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## Briefs

### Marijuana case sent to grand jury

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The case against Salt Lick residents Autumn Wireman, 21, and Billy Jack Johnson, 23, was waived to a grand jury Monday.

The couple was arrested earlier this month when members of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department discovered more than 100 pot plants in a back bedroom of their home.

Both were charged with cultivating and trafficking marijuana after police arrived at the home following tips and a two-month investigation.

When the visit was finished, officers had collected 106 pot plants positioned in a back bedroom fitted with low-hanging grow lights, taped up windows and a closet full of fertilizer. There were also recently harvested plants found in the room.

Floyd County Sheriff John K Blackburn said that during the course of the investigation it seemed apparent that Wireman, who at the time of the arrest was employed at Riverview Nursing Home, and Johnson had been entertaining buyers at the home.

The grand jury will now decide whether or not to return an indictment which would see the couple tried on criminal charges in Floyd Circuit Court.

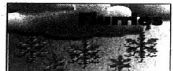
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High: 52 • Low: 30

### Tomorrow



High: 30 • Low: 15

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## BRACING FOR HIGHER TAXES



Sherry Marsillett, a clerk at Top Cat Liquors, stocked shelves at the store Tuesday. The establishment, though in a wet county, sits at the corner of adjacent dry counties Johnson and Martin. Store owner Harold Meade responded to the new tax rates for alcohol and tobacco, saying, "The last thing needed was new taxes."

photo by Sheldon Compton

## Tax hike gets cool reaction

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Local reaction to the increase in alcohol and tobacco tax passed last week by state legislators has been to the point.

"The last thing we need is more taxes," said Harold Meade, owner of Top Cat Liquors, just outside Prestonsburg. "We're already paying too many taxes as it is and it's simple. We don't need more taxes."

Top Cat Liquor is located in Floyd County, just before the Johnson

County line, a dry county which sees many residents hop the county line to visit the location, and a short ride from Martin County, another dry county.

"We have a lot of customers come from Johnson County and even from Martin County," said Top Cat clerk Sherry Marsillett. "There are a lot of customers in here daily."

House Bill 144 was signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear Friday. The plan doubles the tax on tobacco products and subjects alcoholic beverages to the state's 6 percent sales

tax.

How does this translate?

A purchase at a local beer store of \$23, for instance a 30-pack of Budweiser, would now require \$1.75 in tax, while a carton of cigarettes would retail at about \$40. A single pack of Marlboro Lights would go from \$3.60 to as much as \$4.20.

The increases do not kick in until April 1, but Meade says it will change things for most everybody but diehard name-brand customers.

(See TAXES, page six)

## Kidnapping suspects captured in Georgia

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

FANNIN COUNTY, Ga. — A nationwide manhunt for two women wanted in connection with the kidnapping of a 9-year-old girl from the Whitehouse area of Johnson County ended Monday.

Pamela D. Castle and Bonnie J. Blair were arrested Monday in Georgia and charged with several felony counts by the Fannin County Sheriff's Department.

The hunt for the two women spanned the states of Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas and Colorado. Johnson County Sheriff Bill Witten extended his appreciation to the numerous agencies who came together to bring Castle and Blair into custody.

"We want to thank each agency that assisted in the investigation, which included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kentucky State Police and various agencies in Georgia, Mississippi, Texas and Colorado."

The 9-year-old girl is now in the care and custody of the Georgia Family and Children Services, according to Witten's

(See SUSPECTS, page six)

## Job Corps center not in danger, director says

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg is not closing.

That was the main point driven home by Center Director Thomas Rainey during a meeting of the Community Relations Council on Tuesday.

"A little over six months ago, we were in a state of change," Rainey said. "We were really struggling. As a center, we were ranked 102 out of 122 centers in the nation. We've made a lot of progress since then. In January, we were ranked 72."

Rainey said that he was recently approached by someone who told him that they had heard that the Prestonsburg center had lost its funding, and Rainey wanted

(See CENTER, page six)

## Arts venues across region get state support

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — On the heels of major contributions to local arts venues from Equitable Resources, three major facilities have been given another funding boost in the form of state dollars totaling more than \$135,000.

Checks totaling \$137,561 were given to Jenny Wiley Theatre, the Mountain Arts Center and Appalshop in Frankfort on Feb. 11.

Arts leaders from across the state came to Frankfort on Feb. 11 to "reiterate the value of the arts for Kentuckians and to

thank legislators for their continued support of arts funding through the Kentucky Arts Council," said Ed Lawrence, a spokesperson for the council.

Jenny Wiley Theatre saw \$25,931 handed over in state funding, while the Mountain Arts Center was given a check for \$44,392. Likewise, Appalshop saw \$67,238 offered to continue promotion of the arts in the region.

The Kentucky Arts Partnerships grants were awarded for the three venues in June of last year through the Kentucky Arts Council.

(See GRANTS, page six)



From left to right, Arts Council Board Member Jean Dorton; Rep. Leslie Combs; Sen. Johnny Ray Turner; Jenny Wiley Theatre Board President Carrie Cinnamon; Jenny Wiley Theatre Board Treasurer Bill Francis; Rep. Hubert Collins.

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# Obituaries

## Mary "Dee" Burchett

Mary "Dee" Burchett, of Martin, a long-time resident of Floyd County, and the daughter of the late George and Bertha Hayes Baldridge, passed away Friday, February 13, 2009, at Northpoint Health Care Center in Lexington. She was retired as director of the Martin Senior Citizens, and remained active in travel, and in her community organizations.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roland Burchett, and her daughter, Mary Karen Hull.

She is survived by one sister, Irene Greisk of Langley; one daughter, Ruth Burchett Gray of Lexington; and four grandchildren: John H. and (Kim) Gray of Paintsville, Lesley Gray of Louisville, David Perkins of Greenville, North Carolina, and Philip Perkins of Georgetown.

She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Fanny Baldridge and Irene Baldridge Isaacs; her great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and her beloved friends.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, John R. Baldridge, Bernard Baldridge, Dexter Baldridge, Melda Fannin, and Muriel Baldridge.

A celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the Maytown Baptist Church.

In memory, the family requests that donations be made to the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Online: [www.livestrong.org/donate](http://www.livestrong.org/donate) or by phone: (512) 279-8410, or to the Martin Area Senior Citizens. (Paid obituary)

## Arnold Daniels

Arnold Daniels, age 81, of Eastern, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Martin. He was born February 13, 1928, in Johnson County, the son of the late Newt and Margie Johnson Daniels. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by one son, Arnold Dean Daniels of Eastern; and one daughter, Brenda Gail Huffman of Paintsville; five grandchildren: Kristen Daniels, Sarah, Jent, Teresa Ramey, Danielle Stone, and Logan Shepherd; eight great-grandchildren: Rebecca Paige, Victoria Jent, Justin Jent, Cody Ramey, Casey Ramey, Kayleigh Stone, Gage Stone, and Hayleigh Stone; and two great-great-grandchildren: Jadya Johnson and Taven Johnson.

Funeral services for Arnold Daniels were conducted Tuesday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel in Martin, with Clinton (Deaner) Moore, and other Regular Baptist ministers, officiating.

Burial was in the Marshall Cemetery in Martin, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home. Pallbearers: Logan Shepherd, Jason Tackett, Graham Couch, Lawrence Patton, Matthew Johnson, Junior Jent, and Randy Tackett. (Paid obituary)

## Willie Mae "Sissy" Frasure

Willie Mae "Sissy" Frasure, 66, of Galveston, died Sunday, February 15, 2009, at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

Born April 29, 1942, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Hatler and Edna Parsons Rogers. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Tom "Town" Frasure.

Other survivors include two sons: Odell Frasure of Milford, Indiana, and Glen Dale Frasure of Tennessee; two daughters: Brenda Taylor of Lexington, and Mary Carroll of Harold; three brothers: Willie Gene and Willard Rogers, both of Galveston, and Perry Ray Rogers of Warsaw, Indiana; four sisters: Alice

Faye, Emma Jean, and Linda Kay Hall, all of Galveston, and Ruby Shell of Allen, eight grandchildren: Michael, Franklin, Daniel, Tabitha, Selena, Sasha, Shane, and McKenzie; and three great-grandchildren: Clay, Amy and Kaydena.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Wanda Frasure; and a grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 19, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Red Allen officiating.

Burial will be in the Kidd-Carroll Cemetery, in Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Jesse Lee Greene

Jesse Lee Greene, 29, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at his residence.

Born November 11, 1979, in Xenia, Ohio, he was the son of Steven Lee and Robin Lawson Greene. He was a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Brannan Greene.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by a son, Colton Lee Greene of Wheelwright; raised as his own, Hazel Collins (Chris) Howell of Coppas Cove, Texas; his grandparents: Delmer and Mary Greene, and Denver and Leora Davis, all of Flat Gap, Ernie Lawson of Corbin, and Betty Lou Ausher of Jellico, Tennessee; his grandchildren: Christian Alexander Sean and Rebekka Shayli Howell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)



## Paul Gene Hall

Paul Gene Hall, 80, son of the late Childers and Myrtle Hall; and brother of the late Emmaline Hall; and O.C. Hall, died on Thursday, February 12, 2009.

He was born in Floyd County, and lived in Winchester in his later years. After graduating from UK, he became a petroleum and gas engineer for Mobil Oil Company for 30 years. He was a member of AIME, and a senior member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

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He is survived by his wife, Mary "Bootsie" Hall of Winchester; his children: Michael (Pam) Hall of Charleston, West Virginia, Stephen Hall of Dallas, Texas, Virginia Hall of Charlotte, North Carolina, Holly (Paul) Patton of Denver, Colorado, and Chessie (Mark) Little of Bailey, Colorado; his siblings: Louberta Hunt of Lexington, Ruth James of Shelbyville, and Joan Combs of Greenup; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m., at Milward-Broadway. Visitation was Friday, 5-8 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice East, 407 Shoppe Dr., Winchester, KY 40391; or the National Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

[www.milwardfuneral.com](http://www.milwardfuneral.com) (Paid obituary)

## Elder Samuel Patton Hollifield

Elder Samuel Patton Hollifield, 78, of Teaberry, died Saturday, February 14, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 3, 1930, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Robert and Lizzie Bryant Hollifield. He was a retired coal miner, and a minister of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Hamilton Hollifield.

Other survivors include two sons: Randall "Benny" Hollifield (Anita), and Otis Hollifield (Tina), both of Teaberry; three daughters: Ocie Huckins (Donald), Jeanette Bentley (Loydean), and Jennifer McKinney (Gorman), all of Teaberry; a daughter-in-law, Peggy Hollifield of Galveston; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a special friend, Shannon Newsome of Teaberry; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held

in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Bugnis Hamilton; four brothers: Avery Hollifield, Carl Hollifield, Lewis Thomas Hollifield, and Bert Hollifield; two sisters: Bertha Haynes and Juanita Shelton; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 18, at 1 p.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Hollifield Family Cemetery, at Tinker Fork, in Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

## Alberta Thomas Moore

Alberta Thomas Moore, 82, of Monticello, formerly of Wheelwright, passed away Sunday, February 15, at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, in Somerset.

Born May 23, 1926, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Mae Vaughn Thomas. She was a retired teacher; a member of the Wheelwright Eastern Star, and a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, in Monticello.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burnis Moore.

Survivors include three grandchildren: Kevin Wayne Roberts (Christal), Anthony "Tony" Roberts (Lisa), and Fabrina Renee Ditto Fink (Ben); four great-grandchildren: Courtney Lynn Roberts, Travis Kyle Roberts, Chad Andrew Roberts, and Arden Norton; four stepgrandchildren: Eric Dishman, Phillip Baker, Susan Stokes, and Tyler Stokes; and a stepgreat-grandchild: Aaron Cole Dishman.

In addition to her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters: Bernice Sumbo and Fayette Ditto; and a brother, Roy Thomas Jr.

Funeral services were held

Tuesday, February 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff

Mabel Ernestine Cole Ratliff, age 86, of Printer, widow of Donald Mack Ratliff, passed away Thursday, February 12, 2009, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

She was born February 17, 1922, in Bevinville, a daughter of the late William James "Willie" Cole and Dora Bell Jones Cole. She was a homemaker, and a member of Allen First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Terry Douglas Ratliff of Hunter; two daughters: Judith Sharon Ratliff Music, and her husband, Dexter, of Hager Hill, Karen Lynn Ratliff Smith, and her husband, Jerry, of

Banner, three daughters-in-law: Lula Ratliff, Dorothy Ratliff, and Nancy Ratliff; one sister, Elizabeth Reynolds of Louisville; 10 grandchildren: Cheryl, Terry, Mike, Darby, April, James, Ellen, Elizabeth, Nicholas, and Crystal; six great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two sons: Jack D. Ratliff and Gary Darwin Ratliff.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Arnold Turner Jr. officiating.

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

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Mike Ratliff, Darby Ratliff, Andy Meister, Nick Richardson, and James Music. (Paid obituary)

(See OBITUARIES, page three)

## Card of Thanks

The family of Dorothy J. Moore would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. Thank you all for the beautiful flowers, wonderful food, and words of encouragement. We will always be grateful.



## In Appreciation

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

A very special thank-you to Pastor Arnold Turner, Jody Conley, Joe Simpson, and Michael Bell. We appreciate all you did for our family, to Allen Baptist Church for the wonderful meal you provided after the funeral service. Thanks to Appalachian Hospice and to Mary Smith, who helped in Mom's care. Also, thank-you to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and efficient care.

Sincerely, Carol Sue, Wanda Lou, and Peggy Jean  
THE FAMILY OF EDNA DEROSSETT HAMMONS  
9/4/22 - 12/8/08

## Card of Thanks

The family of Charles C. McGlothen would like to express our appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank Clergymen Bobby Lawson and Bobby Osborne for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF CHARLES C. MCGLOTHEN

## Card of Thanks

The family of Orville Hansford would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss, to those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food, or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their kind words of comfort at the service; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who has helped in any other way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

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## Deskins named director of Highlands autism center

Highlands Health System has named Dr. Shelli Deskins as the Director of the Highlands Center for Autism.

"The Highlands Center for Autism will meet a critical need for children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders and their families," commented Dr. Deskins. "The Center will provide high-quality educational and treatment services using applied behavior analysis (ABA) that is based upon decades of solid research and will target academic, adaptive, communicative, and behavioral needs." The Center will create the infrastructure needed to address the complexities inherent in a disorder like autism and will position Highlands Health System to be a state-wide leader in helping families with children diagnosed with autism. No longer will families have to move out of state, cobble together services, or just go-it alone and hope



Dr. Shelli Deskins

for the best."

Dr. Shelli Deskins is a licensed clinical psychologist who specializes in treating children and their families. She is a native of Paintsville, and a graduate of Paintsville High School. Dr. Deskins received her undergraduate degree from the University of Kentucky and her Ph.D. from Auburn University in Alabama. She completed her internship at the University of

Oklahoma Health Sciences Center - Child Study Center and the Center for Child Abuse and Neglect. Dr. Deskins completed a research based postdoctoral fellowship in health disparities at West Virginia University and a post-doctoral scholarship at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. Just prior to joining the Center,

Dr. Deskins served as Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine at UK's North Fork Valley Community Health Center in Hazard, Kentucky.

Highlands Health System is proud to have Dr. Shelli Deskins lead the way at the Center for Autism, which is scheduled to open in late spring of 2009.

## Obituaries

### Belvia McCown Stanley

Belvia McCown Stanley, 82, of Melvin, died Thursday, February 12, 2009, at her residence.

Born July 3, 1926, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Melvin McCown and Delia Hall McCown.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Homer Stanley.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include five sons:

Gordon Stanley of Wheelwright, Randall Stanley of Russell Springs, Ronnie Stanley of Edwardsburg, Michigan, Gary Stanley of Price, and Teddy Stanley of Melvin; a daughter, Betty McKinney of Falmouth; a sister, Wilma Sonafank of Melvin; 13

grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three sons: Ricky, Paul Doug, and Michael Stanley; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 14, at 1 p.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, in Robinson Creek.

Visitation was at the church.

(Paid obituary)



## REWARD

Family seeking the recovery or information about the whereabouts of a gun lost during an automobile accident on Dec. 24, at Buckingham. The gun is a .45 caliber Smith and Wesson model number 410S, serial number VJH8907.

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One day I sat and talked to him, as tears ran down his face; I could see the pain in his eyes, and knew he had run his race. He looked at me and told me, he didn't want to live this way; I ask him if he was ready to go. I want to go, was all that he would say.

On February 15, in the early morning light, Dad started to slip away; I knew this day had to come, but I just wanted him to stay; He had slipped into a coma and the angels were already there; My Daddy was going to go away, and it was more than I could bear.

My brother and sister were with him. They sang a song and prayed; He loved the song, "Here I am," so they sang it and watched him fade.

Dad had promised Mom that he would hold on as long as he could; She didn't want him to leave her, but she knew that he would.

My sister told Mom to tell him, that it was okay to go; Mom refused to listen to her and kept saying, no. Finally, Mom went to tell him that she would be alright; She told him, it was okay to go, because he had fought a long fight.

Within twenty minutes, Dad drew his last breath; He had kept his promise to my Mom and finally welcomed death. It was a terrible day for all of us whom he left behind. But Heaven gained a wonderful addition, because he was one of a kind.

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# Viewpoint

## Amendment 1

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## Our View

### Focus outrage on real target

Reaction to "A Hidden America: Children of the Mountains," the most recent documentary to explore the persistent troubles of Appalachia that aired on ABC's "20/20" Friday night, has been mixed.

Some have responded with the typical outrage and histrionics we normally hear any time our region's historic problems are aired to the world. Others, however, have noted that this documentary presented a more balanced view of the region than many others have in the past.

Indeed, sprinkled amid the many troubling, many embarrassing images shown Friday night, "Children of the Mountains" did try to explain that Eastern Kentucky has made significant strides since President Lyndon Johnson declared his "War on Poverty" in the region, noting that many areas of the region are indistinguishable from any other segment of suburban America, and warning viewers that the show would be focusing on problems found in "isolated pockets." In that respect, "Children of the Mountains" did make an effort to portray the region fairly, although those messages were probably lost among much more dominant, much more prevalent images of poverty, ignorance and immorality.

The show also did a good job of treating at least its main subjects with a degree of respect and empathy. The struggles of Shawn Grim or of the two girls whose last names were never given, Erica and Courtney, at times appeared heroic, even if many of those surrounding them were portrayed as villains or buffoons.

Still, the show featured just enough of the old stereotypes to stick in the craw of a large number of local residents, rendering its larger messages unheard over the chatter of protest. That is a shame, because the show touched on quite a few subjects that merit serious attention.

Appalachia faces monumental challenges in regard to poverty, drug addiction, education and health, and it does not owe one ounce of good for us to grow defensive over the fact that someone else pointed it out. We are neither lighting a candle nor cursing the darkness; we are instead itching to fight the person who told us the lights went out. What is the point of that?

True, Appalachia has come a long way over the last half century, and it is unfair to paint the region with that same, well-worn stereotypical brush that has been in use for so long. True, many of the issues we face can be found in any other group, in any other region of the country. But the fact remains that our struggles are not over, not by a long shot, and our region still leads the nation in many statistical categories we wish we didn't.

Fighting against those who point out our shortcomings, no matter how crudely they do it, only distracts us from the larger task of fixing those same problems. And make no mistake, there are plenty of people, both within Appalachia and without, who are perfectly happy to watch our populace continue to tilt at critical windmills, rather than slay the giants that torment us.

Appalachians have already proved that they can be a united people, and not just in response to the criticism of outsiders. In the wake of the recent ice storm that crippled so much of our region, we saw a people come together in a time of need. We could cite numerous examples of neighbors helping neighbors, of businesses foregoing profits to assist in a time of emergency, of public servants putting in long hours to make sure the most urgent tasks got done.

That is why it is so frustrating to watch as so many respond to this decades-old emergency, not with a unity of purpose in tackling the challenges we face, but with hostility toward those who have so bluntly pointed them out.

Forget about "20/20" and Diane Sawyer; what are we going to do to help ourselves? Yes, such hyperbole as "Mountain Dew mouth" is a bitter pill to swallow, but in the end, it is still just hyperbole. It is a mosquito in our ear as we watch our house burning.

It is only natural to feel outraged following such a report, but it does little good to focus that anger on the report itself, rather than its subject. In all of the criticism of "Children of the Mountains," no one can say these problems do not exist. The question then becomes, what do we do about them?

There are already warriors in place, fighting against the evils we face, but their battles are often lonely, often overwhelming. They can use your help. Most of us probably do not have the skills or the resources of Eula Hall or Dr. Edwin Smith, whose efforts to make life better in the mountains were featured in the report, if only briefly. But that shouldn't prevent you from doing what you can. Your assistance could mean the difference in keeping one child in school, helping one mother get off drugs, filling one stomach.

So yes, feel your outrage, but channel it toward battles that matter. Our people have to be strong enough to withstand a few unpleasant words, if we ever hope to conquer the real issues that face us.

— The Floyd County Times

## Worth Repeating ...

When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.

— Marquis de la Grange



## Guest Column

### Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

Every year, many good bills fail simply because there is not enough time for both chambers to fully consider them. That is especially true in a 30-day "short session" like this year. In the last two weeks, however, the Senate has taken early action on major legislation, giving the House more time to study those bills. And the chambers will not formally convene in session next week, giving committees valuable extra days to discuss and vote on pending issues.

But the biggest challenge facing us this year has already been dealt with: a plan to address our \$456 million budget deficit was approved by both chambers this week and sent to the Governor.

In the current recession, state and local governments are being hit from both sides — people are losing their jobs and real estate is losing value, eroding our tax base. At the same time, more people are relying on government services like Medicaid and unemployment insurance, driving up our costs. The result is a serious budget gap above and beyond the hundreds of millions we trimmed from the biennial budget, which was passed last year.

To make up the current shortfall, we had to attack the problem from both the revenue and the spending sides. State agencies, with painfully few exceptions, will be required to cut their budgets by 4 percent a step they have been planning for. Our colleges and universities, which are key engines for our State's economic development, will see lesser cuts of 2 percent. Also, under our revised budget plan P-12 per-pupil funding will be preserved, thereby avoiding potential cuts to our school districts in excess of \$166 million. This means close to \$4.7 million in cuts to my district of Breathitt, Knott, Floyd and Letcher Counties. Other critical services that are already operating on incredibly thin margins, such as Medicaid, mental health services, law enforcement, and the state prison, will also be spared any cuts for now.

It has become clear, however, that spending cuts alone will not be enough if we intend to continue providing basic government services for our citizens. That is why we approved House Bill 144, which will increase revenue in two areas.

First, cigarette taxes have been increased by 30 cents (up from the current 30 cents), but still one of the lowest rates in the nation, with other tobacco products having their tax rate doubled as well. While we hope to raise significant money from this move, it will also have the benefit of reducing smoking, especially among our youth.

Second, the bill will end the sales tax exemption for alcoholic beverages, which are currently taxed only at the wholesale level. While the Governor's revenue proposal would have focused on tobacco alone, we felt we could not expect any one group to shoulder the full burden of a tax increase. Fortunately, producers and retailers will have until April 1 before the plan is implemented.

Fortunately, coal severance tax revenues for coal-producing counties will not be affected by this revised budget plan.

Just as we feel compelled to preserve education funding to ensure a brighter future for our children, we also owe it to them to spend your tax money and their school time wisely. Senate Bill 1, which we passed this week, will alter our end-of-year accountability testing so teachers can focus more on actually educating students instead of "teaching the test" as the current system encourages. Under the proposal we passed, students would take standardized national multiple-choice tests, supplemented by our own multiple-choice questions to make sure all core content is covered. Research has shown that the open-response questions we now use do not significantly improve our analysis of students' learning, and they delay our ability to see where students are deficient. If this testing program is implemented, we could quickly address where students need improvement, and tailor a learning plan to their needs.

With new standardized tests, we can also see how individual students compare to their peers across the state, nation, and globe. We can also save tens of millions of dollars on testing costs, not to mention the money wasted, preparing students for tests that could be better spent on classroom learning.

Another aspect of student assessment that would change will be in non-core areas like the arts and life skills. Currently, we require pencil-and-paper tests that do not get at the heart of what we hope students will get from those classes. Under SB 1, schools could focus on student creativity, allowing them to experiment with musical instruments and watercolors rather than memorize the details of Mozart's life or Picasso's paintings. Writing portfolios would be eliminated as a testing component,

too, but would be kept separately so that teachers can truly develop students' abilities. All too often, we see students focusing on one particular piece in a graded portfolio rather than expanding their skills.

Implementation of this bill would be delayed until the 2011-2012 school year in order to allow more time to put a new testing and accountability system in place.

The measure now goes to the House for its consideration. If it passes there, it will almost certainly be in amended form, which means a House-Senate conference committee would have to work out a compromise version for it to become law.

Corrections is another big cost driver for state spending, so anything we can do to rehabilitate felons and put them back on the straight and narrow is a boost to the taxpayer. Senate Bill 26 would allow our state prisons to partner with private industry to put inmates to work within the facility, giving them valuable job skills and preparing them for a return to regular society. Inmates would earn normal wages, which could then be used for restitution, victims' compensation, child support, and the cost of their own incarceration. We know that released inmates who have trouble finding a job are more likely to offend again, so SB 26 could go a long way toward reducing our prison costs, especially when combined with the drug treatment legislation we passed last week.

Between the short-term fixes of the budget plan and the long-range vision of the other legislation we passed this week, I feel good about the future for the next generation of Kentuckians. The General Assembly will be recessed this next week, but we will still hold committee hearings to discuss the matters before us. I hope you will stay in touch with me by calling the Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or by e-mailing me at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

### Higher education begins here

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

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

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

### Gospel Singing

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

### Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

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

### Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence

The Floyd County Health Department Diabetes Center of Excellence is offering free sessions on Self Management of Diabetes. Class No. 2 February 18th 1-3 p.m. Foot and Skin Care, Eye and Dental Exams.

Class No. 3 February 25th, 1-3 p.m. Carbohydrate counting, how to read food labels, portion size, eating out.

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

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### HRMC "Living Well with Diabetes" Support Group

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

### Education series planned for Alzheimer's sufferers

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

\* April 22, 2009  
\* Ask the experts; a general Q & A for your issues!

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

July 23, 2009  
\* Dying with dignity: Late-stage dementia care and end-of-life issues

\* Palliative medical and behavioral care approaches. Registration is mandatory. Please confirm your attendance by registering with the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900. Sites without registrants will cancel their participation in this event.

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

### Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers to hold volunteer training

Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers will hold new volunteer training at the Pikeville office, located at 101 Hibbard Street in Pikeville on Tuesday, February 24, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a Hospice volunteer is encouraged to attend. The training is free to the public, and lunch will be provided. For more information, or to register for training, call Hospice of the Bluegrass-Mountain Rivers, by noon Friday, February 20, at (606) 437-3700, or toll free at (877) 807-3011, or email: [pspradlin@hospicebg.org](mailto:pspradlin@hospicebg.org).

### Auxier Community Center Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

### Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

### Free Bible Lessons

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### Need Help With Home Repairs?

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### Democratic Women's Club meets at May Lodge

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

### Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Hope in the Mountains

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

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

### Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

### UNITE

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

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

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

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### External Diploma Program

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

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State leaders gathered near the Abraham Lincoln statue in the State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, Feb. 12, to commemorate the 200th birthday of our nation's 16th president. Pictured, from left, is House Speaker Greg Stumbo, Senate President David L. Williams and Gov. Steve Beshear.

## Taxes

"The people who smoke Marlboro and say drink Budweiser aren't going to switch," he said. "They are diehard. But those who smoke subgeneric cigarette and who are basically looking for the cheapest they can get will make changes."

The bill passed Friday morning following a 24-12 vote, with those opposing the measure citing fairness as an issue.

State Sen. Julie Denton, made statements saying the bill was "targeting the big counties that happen to be

wet," adding that the state's \$456 million budget deficit, which prompted passage of the bill, was a "120-county problem that we're strapping to the backs of 30 counties."

As of April 1, cigarettes will be taxed at 60 cents per pack, while other tobacco

## Physical fitness instructor academy to be held at HCTC

Hazard Community and Technical College and Hazard Perry County Senior Citizens Center will offer yoga and aerobics instructor certification classes for those over the age of 18 who are interested in becoming certified and offering classes in their own local area.

The yoga instructor is Sharon Tassandori from the Barefoot Works Studio in Lexington. The aerobics instructor is Jenah Hendrickson Pate from Maysville. Jenah holds a YMCA certification in aerobics.

Tuition for all classes is free and made possible through funding from the Foundation for Healthy Kentucky as well as the Hazard Perry County Community Foundation. There will be a materials cost of around \$50 for the yoga, which includes a mat, books and other supplies. Aerobics supplies will cost about the same. Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own materials for the class but please wait to purchase until you know that you are accepted into the class. At that time, you will receive a complete list of what you will need. Classes will be held to be held at the First Federal Center, Rooms 123 B and D on the following dates and times:

Yoga Instructor Certification Class will be held: Friday, March 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Classes also will be held Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

and Sunday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The aerobics instructor certification course will be taught March 27 from 5 to 9 p.m. and March 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a YMCA Certified Instructor Jena Hendrickson Pate. The class will include circuit training, weights, and will cover low to high impact aerobics. The fitness academy will provide light, hand-held weights available or you can bring your own. A CPR certification course will also be taught as a requirement of the

certification for both classes on April 4, beginning at 9 a.m.

Class sizes are limited so please apply early. Participants will be accepted based on prior yoga and/or aerobics experience as well as their interest in the area. In both the yoga and aerobics, participants will be required to attend all class dates and times in order to receive certification, as well as signing a release of liability prior to the first class date.

Contact Jennifer to apply at 606-487-3136 or 1-800-246-7521, ext. 73136



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## Grants

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner along with state Representatives Hubert Collins and Leslie Combs recently presented officials the funding for Jenny Wiley Theatre.

The check, presented in Frankfort, was accepted on behalf of theatre officials by Board President Carrie Crammond and Treasurer Bill Francis.

"Jenny Wiley Theatre is a highly regarded, well-established cultural gem in our region," Turner said. "This remarkable, professional theatre offers entertainment and educational opportunities to patrons around the state and from across the country."

Presenting the check for the Mountain Arts Center was again Turner and Collins. The check was received by Keith Caudill, the center's executive

director.

"The Mountain Arts Center serves as the heart for the arts in our area," said Collins. "And along with Jenny Wiley Theatre and other performing and visual arts groups, our local citizens are served with high quality artistic experiences that are worthy of public funding."

The venue that received the largest grant award was Leitch County's Appalshop. Director Art Menius accepted a check for \$67,238 during the Frankfort ceremony.

## Center

ed to set the record straight.

"One of the main things that I want to do is dispel the rumor that we have lost our funding," Rainey said. "As of right now, we are fine. We are a contractor, and every five years the Job Corps is put out for bid. We are at the end of the fifth year, and seven contractors have put in bids. We have a lot of support from the community, and I think we will keep the contract. There are a lot of good things happening."

Rainey also talked about the rising percentage of students from Eastern Kentucky that are taking advantage of

Appalshop focuses on telling the stories of Appalachia through its films, music programs and educational outreach, and was referred to by Turner as an "authentic voice of Appalachia" due to those efforts.

Kentucky Arts Partnership grants provide operations funding assistance on a competitive basis to arts and cultural organizations and community arts program it hopes of ensuring year-round participation.

what the center has to offer.

"There are plenty of students from our area that can benefit from the Job Corps," Rainey said. "Right now, 60 percent of our student body are from Eastern Kentucky."

While the Job Corps Center offers various classes with specific focus on vocations, students are also able to attend Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Currently, 80 students from the Job Corps are enrolled at the college.

The Job Corps receives its rankings monthly, with the next score to be released in March.

## Request For Proposals

The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority is requesting proposals from attorneys/firms interested in providing general legal services for the Authority. Interested attorneys/firms should have offices in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, or Pike County. Legal counsel is required for economic development activities related to the acquisition, development, sale and/or lease of property (both land and buildings) in this region, including, but not limited to, the Honey-Baker Regional Business/Industrial Park. Respondents must be able to provide services in a timely manner and attend Authority and project meetings on an as-needed basis. Proposal must include a flat hourly rate or, alternatively, a fee schedule for various types of legal services. Sealed proposals clearly marked BSRIDA Legal Services should be submitted before 12:00 noon on Friday, March 6, 2009, to Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, ATTN: Denise Thomas, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. For additional information, please contact Denise Thomas at 606-886-2374, ext. 338 or denise.thomas@bigsandy.org. The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received.

## Suspects

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office. The girl's legal guardian has been in contact with officials in Georgia and, as of Tuesday, was traveling to Georgia to be reunited with her, authorities added.

Officials divulged few details about the events taking place when the women were arrested except to say that "several felony charges" were pending against the two for "alleged acts occurring when they were taken into custody."

Once court proceedings are concluded in Georgia, and if those courts waive extradition, Castle and Blair may then be returned to Kentucky to face charges of kidnapping.

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## Attention! Ky. West Va. Gas Co. Union Retirees, Families, and Friends

USW Local 8-512, established in 1944, which represents the union employees of Equitable Resources (former Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company employees) would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone for their support as we continue our legal battle to have Equitable honor and abide by our labor agreement.

Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company was merged in with Equitable's other companies, Equitable Midstream and Equitable Production on July 1, 2008. Since then, Equitable has refused to honor our contract in spite of an arbitration award in the Union's favor AND A FEDERAL COURT'S RULING UPHOLDING THAT AWARD. A representative of Equitable vowed that "the Union will be completely destroyed."

A Contempt of Court Hearing continued from January will be heard Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the Federal Courthouse in Pikeville. This hearing is open to the public and we ask everyone interested to attend and show their support for our Union.

Our pension plan and other benefits, including health care, are just two of the things at risk. Active employees have already been moved out of the pension plan. Retirees need to be aware of what is happening with the pension plan.

We ask all retirees, families, friends, and other local union members for their prayers and support as we continue to work to keep our Union alive and growing! This local has seen many brothers and sisters work and retire during its 65 years of existence. We want to see many more in the next 65 years.

Solidarity makes us Strong! There is STRENGTH in numbers!

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## Brittany McKinney racing into fourth season

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**GRETHEL** — Brittany McKinney wants to do one thing — drive a racecar. The 16-year-old Super Late Model driver already has a couple years of racing experience in the Super Late Model division to her credit. McKinney is headed into her fourth race season in the Super Late Model division. She is set to enter her third season behind the wheel of a Super Late Model. McKinney first went behind the wheel of a racecar when she was 13 years old. Enjoying immediate success

in the Four-Cylinder division during her debut season, McKinney claimed a fifth-place finish in her best race of the 2006 season. She finished fifth in the Four-Cylinder class points, standings at 201 Speedway that same season.

Located in Sitka, 201 Speedway has served as a home track for Brit 57 Racing. She has honed her skills on the 201 Speedway red clay. The young female driver has developed a loyal fanbase at the Kentucky dirt track. She is

anxious for the start of the



2009 season while she continues to grow and improve as a driver.

"I think I have improved a tremendous amount since the 2007 season in a Late Model — especially considering the fact that I finished 16th in points in 2007 in the Super Late Model Division at 201 Speedway and in 2008 I finished ninth in points out of 43 drivers in the Super Late Model division. That itself in my opinion is a big improvement."

McKinney has improved steadily over the last three years. During her first season in the Super Late Model division in 2007, McKinney had a 10th place finish and finished 16th in the points standings. The 2008 season yielded several highlights for McKinney. The improvement trend was evident as her top finish in the race was ninth-place and she ended the season ninth in the 201 Speedway Super Late Model points standings. McKinney cut approximately 4.8 seconds from her qualifying time during the 2008 season.

The 2009 season is full of promise for McKinney, one of the Super Late Model racing's few teenage female racers. "In the 2009 season, fans can expect me to improve overall as a driver," said McKinney. "I plan to try to keep improving on my qualifying times. Also, I plan to have better finishes than I did in the previous seasons."

**Coming Friday: More on Brittany McKinney and Brit 57 Racing.**

## Bears hold off Latham, St. Catharine

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**SPRINGFIELD** — For the second time in three games, Pikeville College rallied from a halftime deficit to pick up a Mid-South Conference road win, this time over St. Catharine College by an 85-77 final.

St. Catharine (5-21, 1-8) led 48-43 at the half thanks to white-hot shooting from the field. The Patriots were 19-of-35 (54.3 percent) from the floor and 7-of-13 (53.8 percent) from the arc before the half.

But in the second half things turned around, with Pikeville holding its host to 26.7 percent shooting to rally for the win.

Pikeville (18-8, 6-3) did the same thing on Thursday night at Campbellsville, turning a 37-31 halftime deficit into a 77-69 win.

The Bears had one more thing to overtime in the form of 6-7 junior Arthur Latham, who fired in 35 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Bears were paced by sophomore guard Justin Hicks, who had 24 points to go with four assists, three rebounds and two steals. Junior Josh Samanco had 20 for the guests, with 15 of them coming in the first half.

Senior J.B. Smiley followed with 14 points while pulling down five rebounds, picking up three steals and handing out three assists.

Pikeville's overlooked post game was solid again, with junior Anthony Smith posting nine points and nine rebounds and senior Ewan Linton finishing with eight points and nine boards.

The Bears will await the result of Saturday's game between Cumberland and Lindsey Wilson to see where they stand with three games left in the Mid-South Conference race.

A Cumberland win would put Pikeville and Cumberland 6-3 in the league and tied for second ahead of Lindsey at 5-3. But should the Blue Raiders win, they would be second at 6-2 with Pikeville alone in third and Cumberland fourth at 5-4.

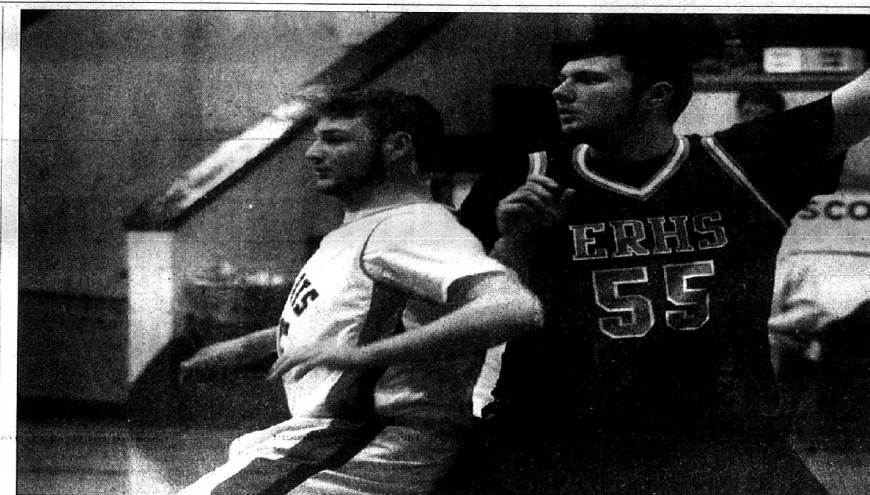
Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night when it plays host to seventh-ranked Georgetown on Thursday night. The women's game opens play at 6 p.m. while the men will follow at 8 p.m.

## PHS to host softball clinic

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PRESTONSBURG** — The Prestonsburg High School fastpitch softball program will host a clinic under the direction of Championship Fastpitch of Ashland on Saturday (Feb. 21). The clinic will be held at the PHS gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost of the clinic will be \$20 per participant. Championship Fastpitch will have equipment available for purchase during the clinic.

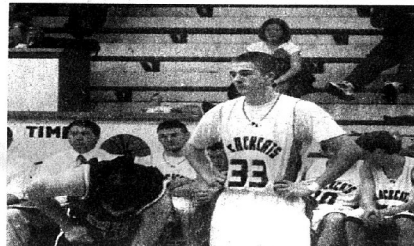
For more information on the clinic, call John DeRossett at Prestonsburg High School, 606-886-2252.



East Ridge spoiled Homecoming on Saturday night. The Warriors defeated the Blackcats 72-49. Prestonsburg was back in action Tuesday night at home versus Lawrence County. The Prestonsburg-Lawrence County boys' basketball game ended too late to make this edition.

Above: Prestonsburg senior Seth Sotser defended against East Ridge sophomore Jacob McClanahan.

Left: Prestonsburg junior Cameron Tincher is pictured.



## Hinton named MSC Player of the Week

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PIKEVILLE** — Pikeville College sophomore forward Natiera Hinton is the Mid-South Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 14. The MSC announced on Monday Hinton averaged 25.7 points and 9.7 rebounds on the week to earn her second conference award of the season. Hinton helped the Lady Bears win two of three games during the week.

This is the second time this season Hinton has been named player of the week by the league. The Rock Hill, S.C., native scored 29 points and grabbed 11

rebounds in the Lady Bears 74-71 win over University of Virginia-Wise to open the week. She continued her outstanding week with 16 points and nine rebounds in a 91-67 loss to 11th-ranked Campbellsville University. Hinton finished with 32 points and nine rebounds in a 78-71 win at St. Catharine College. Hinton finished the week making 50.9 percent (28-of-55) of her shots and 75 percent (21-of-28) of her free throws. She also averaged 1.7 steals and 1.3 blocks on the week.

This season, Hinton leads the Mid-South Conference in scoring (19.6 per game) and steals (2.7) and she ranks second in blocks (1.5) and fifth

in rebounding (8.1). Her scoring average ranks sixth in the NAIA. Pikeville is 18-9 overall and 4-5 in the Mid-South Conference.

**Made to sign with Pikeville College volleyball program**

Betsy Layne High School senior Andie Mcade will sign with the Pikeville College volleyball program during a signing ceremony today. Robert Staggs guides the Pikeville College volleyball program. Staggs is also the school's athletic director.



NATIERA HINTON

## Lady Bears survive slow start, win 18th

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Pikeville College Lady Bears survived a 15-0 run to start the game to knock off St. Catharine College 78-71 Saturday afternoon. The win made Pikeville College 5-6 on the road this season but was their first in five Mid-South Conference road games. It raised the Lady Bears to 18-9 on the season with three league games remaining over the next

two weeks.

Neither team shot particularly well, with Pikeville finishing at 38.6 percent while the Patriots hit 39.4 percent. Pikeville was 3-of-17 (17.6 percent) from the arc while SCC hit 29.2 percent (7-of-24).

Sophomore Natiera Hinton led all scorers with 32 points. In addition, the 6-0 forward pulled down nine rebounds, blocked two shots and had two steals. Sophomore Whitney Compton had a

double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Five of her boards were off the offensive glass for the Lady Bears, who won the rebounding battle 52-44.

Freshman Megan Mosley, a Knott County Central High School graduate, finished with nine points, four rebounds and four assists.

St. Catharine (12-16, 2-8) put four players in double figures, led by freshman Courtney Milani's 17 points. Junior Erin Rogers

followed with 15, with junior Whitney Jordan tossing in 14 and sophomore Danielle Brown contributing 13.

Brown led St. Catharine's efforts on the glass with nine rebounds while Jordan followed with eight.

## Johnson leads Pikeville past Lady Raiders

by STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS EDITOR

**HI HAT** — Host South Floyd couldn't overcome an early deficit Monday night when Pikeville visited. The Lady Panthers built a double-digit lead in the first quarter and made the most of a stout finish. Pikeville defeated South Floyd 80-62.

Senior guard Christina Johnson, one of the 15th Region's top girls' basketball players, led Pikeville with a career-high 36 points, hitting 10 three-point field goals. Johnson and two of her Pikeville teammates reached double figures in the scoring column. Junior guard Lauren Francisco scored 12 points and Madison Shull, another Pikeville junior guard, added 11 for the Lady Panthers.

As a team, Pikeville drained 14 three-point field goals.

Pikeville (13-12) led South Floyd 19-12 when the first quarter ended. The Lady Panthers put the game out of South Floyd's reach before the half, outscoring the Lady Raiders 25-11 in the second quarter.

Sophomore guard Chelsie Tuttle led South Floyd with 18 points. Tuttle was one of three South Floyd players to reach double figures in the scoring department. Junior guard Andrea Conn contributed 13 points and freshman guard Castle collected 10 for the Lady Raiders (8-14). Jessie Tackett just missed double digits for South Floyd as she exited the floor with nine points. Pikeville outscored South Floyd 22-19 in the final quarter.

## Hall joins elite 1,000 points club

South Floyd junior Kayla Hall joined the 1,000 point club on Thursday as the Lady Raiders defeated Prestonsburg 84-47. Hall scored 14 points against the Lady Blackcats — exactly what she needed to reach the 1,000 points plateau.

South Floyd is the number two seed in the upcoming 58th District Tournament. The second-place seed is the highest in the program's history.

## P'burg to host Elite Invitational cheer event

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

**PRESTONSBURG** — Prestonsburg High School and the PHS varsity cheerleading squad will host the Elite Invitational sponsored by Cheer Elite of Lexington on Sunday, Feb. 22, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the PHS Fieldhouse. The competition is for All-Star, Elementary, Middle School, Junior High and High School squads.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Central Kentucky Blood Bank and former PHS and Kentucky Elite Cheerleader Heather Ousley, who continues her fight to walk again following a car accident in 2004.

For more information on the cheerleading competition, contact Leslie Ousley at 886-3891 or 874-0317. Sheri Patterson at 1-859-333-7657.



# Horse collar tackle to be penalized in high school football

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — The horse-collar tackle has been added to the list of illegal personal contact fouls in high school football.

This addition to Rule 9-4-3 was one of 10 rules changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee at its January 24-25 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Effective with the 2009 season, it will be illegal to grab the inside back or side collar of the runner's shoulder pads or jersey and subsequently pull the runner to the ground. The penalty will be 15 yards from the succeeding spot.

Julian Tackett, assistant commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee, said the committee felt the need to continue to address risk minimization issues for the runner.

"Risk minimization continues to be one of the most important fundamentals to the rules-writing process of the NFHS," Tackett said. "Though this play does not happen often, we must ensure that our coaches and officials understand the importance of penalizing this act."

Another risk-minimization change in Rule 9-4-3 will make it illegal to grasp an opponent's chin strap, in addition to the opponent's face mask or edge of a helmet opening.

The committee made a significant change in Rule 9-8-3 in an effort to reduce the risk of injury along the sidelines. A maximum of three coaches may be in the restricted area to communicate with players during dead-ball situations. Before the ball becomes live, however, the coaches must retreat into the team box.

Bob Colgate, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Football Rules Committee, said this rule change results in

a 2-yard belt that is clear of team personnel and helps eliminate sideline congestion while helping to minimize the risk for participating players, coaches and officials during live-ball situations.

"There no longer will be an allowance for three coaches to remain in an area adjacent to the sideline when the ball is live," Colgate said. "The results of a three-year experiment were favorable, which led to the committee's support for this rule change in 2009."

A change in Rule 9-8-1g clarifies that the mandatory three-minute warm-up period begins immediately following the conclusion of the halftime intermission. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will be assessed to the head coach if the team is not back on the

field prior to the start of the warm-up period.

Changes in Rules 7-2-5 and 2-14-2 clarify the numbering-exception rule from when it was originally approved in 1982.

"The definition of a scrimmage-kick formation was clarified to differentiate formations that have been used traditionally for attempting a field goal or kick try from those used for a punt," Colgate said. "In addition, the circumstances under which the numbering exception can be utilized have been changed to clarify what can be done on first, second, third and fourth downs."

Two changes were made in Rule 1 - The Game, Field, Players and Equipment. The committee clarified Rule 1-3-1c regarding the stripes on the

football. The change states that the stripes located on the football must be adjacent to and perpendicular to the seam upon which the laces are stitched. In Rule 1-2-3b, a note was added stating that all required field markings must be clearly visible. Further, when other markings such as logos are placed on the field, the required markings shall remain visible.

Other changes approved by the Football Rules Committee: - Rule 3-3-4b5 - If a penalty resulting in a safety occurs on the last timed down of a period, the period is not extended. The teams will change goals to start the next period.

- Rules 8-2-2, 8-2-3, 8-2-4 (new), 10-5-1f - Three rules were revised and a new article was created regarding penalty

enforcement for dead-ball, non-player or unsportsmanlike fouls that occur during or after a touchdown-scoring play. The revisions now allow the offended team, in most situations, the option of enforcing the penalty on the subsequent kickoff. Fouls committed after the initial ready-for-play signal following the touchdown are not affected by this change.

- Rule 9-7-2 Exception: A foul will now occur for illegal batting by the kicking team if it bats a scrimmage kick that has not yet been grounded unless it is batted by the kicking team toward its own goal line.

"Though many of the changes in the rules were subtle clarifications, each of this year's changes ensures that the sound traditions of the game are protected and that student-

athlete safety remains our top priority," Tackett said.

In addition, the committee identified six points of emphasis for the 2009 season: Illegal Personal Contact, Blocking and Illegal Blocks, Helmet and Face Mask, Uniforms, Sportsmanship and NFHS Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances.

In terms of the number of participants, football is the most popular high school sport for boys. According to the 2007-08 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, 1,108,286 boys played 11-player football with another 27,075 involved in six-, eight- and nine-player football. In addition, 1,225 girls played high school football in 2007-08.

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## Meeks named SEC Player of the Week

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky junior Jodie Meeks was named the SEC Player of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

The 6-4 Norcross, Ga., native helped lead Kentucky to a 2-0 record on the week with wins against Florida (68-65) and Arkansas (79-63). Meeks scored 10 of Kentucky's last 12 points, including a game-winning three-pointer with 4.7 seconds left, to defeat the Gators. He finished with a team high 23 points. He followed that effort with 45 points at Arkansas, a new Bud Walton Arena record. He was 17-of-24 from the field, including 7-for-12 from the three-point line. Meeks also became the 56th member of UK's prestigious 1,000 point club.

Meeks currently ranks fourth nationally in scoring, averaging 25.8 ppg, and seventh in the nation in three-point field goals made (94). Meeks is also doing it from the line, shooting an SEC best 88.6 percent from the charity stripe.

The award is his fourth of the season and the seventh weekly league honor of his career. Meeks is tied with former Vanderbilt Commodore Shaun Foster for the most weekly league honors in a season with four.

Including this week, the Wildcats have received six weekly honors this season with Meeks being a recipient four times. Sophomore Patrick Patterson has been honored once and DeAndre Liggins was named the SEC Freshman of the Week earlier this year. Kentucky's five SEC Player of the Week honors is the most by one school in a season in league history.

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# NFHS: Shinguard rule tweaked in high school soccer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — In an ongoing focus on risk minimization in high school soccer, an addition to the shinguard policy has been approved. A year after requiring shinguards to meet National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) standards, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee will now require the front of the shinguard to be permanently marked with the NOCSAE seal and height range, effective in fall 2012.

The delay in implementation is to allow manufacturers to supply these types of shinguards to retailers. There is also an emphasis on placing the shinguard no higher than two inches above the ankle to minimize risk of injury.

The revised shinguard policy was one of four rules changes approved by the Soccer Rules Committee at its January 26-28 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"As is always the case, the Soccer Rules Committee is most concerned about minimizing the risk of injury to student-athletes," said Mark Koski, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee. "The requirement of the NOCSAE seal and height range on the front of the shinguard by 2012 is a good example of that. The committee wants to make sure that players are protected in the best way possible."

"Joint" ankle braces have made technological leaps in the past decade. Because many "joint" ankle braces are designed to be worn

over stockings or other material, Rule 4-2.1g has been amended to allow players to wear braces outside the stocking, provided they are not made of metal or other hazardous material. Any braces made of metal or other hazardous material must still be worn under a stocking.

The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommended updating this rule based on the advances made in ankle braces," Koski said. "This change reflects our flexibility as far as the safety of the players goes."

A change in Rule 3-1-3 will allow any member of the team to deliver the team roster to the official at least five minutes prior to the start of the contest. Previously, the coach was required to submit the roster, but since coaches are very busy prior to the start of the game, they are now allowed to delegate the task.

The final change requires that the officials must be dressed in matching uniforms distinctly different from only the field players of both teams. This permits the referee to possibly wear a shirt similar to one of the goalkeepers' shirts, as long as it's unlike the field players' uniforms.

In addition to the rules changes, points of emphasis for the 2009-10 season include unconscious player, NFHS Code of Ethics, NFHS Soccer Signals, ball holders, team areas, ankle braces and shinguard placement.

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys and girls at the high school level. According to the 2007-08 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 383,561 boys are involved in soccer and 346,545 girls participate in the sport. Prestonsburg is the lone Floyd County high school currently fielding soccer teams.

## Bentley leads Centre past DePauw

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DANVILLE — In a game for first place in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Eastern Division, the Centre College men's basketball team raced out to a 22-0 lead and never looked back, defeating DePauw University 75-36 Saturday.

The Colonels have now won 10 of their last 11 games to improve to 18-4 overall and 10-2 in the SCAC, while DePauw falls to 17-6 overall and 9-3 in league action.

Centre shot 60.0-percent (18-of-30) in the first half, while limiting the Tigers to only 14.3-percent (3-of-21). DePauw's first basket came with 11:08 on the clock to make the game 22-2, but the Colonels continued to pour it on, extending the lead to 32 points (39-of-77) with 5:01 left and then to 36 points (50-14) at the half.

Even though the Tigers shot 57.7-percent (15-26) to Centre's 34.5-percent (10-29) in the second half, the lead still grew to as many as 41 points before ending in a 25-point victory for the Colonels.

Centre held an 11-rebound edge in total rebounding (33-22), forced 15 DePauw turnovers and hit 12 of 25 from beyond the three-point line.

Senior guard Kris Bentley (Pikeville) led all scorers with 20 points on seven of 10 shooting, including six of eight from beyond the arc. Bentley is a Prestonsburg native. Junior forward Danny Noll (Ft. Mitchell) added 11 points and five rebounds while sophomore center Alex Lloyd (Lexington) posted 10 points and nine rebounds.

Mike Moore led DePauw with 15 points and six rebounds. Centre will return to action Friday (Feb. 20) with a home game against Sewanee-University of the South.

## Buchanan, Faried lead Eagles past SEMO

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's post tandem of senior Leon Buchanan and sophomore Kenneth Faried combined for 46 points and 26 rebounds to lead the Eagles to a 79-67 Ohio Valley Conference win over Southeast Missouri on Saturday (Feb. 14).

MSU (16-11, 12-3 OVC) remained in first place in the OVC with the victory. Buchanan hit a career best 18-of-19 free throws, scored a season-high 26 points and had eight rebounds. Faried had his 17th double-double of the season, scoring 20 points and pulling down 18 rebounds. MSU also got 12 points from Maze Stallworth and 10 points and seven assists from Demonte Harper.

"Like I've said about Leon Buchanan since he's been a part of our program, he has a warrior mentality," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "Today, he hit the offensive glass, took the ball to the basket, got to the free throw line and knocked the free throws down."

"I thought we played hard and did a good job in out-rebounding them 43-to-20. Kenneth had another double-double, and Maze knocked down a couple of big three-pointers to give us some separation coming out of half-time."

Southeast Missouri (3-23, 0-15 OVC) guards Kenard

Moore and Jaycen Herring combined for 52 points to lead the Redhawks. Moore had four three-pointers and nine-of-10 free throws to help account for a game-high 27 points. Herring had 25 points, six assists, three blocked shots and two steals.

"I tip my hat to Coach Zac Roman and his staff for holding things together at

Southeast Missouri through injuries, suspensions and everything that has gone on for them this season. They never quit playing. Moore and Herring are one of the best backcourt combinations in our league."

The Eagles led by as many as 15 points in the first half and by five points, 27-22, at halftime. But, MSU couldn't put the Redhawks away until the final moments of the contest. The 14-point final margin matched the Eagles' biggest lead of the second half.

MSU will end the regular-season with four road games. On Wednesday (Feb. 18), the Eagles will travel to Eastern Kentucky for a 7 p.m. EST contest. Next Saturday (Feb. 21), MSU will visit Kent State (7 p.m. EST) for an ESPN BracketBusters contest. The final week of the regular season will see the Eagles play at Murray State

(Feb. 26) in a nationally televised contest (ESPN2) and at UT Martin (Feb. 28).

Lumpkin hits game-winning shot to lift MSU women's Freshman Courtney Lumpkin hit a 15-foot jumper as time expired Saturday afternoon as the Morehead State women's basketball team edged visiting Southeast Missouri 55-54 at Johnson Arena. Trailing 54-53 with six seconds left, the Eagles pushed the ball up the court where

### MSU remains first in Ohio Valley Conference

Triffany Hamilton launched a layup with two seconds left. Brittany Pittman deflected the rebound to Lumpkin who tossed it back in as the final horn sounded. With the win, MSU swept the season series from SEMO and improved to 15-12 and 9-6 in the OVC. The Eagles stayed ahead of SEMO in fifth place, who fell to 13-12 and 8-6 in the league.

MSU led 26-25 at half-time, but fell behind by many as nine points (45-36) with 5:10 left in the game. Sophomore Chynna Bozeman, who led all players with 25 points, scored 11 in the next four minutes, and the Eagles re-took the lead 53-52 with 1:28 left. Both teams missed a pair of shots before Tarina Nixon, who led SEMO with 18 points, seven rebounds and six assists,

drove to the basket and was fouled with six seconds left. She hit both charity tosses and gave her team a 54-53 lead. MSU head coach Mike Bradbury called a timeout to set up what would be the winning plan.

Hamilton had a good look at a layup but the ball rolled off. Pittman was almost too far under the goal to grab the rebound but was able to deflect it backwards to Lumpkin who caught it and immediately tossed it in. The officials reviewed the play for nearly five minutes before ruling it good.

Bozeman was 7-of-10 from three-point range, giving her 79 treys this year. That's just one shy of second place on the MSU season chart. No other Eagles scored in double figures, but MSU managed to out-rebound the Redhawks 41-40. Pittman had nine boards, Hamilton had six and Deja Watson collected eight off the bench.

Both teams had trouble shooting the ball. MSU shot 34 percent for the game, while SEMO hit 36 percent. The Eagles were 8-of-25 from beyond the arc and held SEMO to a 4-of-16 day from three-point range.

Sonya Daugherty also had 15 points for the Redhawks, and Crysta Glenn totaled 11 points and eight rebounds.

Morehead State will return to action at Eastern Kentucky on Saturday (Feb. 21) at 4 p.m.

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## Faried named OVC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State Upsilonophore center Kenneth Faried has been named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for the second time in 2008-09. Faried led the first-place Eagles to conference wins over Eastern Illinois (Feb. 12) and Southeast Missouri (Feb. 14).

Faried recorded his 16th and 17th double-doubles of the season and averaged 18 points and 15.5 rebounds for the

week. The Newark, N.J., native had 16 points and 13 rebounds against EIU and 20 points and 18 rebounds against SEMO. He ranks among the top five individuals nationally in rebounds and in double-doubles.

"Kenneth has had a phenomenal sophomore year," said MSU Coach Donnie Tyndall. "The last two weeks he has played his best basketball of the season. I glad he's being rewarded with this Player of the Week honor."

Faried was previously named OVC Player of the Week on Jan. 5.

The Eagles will travel to rival Eastern Kentucky for a 7 p.m. EST game on Wednesday (Feb. 18), then to Kent State for an ESPN BracketBusters game at 7 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 21). MSU will close out the regular season with games at Murray State (9 p.m. EST, televised nationally on ESPN2) on Feb. 26 and at UT Martin (7 p.m. EST) on Feb. 28.

## Floyd spring soccer signups set for Saturday

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Youth Soccer Association will hold signups for the 2009 spring season on Saturday (Feb. 21) at the McDonald's located in the Prestonsburg Village Shopping Center. Volunteers will be present at McDonald's to accept registrations between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The registration fee remains \$40 per child.

For more information, call Smith 886-9562.

## The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK



The Celebrity of the Week is Lindsay Cooley. Lindsay recently graduated from University of Kentucky and now works at Mountain Comprehensive Care. She works as a case manager with the First Steps program. In the program, she works with new and expecting mothers to address their childcare concerns.

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## LEGALS

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 05-C1-122**

**First Mortgage Strategies Group, Inc. Plaintiff vs. Ronald Glen Bartley, Tammy L. Bartley, and Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Floyd Defendants**

**NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**  
 BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commission of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 20th day of

January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$58,776.93, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

1. 7619 Route 122 Beginning at the center of the creek at Richard and Janice Newman's line running in straight line to the center of the creek, thence left handed back to Richard Newman's line. Thence back to beginning.

The driveway shall be left open for access to both parties. The driveway access being 8 feet wide. The well and well box is to be used by both land owners. The being a parcel of land from Deed Book 310, Page 122.

Being the same property conveyed to Ronald Glen Bartley, by deed

**Request For Proposals**  
 The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority is requesting proposals for attorneys/times interested in providing general legal services for the five-county member authority. Respondents should have offices in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, or Pike County. Legal counsel is required for economic development activities related to the acquisition, development, sale and/or lease of property (both land and building) in the region, including, but not limited to, the Honey Branch Regional Business/Industrial Park. Respondents must be able to provide services in a timely manner and attend authority and project meetings on an as-needed basis.

Proposal may include a flat hourly rate or, alternatively, a fee schedule for various types of legal services. Sealed proposals clearly marked BSRIDA Legal Services should be submitted before 12:00 noon on Friday, March 6, 2009, to Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority, ATTN: Denise Thomas, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

For additional information, please contact Denise Thomas at 606-886-2374, ext. 338 or denise.thomas@bigsandy.org.

The Big Sandy Regional Industrial Development Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received.

**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR APARTMENTS FOR PERSONS 62 AND OLDER**  
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**TERMS OF SALE:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

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

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410, or KRS 426.530.

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taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

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

Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on

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

**Tract 2** A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the waters of Rough and Tough Creek and being the same property conveyed to James Watkins and Freda Watkins, his wife, from Aaron Adams and Versie Adams, his wife, by Deed, Dated April 21, 1986, and recorded in Deed Book 299, Page 654, and recorded with the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Beginning at a steel located at the edge of the creek; thence running in a straight line to another steel stake and continuing on up the hill to a forked white oak, marked by a steel stake; thence running to another forked white oak marked with a stake and continuing on to a third forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running on up the hill to a peak on the line of John Johnson; thence running with John Johnson line down the point to a forked white oak marked by a stake; thence running to a telephone pole; thence running to a sycamore tree and continuing to the edge of the creek at a stake; thence running with the edge of the creek to the steel stake at the edge of the creek, to the point of beginning, as per description furnished by the party of the first part to the drafter of this instrument.

**Tract 3** Beginning at a stake at corner of James C. Watkins property line being the Southwest corner, running with Creek at a Southerly direction to a stake at corner; thence running up hill with Henry McKenzie line to top of hill to a stake, Grizzley Dotson line, Running up point in Northerly direction to a stake that joins Grizzley Dotson and John

Johnson line. Then running down hill in Northerly to a stake at James C. Watkins line. Following James C. Watkins line down hill to a forked white oak marked by a steel stake. Thence running to another forked white oak marked with a stake on a third forked white oak marked by a stake. Then on to another stake than down hill across bottom to point of beginning. (Description supplied by second party).

Being the same property conveyed to Daniel Raines and Jorrell Raines, husband and wife, from James C. Watkins and Freda K. Watkins, husband and wife, by Deed dated March 31, 2008, filed for record on April 4, 2008, in Deed Book 546, Page 86 of the Clerk's Records in Floyd County, Kentucky.

**Terms of Sale:** (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

**COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 08-CI-01171 Branch Banking & Trust Company, Assignee of**

**Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Plaintiff vs. James Hunter, a.k.a. James R. Hunter, Vanessa L. Hunter, The Unknown Spouse of James Hunter a.k.a. James R. Hunter, The Unknown Spouse of Vanessa Hunter a.k.a. Vanessa L. Hunter, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Commonwealth Credit Union, Tax Easement Investments 1, LLC, and Floyd County, Kentucky Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE BY VIRTUE OF**

Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 9th day of January, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above-styled action, in the principal sum of \$70,209.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on **Thursday, the 5th day of March, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.,** the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract No. 1: BEGINNING at a planted stone at the road; thence with said road 166 feet to a planted stone at a lane or alley; thence up said land 182 feet to a planted stone; thence a diagonal line around the hill 100 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 46 feet to a planted stone; thence down the hill 156 feet to the place of beginning.

For source of title, see deed of conveyance by and between Peggy Chaffins, and James R. Hunter, and Vanessa L. Hunter, dated March 17, 1994, of record in Deed Book 375, Page 168, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. (SVTS), will host a Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 27, 2009, at Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc., Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Public Hearing is for consideration of a grant application for federal funds for capital and operating assistance for the period of July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010, for the rural community transportation services in the Big Sandy Area, including Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, and Pike counties. There is no significant environmental impact. Regulations regarding the disabled and the elderly shall be complied with accordingly. Comments may be made in person or through written submissions. The grant application will be available at the SVTS office, 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on April 1, 2009.



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BONUS CASH - \$0,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$16,878**



**2009 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500** CT564  
Air Conditioning, Cruise, Auto, Vortec 4.3L V6  
**TOTAL PRICE \$21,665**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$2,666  
REBATE - \$1,500  
BONUS CASH - \$0,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$16,999**



**2009 CHEVY MALIBU LS** C326  
Auto, 1 Year OnStar Included, 2.4L 4 Cyl, 5 Year 100,000 Mile Ltd. Warranty  
**TOTAL PRICE \$23,500**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$2,660  
REBATE - \$1,250  
BONUS CASH - \$1,500  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$17,590**



**2009 GMC SIERRA 1500** G4368  
Auto, 1 Year OnStar Included, 4.3L V6, Locking Rear Differential  
**TOTAL PRICE \$26,285**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,559  
REBATE - \$2,000  
BONUS CASH - \$2,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$18,226**



**2009 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500** CT567  
Auto, LS Package, Cruise Control, 4.3L V6  
**TOTAL PRICE \$26,705**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,656  
REBATE - \$2,000  
BONUS CASH - \$2,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$18,549**



**2009 PONTIAC VIBE** P4531  
Sun and Sound Package, Power Windows/Locks, Cruise, Auto, Air Cond./Rear Air  
**TOTAL PRICE \$23,710**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$2,998  
REBATE - \$500  
BONUS CASH - \$0,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$19,712**



**2009 CHEVY EQUINOX** CT580  
Auto, 1 Year OnStar Included, 3.4L V6, 5 Year 100,000 Mile Ltd. Warranty  
**TOTAL PRICE \$26,005**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,062  
REBATE - \$1,000  
BONUS CASH - \$1,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$20,443**



**2009 PONTIAC TORRENT** P4526  
Auto, 1 Year OnStar Included, Roof Rack Crossbars, Smokers Package  
**TOTAL PRICE \$26,695**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,124  
REBATE - \$1,000  
BONUS CASH - \$1,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$21,071**



**2009 BUICK LACROSSE** B1337  
Comfort & Convenience Pkg, Power Lumbar Driver Seat, Heated Seats, Navigation (OnStar)  
**TOTAL PRICE \$28,080**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,030  
REBATE - \$1,000  
BONUS CASH - \$1,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$22,550**



**2009 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500** CT568  
5.3L V8, LS Package, Locking Differential, Cruise Control  
**TOTAL PRICE \$32,095**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$4,318  
REBATE - \$2,000  
BONUS CASH - \$2,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$23,277**



**2009 PONTIAC G8** P4517  
Premium Package, Comfort and Sound Package, Leather, 3.6L V6  
**TOTAL PRICE \$31,160**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,289  
REBATE - \$1,500  
BONUS CASH - \$1,500  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$24,371**



**2009 BUICK LUCERNE** B1334  
Six Passenger Seating, Comfort & Convenience Pkg, Remote Start 1 Year OnStar Inc  
**TOTAL PRICE \$30,965**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$3,257  
REBATE - \$1,000  
BONUS CASH - \$0,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$26,208**



**2009 GMC SIERRA 1500** G4354  
Auto, 1 Year OnStar Included, Heavy Duty Tow Package, Locking Rear Differential  
**TOTAL PRICE \$35,335**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$4,547  
REBATE - \$2,500  
BONUS CASH - \$2,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$27,788**



**2009 CHEVY SILVERADO 2500** CT578  
LT1 Package, Remote Start, Off Road Suspension, HD Trailering Pkg  
**TOTAL PRICE \$38,849**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$5,052  
REBATE - \$1,500  
BONUS CASH - \$0,000  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$31,797**



**2009 BUICK ENCLAVE** B1346  
Power Sunroof, Second Row Skyline, Rearview Camera, Leather  
**TOTAL PRICE \$40,040**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$4,572  
REBATE - \$750  
BONUS CASH - \$1,500  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$32,718**



**2009 GMC ACADIA AWD** SLT 2 G4325  
Navigation, DVD And Leather, Dual Skyscape Sunroof, Chrome Package  
**TOTAL PRICE \$49,815**  
JOHN GRAY DISCOUNT -\$5,957  
REBATE - \$750  
BONUS CASH - \$1,500  
FARM BUREAU - \$500  
**SALE PRICE \$41,108**

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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## From the green to the blue, blue sea

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

If your idea of Heaven doesn't feature St. Peter, but St. Andrews ... if you know darn well that a "mashie nibblet" isn't some sort of hors d'oeuvres ... if you know exactly who Horton Smith was (for the uninitiated, he was the first man ever to win the Masters Tournament, in 1934) ... then you'll want to keep reading about an unusual research collaboration now under way.

Scientists at six Agricultural Research Service (ARS) laboratories in five states are teaming up with industry and agribusiness to work on cleaning up drainage water—including from golf courses—before it contributes to water quality problems in the Gulf of Mexico and elsewhere.

The idea is to use various industrial products and byproducts from wall-board production, electric power plants, steel mills, water-treatment plants, foundries and other industries to clean the drainage water. This gives the industries a way to use their byproducts rather than just sending them to the nearest landfill. Other beneficiaries are the drainage, farming and turf industries, who know that the water they discharge downstream is clean for the next user, as well as for the environment.

That's where golf comes into the story. The focus for the turf industry

(See SCIENCE, page four)

### POISON OAK

## It started with Bonanza

by CLYDE PACK

Isn't it funny how we remember stuff from our far-distant past that just seems to jump out of nowhere? When you least expect it, something triggers a memory.

Like the other day when I was watching an old rerun of Bonanza and saw a character that reminded me of someone from my boyhood. Granny Cotton.

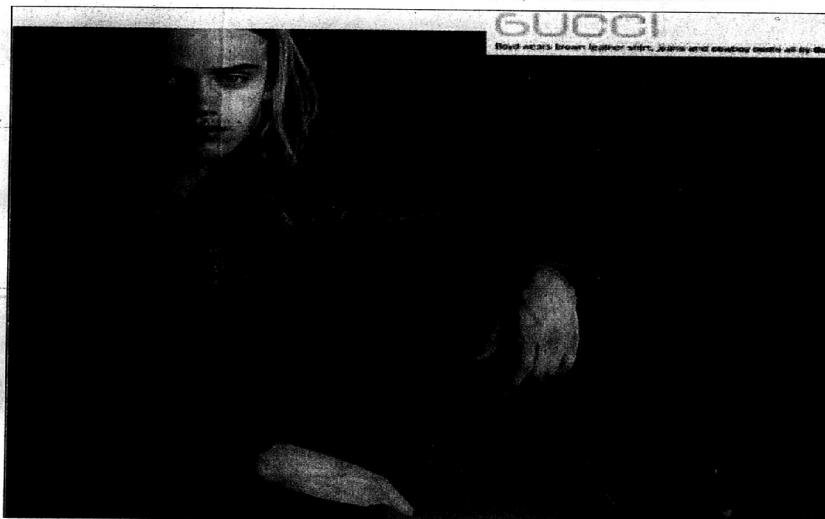
Since she lived to the well over 100, she must have been

approaching her 80s when she lived at Muddy Branch. I was probably eight or ten years old when I'd watch her bustle through the neighborhood late in the day searching for her cow. When I picture this event, now apparently stored neatly in the far recesses of my brain, I always think of the bibbed apron she wore and how, even when it wasn't windy, it seemed to always be flapping in the breeze as she rushed by. I guess Virginia Wolf and James Joyce didn't have a monopoly on the stream-of-consciousness technique, because the memory of Granny Cotton's bibbed apron led me right to thinking of my Grandmother Pack.

She died when I was very young, and I can barely remember her. Furthermore, as far as I can recall, I've seen only two photographs of her. In one of them, however, she was standing on a front porch with two unidentified women—according to a faded note someone had penciled on the back of the picture, somewhere in Martin County—probably in about 1935. All three were standing rigidly, almost as if they were at military attention, and all three were wearing a scowl and bibbed aprons.

The stream continues to flow, and I can definitely remember my

(See OAK, page four)



Holbrook is best known as a model and is shown here in a campaign for Gucci.

# STAGE PRESENCE

## Native appears in Oscar-nominated film not shown locally

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Born and raised in Prestonsburg, Robert Boyd Holbrook started on the road to stardom on the suggestion of someone who saw him working as a carpenter at Jenny Wiley Theatre. Holbrook, 28, signed with a modeling agency in 2001 and his success began almost immediately.

As a model, Holbrook has garnered a large following with an abundance on websites dedicated to him, and has appeared in advertising spots for Gucci, Hugo Boss, Calvin Klein, Dior, and many others. However, modeling isn't the only avenue that Holbrook has pursued with a great deal of success.

Along with his modeling work, Holbrook is also an accomplished photographer and artist, recently exhibiting his work in New York City. Holbrook, who audited screen writing and film history classes at Columbia University, has also produced five short films.



Boyd Holbrook appears in "Milk," the film biography of San Francisco gay rights activist Harvey Milk, which is up for several Academy Awards this weekend, including Best Picture. Holbrook is pictured at far right.

Holbrook's success is also branching out to include film. He recently landed a role in the critically lauded film "Milk," based on the life of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay politician to hold office in California. The film stars Sean Penn as Harvey Milk, and Holbrook shares scenes with Penn.

Holbrook was reportedly selected for the role after sending a screenplay he had written to Gus Van Sant,

the director of "Milk." Van Sant was impressed with the screenplay and offered the role of a character named Denton Smith, a gay rights activist, to Holbrook.

Despite the fact that a home-grown talent appeared in the film, which is nominated for eight Oscars, it did not play in Prestonsburg or the theaters in the surrounding area.

Ellen Pack, Holbrook's mother, believes that the film was snubbed by local theaters because of who Harvey Milk was and what the film deals with.

"I think it's mainly because of the subject matter," Pack said. "When Robbie came in for Christmas, we went to the Kentucky Theater in Lexington to watch it. If we hadn't went there, I wouldn't have been able to see it."

Pack believes that "Milk" could be shown at the Riverfill 10 Cinema in Pikeville after the Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday, Feb. 22.

## Pikeville College to host Regional Science Olympiad

PIKEVILLE — When Pikeville College hosts the 2009 Regional Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 7, there won't be any long-distance runners, Alpine skiers or gymnasts. The competition will feature categories like "Junkyard Challenge," "Egg-O-Naut," "Environmental Chemistry" and "Robo-Cross."

More than 275 middle and high school students will converge on the Pikeville College campus to compete in 46 different events. Science Olympiad tournaments are academic interscholastic competitions for middle and high school students consisting of a series of team events that students prepare for during the year. These challenging and motivational events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology. Popular board games, TV shows and athletic games provide the format for some of these events.

"We are extremely excited and proud to be hosting the Regional Science Olympiad again at Pikeville College. This is our third year hosting and I am sure it will be one of our best," said Tom



Hess, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and chairman of the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. "This year we are anticipating 17 teams participating from a dozen area middle and high schools. As with previous events, this Olympiad is truly a community effort requiring more than 70 volunteers. In addition to the many Pikeville College faculty, staff and students that volunteer, we will have folks from the local scientific community volunteer as well, including the local schools, Big Sandy Community and Technical

College, the East Kentucky Regional Science Center, the National Weather Service and the Kentucky Reptile Zoo."

"Everyone is getting excited and we are looking forward to an exciting competition," Hess said. "We feel that the Science Olympiad is an excellent opportunity to promote an interest in science among the middle and high school students as well as to give back to our local community."

Robert Arts, Ph.D., professor of education and physics, is co-director of the Science Olympiad and also oversees the College's Science & Math summer day camps. According to Arts, both programs, and others offered by the College, provide middle and high school students with opportunities to enhance their understanding of the scientific process and increase their appreciation for science and math courses.

"I appreciate the enthusiasm of the students and their coaches," Arts said. "This is a voluntary competition that has to be prepared for well in

(See OLYMPIAD, page four)



# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,  
70 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 12 and 17, 1999)

Monday is the generic President's Day and federal offices, including post offices, will be closed. Some local government offices will also be closed, including the judge-executive and county clerk; others, however, such as the PVA office, will be open.

Mud Creek Clinic at Grethel has an open house tomorrow. The facility, which has continued national media recognition, will serve refreshments from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It may be a bloody battle, both on and off the basketball court, when the Wildcats meet the Razorbacks on February 20. Off the court, it's the "Game for Life," blood drive, competition sponsored by the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

A proposal to train workers for the federal prison slated for construction in Martin County, near the Floyd and Johnson County lines, has been recommended for Appalachian Regional Commission funding by Governor Paul Patton.

The media notice for the special meeting of the Wheelwright Commission had a trace of mystery. One item to be covered—go into closed session per KRS 61.810 (item 9) to discuss Danny Martin.

Governor Paul Patton was in Prestonsburg, on Wednesday, to discuss his agenda for the next five years. Jessica Kidd, a 6th-grader at Allen Elementary in Tammy Noble's homeroom, was present to hear Governor Patton discuss his agenda.

The Floyd County school system's Long Range Planning Committee (LPC) which has been dormant for the last few years, was revived Wednesday night. The committee met with local school officials, a facilitator, and a representative from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), to get their charge on local planning.

Thanks to public reaction, the US Army Corps of Engineers has decided to keep KY 302, known as Lake Road, open when it constructs an auxiliary spillway for Dewey Dam.

In a pretrial hearing on Wednesday, District Judge James R. Allen found cause to send the case of accused murderer David Vinson Hall of Garrett to the grand jury, with Hall's bond of \$200,000 remaining the same. Hall is charged with the February 2 fatal stabbing of Steven Wicker.

The Prestonsburg Economic and Recreation Project is getting an injection of state money momentarily. Governor Paul Patton's office said last Friday that a check for \$60,700 is on its way. It's the first installment of a \$3 million appropriation for the project and is to be used for design fees.

Applications are being accepted for Leadership East Kentucky, one of Governor Paul Patton's most recent initiatives. The program will provide an opportunity for citizens to sharpen their leadership skills, become more familiar with eastern Kentucky, and build a network.

Tennessee Gov. Don Sundquist, will be the keynote speaker at the 61st annual Fifth District Lincoln Banquet Friday, at the Corbin Civic Center. US Congressman Hal Rogers, who has represented the Kentucky delegation since 1980, will also speak.

Dewey E. Smith, 55, of Ashlick Fork of Phelps, was killed, Monday afternoon, while he was riding a four-wheeler on property owned by Big Creek Mining. According to Kentucky State Police, Stepp died from being "exposed to debris from an explosive blast."

Local and federal figures got together, last Friday, to ink a contract to benefit residents along Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg. Representatives of the US Army Corps of Engineers and Prestonsburg Utilities signed an agreement to cooperate in the construction of a sewer system for the area.

The Floyd County 911 Executive Board, at its Friday meeting, voted to delay a decision on changing paging companies, as requested by the group's Advisory Council, because a representative of the company said she had never been informed of problems.

The construction of prisons in Appalachian counties brings needed jobs, the economic developers proclaim. If the statistics bear out, most of the jobs don't go to local folk. At the federal prison in Manchester, in southern Kentucky, reportedly only about 20 local people were hired, out of several hundred employees.

To rebuild or to relocate Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg is the focus of a public hearing, next Monday, at Prestonsburg Elementary School. The crumbling bridge, which has been closed for more than a year because of a hole in the bridge and rancor, since two alternatives to rebuilding the bridge in the same location surfaced last fall.

There died, Anna B. Johnson, 64, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, February 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Woodrow "Woody" Mullins, 68, of Albion, Michigan, formerly of Stephens Branch, Martin, Sunday, January 24, in Michigan; Adren Akers, 71, of Ivel, Tuesday, February 9, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington; Arnold Hall, 75, of Galveston, Wednesday, February 10, at her residence; Steven Condes, 47, of Carrie, Tuesday, February 9, at Hazard Medical Center; Billie Ruth Ward, 67, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, February 8, at the Grandview Hospital in Dayton; Estill Johnson, 81, of Bypro, Friday, February 5, at McDowell ARH; Alta L. Kennedy, 78, of Wheelersburg, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, February 8, at Southern Ohio Medical Center; Willie Blackburn, 77, of Wheelwright, Friday, February 5, at McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Raymond Augustine Blair, 67, of Pikeville,

February 12, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gwendolyn Clee Bates, 58, of Lexington, formerly of McDowell, Thursday, February 11, at her residence; Efford Tackett, 73, of Drift, Monday, February 15, at his residence; Mack Robinson, 86, of Harold, Thursday, February 11, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Clinton Ray Humphrey, 49, of Lancaster, Ohio, formerly of Ligon, Saturday, February 13, at his residence; George Crisp, 57, of Drift, Saturday, February 13, at his residence; Lillie B. Hood, 83, of Wheelwright, Wednesday, February 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Martin; Charles Jerome Hieronymus, 87, Thursday, February 11, in Prestonsburg; Bob Stambaugh, 69, of Estill, February 14, at the Veterans Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia; Clarence Collins Clark, 58, of Sitka, Friday, February 12, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington; Minerva Gibson, 96, of Martin, Sunday, February 14, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; James Allen "Killer" Meadows, 39, of Langley, Thursday, February 11, at his residence.

## Twenty Years Ago

(February 15, 1989)

A group of local citizens is conducting what has been described as a "subtle and quiet" campaign to change the status of liquor sales in Prestonsburg.

The Prestonsburg area has been recommended as the site for a regional office of the Kentucky lottery.

Fourteen Cow Creek residents filed a civil suit in Floyd Circuit Court recently against Coal-Mac Inc., a Pikeville-based coal company, and its parent company, Ashland Oil Coal Company.

Members of the Prestonsburg City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance, Monday night, that would restrict extended weight traffic on KY 1428, within the city limits.

There died: Kirk Bolen, 86, of Garrett, February 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Delphia Gayheart, 63, of Hudson, Indiana, February 14; Azzie B. "A.B." Hall, 55, of Printer, February 12; Ben H. Layne, 84, of Dema, February 9; David L. Louder, 65, of Winchester, February 9; Green Bud Mosely, 88, of Minnie, February 9; Pauline Layne Northrup, former resident of Prestonsburg, February 3; Fred O'Bryan Jr., 70, of Hunter, February 7; Pauline Osborn, 60, former Prestonsburg resident, January 31; Polly Rose Shell, 61, of Prestonsburg, February 9; Thomas Sheppard, 79, of Givonsville, Ohio, February 13; Pauline Sweeney Stone, 54, of Prestonsburg, February 8; Bill "Pepsi" Taylor Sr., 58, of Celina, Ohio, February 11; Sylvia Worland, 76, of Prestonsburg, February 10.

## Thirty Years Ago

(February 21, 1979)

Prestonsburg High School will close at the end of classwork, Friday, and remain closed until the removal of asbestos from its interior, and replacement of ceiling, electrical wiring and fixtures are completed, announced Pete Grigsby Jr., superintendent, on Monday.

A public hearing for the discussion of the levy of a three percent utility gross receipts license tax which is proposed by the Floyd County Board of Education will be held Thursday.

Climaxing a growing string of eastern Kentucky crimes was the discovery at Fishpond, the bodies of Charlie Gross, 75, his wife, Lulu, 74, and her brother, Sam Chaney, 79, all of whom had been clubbed to death during an apparent robbery of their store.

Paul Osborne, of Wheelwright, took the oath of office, as trial commissioner of the Floyd County District Court last Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Sexton, a son, Travis Ryan.

There died: Ruth Davidson Sowards, 83, of Prestonsburg, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Margaret R. Goodwin, 58, of Nicholasville; Edna Beverly, 62, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, at Grandview Hospital in Dayton, Ohio; Andy Coburn, 88, of Coruna, Ind., formerly of Garrett, at Allegan, Mich.; Oma Keathley, 64, of Galveston, at her home; Margaret "Maggie" Dobson, 64, of Ecorse, Mich., formerly of Prestonsburg, at the Rivergate Convalescent Home in Riverside, Mich.; Delta Gibson Frasure, 65, of Flatwoods, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Glenda Gail Venters Hutson, 22, of Zion, Ill., formerly of Carr Creek, in an automobile accident; Willie Martin Sr., 73, of Garrett, at his home; Ellen Maggard Akers Bartley, 89, of Prestonsburg, at Riverview Manor; Lucy Conley, 80, of Abbott Road, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ruby Parker, 64, of Cincinnati, formerly of Floyd County, in Cincinnati; Burt Jones, 76, of Bevinsville; at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Vivian Allen Ross, 58, of Union Mills, Ind.

## Forty Years Ago

(February 20, 1969)

Prestonsburg's City Council will study plans at its meeting, tonight, of the municipal building which it proposes to erect on an \$80,000 acre-site which it has purchased here. "I'm guessing," Mayor George P. Archer said of the building cost, but I would say it will cost around \$300,000.

Gerald Pease, manager of the U.S. Shoe Company plant here, told council members at their Paintsville meeting, that the new plant near here has in one year reached the halfway mark in its projected production, with 250 employees producing 3000 pairs of shoes per one day shift.

The Prestonsburg City Bus Line made its last run, Tuesday afternoon, as operating losses mounted to the point that its stock holders decided against further waging of a losing battle.

Workers at two Floyd County mines, began returning to work Monday, ending a strike of more than a week. Upwards of a thousand workers were idle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, Feb. 13, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kidd, of Harold, a son, Feb. 15.

There died: Leonard Jarrell, 58, Dana, son of the late John and Cord Akers Jarrell; Pearl Harris, 78, Prestonsburg, at his residence, here; Nannie Tackett, 78, of Grethel, daughter of Bill and Linda Hamilton Hall; Mrs. Fannie S. Clark, 76, at her home, here; Susie Johnson, 68, Hi Hat, at McDowell Hospital; C.L. Hutsiniller, 79, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington. He was a native of Gallipolis, Ohio.

## Fifty Years Ago

(February 19, 1959)

Prestonsburg's City Council, last Monday night, adopted an ordinance which establishes on Air Board to cooperate with Paintsville in planning and working toward a centrally located airport to serve the two communities and surrounding area.

Distance, mud, and an impassable creek crossing on Buffalo Creek were noted this week in a petition to state and county officials as preventing the attendance of children to school. The petition, signed by 101 residents, urged the building of a bridge across the stream, one and one-half mile east of Endicott.

Savings have climbed to a high level in Floyd County. On the basis of money in the bank, one of the important indicators of economic strength, local residents have advanced to new heights. The savings total, amounting to \$7,701,000, represents an increase of 44 percent over the \$5,346,000.

A petition signed by 100 residents, landowners, and voters in the area proposed to be annexed by the town of Martin, has been filed on their

behalf in the Floyd Circuit Court, to forestall the action.

There died: Mrs. Elizabeth Perry, 58, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Thos. J. Miller, 69, Drift. He was a son of the late Ralph and Mary Miller; Mrs. Jennie Campbell, Hippo. She was a daughter of Dan and Rebecca Prater; Mrs. Mary Alice Burchett, 82, formerly of Prestonsburg, a daughter of William and Sally Hubbard.

## Sixty Years Ago

(February 24, 1949)

A Floyd County mine, that of the Diamond Elkhorn Coal Company at Bosco, is one of four U.S. coal operations which have taken the lead in discovering that sludge—the residue from washing coal—is really black gold. The sludge or slurry, now is being turned into a highly combustible stoker fuel for making of electricity.

Prestonsburg's local-option election, it became almost certain this week, will be held on March 26.

If your license as a driver of a motor vehicle has been revoked, you can continue to operate with complete immunity from the state police if you are careful not to drive outside the limits of Prestonsburg and 39 other Kentucky towns.

The first three days of next week have been designated Health and Economy Days in the Floyd County schools by proclamation, issued last week, by Superintendent Palmer L. Hall, and principals and teachers have been requested to see that a minimum of 20 minutes instruction be given all pupils in each of these three days, on proper heating ventilation and lighting of classrooms in an effort to save money and energy.

Circuit Clerk W.W. Cooley and Ernest Turner, of Drift, have leased from J.W. Turner, the Brown Hotel, and have assumed management of the business.

There died: Cleveland Lewis, 64, native of Dana, at his home; Earl Litteral, 43, at Wayland; Zeke Prater, 87, Hueysville farmer, at home; Frank D. Ward, 73, at his home at West Prestonsburg; Mrs. Missouri Josephine Johnson, 68, wife of Sampson Johnson Sr., and a native of Little Point; Body of Pfc. Lee Prater, killed on Leyte Island in 1944, will arrive at Martin, Saturday.

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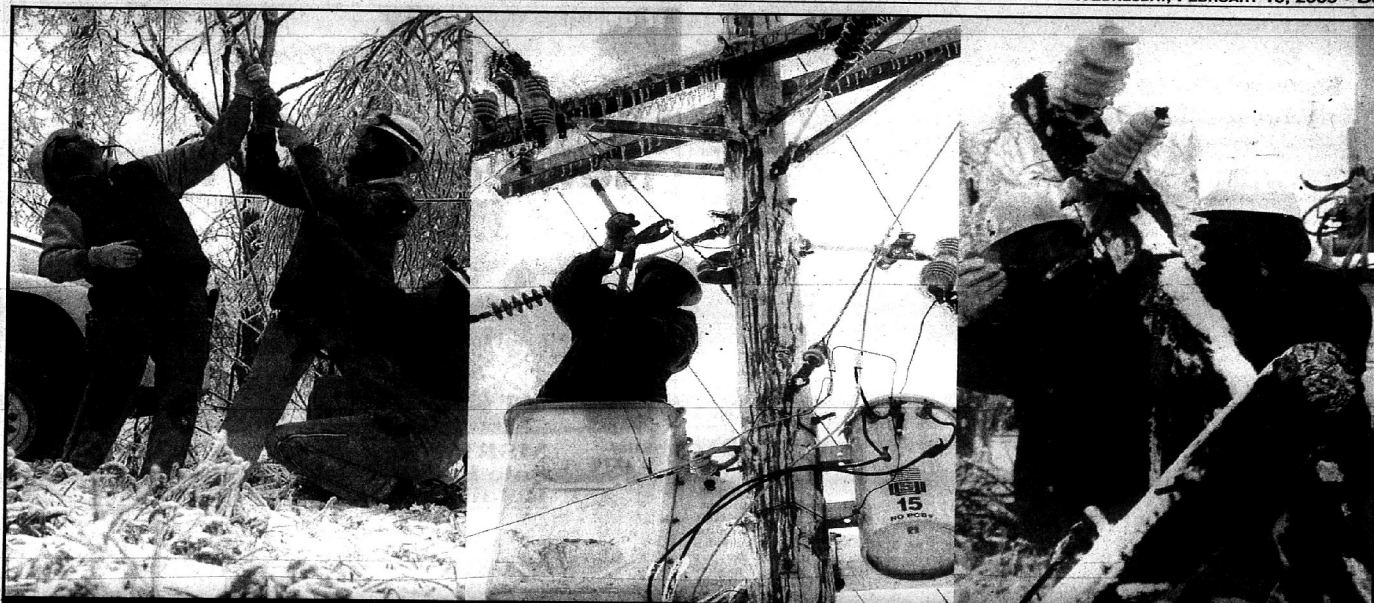
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## Yesterdays

## Seventy Years Ago

(February 23, 1939)

Posted on all WPA projects of the county, this week, was a notice from George H. Goodman, state administrator, of impending reviews of the cases of all certified workers, to determine their present needs for relief before the coming slash on WPA relief rolls.

Promised acceptance of \$55,000 worth of a local holding company's bonds indicated, last week, that Prestonsburg's \$200,000 graded school building will be completed by the Work Progress Administration.

Destruction of a large portion of Right Beaver Creek's fish supply was reported, this week, by

sportsmen who proposed legal action to prevent further contamination of the stream. The Times was told that mine water is used in washing the coal, and that properties in the water, together with coal dust and acidity, are destroying large numbers of fish. Though not making demands for a specific increase in the assessment of Floyd County's taxable property, a letter received by County Judge E.P. Hill from the State Tax Commissioner Monday, did ask that the property evaluation be raised.

There died: Mrs. Laura Hutchinson Dillon, 63, at her home on Sugar Loaf; Jimmie Poe, 36, of his home at Brainard; Nettie Bingham, 79, at her home on Town Branch; Mrs. Green Stone, 63, of her home at Goodloe; Mrs. Fannie Alice Crisp, 27, daughter of John W. and Edith Clarke; James King, 47, of Wayland; Felix Allen, 52, of Northern, a son of George Allen, of Middle Creek.

## Oak

Grandmother Baldridge, because we visited her home down on Hammond Creek several times when I was growing up. And one of the things that stands out most in my mind about her, was that whether she was in the kitchen, or not, she too, was always wearing a bibbed apron. It was like she didn't feel really dressed unless

she had donned a clean, starched and pressed, bibbed apron.

I suspect that in the days of their youth there were always many mouths to feed, so women of that period pretty much lived in the kitchen—cooking, baking, canning and all that. But although I never gave much thought to it before, I'll bet Grandma

Baldridge didn't wear those aprons in order to protect her clothing. I think she felt that a bibbed apron was simply proper dress. I always had the feeling that had she soiled it with grease stains or flour, she would have immediately changed into a clean one.

Perhaps bibbed-apron wearing was some sort of an early Appalachian thing, maybe a tradition. But if it was, it's another example of a tradition lost; just another victim of modern times...sort of like the stream-of-consciousness technique.

## Science

on golf courses, and one of the associations involved in this research is the U.S. Golf Association. Also collaborating are the Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition and the Industrial Resource Council.

So what's the game plan?

The ARS researchers are exploring the possibility of cleansing drainage water from golf courses by attaching a filter cartridge to drainage pipe outlets to neutralize nutrients and pesticides before they reach streams. An ARS agricultural engineer in Ohio has spent the past two years testing commercial cartridges filled with the typical water cleansers used in drinking-water-treatment plants and home aquariums.

As part of a national agreement between ARS and the U.S. Golf Association, the agricultural engineer is testing the filters on a golf course in Waco, Texas. The drainage water samples are tested for the pesticides 2,4-D, chlorothalonil, and metolaxyl, as well as for phosphorus and nitrogen.

Also, in cooperation with Agri Drain Corp. near Adair, Iowa; KriStar Enterprises, Inc., in Santa Rosa, Calif.; and Spectrum Research, Inc., in Duluth, Minn., the ARS engineer and his fellow researchers are experimenting with the cartridges and other filter designs. So far, the scientists say, the preliminary results look promising.

The agricultural engineer and his industry colleagues installed the cartridge filters in a golf course tile drain in Duluth in August 2008. This is part of a larger golf course water-quality study. They're evaluating the efficacy of the filter cartridges for reducing overall nutrients and chlorothalonil in the entire watershed surrounding the golf course.

The scientists also are testing the capacity of waste-

water-treatment residues, such as alum, to improve the ability of fairway vegetative buffer zones to filter out pollutants before they reach the drainage pipe outlets.

Golf courses are only part of the story. Another ARS scientist in Ohio is testing industrial products and byproducts as filtering materials for water draining off farm fields. The scientist is putting the filtering materials—such as coal-combustion byproducts—into an in-line treatment trench so that the water flowing from draining pipes into the trench is cleansed before it hits the nearest stream. The scientist has tested 50 industrial products and byproducts as potential filter materials, and says five of them are quite promising.

The idea on that project is to use industrial products and byproducts that are locally available in each state—for example, a coal-combustion product such as high-carbon fly ash in Ohio, where coal-burning power plants are abundant.

Even if you're not a golfer—or a farmer—you know that it's essential for the world's long-term stability that we make the most of our water resources. A United Nations report released in 2003 predicted that by 2050, severe water shortages will affect 4 billion people worldwide, and Southwestern states such as Arizona could face severe fresh-water shortages by 2025.

So if we can find a way to team scientific innovation with simple materials like industrial byproducts to clean up our water for reuse, that sounds to me like the ultimate win-win situation!

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

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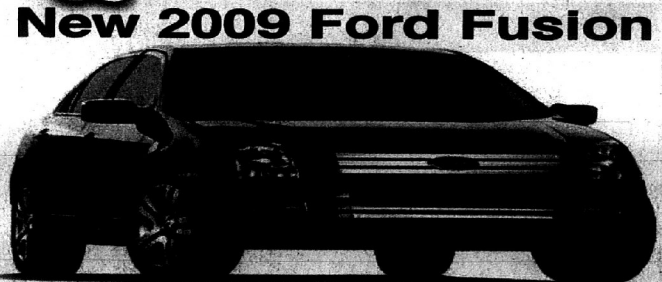
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