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briefs

Tickets for

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by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball team will play in the 2011 Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state tournament at McBrayer Arena on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University on Thursday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets to the game will be on sale at the high school daily from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., beginning Monday, Jan. 24 and ending Monday, Jan. 31. Tickets are \$8 at the school and will be \$10 at the window.

Betsy Layne defeated Paintsville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game. The Bobcats are under the direction of veteran head coach Junior Newsome.

A recap of Betsy Layne's win over Paintsville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic title game appears on Page B1.

SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — A Wheelwright man is now set for arraignment to answer to a charge of first-degree wanton endangerment after police said he opened fire when they arrived at his home earlier this month.

Bobby Hall, 31, surrendered to police after a standoff lasting roughly an hour, according to Wheelwright Police Officer

Randy Johnson.

Johnson said he and Floyd County Sheriff's Lt. Gary Tackett and Sgt. Delmas Johnson responded to a call that Hall had made threats to harm himself.

"We had talked to his brother and he said Hal was thinking about harming himself," Johnson said. "When we arrived and knocked on the door, the shots started."

In Johnson's criminal complaint, which cites three charges

of first-degree wanton endangerment against Hall, he said Hall continued to fire shots during the standoff, adding that the 31-year-old, during that time, continued to come to the door and curse the officers.

Hall finally surrendered to state police officers when they arrived to assist Johnson and the others.

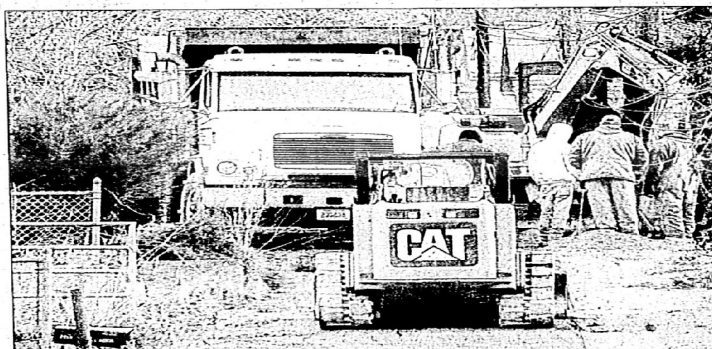
There were initial talks within the county attorney's office to charge Hall with three counts of attempted murder, but Johnson

said that idea was later dropped in favor of the current charge of wanton endangerment.

Hall was placed in jail under a \$5,000 partially secured bond with stipulations that upon release he have no new arrests or violations, not possess any weapons and an agreement to keep his doctor appointments and follow appropriate directions in that regard.

He is next due in court to enter a plea on the charge on Jan. 26.

STEADY STREET WORK



Despite the cold temperatures, crews were out working on the streets of Prestonsburg Thursday morning. photo by Jarrid Deaton

Status hearing set for Pitts sex abuse case

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A status hearing is scheduled next week for the Martin couple arrested in March of 2009 on multiple sex abuse charges.

Michael and Martha Pitts are charged with criminal and sexual abuse. The couple were each charged with two counts of rape, two counts of incest, two counts of sodomy, two counts of sexual abuse and two counts of criminal abuse.

During the preliminary hearing in March, Kentucky State Police Trooper

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State releases results of sheriff's tax audit

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — State Auditor Crit Luallen's office released results this week of tax audits for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department saying there were no signs of noncompliance.

The audit covered, separately, the sheriff's 2009 oil and gas taxes, as well as the 2008 and 2009 unmined coal tax settlement.

In both the oil and gas audit and the coal tax audit,

Luallen's office cited no issues of noncompliance. The report indicates that for both audits, Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn's office reflected financial statements that "fairly" presented the taxed charged, credited and paid.

The oil and gas audit was conducted for the time period between April 16, 2009 through May 14, 2010, while the unmined coal tax audit covered between Aug. 15, 2009 through Aug. 13, 2010.

State law requires the

auditor to annually look at the accounts of each county sheriff. In keeping with this law, the auditor's office issues two sheriff's reports each one.

In addition to finding no issues, and, consequently, having no suggestions as to the case with audits that reveal concerns, Luallen's office said the audit also found "no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation" that were considered to be "material weaknesses."

Former Big Sandy regional jail chairman found not guilty of theft

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The former chairman of the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center Board of Directors has been found not guilty on charges of theft.

John Harmon was accused of turning in vouchers for reim-

bursement of more travel mileage than he was actually entitled to report.

According to prosecutors, Harmon allegedly took \$6,000 for travel to and from the jail in 2007. The jury reportedly deliberated for close to 90 minutes before returning with a not guilty verdict.

"We were not interested in the state's plea bargain deal," said John Kirk, who served as one of Harmon's attorneys. "Mr. Harmon was innocent and he wanted his name cleared. Thanks in great part to the brilliance of my co-counsel Jerry Patton and Howe Baker, justice was done. Now this good man has his life

back." In a related case, Henry "Butch" Williams, the former administrator of the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, pleaded guilty on Wednesday to official misconduct charges and abuse of public trust. Williams is scheduled to be sentenced in February.

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Obituaries

Charles David Cornette

Charles David Cornette, 75, of Prestonsburg, died January 17 at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born March 18, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Otto and Gladys Stapleton Cornette. He was a disabled auto mechanic and a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother: Howard Cornette and two sisters: Barbara Cornette and Phyllis Haywood.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy Jane Thompson Cornette; two sons: David Michael Cornette and Timothy Lee Cornette, both of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Melissa Lynn Johnson, of Hickory, North Carolina, and Amanda Lynn Compton, of Georgetown; four brothers: Ronnie Cornette, of Paintsville, Doug Cornette and John Cornette, both of Prestonsburg, and Asst. Cornette, of Michigan; three sisters: Shirley Tussey, of Prestonsburg, Irene Dyson, of Augusta, Georgia, and Freda Fuller, of Georgia, and grandchildren Nicole Brook Johnson, Katie Lynn Johnson, Jacob David Compton, and Joshua Matthew Compton.

Funeral services were held on January 20 at Nelson

and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

Burial was at Mayo Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Daniel Edd Hamilton

Daniel Edd Hamilton, 60, of Teaberry, died January 17 at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born July 27, 1950, in Martin, he was the son of the late Chester and Opal Johnson Hamilton. He was a disabled factory worker.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother: Aaron Hamilton, and one sister: Nora Mae Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife, Quila Hall Hamilton, two sons: Kevin Hamilton, of Teaberry, and Daniel Hamilton, of Chillicothe, Ohio; three brothers: Ishmeel Hamilton and Randall Hamilton, both of Columbus, Ohio, and Amos Hamilton, of Michigan; three sisters: Barbara Keathley, of Elyria, Ohio, Helen Hamilton, of Albion, Michigan, and Joyce Coleman, of Grethel; and one grandchild: Meshala Brooke Hamilton.

Funeral services were held January 20 at Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Grethel.

Burial was at Thomas Hamilton Cemetery in Teaberry.

Milton F. Harvey

Milton F. Harvey, 78, of Prestonsburg, died on January 17, 2011, at his residence. Born May 15, 1932, in Louisiana, he was the son of the late Flemon and Dee Jacob Dykes and the husband of the late Matia L. Shell Harvey. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Spurlock Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters: Mary Francis Capps, of Harrah, Oklahoma, and Janice Melancon, of Shreveport, Louisiana; son: Justin Lee Harvey, of Prestonburg; two step-sons: Donald Richard Hicks, of Troy, Ohio and Jerry Lee Hicks, of Dayton, Ohio; three brothers: Velton Harvey, of Jasper, Texas, Wayne Harvey, of Reno, Nevada and Jerry Harvey, of Leesville, Louisiana; two sisters: Diane Dream, of Leesville, Louisiana, eight grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild and four great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, step-son: Michael Leroy Hicks, and one brother: David Harvey.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

with Clyde Lewis and Jim Waddles officiating. Burial followed at Bill Webb Cemetery.

Bill Samons

Bill Samons, 47, of Martin, died January 19 at UK Medical Center in Lexington.

Born August 2, 1963, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Jack and Ernestine Hamilton Samons. He was a disabled EMT and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Patton Samons and one sister: Mary Robinson of Martin.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 22, at 1 p.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Denver Meade officiating.

Burial will follow at the family cemetery at Arkansas Creek in Martin.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be given to Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home.

Clarence Howard Slone

Clarence Howard Slone, 47, of Melvin, died January 19, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center. Born

October 8, 1943, he was the son of the late Curtis and Flora Huff Slone and husband of Shirlene Johnson Slone. He was a disabled coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, two sons: Curtis Slone and Steven Slone, of Melvin, two brothers: Russell Slone, of Indiana and Monty Slone, of Ohio, three sisters: Anna Sue Caudill, of Lexington, Anna Newsome, of Weeksbury and Betty Stewart, of Paintsville, four grandchildren: Alex, Sabrina, Kristy and Bethany, and one great-grandchild: Camron.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter: Pamela Slone Tackett, one sister: Betty Slone and one granddaughter: Jessica.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church, in Wheelwright, with Randall Holbrook and Ray Grindstaff officiating. Burial will follow at the Johnson Cemetery in Long Fork of Virgie.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Alvin Dale Little

Alvin Dale Little, 71, of Hi Hat, died on January 20, 2011, at

Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born July 3, 1939, in Knott County, he was the son of the late Estill and Bertha Mullins. He was a mine foreman.

Survivors include one son: Scott (Cheryl) Little, of Prestonsburg, one daughter: Kimberly (Ron Jr.) Frasure, of Prestonsburg, three sisters: Edna Carol Lawson, of Nancy, Linda Faye Lockhart, of Proctorville, Ohio, and Glenda Gaye Dawson, of Hi Hat, four grandchildren: Ashleigh Frasure (Robert) Dotson, Tiffany Brooke Frasure, Colby Scott Little and Kennedy Nichole Little, one great-grandson: Robert Cash Dotson and a special friend: Doris Little.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Alton Little and three sisters: Wanda Jean Gilliam, Eula Dean Frazier and Janet Schridrich.

Funeral services are scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Omery C. Hall, Carl Woods, Louis Ferrari and Randy Osborne officiating. Burial will follow in the Frazier Family Cemetery, in Price. Visitation will be held after 7 p.m. at the funeral home on Friday.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses
Erica Morgan Campbell, 19, of Paintsville, to Keenan Santo Darby, 22, of Clintwood, Va.

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Cinema 2 - Held Over
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Cinema 3 - Held Over
THE LYNCHING (PG-13). Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:15-9:25; Sat. Sun. (2:15-4:25) 7:15-9:25.

Cinema 4 - Held Over
GULLIVER'S TRAVELS (PG). Mon-Thurs. 7:10; Fri. (4:25) 7:10; Sat. Sun. (2:15) 7:10.

Cinema 5 - Held Over
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Cinema 6 - Held Over
YOGI BARR (PG). Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat. Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

Cinema 7 - Held Over
THE GREEN HORNET 3D (PG-13). Mon-Thurs. 6:55-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 6:55-9:20; Sat. Sun. (1:55-4:20) 6:55-9:20.

Cinema 8 - Starts Fri. Jan. 21
NO STRINGS ATTACHED (R). Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat. Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25.

Cinema 9 - Held Over
THE DILBERT 3D (PG-13). Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:25; Sat. Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:25.

Cinema 10 - Held Over
TWO L.E.S. (PG). Fri. (4:20), Sat. Sun. (2:00-4:20).

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Cody Bartley, 18, Wheelwright; second-degree assault.

Jason Shawn Martin, 34, of Teaberry; flagrant non-support.

Estill Newsome Jr., 33, McDowell; complicity to commit theft by unlawful taking.

Bobby Hall, 31, Wheelwright; first-degree wanton endangerment.

Jeremy Howell, 26, Harolds; receiving stolen property.

Christy Lee Jacobs, 37, Martin; harassment.

Michael Johnson Jr., 20, Melvin; theft by unlawful taking.

Amanda Lorene Ousley, 34, Betsy Layne; theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Curtis T. Newsome, 21, Prestonsburg; fleeing or evading police, no operator or moped license, reckless driving, criminal mischief, one headlight.

Jarvey James Meade, 63, Prestonsburg; fleeing or evading police, disorderly conduct.

Ryan Hall, 20, Bevinsville; public intoxication.

Small Claims

Eric C. Conn v. Sharolette Akers; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn v. Kennis Burchett; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn v. Daniel L. Sturgill; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn v. Harold Kilgore; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn v. Myshellia Mullins; debt collection.

Eric C. Conn v. Della Yonts; debt collection.

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Rite-Aid, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-sink, toxic items not properly stored. Score: 94.

Slone's Grocery, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: lack of accurate thermometers in all refrigeration and freezing units storing potentially hazardous foods, lack of numerically scaled thermometers for checking cooking and holding temperature of potentially hazardous food, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, food contact surfaces are not durable, corrosion resistant, or non-absorbent, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 94.

Hardee's Restaurant, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: food contact surfaces are not resistant to pitting, chipping, crazing, etc., food contact surfaces and/or utensils are not durable, corrosion resistant or non-absorbent, a warewashing sink is being used for hand-washing, a warewashing sink is supplied with hand-soap and paper towels, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or hand-sink, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 94.

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Property Transfers

Joyce Akers to David Conn, Lennix Gene Conn, and Dedra Conn, property not listed.

Gladys Bailey to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Norman Bailey to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Ruby W. Bailey to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Mary Margaret Baldrige to Franklin D. Porter to Mary Margaret Porter, property not listed.

Joshua E. Conley to Diane H. Conley and Edgillie Conley, property not listed.

Fannie Mae to Christina Vandine Simpson, property not listed.

National Mortgage Association to Christina Vandine Simpson, property not listed.

Carleta Fraley and Samuel Ray Fraley, property not listed.

Mary Lynda Goodson to Mark Goodson, property not listed.

Roy E. Goodson to Mark Goodson, property not listed.

Melissa R. Hall to Terry Smith, property located at

Little Mud Creek.

Tommy Hall to Terry Smith, property located at Little Mud Creek.

Lita Hamilton to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Jody Johnson to Kelly Johnson, property not listed.

Kelly Johnson to Kelly Johnson, property not listed.

Phyllis Lenox to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Angela Meade to James Tackett, property not listed.

Claudean Carol Ratliff to Linda R. Ritchie, property not listed.

Emily Ratliff to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Michelle Ratliff to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Vicki Ratliff to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Wayne Ratliff to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Zachary Ratliff to Bill Sloan, property not listed.

Earl D. Shepherd to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Retha Shepherd to Tonya R. Shepherd, property located at Salt Lick Creek.

Betty Stephens Sizemore to Rhonda G. Castle, property located at Setzer Addition to Goble Roberts Subdivision.

State's recidivism rate at a 10-year low, corrections department says

The Kentucky Department of Corrections released numbers this afternoon that show a drop in the number of inmates returning to prison after release.

The state's two and three-year recidivism rates are at the lowest mark in several years. The state prison population is also currently less than when we began 210, and not just by a few inmates: 1,097 to be exact.

The 24-month recidivism rate is now at a 10-year low: 29.5 percent. The last time the rates were comparable was in 2001 and 2000, when the rate was 30 and 29.8 percent respectively.

The Kentucky DOC's three-year recidivism rate is at the lowest mark in nine years, since the 2002 releases that were reported in 2005. The three-year recidivism rate is 40.3 percent for the 2007 releases.

"By reducing the rate of offenders who return to prison, we keep our communities safer, our families more intact, and we're able to begin reinvesting incarceration costs to other critical services," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "Reversing the trend of recidivism, which had been steadily increasing over the past

decade, signals that our initiatives of the past three years are having an impact."

Recidivism, by Kentucky's definition, is an individual's return to the custody of the Department of Corrections within two years of release from a state institution or contract facility by parole, shock probation or completion of sentence.

Recidivism does not include federal convictions or convictions in other states or Kentucky where the person is probated and not incarcerated.

ly-recognized ASCA Association of State Correctional Administrators formula for recidivism rates.

"We very pleased to see the drop in recidivism, especially since the reduction is so significant," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "I give a great deal of credit to our probation and parole staff and the work they have done to reduce the return of technical parole violators. This is at least one part of the equation. We believe our re-entry efforts and increased efforts in substance abuse

treatment programs also played a role."

Thompson said the reduction may also be a result of the courts using alternative sentencing, for example: expanded use of home incarceration, drug courts, and mental health courts.

The Department of Corrections also calculated the releases on a three-year time frame as part of its partnership with national experts from the Public Safety Performance Project of the Pew Center on the States.

Two charged for ATM machine thefts in Pike

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Police have in custody two suspects they say attempted to break into ATM machines at two different banks this past week.

Jeremy Hopkins, 28,

and Poyster Gibson, 26, both of Greasy Creek in Pike County, are now being held on charges of three counts of first-degree criminal mischief and possession of burglary tools.

According to the Pikeville Police

Department, officers were dispatched to a damaged ATM machine at the First National Bank in Williamson on Pratt Place. Officer David Adkins said he arrived to find the machine heavily damaged.

While Adkins was at

the Williamson location, others officers visited the surrounding area banks. During this time, Officer Michael Riddle arrived at Community Trust Bank along Town Mountain Road and said he found Hopkins and Gibson in front of an ATM machine

at that bank.

The two jumped into a van and sped away after Riddle spotted them, police said, but were stopped shortly by Riddle and taken into custody. They were charged following review of the surveillance tapes from the banks

and written statements.

In total, Hopkins and Gibson are charged with allegedly attempting to gain entry into three different machines, after a third bank, Citizen's National Bank in downtown Pikeville, was found to have been hit as well.

Pikeville companies among Best Places to Work

by **JARRID DEATON**
FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Two Pikeville-based companies have been named as winners in the seventh annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky competition.

Pikeville College and Pikeville Medical Center

were both selected as winners. The official ranking of the winners will be announced at an awards dinner scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, at the Lexington Convention Center.

The Best Places to Work in Kentucky competition is under the director of the

Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

According to Shannon Byrne, with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, winners from across the state were selected in two categories, small/medium-

sized employer and large-sized employer. The selection process was managed by Best Companies Group and was based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey.

"The competition is a

multi-year initiative designed to motivate companies in the commonwealth to focus, measure and move their workplace environments toward excellence," Byrne said. "Numerous studies show a strong correlation between profitability and creating a good place to work."

For more details about Best Places to Work in Kentucky, including how to register for the awards dinner, visit <http://www.bestplacetoworkky.com>.

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KCEP tax break report identifies ways to more closely scrutinize 'tax expenditures'

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A new report issued by the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy says that Kentucky loses billions of dollars in revenue each year through provisions in the state tax code known as tax expenditures, yet does little to understand the effectiveness of these provisions.

"Special tax breaks and preferences result in billions of dollars in lost revenue at a time when Kentucky struggles to protect investments in key public necessities," said Jason Bailey, Director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy. "Yet these holes in the tax code receive far less scrutiny than spending in the state budget. Kentucky has made painful budget cuts the last couple of years, but has done little to more closely scrutinize its tax expenditures."

Kentucky's budget office produces a document that identifies tax expenditures and estimates the lost revenue every two years, and their most recent report contains 287 tax expenditures. Significant tax expenditures include those related to businesses and economic development, the exclusion of services from the sales tax and other sales tax exemptions, the variety of income tax deductions and the state's limitation on the property tax.

Addressing tax expenditures is central to good tax reform. Yet the state lacks the systems to understand the purpose of many tax expenditures, assess their effectiveness and make regular and informed decisions about whether individual tax expenditures are worth the lost revenue.

"We need to put tax expenditures on a more even playing field with the public necessities and investments that tax dollars pay for," said Bailey. "The commonsense reforms included in this report will move us in the right direction and help us make better choices about our fiscal and economic future."

Recommendations in the report include identifying who benefits from particular tax expenditures; creating a tax expenditure review committee to regularly assess the effectiveness of tax expenditures; requiring many tax expenditures to expire at least once a decade; mandating that the Executive Branch make recommendations about reviewed tax expenditures as part of its budget proposal; and creating cost caps on some tax expenditures.

The report, titled "Reforms Needed to Bring Greater Scrutiny to Tax Expenditures," can be accessed at www.kypolicy.org.

New funds expand energy grant program

\$800 offered to K-12 schools

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Green and

Healthy Schools (KGHS) program is offering \$800 grants to K-12 schools completing student-led energy efficiency projects.

"By encouraging students to explore and recommend energy efficiency measures, these grants will provide a wonderful learning experience," said First Lady Jane Beshear. "I

applaud this program's efforts to engage students in making their own environments more energy efficient. This program will allow them to better appreciate the need to decrease Kentucky's energy dependence."

The grants must be used to purchase materials that will save energy or improve

energy efficiency at school facilities, but may also include projects that reduce school waste, conserve water or plant trees. The grant program was made possible by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus grant awarded to the Kentucky Environmental Education Council (KEEC), which

administers the KGHS program.

"We are thrilled to offer these grants to schools," said Elizabeth Schmitz, KEEC executive director. "The grants not only save energy and improve sustainability at Kentucky schools, but they also help

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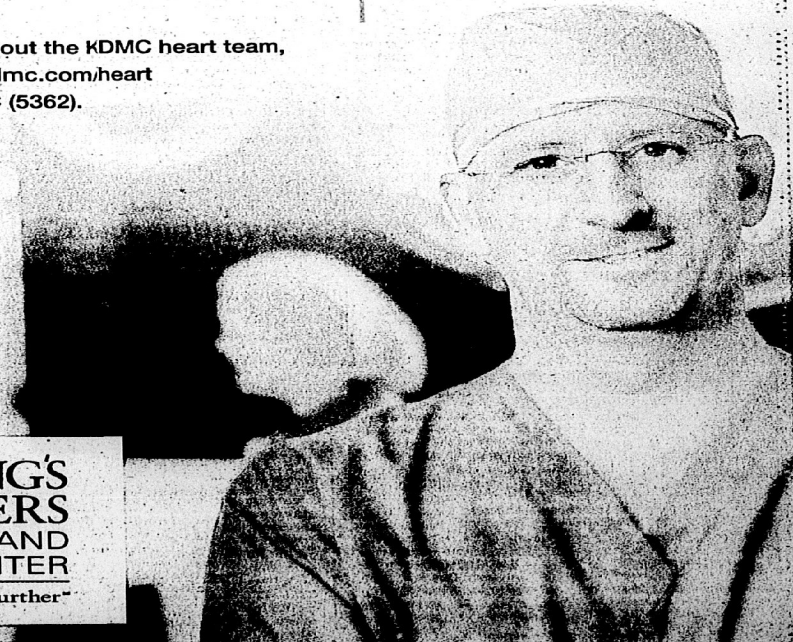
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Guest View

Smoking ban could be good thing for Kentucky

A bill filed by a Kentucky lawmaker last week could ban smoking in all enclosed public places and places of employment. That's a step in the right direction.

Kentuckians are known for their penchant to smoke 'em if we got 'em, which is evidenced by the state's near 25 percent adult smoking rate. So there's bound to be some heavy opposition to this bill, but we think it would be a good one to pass, not only for the health of the smoker, but for others having to breathe in secondhand smoke.

The harmful effects of smoking tobacco for both the smokers and those around them have been well documented. Cigarette smoke has been shown to contain various toxic chemicals, and remains one of the leading causes of cancer in the nation. Cigarette smoking can also lead to heart disease, dental problems and other complications.

In other words, smoking is not something nonsmokers should have to put up with if they choose not to.

There is little reason not to approve a bill like this. Several states have already passed similar measures to no great difficulty in implementation, and we think implementing it in Kentucky would go over fairly steady in the long run.

We already have some case studies to fall back on in communities like Lexington, Prestonsburg and Paintsville where local smoking bans have apparently done little to nothing to stymie local business.

Lots of people opposing this measure cry foul and cite the rights of smokers. Sure, they have the right to choose to smoke if they like, but where do the rights of nonsmokers come into the picture? We think Rep. Westrom is onto something with this bill, and we hope there are more legislators who have the backbone to sign on as co-sponsors.

— Hazard Herald



Beyond the Beltway

The right to bear arms, even if you're nuts

by DONALD KAUL
OtherWords

Say what you will about the attempted assassination of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ). Add in the murder and severe injuries suffered by assorted bystanders in Tucson and it all proves that we're still a free country. God bless America!

Where else can a certifiable loony who looks like Charlton Heston's creepy cousin walk into a gun store and buy a semi-automatic pistol that shoots 30 rounds (30!) in just a few seconds? And then walk around with it, no questions asked?

The result: six dead and 13 wounded.

Only in America. And Iraq. And maybe Afghanistan, Sudan, places like that. All bastions of freedom-loving folk.

Of all the places in these United States that love freedom, Arizona is the place that loves it most. It's one of three states that allow people to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. And as for the 30-shot weapon, Congress—the National Rifle Association's legislative arm—made that legal six years ago.

The incident does cast doubt on the NRA theory that "a society that carries guns around freely is a polite society." The shooting of NRA member Rep. Giffords and the murders of

her aide, a Federal judge, three elderly women, and a nine-year-old girl were a lot of things. Polite wasn't one of them.

Apparently, they weren't victims, just martyrs to the freedom of the American people—rich and poor, crazy and sane alike—to own guns.

Some liberals have cynically seized the opportunity to condemn the sometimes violent rhetoric of the political right. You know, "if ballots don't work, bullets will." That kind of thing.

They point to a campaign event sponsored by Giffords' Republican opponent last year at which voters were invited to fire a fully automatic M-16, as a "symbol" of his assault on the lady. Republicans are big on symbols.

Some liberals have even gone so far as to blame Sarah Palin just because that good woman put out a map "targeting" liberal politicians for defeat, marking their districts with cross hairs resembling telescopic gun sights.

Palin was quick to deny that she meant that literally. As the big-hearted humanitarian that she is, she sent "condolences" from herself and Todd to the families. Is that a great American gesture or what?

Her spokesperson said the cross hairs weren't meant to look like rifle sights at all. They were the "surveyor's symbols" one might find on a military map to indicate locations. (Perhaps she was trying to nail down the surveyor vote.)

That didn't stop the local sheriff (probably one of those rare, oddball liberal sheriffs) from denouncing "the vitriolic rhetoric that we hear

day in and day out from people in the radio business and some people in the TV business." He called Arizona "the Mecca for prejudice and bigotry."

That got Jon Kyl's hackles up. Kyl is an Arizona and the Senate's No. 2 Republican. "I didn't really think that that had any part in a law enforcement briefing," he said. Other Republican leaders were similarly concerned.

"I am horrified," said Speaker John Boehner.

"I am horrified," agreed John McCain, the party's former presidential candidate.

In truth, it's difficult to tie the shooter to the political right, even though he expressed concerns about "the government taking over." Nor is he a child of the left, as some defensive right-wingers have sought to paint him.

He's quite simply a nut—a fairly bright young man who slowly slipped into madness. I don't know what can be done with people like that. That is until they commit some heinous act that gives an excuse to lock them up.

Not selling them guns that shoot 30 bullets real fast would be a start, I suppose. But what am I saying? You couldn't do that without limiting the right of the rest of us to buy 30-shot, rapid-fire pistols. Gee, then what would we do?

Rest easy, the U.S. Supreme Court—the NRA's judicial arm—wouldn't let it happen.

I am horrified.

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Confessions of an adolescent whipping boy

by WILL E. SANERS

When I was in the fifth grade, I declared war. Not against my arch-nemesis Cory Howard, not against my curmudgeonly teacher or even that lunch lady who always seemed to short me the cherry in the fruit cocktail each Tuesday. Nope, that would be mere child's play.

I'm talking about the time I declared war against the nation of Iraq. This was back in early January 1991. Back when Iraq was still Iraq—corpses littered the streets, ethnic cleansing was catching on and funny sounding tribes were killing people in the name of a God who commands murder as a sin. You know, the Iraq we all know and love.

I want to be perfectly clear here about which war I'm talking about. This isn't what's going on over there right now. I don't know what that's all about, and my guess is nobody does anymore. I'm talking about the first

war in Iraq—all 14 glorious minutes of it.

Ironically enough, not only was it the first Iraq war, it was the first Bush, too. Herbert Walker, remember him? What about Stormin' Norman Schwarzhitsname? I'm sure you remember a guy named Saddam Hussein, who was nominated for an Oscar when he reprised his villainous role during the second war in Iraq. (Sadly, he lost to George Clooney. I blame the Hollywood elite.)

The first Iraq war took place after Hussein, Black Manta, Captain Cold and other Legion of Doom members invaded Kuwait for oil, but before Bush the Boy Wonder invaded Iraq looking for weapons of mass destruction.

I was 10 years old at the time and riding the fence between a D and a F in conduct. My teacher, Mrs. Dickerson, used a demerit system for our grade in conduct, and I figured I was closing in on darn near 25. Anything over 25 in a grading period and my father would tan my hide. Naturally, I began rationing my demerits like food.

Dickerson proved to be a worthy adversary for me that year. An unbreakable woman of incredible

girth, she carried herself like a grizzly bear and was twice as mean, presumably with a similar appetite. Leading up to fifth grade, my journey through elementary school served to be an unrelenting death march as I faced what seemed like a murderers' row of terrible (and demerit-incensed) teachers, each worse than the next. I think it was all part of a well-crafted plan by Principal Dickerson to curb my fascal tendencies, and he saved the best—Dickerson—for last.

Now in the days before America's aerial bombardment campaign to drive Iraqi troops out of Kuwait, Dickerson veered from classroom protocol and allowed students to bring in their carphone radios. Each hour, one student could listen to the radio during a lesson plan on behalf of the class. If news of the war broke, that student was to inform the class so everyone could pull out their radios. Then Dickerson could turn on the classroom's radio. Remember, this was in the days before the Internet.

I bet you can guess what happened when it was my turn. I had hoped and prayed the war would break out on my turn, but with only one hour of listening to the radio about to expire, I

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Meeting

wide information system at South Floyd High School, receive and review a draft of the 2012 working budget, consider a commercial carrier for Prestonsburg Elementary to transport

fifth-grade students and staff to Frankfort to the Kentucky History Museum and Capitol Building on Feb. 23, consider abolishing the early childhood specialist position and estab-

lishing a special education consultant position, consider establishing one preschool special needs paraprofessional position at Osborne Elementary, consider a request for Betsy Layre

High School to purchase and utilize Rosetta Stone Classroom Interactive Software, consider 2011-2012 non-resident contracts with neighboring districts, consider an alternative in-

school education program position at Prestonsburg High School, and more. The regular monthly meetings of the Floyd County Board of Education begin at 6:30 p.m. Full

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agendas are available at the meetings and the public can ask questions and make comments before the board begins the discussion of regular agenda items.

Hearing

Richard Russell gave his testimony in regards to the case, including the results of a medical examination of the alleged female victim under the age of 6. Russell's testimony included the alleged acts of sexual abuse against one male child, between the of 6 and 8 at the time of the alleged abuse, and one female child, between the age of 4 and

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6. Before the couple were indicted by the grand jury, District Judge James R. Allen set the bond at \$5 million cash each for both. The status hearing for the case against Michael and Martha Pitts is set for Friday, Jan. 28, in Floyd Circuit Court.

Eccentric

knew I only had one option left.

"Oh my gosh!" I cried, "We just attacked Iraq!"

You would have thought I was trumpeting the rapture as the class quickly devolved into simple beasts, digging into their desks for their radios feverishly. A fight between a boy with a radio and another without one began.

And I distinctly recall the sound of screaming, which was a little extreme if you ask me.

Dickerson waddled to the class radio and soon became wise of my ruse before turning her sights on me. Trapped in the corner, Dickerson waded through the sea of children that my chaos created as she licked her chops at the thoughts of my punishment.

One trip to the principal's office, five more demerits and a few swats on the

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behind from my father later, I was starting to second-guess my actions. But all these years later, I still don't regret declaring war against Iraq.

I suppose that means I'd make a terrible politician. Or maybe even a great one.

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Pikeville College earns statewide workplace honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College was recently named as one of the Best Places to Work in Kentucky 2011. The awards program was created in 2005 and is a project of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky SHRM Council and Best Companies Group.

This statewide survey and awards program was designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Kentucky, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. The Best Places to Work in Kentucky 2011 list is made up of 65 companies.

"We are proud to have earned the distinction of being one of the Best Places to Work in Kentucky," said President Paul E. Patton. "Equally gratifying is knowing that our employees played a significant role in determining this honor."

"At Pikeville, it's all about the students and our dedicated faculty and staff provide the strong foundation that makes this institution work and grow. Our professors have a passion for learning and scholarship that is key to our students' success. Equally important is the commitment of our dedicated staff, who work hard to make the student experience a positive one," said Patton.

To be considered for participation, companies had to fulfill the following eligibility requirements: Have at least 25 employees working in Kentucky.

Be a for-profit or not-for-profit business or government entity; Be a publicly or privately held business; Have a facility in the state of Kentucky; and Must be in business a minimum of one year.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the Best

Places to Work in Kentucky. The first part consisted of evaluating each nominated company's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 75 percent of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of an employee survey to measure the employee experience. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking. Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process in Kentucky and also analyzed the data and used their expertise to determine the final rankings.

Pikeville College will be recognized and honored at the Best Places to Work in Kentucky 7th Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at the Lexington Convention Center. The final

rankings will be announced at the event.

PC announces fall 2011 Dean's List

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas R. Hess has released the names of the top students for the fall 2010 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must receive a grade-point average of 3.5 (B+) or better.

Floyd County: Emily A. Holbrook of Allen; Jessica R. Bentley and Jennifer M. Charles of Beaver; Daniel G. Linton of Betsy Layne; Lucy L. Chambers, Kyle Katelyn Justice, Tianna Patton, Brittany Rogers, Allie N. Sloan and Markayla B. Stevens of Haroid; Tara D. Burchett of Ives; Destiny D. Akers, Christopher D. Baker, Julia D. Burchett, Danielle R. Dials and Matthew S. Doyle of Prestonsburg; and Hannah Blackburn, Derek R. Hatfield, Jacob B. Stratton of Stanfield.

Paintsville SBDC has new location

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PAINTSVILLE — Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville has moved to 221 Main Street.

The Small Business Development Center offers services to entrepreneurs in planning, consulting and training. The SBDC provides valuable tools to help entrepreneurs make informed business decisions

when planning to open a new business, purchase an existing business or expand an established business.

Free one-on-one consulting services are another valuable service offered by the Small Business Development Center. Our management consultants have broad based skills, significant experience as business owners and/or managers and a track record of assisting with the growth of successful businesses. Our consultants are qualified to

answer questions and address a variety of topics, including: developing a comprehensive business plan, analyzing cash flow and financial projections, market planning and research, managing human resource issues and financing options.

The SBDC also offers an intensive schedule of affordable training workshops both in the classroom and online. These expert-led training workshops are designed to provide new

existing business owners with the knowledge required to maintain or expand a profitable business.

To schedule a "free" one-on-one consulting session, contact Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-7272 or stop by the office on Main Street.

For a list of upcoming events, visit the SBDC Web site at www2.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc or send an e-mail to m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

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Beshear urges General Assembly to approve Medicare plan

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT Governor Steve Beshear and health care providers joined together earlier this week to urge the General Assembly to pass legislation when they return next month that would balance the Medicaid budget for the fiscal year 2011.

Legislative action is needed, Beshear says, to prevent devastating cuts to the program that provides health care to more than 800,000 of Kentucky's most vulnerable citizens.

"Today I call on the General Assembly to pass this important correction to our

Medicaid budget," said Beshear. "With thousands of Kentuckians joining the program every month, its passage is critical to ensuring vulnerable Kentuckians get the services they need, and that health care providers do not see unnecessary drastic reductions in reimbursement payments."

The 2010-2012 enacted budget assumed the state would receive \$238 million from the federal government in higher, or enhanced, federal matching rates. However, final action at the federal level will result in the state receiving only \$138 million, leaving a \$100 million shortfall or gap in the FY2011 Medicaid budget. The FY2012 Medicaid budget is

balanced. The administration's proposed budget-neutral rebalancing plan to solve the FY2011 Medicaid Benefits shortfall reallocated \$166.5 million of General Fund dollars from FY2012 to FY2011.

Beshear also noted if the funds are not reallocated from the 2012 fiscal year into 2011 fiscal year, the impact to the program and its providers will be devastating. The \$139 million in state funds, equates to almost \$600 million in Medicaid expenditures. Since half of the fiscal year is already over, to reduce spending by \$600 million in the last half of the year doubles the impact of the reductions.

Energy

students understand the issues surrounding energy use and conservation."

Students will use the inquiry-based program to investigate various topics on their campus, such as water and energy usage, and then work with their teacher to design a school improvement project that is paid for with the grant. Examples of previously awarded projects include compact fluorescent light bulb pledge campaigns coupled with bulb giveaways; and the purchase of items such as bike racks, vending machine misers, recycling bins, rain barrels and composting containers.

To streamline the program, all grant purchasing is completed by the KGHHS program and materials are then shipped to the applicant school.

"The program was designed to be as simple as possible, with busy teachers in mind," said Merin Roseman, KGHHS coordinator. "Any school registered in the Green Schools pro-

gram is eligible to apply, and enrolling in the program is as simple as signing a pledge form available on the web."

Since the beginning of the program in the fall of 2009, 17 grants have been awarded to Kentucky schools, totaling more than \$7,000. To increase the viability of the program, the grant amount was recently increased from \$250 to \$800. The grants will be available until the spring of 2012 or until funding is exhausted.

Schools may apply for multiple grants but must complete reporting requirements before moving on to additional projects. For more information, visit the KGHHS website at www.greenschools.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Environmental Education Council and the Kentucky Department of Education jointly sponsor KGHHS. Both are agencies in the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Hazard to host first of six beekeeping schools

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Beekeepers of all experience levels will find topics to fit their interests and expertise in six beekeeping schools scheduled in every region of Kentucky between Jan. 22 and March 12.

The schools will offer classes for beginners and sessions targeted to experienced beekeepers. Vendors selling beekeeping equipment will set up displays at all the schools.

"Honey bees play an extremely important role in Kentucky agriculture as crop pollinators," Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer said. "Many beekeepers also sell honey, which helps producers make a living and generates economic activity in many Kentucky communities. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is pleased to support these beekeeping schools."

The Eastern Kentucky Beekeeping School in Hazard

will kick off the series Jan. 22, followed by the Allen County Beekeeping School Feb. 5 in Scottsville, the Southeast Beekeeping School Feb. 12 in Corbin, the Northeast Kentucky Beekeeping School Feb. 26 in Morehead and the Audubon Beekeeping School March 5 in Henderson.

The largest school of the series, the Bluegrass Beekeeping School, is scheduled for March 12 at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. State Apiarist Phil

Craft is soliciting submissions of photos or artwork for the cover of this year's Bluegrass program. The deadline for entries is Feb. 15. The Department will announce the name of the winner March 1, and the winner will receive free registration for two to the school, a \$40 value.

The one-day schools on Saturdays attracted a record number of people last winter, with combined attendance topping 1,100.

Middle Creek conducts reenactment

by FLOYD DAVIS

MIDDLE CREEK — It was January 11, 1862. The Battle of Middle Creek had just ended leaving Federal forces in control of the Pound Gap/Mount Sterling Road (the only improved road in Eastern Kentucky). The weather was cold, wet, and raw as the confederate army moved back toward the safety of Virginia through the Left Fork of Middle Creek and Right Beaver, the last unblocked avenue to Virginia.

The enemy wasn't far away as the 1,200 man army struggled through the clay-mud of Appalachian winter, dragging cannon and their remaining supplies through swollen creeks and across nearly impassable roads.

As they moved away from the wide valleys of the Big Sandy River, the fields narrowed and the forest crept ever downward. The empty distances between scattered farmsteads stretched ever farther and the few families along the way could not hope to resupply or support the hungry army.

On January 15th, 2011, Michael Warrick, Vice Commander and Private Nick Sparks of the Friends of Middle Creek were joined by reenactors Chad Wrinn, Brian Chastain, and

Charlie McDaniels of the Breckenridge Greys to retrace the steps of the Southern Army on foot, re-experiencing in part the emotions and hardships of that retreating Army. Beginning at the First Commonwealth Bank (Site of the Garfield House) and ending at the Knott County line, our reenactors made their way up Middle Creek to the farm of Floyd and Nancy Davis where they enjoyed food and hospitality provided by the Friends of Middle Creek for the night.

This was faithful to the original march since the 1862 Army camped on the lands of Floyd's relatives, the Hicks family in 1862.

The reenactors then

continued up Middle Creek and Beaver Creek, visiting Sara Alice Reffett (Granny Reffett) along the way to enjoy cake and ginger bread and listen to stories of life along the soldier's route some eighty-odd years ago. Sue Reffett added tales of the Southern Army camping on the land of her Great-great-grandfather Joseph Gearheart, and treated the reenactors to stories of antebellum life on Beaver Creek.

The reenactors finished their tour by marching through Garrett to the Knott County line.

The Friends of Middle Creek is an organization dedicated to Civil War Education in Eastern Kentucky and the develop-

ment and utilization of the Middle Creek Nation Battle Field.

They sponsor the retraining of the Southern army's withdrawal yearly to remind Floyd Countians of their Civil War heritage and to increase awareness of Eastern Kentucky's rich and varied past.

Those interested in Civil War reenacting or the educational missions of the Friends of Middle Creek are invited to attend our meetings and participate in our events.

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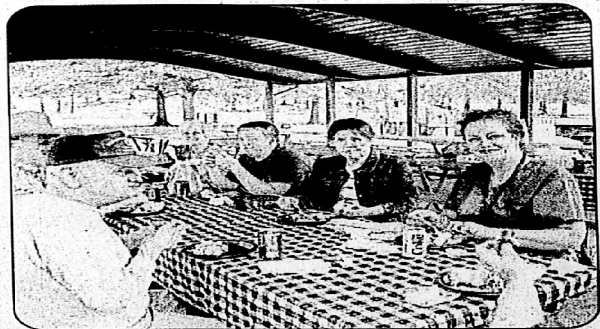
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Bobcats capture 15th Region All 'A' championship

Betsy Layne fends off Paintsville for regional title
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Betsy Layne is back on top in the 15th Region. The Bobcats claimed the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship, defeating former powerhouse Paintsville 55-43 in the

game on Monday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Senior Casey Adkins tossed in a game-high 20 points as the Bobcats clinched the All "A" title. Betsy Layne, which won 15th Region championships in 1976 and 1980, will compete in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic State Tournament at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena in Richmond. Adkins had the hot hand

early in the championship game, scoring 14 of Betsy Layne's first 22 points. Paintsville, however, enjoyed an early lead. The Tigers outscored Betsy Layne 18-14 in the opening quarter. After facing a four-point deficit at the conclusion of the first quarter, Paintsville limited Betsy Layne to 13 points in the second and third periods combined. The Bobcats carried a 3-

23 lead into halftime. Betsy Layne led 41-31 at the end of the third quarter. Nathan Martin and Andrew Roberts joined Adkins in double figures with 10 points apiece. Derek Tackett tossed in eight points. Dylan Hamilton netted four and Dylan Maldonado chipped in three for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne (9-5), under the direction of veteran head coach Junior Newsome, was

nine-of-16 at the free throw line. Senior Josh Green paced Paintsville with 17 points. Sophomore Trevor Tiller added eight points for the Tigers in the runner-up finish. Paintsville was 12-of-19 from the charity stripe in the title game. The 15th Region is home to defending All "A" Classic state champion Shelby Valley.

Betsy Layne 55, Paintsville 43
Betsy Layne (55): Martin 10, Maldonado 3, Tackett 8, Roberts 10, Adkins 20, Hamilton 4.
Paintsville (43): Tiller 8, Green 17, Stone 5, Sublett 3, Caldwell 6, Hall 2, Daniels 2.
BL.....14 18 9 4-55
P.....18 5 8 12-43

Bristol Dragway releases 2011 schedule

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Bristol Dragway's 2011 season schedule features an impressive line-up of events, including the NHRA Thunder Valley Nationals on Father's Day weekend, that will satisfy every race fan no matter the type of drag racing they enjoy.

Furiling NHRA action returns to Bristol June 17-19 for one of the most popular events on the calendar among both drivers and fans, the 11th Annual Thunder Valley Nationals. The Father's Day weekend event is the flagship event for Bristol Dragway and provides an experience unparalleled in motorsports.

Top Fuel champion Larry Dixon will guide his nitro-burning dragster down the track at speeds in excess of 300 mph as he seeks to knock off last season's event winner Tony Schumacher. Drag racing legend and 2010 Funny Car champ John Force looks to carry on his winning ways as he wrestles his ground-pounding machine through Thunder Valley Pro Stock champion Greg Anderson, Mike Edwards and local competitor Allen Johnson will slug it out to earn victory in the door slammer category.

Continuing to prove its popularity, Bristol's Fas Mart Street Fights series celebrates its 11th season in 2011. Street Fights provides everyone with a driver's license the chance to race in legendary Thunder Valley. From import tuners and American muscle, to minivans and motorcycles, the Fas Mart Street Fights series welcomes anyone to challenge the track in their own vehicle. The schedule is comprised of 17 Street Fights events, with the season opener Saturday, April 2. The majority of events run on Thursday evenings, with three slated for Saturdays.

Grassroots racing returns to Bristol with the DER Bracket Racing Series on tap for its third season in 2011. The DER Series schedule features 18 days of racing with competition in categories ranging from Super Pro to Junior Dragsters. Class champions are eager to defend their 2010 victories.

As always, Thunder Valley provides several special events for fans to cheer for their favorite manufacturers. Ford

(See DRAGWAY, page two)



ALLEN CENTRAL visited border rival Knott County Central Tuesday night for a regular-season matchup. Allen Central junior Micah Harlow is pictured going up strong on a shot for the Allen Central boys' basketball team. Host Knott County Central, a 14th Region title contender, held off the Rebels 50-46.

Deer season ends with record archery kill

Post season ideal time to scout

by ART LANDER JR.
KENTUCKY AFIELD

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's 2010-11 white-tailed deer season ended over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend with archers posting two all-time harvest records. "There was a record set for the month of January (16,636 deer) and for the season (16,636 deer)," said David Yancy, a wildlife biologist who works in the deer program for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "What this tells me, as we suspected, is there are plenty of deer out there."

Archery hunters harvested

413 antlerless deer and 251 antlered bucks over the holiday weekend.

For the overall 2010-2011 deer season, hunters reported taking 110,356 deer. Male deer made up nearly 54 percent of the harvest while female deer comprised about 46 percent.

Modern firearms hunters took 79,020 deer while archers harvested 16,636. Muzzleloader hunters checked in 13,179 deer and crossbow hunters 1,521 deer.

"The guys I talked with during the last week of bow season said they were seeing deer in the evenings," said Don Bailey, president of the United Bowhunters of Kentucky. "Deer started moving more over the weekend when the weather broke."

During late season, deer

often concentrate on a food source such as standing corn or a green field of winter wheat. "With all the cold and snowy weather we've had this month, deer were moving around in search of food," said Yancy. "That makes them more visible to hunters."

Archers typically buck hunt early in the season and then concentrate on female deer as the season comes to a close.

For Kentucky's most avid deer hunters, the sport is a year-round passion.

That's why so many hunters, especially archers, begin scouting in post-season before the woods leaf out in the spring.

It's a good time to learn more about your hunting area. The leaves are off the trees, the ground is soft or snow-covered making it easy to find tracks,

deer trails and bedding areas.

Thoroughly search every acre of your hunting area to find out where deer bed, feed and how they travel throughout the woods, thickets and fields.

It's a good idea to take some notes on what you find and check out spots on a map of your hunting area that might make good ambush points.

It will be eight months until deer season opens again, so there's no fear of running off the deer you plan to hunt. Go ahead and stomp around in a buck's core area, the secretive bedding areas you wouldn't dare visit pre-season or after hunting is underway.

Look for staging areas near food sources, where bucks

(See DEER, page two)

Raiders rout Phelps in second home game

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — South Floyd snapped a two-game losing streak on Tuesday with an impressive victory over visiting Phelps. Host South Floyd secured an early lead and rolled to the win, defeating Phelps 81-39 at Raider Arena.

South Floyd, which hosted only its second game of the season, improved to 5-6 after registering the win.

Dakota Hall, a senior guard, paced South Floyd

with 20 points. Hall was one of three scorers to reach double figures for the Raiders. Dakota Newsome netted 11 points and Shannon Turner tossed in 16 for the South Floyd contingent.

South Floyd, thanks to the win, moved one game closer to the .500 mark, improving to 5-6.

Phelps dropped its sixth straight game, slipping to 3-12 in the process.

South Floyd wasted little time establishing a lead. The Raiders doubled up Phelps

16-8 in the opening quarter and eventually carried a double digit lead into halftime.

South Floyd, which packed a 32-19 lead into halftime, outscored outmatched Phelps in each quarter.

The Raiders put the game completely out of Phelps' reach in the third quarter, outscoring the Hornets 30-13 to lead 62-32.

Eleven different players provided scoring for South Floyd in the regular-season matchup. Brandon Marson (seven points), Luke Rhea

(four points), Tyler Daniels (four points), Austin Salisbury (four points), Jacob Crader (three points), Dakota Justice (two points), Corey Thomsberry (two points) and Kyle Bailey (two points) also provided scoring for the Raiders.

Junior center Colby Hatfield paced Phelps with 12 points. Hatfield was one of two Phelps scorers to reach double figures. Junior forward Emerson Brannan followed with 10 points.

(See RAIDERS, page two)

Eagles earn split in conference

ALC Men defeat STLCOR, fall to IU East

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College Eagles took to the road for two conference games over the weekend. The Eagles earned a split, defeating Saint Louis College of Pike County (in a contest played at Berea) 85-42. They then fell to the Indiana University-East Red Wolves, 88-109.

On Friday, ALC faced STLCOR. The Eagles controlled the contest from the

opening tip, quickly racing out to an early lead. ALC carried a commanding 49-23 lead into halftime.

The second half was much of the same as ALC Coach J.R. Hammond was able to freely rotate his bench. In all, 12 ALC players dented the scoring column.

For ALC, three players reached double figures. Freshman guard Isaac Wilson (Corbin) led the Eagles with 17 points. Guard Van Ferguson (Paintsville) and forward Brandon Hayes (Jackson) followed with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Hayes also added nine rebounds. Sophomore Brent Hall

(Kite) secured a game-high 11 rebounds for the Eagles.

On Saturday, ALC faced a tough challenge in a road matchup at IU East. This game was all IU East as the host team excelled early. Connecting from all angles, IU East poured in 60 first half points, taking a commanding 23-point lead. The Eagles fought back in the second half, cutting the deficit to 16. Host IU East, however, maintained a comfortable cushion until the final buzzer.

For ALC (4-13, 1-3 KIAC), Combs led the way with 23 points. Ferguson and junior guard Zach Hurt (Cordia) tossed in 19 points apiece for the Eagles.

Matt Trimmell paced Indiana-East (13-7, 4-1 KIAC) with a game-high 28 points.

Lady Eagles fall short

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ELIZABETHTON — The Alice Lloyd Lady Eagles traveled south on Monday night to play highly-regarded Milligan College. The host team had to withstand a furious second half rally before prevailing 58-54 over the visit-

ing Lady Eagles. In the first half, Milligan College defense was the game as ALC did not score until the 14:39 mark. Cold shooting continued to plague Alice Lloyd throughout the half as the Lady Eagles only registered 17 points before halftime.

Milligan carried a 24-17 lead into the intermission period. In the second half, back-to-back threes from guard Johneshia Good gave host Milligan a 36-21 lead with 15:30 remaining.

Over the next four minutes, ALC chipped away at

(See EAGLES, page two)

Betsy Layne levels Lawrence

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISA — Three different starters reached double figures in the scoring column as reigning Betsy Layne defeated rival Lawrence County 59-31 Tuesday night.

The Bobcats shot 44.6 percent from the field, connecting on 25-of-56 attempts. Betsy Layne was three-of-15 from three point range.

Derek Tackett paced a balanced Betsy Layne offensive effort with 12 points. Nathan Martin and Andrew Roberts followed with 11 points apiece for the visiting Bobcats.

The Bobcats outscored Lawrence County in each quarter. Betsy Layne owned a double-digit lead over the Bulldogs at the end of every period.

Betsy Layne (10-5) set the tone during the opening quarter, outscoring Lawrence County 15-5. The Bobcats cruised into halftime ahead 28-15 then outscored Lawrence County 15-3 as part of a dominant performance in the third quarter.

Nine different Betsy Layne players scored in the road game. Dylan Maldonado scored eight points, Adkins added five and Newsome netted four in the Bobcats' win.

Peyton Case (three points), Zach Tackett (three points) and Tanner Martin (two points) also contributed to scoring for the Betsy Layne boys.

Senior guard Derrick Hicks led Lawrence County (0-16) with eight points. Junior center Ronald Young followed with six points for the Bulldogs.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to visit South Floyd tonight for a 58th District matchup against the Raiders. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-South Floyd boys' basketball game is set for 6 p.m.

Betsy Layne 59, Lawrence County 31
Betsy Layne (59): Maldonado 8, Tackett 12, N. Martin 11, Roberts 11, Adkins 5, Newsome 4, Case 3, Z. Tackett 3, V. Martin 2.

Lawrence County (0-13): Prince 3, L. Young 2, Hicks 8, Spears 3, Finley 4, Robertson 5, R. Young 6.
BL.....15 13 15 16-59
LC.....5 10 3 13-31

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
East Ridge	12-2
Pikeville	10-4
Betsy Layne	10-5
Johnson Central	8-4
Sheldon Clark	8-6
Belfry	7-5
Paintsville	7-9
South Floyd	5-6
Pike Central	5-6
Magoffin County	5-8
Shelby Valley	4-9
Allen Central	4-9
Prestonsburg	4-11
Phelps	3-12
Paris School	1-1
Lawrence County	0-16

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	12-2
Magoffin County	12-2
Belfry	10-2
East Ridge	10-6
Sheldon Clark	9-6
Paintsville	8-4
Pikeville	8-6
Betsy Layne	8-6
South Floyd	5-6
Johnson Central	5-7
Prestonsburg	5-8
Pike Central	5-8
Lawrence County	4-11
Paris School	2-9
Phelps	2-10
Allen Central	2-11

Raiders

lowed with 10 points for the Hornets.

Sophomore guard Tate Compton netted nine points, narrowly missing double figures for the Phelps boys' basketball team.

South Floyd was scheduled

to visit reigning state champion Shelby Valley Thursday evening.

South Floyd 81, Phelps 39
Phelps (39): Mayhorn 2, Smith 3, Page 3, Branham 10,

Hatfield 12, Compton 9, South Floyd (81): Hall 20, Turner 16, Newsome 17, Marson 7, Rhea 4, Justice 2, Salisbury 4, Thornberry 2, Crader 3, Daniels 4, Bailey 2.
P.....8 11 12 7-30
SF.....16 16 30 19-81

Eagles

the lead and reduced the margin to six on a Nicole Lutes (Jackson) field goal. Milligan then went on an 11-2 run to increase its lead to 15 with 6:07 remaining.

However, Alice Lloyd Coach John Mills has a group that refuses to quit. Much to the stunned amazement of Milligan fans, Alice Lloyd, fueled by eight points and two three-pointers from junior forward Gemma Gray (Manchester), went on a 15-

0 run to knot the score at 53 apiece with three minutes remaining.

Both squads each hit a free throw over the next two minutes. Milligan six-foot center Ashley Mainer then connected in the paint with one minute left to put her club ahead by two (56-54).

The Eagles ran the clock down patiently looking to get a good shot to tie the game or take the lead. Unfortunately, they lost the

ball and were forced to foul with only 15 ticks remaining. Milligan then sank the two charity tosses to end the scoring.

For ALC, (6-10), Ariel Nickell (Claiborne, Tenn.) netted a game-high 17 points. Gray added 10 points while Whitney Frazier (Louisia) chipped in nine for the Lady Eagles.

Alisha Mainer paced Milligan (14-6) with 14 points.

Dragway

fans will want to visit the Ford Blue Oval Bash July 9-10, while the 12th Annual Mopar Thunder, set for Sept. 2-4, gives Mopar fans a chance to see some of their favorite classics in action.

Bristol Dragway hosts one of the largest Super Chevy Shows in the country Sept. 23-25 along with one of the track's signature events, Fas Mart Thunder Valley Mayhem Saturday, Sept. 24. After racing concludes at the Super Chevy Show Saturday, a spectacular lineup of extreme machines will put on a show for everyone during Thunder Valley Mayhem.

Metal crushing beasts take to the infield of Bristol Motor Speedway for Thompson Metal Monster Truck Madness Saturday, July 30. Fans can expect exciting racing, thrilling

freestyle sessions and a lot of destruction during this event.

The All Harley Drag Racing Association returns Aug. 5-7 for several classes of high speed competition, including the 200 mph Nitro Harleys, during the Thunder in the Valley Nationals. With the rumble of Harleys echoing in Thunder Valley, this is one of the most popular AHDRA venues. Set for June 24-26, the Inaugural Thunder Valley Dragbike Shootout will feature the hottest bikes on the planet and is sure to be the ultimate thrill on two wheels.

In addition to the DER Racing Series schedule, bracket racers have two more big events to break the bank. The May 19-22 Spring Fling Bracket Race returns for the second year and features hundreds of drivers

running all out for the top prize. The fifth World Footbrake Challenge takes place July 15-17, and features the same format as previous years, with some of the biggest names in bracket racing going head-to-head for \$10,000-to-win each day.

One of the biggest weeks of Junior Dragster competition in the country takes place in July and begins with the July 23-24 Mike Bos Chassis Craft Jr. Dragster Nationals. The tenth annual event gives participants the chance to get a head start on tuning their cars for the July 25-30 NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League Eastern Conference Finals. The Eastern Conference Finals attracts more than 500 racers, ages 8-17, from all states east of the Mississippi River.

NASCAR

McMurray, Montoya to drive for Ganassi Racing in Rolex 24

49th running of endurance race to be held Jan. 29-30 at Daytona

TIMES STAFF REPORT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates organization's Christmas card sent out last month was a keeper.

Lining up for a group photo were drivers Scott Pruett, Memo Rojas, Scott Dixon, Dario Franchitti, Juan Montoya, Jamie McMurray and team owner Chip Ganassi.

Grand-Am Road Racing got one of those cards. On Tuesday, Grand-Am and its fans got a belated Christmas gift from Ganassi's group, in the form of a star-studded lineup for the upcoming Rolex 24 at Daytona (Jan. 29-30), one encompassing two cars, eight drivers, three racing disciplines and a return appearance by McMurray, the reigning Daytona 500 champion.

Pruett and Rojas, the reigning Rolex Series Daytona Prototype co-champions, will be joined in the No. 01

Target/Telmex BMW/Riley prototype by Grand-Am veteran Joey Hand and Graham Rahal, the latter recently announced as a new Ganassi driver in the IndyCar Series.

In the No. 02 Telmex/Target BMW/Riley, last year's Daytona team returns intact: McMurray, two-time Rolex 24 champion Montoya and two IndyCar vets — two-time series titlist Dixon and the series' reigning champ, Franchitti.

Collectively, those two teams have won 12 series championships, eight Rolex 24s, one Daytona 500 and four Indianapolis 500s.

Happy Holidays indeed, belated or not.

Ganassi clearly is pulling out all the stops to get a fast start on the 2011 season — and a fast follow-up to a memorable 2010. Last season arguably was the greatest by any race car owner in any series: Pruett and Rojas dominated the Grand-Am Rolex Series season en route to winning the DP championship for a second time; McMurray won the marquee event in the Sprint Cup Series, plus the Brickyard 400; and Franchitti won the Indy 500 for a second time and the IndyCar series title for a third time.

"The Rolex 24 at Daytona is always exciting for our team, especially because it involves so many of our drivers from all different series," Ganassi said. "There are so

many elements out of the drivers' hands that need to come together, in order to have a shot at winning this event. That's what I love about it. You have to not only be good, but you also have to have a little bit of luck on your side to succeed in a race that lasts 24 hours."

Ganassi's No. 02 DP team dominated the race's first eight hours last year before mechanical problems forced an early retirement of the car. Pruett and Rojas went on to finish second, teamed with two other drivers.

McMurray was involved in a recent test session at Daytona International Speedway; both NASCAR stock cars and Grand-Am sports cars turned laps on the new DIS pavement for the first time.

"They did a really nice job with the paving project, so I expect the racing to be really good for the 24-hour race," McMurray said. "I'm certain that we'll bring good cars for the race, as Chip and his Grand-Am guys do each and every year. It's great to have the opportunity to once again drive for Chip in one of the most prestigious motorsports events out there."

Testing for the Rolex 24 at Daytona — the Rolex Before the Rolex 24 — is Friday-Sunday at Daytona. The 49th running of the endurance classic is set for 3:30 p.m. ET on Jan. 29.

Deer

wait until dark to come out into the open to scout check does in late October. These spots are often marked by numerous antler rubs or a concentration of scrapes in the dirt. As the rut approaches, bucks need to work off a lot of sexual tension, and in the process they are tipping you off to where they are hiding in the late afternoons.

This time of year the scrapes and antler rubs made by rutting bucks are plainly visible. So are the little-used shortcut trails bucks often take

when searching for does, just as they go into estrus in early November.

If you find one of these buck trails, which are often used year after year, you've unraveled one of the mysteries of your hunting area. You've also located a prime spot for a treestand or ground blind.

It's also a good time to groom hunting spots by trimming out an entrance and clearing out an entrance and exit route. You will be able to quietly access the area during deer

season.

Ideally, you want the prevailing wind in your face and sun at your back as you approach your hunting area. It is absolutely critical that you don't alert deer while approaching your treestand or blind site.

It's also a good time move a treestand, or look for a better tree nearby.

Don't wait until the summer to scout for deer. Get the jump on the 2011-12 deer season now.

Locke accepts Under Armour Senior Bowl invite

Standout led UK in rushing, ranks sixth on school's all-time list

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOBILE, Ala. — Kentucky running back Derrick Locke will be making his second bowl trip to the state of Alabama this month to play in the 2011 Under Armour Senior Bowl. Locke, who's Wildcats lost to Pittsburgh in the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham last week, has officially accepted an invitation to play in the senior showcase event, officials announced today. The 62nd game is scheduled for Saturday, January 29 at 3 p.m. (CT) in Mobile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium. The game and all practices will be televised by NFL Network.

"Derrick is an exciting player to watch because he has such great speed and vision when running the ball," Senior Bowl President and CEO Steve Hale said. "We look forward to seeing what he can do in person and in front of the top NFL decision makers here in Mobile at the Senior Bowl."

Locke rushed for 887 yards and 10 touchdowns this season despite missing four games due to an injury. He had five 100-yard rushing efforts this year and one 100-yard receiving game. A threat in the return game as well, Locke totaled 395 yards in kickoff returns for an average of 26.3 yards per return.

"Missing those four games to injury, I feel like I have so much to prove," Locke said. "I started off so strong but then missed those four games and then I came back and was doing what I had been doing earlier in the season so it feels good to be able to get on a level playing field with other good backs."

The Hugo, Oklahoma native wrapped up his impressive career ranked sixth on Kentucky's all-time list with 2,618 rushing yards. He also set the school mark for kickoff return average (27.1) and is third in school history with 4,973 all-purpose yards. He had 27 total touchdowns over the course of his career, two of those coming on 100-yard kickoff returns.

"I want to show them (scouts) a lot of speed, how I catch the ball and how I run routes, my explosiveness and my vision. I want to show them that a little guy can produce in the NFL — that's my main objective."

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Survival of the Dead'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

You know it's time to check out the latest zombie flick when a zombie television show ("The Walking Dead") makes the cover of "Entertainment Weekly" and becomes the latest notch in the programming belt.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

to rival TCM for the best place to catch classic cinema).

There were a ton of direct-to-DVD zombie films to choose from but I decided to go with the godfather of the genre, George A. Romero. This time out he sets his undead opus on Plum Island, off the coast of Delaware, where a family feud is running so hot that the zombie plague is just background material.

The story begins with the island, where we see two families clashing over the best way to cope with the undead dilemma. The O'Flynn's believe that the only good ghoul is a dead one. They realize that their deceased loved ones only see them as lunch choices, now, and must be put to rest. The Muldoons feel that the dead can be kept (like pets or domestic servants) as long as an adequate food source can be found. Unfortunately they don't wish to debate their issues and instead shoot at each other until Papa O'Flynn is forced to leave the island at gunpoint.

Back on the mainland, we meet a quintet of National Guardsmen who have opted out of service in order to find a safe place to live out the plague. They have a brief encounter with some college kids who are making a video record of the event (actually the characters are from the previous film "Diary of the Dead"). The guards are soon scammed into a proposal they hear about on the internet — residents of Plum Island are willing to take survivors to their island paradise from a dock on the mainland.

Turns out that it was a phishing scam, 'of sorts,' cooked up by O'Flynn to bombard Muldoon with survivors. The unhappy guardsmen (and one guardswoman) decide to open fire on O'Flynn and his men when they realize that O'Flynn wants all of their (currently useless) money, which they in turn stole from a bank. This makes for a great action sequence but defending money that is now useless doesn't make for great motivation.

Eventually, they all wind up on Plum Island for a showdown with the Muldoons. The resulting fire-fight is awkwardly staged and leads to several characters (that we have no vested interest in) running away to be killed by the undead. The final shot is reminiscent of Dr. Seuss' famous story about the stubborn "Zax." Turns out that a benefit of being undead is that you can take a grudge to the grave and back again.

Despite some good fight sequences, this is not a strong entry on Romero's zombie chronicles. The characters come off more as symbols and it robs the story of any impact.

That said, the special effects are pretty good, though a few obvious CGI sequences made me long for the blood-and-guts approach by the great Tom Savini (who nailed it

(See LAGOON, page two)

Lifestyles



A LAST GOODBYE

Family remembers fallen soldier

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Ann Bailey says she remembers the last time she saw her brother, Dwaine Hall, before the 20-year-old left for what would be the last time to return to the military.

"I remember the day Dwaine left the last time," says Bailey. "He gave me a dime and stick of gum as left. I can see him, Daddy and Don walking down the road as he left."

It would be the last time Bailey would see her brother, who died while serving in Korea on Nov. 6, 1952.

Today, Jan. 20, would have been Dwaine Hall's 79th birthday, and with his family remembering a teenager drafted in the military who was "always smiling" and sending postcards with jokes scribbled on them, Bailey and others recall the details they hold closely.

"On Saturday evenings, Dwaine and Don would go to Wayland," Bailey remembers. "When it was time for them to come home you could hear Dwaine singing far down the hollow. Those were the good old days."

Hall, who was born on Jan. 20, 1932,

grew up on Big Branch in Raven where he attended a one-room school mostly taught by one person, Lydia Stone. Later he would attend Wayland High School, until drafted when he was 19.

His family remembers concern and shock that Hall was drafted at all, considering the draft was yet to start taking 20-year-old or 21-year-old men, and the fact that Hall suffered from an enlarged heart. The ailment did see Hall restricted in some of his duties, his family says, but when he left during his last furlough it would be the last time any of them would see him alive.

"He came home on furlough and told us he had orders to go to Korea," Bailey said. "Mommy and Daddy never thought he would go to Korea because of his heart and he had no training. The only thing he had going for him was his marksmanship."

Bailey said the same day her brother died, that evening their mother woke from a nightmare saying she dreamed there had been a landslide in Korea and that Dwaine had been calling for her.

Word of Hall's death did not immediately make its way to Bailey and her family, but she said she remembers the morning the news at last arrived.

"One morning Daddy and Mommy were on their way to the post office with Dwaine's Christmas presents," Bailey said. "As Daddy locked the door, a taxi pulled up. The driver had a telegram telling them Dwaine had been killed on November 6 in Korea."

Bailey said her brother's body was sent home but the funeral home had been told to not open the casket. However, the night before the funeral the family convinced them to do so.

"He was wrapped in an army blanket and as beautiful as ever," Bailey said. "His hair had some blood in it, but was as wavy and beautiful as ever."

Hall was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and his family also received notification from the military that a Bronze Star and United Nations Medal would also be awarded, though Bailey said those have yet to be received.

Still, Bailey and her family remember a young boy, a brother, who would fish and swim at Big Rock, ride his favorite mule and was loved by many.

"Dwaine was a special young man," said Bailey. "Everyone loved him. He was good and kind to everyone."

DINNER DIVA

Beans: Tips, Tricks & a Recipe

by LEANNEELY, C.N.C.

Did you know 1 pound dry packaged beans = 2 cups dry = 6 cups cooked beans. Buying dried beans and preparing them yourself is a great way to save money at the grocery store as well. Cooked beans will store nicely in your refrigerator for 4 days and you can freeze them for up to 6 months.

Here's Today's TRICK:
Soaking your beans leaches some of the gas producing properties out of the bean. But for this to work, you need to discard the soaking water and replenish it with fresh water

before cooking. The longer you soak them, the less gassy beans will be.

Here's a TIP:
Cook your beans in a crockpot and you can save the soaking step. However, I still recommend rinsing them a few times before you cook them. Remember, this is a raw agricultural product and they need careful cleaning.

And Your RECIPE:
Easy Crock Pot Chili
(Serves 6)
2 cups onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon chili powder

1 teaspoon oregano, ground
1 teaspoon cumin, ground
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
1 (4.25-oz.) can diced green peppers or chilies
1 (14.5-oz.) can peeled whole tomatoes (up to 2 cans if you wish)
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups cooked ground turkey meat
2 (16-oz.) cans black beans (or use 2 cups homemade)

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS:

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Question: My son is very athletic and has needed to have three wrist or ankle x-rays in the last 10 months. I am beginning to worry that he is having too many x-rays. How many can a person have done and still be safe?

Answer: Here on earth we are constantly bombarded by cosmic, terrestrial, internal and environmental radiation. As a group,

these types of radiation are referred to as background radiation. Background radiation exposure varies in amount depending on many factors. People who live at high altitudes get more background radiation exposure than people who live at sea level. Radon gas, which is found in many homes, is another major source of terrestrial radiation. Traveling in airplanes, living in a brick house, and many other sources all contribute to background radiation exposure. So, even if you have never had a medical x-ray, you are still exposed to radiation on a regular basis.

Radiation from x-rays is generally minimal

Cigarette smoking also exposes the smoker to increased amounts of internal radiation. A cigarette smoker has an increased radiation exposure that is equal to about 35 chest x-rays per year — just from smoking cigarettes!

Medical x-rays can be diagnostic — that is, used to make a diagnosis such as a broken arm or foot — or they can be therapeutic, like the radiation therapy used to treat some forms of cancer. You are asking about diagnostic x-rays.

Diagnostic x-rays like those used to "see" the bones in an extremity or in the chest use very little radiation. The radiation exposure from having a wrist x-rayed is the equivalent of about three hours of background radiation, while a chest x-ray is about ten days' worth. Other types of x-

rays, such as a gastrointestinal series, can be equivalent to two years of background radiation.

Computerized tomography scans — CT scans — are a diagnostic x-ray that can expose a person to comparatively high doses of radiation. A CT of the head is comparable to eight months of average background radiation, and some CT scans use considerably more radiation. However, ultrasounds and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) exams do not expose the patient to radiation at all.

X-rays are safe, but people should always be concerned about cumulative lifetime exposure to radiation since it adds to the risk for developing cancer. Pregnant women, particularly, should avoid x-rays and contrast materials (dyes used in x-rays and MRIs) whenever

er possible to avoid harm to their unborn child.

Dinner

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Throw everything in a crock pot and cook on low heat setting for 7 hours.

NUTRITION per serving: 334
Calories; 4g Fat; 29g Protein; 48g
Carbohydrate; 12g Dietary Fiber;
35mg Cholesterol; 934mg Sodium.
Exchanges: 2 1/2 Grain (Starch); 2
1/2 Lean Meat; 1 Vegetable; 0 Fat;
0 Other Carbohydrates.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS:
Serve with corn bread and a big green salad.

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Kentucky locations highlighted one of the better entries this week, as a television series competed with a pair of thrillers and one action-oriented cartoon for your rental dollar.

n "Takers"—Heist movies are a dying art, but this one gets it right. The story looks at a robbery from three perspectives. It's always fun to see the team planning the job, but you also get to see the cops planning to stop the action, while a third party wants to spoil the job from within. A fine cast is also assembled and includes Paul Walker, Idris Elba and Matt Dillon.

n "Buried" — The sole clunker of the group takes place entirely in a cof-

fin, where our hero has been sealed with a cell phone and a lighter for company. Is this guy being tortured for something he did as a civilian driver in Iraq? If you like Ryan Reynolds, then this movie might be a treat for you, but most everyone else should take a pass.

n "Justified: Season 1" — This series about a federal marshal with a righteous trigger finger will be back with season 2 in February, so check this out if you missed any of the action. **Timothy Olyphant**

action. Timothy Olyphant ("Deadwood") rocks as the marshal who is sent back to his native Kentucky after he shoots a drug lord in Miami. He tries to stay away from his Harlan home, but is drawn back when drug activity turns the area into

a shooting gallery. This is what cop shows should be and all credit goes to writer Elmore Leonard ("Get Shorty"), who created the characters and stuck around as a producer to retain some creative control.

n "Marvel Knights: Black Panther" — Marvel Comics' animated division does a fine job here with a story centered on the ex-Avenger who hails from darkest Africa. Here T'Challa must don his costume to take on an invading force of super villains who are lead by the sonic-powered bad guy that killed his father. Great stuff with some excellent superhero battles. The comic fans will love it.

Next week look for aging action heroes in "Red," and the true story of an awesome racehorse, "Secretariat."

Lagoon

with "Dawn of the Dead" and hit even new heights in "Day of the Dead"). Okay, but it appears to be time for Romero to tackle something else.

Best lines: "You can't save a person



who's already dead."

"A man dies, he gets stupid."

"I don't like shooting people I don't know."

2010, rated R.

Landon Timothy Lazar celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 20, at Faith Fellowship Church, in Allen, with his family and friends. Landon is the little brother of Hayden Raelynn Lazar, of Auxier. Landon is the son of Nathan and Terra Lazar, of Auxier. Landon's grandparents are Dora and Kenneth Lazar, of Auxier, and Tony and Edmona Calhoun, of Allen. Landon is the great grandson of Violet McGuire, of Allen.

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MATT/CO INC 8367012
12/20/2010
LAUREL MOUNTAIN RESOURCES LLC 8580231
12/14/2010

100 Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-0874.

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Viking Mining, LLC, 800 North Side Drive, Suite 27 intends to transfer permit # 898-0845 to Viking Acquisition Group, LLC, 800 North Side Drive, Suite 21, Summersville, WV 26651. The new permit number will be 898-0874. The operation will affect 91.06 surface acres and 107 auger/high-wall mining acres for a total of 198.06 acres within the permit boundary, located 1.25 miles southwest of Hartley in Pike and Floyd County. No new acreage is affected by the transfer. The operation is approximately 4.5 miles southwest from KY State Route 1489's junction with KY State Route 610. The proposed operation is located on Marshall Branch of Long Fork of Shelby Creek. The operation is located on the Wheelwright USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining

Reclamation & Enforcement, Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 877-0182 Amendment 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4978 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has filed for an amendment to an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles northeast of Gunlock and situated in both Magoffin and Floyd Counties. The amendment proposes to add 72.14 underground acres of which 72.14 acres underlie surface area making a total permit area of 619.41 acres. The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork County Road's junction with KY Route 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the Licking River. The proposed amendment is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepard, Claude Allen Estate, Ruie Reagan et al., and Big Branch Holding Company, LLC. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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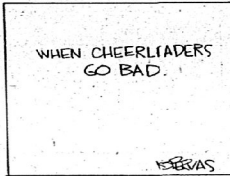


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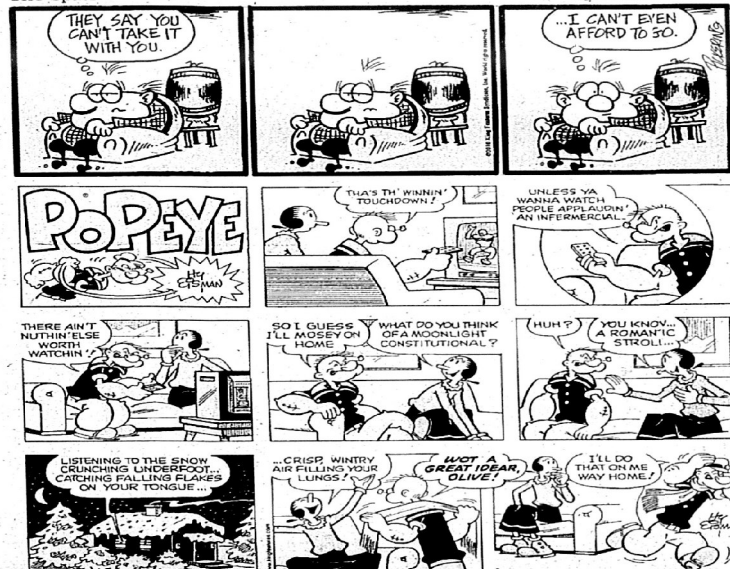


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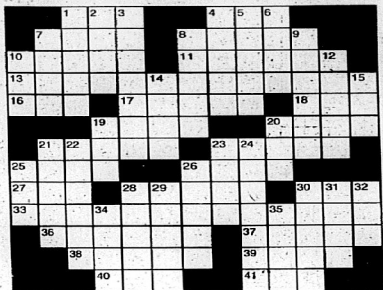
LAFF-A-DAY



Wait for the next one, and I'll tell you more.
Oh, it's MY bus. Good-bye!

King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Bound
4 E-I
7 Snaky
8 shape
10 The Little
11 Mermaid
12 Hot box?
13 Approach
14 the curb
15 Noted
16 Texas
17 musician/
18 novelist/
19 politician
20 Bend's st.
21 Moves like
22 a moth
23 Story of a
24 lifetime?
25 Two-way
26 Deserve
27 Like Shirley
28 Temple's
29 hair
30 Coffin stands
31 Broadway
32 award
33 Make fun of
34 Pretend
35 Explains
36 Dandy
37 "Yakety Sax"
38 musician
39 Poets' name
40 for England
41 Tire pattern
42 Column

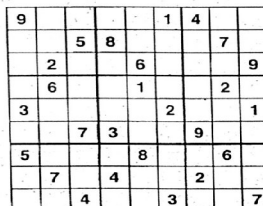


DOWN
1 Pooch
2 Barnyard
3 sound
4 Frolicsome
5 Some
6 produce
7 Saint
8 honored on
9 Sept. 1
10 features
11 Leave a
12 tasting
13 impression?
14 Agent, for
15 short
16 Request
17 Of the loins
18 Schuss
19 Two-somes
20 TV chef
21 Bobby
22 "Smoking or
23 —?"
24 19 Parch
25 "A mouse!"
26 Winter
27 warmer
28 Incalculable
29 Former
30 European
31 capital city
32 Summertime
33 quench
34 Bill
35 Reacts to a
36 pun
37 In reserve
38 Scout unit
39 Particle
40 Colorful fish
41 Third
42 degree?
43 Mountain
44 transport
45 Scraps

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

HENRY BOLTONOFF



Differences: 1. Woman's hat is gone. 2. Window lamp is gone. 3. Woman's hair is gone. 4. Lamp is gone. 5. Woman's hair is gone. 6. Window lamp is gone.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals H

MI VHA JR WJVMUT WH FMDQ
WXR JMTXW PFROO WH DEPW
CHAOS VHA DECO MW
CMWDXIAO WXMUQUT?

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Waitful thinking?
the right spell to cast,
If you're trying to pick
answer
CryptoQuip

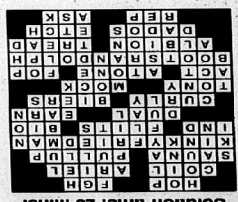
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In what body of water are the Seychelles Islands located?
2. MOVIES: Who directed the movies "Stagecoach" and "The Grapes of Wrath"?
3. CHEMISTRY: What element's symbol is C?
4. MUSIC: What rock 'n' roll band included members Marty Balin and Paul Kantner?
5. HISTORY: What Union general captured Vicksburg, Miss., after a 40-day siege?
6. SCIENCE FICTION: What fictional character had a flying lab called Sky Queen?
7. LITERATURE: Who wrote "Riders of the Purple Sage"?
8. MYTHOLOGY: Hera was the sister and the wife of which Greek god?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What U.S. president was born in West Branch, Iowa?
10. INVENTIONS: When was the ballpoint pen invented?

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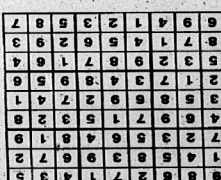
1. Indian Ocean
2. John Ford
3. Carbon
4. Jefferson Airplane
5. Ulysses S. Grant
6. Tom Swif
7. Jane Grey
8. Zane Grey
9. Herbert Hoover
10. 1938



Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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Answer

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