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Times pick up awards for website, opinion page

Times Staff Report

LOUISVILLE — The Floyd County Times website was honored last week as the best multi-weekly newspaper website in the state.

The award was presented last Friday, during the Kentucky Press Association's winter convention awards banquet.

In addition to the website award, The Times also picked up second- and third-place awards for its editorial page.

Times Editor Ralph B. Davis, a member of the KPA board of directors, accepted the awards on behalf of the newspaper.

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Feds OK 8 flood buyouts

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County has agreed to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) that will see some victims of the county's May 2009 flood offered a buyout option and improve the floodplain to its natural condition.

Representatives with NRCS told

county officials last week that some 55 applications had been considered from those owning homes and land that had been destroyed during the flooding, adding that of those 55, NRCS has approved eight people for the voluntary buyout.

The essentials of the program had been those hoping to sell what was left of their homes and property to the government at a pre-flood appraised price could agree with the price and sell.

After this, the government, in

agreement and with help from the county, would clear the land of any existing structures, with a key point included that no other structure of any kind could be built on the land again, thus improving the floodplain for the county.

Most of the 55 applicants were from the Maytown and Martin areas, two parts of the county hit hardest during the 2009 spring flood.

Following that flood, a number of counties throughout the state suf-

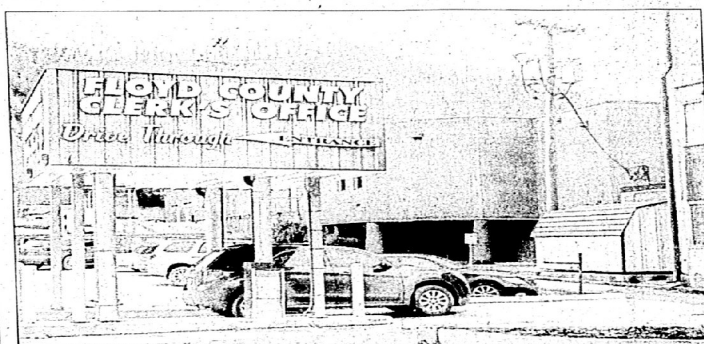
fered substantial flood damages and were declared as disaster areas.

Of the counties hit, at least four, including Floyd, took major hits to homes, destroying many in the floodplain areas.

The NRCS has been issued a total amount of \$3.5 million for the four counties overall. This leaves the county itself to pay a maximum amount of \$19,200 — roughly \$3,200 per household — some of

(See BUYOUTS, page 3)

COMING SOON



Signs and parts of the structure that will soon be the Floyd County clerk's drive-thru are up adjacent to the Floyd County Courthouse. There's a few, if any, other county clerk drive-thrus in the state. There is no word yet on when it will be operational.

photo by Sheldon Compton

KSP steps up hunt for missing man

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County residents will soon notice a missing person flyer posted in various areas throughout the county, as state police have decided to step up their efforts in a case dating back to 2001.

"We're going to put the flyers up, call some renewed public attention to the case, and see if anything comes of

it," said Post 9 Trooper Shaun Little. "This sort of approach has worked before and we're hoping it will work again."

The missing person, Michael Keith Allen was 26 when he went missing in May of 2001 in the Langley area. He was a graduate of Allen Central High School and, at 6 feet, 8 inches tall, was a former basketball player at the school.

At the time he went miss-

ing, police estimate he weighed between 245 and 260 pounds and had brown eyes and brown hair.

Little said he and other investigators are hoping to turn up any information that may be useful, adding that callers who might have tips will remain anonymous.

Those with information and wishing to contact the state police can do so at (606) 433-7711.

ARH contract negotiations begin in Feb.

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A timeframe for contract negotiations between Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) and the unions representing its registered nurses has been set for mid-February.

Representatives with the chain of nonprofit hospitals announced this week that talks will start on Feb. 15, between them and ARH nurses in both Kentucky and West Virginia.

The current contract is set to expire at midnight on April 30.

Roughly 750 ARH registered nurses in Kentucky and West Virginia are represented by the Southern United Nurses (SUN) and the West Virginia Nurses' Association.

"We look forward to working with our nurses' unions in pursuit of fair, equitable and sustainable agreements on pay, hours of work and conditions of employment," said Dan

(See ARH, page 3)

Suit filed after shopping squabble

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg woman filed a lawsuit against her local Wal-Mart location Tuesday, saying she was assaulted by two women in front of her child, when a store employee could have prevented the alleged incident.

Frances L. Rose claims in her lawsuit that, on Dec. 4, she was shopping at the

(See LAWSUIT, page 3)

Entries pouring in for 'Cutest Pet' contest

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Floyd County Times Cutest Pet Photo Contest currently has 88 entries from proud pet owners across the region, and the animals include dogs, cats, horses, guinea pigs and a raccoon.

Jim Porter, of Oil Springs, is the owner of two miniature schnauzers that he entered into the contest.

"Both dogs are about 5 years old, and we got them both when they were puppies," Porter said. "They are basically inseparable."

Before adding the two dogs to his family, Porter said he hadn't considered having an inside dog

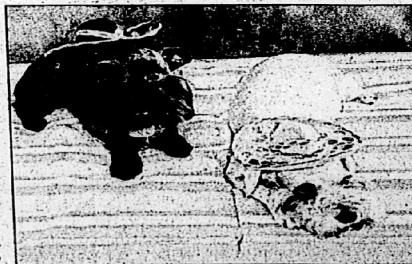
before.

"I'd never had an inside dog before, and one of the things that drew us to mini schnauzers is that they don't shed or have any smell," Porter said. "They are both brave. They are not afraid of anything. They have no idea how small they are. They are super loyal dogs. I think their chances are great in the contest. The photo really conveys their personalities."

Holly Tackett a dog owner from Grethel, entered her dog, Chance, a Pekingese, in the contest.

Today is Chance's birthday," Tackett said. "He is lucky to be

(See CONTEST, page 3)



Jim Porter's miniature schnauzers are among the entries in The Floyd County Times' Cutest Pet Contest.

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Obituaries

Billie M. Lawson

Billie Mae Lawson, 81, of Light Road, Waverly, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at her home.

She was born Jan. 15, 1930, in Watergap, a daughter of the late William Willis and Susie Lafferty Williams. On Oct. 9, 1971, Billie was united in marriage to James O. Lawson, who preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2000.

Surviving are four children: Rejania Mosier and Ensbard Gary, of Waverly; Robert Hardee and wife Deborah of Prestonsburg; Forest Ray Hardee of Waverly; and Patricia Hardee of Waverly; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Branham of Prestonsburg; and a brother,

Bert Wills of Russell.

In addition to her parents and husband, a daughter, Neoma Myers, sister, Ellen Messer and two brothers, Roy and Harry Wills, preceded Billie in death.

Billie was a homemaker and attended Agape Family Worship Center in Waverly. She was a loving and caring mother and grandmother, and truly loved and served her Lord.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at the Boyer Funeral Home, with Pastor Marilyn Wood and Rev. Anne Heiberlin officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Latham Cemetery, Waverly, Ohio.

Friends may call at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the service on Friday. www.boyerfuneral.com

Phyllis Ann Robinson

Phyllis Ann Robinson, 63, of Dema, Kentucky, died January 15.

Born on November 23, 1947, in Dema, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Martha Hall Sparkman and the late Douglas Sparkman. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Donald Robinson.

She is survived by three sons: Charles Eddie (Shelia Lynn) Robinson of Dema, Jeff (Pat) Robinson of Harold, and Jamie Kidd of Pikeville; two daughters: Judy Robinson (Fiancee: David Hunsaker) of Pikeville, and Jennifer Robinson of Martin; like a son: Doug Bolen; nine

brothers: Don Sparkman of Hi Hat, Mark Sparkman of Hueysville, Eugene Sparkman of Kite, Clyde Sparkman of Mariba, Kentucky, David Sparkman of Topmost, Vernon Sparkman of Pinetop, Jerry Sparkman of Topmost, Grover Sparkman of Lexington, and Scotty Sparkman of Topmost; three sisters: Linda Coburn of Orange Park, Florida, Velma Sparkman and Tammy Hall, both of Topmost; 12 grandchildren: Kierra, Xavier, Trish, Brady, LaMikka, Savannah, Charles, Audrey, Ashley, Alyssa, Lacy and Holly; 6 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends; companion: Jackie Bolen.

Funeral services were held January 18 at Nelson

and Frazier Funeral Home in Hindman with various Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home.

Norma Jean Shepherd

Norma Jean Shepherd, 58, of Harold, died on January 25, 2011, at the UK Medical Center. Born July 17, 1952, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late James Edward Shepherd and Virginia Shepherd Conn. She was a department manager for Wal-Mart and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, in Ligon.

Survivors include one son: Michael Vance, Jr., of

Beaver, three brothers: Arvis Shepherd, of Grethel, Hershel Shepherd and Henry Shepherd, both of Galveston, two sisters: Juanita Harris and Irene Merion, both of Galveston, and seven grandchildren: Mason, Savannah, Alex, Donnie, Sean, Jeremiah, Gabriel and Antonia.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son: Wendell Douglas Vance, and one daughter: Jennifer Dawn Vance.

Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ralph Hall officiating. Burial will follow at Vance Cemetery, in Beaver.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Janet Louise Janell, 20, of East Point, to Johnathon Dewayne Rohr, 25, of East Point.

Jennifer Hall, 32, of Teaberry, to Robert A. Hunter, 31, of Teaberry. Tara D. Rohr, 19, of East Point, to Raymond L. Woods, 21, of East Point. Phyllis Dean Johnson Boyd, 63, of Wheelwright, to Ronnie Tackett, 59, of Wheelwright.

Civil Suits Filed

Christopher Thomas Wireman vs. Tineka Wireman; divorce.

Jessica J. Newman vs. Kelly Newman; petition for healthcare insurance.

Community Trust Bank vs. Leslie Lawson; complaint.

Tax Ease Lien Easement LLC vs. Lum Carr Jr.; complaint.

Myrtle Newsome vs. Floyd County Housing Authority; complaint.

U.S. National Bank Association vs. Rodney Hall; complaint.

Citifinancial Incorporated vs. Mark Meade; complaint.

Brandi Nicole Delauder vs. Bradley Allen Delauder; divorce.

Mary Elizabeth Anderson vs. Sizemore Mining; complaint.

Michael Hicks vs. Elizabeth A. Hicks; divorce.

Community Trust Bank vs. Matthew Zemo; complaint.

Frances L. Rose vs. Wal-Mart Stores Incorporated, Tom Wyatt, Amy Spriggs, and Ann Elizabeth Isaacs; complaint.

Charges Filed

Jeremy Lee Pennington, 31, Hi Hat; first-degree robbery, convicted felon in possession of a handgun, persistent felony offender.

Roger Ray Harrington, 35; Prestonsburg; second-degree assault.

Talisha Connetta Bentley, 27, Coverport; possession of a controlled substance, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, endangering the welfare of a minor.

Stevie R. Carroll, age not listed, Auxier; failure to comply with sex offender registration.

Whitney Slone, 20, Langley; possession of a controlled substance, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia.

Kevin Moore, 21, Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault.

Gary Combs, 23, Whitesburg; complicity to commit fourth-degree assault.

Travis Adams, 21, Virgie; possession of marijuana, buying or possession drug paraphernalia.

Shawn Stewart Fitch, 28, Inez; possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container.

Inspections

Martin Senior Citizens, Martin, regular inspection. Violations noted: food not protected during storage, individual disposable towels, a continuous towel system, and/or hand-drying device not provided at lavatory or handsink, no hand-washing sign that notifies food employees to wash their hands, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 95.

Betsy Layne Senior Citizens, Betsy Layne, regular inspection. Violations noted: unclear cavities of door seals and microwave ovens. Score: 99.

Martha's Pizza and More, Ivel, 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.

no hair restraints, food contact surfaces and/or utensils are not durable, corrosion resistant or non-absorbent, food contact surfaces are not smooth and easily cleanable, non-food contact surfaces have accumulation of soil, floors not maintained/constructed and/or installed properly, walls and/or ceiling are not designed, constructed and/or installed properly. Score: 92.

Property Transfers

Margaret Akers to Thomas Neil Kidd, property located at Little Mud Creek.

Ricky Lee Akers to Phillip R. Stevens, property not listed.

Cloeten Allen to Jason C. Stowers, property not listed.

Chester Bailey to Clinton Springer and Nadine Springer, property not listed.

Nancy S. Bailey to Clinton Springer and Nadine Springer, property not listed.

Amy Nicholé Burchett to Joe A. Burchett, II, property not listed.

Beverly Ann Burchett to Joanna Burchett, Richard Burchett, Sr., and Tabatha Burchett, property located at Tram.

Beverly Ann Burchett to Richard Burchett, Jr., Richard Burchett, Sr., and Tabatha Burchett, property not listed.

Department of Veterans Affairs to Orville Mitchell, Jr., property not listed.

Paul Greene to Earnest F. Collins, property not listed.

Pearl Greene to Earnest F. Collins, property not listed.

Danita Johnson to Dwayne Johnson, property not listed.

Archie Kidd to Larry Kidd, property located at Martin.

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Contests/Events
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The Contest will begin on 1/19/2011 and end on 2/2/2011 (the Contest Period).

Submissions will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. (EST) on 2/2/2011. Voting will commence at 12:01 a.m. on 2/2/2011 and run through the end of the Contest Period.

Winner Selection: Readers vote for their favorite pet at floydcountytimes.com/contests.

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1

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Our View

Save money, live better

When you're the biggest and the most successful in your field, you generally don't hear a lot of praise. In fact, you mostly hear criticism. And so it goes with Wal-Mart. There probably isn't one of us who, at one time or another, hasn't muttered some ill words about the world's largest and richest retailer.

But today, we're going to do something different. We're going to talk about something Wal-Mart is doing right.

Last week, Wal-Mart executives joined First Lady Michelle Obama in announcing some pretty significant changes to their grocery offerings. The company announced that, over the next few years, they would be removing trans fat and reducing sodium in their store brand foods, and would encourage its suppliers to do the same.

That is good news, especially regarding trans fat, which is one of the most noxious ingredients on store shelves. Also known as hydrogenated oil, trans fat pulls a double whammy on the body by raising bad cholesterol levels and lowering good cholesterol. This, in turn, leads to heart disease, the number-one killer of Americans.

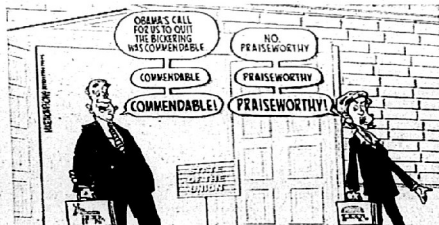
By taking steps to eliminate trans fat from its own products and, perhaps more importantly, using its significant influence over the food industry to persuade others to do the same, Wal-Mart has probably, with this one decision, added countless years to the lives of Americans.

The company also announced that it would begin lowering prices on fresh produce, which should induce more people to eat their fruits and veggies.

All of these changes represent small steps, but, added together, they should produce tremendous results in making Americans' lives happier and healthier.

Bravo.

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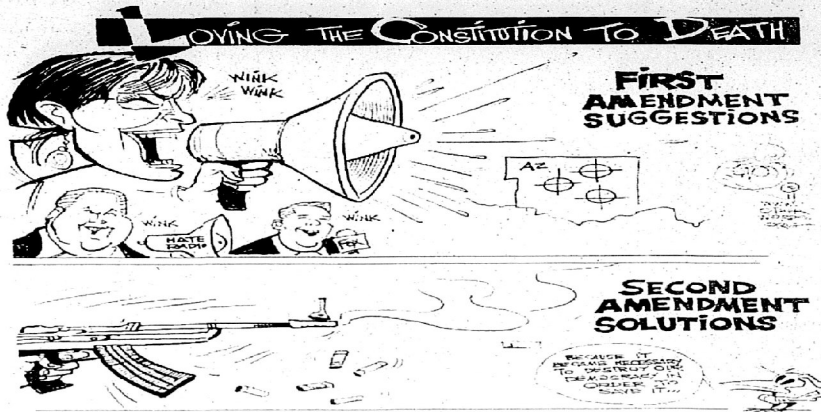
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Beyond the Beltway

Wanted: 21st-century gun laws for 21st-century weapons

by DONALD KAUL
OTHERWORDS

Before the Tucson shootings are lost forever in the mists of time (which, given this country's attention span, figures to be two weeks from now), we might do well to ponder the various reactions to the outrage.

President Barack Obama responded as a president should, with dignity and eloquence. I thought his speech at the memorial service in Arizona was one of his strongest. He set the bar pretty high.

"If this tragedy prompts reflection and debate, as it should, let's make sure it's worthy of those we have lost," he said. Amen to that.

House Speaker John Boehner, who has set the leadership bar fairly low during his time in Congress, didn't clear it. Justifying the House not passing a resolution to honor the victims, he said:

"We feel a litany of unwanted emotions that no resolution could possibly capture." Boehner choked up a little when he said it, but he also choked up at basketball games.

He then refused the president's offer of a ride to Arizona for the memorial, preferring to stay a few minutes at a similar Washington event before going off to a kind-ra-

er. Congress responded in a congressional way. It issued sympathetic noises and then talked about increasing security — for members of Congress. No murmur on gun control legislation.

The American people — a lot of them — responded by buying guns. Gun sales surged in the wake of the shooting. Apparently people see themselves standing in a shopping mall, taking dead aim on a gunman who's spraying the place with bullets, and bringing him down with a single shot. Lots of luck with that. Life seldom imitates Clint Eastwood movies. Even when it does, you rarely get to be Clint.

Sarah Palin, the Republican Party's answer to Eva Peron, took the opportunity to exorcise "journalists and pundits" who dared to link the sometimes-violent rhetoric she and her Tea Party cohorts use in political battle.

"Within hours of a tragedy unfolding, journalists and pundits should not be manufacturing a blood libel that serves only to incite the very hatred and violence that they purport to condemn," she said. "That is reprehensible."

In other words, she — the Divine Sarah — is the victim here, not the people lying in their blood in Tucson. In any case, "blood libel" — an ancient and absurd belief among anti-Semites that Jews use the blood of Christian children in religious rituals — is a curious phrase to use in connection with the gunning down of a Jewish lawmaker.

"We know violence isn't the answer," said Sarah. "When we take up arms, we're talking about our

vote." Or, to quote Humpty Dumpty: "When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less."

I guess it was just bad luck that Ms. Palin put a gun sight over Gabrielle Clifford's district during the run-up to last year's elections. Poor Palin; poor, poor Palin. She just can't catch a break.

I know I am speaking to the wind. But after all is said and done, the Tucson shootings stand as a condemnation of our gun laws, or lack of them. To believe, as the Supreme Court seems to do, that the Constitution guarantees the right of every person to buy a weapon that can kill dozens in seconds is to believe that the men who wrote that document were idiots.

They weren't. They were 18th-century creatures of the Enlightenment who were conscious of their limitations in laying down rules for the formation of a nation.

The country would evolve, they knew, and the Constitution would have to expand and evolve with it. Weapons of the 21st century aren't those of the 18th.

Yet a majority of our Supreme Court chooses to ignore the "well-regulated Militia" part of the Second Amendment and focus exclusively on citizens' right to bear arms. For this they went to law school?

I fear that "Supreme Court" is becoming an oxymoron, like "jumbo shrimp."

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OtherWords columnist Donald Kaul lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan. www.otherwords.org.

Guest column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COUNS

One priority of many House lawmakers this legislative session is reducing state Corrections' \$500-million-a-year burden on the state budget by changing how Kentucky inmates are sentenced.

Lawmakers, prosecutors, researchers and others have met at least once a month since last July to overhaul the laws known as the state penal code that determine who goes to jail or prison, how long they stay there, and how the state probation and parole system works. Called the Task Force on the Penal Code and Controlled Substances Act, the group recommended changes to the penal code and Kentucky's drug laws that will be rolled into a bill for consideration the first week of February.

The interim Judiciary Committee met last week to accept the several pages of recommendations, including proposals to strengthen the state's probation and parole system improve how drug users are handled by the

courts, give more support to crime victims and improve government performance in public safety and corrections spending. The recommendations were explained by officials from the Pew Center on the States, who worked with the task force to craft the recommendations.

Some of the recommendations include merely codifying (or putting into law) existing risk and needs assessment tools used on inmates by the prison system while others include allowing certain inmates to serve the last nine months of their prison sentence on release with mandatory supervision, allowing GPS to be used for pretrial, probation and post-incarceration, creating earned time credits for parolees and those on probation and putting in place a "presumed sentence" like probation and treatment for simple drug possession. Creation of a tracking system for victim restitution payment, and requiring fiscal notes on Corrections spending bills to explain where money will come from to pay for a particular bill, were also among the recommendations.

One of the most innovative recommendations would create mandatory release supervision, as it's called, for

felons serving the end of their sentence or not paroled out early to smooth their transition into society and hopefully improve their chances of staying out of prison. Kentucky now has over 5,000 discharged inmates who are leaving the Corrections system with no kind of required supervision or monitoring even though, according to Pew, discharged inmates are most likely to reoffend the first six to nine months after their release.

The mandatory release supervision proposal wouldn't apply to the worst felony offenders who would be required to have a year of post-incarceration supervision, or those with significant disciplinary problems. (It also would not apply to sex offenders, who already have a three-year supervisory period tacked on to the end of their sentence.) It would apply instead to those with sentences of less than a year to no more than 10 years primarily, or Class C and D offenders.

Other recommendations of interest to those following Corrections reform are proposed drug penalty changes that would do a better job of

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Sandra Tackett

Turner named to Transportation, other Senate committees

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, of Drift, was appointed to several key committees during the organizational week of the 2011 legislative session.

"As a member of the Senate Democratic leadership, and even before, I have been involved with the crafting of our state budget and our transportation plan through the Budget Conference Committees," Turner said. "This experience will be a great benefit to me on transportation and will allow me to be a more forceful influence for the 29th District. A good infrastructure is vital to the prosperity of our region and the state. We need good roads to bring people into our communities."

Turner was appointed to the Senate Transportation Committee along with the Education, Natural Resources and Energy, State and Local Government, Committee on Committee and Rules Committees.

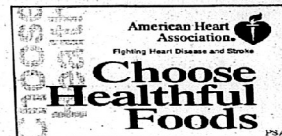
"These committees handle bills and investigate issues that are very important to our area and give me the opportunity to weigh in on issues that are significant to my district," Turner said. "I look forward to serving on all of my committees and value the impact I can make through work on individual committees such as Education and Natural Resources and Energy, where I can be a strong voice for education and the coal industry."

The committee appointments were announced the first week of January during the organizational meeting of the 2011 legislative session. The legis-

lature will reconvene on Feb. 1.

"This is a short session, but it could include some very important legislation," Turner said. "I encourage the citizens of my district to keep in touch with me. Their input will be important as I make decisions that could influence new laws."

To contact Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, call (800) 372-7181, or email johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.



Tackett selected KMEA 'Teacher of the Year'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Sandra Tackett, a music teacher at Betsy Layne Elementary, has been selected as the Kentucky Music Educators Association's (KMEA) District 9 Middle School Teacher of the Year.

"I am honored to have been chosen by a group of my peers," Tackett said. "Tackett is a 27-year veteran of teaching in Floyd County Schools and has been at Betsy Layne Elementary since 1998."

"We would like to congratulate Mrs. Tackett and are pleased to honor her accomplishment," said Supt. Henry Webb.

The KMEA honors teachers who exemplify teaching excellence in music education at the elementary, middle, high school and college/university levels. Teachers are nominated and voted on during the statewide fall meetings of the 12 districts served by the KMEA.

According to a representative of the KMEA, "The organization consists of over 2,000 professional music educators at all levels, from kindergarten to university, who are dedicated to the cause of music education in Kentucky."

For more information about the KMEA, including events and a list of awards given by the organization, visit <http://www.kmea.org>.

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distinguishing between users and dealers, and the suggested earned time credit for probationers and parolees. The credit would basically reduce the parole or probation term of an individual for positive behavior such as paying victim restitution. Research has shown, according to Pew officials, that positive reinforcement including earned time credits are more effective than sanctions in keeping individuals out of prison.

A proposal that would require the state to post information about an offender's potential length of prison or jail stay, parole eligibility date and certain other data on a web-based system to be accessed only by officers of the court, attorneys and the crime victim is also of note. "This would go a long way, I think, by supporting victims and showing them the respect they deserve."

Lawmakers began considering changes to Kentucky Correctional system in recent years after national studies showed Kentucky had the fastest growing prison population nationally over the last decade through 2007. Pew Center officials said Kentucky's prison population rose 45 percent over the past decade compared to a 13 percent increase nationally, although the state's inmate population has dipped slightly in recent years.

The four main drivers of Kentucky's prison growth were detailed by the task force in its final report. They include: 1) an increase in arrests and court cases; 2) a high percentage of offenders being sent to prison, as opposed to using probation or other alternative sentencing; 3) the number of people sent back to prison on technical violations without a new felony conviction has nearly doubled; and 4) a 30 to 38 percent increase in the percentage of all inmates

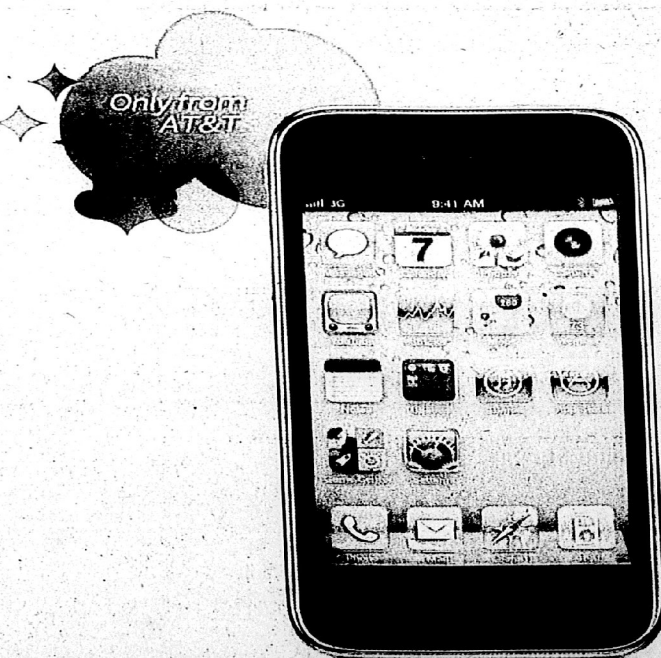
who are drug offenders.

As we move forward with legislation to address these cost drivers, we would do well to heed the advice of state lawmakers like Rep. Jerry Madden of Texas, who has been through a Corrections overhaul in his state and spoke to our committee last week. Madden said there are three kinds of prisoners: those that will also come back, those that will probably never come back, and those who might come back. Risk and needs assessment will show us who's who, he explained, so we don't waste money trying to rehabilitate those who will always come back and, for that matter, those who will never come back.

Texas has saved \$512 million through fiscal year 2009 and is projected to save as much as \$2 billion through 2012 by not wasting money on the "always" and "never" inmates—an idea I hope the 2011 Kentucky General Assembly will consider by passing legislation this session that incorporates the recommendations at hand.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, you can call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. Again, I look forward to serving you in Frankfort when we return for a busy second part of the 2011 Regular Session next month.



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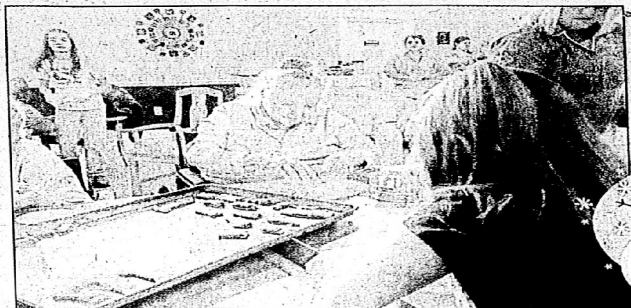
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Cards 78, Raiders 71: South Floyd falls short in Inez

Lafferty hits eight threes, leads Sheldon Clark to non-district win.

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

INEZ — Senior forward Tyler Lafferty drained eight

three-pointers and scored a game-high 37 points as Sheldon Clark held off visiting South Floyd 78-71 Tuesday night.

Freshman guard Justin Johnson turned in a double-double of 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Kevin

Spurlock-coached Cardinals. Sophomore guard Chase Kirk contributed 13 points for Sheldon Clark in the non-district win.

The Cardinals forced South Floyd to play from behind in each quarter. Host Sheldon Clark claimed an early lead, outscoring South Floyd 17-0 in the opening quarter. The Cardinals went on to lead 28-23 at halftime.

The Raiders remained with in striking distance throughout a high-scoring second half. Sheldon Clark, a team that is minus Preseason 15th Region Player of the Year B.J. Moore following a mid-season departure from the team, packed a 52-45 lead out of the third quarter.

Dakota Hall placed South Floyd with a team-high 29 points. Hall was one of three

South Floyd players to reach double figures. Shannon Turner tossed in 20 points and Dakota Newsome netted 18 for the Raiders.

Brandon Marson added three points and Luke Rhea scored on a free throw for the South Floyd boys' basketball team.

South Floyd is scheduled to visit 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Allen Central tonight.

Sheldon Clark 78
South Floyd 71

South Floyd (7-8): Turner 20, Hall 29, Newsome 18, Marson 3, Rhea 1.

Sheldon Clark (9-8): Lafferty 37, Kirk 13, Johnson 10, Smith 10, Hayes 4, Moore 1, Parsley 3.

SF.....10 13 22 26-71
SC.....17 11 24 26-78

Big week continues for Bears

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

I don't know much, but these things I'm pretty sure of

— It's a big, big, big week for Pikeville College basketball, and it began last night.

The Bears played at Cumberland, with which they were tied in the league standings, last night. The women had a big game there too. After opening 0-5 in the league, they took a four-game win streak to the O. Wayne Rollins Center.

The Bears are, in my estimation, the single most under-appreciated program in all of college basketball. They were 17-4 heading into last night's game and winners of seven of their last eight — with five of those wins coming in the rugged Mid-South Conference — and yet fell in Monday's ratings.

Tomorrow, both teams remain on the road for big games at Lindsey Wilson. The men owe the Blue Raiders one for letting them come to the Expo Center and steal a win, and the women could use a win over a ranked team, particularly when their coach is on voter.

All of this will set the stage for next Thursday's game with Georgetown at the Expo Center. And while the Tigers are no better than the second-best team in the league this year, they're the one everyone points to as the measuring stick.

It's a big week on both sides of the ledger. Let's hope it's the one we point to as the time the nation took notice.

I went 2-2 in my picks Wild Card week, and 3-1 in the divisional round (stupid Jets). Last week I was 2-0. My heart tells me to go with the Pack, but as someone said around the office this week, the Steelers always seem to find a way.

— Did you know the Steelers have lost only one of their seven previous Super Bowls?

— Regardless of how much money I had, there's no way I'd pay \$900 for a parking spot, no matter how close it was to the Super Bowl.

— The Reds Caravan is in town today for a private function. This is two years in a row it's been here during a week.

(See BEARS, page two)



McDowell captured the Floyd County grade school championship last week. The Daredevils defeated May Valley 20-17 in the championship game.

McDowell captures county title

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The McDowell Daredevils won the Floyd County grade school championship with a hard-fought 20-17 victory over May Valley last week (Tuesday, Jan. 18) at Allen Central High School.

Balanced scoring led McDowell to the win in the county championship game. Five different players broke into the scoring column for the Daredevils with seven points.

McDowell concluded the season 17-4. Dale Hamilton, Wesley Turner, Derrick Newsome and Terrence Mullins coached the Daredevils.

A look back at McDowell's trek to the county title follows.

McDowell advances to semifinals: In the second night of the opening round of the Floyd County grade school basketball tournament, McDowell advanced to the semifinals with a 28-6 win over Duff at Allen Central High School.

Jacob Collins led McDowell with a game-high 13 points. Shane Kidd scored seven points and Shawn Kidd added six for the Daredevils.

Nick Castle entered the game off of the bench and added two points for the McDowell boys' basketball team.

The Daredevils jumped out

to a 9-2 lead in the opening quarter and were never challenged. McDowell advanced to meet Betsy Layne in the semifinals.

Shawn Kidd's bigger beating: Shawn Kidd drilled a three-pointer with 0:02 seconds left to cap a McDowell comeback as the Daredevils defeated Betsy Layne 17-16 in the Floyd County grade school basketball tournament semifinals at ACES.

Betsy Layne led by seven points with 47 seconds remaining. McDowell, however, wouldn't be denied.

Every player who logged minutes scored for the Daredevils as part of a balanced attack. Jacob Collins paced McDowell with five points.

McDowell advanced to face May Valley in the county championship game.

McDowell B-Team finishes season perfect: The McDowell Daredevils finished the 2010 season with an undefeated 1-0 conference record.

The McDowell B-Team consisted of the following players: Dustin Huff, Blayne Stumbo, Malachi Turner, Cameron Crider, Payton Hill, Nick Castle, Brady Conn and Kendall Little.

Dale Hamilton, Wesley Turner, Derrick Newsome and Terrence Mullins coached the McDowell boys' basketball team.



JACOB COLLINS



DUSTIN HUFF



BRADY CONN

Bobcats hold off state champ Shelby Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Visiting Betsy Layne defeated defending state champion Shelby Valley 49-42 on Tuesday night for its seventh straight win.

Senior guard/forward Nathan Martin and junior guard Andrew Roberts, sharing game-high scoring honors, pushed in 15 points apiece for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne took a lead out of each quarter, limiting Shelby Valley to single digits in two different periods.

The Bobcats secured an early lead. Betsy Layne led 15-8 at the end of the opening quarter and 26-19 when halftime arrived.

The Bobcats, which moved to 12-5, stretched their lead to double digits in the third quarter thanks to an 11-3 run.

Shelby Valley (5-10) outscored Betsy Layne 20-12 in the third quarter as part of a late rally effort.

Five players accounted for Betsy Layne's scoring as Derek Tackett tossed in eight points. Casey Adkins contributed seven and Dylan Maldonado netted four.

Adkins claimed a team-high eight rebounds for the Bobcats. Martin and Roberts grabbed seven rebounds apiece in Betsy Layne's non-district victory.

Senior guard/forward Trey Roberts paced Shelby Valley with 12 points. Rusty Roberts tossed in eight points. Cody Belter scored six and Brett Reynolds added five for the Wildcats.

Betsy Layne is scheduled to visit Prestonsburg tonight for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference game played as part of a boys-girls double-header.

Betsy Layne 49,
Shelby Valley 42

Betsy Layne (12-5): Maldonado 4, Tackett 8, Martin 15, Roberts 15, Adkins 7.

Shelby Valley (5-10): Lo, Lucas 3, Robinson 2, Caudill 4, R. Roberts 8, Belter 6, Reynolds 5, T. Roberts 12, Newsome 2.

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Grigsby conducts interview with former UK head coach Joe B. Hall

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — Earlier in the 2010-11 basketball season, Floyd County Pete Grigsby, along with a camera crew from WPRG-TV, ventured to Central Kentucky and conducted an interview with former University of Kentucky men's basketball coach Joe B. Hall in his home.

Grigsby, who first became acquainted with Hall during their days at UK,

dealt out questions to Hall concerning his career as both a player and a coach.

Hall, a Cynthiana native, was the head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky from 1972-1985. He previously coached at Central Missouri State University and Regis University before returning to UK in 1965 to serve as an assistant coach under veteran Adolph Rupp. The Cynthiana product took over for the legendary Rupp in 1972.

Hall coached Kentucky's fifth NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship in 1978. He was named National Coach of the Year in 1978 and Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year on four different occasions. His record at UK was 297-107. Hall compiled a 373-166 record over his career.

Hall, prior to coaching the Wildcats to a national title in 1978, guided Kentucky to a runner-up finish to John Wooden-coached UCLA in

the 1975 NCAA tournament. He won eight Southeastern Conference regular-season championships and one Southeastern Conference tournament title (1984).

Hall is one of only three individuals to win an NCAA championship as a player (1949 — Kentucky) and coach (1978 — Kentucky). The only others to achieve this feat are Bob Knight and Dean Smith.

Hall played one year of varsity basketball at

Kentucky before transferring to the University of South (Sewanee), where he completed his basketball playing eligibility but did not graduate. He graduated from Kentucky in 1955.

Currently, Hall co-hosts a radio sports talk show with former University of Louisville basketball head coach Denny Crum.

Although WPRG has already aired the Joe B. Hall interview, the station has copies of it available.

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
East Ridge	13-3
Betsy Layne	12-5
Pikeville	12-5
Johnson Central	11-4
Belfry	9-5
Sheldon Clark	9-8
Pike Central	8-8
Paintsville	8-10
South Floyd	7-8
Magoffin County	7-9
Shelby Valley	5-10
Allen Central	5-12
Prestonsburg	5-13
Phelps	3-16
East School	2-3
Lawrence County	0-10

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings
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Derossett leads P'burg past Piarist

Senior nets game-high 19 points

by STEVE LAMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

MARTIN — Senior Alexis DeRossett scored a game-high 19 points and Kristian Waugh contributed 12 as visiting Prestonsburg defeated Piarist School 58-31 Monday night.

Prestonsburg, which

defeated Piarist 62-43 on Dec. 29 during the Lady Blackcats Holiday Tournament, improved to 8-9 following Monday night's win.

Piarist dropped to 2-13 following the loss. The Lady Knights are scheduled to visit Prestonsburg on Feb. 3.

Prestonsburg won despite shooting 30.9 percent (21-of-68) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were seven-of-19 at the foul line.

Prestonsburg controlled the glass, grabbing 45 rebounds. The Lady

Blackcats also fared well from long-range, draining nine-of-26 three-point field goals.

Cassie Burchett and Caitie Burchett added eight points apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

In other individual scoring, Caitlin Kidd scored six, DJ Slone netted three and Tiffany Meadows clipped in two for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg is due to host 58th District/Floyd County Conference counterpart Betsy Layne tonight.



11TH GRADE BASKETBALL HOMECOMING WINNER: Allen Elementary fifth-grade student Nicole Burchett was crowned the Fifth Grade Basketball Homecoming Winner on Dec. 2. She was escorted by her good friend and basketball player Brady Hall, who is also in the fifth grade and shared the court with three other good friends — Jana Jarvis, Madison Rainey and Ashlea Little.

I'd like to say a big thank you to Brady and to all of my fifth grade classmates for making that memorable night one that I will always cherish. Everyone of you are awesome," Burchett said.

Burchett is the daughter of Jon and Kim Burchett of Slickrock. She is the granddaughter of Kenny and Imogene Robinson of Martin and Eddie Ray Burchett of Slickrock and the late Tamara Ann Burchett.

Hall is the son of Stephanie Hall of Beaver and the late Brad Hall. He is the grandson of Doley and Violet Hall of Beaver and Naomi Greene and the late John Greene of Estill.

Tickets for All 'A' on sale at BLHS

TIMES STAFF REPORT

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 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., through 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. Veteran head coach Junior Newsome guides the Bobcats.

Bears

and I'm on the road. But the best thing about the caravan? It means pitchers and catchers report soon. Very soon.

Kentucky has to defend its turf at home on Saturday when Georgia comes to Rupp, but more importantly, it has to learn how to win a close one on the road. All those home and neutral games in the non-conference schedule have hurt the Cats as of late.

It's safe to say no 15th Region team will repeat what Shelby Valley did last March when it won Pike County's first state basketball title, but I'd say there are five or six teams at least who could represent our region in Rupp. That should make for a very interesting regional tournament.

— Chad Ochocinco says

he's going to change his name back to Johnson. Before he does that, perhaps he could consider taking "Mediocre" or "Below-Average" as a surname.

And how about NFL Commish Roger Goodell, who says he'll lower his salary from eight figures (before the decimal) to a dollar if the league doesn't start on time next year.

And finally... The community of Rockhouse, where I proudly live, has had a rough year. Neighbor after neighbor has passed, including a run of six in about a month last spring. One of those was my Uncle Jimmie.

Last week we finally got some good news. Not only

didn't we lose one, but also we picked one up when Cameron James Bentley was delivered.

Cam I Am, which I'll call him until he gets big enough to whip me, checked in at 8 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches tall, or, um, long. I'd tell you he's adorable, but I suppose that goes without saying.

Mom and Dad, who we know as Big D and Sweetie, are doing fine, and I'd like to tip my cap to the use of "James" as the middle name. While my uncle, Derek's grandfather, was officially Jimmie, it works none the less. It's a very nice tribute to the man we miss every day.

Welcome, Cam. We've waited on you for a while now. God bless you, son.

Hicks leads Bears to win over Wise, 17-4 record

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WISE, Va. — Two players turned in double-doubles and senior Justin Hicks scored a season-high 27 as Pikeville College knocked off U.Va.-Wise 96-81 Saturday afternoon at Greaser Gymnasium.

Pikeville's win raised it to 17-4 on the season and 6-3 at the mid-point of the Mid-South Conference race. With the win, Pikeville is at least tied for fourth in the league standings and could be third by day's end, pending the result of the St. Catharine at Lindsey Wilson contest.

U.Va.-Wise fell to 9-9 overall and 3-6 in the league.

Pikeville fell behind 5-0 as the Cavaliers scored two first-minute buckets, but then scored 11 unanswered

points to take a lead it would never relinquish. Sophomore Trevor Setty had six Bear points in the run, and when senior Vance Cooksey hit two free throws with 16:50 left, it was 11-5.

The first half played out that way, with the teams trading small runs, and ended with the Bears on top 43-21.

The second half was more to Pikeville's liking, hitting 54.8 percent from the field and leading by as many as 24 before settling for the 15-point decision.

Hicks was 5-of-10 from the arc and made all eight free throw tries in the win, leading four players in double figures. He also had five assists and three steals in the win.

The Bears got double-doubles from Setty, with 19 points and 11 rebounds, and

senior Andre Thornton, who scored 11 and pulled 14 rebounds. Each had four caroms off the offensive glass as the Bears won the rebounding battle 49-41.

Cooksey finished with 15 points, six assists and five rebounds.

U.Va.-Wise was led by sophomore Sam Eliagwe's 22 points and four steals. Junior Josh Jordan followed with 19 points and eight rebounds, while junior Norris Gaskins came off the bench for 15 points and nine boards, five of which were offensive.

Junior Travis Berry added with 14 points and seven assists.

Pikeville was hosting Cumberland's Thursday night. The Pikeville-Cumberland game ended too late to make this edition.

Bears sign JuCo standout Sutherland

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College baseball program is continuing to stockpile talent, with the latest being another talented pitcher.

Zak Sutherland, a left-hander from Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y., has committed to continue his educational opportunities and his baseball career with the Bears. Sutherland was 4-1 with a 2.94 ERA last season, striking out 33 in 39 innings for the Hawks.

Sutherland played high school baseball at Bishop Grimes and is a native of Syracuse, N.Y.

"We are excited about the addition of Zak to our baseball team," said Pikeville College Coach Robert Taylor. "Zak is a hard worker who is determined to be the best he can be as baseball player and young man. He has outstanding character and is a great fit to our club."

"I am excited about what

The Bears open the 2011



ZAK SUTHERLAND

he brings to the team in season on Friday, Feb. 4 at terms of ability, leadership, Faulkner University in Montgomery, Ala. and experience. I expect great things from Zak during his time here."

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HONORED: Recently, American Tumbling & Trampoline Academy, located at the Kentucky Power Tumbling building in Allen, handed out its first annual outstanding athlete awards. The awards were given to the following athletes (pictured from left to right): Olivia Justice, Shalyn Hamilton, Lyndsay Cook, Abigail Hamilton, Mercedes Winfree, Dylan Conn and Marshall Maynard (not pictured). This award is given for outstanding service and dedication in representing Eastern Kentucky in the sport of power tumbling and trampoline. Many of these athletes represented their community at the USTA State championship and the AAU Junior Olympic games at Virginia Beach, Virginia this summer. The outstanding athlete award was presented to these athletes by their head coach, Henry Young, pictured in the back row.

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings	
Team	Record
Bolton	14-2
Magoffin County	13-3
Shelby Valley	13-4
Sheldon Clark	11-6
Pikeville	10-6
Betsy Layne	10-6
East Ridge	10-9
Paintsville	8-6
Prestonsburg	8-9
South Floyd	7-7
Johnson Central	6-8
Pike Central	5-10
Lawrence County	4-15
Allen Central	3-13
Phelps	2-11
Piarist School	2-13

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Fragile: A Ghost Story'

by TOM DOTY
TIMES COLUMNIST

A half-empty hospital makes for an ideal setting in this chiller that serves up a frightening combo platter of ghostly chills and health care scares.



Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Setting is everything in a supernatural yarn, and this film understands that notion. The action is mostly confined to an isolated medical center on the Isle of Wight.

Mercy Hospital (drenched in a perpetual rainstorm) is in the midst of closing, when a train wreck fills their new facility with so many casualties that a children's ward must remain open in the old building until some of the patients are able to be released.

The opening scene finds a young child sustaining a broken leg while being x-rayed for a separate injury. Turns out that the ghost in this flick has a thing for brute force.

Into this situation comes a new nurse with a decidedly shady background. Amy is a bit reserved, but the chip on her shoulder was courtesy of a patient dying while in her care. She terms this a mistake, but one has to wonder whether she will be able to save these kids.

Pretty soon the pieces come together and Amy realizes that the entire ward is in danger from a child who died while being treated at the hospital for a degenerative bone disease 40 years ago.

Before you know it, all manner of strange goings-on begin to plague the facility. Sheets rise off of beds, elevators creak towards the floor that has been closed down for 40 years and orderlies are thrown through windows by malevolent forces.

Amy finds herself doing some amateur sleuthing (which will remind viewers of a similar formula used in "Ring") to determine what the ghost wants. Her search reveals a lot of messy things the hospital would just as soon forget ever happened.

Will she find redemption for her sins and save the children? Tune in as it's worth finding out.

This is one of the better haunting flicks, which comes as no surprise, as it was directed by Jaime Balaguer. He has been cranking out some excellent fright flicks in his native Madrid ("Rec") and finally tries his hand at directing an international cast. He does a splendid job of building the atmosphere and gets good work out of his cast.

Calista Flockhart is well cast as Amy. She is not the kind of heroine you expect in one of these, as she is clearly in danger of coming apart at the seams from the beginning. The medical stuff is also effective.

When Balaguer finally wheels his cameras into the abandoned ward, he prepared for eerie shots of outdated medical equipment, as well as a few cheap shocks before finally revealing exactly who is haunting the hospital.

"Fangoria Magazine" released this effort and they deserve credit for avoiding splatter clichés and bringing audiences a film that relies on mood and technique. That said, there are a few false scares but the film also delivers on

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FLOYD COUNTY Lifestyles



Jonny Coffey, Christopher Stokes and Patrick Boggs were among the recent graduates of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Kentucky Coal Academy Cohort Graduation.

NEW MINERS

Coal academy graduates newest class

by DAPHNE KIRK GOBLE

HAGER HILL — Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) and the Kentucky Coal Academy (KCA) hosted the 21st Cohort Graduation on the Big Sandy CTC Hager Hill Campus, Friday January 21, 2010.

BSCTC Coal Careers Coordinator, Harold Burton opened the ceremony with a heartfelt welcome to students, Patrick Boggs, Johnny Coffey and Christopher Stokes. Burton remarked, "The Coal Careers Program is a 'Premier Program' and graduates leave with the essential skills to be successful in the workplace." Burton encouraged the graduates to practice safety, good work ethics and to keep an open mind toward learning.

Booth Energy President, Paul Horn commended the students on their success and reminded them to "stop, look and think" in the workplace. Horn added, "Practice safety and do your job well and you will be successful in your professional life."

Special Projects Coordinator, Bill Duke offered words of encouragement and congratulations on behalf of BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards. Duke remarked, "We are proud of you and you have the support of the staff and faculty at Big Sandy Community and Technical College."

Kentucky Coal Academy Executive Director, Dr. William "Bill" Higginbotham described new and forthcoming technologies and certifications that would help miners be more productive in the workplace. Dr. Higginbotham concluded with, "the sky is the limit; you have excellent skills and good backgrounds in which to draw upon, let's see where you go from here."

Harold Burton closed the Ceremony by



Special Projects Coordinator Bill Duke spoke to graduates of Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Kentucky Coal Academy during the Cohort Graduation on Jan. 21.

sharing his experiences with local high school students and how the Coal Careers Program was debunking myths about the mining industry. Additionally, Burton thanked Martha Blair, James K. Dickerson, Harlan Hammond, Gary Lewis, and John McKenzie for their dedication and assistance in making the Coal Careers Program a success.

For more information about the BSCTC, KCA Coal Careers Program, contact Harold Burton, Coal Careers Program coordinator at

606-886-3863, ext. 82946 or e-mail harold.burton@kctcs.edu.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers academic and educational programs that provide valuable opportunities to prospective students. More information about the many programs and services offered at Big Sandy is available by visiting, <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/> or call (606) 886-3863.

DINNER DIVA

Gratitude



Health is not always about just the body. Your mental health is just as important to have a well-balanced life. I have a lot to be grateful for in my life. Counting my many blessings daily has helped me maintain a healthy mental attitude. It is a proven fact that showing gratitude can help lift your spirits, give you strength, and bring you peace.

Bob Proctor put it this way, "Gratitude is an attitude that hooks us up to our source of supply. And the more grateful you are, the closer

you become to your maker, to the architect of the universe, to the spiritual core of your being. It's a phenomenal lesson."

One way to show your gratitude is to give back. If you want something new in your life you usually have to give something to get it. For example, if you want to improve your health you may have to give up your daily Ding Dong addiction. If you want to declutter your house you will probably have to give away some of that clutter. If you want to gain a healthy relation-

ship you might have to give up a relationship that is not so good for you. See what I mean?

Another way to show gratitude is by expressing it verbally or in writing to whoever needs to hear it. Telling your children how grateful you are for them. Or tell your mother the same thing—watch how their countenance changes and how much better your relationships become. Gratitude is a well spring in life.

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CAR TALK
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on this one

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100 **Legal**
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
 Application Number 836-0358

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCD Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41600, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 2.25 miles south of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 215.83 acres of surface and will underlie 263.80 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be approximately 2.25 miles south of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the Martin and Harold U.S.G. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle Maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Gregory & Christy Ison, Delbert Jr. & Terri Ison, John C. & Regina Ison, and Matt & Pamela Lane. The operation will underlie land owned by Bull Creek Coal Corporation, Gregory & Christy Ison, Delbert Jr. & Terri Ison, John C. & Regina Ison, and Matt & Pamela Lane. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5506 Renewal 2

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCD Coal, Inc., P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41600, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 1.31 miles east of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 5.91 acres of surface and underlie 450.50 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be approximately 1.80 miles east of Hite in Floyd County. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G. 7 1/2 minute Quadrangle Maps. The surface to be disturbed is owned by Dorothy Martin and Lillian Martin. The operation will underlie land owned by Dorothy Martin, Lillian Martin, Claydon Bailey, Myrtle Salisbury, and Reba Martin. The 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. This is the final opportunity for a permit conference. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

100 **Legal**
public notice
 Notice is hereby given that Clayton Kelly, Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Kelly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601, Phone: (502) 584-3410.

100 **Legal**
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.

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 1.10 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 U.S.G. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepard, Clyde Allen Estate, Rule Reagan et al., and Big Branch Holding Company, LLC. The

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***** JOB ANNOUNCEMENT *****

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Qualified applicants may submit a resume and letter of application to Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc., ATTN: Human Resources Manager, 230 Court Street, Paintsville, KY 41240. Closing date for applications is Friday, January 28th, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. An equal opportunity employer.

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100 Legals

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Notice is hereby given that Anthony R. Castle, 171649, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to place fill in the 100-year floodplain. The property is located on Rt. 122 Martin. Any comments or objections concerning application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Rely Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: 602/354-3410.

Lots

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Legals

The Board of Directors of Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Inc. will hold a Special Called Board Meeting on Saturday, January 29, at 1 p.m. at the Prestonsburg ARDF office in Prestonsburg, KY. The meeting is open to the public.

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COUNTY OF FLOYD

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DATE OF APPOINTMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
12-27-10	0-P-472	FLORENCE M. MUSIC	MARVIN E. MUSIC	MARK T. MACDONALD
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12-29-10	0-P-474	DOLORES M. WEBB	MARY JO HEREFORD	MARTIN OSBORNE
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01-03-11	1-P-2	ANN ROBERTS LATTA	AUDREY ELANAGAN	MARTIN L. OSBORNE
01-04-11	1-P-4	MARIE OSBORNE	PEGGY NEWSOME	
			AND	
			GLENDIA TACKETT	
01-05-11	1-P-5	EDWARD HATFIELD	RONNIE LEE HATFIELD	
01-05-11	1-P-6	DORSEY HAMILTON	LISA HAMILTON MITCHELL	
01-05-11	1-P-7	ARNOLD MOORE	SUSAN REGINA OUSLEY	
01-06-11	1-P-8	CLYDE R. HARMON	SANDRA J. HARMON	E.M. MCGUIRE
01-07-11	1-P-11	MELODY LYNN CRIDER	JOSHUA W. JOHNSON	
01-10-11	1-P-12	ISAAC DONALD LITTLE	RUTH IRENE LITTLE	
01-10-11	1-P-14	DOFFIE JUSTICE	LINDA F. TACKETT	
01-10-11	1-P-15	HERMAN MULLINS	MILDRED MULLINS	

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COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, Do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before FEB. 26th, 2011, at 10:00 am.

Settlement	Case Number	Estate Of	Fiduciary	Date Filed
FINAL	09-P-2/9	MINNIE WALKER	VALERIE SPEARS	12-20-10
FINAL	09-P-44	WILLIAM BILL OSBORNE	VIRGINIA OSBORNE	12-22-10
FINAL	08-P-4/0	JOE WALLEN	BETTY JOE PORTER	12-27-10
FINAL	08-P-4/7	MICHELLE HARMON	JESSICA SPARKMAN	12-28-10
FINAL	10-P-2/2	DARWIN LAFFERTY	DOTTY LAFFERTY	01-03-11
FINAL	09-P-1/1	HAROLD ADKINS	TAMARA L. ADKINS HSHFORD	01-05-11
			AND	
			SHEILA A. BAKER	
FINAL	10-P-2/7	DEWEY CONN	GWEN WILLIAMS	01-05-11
FINAL	08-P-4/4	MARJORIE RUDDER	PATTY S. PETERS	01-03-11
FINAL	07-P-3/6	GIRDIE MOORE	GLORIA D. SALISBURY	01-11-11
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12 John's Yoko
13 Birthright barter
14 Language of Pakistan
15 Like — (very rapidly)
17 Hollywood clasher
18 Unable to hear
19 Not just plump
20 Work in a refinery
22 Mani-pedi prop
24 Tortoise's challenger
25 Deuce, maybe
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30 Layered rock
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34 Unseen hazard
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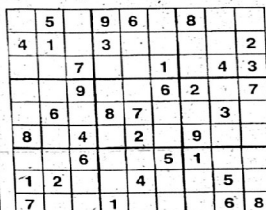
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5 "Yeah, right!"
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8 Where joust is spoken
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10 Commotions
11 Bernhard
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19 Shoppe description
20 "Pygmalion" writer
21 Creche trio
22 Decrees
23 Troubles
25 "Pow!"
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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 3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: *

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Clock replaces boy cat. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Shoes are black. 4. Sign near mailbox is missing. 5. Sign near mailbox is missing.

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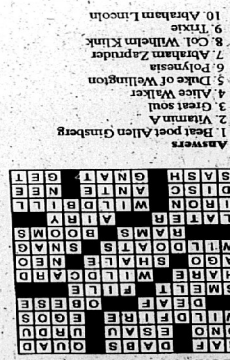
If someone were a world-famous mineralogist, I guess folks might call him a rock star.

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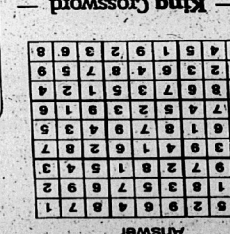
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- POP CULTURE: Who coined the phrase "Bover power?"
- SCIENCE: What is another name for beta carotene?
- LANGUAGE: What does the title "mahatma" literally mean?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Color Purple"?
- HISTORY: Who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Hawaiian islands are a part of what larger group of Pacific islands?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the private citizen who was filming President Kennedy's motorcade with a home-movie camera when Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the German commandant in "Hogan's Heroes"?
- COMICS: In the comic strip "Hi and Lois," what is the name of the couple's youngest daughter?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was sometimes called "the rail splitter"?

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High School Basketball
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Bobcats to face Gallatin in All 'A' state tourney
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne High School boys' basketball team will step outside of the 15th Region on Thursday night and compete on one of the state's biggest stages at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena during the opening round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Betsy Layne will face 8th Region champion Gallatin County (11-5) during the opening round contest. Tip-off for the Betsy Layne-Gallatin County game is set for 8 p.m.

Other boys' basketball teams vying for an All "A" state title are Bardonia, DeSales, West Carter, Bishop Brossart, Motcalte County, Danville, Hazard, University Heights, Christian Academy-Louisville, Lexington Christian, Heath Barbourville, Newport Central Catholic and Edmonson County.

Betsy Layne (14-5) is currently riding a nine-game win streak. Late last week, Betsy Layne defeated 58th District foe Prestonsburg 52-42 and beat longtime 14th Region powerhouse Breathitt County 63-50 in back-to-back matchups. The Bobcats haven't lost since falling 62-66 on Jan. 6 to 14th Region title contender Knott County Central in the WYMT Classic.

Rally set seeking more legal control over meth-producing medicines

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Critics of legislation that would require a prescription for pseudoephedrine-containing products

the key ingredient in methamphetamine production — don't have their facts correct, claims the head of one regional anti-drug organization.

"By regulating a small number

of medications the state will be able to dramatically reduce meth production while saving both lives and dollars," said Karen Kelly, director of Operation UNITE.

"Experience in Oregon, which has

required a prescription for more than four years, indicates that Senate Bill 45 and House Bill 15 would neither adversely affect consumers nor hamper law enforcement.

(See RALLY, page 3)

ROCKSLIDE HALTS TRAFFIC



Large rocks tumbled onto US 23 on "Holiday Inn" Hill in Prestonsburg on Friday. Police and fire officials, along with cleanup crews, arrived on the scene shortly after the incident.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

Sex offender fails to comply, arrested

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

A registered sex offender from Auxier was arrested last week on a charge of failure to comply with sex offender registration.

Stevie R. Carroll, 45, was arrested after the Floyd County Sheriff's Department received a call from social services about Carroll's alleged failure to comply with the rules and regulations of sex offender registration.

According to the police report, Carroll was living with a woman and child in Auxier, and Carroll allegedly told the officer that he had just started living with the woman and her daughter. Carroll was arrested after Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville advised the officer that Carroll was non-compliant on the sex offender registry.

Carroll was transported to the Floyd County Detention Center and placed under a \$5,000 cash bond.

State grants rate increase to Big Sandy RECC's power supplier

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — On Jan. 14, the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) granted a rate increase to Winchester-based East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC), the wholesale electric power supplier for Big Sandy RECC and 15 other member cooperatives.

The commission approved the rate increase for service rendered on and after Jan. 14, 2011, while EKPC stated it sought the increase to strengthen its financial condition and continue building equity.

(See RECC, page 2)

Public meeting scheduled for proposed mail center move

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A public meeting to explain the proposed move of the United States Postal Service Customer Service Mail Processing Center from Pikeville to Charleston, W.Va., is scheduled to be held in the Booth Auditorium at Pikeville College on Feb. 9.

The Pikeville Customer Service Mail Processing Center also handles the mail for Floyd

County.

In a letter, District Manager James W. Kiser wrote, "On Sept. 1, 2010, we notified you that we were beginning an Area Mail Processing (AMP) feasibility study at the Pikeville Customer Service Mail Processing Center to see if it would make sense to consolidate some operations into the Charleston Processing and Distribution Center. The Kentuckiana District office has completed its review and sub-

mitted it to the Eastern Area Office for consideration. At the public meeting we will explain the AMP study results and what operational changes we propose to make. Any proposed changes must be approved by the Area Vice President before they can be implemented. Comments on the proposal from employees and the public will be considered before any decision is made."

Lonnie McCoy, with the

(See MAIL, page 2)

2 DAY FORECAST

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photo by H. Allen Bolling
COUNTRY MUSIC LEGEND LORETTA LYNN performed for fans during a concert Saturday night at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

Loretta Lynn performs at Mountain Arts Center

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Loretta Lynn returned home to the mountains of Eastern Kentucky on Saturday for a performance at the Mountain Arts Center, and Lynn, 78, performed for almost two hours for the sold out crowd.

"It was super," said

Keith Caudill, director of the Mountain Arts Center. "We had 1,054 and we accounted for every seat. She's got a new audience now, and it's much younger."

According to Caudill, the tickets, priced at \$39, sold out two weeks prior to the event.

(See LYNN, page 6)

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Obituaries

Chloetta Adams

Chloetta Adams, 63, of Martin, died on January 29, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born December 12, 1947, in Garrett, she was the daughter of the late Haden and Florence Chaffins Crager and the wife of the late Harry Adams. She was a homemaker and member of the Rockfrow Free Will Baptist Church, in Garrett.

Survivors include brothers and sisters: Harold Crager, of Garrett, Wendell Crager, of Raven, Jeanetta Moore, of Hueysville, Lorene Collins, of Kenderville, Ind., and a host of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, brothers and sisters: David Crager, Delmas Crager, Millard Ray Crager and Shelby Jean Crager.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at the Rockfrow Free Will Baptist Church with James Caudill officiating. Burial followed at Highland Memorial Park, in Staffordsville.

Gary Herald

Gary Herald, 61, of Craynor, died January 27 at his home.

Born September 24, 1949, in Paintsville, he was the son of William and Josephine Scutfield of Prestonsburg. He was a retired employee of Columbian Gas Company and a member of the Masonic Lodge #273 of Zebulon.

He was preceded in death by one sister: Bonita Herald.

He is survived by one son: Gary Herald Jr. of Floyd County; four daughters: Kellie Herald Clarke of Lexington, Corina Rogers, Rosina Herald and Courtney Stone, all of Floyd County; one brother: Larry D. Herald of Paintsville; numerous grandchildren and his companion, Flora Kay Preston of Craynor.

Funeral services were held January 30 at 1 p.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Jeff Lambert officiating.

Burial was at the family

cemetery in West Prestonsburg. Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.

Morris Joe Hall

Morris Joe Hall, 54, of Bevinville, died Saturday, January 29, 2011, at his residence. Born August 2, 1956, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Morris Ray and Chatty Newman Hall and the husband of the late Vivian Michelle Taylor Hall. He was a disabled welder.

Survivors include two sons, Jackie Hall, of Lackey and Dustin Hall, of Paintsville; a daughter: Brandy Mullins (Rodney) of Melvin; a brother: Gilford Hall (Brenda) of Wheelwright; two sisters: Lynn Turner (David) of Drift and Cathy Arnold (Gerald) of Elizabethton, Tenn. and six grandchildren: Damon Hopkins, Gavin Hopkins, Grace Hopkins, Leann Hall, Sidney Hall and Jacob Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife,

and a daughter: Haley Jo Hall.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Wheelwright Free Will Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating. Burial followed at the Newman Cemetery, in Hi Hat.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Emogene Ward

Emogene Ward, 89, of Prestonsburg, died January 30 at King's Daughter Medical Center.

Born on June 3, 1921, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Willie and Rosie Kendrick Goble. She was a homemaker and a member of the Irene Cole Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter: Jeniva Ward; four brothers: El Goble, Leon Goble, Estill Goble, Joe Goble, Elsie Burchett and Cladie Spears.

She is survived by four

sons: Sonny EJ Ward, William Isaac Ward, Tony Ward and Troy Ward, all of Prestonsburg; three daughters: Ruby Ward, Barbara Ward and Emma Craft, all of Prestonsburg; three brothers: Richard, Scotty Goble, Argie Goble and Howard Goble; 17 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held February 3 at 1 p.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Bill Collins and John Kenneth Burchett officiating.

Burial will follow at the Willie Goble Cemetery on Cow Creek in Prestonsburg. Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Ruby L. Hughes

Ruby L. Hughes, 87, of East Point, died January 31 at Riverview Health Care Center.

Born June 2, 1923, in Boones Camp, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late William Lewis and Sarah Catherine Sammons.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Prestonsburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son: Roger Dale Hughes; five brothers: John P. Sammons, James Sammons, Richard Sammons, Wannie Sammons and Archie Sammons as well as two sisters: Ada Mollette and Lillian Fultz.

She is survived by one son: Ronald H. Hughes of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Deana Hughes Newsome of Jensen Beach, Florida, and Tonda L. Hughes of Chicago; half brothers and sisters: George of Ohio, Rosamond of California, and Ida of Texas; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held February 3 at 11 a.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Richard Kelly officiating. Burial will follow at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel.

Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium set for Feb. 15

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The 12th annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

The theme of the conference is "Shades of Opportunity" and will feature two keynote speakers. The morning address will be delivered by Denise Preece while Monica Cornetti will present the afternoon address.

Preece and her husband own three companies and have been in the reclamation, mining and used parts business for 11 years. Their companies have employed more than 350 people contributing millions to the local economy.

She will bring a unique aspect to the Women's Symposium not only as a successful business owner, but as a breast cancer survivor, her greatest accomplishment. She loves to share her experience with other women and is a true inspiration for those faced with this challenge.

A graduate from Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor in Business Administration degree, Preece has been elected and served on the Paintsville Board of Education for the past eight years and sits on the Senior Citizens Board of Education of Johnson County.

She has 15-year-old twins and enjoys gardening, exercising and cooking.

MC 1-11 webCornetti is owner of EntrepreNow!, a

business training and consulting firm. She has more than 20 years of experience in the corporate, nonprofit, and academic sectors with an expertise in bringing excellence to organizations through leadership and training.

She is a graduate of Seton Hill with a B.A. degree in psychology and the University of Houston-Victoria where she earned a master's degree in economic development and entrepreneurship. Her passion centers around helping entrepreneurs take their business to the next level of success and significance.

Current presentations are inspirational, funny and focused on helping her participants achieve results. She is a published author, a sought after, a professional

consultant and an accomplished leader known for being one of the best entrepreneurial training experts in the business.

Registration, breakfast and exhibits will run from 8-9 a.m. Welcoming remarks from Emcee Chastity Gayheart will follow.

Preece will begin her morning keynote at 9:15 a.m. and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon address by Cornetti will begin at 1:15 p.m. The symposium will conclude at 3 p.m. following closing remarks and door prize drawings.

The cost of the event is \$25, which includes all workshops and meals. The

symposium is open to men and women and presented by MSU's EKSBDC. This event is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

For more information and registration is available by calling the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-7272, (606) 432-8848, or online at www2.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.



MONICA CORNETTI



DENISE PREECE

Beshear expeted to touch on education, budget in state address

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Steve Beshear's state of the commonwealth speech was kept under close wraps leading his addressing a joint session of the legislature yesterday, but, as expected, Beshear spent time talking about high school dropout age, a hot-button topic of late.

One of the governor's top priorities is the bill that would raise the minimum school dropout age from 16

to 18. House Bill 225 would require attendance for children up to 17 years old by 2015 and 18 in 2016.

According to statistics with Kentucky's Department of Education, 5,673 students dropped out of high school in the 2009-2010 school year.

In last year's session, the bill to raise the dropout age made it through House votes but failed in the Senate.

Some in Frankfort say

the House could begin talking about the bill again by today, though legislators only arrived in Frankfort midday yesterday.

"One of the most important things that we need to do is to raise our dropout age from 16 years of age to 18 years of age," Beshear said in interviews leading up to yesterday's address. "It's been since the 1920s when we had that age changed."

Though tight-lipped about the annual address,

which took place yesterday evening, Beshear did speak with media outlets about both the educational points in the speech and also the budget.

The governor was expected to show some optimism about the budget in this, his fourth state of the commonwealth address, saying things were "looking up in Kentucky" and adding that a key point would be to restore the so-called "rainy-day" fund over the next fiscal year.

Mail

American Postal Workers Union, believes that the change will negatively affect mail delivery in the area.

"We see that it is going to affect mail in the two counties we serve," McCoy said. "It used to be a guarantee that something mailed from

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Pikeville to Prestonsburg would take one day to arrive, if it's coming from Charleston, then it can take longer."

"The public meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The family of Nora Sloan would like to sincerely say thank you to all our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort us during this difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food or came by to share our loss. The Aulwer Free Will Baptist Church for all their work and love they showed to our family. A special thanks to Bobby Joe Spencer and Calvin Setser for their comforting message. The Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Nelson & Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always remember all the love and kindness that was shown to our family.

The Family of Nora Sloan

RECC

East Kentucky Power's primary lending institution is RUS (Rural Utilities Service) which has suspended all lending for any coal related generation projects. As a result East Kentucky Power representatives said the company "has been forced to turn to the open competitive financial market which requires stronger financial positions and more equity."

"The board and management of Big Sandy RECC feels that this is an unfair political attack on the coal industry," said David Estep. "Please join us in the fight to protect and preserve the coal industry. We encourage you to contact your political representatives in Washington, D.C. and express your concerns about coal."

Officials with Big Sandy

RECC say that this will force a passing along of increased costs that will translate to higher bills.

"As a not-for-profit cooperative, Big Sandy RECC must pass along this increased cost from our power supplier to retail members," added Bruce Aaron Davis. "This rate increase will add about \$4.80 to the typical residential monthly bill."

Following the commission's decision, Big Sandy RECC's average residential member rates increased by about 3.53 percent effective Jan. 14.

PSC representatives conducted a public hearing on the case in December prior to announcing its decision.

Diversion Task Force, targeting prescription drug trafficking, overprescribing physicians, and illegal out-of-state pharmacies. The Task Force also conducted police training statewide.

For more information, contact Shelley Johnson at (502) 696-5659 or (502) 330-5353.

AG pushes for prescription drug abuse prevention

Concerned citizens attend regional meeting

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER
FRANKFORT — Kentucky Attorney General

Jack Conway spoke yesterday to an audience of high school students, counselors, educators and concerned citizens at Thomas Moore College in Crestview Hills as part of a regional prescription drug abuse education and prevention program.

Joining Conway was Polly Page of the Northern

Kentucky Education Council, Bill Mark of the Northern Kentucky Drug Strike Task Force, Tyler Whiseman of the Pharmacists Association and various concerned parents, as well as Dr. Karen Shay and Lynn Kissick.

In August, 2009, Conway launched the Prescription Drug

Card of Thanks

The family of Alvin Dale Little would like to take this opportunity to send their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to those of you who sent food, flowers, and treasured keepsakes during our time of sorrow.

To the Pastors Carl Woods - Faith Fellowship, Louie Ferragut - Wheelwright Free Will Baptist, Randy Osborne - Garrett First Baptist and Chuck Hall - Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist we are so thankful.

Thank you to our cousin Mike Mullins for the reading of the Obituary. To those who sang such beautiful songs, Jerry Joseph, the men and women of Drift Pentecostal Church Wheelwright Free Will Baptist, Wings of Praise of Garrett First Baptist and Kathy Ferguson Johnson and Sabrina Couch Hall of Wheelwright Methodist we truly thank you.

To the pallbearers: Morris Tackett, Wendall Hall, Kenny Hall, Wayne Hall, Keith Tucker, Reggie Caudill, Eric Lawson, and Steve Dawson we appreciate each of you.

May God's Blessings be with all of you.

KIMBERLY LITTLE FRASURE AND SCOTT LITTLE

Governor Beshear announces an additional \$2.8 million in emergency energy assistance funding

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT—Governor Steve Beshear today announced an additional \$2.8 million in federal appropriations to be allocated to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

"We've encountered week after week of cold weather this season," Gov. Beshear said. "This emergency funding will ensure that more families can apply for benefits and keep their homes warm."

Kentucky's allotment of part of \$200 million in emergency LIHEAP funding announced Jan. 24 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

to help eligible low-income families meet their home energy assistance needs.

Kentucky's cumulative amount from HHS this fiscal year, combined with carry-forward money from the prior year, is \$64 million.

In Kentucky, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) administers the LIHEAP program through a contract with Community Action Kentucky (CAK), which disburses benefits through Community Action Agencies (CAA) across the state. Every county has at least one staffed CAA office.

Gov. Beshear said he will authorize the immediate distribution of the funding to local CAAs as soon as it is

released to the state.

LIHEAP's first winter funding phase for all eligible families who need heating assistance ended in December 2010. The program's crisis phase for families facing a home-heating emergency began on January 4 and ends March 31, 2011, or when funding runs out.

CHFS Secretary Janis Miller praised LIHEAP as a highly effective program.

"A warm home is essential during the winter months," Secretary Miller said. "LIHEAP allows families on lower or fixed incomes to pay their higher utility bills. They don't have to make a choice between heat and medicine or food."

Emergency LIHEAP

funding will be allocated to the local CAAs based upon each agency's percentage of the statewide eligible population at or below 130 percent of the poverty level and their crisis expenditures last year.

Miller said CHFS and CAK are helping as many families as possible with the money. Last year, Kentucky served about 329,100 families through both winter phases.

Families that can most benefit from LIHEAP may include seniors, young children or people with disabilities, Miller said. Families may qualify regardless of whether they own or rent their homes.

LIHEAP is a short-term

aid program available to clients at or below 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For example, a family of four must have a monthly income of no more than \$2,389.

Families applying at their CAAs during the crisis component must bring a past due or disconnect notice from their utility provider.

Having past due or disconnect notices are not the only criteria that make households eligible. If someone is within four days of running out of fuel and their primary heat source is propane, fuel oil, wood or kerosene; or if they have received an eviction notice for nonpayment of rent, and home heating cost is included

as an undesignated portion of their rent, they may also qualify for assistance.

For more information about applying for LIHEAP, go to <http://chfs.ky.gov/debs/dfs/liheap.htm>. Or visit www.communityactionky.org or call (800) 456-3452 to find a local CAA.

To learn more about other family assistance programs, log on to <http://chfs.ky.gov/>.

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SBDC success story: Jackson Peg Tube Stand

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

MOREHEAD — Tina Jackson and her husband, Mark, live in Louisa. Tina was born with Cerebral Palsy and paralysis on the left side of her body. In her 20s, she suffered a stroke which resulted in swallowing difficulties and an inability to speak. Fast forward 20 years and Tina's condition deteriorated to the point of no longer being able to eat without breathing and digestion complications. In 2000, feeding tube placement became necessary because of concerns of pneumonia. Tina's left side

paralysis made it nearly impossible for her to successfully feed herself.

Tina's husband, Mark, knew she wished to remain independent, so he constructed a device — the Jackson Peg Tube Stand — that would enable her to feed herself with only one hand. The device Mark created was portable, practical and convenient and, most importantly, it enabled his wife to maintain her sense of independence. For this reason, they believed other feeding tube users and caregivers could also benefit from the Jackson Peg Tube Stand.

This is when Mark & Tina Jackson first requested services from Morehead State University's Ashland Small Business Development Center. They initially met with the Center's management consultant, Kim Jenkins, in March 2001. They inquired about how to protect their medical device with a patent. Jenkins provided them with business start-up advice and guidance and encouraged them to pursue their dream. She then referred them to a local patent attorney who worked with the couple for the next nine years to submit drawings, prototypes, and applications to the U.S. Patent Office in Washington, D.C.

In August 2010, the device was officially issued a patent, and they are now ready to begin marketing and promoting their product to the medical industry and to feeding tube users and caregivers. The Jacksons recently returned from the Olef Foundation's annual conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. This Foundation provides information and support to feeding tube users and caregivers as well as medical professionals who work with tube-fed patients and

suppliers of feeding tube equipment. The Foundation invited them to participate in the annual conference and to display the Jackson Peg Tube Stand. This opportunity enabled them to meet with potential customers and suppliers.

They are now working to become a Medicare insurance provider and are registering with various other insurance companies to receive payments for the sale of their medical device. The Jackson Peg Tube Stand has many different features that make it an ideal choice for feeding tube patients and care-

givers. The stand is fully collapsible, and its lightweight design allows for easy transport and portability. The device features varied height capabilities and can be easily positioned for use with only one hand. A Jackson Peg Tube Stand can be purchased for \$250 and includes free shipping and handling for a limited time.

For additional information about the Jackson Peg Tube Stand, call (606) 638-3234, e-mail them at markj@setel.com or go online to www.jacksonpeg-tubestands.com

Lynn

"We tried to keep the ticket prices low to allow the community to go," Caudill said. "It was a really good atmosphere. Everyone just had a wonderful time."

Lynn has written over 160 songs and released 70 albums, with the most recent being a tribute album titled "Coal Miner's Daughter: A Tribute to Loretta Lynn" that Lynn also performs on. Lynn's most recent solo album was "Van Lear Rose" released in 2004. The album was produced by Jack White, of The White Stripes. The collaboration with White allowed Lynn to reach a new audience.

For more information about Loretta Lynn, including a list of tour dates, visit <http://www.loretta.lynn.com>.

Floyd Board receives grant from Healthy Kentucky

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Board of Education has been awarded \$10,000 from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky to support the project known as, "Clearing the Air for Kids." In total, 12 of the 44 grant proposals to the Foundation for a

Healthy Kentucky were selected.

"Receiving this grant will help implement a campaign to increase the awareness of our district's tobacco-free policies," said Supt. Henry Webb. "Promoting healthy choices is beneficial for our students at school and our hope is that it will contribute to a healthier community as well."

The implementation of the grant will be under the direction of Lola Rathiff, safe schools coordinator, and current plans include students in Floyd County developing and promoting media messages that will be aired after school activities.

"I am grateful to the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky for giving our students the opportunity to

HVAC students working to restore Girl Scout Lodge

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A group of students enrolled in Big Sandy Community and Technical College's HVAC program recently put their skills to use by giving back to the community.

First and second-year students in the program have been working to restore the old Girl Scout Lodge at

Dewey Lake by installing three new four-ton heating and air conditioning units.

The lodge is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the students have donated more the 150 hours to the project.

"The students have been a tremendous help and we are thankful they are here," said Michelle Staley, park ranger with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Huntington District.

For those interested in taking part in the volunteer project, or for more information on how to help contact Dewey Dam personnel at (606) 886-6709.

For more information on the HVAC program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, go online to www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu, or by calling (606) 886-3863.



HOMECOMING CONCERT

photo by H. Allen Bolling
Loretta Lynn and her band performed for close to two hours at the Mountain Arts Center on Saturday.

Rally

ment investigations."

An informational rally to show support for these two bills will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

"We have heard from citizens and law enforcement representatives across the commonwealth that this law is definitely needed," Kelly added. "The bottom line is people are dying and children are being placed in extreme danger because of the growth of meth labs."

The rally will include bipartisan support from state representatives and senators, various law enforcement

entities, as well as organizations including the Kentucky Education Association, Kentucky Medical Association, Kentucky Attorney's Association, Kentucky Jailers' Association, and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

Opponents of the bills say the provision would hamper law enforcement's ability to track down meth labs because pseudoephedrine purchases would no longer be tracked by MethCheck, an electronic reporting system, while also pointing out that cold and allergy sufferers would not

be able to get needed medications.

Kelly maintains that all medicine currently on shelves across the state would stay put, adding that there are roughly 100 other over-the-counter products available to treat systems leaving plenty of "good alternatives" for those in need.

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers has committed to throwing his endorsement in favor of Senate Bill 45 before the state Senate Judiciary Committee before attending the rally tomorrow.

"We don't want to continue finding more meth labs; we want to drastically reduce the manufacturing of meth,"

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Notice of Public Meeting
City of Wheelwright
February 15, 2011, 5:00 p.m.,
at Wheelwright City Hall

A public meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, 5:00 p.m., at Wheelwright City Hall for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the purchase of a fully equipped police car to enhance the safety of the citizens of Wheelwright. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

By: City of Wheelwright

Viewpoint

Amendment 1
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Guest View

Mental health issues need national discussion

Just a cursory glance at the police mug shot of young man who opened fire on the defenseless citizens lined up to talk to U.S. Representative Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson last Saturday says it all — he looks, quite simply, like a lunatic.

In the coming weeks and months of investigation, we will probably learn that he exhibited the classic symptoms of a man whose mind had become broken. And the reasons for his slide into insanity will probably never be understood. As a result of this horrific tragedy, and that it has all the trappings of a political assassination, there has been much said about the level of vitriol in politics today. We agree. The political rhetoric has spiraled out of control. Just prior to the massacre, the GOP was referring to Health Care Reform as the "job killing health care bill." And that is only one example.

And there are those who point to the killer's ability to carry a semi-automatic handgun equipped with an additional capacity magazine as an example on why we should reform our nation's gun laws — bring back the assault weapon ban that was allowed to lapse by Congress in 2004. We also agree. Common sense is needed to regulate weapon ownership in the U.S. There is absolutely no reason on the earth that a civilian would ever need a 30-round capacity magazine for a handgun — none.

These issues need examination. These are questions that strike at the very core of our identity as Americans — freedom of speech and the right to bear arms. Healthy, and civil, debate as to how to strike a balance that satisfies most citizens while maintaining the integrity of both rights should never stop.

Almost forgotten, behind these two politically-charged issues, is one that we hope will become a larger part of the discussion about what can be learned from this tragedy: the killer's descent into madness, his symptoms and what could have been done to find him the help he so desperately needed.

When one's mind becomes sick, and not from an obvious physical malady like cancer, Multiple Sclerosis or Parkinson's disease, the diagnosis is simple. A simple MRI of the brain can detect these physical abnormalities.

But that simple MRI doesn't work when trying to diagnose paranoia or schizophrenia. That takes the expertise of a trained specialist who often must spend hours counseling and observing a patient before a diagnosis is made.

But what about the practical reality of the killer's days and weeks before he began his rampage? We now know he was asked to leave the community college where he was a student because of his behavior. He was told to get a psychiatric evaluation before he could return to class. We also know that his friends and family said he had begun acting strangely.

These were clear warning signs he had become sick. Practically speaking, would he, or even could he, comprehend there was something wrong? Using current mental health guidelines, the only time he would be forced to undergo that evaluation, without his consent, is if he had become a danger to himself or others. But who makes that determination?

All too often, it is the legal system after a crime has already been committed. Fortunately, the crimes committed by these sick people are usually relatively minor — shoplifting, simple assaults. But the impact on their ability to get well can be permanently compromised. Our legal system is just not designed to diagnose and treat those suffering from mental illness. But, instead, mete out punishment.

Like the balance needed to find a middle ground on questions of free speech and the right to bear arms, we need a national discussion on how to offer help to those who suffer the quiet pain of mental illness with a recognition of their personal liberties, while at the same time insuring the safety of our society as a whole.

If we don't and continue to focus on the spectacle of "gotcha" politics, we do so at our own peril.

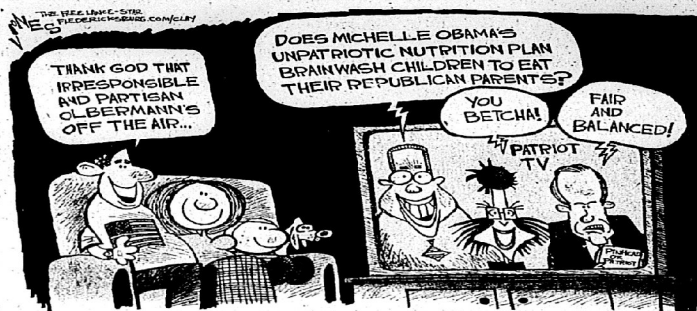
And then sadly, someday not too far into the future, we will again stare into the wild eyes of another man, or woman, who has descended into lunacy and horrified the nation once more.

— The Elkin (N.C.) Tribune

Worth Repeating ...

Wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late

— Felix Frankfurter



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

It has been a little more than a decade since Kentucky re-dedicated its efforts to improve the lives of our youngest citizens.

Thanks in large part to an influx of hundreds of millions of dollars from the national tobacco settlement, we have made tremendous strides in this area, the dividends of which will be felt long into the future.

From 2000 to 2007, for example, a campaign to encourage more women of child-bearing age to take folic acid led to 25 percent fewer birth defects affecting the brain and spine. Newborn screenings of virtually every infant, meanwhile, identified more than 7,000 children last year alone who are at-risk of hearing loss, and more than 40,000 immunizations have been given to underinsured children whose health coverage did not include the cost.

Before 2006, we were behind the curve when it came to testing infants for genetic or metabolic disorders. Now we're one of only nine states that look at all 44 disorders screened in a blood test, which has helped us diagnose nearly 1,000 children with these conditions.

A program that has led to some dramatic improvements is HANDS, which offers voluntary — but intense — counseling for

first-time parents in need of guidance.

Research provided to legislators last summer shows that teens with more than one prenatal visit are much less likely to have their pregnancy end prematurely, and infant mortality for families taking part is far lower than for similar families that don't. A two-year study comparing families enrolled in Medicaid found those using HANDS took their children to the emergency room half as many times as those not in the program. That difference saved Medicaid an estimated \$13 million.

Health is not the only focus of the state's work in this field. The Reach Out and Read program provides age-appropriate books to children ranging from six months to five years of age during their well-child visits to the doctor. More than 80,000 books were distributed in nearly 50 counties last year.

A little more than a month ago, a task force formed by Governor Beshear gave its suggestions on how we could better promote early childhood development and education.

Among its eight recommendations are that we do more to boost the STARS for KIDS NOW program, which began in 2000 as a way to give childcare centers incentives to go beyond the basics required by law. Nearly 800 centers now take part, but there is always room for more. Those wanting further details can send an email to STARS@ky.gov.

The 28-member task force

also said the state should better highlight a benchmark system developed in 2003 that helps parents, educators and others understand what children from birth through four years of age should be able to do. Kentucky is working with others across the country to ensure that our standards align with those in other states.

Another problem noted by the task force is that many of the programs designed to help early childhood development are scattered across state government, creating "a fragmented system that is confusing to many." We need to do all we can to improve coordination.

While the state has made some great gains during the last decade, much more work remains. There is a definite financial benefit as well; for every dollar that goes into early childhood development programs, we get as much as \$17 in return. Doing the right thing during those first years of life will help all of us for decades to come.

This week, as you may know, the General Assembly has returned to the Capitol to finish out the 2011 Regular Session. We have about two dozen days left to consider a wide array of legislation.

If you would like to share your thoughts on the subject of this column or any other issue expected to come before the legislature, you can leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For the hearing impaired, the number is 800-896-0305.

Meeting Obama's challenge for girls

by LINDA TARR-WHELAN

The President's challenge for all of us to create the country that 9-year old Christina Taylor Green thought we had when she made the fateful trip to hear her elected representative rings true to me. Christina had an ambition to be the first girl to play in the major leagues. Tragically it's a chance she won't have. It made me think about what are the chances for all those bright girls across our country to become the leaders we need?

There is an "off-the-radar" issue we must address to provide girls with a meaningful roadmap to meet Obama's challenge by opening up the doors to women becoming leaders. Our complacency that "we are the best" and that "women's equality is a done deal" masks a murky picture of reality.

While both parties fielded women candidates for high office in 2008, the political ladder remains a pretty closed shop. Despite fine women like Rep. Giffords, our progress report is dismal; we are backtracking rather than moving ahead on women's representation. Congressional representation of women has slipped downward,

leaving the U.S. as an unenviable 72nd in the world. Numbers are important, but the big picture is we are missing the benefits of new thinking and consensus-building skills that women bring to the table.

It isn't just politics and government where our promises of "you can be whatever you want to be" are overblown. In a series of informal focus groups with women of all races, ages and economic status from coast to coast, women told me we are only halfway to achieving full equality because "our talent is untapped." They are right — half of the good ideas are not heard when decisions are made.

Other countries are taking a different approach. Recently, the French Assembly passed legislation to reach a 40 percent target of women on France's corporate boards in six years; France joined Norway, Netherlands, Spain, Finland, Australia, Israel and Iceland in dramatically shoring up the leadership of their corporate sectors by tapping the value of women's talent.

The business pattern of having overwhelmingly male boards who appoint more men certainly diminishes the chances for women to succeed. The conservative male sponsor of Norway's legislation held that if they kept appointing the hunting and fishing buddies of the current board members, their corporations

would not be competitive. In 2010, the only large U.S. firm to have 40 percent women on their board was General Motors. Across the Fortune 500, the gender make-up of corporate boards has been stagnant for five years.

Why is it imperative to open up the power tables? Companies are more profitable when there's a critical mass of 30 percent or more women on their boards. Women add 21st century management skills around team building and partnerships, make decisions in a more "risk-aware" fashion, prioritize family and work solutions which increase productivity, and decrease turnover. More women at the table can open up organizations to maximize their competitive advantage in the search for talent.

Surely, quotas are unlikely here, but there's no excuse for inaction. Forward-thinking countries and companies realize and act on two big ideas — economic viability takes talent and the value-added talent is "women-power." That is certainly true here. Ask yourself a few questions: Who is starting businesses in this jobless recovery? Women. Who is getting the education needed for a knowledge-based economy? At every level from high school to PhD programs women are graduating in equal or greater numbers than men (and

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FAILURE to give each resident enough fluids to keep them healthy and prevent dehydration.

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FAILURE to have a program to keep infection from spreading.

FAILURE to keep safe, clean and homelike surroundings.

FAILURE to make sure that staff members wash their hands when needed.

FAILURE to make sure that the nursing home area is free of dangers that cause accidents.

FAILURE to make sure that the nursing home area is safe, easy to use, clean and comfortable.

FAILURE to provide needed housekeeping and maintenance.

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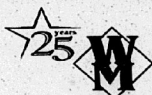
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State division of mine permits unveils online watershed data; DNR awarded two grants

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Department for Natural Resources' Division of Mine Permits announced today a new online service that gives public access to vital watershed data, which may include surface water quality, benthic information, groundwater quality, water quality violations, pollutant discharge elimination information, maps, mine history and information regarding

pending mines.

The files are packaged and organized by the watershed's Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC), which is used to uniquely identify the watershed. Each of these "characterization" data packages contain between 25 and 35 files. In addition, each package is equipped with a Water Quality Results Viewer designed to enable individuals to view, filter, sort, graph and export groundwater and surface

water quality data.

The development culminates a year-long effort by the department to streamline and improve the procedures regarding a Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Assessment (CHIA). An environmental scientist for DNR, Dr. Richard Wahrer secured the original funding of \$327,888 from the federal Office of Surface Mining (OSM).

Additionally, DNR has been awarded two grants

from EPA: \$50,000 to purchase sampling equipment for the watershed assessments; and, \$74,537 for the advancement and implementation of a GIS-based coal mining database that will supplement the national GeoMine program. The GeoMine program will provide a collaborative vehicle to share coal-mining data including coal permit boundaries, critical watershed features, federally listed species and the status and

success of land reclamation. This program will ensure transparency in regulatory decisions among our partners, e.g., the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and other federal/state regulatory agencies.

With these federal grants, DNR is now in receipt of \$452,425 to supplement their water resources and mapping programs.

Carl Campbell, DNR commissioner expressed his

appreciation to both federal agencies. "They have been great partners in promoting this cutting-edge technology. The funding from OSM and EPA was critical in allowing us to develop this valuable online resource. Over the years, OSM's commitment to this department has given us the opportunity to provide the latest technical and geographical tools to ensure protection of coal field residents and their environment."

BSCTC releases President's List for Fall 2010 Semester

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George D. Edwards announces the President's List for the Fall Semester 2010.

To qualify for the President's List, students must be enrolled full time, complete 12 or more hours of classes 100 level or above and successfully maintain a 4.0 GPA.

The students are:
Brittany Gail Adams;
Kathryn Elizabeth Adams;
Elizabeth R. Allen;
Irvin Lawton Allen;
Jarrod S. Bailey;
Joey Lee Bailey;
Rusty L. Banks;
Jonathan M. Barnes;
Parthena Rena Bartley;
Karissa B. Belcher;
Andrea D. Bennett;
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Kristen Nicole Bentley;
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Ronald L. Gross;
Cristy Lee Hale;
Alexandra Wren Hall;
Ashley R. Hall;
Jonathan Aaron Halliday;
Wesley Joe Hamilton;
Kayla D. Harrison;
Virgil Lee Hicks;
Wesley Hook;
Jordan Keene Horn;
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Tamara Kay Howard;
Brittany Lynn Howell;
Kaitlin Breanne Hunley;
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VITA available free for MSU students, eligible employees

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — During this filing season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at no charge to Morehead State University students and eligible employees.

Through the University's Department of Accounting, Economics and Finance, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. in 311 Combs Building on campus. It is free to students, and also to employees and members of the Morehead community with an annual income of \$49,000 or less.

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It will be necessary for taxpayers to bring with them documentation for any and all that apply: W-2(s); 1099(s); A copy of last year's return; Statements of other income; Information for deductions; Social Security cards for you, your spouse, and/or dependents; Proof of identification for yourself and/or spouse; Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (if desired) (voided check); Proof of tuition paid (regardless of source of funds) during 2010 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents; Cost of books for 2010; Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2010; If eligible for first-time homebuyer credit, proof of purchase price of home.

For proof of tuition and scholarships/grants, you should bring a copy of your account for the calendar year of 2010. This can be printed from your MSU account Web page.

Additional information is available from Sharon Walters, associate professor of accounting, by calling (606) 783-2725, or by emailing s.walters@moreheadstate.edu.

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Lottery officials hope new game will offer revenue

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A new Kentucky Lottery game has made a buzz over the past several days.

The game — Decades for Dollars — replaces Win for Life and will have its first drawing tomorrow.

Lottery officials say three states will play in the new game — Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia. The same states played in the Win for Life lottery game.

State numbers show a drop of 4 percent in overall Kentucky Lottery ticket sales from July to December. Lottery officials are traveling around the state hoping to bring attention to the new game as monies taken from the lottery revenues fund educational and other programs.

Spokesperson Sara Westerman says the change is a basic business decision.

"When a game gets stagnant, we realize players are looking for a change and we start a new game," Westerman said.

Those playing Decades for Dollars will pay for a chance at winning are hoping for the major payoff off annual installments of \$250,000 for 30 years for a total of \$7.5 million or a cash option that will pay on lump sum of \$4 million.

Drawings will take place every Monday and Thursday at approximately 10:59 p.m. live on www.kylottery.com with winning numbers broadcasted as usual on local television and radio stations.

The Kentucky Lottery hopes the new game will generate about \$300,000 in weekly sales over the next six months.

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BIG GAME KCTCS to sponsor Super Sunday events

TIMES STAFF REPORT

On February 27, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) will sponsor its first Super Sunday event at African-American churches across the state. On this day, all 16 KCTCS colleges, along with the System office, will partner with churches in their communities to host college information fairs for prospective students and their families. Every member of the KCTCS family is invited to participate.

Dr. George D. Edwards, President of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, will speak at Church of God Militant, Pillar and Ground of Truth, Elder Gene Layne, Pastor. Services will begin at 12 p.m., 117 Redale Road, Pikeville, to bring awareness to the role of parent involvement and early preparation in preparing for college. Following the worship service, college representatives will host an information fair about the college planning process, admissions, degree programs, financial aid, transfer and more. To learn more about the Super Sunday event at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, please contact Tina Terry, Director of Cultural Diversity by phone at (606) 886-7374 or by email at TTERRY0025@kctcs.edu or by visiting kctcs.edu.

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Public Meeting Notice

Elk Horn Park Fitness Trail and Maintenance Project

Citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on February 18th, at 10:00 a.m. at Elk Horn Park. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss development of the Elk Horn Park Fitness Trail and Maintenance Project. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Recreational Trails Program, Department of Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601. Questions or comments can be locally directed to Regina Hall McClure, Project Developer, Big Sandy Area Development District, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653 or 606-886-2374, ext. 307.

Super Bowl XLV fans rewarded for responsible decisions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety is reminding fans that Super Bowl celebration includes alcohol, make the right decision before kickoff and always have a designated driver. This local message complements that national Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk message supported by the National Football League (NFL), the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the HERO Campaign, and the HERO Campaign's Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) Coalition.

"We're reminding everyone that real Super Bowl Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk," said Highway Safety Office Director Boyd Sigler. "If your post-season game plan includes alcohol,

make sure you have a designated driver in your starting line-up. We are asking all party hosts and bar owners to take extra good care of designated drivers this year. Designated drivers make sure everyone gets home safely. For taking on such an important responsibility, they should be rewarded."

The Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk message supports the league-wide designated-driver campaign called Responsibility Has Its Rewards. Celebrating its eighth season in 2010, the campaign encourages fans to participate in designated-driver programs supported by beer and concessionaire companies at every NFL stadium nationwide. Throughout the season at all 31 NFL stadiums, more than 170,000 fans made the responsible decision by pledging to be designated drivers this season. Those fans now have a chance to earn the ultimate reward — a trip to Super Bowl XLV® in

North Texas at Cowboys Stadium.

The Responsibility Has Its Rewards Super Bowl XLV winners will be the Designated Drivers for the Season from the AFC Champion and the NFC Champion teams. And the Designated Driver for the Season from the Buffalo Bills — Barbara Owczarczak of Lancaster, NY — will attend the 2011 Pro Bowl in Honolulu, HI.

"We want everyone to make the right decision for Super Bowl," said Sigler. "Having a designated driver should be an obvious call in everyone's play book. Making sure designated drivers know how much we appreciate their responsible decision is what will make this year's celebration extra special — and extra safe."

If you are hosting a Super Bowl party:

- Make sure all of your guests designate their sober drivers before kick-off — a help arrange ride-sharing

with other sober drivers

- Find unique ways to recognize the designated drivers at your party
- Give them a great spot to watch the game
- Whatever non-alcoholic beverage they are drinking, make sure their glass is always full
- Let them have the first pass at the buffet table
- Make sure their cars are easy to access when it is time to start driving people home
- Serve plenty of food
- Offer a variety of non-alcoholic choices like soft drinks, juice, and water
- Serve one drink at a time and serve measured drinks
- Only serve alcohol to guests over 21 years of age
- Determine ahead of time when you'll stop serving alcohol, such as one hour before the end of the party or at the end of the third quarter of the game (just like NFL stadiums) and begin serving coffee

and dessert

- Add the numbers of local companies into your phone so they are just one touch away
- Take appropriate steps to prevent anyone from driving while impaired
- Be prepared for guests to spend the night if an alternative way home is not available
- If you are attending a Super Bowl party or watching at a sports bar or restaurant:
- Designate your sober driver before the party begins and leave your car keys at home if you plan to drink
- Find unique ways to recognize the designated drivers when you are out at a bar or restaurant
- Offer to be the designated driver the next time you go out
- Cover the cost for parking or even pay for a tank of gas
- Whatever non-alco-

holic beverage they are drinking, make sure their glass is always full

- Pick up the tab for their food and drink
- Before you go out, add the numbers for local companies in your cell phone so if you find yourself in need of a ride, it is just one touch away
- Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself—eat enough food, take breaks and alternate with non-alcoholic drinks
- Take appropriate steps to prevent anyone from driving while impaired. Remember, Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk.
- Always buckle up—it's your best defense on the road

Online:
www.FansDon'tLetFansDriveDrunk.org
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ALC announces President's, Dean's Lists

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — Numerous Alice Lloyd College students earned a high level of academic distinction during the Fall 2010 semester. The following students have been named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale): Keshia George, Keshia George, Cornettsville; Morgan Lashae Asher, Oneida; Sarah Elizabeth Bailey, Krypton; Kaitie Elizabeth Bentley, Pippa Passes; Christopher Jake Edward Bowen, Inez; Belinda Allison Boyd, Martin; Gerald Thomas Branham, Middlesboro; Emily Lauren Brashear, Hazard; Albany Beth Caudill, Mallie;

Taylor James Clark, Gate City, Va.; Colton Tyler Cornett, Blackey; Whitney Doughtman, Hazard; Aaron William Eldridge, Evans; Andrea Caitlin Enix, Mallie; Erin Elizabeth Enix, Pathfork; Adam Wayne Estep of Viper; Jordan Michael Fugate of Lost Creek; Eddie Justin Fuller of Feds Creek; Alisha Rebecca Sue Gross of Yeaddiss; Patrick Riley Hall, Jeff; Richard Brent Hall, Kite; Clyde Walker Hamilton, Garrett; Brandon Cliff Hayes, Jackson;

Joshua Daniel Hill, Avawam; Derrick Patrick Howard, Essie; Kimberly Renae Kilgore, Blue River; Ashley Carole Madden, Martin; Brittany McClanahan, Vansant, Va.; Paul Brandon McGeorge, Manchester; Kande Joan McLeome, Logan, W.Va.;

Rebecca Jane Miller, Pinetop; Melissa Danielle Noble, Garrett; Tiffany LeeAnn Owens, Mousie; Wendy Hayes Parks, Hindman; Ashley Nicole Prater, Hippo; Brittany Ann Robbins, Manchester; Kaitlin Mae Robinson, Pippa Passes; Savana Lynn Short, Garner; Glen Charles Stone, Leburn; Halie Dawn Smith, Hindman; Kayla Brooke Stacy, Bonnyman; Amanda Brooke Stephens, Neon; Kimberly Faith Street, Rowe, Va.; Scott Leray Thatcher, Seaman, Ohio; Jennifer Lynn Thornberry, Leburn; David Wayne Walker, Jenkins; Robyn Michelle Warrick, Hueysville; Amber Nichole Wells, Corbin; Sydney Caitlin Whitaker, Cornettsville; Isaac Dalton Wilson, Gray; Lindsey Magan Wootton, Avawam; Candace Young, Hazard.

Students named to the Dean's Distinguished List for achieving a grade point average of 3.75-3.99 were: Bethany Nicole Bevin of Chapmanville, W.Va.; Robert William Caldwell, Manchester; Katherine Diane Cowden, Jonesville, Va.; Neil Matthew Dillon, Geneva, W.Va.; Whitney Brianna Frazier, Louisa; Baileigh Ann Gabbard, Hazard; Deirdre Lynn Gibson, Mayking; Victoria Danielle Halcomb, Pikeville; Brandon Lee Hamilton, Seco; Jonathan Richard Haynes, Wendertown; Jesse Wayne Johnson, Allen; William Cody Johnson of Topmost; Jasmine Dakota King of

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Named to the Dean's List for achieving a grade point average of 3.25-3.74 were: Jordan Blake Adam, Whitesburg; Dina Albare, Prestonsburg; Whitney Carol Anderson, Kite; Nicholas Reynolds Arreondo, Johnson City, Tenn.; Rebecca Elizabeth Ball, Elkfork; Shannon Brooke Bays, Eolia;

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Commissioner Farmer extends deadline for KDA's Poster and Essay Contest

Students in K-12 are eligible to enter through Feb. 11

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer has extended the deadline for entries to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Poster and Essay Contest to Feb. 11.

"School districts through-

out Kentucky have lost several days of school this year because of winter weather," Commissioner Farmer said. "This has made it more difficult for Kentucky students to work on their entries and turn them in on time. I have extended the deadline so every student may have an opportunity to participate in this contest. In the process, they will learn about the importance of Kentucky Proud and Kentucky agriculture in their everyday lives."

To enter, students in kindergarten through 12th grade must submit either a

poster or an essay based on the theme "Kentucky Proud: Your Family, Your Food, Your Future" to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Statewide winners in each grade level will be announced Feb. 21. Each winner will receive a \$100 savings bond and will be honored at the Kentucky Agriculture Day luncheon in March in Frankfort.

For more information, contact Elizabeth McNulty at 502-564-4983 or elizabeth.mculty@ky.gov or go online to www.kyagr.com/marketing/ag-education/agday2011.htm.

'College Circuit' helps Kentuckians plan for higher education

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — Kentuckians planning for higher education will find The College Circuit, a booklet published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), to be a useful resource. The 36-page booklet is suitable for students ranging in age from middle school to adults. Parents and counselors may also use it to help their students plan and pay for college. The College Circuit includes information about careers, college preparation, student financial aid programs and financial literacy. Students and families will also find detailed information about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) program. The booklet shows the steps involved in applying for federal student aid and provides guidance on borrowing student loans.

The College Circuit received the Award of Excellence in graphic design from the Kentucky Association of Government Communicators in recent competition. Copies of The College Circuit are free. To request copies, please e-mail publications@kheaa.com or use the order form on www.kheaa.com.

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Sheriff John K Blackburn
Floyd County

Federal regulators propose new safety rules for mines

by SHELDON COMPTON STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND, Va. — The Associated Press has reported federal regulators have proposed new safety rules that would see a faster turnaround for enforcement of mines showing a past pattern of violations deemed serious. Regulators are asking that warning letters issued after sent to mines be elimi-

nated, and was prompted, as has been widely reported, following the Upper Big Branch mine explosion in West Virginia that killed 29 men, the worst such mining disaster in more than four decades. "We have long wanted changes in the (pattern of violations) rules so that needless tragedies like the Upper Big Branch disaster of last April do not happen again," U.M.W.A. International President Cecil Roberts said. "We

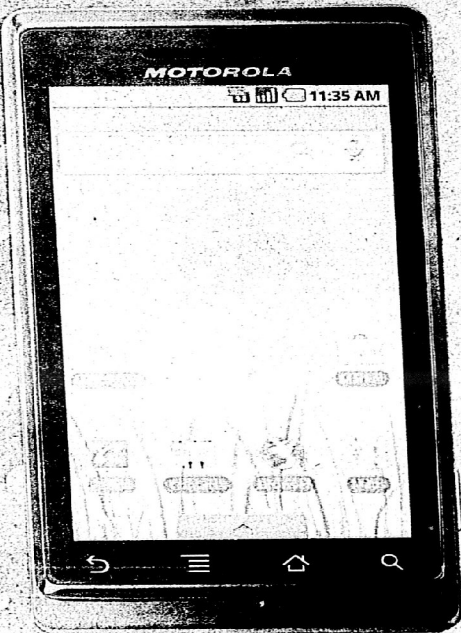
believe that this rule will help us get there."

Federal officials say putting the new rules into practice would have an annual cost of about \$4.2 million, the Associated Press reported, but those same officials say implementation would ultimately save \$9.3 million in savings as they estimate some 150 fewer workers would be injured on the job following the changes.

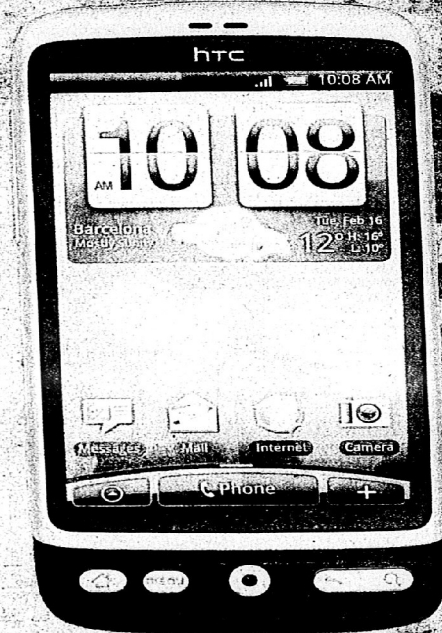
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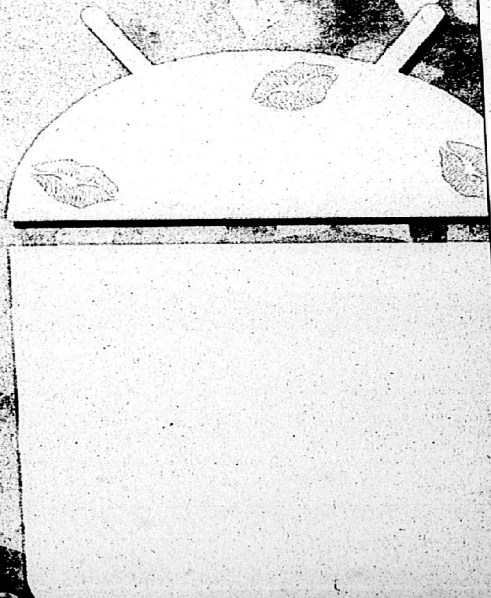


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Raiders hold off Allen Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Dakota Hall scored a game-high 22 points as South Floyd defeated host Allen Central 70-59 on Friday night at J.E. Campbell Arena in a 58th District/Floyd County Conference contest between longtime rivals.

South Floyd improved to 8-8 overall and 4-2 in the district after securing the victory. Allen Central dropped to 5-13 overall and 0-5 in the district following the loss.

South Floyd thrived at the foul line, connecting on 25-of-24 free throw attempts.

The Raiders drained five-of-13 free-throw attempts. South Floyd packed a lead out of each quarter. The Raiders used a successful start to move ahead of Allen Central, outscoring the Rebels 15-10 in the opening quarter.

South Floyd led 29-24 at halftime. The Raiders were able to add to their lead in the third quarter, outscoring Allen Central 18-11.

Allen Central's strong fourth quarter bid featured a 24-point outburst. The Rebels, however, couldn't recover.

Luke Rhea (six points), Brandon Marson (five points) and Luke Rhea (five points) were the Raiders' top scorers. (See RAIDERS, page two)



MEGAN MOSLEY, a Knott County Central High School graduate, continues to help lead the Pikeville College women's basketball team.

Bears beat Lindsey for 18th victory

TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — Sophomore Trevor Setty hit a three-point shot from the left wing with 47.1 seconds left to pushed Pikeville College in front by five and it held on from there for an 82-78 win over Lindsey Wilson College on Saturday.

Setty's three-pointer was the only made three-point basket in six second-half tries for the Bears, who had hit 6-of-12 from the arc in building a 36-29 lead at the break.

Pikeville improved to 18-5 overall and 7-4 in the Mid-South Conference. Lindsey Wilson slipped to 15-6 overall and 6-4 in the league. The win for the Bears avenged an 85-76 loss to the Raiders at home back on Dec. 4.

For Lindsey, it was their first loss in 12 games this season when it has scored at least 70 points. In nine seasons under Paul Peck, the Raiders are now 145-16 when scoring 70 or more points.

Five players reached double figures for Pikeville, scoring all but five points in the win. Senior Chris Donald came off the bench for 19 points, hitting 6-of-7 from the line as part of an impressive appearance for the Bears. Donald also had five rebounds, four off the offensive glass, and had two assists in 29 minutes of action.

Senior Vance Cooksey followed with 18 points and his six rebounds matched those of senior Quincy Hankins-Cole, who had 14 points, all in the second half.

Senior Justin Hicks had 15 points, leaving him tied for 11th on the school's all-time scoring list with Mike May with 1,395 points in his remarkable career.

Setty's triple in the final minute gave him 11 to go with five rebounds.

Lindsey Wilson had three players reach double figures, led by sophomore Kalen Kimberland's 18 points. Senior Jeremiah Diebler came off the bench for 16 points, hitting 5-of-6 from both the floor and the line.

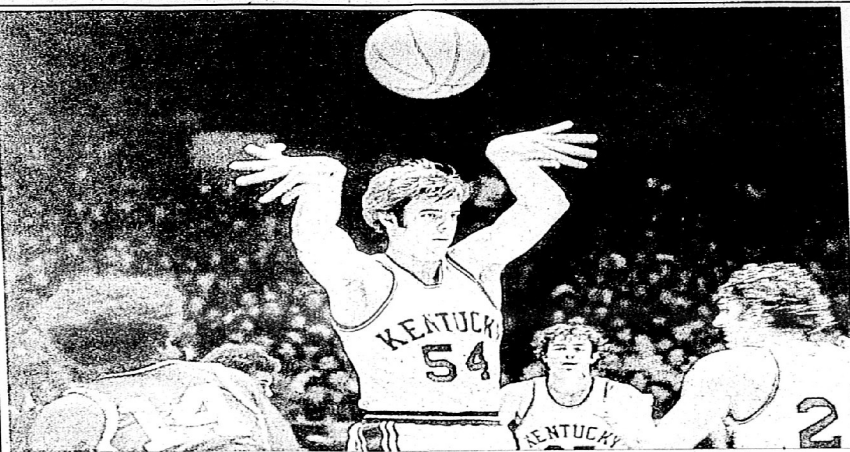
Senior Brandon Clemons tossed in 15 points for the Raiders.

Pikeville, which shot 46.8 percent overall and 38.9 percent from the arc, won the rebounding battle 39-34 and had 14 rebounds of its own misses.

Pikeville will be back in action on Thursday night when Georgetown comes to town for a game that will tip off at 8:07 EDT at the Expo Center.



TREVOR SETTY



NETTING PROSPERITY — BOUNCING BACK FROM ADVERSITY

Betsy Layne's Big Dan Hall still Big Blue

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Big Dan Hall shared the dream most every kid growing up in the state of Kentucky hopes to live out at one time or another. He wanted to play basketball at the University of Kentucky.

Growing up in the Eastern Kentucky community of Betsy Layne, Hall thrived, athletically while more than holding his own in the classroom. As a youngster, Hall ranked as one of the nation's most dominant Little League pitchers. Still, basketball was his game. By the time he was a senior at Betsy Layne High School, Hall had grown into an athletic 6-10, 225-pound center that ranked as one of the nation's top boys' basketball players. Heavily recruited, Hall received interest from every NCAA Division I men's basketball program in the nation except UCLA. He settled on the University

of Kentucky where he had an opportunity to play two seasons, one of which ended with a runner-up finish to John Wooden-coached UCLA in the NCAA championship game. Fortunately Hall's career as a Wildcat didn't end with the runner-up finish in his freshman campaign. Unfortunately Hall's career as a Wildcat ended way too soon.

A promising career at the University of Kentucky was cut short by not injury but outside influences over which Hall had no control. Hall found out years later that his departure from the UK basketball program was actually spurred by individuals from his home county who, rather than see him prosper at the next level, had worked feverishly to create adverse situations for Hall whom had earned a starting position during his sophomore season. But the biggest blow came from Betsy Layne finisher

(See HALL, page two)



photos courtesy of Rivals/The Cats' Pause



FORMER BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT Dan Hall (above, far left) was a Kentucky Wildcat after leading the Bobcats to over 30 wins during his senior season.

Earlier in the 2010-11 basketball season, Hall attended a reunion along with other former UK players, including Sam Bowie and Rick Robey (pictured above.)

Alice Lloyd upends KIAC foe Asbury

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILMORE — Host Asbury College erased a 15-point first half deficit but couldn't hold on in the second half, dropping their fourth straight game Thursday night. Visiting Alice Lloyd defeated KIAC foe Asbury 70-66.

The Eagles fell to 9-14 overall and 1-5 in the KIAC. Asbury allowed Alice Lloyd to shoot 54 percent in the first half, and shot only 32 percent but still were down only one at the break. Alice Lloyd took their biggest lead at 26-11 but Asbury fought back in the final eight minutes. The Eagles would outscore ALC 18-5 in the final 6:15 of the half.

Lakin Griffith scored 15 points and tied a season-high with 15 rebounds. Laura Carroll was the only other Eagle in double-figures with 17 points which led all scorers. Those two combined to make 14 of the team's 25 field goals. No other player made more than two field goals.

Asbury took the lead with the first bucket in the second half, a jumper by Chelsea Williams. The lead would change hands eight times in the half and Eagles would push their lead out to five at 49-44 with 12:46 remaining.

Alice Lloyd would take back the lead for good at 53-51 as Gemma Gray knocked down her second three of the game. She finished with 13 points and five assists. Whitney Frazier led ALC with 16 points and four assists.

Cooksey named MSC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — His team was 1-1 for the week, but he sank eight three-point shots in the two games and has now been honored by the Mid-South Conference.

Senior Vance Cooksey received the honor on Monday after a vote by the Sports Information Directors of the Mid-South Conference.

Cooksey, a 6-0 point guard from Chicago, Ill., averaged 21.5 points, 4.5 rebounds and three steals per game while helping the Bears to splitting a pair of road conference games last week.

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Appalachian Wireless, PC partner for huge night

2011 Ford Mustang to be given away

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four finalists who will have the opportunity to win a new Ford Mustang are still to be determined as we close in on a huge night of basketball at

the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center on Thursday, Feb. 3.

Appalachian Wireless is partnering with East Kentucky Broadcasting and Bruce Walters Ford in support of Pikeville College Utilizing Appalachian Wireless' technical network customers have an opportunity to win a 2011 Ford Mustang. Winning the Pikeville College men's basketball game.

Thursday night's activities begin with a 6 p.m. tip

off as the Pikeville College women's basketball team takes on Georgetown College. During halftime of the women's game, one lucky fan will have the opportunity to win \$25,000 by taking a half-court shot.

The men's game is set to begin at 8 p.m. There's still plenty of time to text FORD to the short code 3673 from your Appalachian Wireless phone to register to win this brand new automobile. Premium text rates apply.

The final participant will be chosen from those who text from inside the Expo Center on Thursday night. Then, at halftime of the men's game against Georgetown College, the six finalists will be given keys. One will unlock the Mustang and the person holding that key will drive it home from the game that night.

Four LCD 40 inch Samsung televisions will also be given away Thursday as part of

Appalachian Wireless Night and the six finalists for the Mustang will receive a free Motorola Milestone phone. In addition, the first 3,000 fans in the door receive a free t-shirt.

"It is our goal to set a new Mid-South Conference attendance record on that evening, which has been designated as Appalachian Wireless night," said Danny VanHoose, marketing direc-

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Hall

strong, ending his career close to home at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. Following the mandatory one season he had to sit out due to his transfer, Hall excelled at Marshall University, averaging 14 points per game. Also thriving in the classroom, he made the Dean's List with a 3.8 GPA his senior year.

Hall, however, remained blue. He's always been a Kentucky Wildcat. "I found out years later that there was individuals from Floyd County, with whom I went to school, who had come in and said things while I was sick during my sophomore season," Hall recalled. "After that, I felt like I needed to move on and I ended up at Marshall. It had nothing to do with Coach (Goe B.) Hall or anyone else within the program."

Big Dan from Betsy Layne represented Floyd County extremely well during his hoops career at the University of Kentucky. He lettered two seasons and his name still comes up in conversations regarding UK big men. When he arrived at the University of Kentucky, Hall was one of three players 6-10. He was a part of an historic recruiting class that included Rick Robey, Jack Givens, Mike Phillips and James Lee. That's quite possibly still the best recruiting class in UK history.

Prior to the 2009-10 season, boasting future NBA first round draft picks John Wall, DeMarcus Cousins and Eric Bledsoe, there had been no recruiting class in UK history that has had the immediate impact that the 1974 class enjoyed. When freshmen had just become eligible to play on the varsity team, the 1974 class immediately excelled. Kentucky was 13-13 the year before Hall and his four teammates arrived. Robey and Givens averaged double figures in scoring for the team, dominated the team during the 1974-1975 season. Phillips, Lee and Hall were big contributors as well. Kentucky knocked off undefeated Indiana in the elite eight before falling to UCLA in the championship game. No UK class has had a better four-year run than the 1974 class. The '74 class made it to the championship game in 1975, won the NIT in 1976, reached the elite eight in 1977 and won the national title in 1978. Robey was the third overall pick in the NBA draft while Givens was drafted 16th.

Fresh out of high school, Hall played in 17 games during his freshman season, including the national championship game versus UCLA. He played for Coach Joe B. Hall, successor to legendary Wildcat coach Adolph Rupp, and is quick to point out Coach Hall wasn't the reason he left UK.

"I've had the chance to

stay in contact with Coach Hall; he wasn't the reason I left," Hall reiterated. "Since then, I've maintained a good relationship with Coach Hall, other former coaches and my former teammates."

Earlier in the current basketball season, prior to a UK game on Dec. 18, 2010, Hall attended a reunion held for Coach Hall. Those in attendance included, among others, Kenny "Sky" Walker, Sam Bowie, Givens, Robey and Lee. Hall, the player, had the chance to catch up with dozens of former players during the event. He was attending his first group event since the mid-1980s.

During his Kentucky career, Hall wore jersey number 54. Others to wear number 54 have included, before him, Tom Payne, and after him, Melvin Turpin and Patrick Patterson.

During Hall's career at Marshall University he played in numerous memorable games as the Thundering Herd competed in the Southern Conference. One of those matchups pitted Hall and the Herd against Herb Williams-led Ohio State. Hall's roommate on that game was Greg White, a lifelong friend who eventually returned to coach the Thundering Herd. Hall is scheduled to attend an alumni reunion at Marshall University.

Following his career at Marshall, Hall had an opportunity to play professionally overseas in Europe. His biggest regret? Not going to Europe.

"Looking back, had I went overseas, I might have had an opportunity to come back and play in the states," Hall commented. At the time, the ABA and NBA were both going strong."

Hall likes nothing better than to see an Eastern Kentucky player excel on the next level. He's enjoyed watching Shelby Valley High School graduate Elisha Justice thus far during his freshman season at the University of Louisville. Hall also saw several similarities between the Betsy Layne team during his high school career and Justice's Shelby Valley squads. The 1972 Betsy Layne team had the potential win the state, posting a 32-4 record. "I hope he does well and succeeds," Hall said. "In my opinion, he's the best playmaker that they have. He's a very smart and unselfish player. It's good to see a kid from Eastern Kentucky develop. You have to have the backing of local people. It's so important to have that support."

Hall has had an opportunity to catch countless high school and college games since his playing career ended. A letterman of two NCAA Division I men's basketball programs, Hall has

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plenty of good advice to give. "Begin your fundamentals at an early age and learn to improve on specifics and specialties as you progress," Hall said, when asked what advice he would give to area high school players. "Go from basic fundamentals to advanced and focus on proper technique and development of skills. You should be able to dribble the ball with advanced accuracy, using either hand, regardless of what position you play. You should reach and maintain a level of physical conditioning that will give you an advantage over your opponent. When you step onto the court learn to develop a mindset to conquer all. Playing basketball in Eastern Kentucky can be a challenge within itself. Sometimes outside and elected influences can hinder your ability to shine. Some individuals and teams have been denied the opportunity to advance to the state tournament, while adversaries cheer, afraid of losing their luster. Sometimes individuals even fall victim to conspiracy and propaganda after entering the college ranks. Your team is subject to be a victim of local influences and opposition as your success finds some resentful. Through prosperity and adversity always stay focused; you will become wiser and more resilient to life's responsibilities, develop a better sense of character and realize those who are your true friends."

A student of the game, Hall enjoys following the Kentucky and Marshall programs as well as numerous area high school teams. Thirty-plus years removed from the court, Hall has seen the game go through some changes. "While jump ball situations, alternate possession and incorporating the dunk have been part of the changes, I will say the three point shot has been the biggest influence during those transition years," Hall said. "The three-point shot has given those individuals an opportunity to further their skills and talents as a player; it also opened up the inside game for the big man giving him more room on the inside."

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Cooksey

"Vance has been a terrific player for us all season, and last week he was certainly as solid as they come," said Coach Kelly Wells. "He played exceptionally well in two tough road games, two very difficult places to play. He is deserving of this honor for sure. We're proud of him and for him."

Cooksey is the second year to receive player of the week honors from the Mid-South Conference. Senior forward Chris Donald picked up the award on Jan. 3 after scoring 25 points and pulling

down nine rebounds off the bench at Faulkner on New Year's Eve.

The senior scored 25 points and recorded four steals in a 79-68 loss at University of the Cumberlands on Thursday night. Cooksey made six of seven three-pointers and 8-of-14 overall from the field in the game. He finished the week with 18 points and six rebounds in the Bears' 82-78 win over Lindsey Wilson College on Saturday.

For the week, Cooksey connected on half of his 28 shots from the field, including

8-of-13 shots from beyond the three-point arc.

Cooksey leads the Mid-South Conference in scoring with an average of 18.1 points per game. His 416 points is fourth in the country this season. He leads Pikeville and ranks second in the MSC with 4.5 assists per game average.

Pikeville is 18-5 overall and 7-4 in the conference. The Bears return home this week as they host Georgetown College on Thursday at 8:07 p.m. and Shawnee State University on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.



Night

for Appalachian Wireless. "We encourage everyone to get behind Pikeville College by showing your support for this great institution."

Last February, Pikeville College set a single-game Mid-South Conference regular season attendance record at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center as a crowd of 3,558 watched Pikeville and visiting Georgetown College. During halfime of the game, Appalachian Wireless, in conjunction with Walter's Toyota and East Kentucky Broadcasting, sent one lucky winner home with a 2010 Camry.

"We are fortunate to have

great partners with our basketball programs at Pikeville College. Appalachian Wireless, Walters Ford and EKB are great examples of this commitment," said Kelly Wells, men's basketball coach. "With their assistance we have been able to grow our program in every avenue. Our goal is to be the best NAIA basketball program in the country year in and year out. With these great promotions we continually move closer to our goals. I'd like to invite all our fans to come be a part of our record-breaking history on Feb. 3 - again."

For tickets, visit the Appalachian Wireless Ticket Booth at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

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Raiders

points), Tyler Daniels (two points), Kyle Bailey (two points), and Corey Thomsberry (one point) also provided scoring for the Raiders.

Junior guard Braxton Tackett paced Allen Central with 20 points. Braxton was one of three Allen Central scorers to reach double figures. Freshman guard Junior Handshoe netted 13 points and junior Seth Jarrell chipped in 10 for the Rebels. Tyler Cole posted seven points. Donovan Salzer scored six and Micah Harlow added three for the Allen Central boys' basket-

ball team.

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Betsy Layne	14-5
Pikeville	14-5
Johnson Central	12-5
Bell	10-5
Sheldon Clark	9-9
Magoffin County	9-9
Paintsville	9-10
Pike Central	8-7
South Floyd	8-8
Shelby Valley	5-12
Allen Central	5-13
Prestonsburg	5-14
Phelps	3-15
Pierist School	2-4
Lawrence County	0-20
15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings	
Team	Record
Shelby Valley	15-4
Magoffin County	14-3
Bell	14-3
Sheldon Clark	12-6
Pike	11-8
Betsy Layne	11-6
East Ridge	10-9
Paintsville	9-7
South Floyd	8-8
Prestonsburg	8-10
Johnson Central	6-9
Pike Central	6-11
Lawrence County	5-16
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Alice Lloyd beats Asbury

Frazier leads Lady Eagles in KIAC setback

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Taking a tip from the gladiators

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

No matter how high the potential "glamour quotient," I don't think any of us today would envy the ancient gladiators.

First, most of the gladiators were slaves. Some scholars say the first gladiators were slaves forced to fight to the death in honor of a deceased Roman aristocrat. While the ranks of gladiators later included criminals and prisoners of war as well as slaves, some free-born men also chose life (and death) in the arena. But in doing so, they had to take an oath to agree to be treated as slaves, and they suffered the social disgrace of "infamia" (a social stain that also covered prostitutes and actors).

It's hard to see how our modern life could ever intersect with that of the ancient gladiators, but these two words cover it: "barley" and "energy."

Historians tell us that the ancient gladiators consumed barley for energy. In fact, it was such a key component of their diet that they were known as "hordearii," literally, "barley men." (Barley is a cereal grain produced by the annual grass *Hordeum vulgare*.) Some say the gladiators were required to eat barley every morning as a rich source of energy to sustain them in the intense competitions.

Now, in the best tradition of "everything old is new again," some scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) are turning to barley as an energy source—but they're not eating it, and they're not even using the grain.

Instead, they're utilizing the byproducts of barley—the straw and hulls—as well as dried distillers grains (DDGS) made from barley—to produce an energy-rich oil called bio-oil. This bio-oil could be used either for transportation fuels or for producing heat and power needed for the conversion of barley grain to ethanol.

The straw, hulls and DDGS are left-overs from the fermentation of barley grain for ethanol, a biofuel option that's slowly gaining ground in the Mid-Atlantic States and in the Southeast, where farmers could crop in on the production of winter barley crops while continuing to raise corn and other food crops in the summer.

Not only would this give farmers a chance to boost their income from their acreage, but it also could help reduce soil erosion and nitrogen leaching in the soil, which is a major concern for farmers in some areas, including the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. So there's a definite agricultural advantage to using barley in this way.

But would it work with our current fuel infrastructure? The scientists say yes, that bio-oil from barley leftovers could potentially be refined, stored and distributed with the same infrastructure that's already in place for the petroleum fuel industry.

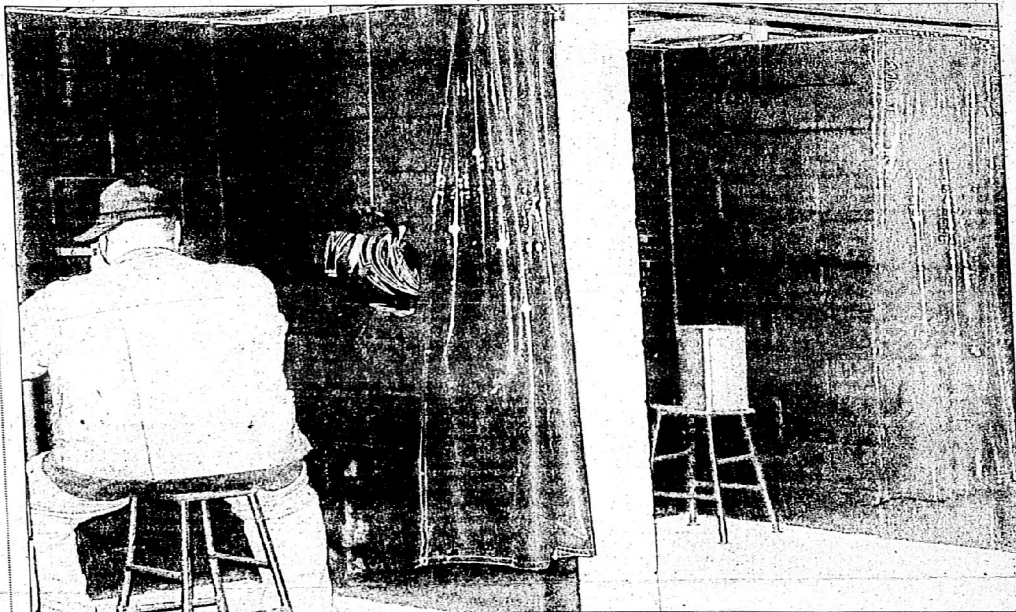
So how, precisely, does one go about turning seemingly worthless barley straw and hulls in energy-rich oil?

The ARS scientists used a process called "fast pyrolysis," an intense burst of heat delivered in the absence of oxygen. With this method, they say a kilogram of barley straw and hulls will yield about half a kilogram of bio-oil with an energy content about half that of Number 2 fuel oil.

The energy content of bio-oil made from barley DDGS (including DDGS contaminated with mycotoxins, which means those DDGS can't even be used for livestock feed) was even higher, about two-thirds that of Number 2 fuel oil. But the barley DDGS bio-oil is a bit more problematic, because it's more viscous and has a shorter shelf-life than the bio-oils made from the straw, or hulls.

The fast pyrolysis process also produces a solid substance called "biochar." A familiar example of biochar is the activated charcoal used in aquarium filters. The biochar from fast pyrolysis of barley byproducts

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SCTC student Ben Hicks utilizes one of the new welding booths on the Mayo campus of the college.

Big Sandy CTC welding program features state-of-the-art equipment

by DAPHNE KIRK GOBLE

The Welding Program of Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) was recently renovated and modernized by the installation of state-of-the-art equipment and new welding booths.

The enhancements, supported by BSCTC President, Dr. George Edwards, Chief Institutional Officer, Bobby McCool and Chief Business Affairs Officer, John Herald develops and expands the Big Sandy Welding Program to one of the best in Eastern Kentucky.

A collaborative endeavor, the restorations were made possible via the dedication and hard work of the BSCTC Masonry Program, led by Randall Haney, the Mayo Maintenance Department, managed by Garry Senters, the Carpentry Program, directed by Michael Froman, and the HVAC Program led by Eric Campbell.

The welding renovations added six new welding booths and six new welding machines to the Big Sandy Welding Program, hence increasing the total number of booths and machines to 30 for teaching and training purposes.

Assistant Professor, John McKenzie remarks, "Our Welding Program is top-notch. We have the finest welding booths and stands anywhere in the State." McKenzie adds, "Our equipment was purchased from

Triangle Engineering, Hanover, Massachusetts. The stands and booths are multi-purpose for both plate and pipe welding."

Since the new welding booths and stands support both plate and pipe welding, the renovations allow students to plate weld in 2-G, 3-G, and 4-G, as well as pipe welding for 2-G, 5-G and 6-G.

Welding student, Michael Meeks of Johnson County states, "The new equipment and booths are awesome. The renovations create a better learning environment because of improved lighting and space." Additionally, Meeks adds, "The equipment runs smoother and welding positioning is much easier."

Students, Kalen Spencer of Johnson County and Ben Hicks of Floyd County demonstrated their craft and echoed the sentiments of Michael Meeks.

The Welding Technology Program at Big Sandy provides a strong core curriculum that prepares students with various options for employment. Welding occupations are primarily concerned with joining, surfacing, fabricating, and repairing structures or parts made of metal and/or other welding materials.

Graduates of the Big Sandy Welding Technology Program are prepared for entry level positions in the welding industry. Coursework includes, oxy-fuel systems,

metal arc welding, small metal arc groove welding, gas tungsten arc welding, blueprint reading, gas metal arc welding, shielded metal arc welding as well as mathematics, computer fundamentals and other necessary courses.

Admission to the BSCTC Welding Technology Program requires the following:

Application for admission
Be at least 16 years of age
ACT scores or equivalent
Copy of high school transcript
or GED certificate
Verification of completion of prerequisite courses
Official transcripts of all post-secondary course work OR

Copy of midterm grades
Information about the Welding Technology Program at Big Sandy is available by contacting, BSCTC Assistant Professor, John McKenzie at (606) 788-2823 or by e-mailing john.mckenzie@kctcs.edu.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers academic and educational programs that provide valuable opportunities to prospective students. For more information about the many programs and services offered at Big Sandy visit, <http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu/> or call (606) 886-3863.

Family history workshop scheduled for Feb. 12

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) and the Kentucky Genealogical Society (KGS) will host a free family-history workshop from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in downtown Frankfort.

Don Rightmyer, editor of Kentucky Ancestors,

will lead the morning session, "Migration Patterns into Kentucky," from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Rightmyer will discuss the routes early settlers took into Kentucky, and the role migration played in the early history of the state.

KHS staffer Lynne Hollingsworth will host the afternoon session, "Selection, Deception & Enticement: Historical Déjà Vu," from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Hollingsworth

will present how banking, fiscal reorganization and stabilization, debt relief and other familiar and contemporary-sounding issues affected Kentuckians nearly 200 years ago, and how the issues left a lasting impact on the commonwealth in the 21st century.

Following the close of each Family-History Workshop, at 1:45 p.m. the Kentucky Technology in Genealogy Users Group offers a free program to

help support family-history researchers' use and understanding of technology as it applies to genealogy.

Presented by KHS and KGS, the free Family-History Workshop series takes place each month at the Center for Kentucky History. Topics range from how to begin documenting your ancestry to specialized resources for experienced genealogists. If requested at the time of

registration, an optional light lunch is available at a cost of \$6, payable at the door.

To make a reservation, contact the KHS Reference Desk at 502-564-1792 or RefDesk@ky.gov. Registration for the February workshop is required before noon on Friday, Feb. 11. Learn more KHS genealogical resources at www.history.ky.gov.

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Free Tax Filing Available
Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again offering FREE help for eligible tax filers in preparing and filing tax returns. The service is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties for persons earning under \$49,000. IRS-certified BSACAP staff prepares and electronically files tax returns, screens individuals for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and offers the service free of charge to qualifying residents. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641 for Johnson, Floyd and Martin Counties; for Pike County, call (606) 218-2106, and for Magoffin County, call (606) 349-2217.

Free Parenting Classes
To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Autism Awareness & Support Group
2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancaster, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

Autistic Children Support Group meeting

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

Non-profit agency needs foster parents
Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your

area. Financial compensation/bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at: <http://www.benchmarkfamilyservices.org/>

Auxiliary Learning Center offers home repair aid. Need help with home repairs? The Auxiliary Lifetime Learning Center can help. We are now taking applications for home repairs. If you or someone you know are low income and need help with repairs on your home, please call 606-886-0709 for your application, or stop by the office at 21 South River Street, Auxil. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

Foster parent info
Benchmark Family Services is offering a free informational session for anyone interested in becoming a foster parent. If you have ever wanted to help a child in need, this is your chance. Monday, Jan. 24, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. at Benchmark Family Services Office. For more information, please call (606) 886-0163.

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program.

Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-

4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

OutPatient Drug Treatment

Program and Education
Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse.

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-0208.

www.drugsnos.com

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

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

Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Your Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program

offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ask Building, from 2-3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

Call 874-2008 or 788-1006 for more information.

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

UNITE

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

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

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

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

Senior employment program

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

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Looking for a Support Group?

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

•Domestic Violence Support Group - The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center holds meetings each Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meetings are free of charge. Call 886-6025 for more information.

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

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

•Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658.

Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

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

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

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

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

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

JBS student honored for service

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES - Tess Henderson, a senior at the June Buchanan School, was honored recently for his accomplishments in the field of service. Tess recently received the 2010 Berea College Pinnacle Scholars Award of Excellence.

Henderson is the daughter of Clark and Grace Henderson of Pippa Passes.

This honor commemorates students' accomplishments and dedication in the

fields of science, music, or service. High school seniors from across the region were nominated for this award. A panel of faculty and staff members reviewed the submissions and selected the top students to receive the award in each area.

The number and caliber of students nominated this year was overwhelming. Henderson was chosen specifically out of more than 500 nominees and was honored at a formal awards ceremony.

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

MSU Open House programs set for Feb. 5, March 12

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host Open House programs on Saturday, Feb. 5, and March 12, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the seventh year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and their families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www2.moreheadstate.edu/ophouse.

Additional information is available, by calling enrollment services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

Science

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public notice
 Notice is hereby given that Clayton E. Holland Jr., 204 West Graham Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Board to construct a small fill. The site is approximately 0.5 miles south of the community of Stanville, south of KY Rt. 23, near Emma in Floyd County, Kentucky. Comments or objections concerning this application should be filed with the Kentucky Department of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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Pursuant to KRS 363.030 and KRS 363.031, an application for Pooling Order to drill and operate in the Proctor, Kentucky Well, No. 59516, 59517, 59518, and 59519, is being filed with the Kentucky Department of Oil and Gas. The subject property is located in Martin Quadrangle of Floyd County, Kentucky. Said property being more completely described in Deed Book 41, Page 638 of the public records of the County Clerk's Office of Floyd County, State of Kentucky. Any party claiming an interest in the proposed pooled tract, should contact the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, C/O the Director of the Division of Oil and Gas, and E.O. Products, Company (505-216-2360) within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication. The following list comprises all known owners of the subject property. To include all known or unknown successors in title to Char Hays and Mina Hays, including address if known or last known address. Harold L. Jarrell, 1152 Sison Place, Radcliff, KY 40360. Edger R. Jarrell, 3110 Russell Road, Green Springs, FL 32043. Geraldine Daniels, 1821 Longmont Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043-1750. Judith L. Minton, 308 Wilwood, Louisville, KY 40201. Earnest Hayes, 391 South Madison, Louisville, KY 40291. Earnest Hayes, 1800 8th Street, Louisville, KY 40405. Donald Merl Hayes, 219 Summerwood, Pittsboro, NC 27212. Sandra Hayes Sheffield, P.O. Box 106 Betsy Lane, KY 40055. Gregory Hayes, 29346 Eureka Warren, MI 48091. Mary Ann Hayes, 1000 Manor House Drive, Louisville, KY 40220-1605. Charles R. Landon, 34 Dogwood Heights, Lexington, KY 41845-0120. Warren J. Foster, 1000 Dogwood Heights, Lexington, KY 41845-0120. Address Unknown, Girlie Wallen Estate, P.O. Box 32, Hindman, KY 41822-0032. Clarence E. Hayes, P.O. Box 167, Betsy Lane, KY 41845. Herbert A. Hayes, Unknown Address, Bill Hayes, 601 S. Main St., Charles Town, WV 25414.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5470, Renewal
 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 2544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for an underground coal mining operation for a permit for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation located approximately 0.23 miles northeast of Orkney in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 15.15 surface acres and will underlie 1,011.85 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,027.00 acres. The proposed operation is located 0.23 miles north of Spewing Camp Branch Road and located 0.2 miles north of Spewing Camp Branch Road. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Nicholas Coley and Mary Anderson. The operation will underlie land owned by Kenneth Dye, Rabon & Millie Dye, Millie Hart, Estate, Mary Anderson, Jimmy R. & Diana Conley, Brenda Stumbo, Anita Stumbo, Curtis & Pamela Sord, Richard Stumbo Estate, Polly Howell Estate, Progress Land Corporation, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Sherlon Gayheart, Ed Moore Estate, Day Gayheart, Ed Moore, Prophet Moore Estate, Ed Moore, Shirley Moore, Ted Moore, Bertha Short, Donald & Brenda Howell, Jerry F. Howell, Edgar & Lavathan Jones, JRM Coal Co. Inc., Tracy & Linda Prasure, Randick Judy Moore, Elvie & Jane Collins, Bethel & Avelene Gayheart, Bill Moore, Carl & Patricia Mosley, Green & Hellen Gayheart, and Bert Newman. The application has been included at Highland Heights, utility allowance at Cliffside, Call (606) 886-0808, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6055. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion and familial status.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5527
 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, 1801 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.06 miles southeast of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 8.9 surface acres and will underlie 695.0 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 703.9 acres. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by SEQ CHAPTER 1 V 1 The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Emory Newcome, Kees Newcome, Willis Newcome, Joseph Tackett, Carmel Newman, Thurman Newman, Marie Tackett, Lou Tackett, Rosemary Tackett, Commonwealth of Kentucky, James Newman, Terry, and Gayle Hall, Max and Margaret Akers, East Moore, Palmer Hamilton, Clifford Hall, Rawn Parsons, East Kentucky Resources LLC, Judy Leedy Estate, Dedia Hall, and Judy Tackett. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road GH 1737. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been included at Highland Heights, utility allowance at Cliffside, Call (606) 886-0808, 886-1927, or 886-1819. TDD: 1-800-648-6055. Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion and familial status.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5084, Major Revision No.
 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, #1 Enterprise Drive, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles southeast of Odds in Martin, Floyd and Johnson Counties. The major revision will add 0.00 acres of surface disturbance and add 567.12 acres of underground mining area making the total area within the permit boundary will be 11,194.40 acres. The major revision area is approximately 2.5 miles south of Kentucky Route 3's junction with Big Sandy Regional Airport Road and located in

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Sycamore Creek of Daniels Creek and Crooked Branch of Johns Creek. The proposed major revision is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment is to add additional underground mining area only. No surface disturbance is proposed under this amendment. The operation will underlie land owned by Isaac Richmond Heirs/Harkins & Browning Family Trust. This revision is to add additional underground mining acreage only. The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South of Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written com-

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NOTICE OF ACTION COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION 1 C.A. NO. 10-CI-1247

BILLY PATTON and CAROLYN PATTON vs. JUNE CASEBOLT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF JUNE CASEBOLT; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF MOSE YOUNTS; FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY and RALPH HAMILTON

PLAINTIFFS

DEFENDANTS

NOTICE TO PETITION TO SELL PROPERTY

I have been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court to attempt to locate and notify the heirs of Mose Younts and his widow Hettie Younts of this lawsuit now pending in the Floyd Circuit Court to sell property located at Harold in the Stumbo Addition to the Town Site of Laynesville which is alleged to be owned now by June Casebolt and the heirs of Mose Younts, Hettie Younts and others. It is believed that Mose Younts was born June 23, 1915, and died December 15, 1976, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is believed his widow, Hettie Younts, was born October 1, 1915 and died June 11, 1991. The Plaintiffs are asking the court to sell this property which would include any interest owned by the heirs of Mose Younts and Hettie Younts. If you have information that would help to locate and notify the heirs of Mose Younts and Hettie Younts you may contact me. I have been appointed only for the purpose of notifying the heirs of Mose Younts that this action is pending. If they want to be represented in this action then they may need an attorney to answer the petition for them. You may request a copy of the petition from the Floyd Circuit Clerk. If you choose to answer the petition yourself you should mail it to (1) Floyd Circuit Clerk, Justice Center, 127 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 and (2) Martin L. Osborne, Counsel for the Petitioner, Osborne & Heabern, 119 East Court Street, 2nd Floor, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

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Pikeville College student artist featured at ECU exhibit

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The artwork of Pikeville College senior Brittany Moore will be among the artists featured in a juried-art show at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU).

The theme of "Nature's Human Art Exhibition" is a national show open to artists across the country, and includes a wide range of media and innovative approaches to the theme. The ECU Chautauqua Lecture Series and the Department of Art and Design sponsored the exhibition.

The 3-D piece, titled "Money Bees," is composed of thousands of coin wrappers, paper clips and a light source and represents a bee hive.

"I chose a money theme because bees are as the working class citizens," said Moore. "While the bees are working to supply their honey, people are working day and night to sustain money."

"Being juried into the

"Nature's Human Art" exhibition is both an honor and a great professional accomplishment for this young artist," said Petra Carroll, assistant professor of art. "The process of submitting artwork to juried exhibitions is the business side of art and includes presenting artwork through digital documentation, writing artist statements, completing entry forms and meeting all entry specifications and requirements in a professional manner. This is all done in addition to creating an outstanding piece of artwork."

"I truly admire her fearless approach to her art," said Pat Kowalok, professor of art at Pikeville College. "She works hard. She is reflective in her thought process. She is curious. She is willing to experiment and accept all the possibilities of success or failure experimentation carries with it."

Moore is the daughter of Angela and Ricky Thomsbury of Belfry, Ky.

The exhibit runs through Feb. 18 at the Giles Gallery

on the ECU campus. The show is free and open to the public.

Arts Council seeks nominations for Kentucky's Governor's Awards in the Arts

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Arts Council is accepting nominations until March 1, 2011, for the 2011 Governor's Awards in the Arts. The 2011 awards will be presented in October at a special public ceremony and reception in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

The awards are the state's highest honor in the arts, recognizing individuals and organizations with extraordinary achievement in the arts or those making outstanding contributions through the arts.

"The Kentucky Arts Council is pleased to present

the Governor's Awards in the Arts," says Lori Meadows, executive director of the Kentucky Arts Council. "Now in its 33rd year, every governor since Gov. Julian Carroll has honored the recipients and recognized the important role the arts play in our economy, educational environment and community life."

The nine award categories (Artist, Business, Community Arts, Education, Folk Heritage, Government, Media, Milner and National) recognize the broad range of support the arts enjoy in Kentucky. Any individual, organization or business may make nominations.

For guidelines, instructions and nomination forms, go to <http://bit.ly/KACgovawards>. The Kentucky Arts Council welcomes all questions regarding this program. For more information, contact Dan Strauss at dan.strauss@ky.gov or 888-833-2787, ext. 474.

The Kentucky Arts

Council, the state arts agency, creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Weber Gallery features local photographer

PIKEVILLE — The Marguerite Weber Art Gallery at Pikeville College will feature the work of local photographer Brett Bentley from February 1-28.

An avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing and camping, Bentley captures his love of nature through the lens of a camera.

"Although I enjoyed all of those outdoors activities, I wanted to bring something back, not just my memories,

but something tangible. I pulled my Dad's 35mm out of the closet and began to take it with me on outings. Now, I frequently travel to destinations in Appalachia with my Nikon digital camera to document these old hills," said Bentley.

"I needed a form of presentation and, inspired by local frame maker and photographer Kenny Mitchell, I started crafting my own frames from various hardwoods. Using wood for framing affords me full creative control when it comes to style and accentuation of my images."

Bentley is an exhibiting member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen as well as the Appalachian Artisan Center.

A reception for the artist will be held Wednesday (Feb. 2) at 11 a.m. in the gallery, which is located on the second floor of Record Memorial Building. For more information, contact Pat Kowalok, professor of art, at 218-5758.

Pikeville College students raise \$1,300 during school's first-ever Greek Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College students raised more than \$1,300 and logged nearly 60 volunteer hours for four local charities during the college's first-ever Greek Week.

Pikeville College introduced fraternities and sororities to the campus last spring to promote leadership and service on campus and in the community.

Gamma Sigma Chi fraternity volunteered six hours at Appalachian Hospice Care and presented Shriners Hospitals for Children with a check for \$440. Delta Alpha Lambda fraternity worked 20 hours of volunteer services and donated \$320 to the March of Dimes.

Delta Delta Nu sorority volunteered 32 hours at Pike County Animal Shelter and donated more than \$400 in

cash and supplies. While volunteering, sorority members walked adoptable dogs, fed the animals and cleaned cages. Members donated towels, cat litter, bleach, toys and more than 40 bags of cat and dog food.

"Animals may not be able to say 'thank you' but the wagging of a tail or hearing a little purr after helping them makes all the difference," said Taylor Mullins, Delta Delta Nu

president.

Zeta Omega Chi sorority donated \$170 to WestCare homeless shelter after raising money during a bake sale. Students toured the facility, spoke with staff about the services provided at the shelter, and plan on volunteering during the spring semester.

Other Greek Week activities included a scavenger hunt, Olympics and Greek

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