission paid for his retraining. Finney suggested that the commission "stagger" paychecks by holding back a day's pay per employee each week for five weeks, so that employees would have a week's pay held back for situations where the commission is left "holding the bag" when an employee leaves after receiving paid training, or when employees ask for advance paychecks.

Finney said several employees asked for advance checks during the Christmas holiday because their pay period ended at the end of the month. She said she refused to sign the checks for those employees, but she complained that employees have received advance checks in the past — money that they hadn't yet worked out — even though Yates said the city adheres to a strict "no cash advancement" policy.

Center

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The picture, which will become a permanent addition to the Center's exhibit hall, has a marvelous centerpiece. Four giant stars are clustered there and make up what astronomers have labeled "the trapezium."

Audiences may want to take in the new photo, which will also be converted for display in the planetarium, starting Jan. 23, when the Center unveils its latest exhibit, "Bone up on Bones."

The Bones exhibit hails from the Oregon Museum of Science and will give audiences hands on exhibits such as the "Body Puzzle," where one can learn about the skeleton by putting together a life-sized puzzle.

There will also be a "Bone Tower" that plays like Jenga, as participants can remove bones from a tower which are actually rods representing calcium. There will also be video displays and hands-on activities which illustrate the effects of bone diseases like osteoporosis. Patrons will also be able to manipulate anatomical models representing the different joints found in the body and a whole host of other activities.

Meth

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equipment commonly used in manufacturing the drug.

Upon arrival to an undisclosed location in Thealka, the team dismantled the lab and secured the area.

Sheriff Bill Witten, and team members Sgt. Tommy Hitchcock and Deputy B.C. Williams continue the investigation.

There are no suspects at this time, the department reported.

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Yates later said that she would research information about how to stagger employee checks. Commissioners passed a motion in that regard, but, after hearing complaints from the audience, Hall added that the staggered amounts held back would be kept out of the commission's general fund.

In discussing the issue, Smith said the problem falls in the commission's "chain of command."

"The establishment of a chain of command and hierarchy is a legitimate problem, as far as I have observed," Smith said. "You may not want to admit that. I'm a short timer here ... The public needs some sort of understanding that there is some hierarchy in place ... It needs to be established clearly what the chain of command is because it is not very clear."

Commissioners agreed that Yates would continue managing the commission and employees, as she had been previously.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of materials and equipment needed for repairs at the sewage plant, which includes a catwalk with an estimated cost of \$940. They also passed a motion to reschedule employees to work between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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The Floyd County Fiscal Court has the right to accept and/or reject any/or all bids.

Paul Hunt Thompson,
Floyd County Judge/Executive

Turner

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seizure of \$954,280,973 in drugs, which included 5,058 pounds of marijuana and \$1,824,580 in prescription drugs. The group also stepped up operations aimed at stemming the rise of methamphetamine sales and confiscated \$496,000 worth of the drug in 2004.

Turner saw the appointment as a boon for the county, saying, "I think it will be a great opportunity for me to be a voice for Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky in this important federal agency."

Turner also said that HIDTA will add more tools to the county's arsenal in the war on drugs, which already includes roundups conducted by agencies such as Operation UNITE and the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation.

"HIDTA has done a lot of great things," Turner said. "I'm hopeful that my participation will help bring more resources to Floyd County."

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State auditor points way in welfare probe

by **ROGER ALFORD**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Crit Luallen is recommending that investigators look for fraud in thousands of welfare cases involving a variety of state assistance programs, including food stamps and medical care.

Auditors reviewed more than 5.7 million documents from the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and identified about 20,000 records that could point to wrongdoing. Luallen recommended that the records be examined by investigators from the attorney general's office and the state welfare cabinet.

"Obviously, it is much more productive to focus attention on 20,000 potentially high-risk records than to random-

ly select from all 5.7 million," Luallen said Wednesday. "It is important that all of state government work together to ensure that taxpayers' dollars are spent correctly."

Luallen said the discovery last year that state employees embezzled hundreds of thousands of dollars from the state's welfare system prompted her to look for red flags in the electronic records.

Between 2002 to 2005, more than \$500,000 was allegedly embezzled by 13 state welfare caseworkers.

In the largest case, a former Monroe County welfare agent pleaded guilty to writing nearly 500 checks worth a total of \$437,000 to himself and his then-girlfriend. The money was paying for a \$1,000-a-day drug habit.

Investigators from the attorney gen-

eral's office said at the time they think those cases may be only the beginning.

The state's approximately 5,000 welfare workers have more than \$250 million in public assistance funds to distribute at their disposal.

Vicki Glass, spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said the same special grand jury that is looking into the Fletcher administration's merit system hiring practices also will examine whether the welfare cabinet covered up crimes by failing to notify investigators of alleged fraud by caseworkers.

"We have cooperated completely," said Eugene Foster, state undersecretary for families and children. "Far from any way hampering investigations, we have identified issues and brought them to the attorney general's attention."

Foster said he welcomed the auditor's recommendations, many of which, he said, already are being implemented to improve the built-in safeguards against fraud. One of the auditor's key recommendations was that the cabinet dedicate an employee to examine records monthly for signs of fraud by caseworkers.

The attorney general's office has alleged the cabinet lacked proper safeguards to prevent caseworkers from writing checks to themselves or families or to prevent ineligible clients from obtaining benefits.

Luallen said her office essentially developed a tool that will make it easier for investigators to determine where best to focus their efforts. Red flags were raised, for example, when multiple welfare checks were being sent to

the same address.

Brian Lykins, director of special examinations in the auditor's office, said some of the records recommended for closer inspection had recipient addresses that matched those of state employees. In other instances, welfare payments were being sent to addresses outside Kentucky, which, Lykins said, raised the question of why the state would provide assistance to nonresidents.

Deputy Attorney General Pierce Whites said the information from the auditor's office will help speed the investigation.

"We appreciate the hard work they've done on this," he said. "We anticipate this will aid us greatly in our ongoing probe into welfare caseworker fraud."

Pikeville College announces fall 2005 dean's list

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Wallace Campbell has released the names of the top students for the fall 2005 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B-plus) or better.

Floyd County students making the list include Matthew D. Stephens and Jonathan M. Tackett of Allen; Jonathan C. Shepherd of Banner; Eddie R. Hamilton of Betsy Layne; Jessica L. Carroll, Natasha L. Collins, and Candace J. O'Quinn of Harold; Chris L. Halbert of Langley; Courtney B. Hall of Martin; Gerri W. Vance and Melissa M. Willis of Prestonsburg; Daniel K. Isaac, Martin K. Meade, and Ryan M. Stratton of Stanville; Valerie Francis Slone of Teaberry; and Monica Rose Orsborne of Tram.

Pike County full-time students are Sara Ruth Cavins and Clinton Russell Ratliff of Ashcamp; Mitzi R. Cross, Heather L. Greene, Jenna L. Justice, and Timothy J. Reed of Belfry; Jessica M. VanZant of Canada; Donald L. Wright of Dorton; Amanda J. Deskins of Draffin; Justina Layne Adkins, Amber N. Cantrell, Laura A. Coleman, Benedji B. Epling, Justin C. Hamilton, Emily Ruth,

John K. Sanders, and Aaron D. Ward of Elkhorn City; Kayla M. Chapman of Hardy; Tonya L. Damron of Hellier; Michael Jason Ratliff of Huddy; Heather Nicole Henderson of Jonancy; Bridgette R. Thacker of Kimper; Curtis E. Dotson of Majestic; Elizabeth N. Bowman and Joshua Dale Bowman of McAndrews; Sherri L. Coleman and Joshua T. Pauley of McCarr; Jordan K. Hall, Kendra N. Layne, and Amanda G. Maynard of Phelps; Jondra Lynette Branham and Nancy L. Coleman of Raccoon; Brittany R. Maynard and Richard Cody Swords of Ransom; Keri A. Fletcher and Kingdra P. Tackett of Regina; Jarrod R. Adkins and Kristi L. Senters of Shalbiana; Shelley L. Fuller of Steele; Jaimie L. Curry of Stone; Brandi M. Golluhue of Toler; Joshua S. Reed of Turkey Creek; Justin T. Bell, Whitney E. Fleming, Christy M. Hopkins, Erica R. Johnson, Ashley N. Kendrick, Lindsey C. Mullins, Angela L. Tackett, and Brandi S. Webb of Virgie.

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Johnson County: Mary L. Minix, Rebecca N. Pack, and David M. Runyon of Paintsville; Ashley D. Justice of Stambaugh; and Elby R. Picklesimer of Tutor Key.

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Perry County: Ruby J. Hamblin of Chavies; Jenny F. Combs of Hazard; and Teresa B. Campbell of Viper.

Spencer County: Ashley M. Day of Taylorsville.

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Chapmanville, W.Va.; Matthew Mahon of Delbarton, W.Va.; and Wendy L. Haynes, Jared L. Ross, and Chad Webb of Williamson, W.Va.

International students: Michelle H. McKay of Ontario, Canada, and Benjamin D. Valentine of Nelson, New Zealand.

Part-time students: Scottie Adkins of Elkhorn City; Valerie L. Gibson and Dianna Ray of Pikeville; Cathy Jean Maynard of Raccoon; Nicole A. Meade of South Williamson; Allan Theodore Bannerman of Shalbiana; Nicholas A. Tackett of Teaberry; and Mindy L. Fleming of Virgie.



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HAP Little League announces organizational meeting

Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold an organizational meeting on Saturday at Betsy Layne Elementary. Start time for the meeting is set for noon.

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Lawrence no match for Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – The Prestonsburg High School girls' basketball team put together its fourth straight win Monday night. Four different Prestonsburg players reached double figures as the Lady Blackcats beat Lawrence County 59-41.

Junior guard Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg with a game-high 18 points.

Amber Whitaker followed Slone's lead with 13 points. Darcey Hicks scored 12 points and Julianne Frye added 10 for the bulk of the Lady Blackcat scoring.

Prestonsburg High girls' basketball coach Jack Pack was pleased with his team's effort in the winning outing.

"Our scoring was real balanced in the win over Lawrence County," Pack commented. "The schedule gets tougher from here on out and we have to continue to

play well. We've come a long way."

Prestonsburg got the new year started right, beating both Betsy Layne and Pikeville last week.

Pack went on to note that everyone is healthy for the Lady Blackcat squad, a team that battled injuries and illness through a lot of the first half of the 2005-06 season. Injuries hit the Lady Black-

(See MATCH, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg won a fourth straight game Monday night, beating Lawrence County. Pam Slone is pictured defending a Lawrence County ballhandler.

Some suggestions for Basketball Wildcats

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

After watching the last three or four UK games, we're all in need of a chuckle or two. That being the case, let's get the weekend started with 20 questions we'd love to ask Tubby Smith, the unfortunate coach of this team sadly, yet correctly dubbed, "The Unwatchables."

■ Is it possible that when Chuck Hayes left, he took all of the heart out of Wildcat Lodge?

■ Do you regret taking all three of your 7-foot projects? Wouldn't one, or, two years apart, two have been plenty?

■ Have you considered that Reggie Hanson may not be the answer when it comes to coaching the post players?

■ Ever considered a position change? Not for you, or your swing players, but given the play you're getting on a nightly basis from Bobby Perry (the poor man's Chuck Hayes) and Sheray Thomas (the poor man's Antoine Walker) changing the "four" position from "power" forward to "weak" forward?

■ Did you ever think you'd see a Kentucky team play with less pride?

■ When did the torch pass from UK basketball meaning more to the customers than it does to the actual team?

■ Ever consider that the last time Kentucky basketball was in this shape, the rebuilding project focused on three in-state players (Pelphrey, Feldhaus and Farmer) and a classmate who spent more time in Lexington than his native Indiana (Woods)?

■ Do you dread those Monday night callers because you know they're right but can't publicly agree with them and therefore publicly "dis" your team?

■ Has the name Chris Lofton become the bane of your recruiting existence?

(See BENTLEY, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg seniors Sean Leslie (32) and Lewis Barnette (20) led the Blackcats to the win over visiting Sheldon Clark.

Late surge lifts Blackcats over Sheldon Clark

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG – Host Prestonsburg bent, but never broke Tuesday night. The Blackcats, playing at home against Sheldon Clark, trailed in each quarter as the two teams swapped leads. Prestonsburg pulled away late, doubling up Sheldon Clark 24-12 in the fourth quarter on its way to a 74-64 win.

Lewis Barnette, the player who has led Prestonsburg for much of the season, again played big, scoring a team-high 24 points. Sean Leslie added 17 points for the

Blackcats.

"It was our first home game and we were glad to get the win, especially on Homecoming," said Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp. "Lewis had another big game for us, as did Sean Leslie."

Prestonsburg was able to win its second straight game and close the deal in a tight tilt.

"We've lost some close ones and it's about time we won one," said Crisp. "Sheldon Clark is a good team that has beat some good teams. We were able to cut down on turnovers and that's also key for us."

(See BLACKCATS, page two)

Leslie, clock edge Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN – Time ran out of the Betsy Layne Bobcats Wednesday night in the opening round of the WYMT Mountain Classic. Betsy Layne took preseason 14th Region favorite Leslie County down to the wire. After leading for most of the game, Betsy Layne fell short. Leslie County overcame a 10-point half-time deficit and defeated the Bobcats 66-64.

Quenton Morgan led Leslie County with a game-high 24 points. Brian Hubbard added 12 and Daniel Day 11 for the Eagles.

Leslie County shot 16-of-24 from the free-throw line and made four three-pointers.

Following the WYMT tournament game, Betsy Layne Coach Brent Rose was ready to praise both his team and Leslie County.

"We played an excellent game," said Rose. "Leslie is a fantastic team and we were about a tenth-of-

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PRESTONSBURG HIGH BASKETBALL

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BLACKCATS

Jan. 14 South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
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Jan. 24 Johnson Central, 8 p.m.

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Jan. 14 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
Jan. 24 East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26 Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.



Betsy Layne senior guard Brandon Thacker worked for the basketball against the Leslie County defense.

Ranier Racing Museum headed to Prestonsburg

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG – The City of Prestonsburg, the Prestonsburg Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Floyd County County Chamber of Commerce are set to welcome the Ranier Racing Museum to downtown Prestonsburg. The museum will be located at the tourism building also known as the old post office located at the corner of Court Street and Central Avenue.

Floyd County native Harry H. Ranier led Ranier Racing to the top of the NASCAR circuit.

A dedication ceremony will be held inside the Mountain Arts Center lobby on Saturday, from 6:30-8 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served and entertainment provided. The museum itself will not open until a later date at which time a grand opening ceremony will be held.

Racing memorabilia from the storied Ranier Racing team will be on

display, including the famed 1983 Daytona 500 Championship Trophy.

Top drivers to pilot Ranier Racing cars included Buddy Baker, Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison and Davy Allison, among others.

Racing Racing was also key in kick-starting the career of defending NASCAR Nextel Cup champion Tony Stewart.

Anyone with Ranier Racing memorabilia is also invited to donate to the museum.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony.



photo by Steve LeMaster

The 1983 Daytona 500 trophy will be one of the many trophies on display Saturday during the Ranier Racing Museum dedication.

Golden Eagles ground Allen Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN – Playing on the road Tuesday night didn't get to the Johnson Central Golden Eagles. Johnson Central rolled into Floyd County and gradually eased away from host Allen Central. Johnson Central, under the direction of first-year head coach Mark Starnes, led at the end of each of the first three periods en route to a convincing 83-66 win over the Rebels.

Johnson Central outscored Allen Central

(See CENTRAL, page three)

Bentley

■ Ever walk into an empty room in your house and scream, "MOVE! For the love of God, will somebody please move without the basketball!"?

■ When you had somebody drive Lukasz Obrzut to the airport for his Christmas flight home to Poland, were you tempted to have them tell him, "You know, Big 'Woo', there's really no need to rush back"?

■ Do you wander into a UK women's practice, see Mickey DeMoss and think, "Now there's a job I'd love to have"?

■ Do you ever look out at the 23,000 people who come to your every home game and think, "My goodness, you people are insane"?

■ Ever thought about lining your team up and making them apologize, individually, to Bill Keightley?

■ Do you ever want to go to a grade school game to see a team that can actually shoot the basketball?

■ Do you ever look at the expanding waistline of Patrick Sparks and realize he's your real

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■ Ever want to talk to your starting guard combo of Rajon Rondo and Sparks and say, "Guys, for the love of Pete, lighten up?"

■ Have you ever called Rich Brooks for advice?

■ Ever thought about hiring an offensive coordinator?

■ Ever think when you sold your soul to get Randolph Morris back, *this* is what you'd get in return?

Blackcats

The Blackcats committed just 11 turnovers in the non-district win.

Prestonsburg got a lift from its reserves coming in off of the bench. Sophomores Jordan Hall and Bobby Hughes combined for 15 points.

"Jordan Hall stepped up and came in and scored eight points in the fourth quarter and that really gave us a lift," Crisp added. "Bobby Hughes also

Central

15-10 in the first period and took a 35-21 lead into halftime. The Golden Eagles added to the lead in the third period, outscoring Allen Central 37-19.

Junior Jamie McCarty, one of the 15th Region's top players, paced Johnson Central and led all scorers with a game-high 26 points. McCarty was one of four Johnson Central players to reach double figures. Ryan Fannin and Sean Music each flipped in 11

points for the Golden Eagles. Shawn Johnson was a fourth player in double figures for Johnson Central, adding 10 points for the winning team.

Allen Central (1-13) had a variety of scorers in the 17-point setback. But only one Rebel - Alex Hammonds - reached double figures. Hammonds led Allen Central with 15 points. Josh Martin had nine points for the Rebels while Tyler Slone,

Farley Joseph and Robbie Cole scored seven apiece.

Junior Justin Blanton added eight points for Johnson Central (10-5).

Johnson Central will next be back in action Saturday on the road at Lexington Catholic against North Broward Prep, Fla. in the Hall of Fame Classic. Allen Central doesn't have another game until Jan. 17, which is a road game at Sheldon Clark.

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JOHNSON CENTRAL 83, ALLEN CENTRAL 66

JOHNSON CENTRAL (10-5) - Whitaker 5, Murray 4, McCarty 26, Blanton 8, Fannin 11, Meek 4, Music 11, Welch 4, Johnson 10.

ALLEN CENTRAL (1-13) - Collins 6, Slone 7, Martin 9, Prater 2, Jacobs 2, Music 5, Joseph 7, Hammonds 15, Cole 7, Turner 6.

Johnson Central.....15 20 37 11-83
Allen Central.....10 11 19 26-66

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PRESTONSBURG 74, SHELDON CLARK 64

SHELDON CLARK (6-8) - Crum 9, Lomeli 27, May 10, Hensley 8, Goble 5, Hinkle 5.

PRESTONSBURG (5-7) - Stephens 8, Herrick 2, Barnett 24, McGuire 8, Leslie 17, Hall 8, Hughes 7.

Sheldon Clark.....17 20 19 12-64
Prestonsburg.....19 12 19 24-74

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Prestonsburg (6-5) was back in action last night at home against Leslie County. Results were unavailable at press time.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Darcey Hicks, Prestonsburg High School Girls' Basketball



Brandon Thacker, Betsy Layne High School Boys' Basketball

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Match

helped us in off of the bench." One casualty that came out of the game for the Blackcats was the loss of senior forward Nick McGuire, who re-aggravated a previously sprained ankle.

Prestonsburg led 19-13 when the second quarter got underway. Sheldon Clark, playing without senior Brandon May, who drew his third foul early on in the first half, was able to bat-

tle back and entered halftime with a 33-32 lead.

Foreign-exchange student Juan Lomeli led the charge for the Cardinals, ending the contest with a game-high 27 points. Despite the early foul trouble, May finished with 10 points.

The visiting Cardinals took a 52-50 lead into the fourth period before the Blackcats pulled away.

McGuire and point guard Michael Stephens added eight

points apiece in the balanced Blackcat scoring effort. Brooks Herrick rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with two points.

Sheldon Clark (6-8) is due back in action tonight at home against 57th District foe Magoffin County.

Prestonsburg (5-7) will return to the hardwood Saturday night against 58th District rival South Floyd.

Edge

a-second short of winning. I am proud of the way our team is coming together. We have lost so many close games so hopefully we will get over the top and make a good run in the All A."

Betsy Layne built an early lead and led Leslie County through each of the first two quarters. The Bobcats raced out and led 19-10 at the end of the first quarter. Rose's team went into halftime leading the highly-touted 14th Region squad 35-25.

Morgan led Leslie County's second-half charge, scoring 15 of his game-high 24 points in the last two quarters. Betsy Layne clung to a 51-46 lead heading into the fourth period. Morgan scored nine points and Hubbard eight in the Eagles' 20-13 fourth quarter. Hubbard drained a pair of three-pointers in the final period.

Senior guard Brandon

Thacker led Betsy Layne in scoring with a team-high 20 points. Senior forward Brandon Kidd joined Thacker in double figures with 18 points. Derek Case and Mane Klokocar each had seven points for the Bobcats. Pat Stapleton and Trai Witt rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with six points each.

Betsy Layne finished 11-of-16 from the free-throw line and connected on five three-pointers.

The loss was Betsy Layne's second straight. On the road last Friday night, Betsy Layne battled back, but fell short to host South Floyd.

In the nightcap Wednesday night, North Laurel beat Hazard 58-54.

At press time, Betsy Layne was taking on Hazard in a second tournament game. The game ended too late to make this edition.

LESLIE COUNTY 66, BETSY LAYNE 61

LESLIE COUNTY (66) - Hubbard 12, Howard 7, Hendrix 7, Morgan 24, Day 11, Wells 5.

BETSY LAYNE (64) - Klokocar 7, Stapleton 6, Thacker 20, Kidd 18, Case 7, Witt 6.

Leslie County.....10 15 21 20-66

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Betsy Layne.....19 16 16 13-64

WYMT MOUNTAIN CLASSIC SCOREBOARD

Tuesday's games

Phelps 58, Knott County Central 57
Harlan 38, Paintsville 37

Wednesday's games

Leslie County 66, Betsy Layne 64
North Laurel 58 Hazard 54 Jan 12, 2006

Thursday's games

(Results unavailable)

Paintsville-Knott County Central, Hazard-Betsy Layne

Tonight's games

Phelps-Harlan, 7 p.m.
North Laurel-Leslie County, 8:45 p.m.



Betsy Layne pushed 14th Region preseason favorite Leslie County from beginning to end Wednesday night before ultimately falling short. Above: Head coach Brent Rose talked with his team during a timeout.



Adams takes two of three from MCA

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG - The Adams Middle School Blackcats hosted Mountain Christian Academy last Friday and took two of three games from the visiting Falcons. A breakdown of the A-, B- and C-team games follows.

A-TEAM - Adams 48, MCA 25; Austin McKinney

scored a game-high 14 points and teammates Tyler Hall and Michael Burchett added eight apiece to lead Adams past MCA in the A-team game.

Matthew Prater paced MCA with seven points.

Josh Craynon and Anthony Hallom added six points apiece for the host Blackcats.

B-TEAM: Adams 44, MCA 13; Nate Fraley led 13 different

Adams scorers with a game-high eight points.

Matthew Prater led MCA with four points.

C-TEAM: MCA 17, Adams 15; Ian Hall and Matthew Ison each had five points to lead MCA past Adams.

Tyler Shelton led Adams with six points.

Alex Davis added three points for the C-Team Falcons.

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Vanderbilt 57, Kentucky 52

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — If Randolph Morris was going to save the season, Kentucky might need a Plan B.

Vanderbilt spoiled the sophomore center's return from a 14-game suspension by beating the Wildcats 57-52 Tuesday night, its first victory in 29 games at Rupp Arena.

Shan Foster had 16 points for the Commodores (11-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference), who beat Kentucky in Lexington for the first time since Jan. 28, 1974, at Memorial Coliseum — the longest drought of any SEC team.

"It's only one game," Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings said. "As much as we would like for it to count for 10 — and some of our fans think it does count for 10 — it only counts for one."

Kentucky (10-5, 0-1) entered the game reeling from the worst loss in coach Tubby Smith's nine-year tenure just three days earlier at Kansas, a defeat that dropped the Wildcats out of the Top 25 for the first time since February 2001.

Is Smith worried about his team?

"Oh yeah, a lot of concern," he said. "We really haven't played a good game."

The Wildcats had some reason for hope with the return of Morris, who was originally sus-

pending for the season by the NCAA because of his association with a sports agency, but had the penalty reduced to 14 games.

Morris had 10 points and seven rebounds, providing a first-half spark, but Kentucky continued to struggle with its outside shooting. The Wildcats shot 35 percent from the field and at one point had made only one of 12 3-point attempts.

"We're just not clicking," Morris said. "We've got to get away from playing as individuals and play as one unit."

Foster was 4-of-6 from 3-point range. DeMarre Carroll had 15 points for the Commodores, while Derrick Byars had 12 and Julian Terrell 11.

Vanderbilt built a 14-point lead in the second half, but Kentucky, behind the 16 points and four 3-pointers of Ravi Moss, regained the lead for the last time at 42-41 on a dunk by Sheray Thomas with just under seven minutes to play.

Two free throws by Julian Terrell gave the Commodores the lead for good.

"They were hungry," Moss said. "They were going to come in here and beat us tonight."

In the second half, every big shot Moss made seemed to be topped by a bigger one from Foster.

"For some reason, the second half is when I make most of my

shots," Foster said. "Why? I don't know, but I was trying to be more aggressive."

Kentucky had a chance to tie with seven seconds left, but Joe Crawford missed a 3-pointer.

"I hope some of their struggles tonight had something to do with us," Stallings said. "I'll have to go back to the tape and figure that part out."

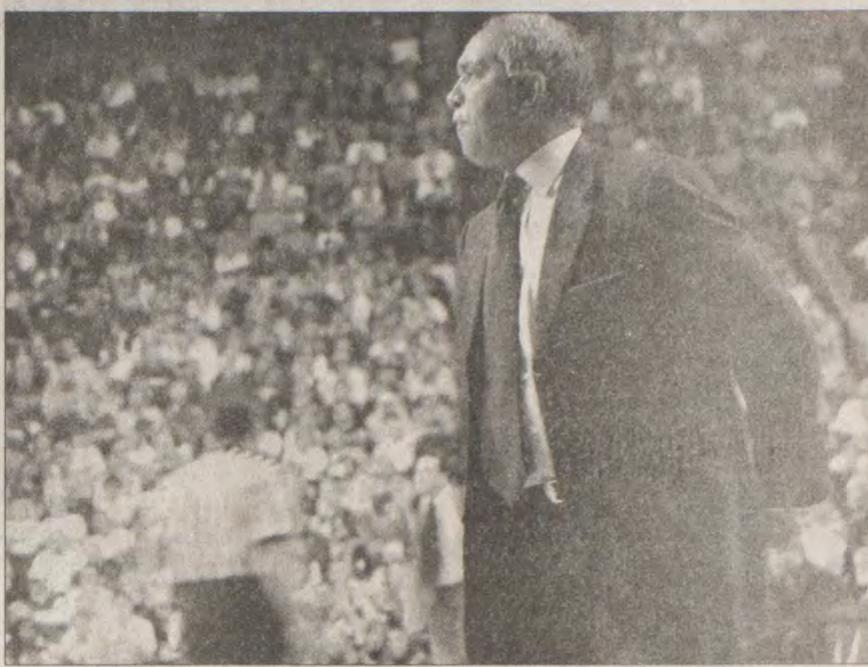
The Commodores scored the game's first eight points, forcing Smith to sub all five starters just four minutes in. It's a move he has tried several times this season, but this time, Morris was among the subs and he entered to thunderous applause.

Morris made his presence felt immediately, taking a pass in the paint and gracefully scoring on a layup. His physical play also drew two quick fouls from Vanderbilt's Davis Nwankwo, forcing him out of the lineup.

Later, Morris stuffed a shot, although he didn't get a block because a shot clock violation had been called. He did on a Commodores' possession a few seconds later, though, slamming a would-be layup off the backboard.

"If it weren't for Randolph, I don't know what we would have scored in the frontcourt," Smith said.

VANDERBILT 57, KENTUCKY 52
VANDERBILT (11-2) — Foster 5-11 2-3 16, Terrell 3-9 5-6



Head coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith and the University of Kentucky men's basketball team dropped their SEC opener Tuesday night, losing to Vanderbilt.

11, Skuchas 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 0-3 0-1 0, Byars 3-9 4-4 12, Gordon 0-1 1-2 1, Cage 0-1 2-2 2, Carroll 4-9 7-7 15, Nwankwo 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-44 21-25 57.

KENTUCKY (10-5) — Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Obrzut 0-0 2-2 2, Rondo 4-10 1-2 9, Sparks 1-3 0-0 3, Crawford 2-9 3-4 7,

Stockton 0-1 0-0 0, Moss 6-11 0-2 16, Bradley 0-3 3-4 3, Perry 0-3 0-2 0, Morris 4-7 2-2 10, Sims 0-1 0-0 0, Carter 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-51 11-18 52.

Halftime—Vanderbilt 23-20, 3-Point Goals—Vanderbilt 6-12 (Foster 4-6, Byars 2-5, Moore 0-1), Kentucky 5-20 (Moss 4-8,

Sparks 1-3, Bradley 0-2, Rondo 0-2, Crawford 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Vanderbilt 36 (Carroll 11), Kentucky 33 (Morris, Rondo 7). Assists—Vanderbilt 9 (Moore 3), Kentucky 7 (Crawford, Sparks 2). Total Fouls—Vanderbilt 18, Kentucky 22. A—23,643.

Browning, Seaver, May headed into Reds Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CINCINNATI — Tom Browning and Tom Seaver have been elected by fans for induction into the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame, and first baseman Lee May will join those two pitchers after he was selected by the local Baseball Writers' Association of America veterans committee.

The trio will be inducted into the Reds Hall of Fame in pre-game ceremonies this summer at a date to be announced and will increase the membership to 66 players, 3 managers and 2 executives. It is the largest and oldest continually operating team Hall of Fame in baseball.

Browning, 45, played for the Reds from 1984-94 and went 123-88 with a 3.92 ERA and 31 complete games in 300 appearances, including 298 starts. His 123 wins rank 12th on the club's all-time list. In 1985, Browning won 20 games in his first full season and finished second in the National League Rookie of the Year Award voting. In a 1-0 victory against the Los Angeles Dodgers on September 16, 1988 he threw the only perfect game in Reds history.

Seaver, 61, is the 15th member of the Reds Hall of Fame who also is enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame Cooperstown. In 158 starts for Cincinnati from 1977-82 he went 75-46 with a 3.18 ERA and 42 complete games. His .620 winning percentage remains the seventh-best in

franchise history. Seaver was an All-Star for the Reds in 1978 and 1981 and finished second in the 1981 Cy Young Award voting. In 23 starts during that strike-shortened '81 season, Seaver led the National League in both victories (14-2) and winning percentage (.875) while posting a 2.54 ERA and 6 complete games. He was pitching for the Reds when he threw his only career no-hitter, a 4-0 victory vs the St. Louis Cardinals on June 16, 1978 at Riverfront Stadium.

May, 62, spent the first 7 of his 18 Major League seasons with the Reds, and from 1965-71 he hit .274 with 147 HR and 449 RBI. His 147 career homers still ranks 14th on the club's all-time list, and he led the club in home runs 3 times. May produced his best season as a Red in 1971, when as Cincinnati's Most Valuable Player he led the club with 39 HR and 98 RBI. In the 1970 World Series against the Baltimore Orioles he established a Fall Classic record for a 5-game series with 8 RBI. He was involved in one of the most famous trades in Reds history, when on November 29, 1971 he was traded to the Houston Astros along with Tommy Helms and Jimmy Stewart in exchange for Ed Armbrister, Jack Billingham, Cesar Geronimo, Denis Menke and Joe Morgan.

During the month of December, fans voted for up to 3 candidates from a 14-player ballot that included Jeff Brantley, Browning, Norm Charlton, Rob Dibble, Dan Driessen, Tom

Hume, Ray Knight, Hal Morris, Ron Oester, Paul O'Neill, Joe Oliver, Dave Parker, Chris Sabo and Seaver. The top 2 vote getters were elected for enshrinement. A total of 4,283 ballots were cast with a total of 11,523 votes. Voting was limited to 1 ballot per person.

Ballots were available online at reds.com, in the Cincinnati Enquirer and at the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum, the Reds Team Shop by Majestic at Great American Ball Park and the Majestic Dugout Shop at the Westin Hotel downtown. The Enquirer was a sponsor of the 2006 voting.

Modern players eligible for the fan ballot must have played for the Reds for at least 3 years and must have retired between the years of 1985 and 2002. The Cincinnati chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America prepared the ballot from a candidate pool of 80 eligible players. Ballot rules require that a player be retired for 3 seasons before consideration. A veterans committee, consisting of members of the local chapter of the BBWAA, considers for induction players or managers who retired prior to 1985 and front office personnel.

From 1958-88, fans chose the inductees in paper balloting. There were no elections from 1989-97. From 1998-2004, voting was conducted exclusively by the local chapter of the BBWAA. Beginning in 2005, the BBWAA produced the ballot but fans voted for the inductees.

Kentucky Derby winner Smarty Jones now a father

by JEFFREY McMURRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Derby and Preakness winner Smarty Jones now has another title: father.

Three Chimneys Farm, Smarty's home, announced Tuesday that Smarty's first foal was born shortly after midnight.

The bay filly, whose mother is Shoppingwithbetty, was born at Stone Farm, just outside Paris.

"She's popped around, jumped around," said Arthur Hancock, owner of Stone Farm. "She's a very nice foal, and the mother's crazy about her. She just looks like a little athlete."

Shoppingwithbetty, owned by Hancock and Tom Tatham of Oak Cliff Stables, was due to foal Jan. 19. Her father was Danzig, who was euthanized last week.

Although the filly hasn't been named, and Stone Farm won't until it decides whether to keep or sell her, Hancock said he was intrigued by one name suggestion sent in an e-mail: Smart Shopper.

"You can't beat that, can you?" he said.

Although Smarty Jones' championship run in 2004 was perceived as blue-collar by many fans, those who run Three

Chimneys insist he has an immensely impressive bloodline and expect him to be an excellent stallion.

"I really believe in this horse," said Dan Rosenberg, president of Three Chimneys. "You look at this filly today and say, 'Oh my God, she could be the one.'"

Smarty gets a fee of \$100,000 guaranteed live foal. Currently 91 mares besides Shoppingwithbetty are pregnant with his foals — about seven of whom were due earlier.

"There's been a lot of uproar around here today," Hancock said. "It's been nice. It's good for the farm."



CWA RETURNING TO MARTIN:

Commonwealth Wrestling Association will make its return to Martin on Saturday. Bell time at the Martin Community Center is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Carson Palmer to begin rehab in California

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Carson Palmer had surgery to repair knee ligaments torn during Sunday's playoff loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers and will begin rehabilitation later this week in California, the Cincinnati Bengals said Wednesday.

The anterior cruciate ligament and the medial collateral ligament in Palmer's left knee were torn on the Bengals' second play from scrimmage.

Surgery was performed Tuesday in Houston by Dr. Lonnie E. Taylor, a faculty member of the Methodist Sports Medicine Institute of Houston.

"This is a serious injury, but we are told the procedure went very well," said coach Marvin Lewis. "We know Carson, and we know he will apply himself fully to his rehabilitation."

Palmer will do his initial rehabilitation at the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic in Los Angeles. He should be ready to start the 2006 season, Lewis said.

"I feel very confident that things went well, that there were no unusual complications," Palmer said in a statement released by the Bengals. "I want to thank our fans and fans everywhere for their support of me, and I'm looking forward to a great season for our team and myself personally."

NFL POSTSEASON

Divisional Playoffs
SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Washington at Seattle, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
New England at Denver, 8 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 15
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Carolina at Chicago, 4:30 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 22
AFC game, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC game, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
Detroit
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Feb. 12
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ESPN)

Northern Mischief sells for \$340,000 at Keeneland sale

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Northern Mischief, a half-sister to champion older mare Gourmet Girl, sold for \$340,000 to top Wednesday's session of the Keeneland January Horses of All Ages Sale.

The 4-year-old filly, consigned by Lakland LLC, agent, was sold as a racing or broodmare prospect. The high bid came from Magna International Inc. Chairman Frank Stronach.

Gross sales for the first three days totaled \$56,283,300, surpassing last year's total sales of \$53,418,000 for the six-day auction.

Keeneland sold 247 horses for \$9,283,800 during Wednesday's session. The average was \$37,586 and the median was \$20,000. During the corresponding session last year, 241 horses sold for a total of \$9,283,800, a median of \$12,000.

After three days of the seven-

day auction, 743 horses have been sold for an average of \$75,751. The median was \$40,000. The sale continues through Sunday.

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June Buchanan jolts Perry Central

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HAZARD – June Buchanan, one of Eastern Kentucky's hottest high school boys' basketball teams, won its fourth straight game Tuesday, upsetting 14th Region rival Perry Central 58-44.

June Buchanan guard Clark Stepp led all scorers with 34 points, pacing his team to the upset win. Tate Cox, Stepp's backcourt mate, added 13 points, giving June Buchanan a pair of players in double figures.

June Buchanan slipped out of the opening period with a 16-15 lead. The Crusaders cruised into halftime with a 29-

22 cushion.

Perry Central was able to go ahead in the third quarter, taking a 42-40 lead into the final period. June Buchanan, however, went back ahead in the fourth quarter, thanks in great part to the efforts of Stepp and Cox.

Senior guard George Campbell paced Perry Central with a team-high 16 points. Campbell was one of three Commodores who finished the game in double figures. Paul Amis pushed in 14 points for Perry Central and junior forward Tyler Bailey, a transfer from Hazard, added 13.

Six-foot-eight freshman Gar-

rison Collins provided a strong inside presence for the Crusaders and finished with six points. Sophomore center Jason Kelly netted six points for host Perry Central.

JUNE BUCHANAN 58, PERRY CO. CENTRAL 54

JUNE BUCHANAN (11-2) – Stepp 34, Cox 13, Collins 6, Howard 3, Huff 5.

PERRY CO. CENTRAL (11-3) – Amis 14, Gross 2, Bailey 13, Campbell 16, Kelly 6, Brashear 2, Willis 1.

June Buchanan.....16 13 11 18-58
Perry Co. Central.....15 7 20 12-54

Task force comes up with three new proposals

by MALCOLM C. KNOX
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON – Members of a task force assigned to come up with an alternative to splitting postseason competition for Kentucky high school sports submitted three new proposals Tuesday to try to eliminate a perceived advantage held by private schools.

Near the end of the task force's second day of meeting, members on both sides said that a complete split was not what they wanted.

Rob Mullen, president of Louisville Trinity High School, said he never supported a separation.

"I heard very clearly from public school representatives that they don't think Proposition 20 is a good idea," Mullen said. "It doesn't seem like anybody else was for the split either as you hear people's conversations today."

Despite what may have been said Tuesday, Kentucky High School Athletic Association member schools voted 195 to 78 in October to separate public

and private schools. But the KHSAA's Board of Control voted nine to seven against the proposal – Proposition 20 – and assigned the task force to come up with a compromise.

Two of the three proposals that came out of this week's meetings are nearly identical. They concern eligibility of student-athletes and designate middle schools for private and public high schools to draw students from. Another proposal would revamp the rules for financial aid for private schools.

The three proposals will be sent to the Board of Control and then to members of the task force for a vote.

The first two proposals set rules for designating which middle school, or "feeder school," a student would be required to attend, beginning at sixth grade, to enroll in a particular high school. The aim of the feeder schools is to eliminate opportunities for high schools to recruit students specifically for sports and students who cross state boundaries to attend a school.

"Make decisions. That means that parents must make deci-

sions at an earlier age," said Wilson Sears, superintendent of Somerset Independent Schools and drafter of the proposal in its original form. "This is the only way that we feel we can make it fair."

Under the public school's delegation's proposal, a student who decided to attend a non-corresponding high school would forfeit two years of eligibility from high school competition at the freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels. The private school's proposal reads that the penalty would be forfeiture of one year but only from varsity competition.

The Board of Control would designate feeder schools.

The two sides allowed for exceptions for private schools with enrollments of fewer than 350 to draw students within a 20-mile radius regardless of feeder assignments.

The task force is made up of principals, coaches, athletics directors and other officials from Kentucky high schools, with retired Kentucky Supreme Court Justice James Keller as facilitator.

SATURDAY NIGHT SHOWDOWN: South Floyd-Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp knows beating the South Floyd Raiders Saturday night would rejuvenate his team and its quest to return to the top of the 58th District.

"That is the big one, and our kids know it," Crisp said Thursday morning, eluding to the 58th District boys' basketball matchup. "We control our own destiny."

Prestonsburg scored a big win Tuesday, beating Sheldon Clark 74-64. Crisp acknowledged that his team went right back to work Wednesday evening and had a productive

practice.

"Practice was good Wednesday," said Crisp. "As it looks now, Nick McGuire may be out for Saturday. He's been going through therapy for the ankle that he re-injured Tuesday night. We're hoping to get everyone healthy here in the second half of the season."

McGuire, a senior forward, exited the Sheldon Clark game in the second half after re-injuring a sprained ankle.

Prestonsburg and South Floyd have waged war on the hardwood, especially over the last couple of seasons. The Raiders battled back and beat Prestonsburg in last year's 58th

District championship game.

Saturday's basketball action will begin at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse with the host Lady Blackcats taking on the South Floyd Lady Raiders. Tip-off for the South Floyd-Prestonsburg girls' game is set for 6 p.m. The boys' game will follow 20 minutes after the conclusion of the girls' game.

The two schools have another boys-girls doubleheader slated for Feb. 3 at Raider Arena in Hi Hat.

■ South Floyd senior guard Ryan Johnson went into tonight's game at Breathitt County needing 33 points to reach 1,000 for his prep career.

Bethel clips Alice Lloyd in KIIAC battle

TIMES STAFF REPORT

McKenzie, Tenn. – After leading by as many as 20 points in the opening half, the Bethel College Wildcats fought off a furious come back effort by Alice Lloyd College on Tuesday night to post a 78-72 KIIAC victory.

The Wildcats opened up an 11-0 lead at the 16:00 mark in the first half and extended it to 28-8 with just over six minutes remaining in the opening stanza before the Eagles started their comeback. Alice Lloyd outscored Bethel 19-8 to close the half, cutting the Wildcat lead to 37-27 at the break.

The Eagles continued their torrid comeback in the second half. Alice Lloyd's Jeremy Jackson hit a three-point basket with 12:20 remaining in the game that gave them their first lead of the game at 48-47. The Wildcats responded and opened up the tight contest in the final six minutes. Thomas Haynes, who sat out most of the second half due to foul trouble, sparked the Bethel offense with two big three-point goals in the final six minutes that gave BC the momentum.

Haynes, who played just 18 minutes, led Bethel in scoring with 22 points on nine-of-15 shooting from the field. Haynes

also led the Wildcats with nine rebounds. Aaron Jacques hit five-of-nine shots from the floor and added 14 points and seven boards. Brock Martin and Brandon Self each netted 10 points for Bethel.

Alice Lloyd's Shawn Newsome led four Eagles in double figures with 23 points. Jeremy Daniels and William Dillard each contributed 11 points, while Corey Hairston added 10 points and a game high 16 rebounds.

Bethel avenged an earlier season loss to Alice Lloyd (10-7, 2-1), and handed the Eagles their first loss in the KIIAC this season.

BLSHS freshmen host, win tourney

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BETSY LAYNE – The Betsy Layne High freshman girls' basketball team topped Sheldon Clark 36-34 Saturday in the championship game of a tournament at the Dome.

The one-day tournament featured seven games. The games got underway at 10 a.m. with Betsy Layne defeating East Ridge. Following the opener, Knott County Central defeated Pikeville. The third game, of the day featured Allen Central and East Ridge with the Lady Warriors beating the Lady Rebels. Pikeville and Sheldon Clark then played with Sheldon Clark winning. Betsy Layne took its second win of the tournament, beating rival Allen Central and earning a place in the championship game. Sheldon Clark earned a pass to the title game with a win over Knott Central.

Following the tournament's championship game, an all-tournament team was announced. Members of the All-Tournament team included Brittany Swindell, East Ridge; Leslie Francisco, Pikeville; Brandi Brown, Allen Central; Sasha Pike, Knott Central;

Carla Booth, Sheldon Clark; Brittany Dalton, Sheldon Clark; Brittany Marcum, Sheldon Clark; Megan Hamilton, Betsy Layne; Andie Meade, Betsy Layne; Lindsey Martin, Betsy Layne; Stephanie McKinney, Betsy Layne; and Amby Tackett, Betsy Layne.



BLHS Freshmen Girls



Left: Piarist's Chris Baker worked the basketball against David's Stefan Wright during Monday's game.



Below: Paul Mullins and Stefan Wright discussed the six-point loss Monday night to Piarist school with team mascot Rhodie at the MCA gym.

Knights down David for a fourth time

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN – When the David School met up with the Piarist School in a boys' basketball tournament at Rose Hill in a third game between the two schools this season, the third time was not a charm. Nor was the fourth. Piarist took its fourth win over David Monday night.

But David danced all around its first win of the 2005-06 season. The Comets hung tough, leading 17-16 at the end of the first period. However, Piarist built a big second-quarter lead, outscoring the Comets 22-6 en route to a 38-23 halftime lead. Piarist claimed a 57-51 win, despite a dismal fourth period that saw the Comets outscore the Knights 15-4.

Pillersdorf is looking forward to a fifth meeting between the two teams. The two squads are matched up against one another in this year's 15th Region All "A" Classic.

"We're looking forward to playing them again," Pillersdorf commented. "Monday night's game is the closest we've come to a win this season."

Josh Ousley led Piarist with a game-high 22 points. Chris Baker followed with 13 points for the Knights. Jake Moak just missed double figures, ending the contest with nine points.

Blake Stumbo led David with 20 points. Joe Tiller, in another solid outing, added 16 points. Nathan Robinson and Stefan Wright each had eight points for the Comets.

In other Piarist scoring, Matt Doyle and Caleb Hoskins had

Belfry 77, Piarist 56: At Belfry Tuesday night, host Belfry, the 15th Region runner-up last season, jumped out to an early lead and posted a 21-point win over visiting Piarist.

Three different Belfry players reached double figures in the scoring department.

Josh Ousley led the Knights with 24 points. Chris Baker joined Ousley in double figures with 10 points while Jake Moak flipped in nine.

BELFRY 77, PIARIST 56
PIARIST (4-10) – Ousley 24, Moak 9, Baker 10, Doyle 6, Haskins 4, Parsons 3.

BELFRY (9-4) – J. Steele 17, Reed 18, Bowman 9, C. Steele 1, May 18, Warren 4, Bownens 8, Farley 2.

Piarist.....6 23 16 11-56



Kimberly Williams was crowned Prestonsburg High School homecoming queen Tuesday night. Williams was escorted by senior Brenton Hamilton.

David head coach Ned

Floyd County Devotional Page

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In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

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

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

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

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

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Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

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

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

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

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

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathon Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner; Services: Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobart Meek, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, an independent Baptist Church, located on

1428, between Allen & Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Stuart E. Swanberg.

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Ept. on Rt. 1428; Sunday Service, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Buddy Jones, Minister.

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

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

First Baptist, 54 S. Front St. (Irene Cole Memorial); Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Dr. Floyd Price, minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist, 2 miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jim Price, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

home phone 285-3385

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Return to your Bible

My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

ISAIAH 56: 7



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What are tigers?

Like many carnivores, tigers descended from a small pre-historic animal called a miacid. The miacid lived millions of years ago and evolved into diverse animal lines such as bears, dogs and cats.

The miacid lived in European forests during the Eocene period. It was about 8 inches long.



Approximately 2 to 3 million years ago, in Central and East Asia, an early group of cats began to develop characteristics that exist in today's tigers. These traits include tawny fur and black stripes. From this region, the striped cats moved north into Russia and south and east into the Indonesian islands. Eventually, they reached as far south as Bali, southwest throughout India, and west as far as the Caspian Sea.

TIGERS

Tiger habitats



Critical situation

Today, tiger territory is severely limited in the forests and grasslands of Asia. They can range from tropical areas of the Far East to the Arctic Ocean, roaming the snowbound forests in Siberia.

There were once eight subspecies of tiger. Only five live today. Balinese, Javan and Caspian tigers are all extinct. The five remaining subspecies are critically endangered and

efforts are being made to preserve what few thousand cats remain. Despite efforts to preserve them, poaching; habitat loss and loss of genetic diversity threaten tigers worldwide. Scientists predict the tiger will survive only with human intervention and complete protection.

Estimated populations

Bangladesh	362
Bhutan	67-81
Cambodia	150-300
Southwest China	30-40
India	2,500-2,750
Indonesia	400-500
Laos	Unknown
Malaysia	481-510
Eastern Myanmar	106-234
Nepal	93-97
North Korea	10 or less
Russia	330-371
Thailand	250-501
Vietnam	200

Tiger classification

Scientists use a system called taxonomic classification to arrange animals into progressively smaller groups based on their similarities. Each group contains the groups beneath it in the hierarchy. Here's how tigers would be

Kingdom animalia

Cats are animals, not plants, protists or bacteria. Kingdoms are the largest groups.

Phylum chordata

Animals with backbones.

Class mammalia

Mammals give birth to live young, have fur, are warm-blooded, and nurse their young with milk.

Order carnivora

Carnivores eat meat.

Family felidae

Felidae are felines. Three sub-families are included.

Subfamily Acinonychinae

The Cheetah is the only member of this subfamily.

Subfamily Felinae

The "little cats." Although some can grow quite large, they are called little cats. They cannot roar, and most of these cats have

Subfamily

The "big cats." In bright light, their pupils appear round, rather than slit.

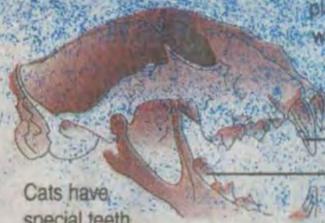
Indochinese

Centered in Thailand, this subspecies can also be found in Myanmar, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Malaysia, and southern China. Population estimates are based almost exclusively on secondary evidence. It is believed that 1,000 to 1,700 survive in the wild. Sixty five in zoos throughout Asia and the United States.

South China

This tiger is on the very brink of extinction. Only a few sightings have been reported over the last 10 years. Optimistic estimates place them at two or three dozen. Even if protected completely, such a small wild population is unlikely to survive.

Tiger skull



Cats have special teeth called "carnassials," for shredding meat.

Tigers have four sharp canine teeth.

Canine teeth
Carnassial teeth

Living tiger subspecies



Sumatran

The smallest in size of the five living tiger subspecies. For over a million years, they have lived in the once extensive tropical jungles of Sumatra, Indonesia. Wild populations are now heavily fragmented and estimated to be around 600.

The largest of all the tigers, Siberians are the biggest cats on Earth and can exceed 9.8 feet in length. Members of this subspecies are found along a strip of land in far eastern Russia, along the coast of the Sea of Japan. As many as 400

Bengal

The most commonly known tiger subspecies. Estimates range between 3,000 and 4,500 across India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Bhutan. Several hundred are in captivity, primarily in Indian zoos.

Did you know?

- Tigers are the world's largest cats and live only in Asia.
- No two tigers have the same stripe pattern. They are as individual as human fingerprints, and the stripes are only on the fur, not the skin.
- Tigers like to swim and spend many hours lounging in lakes, ponds or streams when it is hot.
- A group of tigers is called a "streak."
- Tigers sleep as much as 16 hours per day.
- Tigers get larger the farther north they live. Siberians are the largest, Sumatrans are the smallest.

Tigers like large, wild prey. Favorite foods include pigs, deer, antelopes, and buffalo. Tigers will even attack elephants. Sometimes they eat monkeys, birds, frogs, or porcupines.

Tigers drag their prey to a feeding spot near water. They do so even with kill which may outweigh them by hundreds of pounds. Between guarding and napping, the tiger stays with the feast for days, leaving nothing but bones and the stomach.

Tigers patiently watch, stalk and then attack, making 30-foot leaps to bring down prey. Prey is killed by asphyxiation, accomplished by holding it down and biting the neck.

Tigers rarely live more than 15 years in the wild. In captivity they can live to be more than 20 years old.

Tigers are diurnal. Their peak activity periods are dawn and dusk.

Tigers don't purr. Only the "little" and domestic cats purr.

SOURCES: The MacMillan Illustrated Dictionary of Dinosaurs and Prehistoric Animals, American Museum of Natural History, <http://www.tigerfdn.com/home/world.html>; National Geographic

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THROUGH MY EYES

Love's warmth

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

In the immediate days following my mother's death, things seemed to whirl by in "auto pilot." Signing forms, making final decisions, greeting visitors who stopped in to pay their respects at the funeral home. Time moves along rather quickly as we come to grips with the reality of moving forward without our loved one.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

With the help of caring friends and family, I managed to get through the many moments.

The last gifts I bought for my mother were some new nightgowns that I purchased on the evening of December 23. That evening, upon returning home, I received a call from the nursing home saying that my mom had been transported to the local hospital. By late morning, Dec. 25, my mother was gone. She would never receive the new nightgowns I had purchased.

Following her funeral, I faced the unhappy task of clearing her things from her room at the nurs-

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POSTSCRIPT

Playing the name game

by Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

You've probably read about — or experienced — how people misinterpret song lyrics.

My former husband says he was surprised to learn that the group Creedence Clearwater Revival was saying, in its popular song,

"There's a bad moon on the rise." He swears he heard it as, "There's a bathroom on the right" and never quite understood what the song meant.

The same thing happens with place names. I have proof. A friend who lives in Louisville said she broke down with laughter — at herself — when she read the return address on the Christmas card I

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Pam Shingler
contributing writer



Politics: Polls, Pals and Players

by Woodrow Burchett and William H. McCann, Jr.

Introduction

Woodrow Burchett (1911-1995) was born on Cow Creek, in Floyd County. By profession he was first a teacher, later a lawyer. Eventually he served three terms as county attorney of Floyd County, served on the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Harness Racing Commission. But perhaps he is best known for his stories and the homespun wisdom that caused him to become, as many knew him later in his life, "The Sage of Cow Creek."

This article is based upon a series of oral history interviews conducted by William H. McCann, Jr., of Woodrow Burchett, at his home on Cow Creek in the winter and spring of 1993. The interviews lasted more than 12 hours over about 5 days and extended from Mr. Burchett's childhood on Cow Creek to his reflections on law and life.

In this article, Mr. Burchett discusses his political career both locally and at the state level. Incidentally, the last name of his friend and supporter, Charlie, was left out because, at the time of the interview, Mr. Burchett requested that it not be used.

Getting into politics

"Just takes three people to get you started [in politics], you know, and half of the county to get you off."

"Well, two or three people can come and say, 'Why don't you run for county attorney?'"

But [Forth] Short was the county attorney and [Forth] Short died suddenly. The fact about the matter [is that] he had stopped at my house on a Sunday morning and said he had heard that I was probably gonna run against him, it was getting that time. And I told him, I said, "Now I'm not a candidate for county attorney and I'm not only not a candidate, I'm for you."

"And he went over to his mother's house for a family reunion and he told 'em that. Said, 'Looks like I might not have any opposition for county attorney, I stopped to see

Woodrow Burchett this morning and he told me that he was not a candidate and that he'd be for me. I appreciate that' and whatever. On the way home he had a heart attack and died, and [his] family all wanted me to run. And I did and won.

"I had to run against what they called 'the Big Slate.' Walk Stumbo was a candidate for county judge and Joe Tackett for county attorney and all the incum-

bents. And I didn't have a dime...[For] 'the Big Slate' money was no object.... And I decided that if I was gonna win, why I had to see people and lots of 'em. And I started up and down these creeks stopping at people's houses.

"Back then people were farming these hillsides. Wasn't a lot of public works. And the man of the house and maybe his two boys would be back up there on a hard-tailed mule and hoeing corn and working out their gardens, doing whatever.

"The lady of the house would be in the house cooking. I'd go in the kitchen and sit down and tell her about being raised on Cow Creek and her beans smelled just like my mommy's beans smelled and I bet she had buttermilk in the churn.

"Yeah."

"And she'd get me out some. 'I'm hungry.' And she'd feed me and I'd drink some of her buttermilk and then I'd tell her, 'Now, I'm running for county attorney and they tell me I don't have a chance because the Big Slate's against me and all that money's against me, but now everybody don't sell their vote. At least I don't think they do.'

And we'd eat and talk. I could see she was sort of relating me to one of her boys or somebody. I could tell I was getting through and so when I'd head out the door I'd say, 'I want to leave some of my cards here.'

"And she'd say, 'Now don't worry about us. You'll get me and all of mine.'

"[About that time] the United Mine Workers were getting to be very popular in this country and very strong and just getting organized. [A]nd I was speaking at Wayland, standing on a company porch, I can see it now:

"It was a United Mine Workers Fourth of July celebration. A lot of dignitaries were there. John Y. Brown [Sr.] was there. Tom Raney was there. Sam Caddy was there. And I got up to plead my case and I got started pretty well and John Y. Brown came out of the back row and said, 'I'm authorized to tell you miners that Mr. Sam Caddy and the International Union are gonna endorse Woodrow Burchett, and we'd like for you all to vote for him.'

"And after that it was sort of downhill all the way.

"I've never forgotten it."

Coal miners

"[That first election] I think [the miners] elected me. I don't know who elected me. I won pretty good

... and I know it had something to do with it the way I was conducting my campaign. I didn't let up, either. But the miners were pretty strong for me and they had me come out and speak to their union meetings. [A]nd I enjoyed their support the other times I ran, too. I always had the mine workers support.

"I'll say this for 'em. I served 12 years as county attorney of Floyd County and I never had a miner, or a representative of the union, to come and ask me to do anything except to do my duty.

"Now a lot of people thought that if the union went all out for a fella like that, that he was their man and he had to do what they said and all like that. But never in my life did one of 'em ask me to do anything except to do my duty. I can dispel that notion right quick.

"Of course, now I was favorable to them, I guess.

You can't help but be. [W]hen you saw a union man come in your office you got up and hugged him a little and shook his hand. And if he wanted to write a deed or if he wanted something in the courthouse that you could do for him, you took a little time out and did it for him. And I did that. I didn't do anything wrong for him, I just did what was right more quickly, I guess."

Scrooge Lafferty

"When I 'd run for office I wouldn't have any campaign chairman of any note 'cause Floyd County is highly factionalized, and if you got a campaign chairman out of one faction, you'd lose the other. There wasn't any way to avoid it.

"[But] there were two fellas that were courthouse loafers and they didn't do much except hang around the courthouse. Bench warmers. One of 'em was Scrooge Lafferty and the other was L. Z. Whitaker. And I'd get them to manage my campaign as kind of a joke. And one of 'em had a one-eyed dog that went with 'em. We'd go out together and they'd pack up my car and I'd buy their lunch and maybe give 'me a dollar or so, but they enjoyed being with me.

"Scrooge, after he got me in, he thought he owned me. And when I'd open my office in the morning he'd come in and he'd sit right down in my private office. And he sat funny. He folded his legs up under him like a tailor sits on his table, I reckon. And he'd sit there and he chewed tobacco and he always carried big twists of Shoepeg in his pocket.

"Mr. Lem Atcheson ... came in my office one day after I got elected county attorney and Scrooge was

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THE FLYLADY

Starting the New Year with a clean slate

by Marla Cilley

With new years come clean slates and we all love to start fresh. We see ourselves do this anytime we choose to start a new diet, exercise routine or get a handle on our finances. You know the drill; my new way of living will start on Monday but first I am going to have one last fling, a huge meal or a day just being lazy. Well, we don't have to wait till Monday to start!

A new way of living is not a punishment that you need a reprieve from. It is making the decision that it is time to be

good to your body because this is the only one you have. When we are living in CHAOS (Can't Have Anyone Over Syndrome); we are usually the person that gets left out. We can't take the time to nurture our bodies because there is so much to do and we don't have a clue where to start.

Do you ever feel like you're a spinning top? I'm going to help you stop this vicious cycle and establish some simple habits that are going to start your new year with that clean slate. Your home did not get messy in a day and it is not going to get cleaned over night.

You can do this with the help of a simple tool that you already have in your home. It is a timer. They are on your microwave, the stove and probably in the watch on your arm.

The reason you feel like that spinning top is because you are trying to do too many things at once. I want you to set your timer for 15-minutes and stay focused on one thing. It can be shining your kitchen sink, clearing off that piled up coffee table or picking up the clothes on the floor in your bedroom. You are going to be so surprised at just how much you can accomplish in only 15-

minutes.

The truth is, we are not good at multi-tasking. We think we are but our homes are living proof that we do not ever finish anything. We are the best at getting something out and not putting it away when we have finished. Here is the main reason we don't have homes for these items that are lurking in your "Hot Spots." Hot Spots are those places you pile things when you walk in the door or sit in your favorite chair. We have clutter taking over the drawers, cabinets and closets and we can't find a place to keep the things we love and

actually use.

In order to get rid of the CHAOS in our homes we have to toss out our clutter. This will give us a place to keep our things instead of having them piled on a table or in the floor. Those "great storage areas" in your home have been invaded by items that you do not love and use. It is time to

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evict them and clear out your Hot Spots. Our Hot Spots make our homes look messy.

If we would just take 15-minutes and clear out one Hot Spot; your home will begin to look better. It may not be that immaculate clean that we were forced to do as children by perfectionist parents but it will feel better when you walk in the door. It is so hard to clean around clutter.

Here is another fun tool we use to get rid of our clutter. I like to call it the "27 Fling Boogie." Grab a grocery bag and run through the house and pick up 27 items to throw away. Then grab another bag or box and run through the house and gather up 27 items to give away. Here is the rule for doing this: As you are tossing, ask yourself these

questions - "Do you make me smile?" "Do I have a home for you?" "Do I have two of you?" This will help you get rid of your clutter. Then put it in the trash to throw away or in the car to give away next time you are out.

I want for you what I have; peace that came from releasing the clutter and CHAOS and establishing babystep habits that clean my home on automatic pilot. You deserve to live in a home that blesses you!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out Flylady's website and join her free mentoring group at www.Flylady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections," published by Bantam.

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Eyes

ing facility. When I called to arrange a time to do this, the nursing staff informed that they had already placed her things in boxes. Even though all I had to do was visit the facility long enough to retrieve the boxes, it was a task that I just did not want to do. A friend and her two daughters bailed me out by doing it for me.

Now, I had four boxes of my mother's things sitting in my living room floor. What should I do? Take them to Goodwill? Donate them back to the nursing home? Deciding that I wasn't ready to open the boxes quite yet, I made arrangements with my sister that on her next visit home, we would open the boxes and go through our mother's things together.

Last evening, while attending a church "Sharing with Your Sis-

ters" activity (kinda like adult "Show and Tell"), one of my "sisters" presented a beautiful story about a quilted throw that she had brought along to share. Sister Debbie Newill, wife of Barry Newill, director of the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, shared with us the story of how her father had died suddenly, at the age of 25, from undiagnosed diabetes. Following her father's death, Debbie's maternal grandmother moved in with little Debbie and her young mom and the trio of females shared a household until Debbie had grown into a young woman and until her mother had remarried. At that time, Debbie and her grandmother moved into a place of their own where they lived together until Debbie herself married. Not wanting to leave her grandmother alone, Debbie shared that

"it took us seven months, but Barry and I finally talked Grandma into moving in with us." And so, Grandma continued to be a part of Debbie's life, helping to raise her great-grandchildren, passing along words of wisdom, and remaining an integral part of the family's life. Grandma lived a long life, passing away at the age of 92.

When it came time for Debbie to face the task of deciding what to do with her grandmother's things, the idea came upon her to gather together her grandma's nightgowns and robes and recreate their beauty into four beautiful lap throws for her family to share.

Debbie named the throws "Grandma's Warmth" and now she, her husband, two children, and Debbie's mother all continue to share "Grandma's warmth" anytime they feel

chilly, or just in need of a little extra comfort.

What a beautiful story. My dad, who was the quilter in our family, left behind many beautiful quilts for our family to share and we treasure each of them very much. Today, I have decided that in order to remember and honor my own mother, as well as my dad, I will embark upon the same sort of project and instead of donating my mother's gowns and robes to Goodwill, my sister and I will begin, this spring, to cut them up into squares and create a little extra warmth for our own family.

I have a small wooden plaque that currently hangs by my front door - it reminds me of my dad, and now, of Debbie's story as well. It reads: "A quilt is a blanket of love."

And, so it truly can be.

Postscript

sent her.

She had heard me say I lived in Auxier, but being unfamiliar with the area and with the word, she had thought I was saying Ox Ear.

She was still laughing when she called me to tell me about her revelation.

After I stopped laughing with her, I told her that Auxier is a rather common surname in this area and that the French Huguenots were among the first settlers here.

That got me to thinking about how many communities in our region are named not for our own early settlers, but for people who had no more than a business tie to our land and ancestry: Van Lear, Wheelwright, Hellier, McRoberts, Offutt, and on and on.

And that kind of thinking can only lead to more exploration. At the public radio station where I work, WMMT, we have fun with place names throughout our listening area, which includes primarily eastern Kentucky, southwest Virginia and southern West Virginia. We use them in station IDs, which we're required to air at least once an hour. Rather than making this task a drudge, we try to put some zing into it.

Always on the lookout for

diversions, I've spent hours poring over maps of the three states, trying to find names that will make the listener wonder, smile or get out a map. It's fun, too, to juxtapose them in interesting ways.

Among my favorites are Kale, Cucumber and Parsley - all communities that exist now or remain only on state maps and in the memories of old folks. Then, there's Bishop, Quaker and Baptist, along with Brazil, Egypt and Wales.

These hills are full of delicious flavors, so one of our newest IDs is: Plum Branch, Peach Orchard, Blackberry and all the wonderful tastes of Appalachia.

We have communities galore with people's names: Dan, Ada and Ida Mae; Bernice, Sidney and Roscoe; Keith, Kermit and Kelly; Melvin, Mildred and Marianna; Carlos, Vivian and Bud - to recount a few.

The Hall family of Littcarr in Knott County are among WMMT's most dedicated volunteers. In addition to Angie, whose community equivalent we haven't found, there's the patriarch Willard, his son, known to all as Little Willard, and his wife Louise, known as Big Weezie. I just could not resist when I discovered creeks

in Perry County named Big Willard Creek and Little Willard Creek. Hence, the station ID: ... broadcasting to Big Willard, Little Willard and Louisa.

There are colors: Red Fox, White Oak and Blue Diamond. Animals: Horse Pen, Cow Creek and Sheep Fork. Geographical wonders: Boulder, Big Rock and Stone. Judgment calls: Beauty, Lovely and Big Ugly.

Knowing of my soft spot for animals, you won't be surprised to learn that my favorite place is, over around Lee County: Little Wild Dog Creek. Of course, you'll hear that mentioned occasionally. I don't ever want to go to Little Wild Dog Creek because I know it can't live up to my expectations.

Then there are the names that allow a local to know immediately that a stranger is among us. For instance, if you're in Jaeger, West Virginia, and you want to fit in, pronounce it as if it were Yay-ger. In this vein, we haven't used it yet, but you might need to know that if you encounter the Letcher County community of Uz, it's pronounced U-zee, exactly as it's spelled.

Well, you know this could go on indefinitely, so I'd better call a halt. The name game in this region is never ever dull - at least not to me.

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Birthdays



Aryn is 3!

Aryn Nicole Wells celebrated her third birthday on Saturday, December 3, at Archer Park Skating Rink with a "My Little Pony" theme party. Aryn is the daughter of Terri Wells, of Prestonsburg, and Kenny Ray Wells, of Paintsville. She is the granddaughter of Amos Dotson, of Prestonsburg, Darlene Lewis, of Tucson, Arizona, and Kenny Paul and Velma Wells, of Paintsville. She is the great-granddaughter of Eliza Dotson, of Middle Creek, and the late Greeley Dotson, and Polly Hall, of Prestonsburg, and the late William Hall. Aryn received many nice gifts from family and friends and she wishes to thank everyone who helped make her day special.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Character Words for January: Integrity and Responsibility

Jan. 24 - "Magic Me," weather permitting.

Jan. 13 - Special program presented by "Child Connect," 10 a.m. Topic: "Protecting Children from Abduction." Parents are welcome to view this program. Call 886-1297 for information.

Students interested in taking a "Beginner Sewing Class," please stop by the FRC to sign up.

Jan. 23 - Public forum hosted by Floyd County Board of Education, 5 p.m., at May Valley Elementary. Topic: Health and Wellness. Forum open to all.

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central Middle School

Turn in your Food City receipts to your homeroom teacher!

Jan. 13 - Snowflake Ball, 6 p.m. Jan. 23 - Basketball Homecoming The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

Betsy Layne Elementary The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building.

Duff Elementary

**School is collecting Food City receipts! Receipts must be dated Sept. 11, 2005 to March 11, 2006. Top three school winners will receive a gift. In anyone in the community would like to donate their receipts, they may mail them to: Duff Elementary, P.O. Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622; may also drop receipts off in school front office. Floyd County Health Dept. is on site three days per month. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; kindergarten, Head Start and well-child physicals (age birth to 18 years); T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

May Valley Elementary

Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A

variety of topics are available.

Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Head Start physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, well-child physicals, immunizations, TB skin test, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

McDowell Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

Mountain Christian Academy

Mountain Christian Academy is a non-denominational Christian school.

Now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

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

After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

School will be participating in the

Food City "Apples for Students" program, please save your receipts.

Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

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

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

Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

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

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

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

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

Monday's, 6 p.m. - School and resource center will host a Family Literacy program. We will read and study about different cultures/themes and then work on a related craft/activity. Refreshments will be served. Call the resource center to sign up.

Wednesday's and Thursday's, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., GED classes, in the Weeksbury Community Center. Classes are FREE.

Lost & Found: Located in the FRC. Items not claimed within two weeks become the property of the resource center.

If you would like more informa-

tion on the programs and services offered by the FRC, please call or come by for a visit. Center is located in the main building at W.D. Osborne Elementary. Center hours are: Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: 452-4553; ask to speak with Cissy Williams (coordinator) or Karen Williams (clerk). You may also leave a message and we will return your call.

Wesley Christian School

Wesley Christian Daycare and Infant/Toddler Care accepts infants and toddlers up to 2 years and Preschool age 2-4. Daycare hours: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

For additional information, call 874-8328. Summer office hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adult Education & GED Schedules

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Allen Elem. FRC, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 5:30-8:30 p.m. - Cliffside

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Allen FRC, Mud Creek Clinic, McDowell FRC, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 1-4:30 p.m. - David Craft Center, BSCTC, Employment Services - Testing; 6-8 p.m. - Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Martin Comm. Center, Auxier Learning Center, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC (Weeksbury Comm. Center), BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Wayland Senior Citizen Center, Dixie Apts., BSCTC; 6-8 p.m. - St. James Episcopal Church; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Cliffside NNC, Mud Creek Clinic, South Floyd/Rainbow FRYSC, David Craft Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, Auxier Learning Center, Employment Services - Testing, BSCTC; 6-8 p.m., Martin Comm. Center, BSCTC; and, 2-5 p.m. at the Floyd County Detention Center.



Family Medicine

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Question: My overweight brother, who is a 37-year-old smoker, said his cholesterol was 155. I'm pretty fit and don't smoke, but my cholesterol was 165. I'm also a vegetarian, and he is not. Why is my cholesterol so much higher than his?

Answer: First, let me tell you a little bit about this substance we call cholesterol. Many people don't realize it, but cholesterol is actually a very important substance that's vital for life. Found throughout the entire body, it's used for digesting dietary fats, making hor-

mones, building cell walls and other important processes. The cholesterol we worry about is the cholesterol that is in your bloodstream.

In the bloodstream, cholesterol is carried in "packets" called lipoproteins. You can think of these packets as freight train cars delivering cholesterol to various body tissues via the bloodstream, which in this analogy would be like a network of rail lines. When functioning normally, your body's tissues, use, store or excrete the cholesterol that reaches them. However, too much circulating cholesterol can injure arteries, especially the coronary ones that supply the heart. This leads to accumulation of

cholesterol-laden "plaque" in vessel linings, a condition called atherosclerosis.

The build-up of these plaques can impede the flow of blood to the heart. This, in turn, can starve the heart muscle of oxygen, causing the chest pain we call angina. If a blood clot completely obstructs one of these diseased arteries, it can bring on a heart attack.

Now, with that background information, I can answer your question directly. You and your brother have very desirable levels of total cholesterol, less than 200. The difference between 165 and 153 is really not significant.

Your concern seems to be that your brother's lifestyle should make his cholesterol a lot higher than yours. On the surface that would seem so, but lifestyle is only one factor in determining your cholesterol levels.

You get cholesterol two ways — from animal-based foods that you eat and from your body's own internal cholesterol manufacturing system. Only 20

percent of total cholesterol comes from foods, the other 80 percent is manufactured.

In discussing cholesterol, it's also important to distinguish between two types. There's the "good cholesterol" or high density lipoprotein (HDL), and the "bad cholesterol" or low density cholesterol (LDL). It's the LDL that clogs your arteries and the HDL that protects your arteries. So you and your brother should compare your HDL and LDL levels.

Another substance that is important in cardiac risk management is the triglyceride level. This is another fat substance that comes from foods and is manufactured by the body as well. Triglyceride levels are a bit more dependent on your food intake than cholesterol. You should have this tested as well so your doctor can determine your cardiac risk.

Finally, the similar cholesterol levels that you and your brother have may

mean that you have both inherited good genes. This is a blessing for many people and is part of the reason that people that appear unhealthy often are not. However, in the long run, your brother would be well advised to quit smoking, eat a balanced diet, lose weight and get regular exercise. That would improve his cardiac risk.

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Politics

sitting over there in that chair, you know, and Atch thought that he'd get up and leave if he saw a dignified customer coming in, you know. [B]ut old Scrooge just sat there, you know... [Scrooge] said, 'I bet you're sitting there thinking why don't I get up and leave?'

"Yeah," [Atch] said, 'I was thinking that.'

"Well," he said, 'now I'll tell you how it is. I'm that fella's bodyguard. I'm supposed to see that no man lays a hand on him. You understand that?'

So Atch goes ...and ... tells [folks], 'I don't know about Woodrow.' He said, 'He may be in a lot of trouble up there. He's either very important or he's in a lot of trouble, one.' He said, 'There's a man that sits right in his office right beside his desk all day long,' and said, 'he's got two big pistols in his pocket, that man.'

"Oh, me! Scrooge was proud of that."

O.C. Hall

"O. C. Hall was a self-made, self-educated Commonwealth Attorney. Ed Allen said he didn't know n'ary law but he knew facts and he knew people and ... all the sense he had was on the end of his tongue. And he'd cut you up and eat you up.

"His personal private life wasn't exemplary, but his professional life and his political life and as an official; he was one of the most honest men I knew. There was no way to get O.C. Hall to shirk from his duty or deviate from what his duty would require him to do.

"I remember one instance. [H]e was Commonwealth Attorney, had just been elected, and my father-in-law, Henry Sturgill, was sheriff of Knott County, and his twin brother, John, was county court clerk and they were prominent in Knott County politics and had helped O.C. in his political life over there and they loved him, liked him, and I did, too.

"And he got elected and, of course, like mountaineers—I guess they do it everywhere—when they get a friend that's in trouble they try to help him out or get him off or get it reduced or get some kind of a plea bargain made.

"And they came over one night and I had just married into the family not long before and maybe had one child, and my wife knew they were coming ... her Uncle John and her dad and they brought two or three other people with 'em, and she fixed ... supper at our house.

"They came and they ate and visited with us and, 'Now,' they said, 'you can go down with us to O.C. Hall's.' Said, 'We want to help somebody, get his case fixed.'

"Well, I go down with 'em, so we all go in ... and O.C. was proud to see everybody and they were the ones that helped him get there and he wouldn't have been elected if it hadn't been for them. [H]e's gracious and great. And he made a big pitcher of lemonade. I don't think I ever saw a bigger pitcher of lemonade, and he brought it and set it down in the middle of the floor and set a lot of glasses around it and they all started sipping in that lemonade.

"Then O.C. came in and sat right down in the middle of the

thing like a tailor does when he sits on his tailor bench and started to cry. I don't know real or not, but anyway, he did.

"And he said, 'You know what I'm gonna do in the mornin'?' He'd sensed what they came there for. Said, 'I'm going up to the courthouse and hand in my resignation for this office because if it had not been for you people here tonight, I wouldn't have been Commonwealth Attorney. You put me where I am. And now you've come down here to ask me to do something that I can't do without violating my oath, and the only way out for me without either saying no to my friends or violating my oath as a public official is to quit.'

"And my father-in-law, who was a rather straight-laced and stern man, just got up and he said, 'O. C., I didn't come down here to ask you to do wrong. Now, you do what's right in this case.' And he said, 'Let's go fellas,' and they left.

"I don't think anybody from that side ever approached him again about letting up or being light on somebody."

Four Friends

"The bottom picture [on that wall is of] four fellas... Woodrow Burchett, [Dave Francis], Bert Combs and Ned Breathitt and that was made in 1959 in front of the Fountain Corner which at that time was the political hatching place for Floyd County and eastern Kentucky. And we met there for the first time. I knew Combs and Combs knew

Breathitt and Breathitt knew Francis, so we all met there. That was when Bert was about to run in '59. And we all met there and something about us attracted us.

"And the four of us have been inseparable ever since. We talk to each other very frequently. We travel together, we hunt together, we see each other and we have been more like separated brothers than anything else.

"In '91 we had that picture ... made and we were down in South Carolina shooting ducks, same four fellas. My wife says we look better now than we did then.

"Since that first time, two of 'em have been governor and ... the other two feel like we helped 'em do it."

Bert Combs

"Well, Bert Combs came to Prestonsburg, what, 1936, something like that. I was practicing law then and we lived next door to each other. He moved in next door to me down there.

"I'd just been elected county attorney and I was living in a three-room shotgun house, one room in front, one in the middle, and one behind and Bert Combs moved in[to] one about like it right beside me....

"And I got elected county attorney and I started shifting him a little business law. I didn't give him anything very good, I kept that for myself, you know. I'd give him some divorce cases and that kind of thing and kept him in business and [I] was doing more than that for him. I was tutoring him in the courthouse as a being a smart young lawyer. Tell people about him.

soon he started shining out pretty well for himself. And he did and he got pretty well established.

"And I, by that time, I'd got a payday or two as county attorney and I moved out of the twenty dollar house up on the riverbank to a thirty dollar house. And about a month later Combs moved in beside of me again.

"We could jump off of one porch onto the other, and we fished up and down the river, had trotlines together and we fished together and our wives were great friends and they cooked together and we'd eat one night at Combs' and we were just great friends.

"[T]he day my baby daughter was born which was fifty years ago, I guess, ... he went to the Army. I didn't have an automobile but Combs had married Big Joe Hall's girl and Big Joe had bought her a car and they had a car.

"Pikeville was the nearest hospital and when my baby was born Bert took me and my wife to the hospital early in the morning, caught a train to be sworn into the Army that

afternoon. So we know the day Bert Combs went to the Army — that was the day my baby daughter was born. And then when he got out of the Army, he came back and went to work for Jack Howard and worked in Jack Howard's office.

"Jack Howard was somewhat of a politician and there came a vacancy in the Court of Appeals and Jack Howard had influence with [Gov. Earl] Clements. They had been roommates in college. And he got Clements to appoint Bert Combs to the Court of Appeals. Then [Bert] ran for the long term and beat Sim Willis, an ex-governor, which was unusual."

Judge to Candidate for Governor

"[H]e made a great judge. Up until then nobody recognized how smart Bert Combs was. Bert Combs was one of the most intelligent men you'd want to talk to and he never let it show on him. He just didn't look that smart, you know....

"And then he got to be judge and then all of a sudden one morning, it was real early, I got a telephone call and he said, 'It's Bert,'

"I said, 'I recognize you,'

"He said, 'I'm figuring on running for governor.' He said, 'What do you think about it?'

"I said, 'Well, it's an open field. Get right in there.'

"Will you be for me?'

"Yeah. But now, I can't elect you, but I'll give it a good hard try.'

"Well, he started and he ran against [A.B.] "Happy" [Chandler] and he went down to Shelbyville. I guess you know the story about that. He got up down there, he couldn't speak worth a hoot, couldn't get his mouth off, and he said, 'I won't lead you down an easy road. We have to have fifty million dollars in new taxes.'

"I was standing beside of Gumshoe Sturgill and Gumshoe said, 'Woodrow,' said 'he opened his campaign and he closed it right here today, didn't he?'

"I said, 'I think so.'

"And he did.

"But he came on back to Prestonsburg then. We practiced law around awhile and he was still running for governor about

boned up some way. I don't know what happened to him. He just sort of bloomed out and he got so he had a sense of humor and he could make a [speech.]

"I drove [Bert Combs] around a lot, traveled with him. [A]nd I could grab 'em, you know. I could work a crowd 'cause I'd been in politics and that's what I could do best, if anything. But anyway, we were down in Bowling Green and we were in [a motel] ... and it was full of people. And we went in there to eat breakfast and I said, 'Combs, get your cards, hop these tables, tell these people you're a candidate for governor. You'd like them to vote for you.'

"Nah," he said, 'you go give 'em a card, Scroogie.' He called me Scroogie all the time, [after Scrooge Lafferty.]

"[B]ut he got over that.] You win elections on being able to relate with the people. And if they like you, they'll vote for you, and if they don't like you they'll vote against you and they won't care what your platform is. Now that's my experience with 'em. That may be wrong. But if you haven't got charisma, you might as well not run.... But Combs developed it big enough to beat [Harry Lee] Waterfield, and that wasn't much."

Ned Breathitt

"Ned Breathitt is 'Mr. Clean.' I've traveled with him in the Northwest and shooting ... he tried to kill a grizzly bear with a bow and arrow, and I've walked beside him with a .306 to keep him from getting killed, I've fished with him in both oceans, I've traveled with him through the swamps and ... shooting ducks and quail and sat by him on the Public Service Commission, and I've never heard him utter an obscenity or say anything disrespectful of anybody or anything that you wouldn't say before your four year old child. And I have never seen him do anything that anybody wouldn't do before their four year old child. Now, he's one of the few fellas I can say that about."

Organizing Floyd County

"I did all I could do to get [Combs and Breathitt elected.] I don't know how much it was, [but] I did all I could do, I traveled with 'em, I know I organized Floyd County for 'em. [O]f course I didn't have much trouble with Combs but I had organized Floyd County for Breathitt and it was the best county he had in the state, better than his home county.

"We had ...Harry Ranier and Joe Tyler Hyden [helping us.] [B]oth had political ambitions and both wanted to be king-makers. And Harry had an airplane, which was convenient for an election and plenty of money. And Breathitt didn't have anything and went out of office broke.

"[Breathitt] would come here and stay with me. It was a place he could come to and spend the night, you know, get a free meal. And Harry would drive him and take him in that airplane wherever he wanted to go.

"[S]o it was arranged. I guess Combs had something to do

with it, I might have had something to do with it, and two or three other fellas had something to do with it, but we put Joe Taylor Hyden and Harry Ranier in as co-chairmen of Breathitt's campaign and things began to roll then because we had [all the factions] in. Everybody was for him. And it worked. [T]here wasn't anybody to spearhead any opposition to him.

"I brought Breathitt in one night and [we went to a mine up at Wayland] about the time the shifts changed, a hundred and fifty men going in and a hundred and fifty men coming out, and Breathitt was standing there shaking hands with everybody and I put him in a car with a fella named Jarrell and somebody. I said, 'These boys are going the same place we are [Cow Creek], just get in there and ride with 'em.'

"Well, sir he did and ... that helped a lot. Those fellas would go back up there to work say[ing], 'Oh, he's just like one of us. He got right in that car with us, mining clothes on, rode down there to Slick Rock with us,' and it was great. It worked.

"Of course, Breathitt's that kind of a fella ... the kind of clothes you wear or what you work at wouldn't affect Breathitt. And he's the only fella, I guess, in my lifetime that ever served four years as governor of Kentucky and never had a newspaper article, a television [or a] radio [station] or any person try to rub any smut on him.

"They accused John Brown (Jr.) of playing poker. They accused Combs of getting a truck deal. They'd accuse this one of doing this or that or the other. But Breathitt, no. Not Breathitt. No way. [B]ut he lived that kind of life. He really did."

Public Service Commission

"I served on the Public Service Commission during both their terms. That's the job I wanted. [I]t appealed to me. I'd done a whole lot of work for the R.E.A. and done a whole lot of work for some water companies and water districts and that sort of thing and I'd had a lot of experience in handling cases before the Public Service Commission and I knew that it was not hard work and didn't take a lot of your time.

"Now it's fulltime and all that, but we handled it very well and didn't get paid much. I got ten thousand a year and the chairman, I think, got twelve. And when Louie Nunn came in he raised it to what, thirty [thousand] or something, and he ... said, 'Well, in order to get the caliber of men to serve on it that he wanted, that he'd have to pay that much.' Made Dave Francis mad."

Big Rivers

"Big Rivers (a power company) was represented by Julian Carroll. At that time Julian Carroll was a young lawyer, he wasn't even dry behind the ears and he didn't really know how to handle a case before the Public Service Commission.... But he was trying to get a permit for Big Rivers, certificate of convenience and necessity, [to build a power plant in west Kentucky].

"And the utilities were all fighting it because they claimed they didn't need it. Had plenty of electricity....

"[W]e lawed around about it and [took] proof and listened to testimony till we had a petty pick up full of it. I never read any of it. I listened to it all.

"And they'd bring an expert in there to testify about the margin error on projections, and then they'd bring in an expert to testify about the margin of error on the Margin of error. And I thought it ... sifted a lot of sand.

"They brought one fella in there named ... I've forgotten his name now, but anyway he had a head ... and it looked like a lima bean. It was flat the wrong way. And I sat there and listened to him. He testified for a day and [a] half ... on how you calculate the margin of error on the margin of error.

"And he got through and Dave Francis turned around to me—we didn't know what he was talking about, didn't care.... [W]hat the sum and substance was that these projections are not scientifically accurate but they're as close as people can get.

"[H]e could have said that in about as many sentences but he spent two days on charts and graphs and, you know, all kinds of stuff. And Dave turned around to me after he got through ... and he said, 'You want to ask him anything?'

"I said, 'Yeah, just ask him if he's ever been convicted of a felony and let go.'

"Dave Francis was chairman of the Commission at that time; we sort of rotated the chairmanship. [H]e said, 'Wood, why don't you take this [case] home with you and write an opinion in it.'

"I said, 'I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll take it home and I'll give it a try.' And I brought it home and sat down ... and I wrote that opinion on one page and it was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States ... first to the Kentucky Supreme Court and then to the Supreme Court of the United States, and it stuck everywhere it went. 'I just said we found that there was a need for the generating plant. And that we thought it'd be beneficial to the ... community, to the whole state for that matter to have that electrical generation plant in our system.

"Here we were, the United States government wanted to put up, what, 50 million dollars or whatever it was to build a generating plant on Kentucky soil to generate electricity, and I felt like I'd be pretty stupid if I sat up here on Cow Creek and said, 'Don't do it.'

"So I just told 'em we needed it, to go ahead and build it. And I said it in about that many words and I didn't go into a lot of fact-finding and rulings of law and everything because as I understand it, if you find facts and they're wrong, you're in trouble. But if you don't specifically find facts they assume you ... had the right facts.

"[A]nd I made it short so everybody could read it and understand it."

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The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoe U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/auger methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Sylvia Warrix and Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will underlie surface area owned by Knott Floyd Land Company, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road KY 7. The operation will

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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a permit for a surface and auger coal mining operation, located 2.2 miles northeast of Handshoe, in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 41.0 surface acres, and will underlie 15.4 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 56.4 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.1 mile northwest from KY 2029's junction with KY 7, and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch.

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland, Handshoe, and David U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, and Dallas Sparkman. The operation will underlie land owned by Edward & Dora Handshoe, Timothy Francis, Dallas Sparkman.

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ORDINANCE NO. 16-2005 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BOARD.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to protect, preserve, and enhance the distinctive architectural and cultural heritage of Prestonsburg, to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the people of Prestonsburg, to foster civic pride, to encourage harmonious, orderly, and efficient growth, and development of Prestonsburg, to strengthen the local economy, and to improve property values, and, **THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Prestonsburg as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alteration shall mean a change in the external architectural features of any

historic structure or in the interior of any such structure if the interior feature is specifically included in the historic designation; a change in the landscape features of any historic site or place, or work having an adverse effect upon designated archaeological resources.

Certificate of Appropriateness shall mean document issued by the Prestonsburg Historical Preservation Commission, following a prescribed review procedure, certifying that the proposed actions by an applicant are found to be acceptable in terms of design criteria relating to the individual property of the historic district.

Historic District shall mean an area, designated by the Prestonsburg City Council, upon the recommendation of the Prestonsburg Historic Preservation Commission and pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

Historic Property shall mean any place (including an archaeological site or the location of a significant historical event), building, structure, work of art, fixture or similar object that has been individually designated by Prestonsburg City Council or designated as a contributing property within a historic district.

Public space within a building shall mean spaces designated for use by the public, such as auditoriums, courtrooms, lobbies, entrance hall, etc. These spaces are usually gathering places as opposed to corridors for public use.

Substantial hardship shall mean hardship caused by unusual and compelling circumstances based on one or more of the following:

1. the property cannot reasonably be maintained in the manner dictated by the ordinance.
2. there are no other reasonable means of saving the property from deterioration or collapse.
3. the property is owned by a nonprofit organization and it is not feasible financially or physically to achieve the charitable purposes of the organization while maintaining the property appropriately.

Section 2. Creation and Membership.

The Prestonsburg Historic Preservation Commission is hereby created, consisting of five members. The initial designation of this membership shall coincide as the current membership of the Prestonsburg Planning and Zoning Commission and/or their appointed successor thereafter. Within four years from this initial designation of the Prestonsburg Historic Preservation Commission, the Mayor shall appoint the commissioners, subject to confirmation by the Prestonsburg City Council. Of the new members so appointed, three shall serve a term of one year and two shall serve a term of two years. Of the membership, if available in the community, one shall be a registered architect, one shall be a historian, one shall

be a licensed real estate broker, and two shall be citizens. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Mayor, with approval from City Council, for misconduct, inefficiency, or willful neglect of duty. The Mayor, with approval from City Council, shall fill any vacancy on the board within sixty (60) days. Any member of the Commission who has a personal or financial interest either directly or indirectly in any property which is the subject of, or affected by, a decision of the Commission shall be disqualified from participating in the decision of the Commission concerning the property. Any board Commission member acting within powers granted by the ordinance shall be relieved from personal liability for any damage and held harmless by the City of Prestonsburg until the termination of the proceedings shall defend any suit brought against any member of the Commission. All Commission members shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Powers, Jurisdiction, and Duties of Commission.

The Commission shall meet monthly to review and monitor the status of the said Historic District. The Commission shall also review any proposed alterations/construction to said Historic District and issue any Certificate of Appropriateness they deem worthy pursuant to this ordinance. The Commission shall have power to approve, approve with modifications, or deny approval for such application in accordance with the prescribed procedures and guidelines.

The jurisdiction of the Commission will be the said designated Historic District or any property, place, building, structure, work of art, fixture, or similar object that falls within the designation of a contributing property within a Historic District.

The Commission shall elect a Chairman to expedite meetings and to set agendas. The Commission will meet when a quorum of at least four members are present. The Commission will have the power to vote at said meetings. In the event of a deadlock in the voting process, the Chairman will present the issue to City Council and present any findings to its members to make an informed decision. Any said meeting will be held in a public forum with open invitation. The Commission will also be responsible for maintaining a local inventory of buildings, structures, objects, and sites more than fifty years old. These records shall be on file in the City Clerk's office and shall be made available to the public.

The Prestonsburg City Council from the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission shall notify owners of properties proposed to be designated historic in writing thirty days prior to considerations. Owners may appear before Council to voice approval or opposition to such designation. Any property owner may object to the decision by the City Council to designate his/her property as historic by filing suit against the City of Prestonsburg before the Courts of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 4. Historic Structure, Site, and Designation Criteria. The Commission shall maintain a local inventory of buildings, structures, objects, and sites more than fifty years old. These records shall be available to the public. The Commission shall review the local inventory and make recommendations for historic designation(s) to the Prestonsburg City Council based on the following criteria:

- A. Exemplify or reflect the broad cultural, political, economic or social history of the nation, state, or community.
- B. Are identified with historic personages or with important events in national, state, or local history.
- C. Embody the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type or specimen inherently valuable for a study of a period, style, method of construction, or of indigenous materials, or craftsmanship.
- D. Are representative of the notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect of influence.
- E. Have yielded, or may be likely to yield information important

to prehistory or history.

F. The Commission may adopt specific operating guidelines for historic structure, historic site, and historic district designation.

Section 5. Design Guidelines. It is the intent of this Ordinance to ensure, insofar as possible that properties designated as historic shall be in harmony with the architectural and historical character of the City of Prestonsburg. In granting a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission shall take into account the architectural and historical significance of the structure under consideration and the exterior form and appearance of any proposed additions or modifications to that structure as well as the effect such change or additions upon other structures in the vicinity.

When considering an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction, alteration, repair or restoration, the Commission shall use the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as guidelines in making its decisions. In addition, the Commission may adopt more specific guidelines for local historic districts and local historic buildings. These guidelines serve as the basis for determining the approval, approval with modifications, or denial of an application. The Secretary's

Standards for Rehabilitation are:

A. A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, future, spaces, and spatial relationships.

B. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.

C. Each property will be recognized as physical records of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features, or elements from other buildings will not be undertaken.

D. Changes to a property that have acquired historic significance in their own right will be retained/preserved.

E. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.

F. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and where possible, materials. Re-placements of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

G. Chemicals or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.

H. Archeological resources will be protected and preserved in place. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures will be undertaken.

I. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features,

size, scale, and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

J. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Section 6. Appeals. Any person may appeal a decision of the Prestonsburg Historic Preservation Commission to the Prestonsburg City Council.

Section 7. Designation to the National Register of Historic Places. The Commission may conduct first review and evaluation of all proposed nominations for the National Register of Historic Places for properties that are within its jurisdiction, prior to consideration by the State Board of Review. The Commission may send their recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Office for consideration at the meeting of the State Board of Review. The Committee shall not nominate properties directly to the National Register, only the State Board of Review shall have this final review authority unless expressly authorized by federal statute.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT NO. 836-0300 INCREMENT NOS. 2, 5, 8, 10, 19 & 20

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Motts Branch Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 2765, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for Phase 1 bond release on permit number 836-0300, Increment Nos. 2, 5, 8, 10, 19 & 20, which was last issued on 11/22/05. The application covers an area of approximately 849.28 acres, located 2.9 miles northeast of Hueysville, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 mile northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7, and located in Salyers Branch and Raccoon Branch of Sattlick Creek, and Mudlick Branch and Shepherd Branch of Brush Creek. The latitude is 37°30'45". The longitude is 82°53'57".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$23,200.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$23,200 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$55,100.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$55,100.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$95,700.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$95,700.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 10 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$124,100.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$124,100.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 19 is a Certificate of Deposit and Bond Pool type bond in the amount of \$100,200.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$100,200.00 is included in the application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 20 is a Certificate of Deposit and Cash type bond in the amount of \$67,200.00. Approximately 60 percent of the original bond amount of \$67,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 27, 2006.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 28, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for

Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 27, 2006.

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways, in the Division of Construction Procurement, on the 3rd floor, and/or the Auditorium, located on the 1st floor of the Transportation Cabinet Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky, until 10 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on the 20th day of January, 2006, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of:

Floyd County: FD05 036 0550 000-003: Lackey-Hueysville-Midas Road (KY 550) from the Knott County line (MP 0.000), extending East to KY 850 at Midas (MP 2.280), a distance of 2.28 miles. Asphalt Resurfacing.

Bid proposals for all projects will be available at the Division of Construction Procurement until 3 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, preceding the day of the letting of Friday, January 20, 2006. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each, and remittance, payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, must accompany request for proposals (Non-Refundable). Bid Proposals are issued to Prequalified Contractors.

Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (Non-Refundable).

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 898-4138 AMENDMENT NO. 3

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation, located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek, and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The amendment will add 0 acres of surface disturbance area and 163.57 acres of underground acreage, making a total area of 2,208.01 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610, and located 0.4 mile north of Sam Hall Branch.

The proposed amendment is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. No surface area will

be disturbed by the amendment. The operation will underlie land owned by Appalachian Land Company, Vernon K. and Ray Slone, Alma Land Company, Newsome Heirs, Eliza Jane Rogers Estate, Louise Spears, Ansel Hall, Elmer Hall, Edward Hall, Verniece H. Akers, Walter and Oma Keathley, and Ray and Kelly Slone.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-0303 AMENDMENT NO. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation, located near Craynor, of Floyd County. The amendment will add 138.06 acres of surface disturbance, and will underlie an additional 335.62 acres, of which 227.38 acres underlie surface and/or auger in another seam, making a total area of 830.76 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.5 mile south from KY Route 979's junction with Dry Branch Road, and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the McDowell USGS 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Walker Tackett, et al., Hershel and Kathryn Tackett, Roger and Shirley Paige, Maggie Hamilton, Carmel and Marie Clark, Anthony and LuAnn Tackett, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard and Stephanie Hamilton and Ryan and Brittany Hamilton, Arnold Turner Jr., et al., and Keithley Enterprises, Inc. The amendment will underlie land owned by Roger and Shirley Paige, Daniel and Kathleen Newsome, Maggie Hamilton, Purvis and Ruby Hamilton, Levi and Melonie Blankenship, Bobby and Sharon Paige, Richard Hamilton, et al., Arnold Turner Jr., et al., and Keithley Enterprises Inc.

The operation will use the area, contour, and extended depth auger method

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

This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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