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BRIEF

Man killed in one-car crash in Pike County

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — A Belcher man is dead after a single-vehicle accident in Elkhorn City on Sunday.

According to information provided by the Kentucky State Police, Anthony D. Sayers, 47, was traveling east on U.S. 460 when he lost control of his vehicle and crossed the center line. Sayers' vehicle then struck a guardrail and overturned, traveling down an embankment.

Sayers was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Denver Bailey.

The accident is currently under investigation by KSP Tpr. Michael Webb. Webb was assisted at the scene by Tpr. Creekmore and Tpr. Thacker.

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-year-old hurt in alleged DUI crash

Repeat offender had been out of jail less than a week

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ALLEN — A 5-year-old girl is in stable condition after an accident Friday evening in Allen, involving an alleged drunk driver who was released from jail

just a few days earlier on DUI-related charges.

Olivia Conn, of Prestonsburg, was seriously injured in the crash and transported to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. Conn was a passenger in a vehicle driven by her

father, Joey Conn, who was also injured.

The driver of the vehicle that crashed into the car carrying Conn was Marion Kilburn, 50, of Prestonsburg, who has been arrested multiple times on

(See WRECK, page 7)



Marion Kilburn

ALL A CHAMPS



photo by Tim Webb

ALL 'A' CLASSIC CHAMPS: Betsy Layne players celebrated with fans Sunday afternoon after the Bobcats captured the Touchstone Energy All 'A' Classic state title. For full coverage, see Sports, page B1.

Sex, church and rock & roll

DCC doesn't shy away from controversial topics

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

photo by Sheldon Compton

Destination Community Church will begin a four-part series of sermons called "Pure Sex" beginning Feb. 13. The sermons will be held at the church's new location along Court Street in Prestonsburg each Sunday at 11 a.m.

A year ago this Easter, local pediatric dentist Dr. Lee Boyd started the Destination Community Church. That service, held at the Mountain Arts Center, was well-attended and Boyd said it wasn't long before he and his congregation were able to lease the corner building at Court Street, near the Floyd County Justice Center.

Since moving into their new facility, Boyd and company have made moves to present scripture

on issues he finds are important to the community, in a fashion that is accessible.

The first series, a musically-based series of sermons called "Back in Black" that features songs from AC/DC and other rock bands, focused on what Boyd says is one of three relevant problems present in the community — money, sex and drugs.

The "Back in Black" series pointed to money and how, in the end, all worldly possessions belong to God.

The newest series,

(See SEX, page 7)

AppalRed chief dismissed

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalRed) fired Executive Director Cynthia E. Elliott last week, following an investigation into budget overspending, and more changes are on the horizon for AppalRed in the near future.

According to reports, Elliott had been suspended since Dec. 23. Elliott became executive director in 2007, coming to Prestonsburg after heading AppalRed's office in Jackson from 1990 until 2001.

After leaving the Breathitt County office in 2001, Elliott spent three years as an attorney supervisor for the Protection and Advocacy Division of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy and as a managing attorney for Advocates for Basic Legal Equality Inc. (ABLE), a multi-county legal services program in Ohio. A little over a year ago, Elliott was one of three attorneys selected by the Judicial Nominating Commission to be considered for Floyd County Family Court Judge.

During Elliott's tenure as executive director of AppalRed, the budget of the legal services organization could have been overspent by close to \$1 million.

Because the investigation is ongoing, Interim Director Jonathan Picklesimer declined to comment on Elliott's firing.

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Dance Cats again take region, head to state

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats are the 15th Region grand champions for the second year in a row.

The Dance Cats will travel to the Frankfort Convention Center for a shot at the state title on Saturday, Feb. 26.

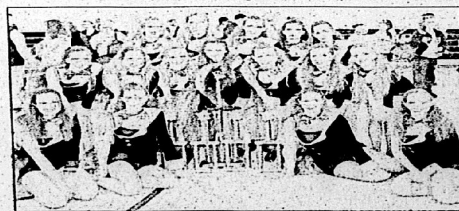
"I'm so proud of these special young ladies," said Coach Deedra Brown Gearheart. "We

are looking forward to bringing home another title in a few weeks."

At the Regional Grand Championship event the Dance Cats captured first-place in the Jazz, Hip-Hop and Open divisions for the third year in a row and took first-place in the Pom Division. The grand championship is the highest dance honor in the region.

"I want to congratulate the

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The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats recently won the 15th Regional grand championship for the second year in a row. The team will head to Frankfort in March for the state competition.

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Obituaries

Bert R. "Bobby" Bentley

Bert R. "Bobby" Bentley, 72, of Danville, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, died on February 1, 2011, at the Cleveland Clinic. Born April 25, 1930, in Estill, he was the son of the late Robert "Bob" and Dora Terry Bentley and the husband of Karen Koualchick Bentley. He was a retired steel mill worker.

Survivors include children: Benny Bentley, of Texas; Beverly (Glenn) Denton, of Lake Mary, Fla.; Barry (Lorie) Bentley and James Bentley, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Quincy (Cheri) Bentley, of Tenn., brothers and sisters: Glenna Cook, of Hindman, Sammy (Shiella) Bentley, of Wayland, Betty Bentley, of Prestonsburg, Novella (Mike) Froman, of Pikeville, Gertrude Martin and Charlotte Bentley, of Umiella, Fla.; Bruce (Loise) Bentley, of Manning, South Carolina; and David (Mina) Bentley, of Texas, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son: Byron Bentley, and one brother: Clyde Bentley.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jimmy Hall and Deano Moore officiating. Burial followed at Chandler Cemetery, in Lackey.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tabitha Renee Goble Bentley

Tabitha Renee Goble Bentley, 42, of Dwayne, died February 6, 2011, at Harold.

Born November 19, 1968, in Martin, she was the daughter of Burns and Lou Ellen Ratliff Goble of Dwayne and a C.N.A. at Highlands Regional Medical Center as well as a member of the Benedict Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a grandson: Logan Crum.

She was survived by a daughter: Kristen Crum (James) of Boones Camp; and two brothers: Dennis Ray Goble of Dwayne and Keith Douglas Goble of East Point.

Funeral services will be February 10, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Gordon Fitch and Bill Collins officiating.

Burial will follow at Dwayne Community Cemetery at Dwayne.

Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

Dennis "Duke" Conn

Dennis "Duke" Conn, 76, of Martin, died on February 5, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born April 4, 1934, he was the son of the late John B. and Dakota Crum Conn and the husband of Margaret Walter Conn. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Martin House of Prayer.

He is survived by one son: Gabriel (Faye) Conn, of Martin; Susan Bryant, of Auburn, Ind.; and Lisa (Roger) Blevins, of Hippo, three sisters: Maxine Lafferty and Rethel Conn, both of Martin, and Talma Beasley, of Taylorville, five grandchildren: Michael (Barbara) Bryant, Brandon (Melissa) Bryant, Ed Prater, Dustin (Megan) Conn and Delbert Conn and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son: Dennis Wayne Conn, three brothers: Leavel "Arch" Conn, Venis Conn and Randall "Dale" Conn, and two sisters: Ivelene "Cotton" Conn and Kathleen Crum.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Crum officiating. Burial followed at the J.B. Conn Family Cemetery, in Martin.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Donna Lee Eggleston

Donna Lee Eggleston, 44, died February 4, 2011, at her home in Hueysville. Born April 3, 1966, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late Lee and Goldie Shepherd Conley. She was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother: Larry Gamble.

She is survived by four brothers: Kirk Conley and Tildon Howard, both of Hueysville; Graydon Howard of Sturgis, Michigan; and Dayton Howard of Three Rivers, Michigan; four sisters: Nadine Howard of Hueysville, Grace Shepherd of Gunlock, Sharon Greenleaf of Dowagiac, Michigan, and Tess Bailey of Hippo; grandchildren: Cloyce and Braxton and two special nephews: Logan and Chris; as well as her fiancée: Eldon Howard.

Funeral services will be held February 8 at 12 noon at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Charlene Osborne officiating.

Burial will follow at Shepherd Cemetery in Hueysville. Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Oliver Elam

Oliver Elam, age 94, of Louisville, husband of Doris Elam, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, at Baptist East Hospital, in Louisville. He was born Dec. 23, 1916, in Martin, a son of the late Orville and Bess Elam.

Oliver was a Master Mason, member of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky F&AM, Burchel Lodge #896.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Doris Elam, son James Tony Elam (Trina), stepson, Mark Mays (Debbie) and stepdaughter, Gigi Harris (Don), two grandchildren Chris Elam and Carey Elam, two great grandchildren, three step grandchildren and sister, Audra Little.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Flotina Hall Elam and a brother Otto Elam.

Funeral service were conducted Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at 2 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Hospice Chapter of their choice.

Billy L. Howard

Billy L. Howard, age 74, of Garrett, husband of the late Shirley Castle Howard, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at his residence. He was born August 3, 1936, in Hueysville, the son of the late Beecher Howard and Arzelia Bailey Howard.

Mr. Howard retired from the U.S. Army and The Coachmen Company, and was a U.S. Army, Korean War Veteran.

Survivors include a son, Billy Howard Jr.; three daughters, Kathy, Glenda and Patty; a brother,

Eugene Howard, of Hueysville; a half-brother, Rondel Prater, of Wawaka, Ind.; a sister, Japalene Bentley, of Hueysville; five half-sisters, Ruby Schuster, Ruth Shepherd and Irene Butler, all of Michigan; Erma Shepherd, of Indiana, and Pauline Stacy, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley, parents and a brother, Willis Howard.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Clergyman Raymond Lawson officiating. Burial followed in the Castle Cemetery, at Hueysville, with the Hall Funeral Home, Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Palbearers were George Isaac, Dalton Howard, Darrell Spears, Carl Cooley, Jason Isaac, John Howard, Wesley Howard, Aaron Bartrum and Austin Bartrum.

Franklin D. Hunt

Franklin D. Hunt, 77, of Prestonsburg, died February 4, 2011, at his residence. Born February 10, 1933, in Endicott, he was the son of the late Leo and Gerie Jervis Hunt. He was a retired, coal miner and U.S. Marine veteran.

Survivors include a son: Keith, wife: Vicki; daughters: Kaye (Bobby) Joe Spencer, of Prestonsburg, Vickie (Andrew) Fletcher of Versailles, Brenda (Rick) James, of Inez, Tracey

(Chris) Akers, of Banner, brothers and sisters: Paul Ray Hunt, of Texas, Bill Hunt and Ricky Hunt, of Michigan, Jean Lafferty, of Prestonsburg, Margie Crisp, of Georgetown, grandchildren: Marissa and Jason Spencer, Rosie Ousley, Amanda Kay Fannin, Josiah and Catie Fletcher, Brittney James, Logan Hunt, Jill Akers, great-grandchildren: Lindsay and Hayley Wallen, Madisyn Hunt, Aryn and Chloe Fannin, Braxton Akers, and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 7, 2011 at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bobby Joe Spencer and Andy Fletcher officiating. Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ida G. Layne

Ida G. Layne, 88, of Rochester, Ind., died on Jan. 4, 2011, at Life Care Center of Rochester. She was born in Prestonsburg on April 19, 1922, to Jake and Dollie Howard Marsillett. In 1944, she married Fred Layne.

She is survived by a daughter: Mary Young, like a daughter: Roxie Daily, five grandsons: Adam Howard, Michael Layne, Fred (Camp) Layne, Mark (Erin) Layne and Shane Janeksela, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces

and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter: Jo Ann Layne, two sons: Ray Layne and Freddy Layne, two great-grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Arrangements were under the direction of Good Family Funeral Home.



Claraed Windell Watson

Claraed Windell Watson, 60, of David, passed away Feb. 6, 2011, at his home after an extended illness. Windell was born May 22, 1950, in Paintsville, to Harvey and Gerrie (Short) Watson. He was a student at Clark Elementary School and Prestonsburg High School.

After high school, Windell worked at the Kentucky Appalachian Industries (the sewing factory) and the Coal Bit Company, both in Prestonsburg. Then, he went to work at National Mines in Knott County, where he worked as a skilled laborer for 18 years

until the mines closed. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA).

Windell was a kind, gentle man with many interests including woodworking and gardening. Windell was a man of the Christian faith. He left his family with the words, "I'm going to be with Jesus."

Windell is survived by his wife of 41 years, Brenda (Reffitt), and four children, Rita (Jimmy) Allen, of West Liberty, Jeffrey (Zelma), of David, Crystal (Kenton) Rose, of Prestonsburg, and Courtney Jordan, of David.

Other survivors include, his parents, Harvey and Gerrie Watson, of Martin; one brother, Doug Watson (Nadine), of Independence; and two sisters, Patricia Watson, of Martin, and Marcia W. Goins (Joe), of Cross Plains, Tenn. Also, Windell is survived by six grandchildren: Bethany Renee and Evan Michael Allen, Kennedy Paige and Kendall Bryce Rose, Aaron Jeffrey Watson, and Jillian Reece Jordan. Preceding him in death were an infant brother, John, and an infant grandson, Noah Blaine Rose.

Services for Windell will be conducted Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with Pastor Jimmy Caudill officiating.

His final resting place will be at East Gate Memorial Gardens, at Eastern.



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Governor undecided on meds-for-meth bill

by AL CROSS
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ISSUES

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear says he hasn't made up his mind about the bill that would require prescriptions for decongestants used to make methamphetamine. And he sounds skeptical. But he doesn't think Kentucky is ready for a statewide smoking ban, but he might endorse legislation to better protect residents of nursing homes.

Beshear addressed the three health issues under questioning from Bill Bryant of Lexington's WKYT-TV on the latest "Kentucky Newsmakers."

"I'm personally conflicted" about the meds-for-meth bill, Beshear said, but his more specific remarks indicated skepticism. He said people in law enforcement are "pushing very

hard" for the bill, and noted that such a law greatly reduced the number of meth labs in Oregon and might do the same in Mississippi, but he suggested the numbers might go back up.

"They'll just go across the state line and get it across the counter," he said of meth makers, adding that the problem needs a national solution, perhaps like Kentucky's registration-and-reporting system for sales of pseudoephedrine and other decongestants. "You're going to have to have a system that applies in every state," he said. "I'm concerned about the millions of people who need to go buy cold medicine."

Bryant noted that law-enforcement officials say most pseudoephedrine sold in Kentucky goes to make meth, and asked Beshear if those officials had convinced him of the need for a

prescription law. "I haven't heard that statistic," Beshear said, reiterating his indecision. "It's tough one because there isn't any easy answer to it."

The meds-for-meth bill is one of the legislature's major issues, with drug manufacturers financing heavy advertising campaigns against it but major political figures in Appalachian Kentucky weighing in for it. On Thursday, the bill passed a Senate committee on a bipartisan 6-4 vote after competing testimony from 5th District U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and Pat Davis, the wife of 4th District Rep. Geoff Davis, all Republicans.

The bill's supporters also include House Speaker Greg Stumbo, the legislature's top Democrat, and Senate President David Williams, the top Republican, who is seeking

his party's nomination for governor in the May 17 primary election.

Williams also favors a statewide smoking ban. Beshear, who is opposed for the Democratic nomination, said Kentucky isn't ready for such a law, but will be once local bans become more prevalent. "Once you start getting experience with it, I think your business community becomes more comfortable with it ... and people enjoy it."

The governor said momentum for a statewide ban "is building, but I don't think we're at the point where everybody in the state is ready to go in that direction." He said his administration took a step against smoking by making cessation programs eligible for Medicaid.

Asked about a Stumbo proposal to ban smoking in cars with children, Beshear

called it "an interesting concept" that deserves discussion but said the idea is "probably in the same situation" as a general ban, which has been offered as a bill by Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington.

Williams' opponents in the Republican primary, Jefferson County Clerk Bobbie Holsclaw and Louisville businessman Phil Moffett, oppose a statewide smoking ban. Holsclaw favors local bans, but Moffett said at a recent Kentucky Press Association forum that the dangers of secondhand smoke have been "overblown."

Bryant asked Beshear if he plans to endorse a package of nursing-home legislation. "I'm talking to legislators who have some good ideas on how we can increase the protections to our elderly," the governor said. "We've got to do even better. The restrictive part

is, we have no money ... but that shouldn't stop us and should not be an excuse for not doing some of the non-monetary things we can do to protect our elderly."

Beshear was not asked about specifics of the package, but for years' Kentuckians for Nursing Home Reform and other advocates have lobbied for minimum staffing requirements at nursing homes. The long-term care industry, one of the more influential in Frankfort, has beaten back those efforts, arguing that homes need more flexibility and state inspections ensure proper care.

This story comes from Kentucky Health News, a service of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky, funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky.

Dept. of Education receives grant to fund literacy, mathematics strategies

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has received a two-year, \$1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support implementation of the new Common Core Academic Standards (CCAS).

The goal of the grant is to improve classroom instruction and align content taught to the Common Core standards by developing instructional strategies and tools in mathematics and literacy. The project will build off the work already underway in Kentucky via the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) and the Mathematics Design Collaborative (MDC) and shared so that teachers throughout the state can use them to improve student learning.

"This work is directly

connected to Kentucky's successful implementation of the Common Core Academic Standards, the development of a model curriculum framework and the mandates of 2009's Senate Bill 1," said Felicia Cumings Smith, associate commissioner of KDE's Office of Next Generation Learners. "These strategies will provide immense benefits for teachers and promote students' critical thinking skills within and across the content areas."

KDE will partner with the state's school districts through its Leadership Network system during this project. The networks — comprised more than 2,500 Kentucky educators across 29 networks — are designed to build the capacity of each Kentucky school district as they implement Kentucky's Common Core

Academic Standards, development assessment literacy among all educators and work toward ensuring that every classroom is a model of highly effective teaching and learning practices.

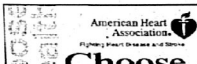
Network partners, such as the regional education cooperatives, institutions of higher education, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, also will be included in the expanded implementation of LDC and MDC. As part of an earlier, separate grant from the Gates Foundation, the Prichard Committee has been working with a group of pilot school districts on LDC and MDC implementation, and the work of those districts will be shared through the Leadership Networks.

The pilot school districts

for LDC are Kenton County (lead), Boyle County, Daviess County, Fayette County, Jessamine County and Rockcastle County. The pilot school districts for MDC are Kenton County (lead), Boone County, Daviess County, Jefferson County (Doss and Iroquois High Schools), Jessamine County and Warren County.

The grant is part of a larger nationwide effort by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the

development and testing of prototype mathematics and literacy classroom assessments and instructional tools to help educators better prepare all students for life beyond high school.



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Bill to ban synthetic street drugs clears House 94-0

FRANKFORT — A bill that would outlaw synthetic street drugs containing an ingredient that poison control experts say is more potent and dangerous than meth and cocaine passed the House 94-0 last week.

House Bill 121, sponsored by House Judiciary Chairman John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, would outlaw drugs commonly known as "fake bath salts" made from the chemical methylenedioxypyrovalerone or MDPV. The drugs, which have caused a rash of hospitalizations in Kentucky since late last year, are now sold

legally on the street and in convenience stores under more than 100 names, including Red Dove and White Lightning.

Should HB 121 pass into law, manufacturing or trafficking of substances containing MDPV would be a Class A misdemeanor and possession of such substance would be a Class B misdemeanor—the same penalties carried for possession and trafficking in less than 8 ounces of marijuana.

HB 121 now goes to the Senate for its consideration.



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Guest View

Region can little afford more job loss

It's troubling in a region where hundreds of jobs depend on a single industry to hear that many of those jobs could be lost due to new federal rules. It's even tougher knowing that there's no replacement for those jobs in sight.

A recent Associated Press report noted that new rules proposed by the Office of Surface Mining could affect up to 7,000 jobs nationally through decreased coal production. According to Gov. Steve Beshear, whose administration is still reviewing the OSM report, that figure is severely underestimated.

Regardless, many of those jobs will no doubt be right here in Appalachia where surface coal mining is prevalent.

Though we know that protecting our environment is of the utmost importance, and these new rules are aimed at doing just that by protecting streams near coal mines, we are concerned about the potential loss of jobs in eastern Kentucky. And our concern is not only for those jobs, but the resulting effects in our region as well.

Times are already hard for many people around the nation, and it seems crime is continuing to increase despite the best efforts of law enforcement. Couple that with the tragedy that is our prescription drug abuse problem, and we simply can't afford more people losing their jobs for any reason.

Currently there are no jobs or other industries to replace those that will be affected by these new rules, and we're hesitant to say that the region could recover economically anytime soon.

We urge our lawmakers in Congress to review these rules and determine if there is not a better way to protect the environment and keep our jobs intact as well. Perhaps enforcing the laws we have on the books now would be a good place to start. If a recent case in which the state showed an apparent lack of regard for even bothering to review paperwork is any indication, we've got a long way to go in that department anyway.

— The Hazard Herald



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

The main portion of the 2011 Regular Session got underway early last week, and it didn't take long for bills to begin making their way toward a full vote by the Kentucky House of Representatives.

As you may know, odd-year meetings of the General Assembly are different than those in even-numbered years, which last for 60 rather than 30 days and are focused on adopting a budget. Short sessions traditionally begin by electing legislative leaders, appointing committees, recessing briefly and then returning in February for debating legislation.

When we came back to the Capitol on Tuesday, February 1st, the House and Senate gathered in joint session for the State of the Commonwealth speech by Governor Beshear.

It was a good opportunity to step back for a moment to see where we have done well during these tough economic times, especially when compared to other parts of the country.

For example, while we have had to cut more than a billion dollars during the last several years, we haven't taken the drastic steps some other states have. New Jersey, for example, has laid off 1,000 teachers and Virginia has cut back school funding by \$700 million. Illinois has raised its individual

income tax by more than 60 percent and Maryland has increased its sales tax.

Kentucky, meanwhile, has been able to do more with less. State government is at its smallest size in at least two decades, but we have been able to shield the most critical services from any cuts, including in the classroom.

Fortunately, revenues for the state are looking up, and companies are starting to hire again. Ford and General Electric alone have made plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars while hiring several thousand new workers.

A 2009 update of the state's tax incentives is bearing fruit as well. More than 200 companies have applied, with a total investment projected to top \$2 billion.

Part of the governor's address featured goals that the House shares this legislative session. That includes closing an unexpected gap in Medicaid, which did not receive as much federal funding as expected when the budget was written a year ago. This should be a relatively easy fix, but would be catastrophic if nothing is done.

Another top priority would increase the high school dropout age from 16 to 18. House Bill 225 would phase this change in over two years, beginning in 2015, and would end a rule that has been around nearly a century.

About 6,000 students drop out annually across the state, and on average they will earn \$7,000 less each year of their career than those who finish high school. In today's econo-

my, where a diploma has become a necessity to succeed, no one is served by leaving school early.

The future is looking bright as well, given the high rankings our students are achieving. Our fourth and eighth grade test scores now regularly exceed the national average in a variety of subjects.

This past week, the House's committees discussed several other issues, including a proposal that would limit meth production. I joined with U.S. Representative Hal Rogers and state Senate President David Williams in support of this legislation, which would return pseudoephedrine to a prescription drug.

This would only apply to a little more than a dozen brands of cold and allergy medicine while not affecting more than 130 others. Oregon and Mississippi have taken similar steps, and the number of meth labs in those states has dropped dramatically. Oregon had a dozen last year while Kentucky had more than 1,000.

This week, the legislative session promises to quicken as we work toward finishing much of our work by the first of March. That's a relatively little amount of time to cover a wide range of topics.

Because of that, time is also drawing short to let me know your thoughts on the legislation being considered. If you would like to leave a message for me or for any legislator, please call 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

With bid winter storms to our north and west, Kentucky lawmakers returned to Frankfort hoping to calm nagging social issues like illegal drug use, illegal immigration and Medicaid fraud during the second part of the 2011 Regular Session, which re-convened Tuesday.

All 138 lawmakers and Gov. Steve Beshear gathered together in the House chamber to hear the governor outline his priorities for the session. Among them are creating and maintaining jobs, refusing any tax increases, raising the school dropout age to 18 and balancing the 2011 Medicaid budget by bringing forward 2612 Medicaid funds.

Now, lawmakers are meeting in committee to decide how they will respond to the governor's proposals, as well as their own — and to bills already sent over from the Senate.

All lawmakers and the governor agree that Kentucky needs more jobs and must protect the jobs it has. We also agree that we want Kentucky to be independent of foreign oil and its

role in rising prices at the fuel pump. On Tuesday night, support for Kentucky's native fuel source-coal-erupted in the House Chamber as the governor demanded that federal mining officials stop what he called "unreasonable" regulation of an industry that provides 90 percent of the state's electricity.

House members on both sides of the aisle have long supported the coal industry and the 18,000 Kentucky coal miners it employs in the state. So when the federal Environmental Protection Agency takes aim at that industry, we must resist. At a time when jobs are scarce in most counties across our state, but especially in the coalfields, any federal interference that hurts the future of a key industry in those counties is not going to be popular with lawmakers, to put it mildly.

Lawmakers got to work right away last week considering bills that will affect citizens from communities all across the Commonwealth. Tackling drug abuse was the first order of business in the House Judiciary Committee. The committee approved House Bill 121, which would outlaw delusion-inducing synthetic street drugs commonly called "fake bath salts" now for sale in convenience stores and

on the street. HB 121 passed the House last Friday by a 94-0 vote.

Also cleared by House Judiciary was HB 58-a DUI bill that would affect all convicted drunk-driving offenders by requiring them to have an ignition interlock device installed in their automobile. Experts say the device is more effective at stopping repeat DUIs than suspending a person's license because it will not allow a driver to start a vehicle if a breathalyzer that is part of the device detects a breath alcohol concentration over 0.02. HB 58 was sent to the full House for consideration.

The scourge of domestic violence across the state was also addressed by the Judiciary Committee with its approval Wednesday of a bill that would allow adult dating partners to seek domestic violence protective orders against their significant other. HB 35 would give dating partners age 18 and over the same domestic violence protections available in 44 other states and codify a provision that was removed from the broad-based Amanda's Law which passed the General Assembly in 2010.

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Leaders need to show unity in addressing tough issues

by GOV. STEVE BESHEAR

Over the last few years, our nation has faced a devastating recession born of greed on Wall Street and reckless spending in Washington.

Yet, I've seen Kentuckians uniquely stand up to these economic pressures by working harder and spending less—qualities my administration has also adhered to.

During my State of the Commonwealth address, I reflected on our strategic decisions and responsible—even aggressive—fiscal management that have poised Kentucky to rise successfully out of this recession, ahead of most other states.

Since I took office, we've balanced the budget eight times, slashing more than a billion dollars in spending. And our executive branch is the smallest it's been in decades.

We've saved \$24 million by making the difficult decision to furlough most state workers, including myself and my entire staff.

Our efforts early on to rein in government are paying off. We've avoided having to make drastic cuts to core services like many other states. And we've resisted raising broad-based taxes.

I will continue to oppose raising taxes during this session. I will not burden our families, nor threaten the growth of our businesses during this perilous time.

And I will not jeopardize our momentum in recovering from this recession.

Our strategy is working. The light at the end of the tunnel is real, and we are moving closer to it.

■ Unemployment rates are down in 84 counties from a year ago

■ More than half of Kentucky's manufacturers plan to hire in 2011

■ State receipts are up 5.4 percent through the first half of the year—the first time in three years that revenues aren't falling short of projections

I do, however, recognize that tough times are not over. And my top priority has been and will continue to be creating and retaining jobs.

Since we created our business incentives program in the summer of

2009, 248 statewide projects have been approved and are moving forward. They represent potential investment of more than \$2.2 billion along with nearly 14,700 new jobs and more than 4,800 saved jobs.

Focusing on Kentucky jobs also means focusing on Kentucky coal:

Our coal industry is in jeopardy because Washington bureaucrats continue to try to impose arbitrary and unreasonable regulations on the mining of coal. In my speech, I called for them to "Get off our backs!" I will fight for the right of Kentuckians to cleanly and safely mine coal and I will fight on behalf of 18,000 Kentucky coal miners who are working to feed their families.

National experts agree that our aggressive efforts are helping Kentucky's economy recover:

■ Economists at Moody's predict that Kentucky will experience a higher percentage of job growth in the coming year than all but four states.

■ In Forbes' annual rankings of best places to do business, Kentucky catapulted up 12 places in 2010.

■ And last October, we've moved up 15 spots in one year on the national Tax Foundation's list of best Business Tax Climates. We're now 19th, better than many of our neighbors.

But long-term improvements to Kentucky's economy will require a focus on our future workforce.

And that, of course, will come through enhancing education.

The graduation bill, House Bill 225, addresses a longstanding, fundamental problem in our schools by raising the mandatory school attendance age to 18.

A student who drops out will earn about \$7,000 less a year than a student who completes high school in Kentucky. If a person goes on to college, that gap is larger—over a career, it tops a million dollars.

Last session, the House passed this bill overwhelmingly in a bi-partisan vote, and I am confident they will do so again this year. It's time for the Senate to do the same.

In this session, we will also balance the budget—for the ninth time in three years.

Our current budget anticipated more federal funding for Medicaid than Congress actually authorized, creating a significant shortfall. I've proposed resolving this shortfall in two steps:

■ Move \$166.5 million from the 2012 Fiscal Year Medicaid budget to the current 2011 Fiscal Year.

■ Make the program more cost-effective by increasing the use of private sector managed-care principles. Already we're saving hundreds of millions of dollars.

If this proposal doesn't pass, we will either have to cut \$600 million in services or cut provider reimbursement rates by 30 percent. Both options would cause devastating harm.

Since taking office, I've worked with legislators to accomplish an array of goals that benefit Kentuckians: protecting education funding, making it easier to transfer credits from two-year schools to four-year schools, enacting pension reform, investing in the transformation of Fort Knox and even hiring a NASCAR race.

This session, we must continue to collaborate to improve Medicaid, keep our youth in school, protect seniors and improve interaction with businesses.

Divisive politics and petty posturing doesn't work. And the people are weary of it.

On the brink of breaking free of recession, Kentuckians need unity in their leaders. Rank partisanship doesn't put food on the table. It doesn't educate a child, and it doesn't create a job.

Times have been hard, but we are turning the corner. Together, we will ensure not only our short-term survival but also prosperity for our children and grandchildren long after we are gone.

Collins

The ability of Kentuckians to get to get from point A to point B safely and affordably is central to their welfare and to our state economy. HB 109, which would create a state Passenger Rail

Transportation Advisory Board, would enhance the state's transportation system by establishing a state panel that would advise state officials on passenger rail issues. Currently, Amtrak is the only passenger rail provider in the state, with train stations in Maysville, South Portsmouth, Ashland and Fulton. HB 109 passed the House Transportation Committee unanimously on Wednesday and now goes to the House floor.

It might not seem like spring is coming soon enough, after weeks of sub-freezing temperatures. But green grass and warmer temps will hopefully be upon us in the next couple months. Hunting and fishing enthusiasts will be among those taking advantage of the spring weather, and HB 173 would help them do it. Under the bill, which was approved by the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee on Wednesday, any Armed Forces member based in Kentucky could sport hunt or fish on any state-owned military property without a hunting or fishing license.

This bill seems like a sure shot for passage this session. The thorny issue of illegal immigration in

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Kentucky got a hearing on Wednesday by the House Local Government Committee, which discussed the possible costs of Senate Bill 6, passed by the Senate in early January, and the House immigration bill HB 3. Both bills seek to limit illegal immigration in the state, but would go about it in different ways. It is unknown at this point whether there will be a House vote on SB 6, although HB 3—which would require any contractor with a public agency as well as government agencies to use the E-Verify instant documentation check to determine eligibility of potential hires to work in the U.S.—was approved the House Labor and Industry Committee Thursday and now goes to the House for consideration.

You can stay informed of legislative action on these bills and other bills of interest 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. For committee meeting schedules, please call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650. Or, to comment on a bill, please call the toll-free Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181.

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A message from Big Sandy RECC

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) recently approved an increase to the Winchester based East Kentucky Power Cooperative (EKPC), the wholesale electric power supplier for Big Sandy RECC and 15 other member cooperatives. The rate increase was effective on Jan. 14, with Big Sandy RECC customers seeing a \$4.80 increase on their residential monthly bill.

"The board and management of Big Sandy RECC feel that this is an unfair political attack on the coal industry," said David Estep, president/general manager, Big Sandy RECC. Estep is encouraging those opposed to the recent measure to contact their local legislators.

Congressman Hal Rogers

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Senator Rand Paul

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"Please join us in the fight to protect and preserve the coal industry," Estep said. "We encourage you to contact your politicians in Washington, D.C. and express your concerns about coal."

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

"We understand that households and businesses are facing higher costs. Similarly, Big Sandy RECC is also experiencing higher costs. Our co-op is doing everything possible to reduce expenses," Estep said.

Big Sandy RECC urges its members to take advantage of energy audits, HVAC tuneups and other energy-saving programs and projects. These programs can help homeowners and business owners to cope with rising energy costs.

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It happens every winter. Customers open their electricity bills and see higher-than-expected amounts due. While increasing energy costs are, unfortunately, becoming a bigger part of daily living, there are some actions you can take to reduce and control your electricity costs. **First, remember you only pay for what you use.** Any step you take to reduce your electricity usage will save you money. The following are some energy and cost savings tips. Many others are available at KENTUCKYPOWER.COM.

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Feds to conduct survey on drug abuse

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

In a state where the drug epidemic has been widely recognized by officials, law enforcement and the general public, a federal agency has now decided to include input from Kentucky on a new nationwide survey to gather information about drug use in American society.

The survey, which will take place throughout 2011, was contracted with the Research Triangle Institute through the Substance

Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Officials expect to contact an estimated 200,000 households across 50 states, offering participants a \$30 cash incentive to participate.

Law enforcement in Kentucky have often said one of the biggest hurdles in fighting the drug problem is gaining information from individuals who are reluctant to talk for fear of retribution from dealers, often their own neighbors.

"It's important for us to under-

stand as much as possible about the nature and prevalence of substance abuse in our society," said Dr. William Hickey, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Public Health. "This survey is incredibly useful in helping gather that kind of information. It is very important that members of the public contacted about this survey respond accordingly."

Letters will be sent to homes in every state, as well as the District of Columbia, explaining the survey, known as the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

The letters will let people know that a professional field interviewer will soon visit their home, officials said. The questions on the survey will relate to physical and mental health and other topics associated with substance use and treatment.

"Substance abuse can affect physical health, mental health and the well-being of our entire community," said Stephen Hall, commissioner of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. "This survey is a

valuable tool in measuring the prevalence, specific consequences and patterns of drug use and abuse in Kentucky. The results of the survey will help us to be more effective in formulating policy and allocating resources to better the lives of everyone in Kentucky."

All agencies involved in conducting the survey, which will be performed using a computer questionnaire, have assured that confidentiality will be kept with all responses gathered.

Center for Rural Development to host renowned conductor

World-acclaimed conductor Hugh Wolff has appeared with nearly all of the major U.S. orchestras from New York to Los Angeles, and is in high demand on the international stage.

Throughout February, Wolff will again lead the National Symphony Orchestra—where he began his professional career 32 years ago—as the 2011 American Residency conductor.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, Wolff will take the stage at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset to conduct the 100-piece orchestra in its performance for Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District.

Set to begin at 7:30 p.m. in The Center's theatre, the concert is part of the 2011 American Residencies proudly presented by the Kentucky Arts Council in partnership with the National Symphony Orchestra.

For tickets, visit www.centertech.com or call The Center Box Office at 606-677-6000.

From Feb. 17-25, the

orchestra will travel across Kentucky—the 21st state to host the American Residencies program—to present a series of major concerts, educational, outreach, and performance-related activities in each of the state's six congressional districts.

The Center's performance is exclusive for the Fifth Congressional District—represented by U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers—of Somerset—and is the sixth and final stop on the Kentucky tour.

"The chance to see the National Symphony Orchestra perform live in concert is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for residents in Southern and Eastern Kentucky," Dianna Winstead, associate director of arts, culture, and events for The Center, said. "The orchestra, housed in the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., regularly participates in events of national and international importance, including performances for state occasions, presidential inaugurations, and official holiday

celebrations."

Wolff, one of the leading conductors of his generation, began his professional career in 1979 as associate conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra under Mstislav Rostropovich, spending six years on the orchestra's conducting roster. He then went on to become music director of Chicago's Grant Park Music Festival.

From 1988-2000, he served as principal conductor and then music director of the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, where he recorded 20 discs and toured the United States, Europe, and Japan. Subsequently, he was principal conductor of the Frankfurt Radio Orchestra (1997-2006), with whom he maintains a close relationship. Together, they have toured Europe, Japan, and China and appeared at the Salzburg Rheingau and Mozart Würzburg Festivals.

Wolff has an extensive discography on the Teldec label, with works ranging from Haydn to Stravinsky with the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and the

Philharmonia Orchestra in London. His recordings for Decca include a disc of works by Aaron Jay Kernis with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (Argo label) and a disc with Jean-Yves Thibaudet and the BBC Symphony Orchestra. He has also recorded the Barber and Meyer Violin Concertos with Hilary Hahn for Sony Classical, which, along with the disc of Antheil Symphonies 1 and 6, won a 2001 Cannes Classical Award.

Born in Paris in 1953 to American parents, Wolff spent his early years in London and Washington D.C. After graduating from Harvard, Wolff returned on a fellowship to Paris, where he studied conducting with Charles Bruck and composition with Olivier Messiaen. He then continued his studies in Baltimore with Leon Fleisher.

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American Residencies are sponsored in part by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, as it has been

since 1994. Duke Energy is the Supporting Sponsor of the 2011 NSO Kentucky Residency. The NSO American Residency concert in Lexington is supported in part by Windstream Communications. Since 2006, the chamber music and outreach performances have been supported by the Kennedy Center Abe Fortas Memorial Fund for chamber music and by a major gift to the fund from the late Carolyn E. Agger, widow of Abe Fortas.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or visit www.centertech.com.

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We would like to express appreciation to all the people who attended the service & funeral of my husband, my daughter's father, Kenneth Fletcher. There are no words worthy of what you meant to us. Whether you stopped by just for a minute or stayed the entire time... Your presence & words of comfort helped us throughout the most difficult time of our life.

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If we did not mention you please forgive us.... we know you were there. It is just overwhelming. Kenneth was my chosen partner in life for more than 26 years. My love. A part of us is missing and can not be replaced but Kenneth will live within us forever. We all still have our memories. And he was always joking, making us laugh, torturing us even when he felt as bad as he did. Those times are ours. And nobody can take those from us. That is what gets us through each day.

Thanks to you all. Please keep Ashley and me in your prayers as we try to move forward without the one who held us together.

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Pikeville College takes the identity of 'university'

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Now that it can offer both bachelor's degrees and a master's degree, as well as a doctorate, Pikeville College administrators have decided to consider their institution an official university.

In an announcement Monday following a board of trustees meeting, school officials made public that

the school will offer a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, beginning later this year. This was the final of three needed to be considered a university as the school has, for the past decade, offered a medical degree through its School of Osteopathic Medicine.

"A college is an institution that offers bachelor's degrees. A university is an institution that offers bache-

lor's degrees, master's degrees and doctorate degrees," said Paul Patton, president of Pikeville College.

In another statement Monday from Boyd Buser, the vice president and dean of Pikeville's medical school, it was talk of taking a new direction, an idea that has been building since former-Gov. Patton became the school's president.

"We are functioning as a

university and the direction that we're heading is taking us further down that path, so let's acknowledge that," Buser said.

Also during the announcement Monday, the board of trustees said that changing the school's name would be pertinent at this point and have asked that three suggestions be made by the institution's adminis-

tration. Some names have already been bantered about by both administration and students, including the University of Pikeville and the University of Central Appalachia. However, school officials say the name could well stay as it has since its beginning.

The board of trustees hopes to make a decision on

the new name or if a new name will be used at all during their next meeting, scheduled for May 21.

And the school is not excluding the public from offering suggestions. Those interested in offering a suggestion for a new name can visit the website www.forum.pc.edu — and give an option of their own.

Two killed in accident along U.S. 23 at Harold

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HAROLD — Two people died following a car accident along U.S. 23 at Harold Sunday evening.

Tabitha Renee Goble Bentley, 42, of Dwayne, died at the scene of the crash, which took place along the interstate just beside the Double Kwik gas station at Harold.

Bentley was the passenger in an SUV driven by Larry Ratliff, 62, when he was struck while in the northbound lane attempting to pull into the gas station, police said.

State police spokesman Trooper Shaun Little said Ratliff had been trying to make a left turn when he was struck by a truck driven by Douglas Williamson, 45, coming from the southbound

lane.

Bentley, a former nurse at Highlands Regional Medical Center, was pronounced dead at the scene, while Ratliff died the following day from injuries sustained in the crash. Police say Williamson was also hospitalized but there has been no word yet on his condition.

Police say there are continuing to investigate the crash.

Dismissal

Along with the dismissal of Elliott, the staff of AppalRed will soon be getting smaller due to funding cuts and budgetary issues.

According to Picklesimer, nine employees will be cut from a total workforce of 67, starting with four layoffs in February, but no offices will be closed as a result of the reduction in staff, and most of the reductions are

expected to be accomplished through attrition and the retirement of senior employees over the course of the next few months.

"We are able to do this without cutting back on our service to our clients," Picklesimer said. "We will have to tighten our belts and work harder, but our commitment to our clients is our number-one priority."

Picklesimer also said

that he expects the layoffs to be temporary, but was unable to give an estimate of how long it could be before the employees return.

AppalRed has provided free civil legal help to low-income residents in its Kentucky service area. In 2010, AppalRed lawyers and staff provided free legal services in more than 7,000 cases.

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Sex

which, kicks off Sunday, Feb. 13, and will be a four-part series, is called "Pure Sex." Boyd says the idea is simply nothing more than pointing out that sex is something "God invented" and should be talked about openly.

"We're going to deal with issues that are relevant to the community," said Boyd. "Sex is something that is good and we're going to talk about it in the certain parameters. He puts it in Society has ignored those parameters. He gave directions on how to use it."

The four-part series is outlined with four sermons, essentially that sex is good and people shouldn't hide from it, that God gave directions about how to use it, and about protecting yourself by using those directions. A third part will focus on "eating the first stone" and then a final sermon will discuss sex in marriage and "how to have the best sex ever."

"We try to make the church an environment people will want to come to," Boyd continued, adding that his creative team will use the stage at their new location to set up a bedroom such as would be done for a

play. "We try to, set the stage with each series." In the past year, Boyd said the congregation has had between 100 and 215 people attend each service, with some 180 showing up for that first Easter service nearly a year ago.

And Boyd and his congregation have taken some unique approaches to advertise the various series and events that have taken place, and are planned at the church. Most recently, he purchased the web domain "www.floydcountysex.com."

Those searching this site will be redirected to the Destination Community Church, where they will be updated on the upcoming "Pure Sex" series and can search past series.

Boyd said he anticipates some backlash from the community.

"We're bracing for that," he said. "The Bible talks about sex about 50 times, so that must be something He wanted to talk about. But we will be making announcements during the service and recommending parents take their children to the areas of the church used for children's programs while the series is

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taking place." The services will be held four consecutive Sundays, beginning on Feb. 13 at 11 a.m.

Cats

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PHS Dance Cats team for their back-to-back victories at the regional competition and wish them good luck at state," said Floyd County Schools Supt. Henry Webb.

The members of the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats are Kaitlyn Minix, Kalan Wells, Christina Allen, Chelsea Hereford, Kristany Setser, Tori Hammonds, Laiker Maggard, Kelsey Boyd, Ashton Sizemore, Darz Bartley, Darby Cooksey, Morgan Haywood, Paige Caudill, Sonja Meade, Michaela Stone and Megan Towles.

The team was founded in 1994.

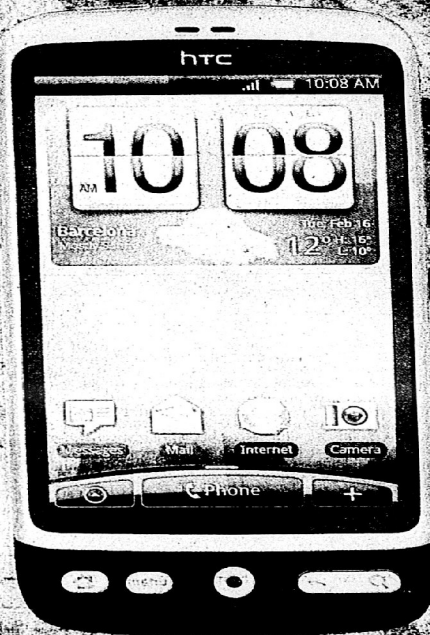
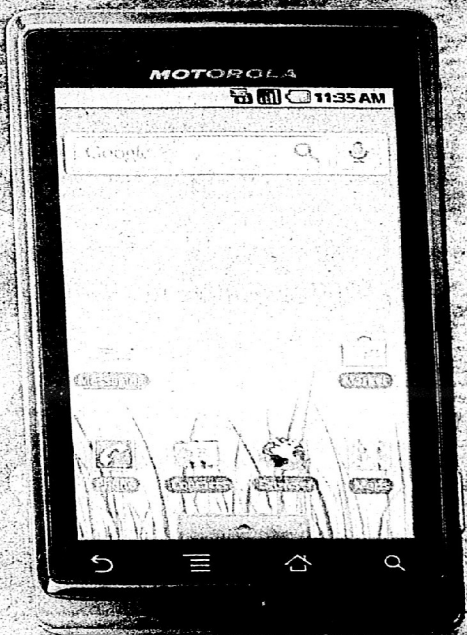
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SUNDRIES, CIGARETTES, LIQUOR, BEER, WINE, COGNAC, VODKA, TEQUILA, RUM, BRANDY, GIN, BACARDI, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED WHISKY, COUNTRY OF SWITZERLAND, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED VODKA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED TEQUILA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED RUM, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BRANDY, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED GIN, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BACARDI, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED WHISKY, COUNTRY OF SWITZERLAND, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED VODKA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED TEQUILA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED RUM, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BRANDY, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED GIN, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BACARDI, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED WHISKY, COUNTRY OF SWITZERLAND, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED VODKA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED TEQUILA, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED RUM, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BRANDY, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED GIN, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED BACARDI, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED WHISKY, COUNTRY OF SWITZERLAND, J&J'S SPECIALTY BLENDED VODKA, J&J'S SPECIALTY 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Bobcats beat Gallatin County in opening round matchup

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne decided to make its trip to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic far more than a one-and-done stint. The Bobcats, ending the game in

dominating fashion, used a debilitating 9-1 run to defeat Gallatin County 53-44 Thursday night in the opening round of the small-school state tournament at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

Fifteenth Region champion Betsy Layne claimed its 10th straight win, improving to 15-5 overall. The Bobcats entered the tournament undefeated at 4-0 in games played versus 58th District/Floyd County Conference opponents. Leader of the pack in Floyd County, Betsy Layne

is looking to make a run to a title against some of the state's other top small-school boys' basketball teams. The Bobcats sealed the win from the foul line late in the contest as senior Dylan

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ANDREW ROBERTS

Martin named MVP

Senior guard/forward honored after hitting game-winning shot

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Senior guard/forward Nathan Martin sent Betsy Layne over the top in the Bobcats' championship game battle versus DeSales Sunday afternoon in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Martin hit the game-winning shot and finished with a game-high 13 points as Betsy Layne defeated DeSales for the All "A" title. At the conclusion of the small school state tournament, Martin was named Most Valuable Player. Martin and his Betsy Layne teammates exited the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic winners of their last 13 games. The Bobcats played with determination throughout the All "A" Classic. Betsy Layne brought Floyd County only its second state title. Prestonsburg won the state baseball title in 1948.

"We played for everyone in Eastern Kentucky," Martin commented. "We didn't want to let anyone down."

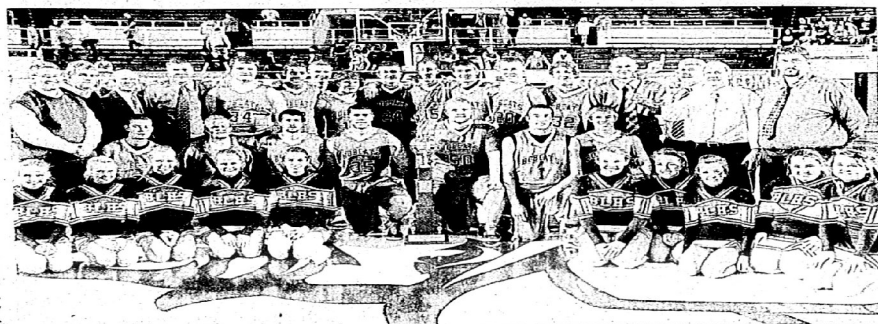
Teammates Andrew Roberts, Derek Tackett and Casey Adkins joined Martin on the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic all-tournament team. The remainder of the all-tournament team was made up of the following players: Brandon Brooks, Corbin Maynard of DeSales; Jake Giesler, Brady Highchew of Newport Central Catholic; Tevin Raines, Jacoby Taylor of Danville; Aaron Rayburn of West Carter; Taylor Barnette of Lexington Christian; Matt McGowan of University Heights.



NATHAN MARTIN

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings	Record
Betsy Layne	19-5
Pikeville	18-6
Johnson Central	14-5
East Ridge	14-6
Belfry	12-6
Pike Central	11-7
South Floyd	11-8
Sheldon Clark	11-10
Magoffin County	10-11
Paintsville	10-12
Shelby Valley	7-13
Allen Central	6-15
Prestonsburg	6-16
Parlat School	3-4
Phelps	3-18
Lawrence County	0-23

BOBCATS 44, COLTS 41



The Betsy Layne Bobcats won four games in four days on their way to capturing the All 'A' Classic state title. Betsy Layne will now turn its focus to claiming 58th District and 15th Region championships.

Betsy Layne defeats DeSales for All 'A' state championship

First state title for Floyd County since 1948

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — The Betsy Layne Bobcats are state champs. Betsy Layne made the most of its first trip to the boys' Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic. Following multiple close games earlier in the tournament, Betsy Layne outlasted DeSales, a team out of Louisville, 44-41 Sunday afternoon in the All "A" Classic championship game at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

Tournament MVP Nathan Martin drained a one-handed floater in the lane with 22 seconds remaining to push the Bobcats out in front 43-41. Martin's clutch offering held up as the game-winning shot.

DeSales' Brandon Brooks, an excellent long-range shooter, missed a trey attempt with three seconds remaining.

Betsy Layne (18-5) gave the 15th Region its third straight All "A" Classic title. Reigning Sweet Sixteen champion Shelby Valley had captured back-to-back All "A" Classic titles before Betsy Layne's trip. The 2010-11 Betsy Layne boys' basketball team is the first Floyd County hoops squad to capture a state title. The Bobcats are the first Floyd County high school team to claim a state championship since Prestonsburg won the state baseball title in 1948.

The Bobcats won their state title in dramatic fashion. Betsy Layne had to battle back from behind in two of the first three rounds prior to the championship contest.

"These kids don't quit," Coach Junior Newsome commented following Betsy Layne's championship victory.

Newsome was also quick to note that his players realized a win was big for not only Betsy Layne but all of Floyd County.

"Before the game, they said, 'Coach, that's gonna be part of our legacy. We're gonna win it for Floyd County,'" Newsome confided.

Betsy Layne led at the end of each quarter and looked to be in complete control at halftime when leading 25-11 following a 20-1 run. DeSales, however, sprung a run of its own to make the game very tight in the fourth quarter.

The hard-charging Colts opened the second half on an impressive 18-1 run. DeSales, which outscored Betsy Layne 16-0 in the third quarter before the Bobcats got on the scoreboard, managed to move back out in front.

But in a game of run, Betsy Layne surged late in the third quarter to secure a 31-29 lead. Determined to bring the state title home to Floyd County, Betsy Layne delivered, edging DeSales 13-12 in the final quarter.

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QUARTERFINALS BL outlasts West Carter in overtime

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne outlasted 16th Region champion West Carter 58-56 in overtime late Friday night in the second round of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic at Eastern Kentucky University's McBrayer Arena.

The Bobcats were able to edge West Carter 7-5 in an overtime period. Betsy Layne overcame a sub-par shooting effort from the field. The Bobcats were 20-of-53 (37.7 percent) from the field while connecting on 14-of-23 free throw attempts.

But Betsy Layne more than held its own, especially on the boards. The Bobcats grabbed 42 total rebounds.

Nathan Martin and Casey Adkins both provided double-doubles for the Bobcats. Martin paced Betsy Layne with a team-high 20 points. Andrew Roberts was the second-leading scorer for the Bobcats, contributing 15 points. Roberts drained a trip of three-point field goals. Adkins, a senior center, added 13 points for the Bobcats.

Martin blocked a 3-point attempt from West Carter's Aaron Rayburn to seal the win.

West Carter carried an 11-8 lead out of the opening quarter before the Bobcats tied the game prior to the intermission period. When halftime arrived, Betsy Layne and West Carter were knotted 26-26.

The game was tied 34-34 at the conclusion of the third quarter. When regulation ended, Betsy Layne and West Carter were engaged in a 51-51 tie.

Rayburn paced the Comets with 24 points. Kyle Brown added 17 points for

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SEMIFINALS Cats hold off Danville in All 'A' semis

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne battled past Danville in the semifinals of the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic Saturday, defeating the Admirals 63-51. The win stretched the 15th Region's win streak to 11 straight in the small school tournament and allowed the title-contending Bobcats to advance to the state championship game versus DeSales.

Under the tutelage of veteran head coach Junior Newsome, Betsy Layne continued to win in the state tournament, vying for a title after 15th Region foe Shelby Valley had collected back-to-back championships in the two seasons prior. One night earlier,

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ABOVE: Senior guard Derek Tackett (11) kept his dribble during a Betsy Layne offensive possession.

BELOW: Junior guard Andrew Roberts (15) claimed a rebound for the Bobcats.



State

Martin led Betsy Layne with a game-high 13 points. Casey Adkins added 11 points and six rebounds for the Bobcats.

Andrew Roberts and Derek Tackett each had eight points while Dylan Maldonado and Dylan Hamilton chipped in two apiece. Roberts and Tackett combined for nine rebounds and six assists.

Tackett turned in an outstanding defensive performance for the Bobcats as he

limited the high-scoring Brooks throughout the first half. Brooks paced DeSales with 11 points. Evan Bingham provided 10 points and five rebounds for the Colts.

DeSales finished runner-up in the All "A" Classic for the second straight year. Betsy Layne has now won 13 straight games.

Touchstone Energy
All "A" Classic

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Championship Game at EKU's McBrayer Arena

Betsy Layne 44, DeSales 41
Betsy Layne (18-5): Martin 13, Adkins 11, Maldonado 2, Tackett 8, Roberts 8, Hamilton 2, DeSales (11-14): Brooks 11, Bingham 10, Sliter 8, Maynard 8, Odle 3, Blackwell 1.
BL.....13 12 6 13-44
D.....8 3 18 12-41

Outlasts

West Carter in the loss. Rayburn logged 36 minutes for West Carter in the tournament game. Derek Tackett tossed in four points while Dylan Maldonado, Dylan Hamilton and Tyler Reznick netted two apiece for Betsy Layne in the back-and-forth boys' basketball battle.

Martin and Adkins led

Betsy Layne on the boards, collecting 11 rebounds apiece. Dylan Hamilton followed with eight rebounds for the Bobcats. Maldonado, a versatile senior student-athlete for Betsy Layne, contributed five rebounds.

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Betsy Layne 58, West Carter 56.
West Carter (56): Rayburn 24, Brown 17, Lawson 2, Eldridge 2, Bond 5, Stamper 6.
Betsy Layne (58): Martin 20, Roberts 15, Adkins 13, Hamilton 2, Tackett 4, Maldonado 2.
WC.....11 15 8 17 5-56
BL.....8 18 8 17 7-58

Semis

Betsy Layne outlasted West Carter 58-56 in overtime in the second round of the All "A" Classic.

Betsy Layne shot 60 percent in the first half en route to a 14-point lead. Tackett, however, struggled, shooting only 23 percent.

Four Betsy Layne scorers reached double figures. Casey Adkins paced Betsy Layne with 17 points and seven rebounds. Derek Tackett tossed in 13 points, Nathan Martin netted 11 and Andrew

Roberts added 10 for the Bobcats.

For the game, Betsy Layne shot 51.1 percent (24-of-47) on two- and three-point field goals combined. The Bobcats were 10-of-17 from the free throw line.

Betsy Layne claimed a total of 37 rebounds. Dylan Hamilton and Tyler Reznick rounded out the Betsy Layne scoring with seven and two points, respectively.

Dylan Maldonado claimed

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a team-high eight rebounds for the Bobcats. Adkins secured seven rebounds while Roberts grabbed five boards.

Jacody Taylor paced Danville with 10 points. Danville defeated Metcalfe County 67-64 and Heath 49-43 on its way to the All "A" semifinals.

In the other semifinal matchup, DeSales rolled past Newport Central Catholic 43-37. Thriving from the outside, DeSales drained 11-of-16 three-pointers.

Turner, Hall join South Floyd 1,000 point club

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - Two senior members of the South Floyd High School boys' basketball program have joined the school's 1,000 point club. Shannon Turner (senior forward/center) and Dakota Hall (senior guard) recently passed the 1,000 point mark for South Floyd Raiders.

"These two have been four-year starters for us and are great representatives of our school," said South Floyd Coach Barry Hall.

"They have been willing to sacrifice so much for our current success this year."

Both Turner and Hall have received recruiting interest from multiple col-

lege programs. Though Feb. 6, South Floyd was 10-3 overall and 5-2 in the 58th District. South Floyd carried a three-game win streak into a home game at Raider Arena against longtime rival Paintsville Monday night. The Raiders are scheduled to face Phelps (Feb. 8, away), Magoffin County (Feb. 11, away), Pike County Central (Feb. 13, home) and Riverdale Christian (Feb. 16, home) during the final month of the regular-season prior to competing in the postseason.

Recaps of South Floyd's games versus Paintsville and Phelps will appear in Friday's editions.



SHANNON TURNER



DAKOTA HALL

Lady Rebels fall to Magoffin County

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Allen Central scored nearly 80 points but couldn't hold off visiting Magoffin County Saturday night. Sophomore forward Morgan Arnett scored the net for a game-high 28 points and Jamie Castle added 22 as visiting Magoffin County beat Allen Central 91-79 at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Magoffin County took a lead out of each quarter. Allen Central, however, wasn't deterred and managed to contend for the non-district win.

Magoffin County moved to 16-4 after registering the win. Allen Central slipped to 4-17 after absorbing the loss

in the non-district game. The Lady Rebels dropped their third straight game. Numerous Lady Hornets got involved offensively as Allen Central was unable to concentrate on just one or two Magoffin County scorers.

Morgan Connelley pushed in 15 points and Nichole Fletcher scored 10 for the Lady Hornets.

Experienced Magoffin County outscored Allen Central 22-14 in the opening quarter and carried a 43-37 lead into halftime. The Lady Hornets led 68-56 when the third quarter closed.

Sophomore guard Hannah MacElhose paced much-improved Allen Central with 21 points. Sarah Rife tossed in 19

points. Brooklyn Martin netted 12. Alyssa Moore scored 11 and Sarah Kinney registered 10 for the Lady Rebels.

Krista Parsons and Deshea Elliott aided the Allen Central offensive effort, scoring four and two points, respectively.

Magoffin County 91, Allen Central 79
Magoffin County (91): Castle 22, Reed 6, Arnett 28, Connelley 15, Howard 8, Fletcher 10, Bentley 2.
Allen Central (79): Kinney 10, MacElhose 21, Martin 12, Rife 19, Parsons 4, Elliott 2, Moore 11.
MC.....22 21 25 23-91
AC.....14 23 19 23-79

Opening

Maldonado and Nathan Martin combined to shoot 5-for-5 at the stripe in the game's final 43 seconds.

Betsy Layne faced some adversity in the contest as both clubs mounted and fared well from various runs.

"We got down but we came right back, and that's what good teams do, they battle back," Betsy Layne Coach Junior Newsome commented following his team's win.

Betsy Layne scored 18 points off Gallatin County turnovers.

For the game, Betsy Layne shot 83.3 percent (15-of-18) from the free throw line. The Bobcats were 18-of-38 (47.4 percent) from the field on two- and three-point attempts combined en route to the victory.

Martin paced the Bobcats with a game-high 18 points. He was the only Betsy Layne scorer to reach double figures. Martin also had five rebounds, three assists, two steals and two blocks. The

Betsy Layne senior guard was tabbed as the player of the game.

Derek Tackett tossed in nine points, Casey Adkins contributed eight. Maldonado netted seven. Andrew Roberts scored six and freshman Dylan Hamilton added five for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne carried a lead out of each quarter. The Bobcats opened the contest in commanding fashion, outscoring Gallatin County 12-5. Betsy Layne then packed a 26-17 lead into halftime.

Gallatin County, the champion out of the 8th Region, showed some new life in the second half, outscoring Betsy Layne 15-8 in the third quarter. The Wildcats used 15-8 run in the third quarter to keep Betsy Layne's advantage under double digits.

The Bobcats, scoring from inside and out, turned in their best offensive performance of the game during the

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fourth quarter. Betsy Layne, benefitting from the 9-1 run late in the matchup, ultimately outscored Gallatin County 19-12 during the final period. Adkins led Betsy Layne on the glass, securing a team-high even rebounds. Hamilton (six rebounds) and Martin (five rebounds) were other leading rebounders for the Bobcats.

Shane Williamson, a senior guard, led Gallatin County (12-8) with 15 points. Sophomore guard Kristian Morgan chipped in nine points, narrowly missing double figures for the Gallatin County team.

In other opening round games it was Danville 67, Metcalfe County 64; DeSales 56, Bardstown 53; Heath 54, Barboursville 42; Lexington Christian 59, Christian Academy-Louisville 43; Newport Central Catholic 68, Edmonson County 38; University Heights 49, Hazard 43 and West Carter 75, Bishop Brossart 69.

Bears crack Top 25 poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - It took 20 wins, six victories in seven games over Mid-South Conference competition and knocking off No. 6 Georgetown College, but finally, the Pikeville College Bears have made it into the national rankings. For the first time this season, the Bears are in the poll, checking in at No. 24 in the ratings

released on Monday evening.

"We're in the middle of a tough stretch of games right now but feel good about how we're playing," said Coach Kelly Wells, who is in his fifth season at the helm of the Bears. "If we didn't think we were one of the top teams in the country we wouldn't expect it. We think we are, and we're glad the raters have finally taken notice to our play."

Pikeville had two big wins since the last poll was released last week. On Thursday night the Bears knocked off sixth-ranked Georgetown 66-65, and followed it up on Saturday with their 20th win of the season, a 109-55 decision over Shawnee State University.

At 20-5, the Bears are one

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Bears edge No. 6 Georgetown

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - A dunk by senior Quincy Hankins-Cole with 19.4 seconds left put Pikeville College on top to stay and give the Bears a 66-65 win over No. 6 Georgetown College Thursday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Hankins-Cole's bucket came on an inbound pass after Georgetown turned it over for the 20th time on the night. Junior Aaron Morris rebounded a missed Justin Hicks free throw but was forced out of bounds by Pikeville senior Ryan Whitaker to give the ball back to the Bears.

After the dunk, Georgetown had possession of the basketball and a chance to win, but junior Eddie Gray's runner in the paint came up short. Hankins-Cole grabbed the rebound - his 13th of the game to go with 15 points - and threw it to the other end of the floor, where Hicks ran under it as the clock expired.

The game was wild from start to finish and not cleanly played. Pikeville had 16 turnovers of its own - with both teams holding sizeable second-half leads. Pikeville led by nine points three times, while the Tigers held a seven-point advantage before the Bears scored the comeback win.

Neither team shot particularly well, with Pikeville finishing 43.4 percent - after a 33.3 percent first half - while Georgetown hit 39.1 percent for the game.

Pikeville is now 19-5 on the season and 8-4 in the rugged Mid-South Conference.

Georgetown is 21-3 overall and 10-2 in the league.

Hankins-Cole, a senior from Roosevelt, N.Y., who had four steals and three assists in the win, wasn't the only stand-out Bear on the night. Senior Vance Cocksey, the reigning Mid-South Conference Player of the Week, led all scorers with 21 points and all passers with six assists, as well as picking up five steals.

Sophomore Trevor Setty, who transferred to Pikeville from Georgetown, hit 5-of-10 from the arc for 15 points and five rebounds. Senior Andre Thornton followed with 10 points and four rebounds.

Georgetown got tremendous games from its post players. Junior Vic Moses led the way with 19 points and six rebounds, while sophomore Maurice Pearson scored 12 and had 12 rebounds - six off the offensive glass - to lead the Tigers to a 43-34 edge on the glass.

Senior Matt Walls, a Georgetown native who transferred from Marshall, had six points, six rebounds and six steals in the loss.

Pikeville women fend off visiting GC: A runout layup and the following free throw with 14 seconds left by Sally Roberts pushed Pikeville College to a six-point lead and the Bears held on for a 76-73 win over Georgetown College on Thursday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Roberts, a sophomore from Pikeville, finished with six points and tied for team honors with six rebounds as Pikeville

improved to 16-7 on the season, 6-6 in the Mid-South Conference.

Georgetown, in its final season under Coach Susan Johnson, fell to 7-16 on the year and 3-9 in the league.

Roberts' bucket was followed by a three-point bucket by sophomore Kourtney Tyra to bring it back to a one-possession game, but it was as close as the Tigers would get.

The Bears hit 45.2 percent overall and 38.5 percent from the arc. Georgetown was limited to 41.3 percent after shooting a cool 29.6 percent in the first half.

Pikeville led by as many as 13 (48-35) after a three-point basket by senior Whitney Compton, who finished with 10 points in the win. But the game was tied seven different times, including at 69, before Pikeville took the lead for good.

Junior guard Megan Mosley led all scorers with 25 points and six assists in the win. Senior Lauren Potts came off the bench for 14 points and six rebounds, adding three steals.

Freshman Brogan Conley followed with 10 points and five assists.

Georgetown was led in scoring by senior Ashley Prince and sophomore Devon Golden with 16 points apiece. They both had four rebounds for the Tigers.

Tyra followed with 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists, while junior Jessica Waddle came off the bench for 11.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Clues in the wind

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

I miss Jerry Orbach.

There, I've said it, I've admitted it: Although there have been other fine detectives who have passed through "Law and Order" over the years, for me, Lennie Briscoe forever will be "it," the be-all-and-end-all of detectives. Just remember that face: He'd seen it all, done it all, and figured it all out (although he didn't always tell everything he knew, which made us love him even more).

Jerry Orbach looked like he was born to play that world-weary detective, but in fact, he was a big Broadway star who could sing, dance and do everything any entertainer might be called upon to do. But even as I watch film of him singing and dancing, his joints as loose as the proverbial goose, I can't stop seeing Lennie Briscoe, Ace Detective—and I bet others feel the same way.

While Lennie will forever be my favorite, I recently found out that there are some Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Iowa and Texas who have done some pretty impressive detective work on behalf of Texas' cotton growers. You could call this "The Case That Wouldn't Stay Solved."

Boll weevils have been a threat to cotton growers since 1892, when they entered Texas from Mexico and proceeded to gnaw their way through much of the south-central and south-eastern United States. Of course, we fought back: Large-scale eradication efforts began about 30 years ago, and succeeded in eliminating the boll weevil from much of the southern United States.

But those bugs were still a problem in pockets of eastern and southern Texas. Although successful eradication efforts drastically reduce pest-management costs and insecticide use, growers still have to be on guard against reinvasion, even in areas where the pest has been eliminated. Guarding against possible reinfestation is coordinated by the grower-supported Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which funds monitoring programs and insecticide applications throughout the state.

In the summer of 2007, cotton growers in Texas' Southern Rolling Plains knew something had gone wrong because hundreds of boll weevils were turning up in their fields. By the end of 2007, more than 6,000 weevils had been found in monitoring traps spread across several counties where this pest had been eradicated since 2000.

Then the ARS "detectives" stepped into the case. An ARS entomologist in Ames, Iowa, happens to be an expert at using DNA to identify specific insect populations. And down in College Station, Texas, there's an ARS meteorologist who uses modeling techniques and weather data to analyze the effects of wind patterns on insect movement. Also in College Station, there's a pollen expert who can often identify an insect's itinerary by the type of pollen grains it picks up along the way.

Alas, all these detection techniques have their limitations, the scientists say. Pollen analysis involves matching grains released by plants in one location to pollen taken from mobile insects, so it can be difficult to tell at what point along the insect's journey the pollen was picked up. Since the wind blows in all directions, you have to know when the weevils showed up in a specific area to track whether wind patterns from a particular storm carried them there. And pinpointing distinctions in DNA depends on how isolated the insect groups are from each other.

But as Lennie knew from experience, there's always a clue. In this case, it was Tropical Storm Erin, which swept through South Texas in August 2007, passing near Uvalde in an area known as the Winter Garden

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Allen Central Middle School academic team

ON TOP

BLHS, ACMS take top spots in academic contests

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Betsy Layne High School and Allen Central Middle School recently brought home first-place awards in the District Governor's Cup competition.

For the high school division, Betsy Layne High School came out on top with Allen Central taking second-place, South Floyd coming in third, Wesley Christian taking fourth and Prestonsburg coming in with a fifth-place finish. Allen Central was the winner in the Future Problem Solving category and also received the Hume Sportsmanship Award.

In the District 84 middle school division, Allen Central Middle School took first-place, Allen Elementary came in second, Wesley Christian took third and Adams Middle School came in fourth.

Allen Central Middle School also took first in the Future Problem Solving category, and Adams Middle School received the Hume Sportsmanship Award.

In District 85, the Piast School won first-place, John M. Stumbo Elementary took second, South Floyd Middle School came in third, and Betsy Layne Elementary finished fourth. John M. Stumbo won the Future Problem Solving category and received the Hume Sportsmanship Award.

"We want to congratulate Betsy Layne High School and Allen Central Middle



Betsy Layne High School Academic Team

Schools for displaying excellence and winning first-place in their divisions," said Supt. Henry Webb. "We also want to thank all the students, parents and staff that make these teams and academic meets possible and for giving students another venue to demonstrate their knowledge."

According to information provided by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition, "The Governor's Cup has become the state's premier academic

event, involving over 20,000 students, nearly 1200 schools, and thousands of coaches, administrators, parents and community leaders who see the rewards gained from encouraging academic performance through properly structured and professionally administered academic competition."

The Governor's Cup State Finals are scheduled for March 12-15 in Lexington.

Monthly magazine for children in K-3 promotes healthy lifestyles

Every Kentucky student in kindergarten to third grades is getting a free subscription to Fit4Fun, a reader that, through entertaining means, encourages children to lead healthy lifestyles.

The publication is a joint effort of Wordsworth Publishing Group and the Kentucky Children's Health & Fitness Fund. Though an agree-

ment with the state Department of Education, it is distributed to all 797 public elementary schools and kindergartens in the state.

"We believe every child can grow up happy, healthy and productive," said Jan Winter, founder and president of Wordsworth. "We want children to learn to make all kinds of smart decisions, and we part-

ner with parents and schools to make sure they get consistent messages." The publication is supported by donations and sponsorships.

Each issue, which has 32 to 40 pages, features content that encourages imagination, playing, learning and growing. The playing component focuses on "fitness for life" and the growing component teaches children

about nutrition and food awareness. Topics covered include dental health, science and technology careers, bike safety, diversity, scientific method, Kentucky history and facts and responsible media consumption.

The online version is free and the website features a teacher's guide with plans to help with instruction.

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 clothes and household giveaway
Free clothes and household items will be given to anyone in need on the following days and times at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department on Route 114:
Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Debra Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 223-3525, or Faye Click at (606) 889-0216.

Donations of any kind will be accepted. Sponsored by the Middle Creek Ladies' Auxiliary.

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 ESACAP 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, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, easkeyautismawareness@gmail.com

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting
Support group for

Science

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District. Wrapping up in good "Law and Order" style, the scientists studied the weevils' DNA, checked out their pollen "luggage," and scrutinized wind patterns to conclude that those weevils probably came from the Winter Garden District. This prompted growers in that area to step up their eradication efforts—and there's more. The findings from this study also provide guidance on when approaching storms and hurricanes might make it worthwhile to harvest the cotton a bit earlier than usual.

Lennie always was a very sharp dresser, including those crisp cotton shirts. I think even he would be impressed... and grateful!

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.

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

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

Democratic Woman's Club 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 Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.
For more information, call Shirley Combs at (606) 434-

8400, or Tom Nelson at (606) 478-2836.

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

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

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

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

UNITE
The UNITE coalition of Floyd County will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Allen Baptist Church. All interested persons welcome to join UNITE's fight against drugs.
"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m. Living Free is a faith-based 12-step support group open to all who are searching for recovery. There is no fee to attend. For more info, contact Shirley Combs at 874-3388 or 434-8400.

STRAND TWIN

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Cinema 2 - Starts Fri., Feb. 11
THE EAGLE (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:25.

Cinema 3 - Held Over
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Cinema 4 - Held Over
THE MECHANIC (R), Mon.-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:15) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:15) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 5 - Held Over
SANCTUM (R), Mon.-Thurs. 7:00-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:25.

Cinema 6 - Held Over
THE ROOMMATE (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30.

Cinema 7 - Starts Fri., Feb. 11
JUSTIN BEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (G), Mon.-Thurs. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:30) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:30) 7:10-9:25.

Cinema 8 - Starts Fri., Feb. 11
GNOMEO AND JULIET (G), Mon.-Thurs. 7:00-9:10; Fri. (4:10) 7:00-9:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:10) 7:00-9:10.

Cinema 9 - Fri., Feb. 11
JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:20) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:05-4:20) 7:05-9:25.

Cinema 10 - Held Over
THE GLENN (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:10-9:25; Fri. (4:30) 7:10-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:20) 7:10-9:25.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Valentine's Day naturally brings thoughts of hearts, flowers, sweetness and love. But did you know that it also falls during American Heart Month? A perfect time to start taking care of your heart and the hearts of the ones you love.

You might think that a heart-healthy diet is boring or flavorless. Actually, eating for your heart can add a lot of flavor, and some of it may come from surprising sources — such as watermelon. Eating watermelon can help maintain cardiovascular health. That's because the amino acid called citrulline in watermelon increases freed arginine which helps maintain blood flow, the arteries, and overall cardiovascular function.

To get more scrumptious recipes like these, and to learn more about the heart benefits of watermelon, visit www.watermelon.org.



Watermelon Oat Crumble



Grilled Scallops and Watermelon Mini Kebabs



Watermelon S'mores



Use heart-shaped and circular cookie cutters to shape a variety of watermelon treats.

Watermelon Oat Crumble

Serves 6 to 8

- 2 cups rolled or quick cook oats
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/8 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 6 cups watermelon balls

Toss the oats, sugar, honey, cinnamon and pecans until mixed well. Spread into an even layer on a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated 300°F oven until golden brown. Turn of oven leaving the tray in for an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Remove and cool. Break into crumbles. Arrange the watermelon balls in 6 to 8 small bowls or wide stemmed glasses and top with the oat crumble.

Watermelon S'mores

Serves 4

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup melted dark chocolate chips
- 4 2 x 4 x 1-inch-thick rectangles of seedless watermelon
- 1 cup mini marshmallows

Sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs over the center of 4 plates. Drizzle 1/3 of the dark chocolate over the crumbs. Place a watermelon rectangle over the crumbs and chocolate on each plate. Drizzle 1/3 of the dark chocolate over the watermelon. Sprinkle the marshmallows over the watermelon and drizzle the remaining chocolate over the marshmallows.

Grilled Scallops and Watermelon Mini Kebabs

- 12 sea scallops
- 4 cups boiling vegetable or chicken broth
- 24 1 x 1-inch watermelon cubes
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh minced ginger

Cut the scallops into halves across the diameter to create half-moon shapes. Place them in a heatproof casserole dish in a single layer. Pour the boiling clear broth over the scallops and let them poach for 5 minutes. Drain and cool the scallops. On each skewer alternate 1 half-moon scallop, then 2 watermelon cubes, then another half-moon scallop. Mix together the soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and ginger and brush the kebabs as they are grilled over a medium hot grill for about 90 seconds per side turning once. Serve warm. Serves 12 as an appetizer.

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Bears

of only 12 teams in the country to reach 20 wins this season.

Last week, after a loss at Cumberland and a win at Lindsey Wilson, the Bears received only eight votes in the poll. But their two impressive wins last week raised that total to 71, good for 24th.

Two other Mid-South Conference teams are also in

the poll. Georgetown, at 22-3, fell to No. 9 after its loss at Pikeville, and Cumberland, which also went 1-1 last week, fell one position to No. 20.

Pikeville was 1-1 against both those teams this season. St. Catharine College, which will visit Pikeville on Saturday afternoon, fell out of the Top 25 and is 29th this

week, and is the only other MSC team getting votes this week.

Pikeville will return to the East Kentucky Expo Center on Thursday night against Campbellsville University. The Bears beat the Tigers 87-76 on Jan. 6 at Campbellsville.

The game, which will air live on WYMT-TV, will start

at 8:07 p.m., and be preceded by a women's game between Pikeville and Campbellsville.

Campbellsville moved up one spot to No. 3 in this week's NAIA Div. I women's poll, while Pikeville picked up one vote in the ratings, having won seven of its last eight, all against league competition.

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EYES ON THE PRIZE

Betsy Layne senior guard Derek Tackett lofted a shot for the Bobcats during a Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic tournament game last week. Tackett was named to the all-tournament team along with teammates Casey Adkins and Andrew Roberts. Betsy Layne senior guard/forward Nathan Martin was named All "A" Classic MVP.

photo by Tim Webb

Combs named KIAC Player of the Week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIPPA PASSES — Alice Lloyd College senior guard Daniel Combs was named the KIAC men's basketball player of the week by KIAC officials on Monday.

Combs led Alice Lloyd to a 3-0 record last week with two of the wins

over conference opponents. For the week, Combs averaged 17 points, 7 rebounds, 5.3 assists, 2 blocks and 1.3 steals during the week. In a 92-81 victory over Kentucky Christian University, Combs scored 20 points to go along with 11 rebounds and 7 assists. He also scored 17 points and had 6 rebounds in an 84-62 victory over conference opponent Cincinnati Christian University.

For the week, Combs made 57.7 percent (5-of-26) of his field goal attempt, 45.5 percent (5-of-11) of his 3-point attempts and was perfect from the free-throw line (16-of-16).

Combs is currently sixth in the conference with a scoring average of 16.7 points per game.

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