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School
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grantby JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Floyd County School System is one of only six school districts in the state to receive the Early College Planning Grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education. Floyd County Schools partnered with Morehead State University and Big Sandy Community and Technical College for the grant.

"We are excited to plan for this great opportunity for our students," said Supt. Henry Webb. "We strive to offer our kids more options that will equip them to be successful after high school. This grant is yet another step we are taking in that direction and you will see more in the future."

According to information provided by Pam Caudill, community education liaison with the Floyd County Board of Education, the grant will fund planning for an early college science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) project for Floyd County high school students to be located at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College/Morehead State University campus in Prestonsburg. The goal of the project is to have students that will graduate from Floyd County Schools with an associate's degree or certification in addition to their high school diploma.

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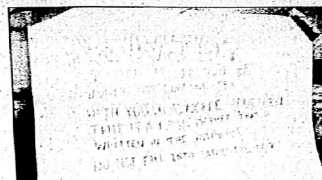
by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A four-part series of sermons at the Destination Community Church in Prestonsburg, the first of which took place Sunday, has raised a small public outcry, including a written, cardboard sign of warning taped to the window of the church Thursday evening, three days before the first sermon was given.

In addition, the series, which has been called "Pure Sex" by church founder Lee Boyd, has also led to one call to The Floyd County Times hinting at a possible picket of both The Floyd County Times for reporting on the story last week and the church itself.

The series, Boyd said last week, aims to show that sex is something "God invented" and should be

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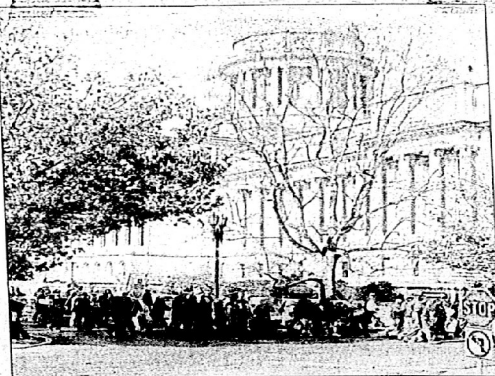
A cardboard sign on the window of the Destination Community Church warns those passing by of a "false prophet" and also to beware of "Satan's trap." The Destination Church recently kicked off a four-part series called "Pure Sex" to discuss sex and God's directions for sex, according to church founder Lee Boyd.

photo by Ralph B. Davis

MOUNTAIN LOVE



Hundreds of demonstrators spent Valentine's Day proclaiming their love for mountains on Monday. The rally, organized by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, included marchers taking their message against mountaintop removal down Capitol Avenue and around the Capitol, before ending with a rally on the Capitol steps. The event was preceded by an unrelated sit-in at the governor's office by 14 Kentuckians protesting Gov. Steve Beshear's support for mountaintop removal.

Locals part of sit-in
at governor's officeby JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — Two Floyd County residents were part of a four-day mountaintop removal protest at the office of Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear in Frankfort that ended on Monday.

Beverly May, 52, of Langley, and Rick Handshoe, 50, of Hueysville, were part of a group of 14 protesters dubbed "Kentucky Rising" that also included famed

Kentucky writer Wendell Berry.

"I think we've started a conversation with the governor that was civil and respectful and was returned in kind," Beverly May said. "But it was just a start. We've got a long way to go."

Gov. Beshear extended an invitation to the protesters to stay at the state Capitol after the group said they would not leave until he engaged them in conversation about mountaintop removal.

"They treated us good," said Rick Handshoe. "People were overwhelming us with food. We had six pizzas ordered and delivered to us from a guy in Florida."

Along with the hospitality, Handshoe believes that the protesters accomplished their goal of opening a dialogue with the governor.

"We told him our grievances," Handshoe said. "We told him he was suing the EPA

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Blue Mountain
Bluegrass Fest
draws big namesby SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — There's a new festival coming to town, and promoters and local leaders alike are excited.

With headliners such as bluegrass legend Ricky Skaggs on tap and a host of others, who wouldn't be?

Heath Scott, a native of Floyd County who has for the past several years worked in public relations within the thriving country music scene of Nashville, has now formed his own promotion outfit — The Scott Organization. And now he is bringing the Blue Moon Bluegrass Festival to Stonecrest in Prestonsburg this summer.

The Prestonsburg City Council agreed this week to host the event, which will run from July 27 to July 31.

"This is a major bluegrass festival coming to town," said Brent Graden, the city's director of economic development. "We're hoping to have upwards of 5,000 to visit Prestonsburg."

That number may seem a high-end estimate to some, but with acts such as Skaggs, Joe Diffie, Marty Raybourn, Dale Ann Bradley and Danny Paisley, among others, along with offers for overnight camping throughout the duration of the festival, numbers could well exceed even those estimates. Camping will be available with electric and water resources, but with limited space. Tickets are on pre-sale now for \$75 and will increase to \$100 on March 1, Scott said.

"They signed a contract with Parks and Recreation," added Graden. "This will make the city a little money and bring people to our place of business."

And Scott and company have not organized without timing in mind. The five-day festival will be celebrated in the year of Bill Monroe's 100th birthday anniversary, the bluegrass legend many consider the "Father of Bluegrass."

GAC's Headline Country is set to host the festival and those seeking more information can visit www.bluemoonmountain.com.



photo by Sheldon Compton

Jim Goble hands a new Westminster Avenue sign to city employee Chad Wallace, so that it can be put in place. For years, the sign was incorrectly spelled "Westminster," but Goble, a lifelong employee of The Floyd County Times in duties ranging from press manager to proofreader, pointed out that this was incorrect and city employees changed the sign to reflect the proper spelling Friday.

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Obituaries



Patrick Ryan Carroll

On February 7, 2011 SGT Patrick Ryan Carroll gave his life defending our country in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Patrick was on patrol when he fell victim to a suicide bomber. Patrick was a proud member of the 319th MI BN in Fort Bragg, NC. Patrick prided himself on his military association and accomplishments.

Patrick was the son of James Carroll and Amy Bolding. Patrick started his life in New London, Ohio. Patrick and family resided in New London through the 7th grade. Patrick moved to Bardstown, Kentucky with his father in 1998. He played baseball, soccer, basketball, football, and was a member of SKILL-SUSA. Patrick was a beloved part of the Nelson County Area Technology Center family and graduated from Nelson County High School 2003 in Bardstown, KY. Patrick followed in his father's footsteps and joined the Army in July 2005.

Patrick's initial duty station was in Germany. He did an 18 month tour in Iraq before transitioning to Ft. Bragg, NC. In August 2010 Patrick and his unit were called to duty in Afghanistan. Patrick developed a broad extended family throughout his travels and was loved by all.

Survivors include his father, James (Tonia Henry) Carroll; mother, Amy (Snyder) Bolding; grandparents, Edgar and Virginia Fay Carroll, Norm and Bonnie Snyder and George and Livena (Dorothy) Schworm; brothers, Dustin Bolding of Aliquippa, PA and Dakota Bolding of Fayetteville, NC; sister, Sumer Roberts of Fayetteville, NC and his former wife, Sara (Covert) Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 4-9 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at New London School, 1 Wildcat Drive, New London where a service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Burial will follow at Fitchville Cemetery. Condolences to the Carroll family may be expressed at: www.eastmanfuneral-home.com.

Rodney Harrington

Rodney Harrington, 40, of Somerset, died February 13 in Hazard.

Born June 5, 1970, in Pikeville, he was the son of Betty Lou Johnson, of Somerset, and the late Billy Joe Harrington. He was a disabled contractor and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Ronnie Harrington and Terry Dean Harrington.

He is survived by three sons: Uriah Rodney Harrington of Piketon, Ohio, Rodney Harrington Jr. and Caleb Harrington, both of Knott County; two daughters: Breanna Nicole Harrington and Sierra Harrington, both of Knott County; one stepdaughter: Andrea Hall of Knott County; two brothers: Homer Ray Harrington of

Somerset and Roger Ray Harrington of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Dinah Gibson of Prestonsburg, Billie Lou Gilliam of Wheelwright and Joann Vanhook of Somerset.

Funeral services will be conducted February 16 at 1 p.m. at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will follow at Harris Cemetery. Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home are in charge of arrangements.

Avery Rodney "Rod" Hunt

Avery Rodney "Rod" Hunt, age 46, of

Prestonsburg, husband of Doretha Prince Hunt, died Friday, February 11 in Prestonsburg. He was born August 18, 1964 in Marion, Oh. a son of Charles and Eulavene Rogers Hunt, Prestonsburg. Rod was a coalminer.

In addition to his wife and parents he is survived by two sons, Nathan Ryan Hunt and Justin Avery Hunt, both of Prestonsburg, one brother, Charles Dean Hunt, Marion, Oh., one sister, Jennifer (Rusty) West, Harold, his grandmother, Reathel Rogers, Harold, three nieces, Carissa Hunt, Emily and Erin West, and one nephew, Jesse (Gloria) Hunt.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Azzie Rogers.

Funeral service for Avery Rodney "Rod" Hunt will be conducted Tuesday, February 15 at 12 noon in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Richard Kelly and Paul Douglas McKinney officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. Visitation is after 6 p.m. Sunday at Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Brent Hunt, Stacy Hunt, Todd Stevens, Josh England, Charles Allen, Steven Rogers,

Ricky Williams, and Ed Adkins.

Honorary pallbearers: Darryl Williams, Donald Williams, Bryan Allen, Jeremy Rogers, Kenny Rogers, Mike Rogers, Chris Justice, Dean Hunt, Rusty West, and Dustin Rogers.

Edgel Tackett

Edgel Tackett, 75, of Hi Hat, died on February 11, 2011, at his residence. Born December 23, 1935, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Luther and Bertha Cole Tackett and companion of Sherri Hall.

Survivors include three brothers: Edgar Tackett, of Wheelwright, Luther Allen Tackett and Jeff Tackett, of

Ashtabula, Ohio, seven sisters: Verna Mae Gay, of Painsville, Ohio, Norma Hamilton and Rita D. George, both of Ashtabula, Ohio, Rosella Livingston, of Geneva, Ohio, Jennifer Loffel, of Painsville, Ohio, Darnella Davison, of Iowa and Margaret Bryant, of Wheelwright.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, in Hi Hat, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial followed at Tackett Cemetery, in Hi Hat.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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As meds-for-meth bill languishes, some seek compromise, but bill's sponsor says proposals would render it ineffective

by AL CROSS
and TARA KAPROWY
KENTUCKY HEALTH NEWS

FRANKFORT — As the bill to require prescriptions for three widely used decongestants remains short of votes to pass the Senate, there is talk of a compromise measure to thwart the use of the medicines for making methamphetamine. But the bill's sponsor says he is not open to the compromises he's heard.

"We want to go with something that works," said Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London. "What has worked is what they've done in Oregon and Mississippi. What they have done is make a controlled substance out of pseudoephedrine, ephedrine and phenylpropanolamine," and greatly reduced the number of meth labs.

Lobbyists for drug manufacturers are circulating alternative proposals, such as applying the prescription

rule only to the estimated 5,500 people convicted of a drug-related crime. Another industry proposal would cut the annual non-prescription purchase limit by more than half, from 108 grams per year to 50.

Jensen dismissed those proposals, saying they would do nothing to curtail "smurfing," meth makers' use of people who are paid to buy ingredients. "Some of them are homeless, some of them are college kids, some of them come from poor backgrounds," Jensen said of the buyers.

"They've got fake IDs, they've got GPS systems showing all the pharmacies in the area, and they'll hit them very quickly," he added. "Even trying to limit (per-month consumption) has created a whole other problem. We have a whole lot of people who are getting involved in criminal activity who probably don't even know it."

The current monitoring

system keeps the decongestants behind the counter and requires buyers to register. Under federal law, individuals may not buy more than 9 grams of pseudoephedrine in a 30-day period.

Last week on the Jack Pattie Show on Lexington's WVLK-AM, law-enforcement officers said in response to a caller that they would accept a bill that would require prescriptions for pills containing the three decongestants, since making meth from gelcaps and liquid preparations is very difficult.

Jensen rejected that idea today, saying his Senate Bill 45 would apply to only 15 products, and "All the other cold and flu medicines are still out there."

A Senate committee approved the bill on a 6-4 bipartisan vote last week, but the full Senate has passed over it for more than a week, and Jensen acknowledged in today's interview that it lacks the

votes to pass.

He said manufacturers of the 15 cold remedies "have spent a tremendous amount of money opposing it and getting a lot of misinformation out there ... We, unfortunately, don't have the funds to get out and make full-page ads and radio statements and TV commercials that say 'That's just not true.'" For example, the ads say the registration and tracking system is effective, but the law-enforcement officers on the radio show last week said it is not.

Opponents of the bill say having to get prescriptions would increase costs for cold and allergy sufferers, and meth makers would simply cross state lines to get their supplies. The opponents are backed not only by heavy spending, but by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has suggested "banning all online retail sales, distribution and shipment of products containing ephedrine and/or pseudoephedrine from non-Kentucky licensed pharmacies to individuals in Kentucky."

Rep. David Floyd, R-Bardonia, filed a bill last week to make the pill forms of the three substances "leg-

end" drugs, those that are "available through the determination of a pharmacist or by prescription." The Kentucky Standard of Bardonia. "It would not be classified as a controlled substance." The bill would also prohibit purchases of any of the three medicines by anyone under 18 without a prescription.

"While many of us are sympathetic to those who have been adversely affected by the meth trade in Kentucky, I don't believe making pseudoephedrine only available via a doctor's prescription will curtail the meth problem in our commonwealth," Floyd said in a press release. "By placing more responsibility on pharmacists who already have a monitoring system for pseudoephedrine sales, we can gain better control on those who are purchasing the product to make meth while not punishing those who need pseudoephedrine for legitimate health purposes."

Floyd's House Bill 376, which he said he wrote after consulting with Bardonia pharmacists, would allow pharmacists to dispense the drugs to "a person evidencing physical symptoms treatable by those products," according to the bill

summary, and "would require pharmacists to ask a series of questions to those trying to purchase a pseudoephedrine product," the Standard reports. It would also require them to put the information into the state's electronic tracking system for prescriptions.

"Local pharmacist Leon Claywell already uses a screening system to determine why a customer is buying medicine containing pseudoephedrine," Floyd said. If he thinks it is not for a legitimate purpose, he refuses to sell it," the Standard reports.

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Senate approves 'semi-open' primaries

FRANKFORT — Registered independents could vote in party primaries if a bill passed Thursday by the Senate becomes law.

Senate Bill 41, sponsored by Sen. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, would allow independent voters to cast a ballot in one of the two partisan primaries. They would have to choose either the Republican or Democratic primary, but would not be allowed to switch between them depending on the office.

"This bill will allow around 200,000 Kentuckians, about 7 percent of the voting population, to vote in primaries," Higdon

said. Higdon noted that voters must be registered independent by December 31 of the preceding year to qualify, long before the filing deadline, in order to discourage efforts by one party's members to affect the other party's primary results.

The change would move Kentucky to a "semi-open" primary system as opposed to a "open" primary where citizens may vote in any party's primary regardless of party registration.

The Senate approved the measure on a 23-13 vote, and it now moves to the House for its consideration.

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Guest View

Egypt: A warning for U.S. democracy

by FRANK KNAPP JR.

Make no mistake about it -- the peaceful Egyptian revolution was brought about by the workers and small business owners of that country protesting together. They want economic opportunity for all and a democratically elected government that puts its people's interests above the interests of the financially powerful, well-connected oligarchy.

There is a lesson here for our country.

Our government structures are becoming ever more influenced by those with extremely deep pockets at the expense of our citizens and small businesses. And while we have a tradition of a democratic election process to address needed changes in our government, that process is becoming less and less democratic.

This important issue was the topic of many meetings on my recent trip to Washington -- reducing the extraordinary influence of big corporate money in our government. Last year's Citizens United Supreme Court ruling that corporations are "people" that have a Constitutional right to spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections has moved our country rapidly down the road to a far less democratic nation -- a road we were already on.

Our government "of the people, by the people and for the people" is in jeopardy of becoming "of the corporations, by the corporations and for the corporations." Real "people" will only be pawns to be manipulated when corporate money totally dominates our elections. Already we've seen how corporate lobbyists dominate the legislative process.

Small businesses are and should be very concerned. We know that big U.S. and multi-national corporations are only interested in profits regardless of the consequence to small businesses.

The fact is that what is good for big business is often not good for small business.

That is exactly the reason The South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce was founded over 10 years ago. Small businesses must fight for ourselves and not simply rely on paternalistic big businesses to allow scraps to fall off the bountiful table they have bought for themselves.

Right now in Washington big corporate campaign donors are pushing: ■ for even more tax incentives for offshoring production and jobs; ■ lost opportunities for small businesses to supply goods and services to domestic manufacturing and fewer workers buying from our local small businesses.

■ to eliminate regulations aimed at protecting us from another financial meltdown causing another great recession -- one that destroys the customers base, credit and loans small businesses need to survive.

■ to cripple any chance for comprehensive national energy and climate legislation -- a significant opportunity for jumpstarting a green economy that will both create new small businesses and offer more opportunities for existing ones.

These and other goals of big corporations, many that have no allegiance to our country or any country, are likely to be successful not on the merits of the ideas but on the size of the corporate campaign chests.

Fortunately, citizens and small businesses across this country are organizing to take back our democracy from these corporate "persons." We understand that what the Egyptians are demonstrating to get, we are on the verge of losing.

So while our members of Congress publicly express their support for the Egyptian peoples' desire for real democracy, they need to look at the direction our own country is heading and start listening to the concerns of our citizens and small businesses.

Egypt is a warning to the United States.

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Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

One of the biggest challenges during odd-year, 30-day legislative sessions can be summed up in one word: Time. The period between the opening days of debating bills and the session's end is fairly compact at little more than a month. The midpoint is this week.

With that in mind, the Kentucky House is making some significant progress in moving its agenda forward this year.

Last Thursday and Friday, for example, the chamber voted overwhelmingly for three of our top priorities: Avoiding a potentially catastrophic deficit in Medicaid; raising the high school dropout age from 16 to 18; and giving voters an opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that would ensure hunting and fishing rights can never be chipped away.

The first of those involves a situation that fortunately is relatively easy to fix. The problem arose when Congress did not appropriate as much money for Medicaid as the state budget projected. If nothing is done, it could open up a \$600 million deficit that would have to be overcome by the end of June. Most of that is federal money, but the state must put up its portion to receive the rest.

Under our proposal, we would borrow the state's match

from next year's Medicaid budget, a move that doesn't require any new money or affect any other state program. We would re-balance Medicaid by extending statewide the kind of managed care programs that have proven successful in the Louisville area. This should provide more than enough savings.

If that legislation is about the immediate future, our plan to raise the high school dropout age is focused more on the long term. If enacted, this proposal would be phased in over the next several years, and it would put an additional emphasis on alternative education programs for those most at-risk academically.

A little more than two dozen states have a higher dropout age than Kentucky, and the reason for this trend is simple: The two years of lost education will affect the students for a lifetime. Those without a diploma earn about \$7,000 less each year than those with one. In today's economy, they cannot afford to make that mistake, and neither can Kentucky.

Our third priority, better preserving hunting and fishing rights, would put us in line with many other states, including Tennessee, if it is put on the ballot in 2012 and voters approve.

This legislation, which I am proud to sponsor, would not alter the current rules governing these sports, such as hunting seasons, but it would keep local governments or the courts from severely restricting these activities on their own. These activities are part of our heritage, and should always remain that way.

Another major piece of legislation to make it through the House last week would crack down on drunken driving. Those convicted of DUI would be required to use an ignition interlock system so that, if it detects alcohol on their breath, they would not be allowed to start their vehicle.

There are thousands of DUIs in Kentucky every year, and about 200 people were killed in 2009 in accidents where alcohol was a factor. A little more than a dozen states have taken this step, and they have seen some great success with it.

On a personal note, I was honored last week to receive the Distinguished Legislator Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Lincoln Heritage Council. Serving as a Boy Scout, and achieving the Life ranking, was a highlight of my adolescent years, and being a Scout master when I attended law school only added to that. I cannot encourage our young men and women enough to pursue Scouting, because it does so much to build on our talents while teaching us how to be reliant on ourselves as well as others.

As I alluded to at the beginning of the column, we only have about two weeks remaining to finish our work this session. I appreciate all of the calls I have received, and encourage you to join them if you would like to let me know your views.

You can leave a message for me or for any legislator at 800-372-7181. For those with a hearing impairment, the number is 800-896-0305.

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

The pace has picked up significantly as we worked through the second week of the 2011 session. Hot topic legislation was discussed and passed through the House of Representatives, rallies advocating causes were held on the Capitol steps and in the Rotunda, and my colleagues and I hurried from committee obligations and meetings with constituents staff and individuals, students and groups from my district.

The House passed several bills that have been at the top of our agenda for this session. House Bill 305 is considered our budget adjustment bill that will help address the state's Medicaid shortfall. Specifically it would move \$166.6 million from next year's Medicaid budget to this year's budget. The budget hole was caused in part because the two-year budget was built on the assumption that Kentucky would receive a higher federal match for Medicaid.

However, Congress only provided part of the assumed fund-

ing so we had to take action. If not, Kentucky would have to cut about \$600 million from the federal and state health plan for the poor and disabled this fiscal year. That could mean up to a 30 percent cut in Medicaid payments to doctors, hospitals and other providers. House Bill 305 passed by a vote of 80-19 and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

House Bill 225, called the Graduation Bill, passed by a vote of 91-8. On average, dropouts earn about \$6,800 less annually than high school graduates. Nearly 6,000 Kentucky students dropped out in 2009, and about 26 percent of adults statewide do not have a high school diploma. House Bill 225 would gradually increase the state's dropout age from 16 to 18 by the year 2012. This bill will reap positive rewards for our students and our economy.

In an effort to curb repeat drunk driving offenders, we passed House Bill 58 which would require the use of an ignition lock to prevent people convicted of drunk driving from being able to start their cars if they have been drinking. In 2009, 203 people in Kentucky were killed in alcohol related crashes. This bill will help keep Kentucky's roads safer and save

lives. House Bill 58 passed by a vote of 95-0.

The House also passed HB 35 to allow domestic violence victims in dating relationships to seek protective orders from a court. The law currently allows only married couples, couples who have lived together or couples who have a child in common to seek such protections. House Bill 35 cleared the House by a vote of 93-3.

House Bill 197, a bill I sponsored, passed the House by a vote of 95-0. This legislation would require that a license plate remain on a motor vehicle upon its sale and allow the seller of a motor vehicle to apply to the county clerk to transfer a plate with existing valid registration onto a newly acquired vehicle. This bill would also make temporary tags good for 30 days rather than the 60 days as the law states now. House Bill 197 now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Other legislation that cleared the House this week includes: ■ House Bill 3, the immigration bill, which would require employers who get public money to use the federal government's E-Verify system when hiring to ensure that workers are

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COMMENTARY

Guest Column

Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

We are nearing the halfway point of this 30-day legislative session, and an important milestone passed Friday — the last day to file new bills in the Senate. So we now have a clear idea of what Senate legislation we have to consider. Fairly soon, we will wrap up our work on Senate-sponsored bills and begin hearings on House proposals. Conversely, we passed several significant bills this week in the hopes the other chamber will give them its seal of approval.

An education bill we approved this week, SB 56, focuses on helping students understand the

virtues and values our nation was founded on by offering courses in Bible literacy. These elective social studies classes, freely chosen by students, would focus not on the Bible as a religious text, but rather how it has influenced history and the arts throughout the last two millennia. Renaissance art focused a great deal on biblical scenes, and many literary works have their roots in Biblical stories and parables.

It is impossible to understand the turmoil in the Middle East, among other current events, without the background history told in the Bible. Giving public schools this option would help create students who are more well-rounded and informed about the world they live in.

Two other bills we passed will not grab headlines, dealing as they do with the inner workings of

government, but each have a major impact on thousands of Kentuckians. Since you will not read about them from most media outlets, I want to report on them to you myself.

SB 39 will require any business bidding on a state contract to be registered with the Secretary of State's office. We currently require most businesses to do this already, but many out-of-state businesses skirt the rules without real consequence, putting Kentucky businesses at a disadvantage. In the last six months alone, nearly \$1 billion in state contracts have been awarded, a figure that shows the magnitude of the potential problem.

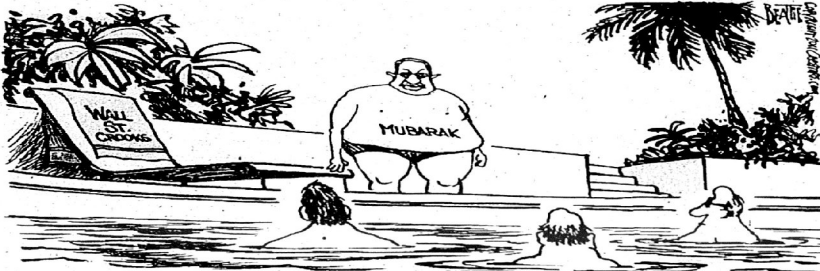
We also approved participation in a proposed multi-state compact governing horseracing rules and regulations. If the House goes along, SB 14 would make

Kentucky the first state to join the compact, assuring our leadership position among 'horse states' like New York, California, Maryland, and others that have their own rules for horse racing. Just as importantly, this compact will still allow the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to have final say over any new rules. The compact will act as a coordinating body, not the final authority on the rules.

In recent years, there has been an effort at the federal level to regulate horseracing, and that threatens the ability of Kentucky horse owners, breeders, jockeys, and track operators to have a direct local say in how our signature industry is run. The main concern is that, as different states impose their own rules for which medications are legal, how pari-mutuel wagering is conducted,

and other important aspects of how horseracing is operated; cross-state differences could put Kentucky at a competitive disadvantage. We, of course, want Kentucky racing to remain vital and well run. This multi-state compact, we believe, is a better way to accomplish that than federal oversight.

Only 15 legislative days remain before we break for the veto period, so now is the time to make your views known. To leave a message for me, your House member, or any other legislator, call the General Assembly's toll-free Message Line at (800) 372-7181. People with hearing impairments may leave messages for lawmakers by calling the TTY Message Line at (808) 896-0305. You can also e-mail me directly at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.



"You guys got to keep all your loot after everything crashed and burned. I could use a few pointers."

Just the right change, please

by JANE M. ORIENT, M.D.

Americans who voted for "hope and change" are probably hoping that there is not too much change.

They hope that the emergency room will stay open; that their doctor will stay in practice; and that if they have to go to the hospital it will be warm (or cool enough), clean, and well stocked. They hope that their government checks will arrive on time, and will cover about the same amount of food and medicine that they did before. And of course that those items will be readily available.

These hopes depend on a sound economy—and the willingness of foreigners to accept dollars for oil and other necessities, and to buy or hold our debt.

In the State of the Union message, Obama acknowledged that all is not well, but did not level with Americans about the enormity of the problem or its causes. Since "Y2K" (the year 2000), when the forces of progressive socialism took effect in earnest, the U.S. has lost 12 factories and 2,400 manufacturing jobs per day. Between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of U.S. industrial workers fell from 19% to 9%. Productive industries are fleeing—and medical tourism is also becoming a multibillion dollar industry, attracting Americans to

India or Singapore.

The United States is no longer the best place in the world to do business or practice medicine. And the reason is government policy: taxation, regulation, and litigation.

Some of our productive jobs have been replaced with economy-killing jobs, as for tax collectors and regulators. We have nearly 100,000 compliance officers in the federal government alone. The world, however, does not want to trade useful stuff like oil or food for papers or computer files generated by these "knowledge workers."

And the entitlement meteor is going to strike. Between 2010 and 2030, the population aged 65 and older will increase from 41 million to 71 million. The liabilities of public and private pension funds and Medicare are at least \$50 trillion, perhaps \$130 trillion or more, while the entire global GDP is about \$60 trillion per year.

Redistribution—even if Obama calls it "investment"—will not get us out of this hole; it will only bury us deeper. We need two generations of hard work and self denial by Americans to recover. They must have the freedom to work, to innovate, and to save. They cannot succeed if their capital is siphoned off into subsidies for the government's preferred recipients.

Obama has already acknowledged the harmful effect of bleeding the productive through tax increases, although in the SOTU he still calls for taxing the rich

more. And he wrote a prominent Wall Street Journal editorial calling for relief from oppressive regulation. But what will change?

The "healthcare reform" law embodies many examples of economy-crushing policy, but Obama mentioned only the wild proliferation of IRS form 1099. The law explicitly requires redistribution of wealth. It imposes around \$800 billion in new taxes. It loads doctors down with so many compliance duties that most independent practitioners will be driven out of business—on purpose. It creates some 159 new agencies to dictate insurance coverage and medical treatment decisions. It is rife with price controls. For all the talk about "payment for value," the bill assures expanding the Medicare model to everyone. The only way doctors can profit is by churning out a high volume of low-value services and/or by denying expensive care.

Congressional leaders who rammed ObamaCare through admit that they didn't read it. And neither did Obama. Now that we are finding out what is in it, the need for repeal is increasingly clear. This must be done now, before the fat special interests who are rushing to implement it to their own benefit become still more entrenched. This includes insurance cartels, those purveyors of information technology who have an inside track in government, and, alas, organized medicine.

Before the Patient

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state universities to use their own money to finance building projects. It passed by a vote of 99-0.

We are more than halfway through the 30-day session and I expect things will continue along in a swift and steady state.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you 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 1-800-372-7181.

Our corporate court system

by JIM HIGHTOWER

When corporate executives needed a political favor, they used to run to Congress. Now they can also run to the courthouse.

Over the years, corporate chiefs and their political henchmen have steadily ensconced reliable laissez-faire ideologues in hundreds of federal judgeships, quietly creating a corporate-friendly path for moving their litigation all the way from the district level through the Supreme Court.

For example, in its effort to scuttle President Barack Obama's healthcare reform, the right wing has gone court shopping. They've filed their cases in the courts of judges who are known to be ideologically hostile to government regulation of health care companies.

Take U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson in Virginia. On December 13, he ruled that a key provision of the new law is unconstitutional. His decision is odds with 14 other federal judges who'd dismissed similar challenges. He had to resort to twisted reasoning to reach his verdict and keep the right wing's flawed case moving. But, hey—you can let legal niceties get in the way of ideology.

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judicial robe and you'll find a naked partisan with a long career in hard-right Republican politics. A protégé of Ronald Reagan and his detestable attorney general Ed Meese, Hudson ran unsuccessfully for a Virginia congressional seat in 1991. As consolation, he got two GOP political appointments in the state before George W. Bush put him on the federal bench in 2002.

Even today, as he sits in judgment of politically motivated cases, Hudson continues to draw an annual income as an owner of a Republican political consulting firm. One of the firm's successful clients in 2009 was Ken Cuccinelli, just elected as Virginia's attorney general. And Ken just happens to be the official who filed the right wing's case against Obama's health care reform in Judge Hudson's court.

Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. He's also editor of the populist newsletter, *The Hightower Lowdown*.

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authorized to work in the United States. It also would require public agencies to use E-Verify. House Bill 3 passed by a vote of 90-6.

House Bill 70, proposed constitutional amendment, which passed by a vote of 77-21, would restore voting rights after felons complete their sentences and probation. Virginia and Kentucky are the only two states that do not allow felon voting rights and currently Kentucky has 128,000 former felons who cannot vote.

House Bill 310 would allow university research parks and military bases to apply to receive tax increment financing, commonly called TIF, for development projects. House Bill 310 would also allow

Be smart S about Snacking



FAMILY FEATURES

Mid-morning munchies? An afternoon snack attack? Or a late-night nosh? No matter what time of day, sometimes the body just seems to be calling out for something to nibble on. But snacking doesn't have to be a bad thing — if you know how to do it right.

Snacking with wellness in mind can help curb your appetite and keep you from overeating at meal times. Here are some tips, ideas and recipes to help you out.

Plan Ahead. We all need a little pick-me-up during the day. So rather than hitting the vending machine at work or the fast food place when you're out, pack wholesome snacks such as apples or almonds to have on hand when the munchies hit. With nutritious snacks at the ready, snacker's remorse is sure to be a thing of the past.

Practice Portion Control. Snack time should be enjoyable, but it's important not to overindulge. A portion-controlled snack such as LEAN CUISINE® Spring Rolls makes it easy to snack deliciously while enjoying a balanced treat. Packed with 100 percent white meat chicken, melted cheeses, crisp vegetables and flavorful sauces, these tasty spring rolls are 200 calories per serving and they're ready in just minutes. Find out more at www.LeanCuisine.com.

Pay Attention to What You Eat. Mindless eating leads to overeating. Instead of munching while you work or sneaking a snack during your favorite television show, eat only to satiate hunger. Being aware of the foods you consume and why you are consuming them will help you better manage calorie intake and avoid eating when you're not hungry.

Snackin' Pumpkin Hummus

Makes 16 servings (2 tablespoons each)

- 1 can (15.5 ounces) chickpeas or garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 3/4 cup Libby's 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

PLACE chickpeas, pumpkin, lemon juice, water, garlic, salt and pepper into food processor; cover. Blend for 1 minute or until smooth. Additional water, a teaspoon at a time, can be added if a smoother consistency is desired. Stir in parsley. Serve immediately or refrigerate in tightly covered container for up to 4 days. Makes about 2 cups. SERVE along with pita triangles or raw vegetables.



Crunchy Dark Cherry Raisinets Granola

Makes 25 servings (1/4 cup each)

- 1/3 cup maple syrup or honey, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups old-fashioned oats, uncooked
- 2 cups total of mixed nuts and seeds (chopped pecans, chopped almonds and shelled sunflower seeds)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup (4 ounces) Nestlé Raisinets Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries
- 1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries or chopped crystallized ginger (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Combine syrup and butter in medium, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH (100% power) for 30 seconds or until bubbly.

COMBINE oats, nuts and seeds and salt in large bowl. Drizzle with syrup mixture; stir to coat. Spoon mixture onto jelly-roll pan or rimmed baking sheet.

BAKE, stirring occasionally, for 25 minutes or until golden. Remove from oven and cool completely in pan on wire rack. Add Cherry Raisinets and dried cranberries. Store in sealed container for up to 3 weeks.

Strawberry Swirl Smoothie

Makes 4 servings (8 ounces each)

- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Lowfat 2% Milk, chilled
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups whole strawberries, frozen or fresh
- 1 container (6 ounces) light strawberry yogurt

PLACE evaporated milk, strawberries and yogurt in blender; cover. Blend until smooth.

For more recipe ideas and nutritional information, visit www.Meals.com.



Snacking Solutions

Fruits and Veggies. Pack some grab-and-go produce to help you feel full. Produce not only contains fewer calories, but offers a wide variety of essential vitamins and minerals.

- Did you know that two tangerines have fewer calories than an 8-ounce glass of orange juice? And they contain more fiber, helping you feel satisfied!
- Pack an assortment of colorful veggies for work. Try strips of red and yellow peppers, baby carrots and celery. Paired with a nutritious dipping sauce, these delightful veggies are sure to please.

Whole Grains. Whole grains provide many nutrients, including dietary fiber, several B vitamins, and minerals like iron, magnesium and selenium. So skip the bag of greasy chips and go for some whole grain crackers or pretzels instead. Try them with a low-fat dip or a little bit of flavorful cheese.

Protein. Give your body a longer lasting energy boost with protein-packed snacks.

- Hummus is low in calories and fat, and is loaded with protein, fiber and flavor.
- A hard-cooked egg has fewer than 100 calories and can help bridge the hunger gap between meals.

Low-Fat Dairy. Dairy products like cheese and yogurt are satisfying sources of protein, calcium, vitamins and minerals. But make sure you check the labels — some yogurts have a lot of added sugar, so when you look for low-fat, make sure you also look for low calorie.



State, local officials dismayed by Florida decision

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — An announcement from Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway clearly stating his concern about Florida Gov. Rick Scott's proposal to eliminate the implementation of an electronic pre-

scription drug tracking system in his state has prompted response statewide, including officials here in Floyd County.

Conway said in his statement he was "deeply concerned" about the proposal. "I am deeply concerned about Florida Gov. Rick Scott's decision, at a time

when prescription pills from his state are killing Kentuckians," Conway said in his statement. "Electronic tracking systems, which are currently in place in 34 states, are essential to curbing the diversion of prescription pain pills." Conway added that he would be helping coordi-

nate efforts with his colleagues who serve on the National Association of Attorneys General prescription pill task force to contact states without electronic tracking about why systems should be immediately implemented.

In Floyd County, Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said one thing that might help is for Florida officials to understand how it also causes problems for residents in that state.

"A lot of pills we're seeing here are from Florida, and what we need to do is move in the direction of trying to stop them," Turner said. "They don't view pills as a big issue because the people who are getting those are coming back here. So they get the benefit of money and taxes and visitors and then they leave and bring back the pills and cause all the damage here. So I think a part of it may be try-

ing to explain to them why it's also in their interest to put a stop to it."

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, sees the problem on perhaps a wider scale, as he says, saying that it's not only Kentuckians who are suffering from the newest in a long history of drug "pipelines" that started in Pennsylvania, moved to Indiana and currently exists in Florida.

"When Conway says Florida prescription pills are killing Kentuckians, I know that's his focus, but the truth of the matter is prescription pills from Florida are killing people in every state, including Florida," Bartley said. "The drug community is highly educated in the sense they know where to go to get their drugs with the least amount of risk. People in other states like Tennessee know that, as well, and all over."

Bartley said he under-

stands that the current economic climate must have some hand in Gov. Scott's decision, but some matters rise above costs.

"I understand it's a tough economic climate out there and I'm sure the decision being made in Florida is connected to that," he said, "but at the same time, there are some things you can't afford not to do, and this is one of those things, because the end result for not spending money for this system is more dead bodies."

White House Drug Czar Gil Kerlikowske told The Associated Press on Monday he wants to shed light on the problems states such as Kentucky face from prescription drugs.

Kerlikowske has called Kentucky the "epicenter" of the nation's prescription drug problems, saying "it's heartbreaking what's going on there."



Bev May and Rick Handshoe, both of Floyd County, settle in for a restless night's sleep in the governor's office.

Bill would place Expo Center under local control

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — A new bill sponsored by state Sen. Ray Jones would give local officials more control over Pikeville's East Kentucky Expo Center.

"Even though it is a state-owned facility, local officials have the responsibility of funding and maintaining the center," Jones said. "Therefore, the county judge-executive and mayor should have some input into who serves on the Expo Center board."

The Expo Center, which

opened in 2005, is in financial trouble and has recently cut personnel down to five employees. According to reports, the Expo Center has a deficit of close to \$500,000.

The East Kentucky Expo Center is important to our community, especially to our young people and Pikeville College," Jones said. "It is also a significant tool in promoting economic development and tourism for our area. The East Kentucky Expo Center is vital to the growth and prosperity of our community, and we have an obligation

to make sure that this \$20 million-plus facility is successful."

Jones has also appeared on behalf of the Expo Center to ask for the early release of coal severance funds from the Pike County Fiscal Court to help the struggling facility.

Earlier this month, it was reported that the city of Pikeville was in negotiations to assume the debt of the Expo Center and take over management responsibilities at the facility. The proposed contract is a lease of \$10 per year for 99 years.

Sit-in

for trying to protect our water. We told him we were using taxpayer money to sue an agency that's trying to protect us.

"We're not out here to take people's jobs. I know some miners think that. We are asking for stimulus money to retrain miners and build us a new economy because we are running out of coal. We are going to have it for the rest of our lives, but we are going to run out. Also, our miners need to be protected. We're looking out for their kids and grandkids. We hope this is a start

of an ongoing dialogue." Handshoe said that mining has completely destroyed a stream near his house, and he fears that residents of the area will have to leave if things don't improve.

"The stream running by my home is dead," Handshoe said. "Every living creature in this stream is dead. We have to protect the surface water or we are going to have to leave."

When Berry, Handshoe, May, and the other protesters emerged from the sit-in on Monday, they were

greeted by a crowd of over 1,000 people who had gathered at the Capitol to attend the "We Love Mountains" rally, sponsored by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

"We came because the land, its forests, and its streams are being destroyed by the surface mining of coal, because the people are suffering intolerable harms to their homes, their health, and their communities," Berry said.

For more information on the protest, visit www.kentuckyrising.blogspot.com.

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Sex

talked about openly.

"We're going to deal with issues that are relevant to the community," Boyd said last week. "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 planned to be 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 the directions. A third part will focus on "casting the first stone" and then a final sermon on sex in marriage and "how to have the best sex ever."

However, Thursday evening a cardboard sign appeared taped to the window of the church's Court Street location that read, "WWJD? I can assure you He would not condone sex with youth, advocate adul-

tery! This is a false prophet that is written in the Holy Bible! Do not fall into Satan's evil trap!"

Boyd and his family, along with a few others, left the Allen Baptist Church and formed the Destination Community Church nearly a year ago, holding their first service Easter Sunday last year.

Rachel Willoughby, a member who joined Boyd when he formed the church, said the goal for her and others has been to pray for a way to see the needs of the community. "We prayed over two years ago that God would just open our eyes to the needs of this community and that He would break our hearts for the things that break his heart, that He would show us what was impacting families," Willoughby said. "We prayed that he would show us the way to go that we

could give love and work with the people here who might not go to a traditional church."

As for the first sermon in the four-part series, Willoughby was more than optimistic. "Sunday was a wonderful day," she said. "Our service was great and I'm just so thankful."

Boyd touched on the possibility of an outcry last week. "We're bracing for that," Boyd said then. "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 taking place."

The second in the four-part series is scheduled for this Sunday, Feb. 20.

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Police pass out 'most wanted' cards at jails, prison

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEEL WRIGHT
State Police Trooper Shaun Little visited Otter Creek Correctional Center Monday afternoon. The reason? He needed to deliver more than 400 decks of playing cards to inmates at the facility.

Little visited Otter Creek and left 422 decks of cards Monday morning.

It may seem odd, this delivery, but there's a method to what might seem strange for Little and all

state police officers and detectives in the Big Sandy area in which state police officials at Post 9 in Pikeville cover.

The playing cards are not just any playing cards. These cards depict in a novel style both missing persons and individuals wanted throughout the state.

The plan is unique and a new approach, says Little. "A lot of these inmates are just sitting around playing cards," said Little.

"Who knows that one of them doesn't get one of these cards and recognize

the person and then notify us and then we have a lead we would not have had otherwise."

Little has been delivering these specially-designed playing cards to other facilities as well, including both the Floyd County Detention Center and the Pike County Detention Center. Little said several decks of cards were also dropped off at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County.

Little said many of these unsolved crimes and fugitives from the law have

been cases that have been at his post for years, as is the case at the number of other state police posts throughout the state. He adds that anything that might develop into a solid lead can never

be a bad thing.

"We're making this effort to see if we can jog somebody's memory," said Little. "It's the same way we keep the media informed of the unsolved

cases we have. We're always looking for something new, any new information, that can be of use in helping bring justice or closure to a case outstanding with our department."

Miss Ky., Miss Ky. Outstanding Teen to appear at pageant



Djuan Trent



Laura Jones

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Miss Kentucky Djuan Trent and Miss Kentucky Outstanding Teen Laura Jones are scheduled to be in Prestonsburg to assist in the upcoming Miss East Kentucky Pageant on March 19.

"We are excited about bringing this opportunity to the mountains," said Mandy Stumbo, who, along with Michelle Sode, serves as director of the pageant.

According to Stumbo, Trent will crown the Miss East Kentucky and Jones will crown Miss East Kentucky Outstanding Teen.

The pageant will be hosted by the Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization. The organization is a preliminary for the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization.

The Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Pageant is open to

contestants across the state. The pageant also includes divisions for Little Miss, Pre-teen and Outstanding Teen contestants. Each queen of each division will represent the Miss East Kentucky Scholarship Organization at the state level of competition beginning in the summer of 2011 that includes Little Miss Kentucky, Miss Kentucky's Outstanding Teen and Pre-teen divisions.

The Miss East Kentucky Pageant will be held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center in Prestonsburg.

The deadline for entering the Little Miss/Pre-teen Pageant is Friday, Feb. 25, and the Outstanding Teen/Miss Division is Friday, March 11. For more information, contact Mandy Stumbo at (606) 949-6326 or by email at mandystumbo01@yahoo.com or Michelle Sode at (606) 205-7262 or michelle.sode@hotmail.com.

Sen. Turner participates in annual state black history event honoring William Arthur Blakey

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William Arthur "Buddy" Blakey was honored posthumously Tuesday at the eighth annual "History in the Making" Black History Month celebration at the Kentucky State Capitol.

"Black History Month is a chance to reflect on the resilience and spirit of the African-American community and the unmatched influence leaders have had on the American fiber," said Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, just after attending the event.

The Rotunda was filled to capacity for the annual event, hosted by the Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus on behalf of the entire Kentucky General Assembly. Senator Neal led the tribute to Mr. Blakey.

A Louisville native, Mr. Blakey devoted his life to the education of children and the promotion and support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country. He was a member of the Gamma Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., where he served on the Scholarship Committee.

A lawyer, he started his own Washington, D.C.-based practice, William A. Blakey and Associates, PLLC, in 2005.

He was an effective leader in the education

excellence, equity, access and movements. He was a Stalwart Champion of HBCU for four decades. Every law student who has participated in or who will participate in a Council for Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) program is indebted to Mr. Blakey - because he moved that program from a vision to reality.

Dr. Kevin Cosby, senior pastor of St. Stephen Church and president of Simmons College of Kentucky, was the keynote speaker. He discussed Simmons College of Kentucky, the state's oldest African American college founded in 1879. The college was established by former slaves to train the sons and daughters of fellow African Americans. Today, it offers Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Theology degrees and has an enrollment of approximately 200 students.

Gov. Steve Beshear noted the importance of this national celebration.

"Black History Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of the many African Americans who have played an important part in the history of Kentucky and our nation, some famous and even more forgotten," said Governor Steve Beshear. "I encourage all Kentuckians to join me as we observe this important month. As a community, as a state, and as a nation, we all must live and work together, celebrating our diversity while practicing unity."

Other dignitaries partici-

pating were Senate President David L. Williams, R-Burkesville; House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, and former Rep. Eleanor Jordan, current executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Women. Mayor Bill Sheekles, the first black mayor of Bardonia, led the acknowledgement of the local officials attending the celebration. Those included former longtime Paducah Commissioner Robert Coleman and Louisville Metro Councilwoman Cheri Bryant Hamilton.

Black History Month dates to 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who worked in Kentucky coal mines as a child and was the son of former slaves, proposed and launched a week-long celebration of the individuals and occasions having a significant impact on African American history in America. In 1976, the celebration was extended to the entire month of February.

"This is not just an African American history celebration," said Senator Turner, "this is an American history celebration."

Senator Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, organizer of the event and a member of the Black Legislative Caucus acknowledged the importance of celebrating Black History and remembering the sacrifices.

"Black History Month gives us the opportunity to remember the important legacy of African Americans in Kentucky and the nation," said Senator Neal.

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Correction

A civil suit included in the For the Record section of our Friday's edition was incorrectly listed. The case should have been listed as: Jerry J. Martin vs. Foster D. Mitchell. The Times regrets this error.

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Chop block rule redefined in high school football

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — A change in the definition of a chop block in high school football, along with a strong emphasis on proper use of the helmet to minimize risk of injury, highlighted the January 21-23 meeting of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules

Committee in Indianapolis. The modification of the chop block rule was one of 11 rules changes recommended by the Football Rules Committee and approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The new language in Rule 2-3-8 defines a chop block as a combination block by two or more teammates against an opponent other than the run-

ner, with or without delay, where one of the blocks is low (at the knee or below) and one of the blocks is high (above the knee).

Previous language defined a chop block as "a delayed block at the knees or below against an opponent who is in contact with a teammate of the blocker in the free-blocking zone."

Bob Colgate, NFHS assis-

tant director and liaison to the Football Rules Committee, said that any combination block where one block is high (above the knee) and one block is low (at or below the knee) will constitute a chop block — with or without delay between the blocks. He also noted that a low-low combination block is no longer a chop block.

Although not an official rules change, perhaps the most significant action by the committee was the issuance of the 2011 Points of Emphasis on concussions, helmets and contact above the shoulders.

The NFHS has been the leader in establishing playing rules to deal with concussions. Last year, the NFHS implemented new guidelines for the management of a stu-

dent exhibiting signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion. In addition, the NFHS developed a free online course entitled Concussion in Sports — What You Need to Know, which has been viewed by more than 135,000 persons.

"The committee chose not to change many of the play-

(See FOOTBALL, page two)

Bobcats turn back P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Seniors Nathan Martin and Casey Adkins pushed in 14 points apiece as Betsy Layne defeated 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Prestonsburg 68-47 Saturday at the Dome.

Betsy Layne bounced back into the win column one day after dropping its first 15th Region game of the season to neighboring Pike County Central.

The Bobcats improved to 20-6 overall while Prestonsburg dropped to 16-5.

Eleven different Betsy Layne players scored as the Bobcats gradually pulled away for the district/conference win.

Betsy Layne shot 57.5 percent (23-of-40) from the field. The Bobcats were 17-of-27 from the free throw line.

"Betsy Layne separated itself from the Blackcats in the third quarter after carrying single-digit leads out of each of the first two periods. The Bobcats outscored Prestonsburg 14-8 in the first quarter and led 29-20 at halftime.

Betsy Layne dominated in the third quarter, outscoring visiting Prestonsburg 19-3.

Prestonsburg posted 27 points in the final quarter but still fell short.

Derek Tackett tossed in eight points and Michael Henson had seven for the Bobcats. Adam Roberts, Tyler Reznick and Dylan Hamilton tossed in five points apiece for Betsy Layne in the convincing win.

Adkins led Betsy Layne inside, securing a team-high seven rebounds. Reznick nabbed five rebounds for the Bobcats.

Ten different players provided scoring for the Blackcats. Caleb Petry paced the Blackcats with nine points. Corey Carter, Cody Bentley and Cory Bentley followed with eight points apiece for the Blackcats.

In a girls' game, Betsy Layne beat Prestonsburg 58-32.

Betsy Layne was visiting East Ridge at press time Tuesday night. In another game, Prestonsburg was entertaining Johnson Central. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.

Betsy Layne 68, Prestonsburg 47 (6-15): S. Carter 2, C. Carter 8, B. Williams 3, Cody Bentley 8, Petry 9, Robinson 1, Spiggle 2, Cor. Bentley 8, Arnett 2, Stapleton 4.

Betsy Layne (20-6): Maldonado 4, D. Tackett 8, Martin 14, Roberts 5, Adkins 14, Reznick 5, D. Hamilton 5, D. Newsome 2, Case 2, Z. Tackett 2, Henson 7.

P'burg.....12 3 27-47

BL.....14 15 19 20-68



Allen Central's Stephen Goble (50) put up a shot over a Belfry defender Friday night. Visiting Belfry defeated the Rebels 77-63 at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Rebels drop homecoming game to 15th Region rival Belfry

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Jordan Varney and Anthony Strother scored a game-high 19 points apiece as Belfry defeated host Allen Central 77-63 on Homecoming Night Friday at the J.E. Campbell Arena.

Varney netted 19 points and Chris Altizer added 14 as the Pirates pulled off the non-district win.

Belfry, which shot 53.8 percent (28-of-52) from the field, improved to 13-7. Allen Central fell to 7-16 following the loss.

The Pirates were 19-of-31 from the free throw line and claimed 33 rebounds.

Belfry secured an early lead, forcing the Rebels to play from behind throughout the contest. The Pirates led 18-11 through one quarter and 37-22 at the half.

Belfry never relinquished a lead after intermission. The Rebels, however, managed to edge Belfry 41-40 in the second half.

Tony Messer added 16 points and Robinson chipped in 10 for the Pirates. Gary Runyon just missed double figures, adding nine points for the Belfry boys' basketball

squad. Strother also led Belfry on the boards, grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds. Messer claimed 10 rebounds as two different Pirates registered double-doubles.

Braxton Tackett paced Allen Central with a team-best 14 points. Seth Jarrell and Micah Harlow added 11 points apiece for the Rebels. Junior Handshoe tossed in eight points and Donovan Salyer scored seven for Allen Central in the loss.

Allen Central was visiting Pikeville Tuesday night.

The Rebels are scheduled to visit Sheldon Clark (Feb. 16) and host Magoffin County (Feb. 18) in the regular-season prior to competing in the 58th District Tournament at South Floyd next week.

Belfry 77, Allen Central 63
Belfry (13-7): Altizer 3, Varney 19, Runyon 19, Strother 19, Messer 16, Robinson 10, Masters 1.
Allen Central (7-16): Handshoe 8, Jarrell 11, Cole 5, Tackett 14, Harlow 11, Goble 6, Salyer 7.
B.....18 19 14 26-77
AC.....11 11 17 24-63



Above: Seth Jarrell drove to the basket for a layup. Below: Micah Harlow went up with a one-hander.



Pike County Central knocks off Betsy Layne

Hobo McCoy nets game-high 38 points for Hawks

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Pike County Central became the first 15th Region team to beat Betsy Layne this season, defeating the Bobcats 73-69 Friday night at the Dome. Senior guard Hobo McCoy poured in a game-high 38

points to lead Pike County Central past Betsy Layne. McCoy was four-of-eight from beyond the arc.

Pike County Central shot 44.4 percent (20-of-45) from the field. The Hawks were five-of-15 (33 percent) from three-point range.

Thriving at the free throw line, Pike County Central drained 28-of-32 foul shots.

Pike County Central out-rebounded Betsy Layne 30-25 in the non-district matchup.

The Hawks overcame an

early deficit. Betsy Layne sprinted ahead, outscoring Pike County Central 20-8 in the opening quarter. The Bobcats led 37-30 at halftime but couldn't add to their lead in the third quarter.

Betsy Layne went cold on the offensive end in the third quarter as Pike Central used a 17-10 run to tie the game 47-47.

Pike County Central, under the direction of first-year head coach Kelly Carville, finished strong by outscoring Betsy Layne 26-

22 in the fourth quarter. Junior forward Brent Cornett accompanied McCoy in double figures, adding 17 points for the Hawks. Cory Shouse chipped in five points while Blake Clark and Justin Runyon added four apiece.

Cornett and Clark led Pike County Central on the boards with six rebounds apiece.

Betsy Layne shot 35.4 percent (17-of-48) from the field on two- and three-point attempts combined. The Bobcats were seven-of-22 from three-point range. Betsy

Layne drained 24-of-32 free throw attempts.

Senior guard/forward Nathan Martin paced Betsy Layne with a team-high 34 points. Martin was joined in double figures by fellow seniors Casey Adkins and Derek Tackett. Adkins netted 14 points and Tackett tossed in 10 for the Bobcats.

Dylan Hamilton had seven points while Adam Roberts and Tyler Reznick netted two

(See KNOCKS, page two)

Magoffin too much for Lady Blackcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE —

Freshmen Jamie Castle and Madison Reed scored 17 points apiece and Morgan Arnett added 16 as 15th Region frontrunner Magoffin County defeated visiting Prestonsburg convincingly Monday night. Magoffin County established a double digit lead early in the second half and eventually rolled past Prestonsburg, defeating the Lady Blackcats 72-43.

Magoffin County improved to 19-4 after registering its fourth straight win. Prestonsburg dropped its second straight game, falling to 11-15 in the process.

Morgan Connelley and Jassmine Howard added eight points apiece as part of a balanced Magoffin County scoring effort.

Magoffin County was on pace to score 100 points. The Lady Hornets outscored Prestonsburg 22-13 in the opening quarter and led 50-20 at intermission.

Magoffin County took a commanding 60-28 lead out of the third quarter.

Junior guard Kristian Waugh paced Prestonsburg offensively, scoring a game-high 21 points for the Lady Blackcats. Cassie Burchett netted 14 points and Katie Burchett added 10 for Prestonsburg in the loss.

Alexis DeKossert and Caitlin Kidd rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with five points apiece.

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St. Catharine edges host Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A three-point shot from deep in the corner by junior Brandon Johnson with 14 seconds left gave St. Catharine College a 71-69 victory over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

With the win, St. Catharine moved into sole possession of third place in the Mid-South Conference at 11-4, 17-6 overall. Pikeville is 21-6 on the season, 10-5 in the league.

After the three, Pikeville got an opportunity but missed

(See PIKEVILLE, page two)



ALLEN CENTRAL JUNIOR GUARD BRAXTON TACKETT worked to get off a shot in Friday night's homecoming game against Belfry.

Illegal equipment violations revised in high school soccer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — In an effort to treat all illegal equipment violations the same in high school soccer, players with illegal equipment shall be removed on the first caution given to the coach, and cannot re-enter until the next legal substitution opportunity.

This revision in high school soccer rules for 2011-12 was one of nine changes approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee at its January 24-26 meeting in Indianapolis. The rules changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Since the coach receives the first caution for an illegally equipped player, Rule 4-3 previously allowed a player who had been removed but not cautioned to re-enter during a dead ball. Beginning next season, all removed players will re-enter at the next legal substitution opportunity.

In Rule 12 (Fouls and Misconduct), the rules committee changed the penalty for excessive goal celebration by a player from disqualification (yellow and red cards) to a caution (yellow card), and added two other examples of unsporting conduct in Rule 12-8.11, which are penalized by a

yellow card.

Unsporting conduct now will include a player who displays reckless play, as well as excessive goal celebration, which is defined as any delayed, excessive or prolonged act(s) by which a player(s) attempts to focus attention upon himself/herself and/or prohibits a timely restart of the game.

"The committee agreed that disqualifying a player for excessive goal celebration is too severe," said Mark Koski, NFHS assistant director and staff liaison to the Soccer Rules Committee. "Actions that would constitute taunting and/or offensive language or gestures, however, are still punishable by disqualification."

With the addition of "reckless play" as an unsporting conduct violation, the committee approved a definition to include in Rule 18. Reckless play occurs when "the player has acted with complete disregard of the danger to, or consequences for, the opponent."

Two revisions were approved with regard to player equipment. Rule 4-1.1 now clarifies that goalkeepers may wear pants instead of shorts, as long as they comply with manufacturer's logo requirements. Also, a new article will be added to Rule 4-1 as follows:

"It is recommended that substitutes wear distinguishing pinnies when warming up outside of the team area." The committee approved the officials distinguish players who are warming up outside the team area from active field players.

In other changes, goalkeepers now may have two numbers listed on the roster: a goalkeeper's number and a field player's number. Also, all players' numbers must now be listed on the roster. The committee also added a ninth signal to the Official Soccer Signal chart to signal a goal.

In addition to the changes approved by the rules committee, last October the NFHS Board of Directors voted to delay implementation of Rule 4-1.1b regarding uniforms until fall 2013. The rule now will read, "Beginning with the 2013 fall season, the home team shall wear solid white jerseys and solid white socks, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys and socks." The rule, which was adopted by the committee in January 2010, was due to go into effect in fall 2012.

Soccer is the fifth-most popular sport for boys and girls at the high school level. According to the 2009-10 High School Athletics Participation Survey, 391,871 boys are involved in soccer and 356,116 girls participate in the sport.

Football

ing rules as it intends to ensure the continued focus on minimizing risk of injury to high school football players," said Julian Tackett, chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and commissioner of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. "The minimal number of rules changes in high school football this year verifies that the country feels like the game is in great shape."

In other rules changes, the committee standardized the rules regarding the replacement of apparently injured players, players who exhibit concussion signs and symptoms, and players who are bleeding or have blood on their body or uniform. Players removed in any of these situations must leave the game for at least one down, and the time-out is an officials' time-out, not one changed to the team.

The rules committee also defined two types of authorized team conferences — the "Outside Nine-yard Mark Conference" and the "Between Nine-yard Mark Conference." When an injury occurs and the referee grants an authorized conference, it must be an "Outside Nine-yard Mark Conference." Colgate said this will provide medical personnel time and space to address the injured player.

Three changes were approved in Rule 1 — The

Game, Field, Players and Equipment. In Rule 1-1.8, language was added to note that "game officials maintain administrative responsibilities for the contest through the completion of any required reports or correspondence in response to any action occurring while the officials have jurisdiction." The revised rule further notes that "state associations may intercede in the event of unusual incidents after the game has signaled the end of the game or in the event a game is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play."

In Rule 1-5.1, the detailed specifications for thigh guards were deleted because they were not necessarily applicable to newer technologies used in current production. The requirements for wearing thigh guards and the guards be unaltered from the manufacturer's original design/production remain part of the rule.

Restrictions on eye shade were added to Rule 1-5-3c. If used, eye shade must be applied using a single solid stroke under each eye.

"The committee's intent was that eye shade be located below and within the width of the eye socket and not extend below the cheekbone," Colgate said. "No words, numbers, logos or other symbols of any type may be included within the eye

shade."

Four changes were approved by the committee in Rule 9 — Conduct of Players and Others. Those revisions include the following:

All horse-collar fouls being treated as live-ball fouls.

Roughing-the-passer penalties being enforced from the dead-ball spot when there is no change of team possession and the dead-ball spot is beyond the line of scrimmage.

The illegal participation rule including a player who intentionally goes out of bounds and, while out of bounds, affects the play touches the ball or otherwise participates.

Establishing an unsportsmanlike foul against the head coach for failure to adhere to the limits on spectators being on the field of play during the coin toss.

A final change was made regarding running clock/mercy rules in nine-, eight- and six-player rules.

Football is the No. 1 participatory sport for boys at the high school level with 1,135,052 participants in the 2009-10 school year, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS through its member state associations. In addition, the survey indicated there were 1,350 girls who played football in 2009-10.

Pikeville

a layup. St. Catharine got fouled with 0.7 seconds left and missed a free throw, but the Bears were unable to get a shot off and fell for only second time at home this season.

The Patriots got the win despite committing 23 turnovers in the game. They hit 4) percent overall but opened the game white-hot, connecting on 82.2 percent of their shots and not missing until the 1:18 mark of the first half.

Despite all that, Pikeville was on top 41-34 at the break. The Bears shot poorly for

the game, at 32.3 percent, but hit only 22.9 percent of their second-half shots in the loss.

St. Catharine got 21 points and 13 rebounds from junior Antoine Watson to lead four players in double figures. Johnson finished with a dozen to go with five rebounds. Seniors Xavier Keeling and Ervin Williams had 11 points each, with Keeling finishing with six rebounds and Williams five.

Pikeville had three players in double figures, led by senior Vance Cooksey. The

Chicago native had 18 points to go with seven rebounds, five assists and four steals. Senior Quincy Hankins-Cole had 16 points and nine rebounds, while senior Justin Hicks came off the bench to hit three three-point baskets en route to 11 points.

Pikeville will be on the road for its next two games, beginning Thursday night at 8 when it visits the University of Rio Grande. St. Catharine will travel to Campbellsville on Saturday for a 4 p.m. tip-off.

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All 'A' softball touney format to change

TIMES STAFF REPORT

JEFFERSONTOWN — The Kentucky All "A" Classic Board of Directors has voted to change the format of the 2011 fast-pitch statewide softball tournament at Skyview Park in Jeffersonton. The new format will be pool play followed by a single-elimination tournament. The 16 regional winners will be divided into four pools of four teams with the top two teams in each pool advancing to the single-elimination tournament. Each team will be guaranteed three games

in pool play and teams advancing to the single-elimination tournament could play an additional three games if they advance to the championship game. Reidland is the defending Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic state softball champion.

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Knocks

Betsy Layne suffered its first loss since Jan. 6.

Pike County Central 73, Betsy Layne 69

Pike County Central (12-8): McCoy 38, Meade 3, Clark 4, Runyon 4, Shouse 5, Blackburn 2, Cornett 17. Betsy Layne (19-6): Tackett 10, Martin 34.

Roberts 2, Adkins 14, Reznick 2, Hamilton 7. PCC.....8 22 17 26-73 BL.....20 17 20-69

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LEXINGTON — Tickets to the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the

eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$120 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$70 each.

KHSAA Board approves change to soccer overtime procedure

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Boys' and girls' soccer matches tied after regulation will be resolved using newly revised overtime procedures beginning with the 2011-12 school year. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association board of control approved a measure at its regular meeting on Monday that will apply a uniform tie-breaker procedure, depending on the type of contest.

For regular season seeded district matches, any contest that is tied after regulation will go to a pair of five-minute sudden victory periods. If the winner has not been determined by then, the two teams will then go to penalty kicks to determine a winner.

For regular season tournament matches, any contest that is tied after regulation will go to a pair of five-minute sudden victory periods. If the winner has not been determined by then, the two teams will then go to penalty kicks to determine a winner.

All other regular season contests will continue to end with ties.

For postseason matches, any contest that is tied after regulation will go to a pair of five-minute sudden victory periods. If the winner has not been determined by then, the two teams will then go to penalty kicks to determine a winner.

"After consulting with our membership, this decision should allow for a more uniform way of ending contests and may also reduce the amount of late night travel on school nights, something that had become a cause for concern among administrators and parents," said KHSAA Assistant Commissioner and soccer contact Michael Barten. "By adopting these standard procedures, we think this will be a win-win for players, coaches and fans alike."

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Blackcats beat Lawrence

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LOUISA — Sophomore guard Bryson Williams tossed in a game-high 24 points as Prestonsburg defeated Lawrence County 68-61 in a late regular-season boys' high school basketball matchup Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The Blackcats kept Lawrence County winless. Lawrence County slipped to 0-24 following the loss.

Williams was one of Prestonsburg scorers to reach double figures. Cody Bentley tossed in 16 points and Wesley Robinson added 12 for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg led early, outscoring Lawrence County 14-11 in the first quarter. But the Blackcats couldn't remain in front before intermission. Prestonsburg and Lawrence County entered halftime knotted 26-26.

Prestonsburg delivered big late by finishing the contest on a 35-17 run. Caleb Petry and Tyler Shelton added six points apiece for the Blackcats. Alex Griffith and Seth

Carter netted two points apiece for the Blackcats in the victory.

Prestonsburg was 22-of-37 from the free throw line.

Senior guard Derrick Hicks led Lawrence County with a team-high 18 points and nine rebounds. Logan Young netted 14 points and registered eight rebounds for the Bulldogs. John Robinson scored 13 points and Logan Finley added 12 for the Lawrence County boys' basketball team.

Matt Spears and Logan Young pushed in two points apiece for Lawrence County in setback.

Lawrence County shot over 50 percent from the foul line, draining 16-of-29 free throw attempts.

Prestonsburg 68; Lawrence County 61.

Lawrence County (61): L. Young 14, Hicks 18, Spears 2, Finley 12, Robinson 13, R. Young 2, Prestonburg (68): Bentley 16, Petry 6, Williams 24, Shelton 6, Robinson 12, Griffith 2, Carter 2.

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Blackcats

The Lady Blackcats are scheduled to visit Elliott County on Thursday for a regular-season finale.

Magoffin County 72.

Prestonsburg (11-15): Waugh 21, Cassie Burchett 14, DeRossett 5, Kidd 5, Cassie Burchett 10. Magoffin County (19-4): Castle 17, Reed 17, Arnett 16, Connelley 8, Howard 8, Fletcher 3, Ward 2, Bentley 1.

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I AM NUMBER FOUR (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:25) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30

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JUST GO WITH IT (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:05-9:25

Cinema 4 — Held Over
THE ROOMMATE (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:25) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30

Cinema 5 — Held Over
NO STRINGS ATTACHED (R), Mon.-Thurs. 7:00; Fri.-Sat.-Sun. (4:20) 7:00; THE RITE (PG-13), Mon.-Fri. 9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:00

Cinema 6 — Starts Fri., Feb. 11
THE FARMER, LIKE SON (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:05-9:25; Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:25) 7:05-9:25

Cinema 7 — Held Over
JUSTIN BEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:10-9:20; Fri. (4:20) 7:10-9:20; Sat.-Sun. (2:10-4:30) 7:10-9:20

Cinema 8 — Starts Fri., Feb. 11
UNKNOWN (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:15-9:30; Fri. (4:20) 7:15-9:30; Sat.-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30

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GHOSTBUSTERS (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 7:00-9:10; Fri. (4:10) 7:00-9:10; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:10) 7:00-9:10

Cinema 10 — Held Over
KING OF KINGS (PG-13), Mon.-Thurs. 8:55-11:15; Fri. (4:15) 8:55-11:15; Sat.-Sun. (1:55-4:15) 8:55-11:15

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

Mother Nature fights back

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

These days, we're all caught up in "American Idol" and—if you follow these stories—the amazing sagas of out-of-nowhere stars like Scottish singing sensation Susan Boyle or, before Ms. Boyle, English pop opera tenor Paul Potts.

But show biz history is full of long-shot success stories. For example, there's the one about the Swedish musical group that, on its first two tries, came in third in the Eurovision Song Contest, only to finally ring the bell with a tune that begins by talking about a military battle fought more than 150 years earlier in a kingdom that only lasted 15 years.

If you know what I'm talking about, either you're old enough to remember mood ring mania or else you're one of the gazillions who saw either the theatrical production or the film "Mamma Mia!," based on the songs of ... yes; you guessed it, the Swedish pop group ABBA.

The thing about ABBA songs is, once you start thinking about one, you can't get it out of your head (at least, I can't). So now the tune "SOS" is bouncing off the walls of my cranium—and it's all because of citrus.

You see, a chemist with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and his University of Florida collaborators have figured out that when a citrus tree's roots are attacked by the grublike larvae of Diaprepes abbreviatus, the citrus root weevil, those gnawed roots send out a chemical (yes, I know you can see this coming) "SOS."

This isn't unheard of in the plant world. For example, when hungry caterpillars begin to feast on corn, cotton or tobacco plants, those plants release chemical distress signals that attract help from parasitic wasps that dive-bomb the offending caterpillars.

But this latest discovery is great news for citrus growers. The citrus weevil, a native of the Caribbean region, was accidentally introduced into Florida in 1964, and today is considered a major agricultural pest that causes \$70 million annually in losses not just to citrus, but also to ornamental plants and other crops.

The adult weevils can be controlled by spraying the tree canopy with foliar insecticides. And then there's the interesting (but time-consuming and labor-intensive) technique of shaking the trees and trapping the weevils that fall to the ground.

To fight the weevil larvae, there are synthetic pyrethroids. Some of these chemicals are meant to serve as a barrier to the grubs that fall to the ground after emerging from eggs deposited in the citrus tree canopy. But some of the grubs successfully burrow in the soil, where they begin happily gnawing on the trees' roots. Severe infestations of these hungry grubs weaken the tree and cut fruit yields.

So what can a citrus tree do to defend itself?

The ARS scientist and his University of Florida colleagues say the citrus tree roots' secret is the release of volatiles—chemical substances, including terpenes—that quickly spread through the soil, sending chemical cues that nearby beneficial nematodes use to find the roots that need rescue.

Once the nematodes locate their weevil prey, they're ruthless. The nematodes release bacteria that turn the grubs' insides into slush, which the nematodes then gobble before exiting the carcass to find another victim. But never fear: These nematodes are harmless to humans, pets, livestock or wildlife.

Some of these beneficial nematodes are already proven performers as biocontrol agents against pests that attack our crops. For example, the nematodes *Steinernema riobrave* and

(See SCIENCE, page 4)



Mikka Gamble, left, and Catherine Smith, right, won the fiction and non-fiction prize, respectively, at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

ARTS AWARDS

BSCTC names winners of Literary/Art Contest

PRESTONSBURG — A Literary/Art Contest took place at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in the Fall 2010 semester. Sponsored by the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, the contest was open to BSCTC students only. With over 65 entries in the four categories, winners were announced in a ceremony Jan. 25 held in the art gallery on the Prestonsburg Campus.

Mikka Gamble, of Salyersville, earned First Place in Fiction (\$100 prize) for her story, "Baccar Stick." Joshua Logan Stone, of Wayland, received honorable mention for his story "The Mountain Letters."

Sheila Gollitue, of Martha, won First Place in Poetry (\$75 prize) for her poem, "That Girl" and honorable mention for her poem, "How do we forget?"

Catherine Smith, of Paintsville, won First Place in Nonfiction (\$50 prize) for her essay, "The Best Laid Plans." Tamara Howard, of Garrett, earned honorable mention for "Plain White Tennis Shoes."

The First Place in Illustration prize (\$75) was won by Ariel Salisbury, of Dwaile, for her picture of an eastern Kentucky sunset. A sketch by Tiffany Bowen, of Whitehouse, received honorable mention.

Salisbury's photograph will serve as cover for the Cut-Thru Review, the literary journal of BSCTC, and work by all first place winners will be featured in the journal.

The three contest judges were: Mick Kennedy, Associate Professor of Arts and Humanities at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and editor of The Heartland Review, judged the fiction and nonfiction categories; C. Lynn Shaffer, Associate Professor of English at Maysville Community and Technical College, in Maysville, Kentucky, and author of Persistence of Vision (Wind Publication), judged the poetry category; and Thomas J. Whitaker, retired BSCTC Professor of Art, America's Greatest Appalachian Artist, judged the illustration/art category.



Sheila Gollitue won first place and honorable mention in the poetry contest at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

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 11633, 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 Dearl Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525, or Faye Clark 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 returns. The service is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties for persons earning under \$49,000. IRS-certified BASAP 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, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

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.

Science

Heterorhabditis indica have been commercially formulated into biopesticide products that can be applied to grub-infested groves using existing herbicide applicator technology or other micro-sprinkler systems. But close scrutiny of the chemical tête-à-tête that's under way between citrus tree roots, the grubs that

feed on them, and the surrounding soil's nematodes—that's a new take. The ARS-UF team's lab and greenhouse trials with citrus rootstock could someday lead to new varieties of citrus that are even more naturally adept at recruiting nematodes as their defenders, which means more grapefruit, oranges and other cit-

rus delights for all of us. Now that's something to sing about!

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 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.

'Earn While You Learn'

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

Senior employment program

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

If you are at least age 55, the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) may be able to help. Earn extra money, learn new skills, and help your community at the same time! To find out more, call: 886-2929

Looking for a Support Group?

Floyd County

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

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

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

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

Community Weight Loss Support Group - Meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., at the Martin Community Center. For more info., call 377-6658. Those who have had gastric bypass surgery most especially welcome to attend. Meetings being offered as support to anyone needing extra support in dealing with weight loss.

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

Disabled? - You may be eligible for grant money to assist in your daily living.

For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

A.S.K. (Adoption Support for Kentucky) - Support group for all adoptive parents (public, private, international, and kinship care), foster parents and all others interested in adoption.

To be held the first Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services, office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided. For more information, contact Dedra Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: dsstone@eastky.net.

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

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

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

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In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 1801 W. Main Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a permit for a renewal of an underground coal mining operation located approximately 0.23 miles northeast of Orkney in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 15.15 surface acres and will underlie 1,011.85 acres, and the total acres within the permit boundary will be 1,027.00 acres. The proposed operation is located 0.23 miles northeast of State Route 1225 junction with Spewing Camp Branch. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 - minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Nicholas Cooley and Mary Anderson. The operation will underlie land owned by Kennel Dye, Helen & Millie Dye, Millie Hall, Estate, Mary Anderson, Jimmy R. & Diana Conley, Brenda Johnson, Anita Starnes, Curtis & Pamela Sword, Richard Sumner, Edna Foy Howell Estate, Progress Land Corporation, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Station Gayheart, Ed Moore Estate, Day Gayheart, Ed Moore, Prophet Moore Estate, William Moore Estate, Jake Conley, Bertha Short, Donald & Edna Short, Foy Howell Estate, Edgar & Leviathan Jones, JIM Coal Co., Inc., Tracy & Linda Frasure, Randall & Judy Frasure, Avie & Janis Collins, Bethel & Arlene Gayheart, Bill Mosley, Carl & Patricia Mosley, Green & Helen Gayheart and Bert Newman. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0385, Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, 1801 W. Main Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653 has filed for renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.25 miles northeast of Handsome in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 202.00 surface acres and will underlie 5.8 acres. The operation area within the permit boundary will be 207.80 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 miles northwest from KY 2020's junction with State Route 7 and is located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch. The operation is located on the Mayland, Handsome and Dore U.S.G.S. 7 - minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour area, auger and re-mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Consol of Kentucky, Betty Reed, Delphia M. Haly and Carol S. Wireman, Virgil Shepherd, Hairs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Dallas Sparkman, Margold Warrick, Clayton Ramey, Craig Hicks, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Virgil Shepherd, Hairs, Bobby & Lenore Stone, Clinton Handsome, Hans Hattler, David Compton, D. Allen, Linda Prater, Timothy Gene Handson, Edward & Dora Handson. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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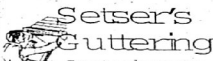


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Tobacco Quit Line now available for younger Kentuckians

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Tobacco Quit Line will now offer counseling services to younger Kentuckians to improve services available to youth interested in giving up cigarettes or other tobacco products.

"Smoking is one of the most serious health issues facing the health of Kentucky," said Gov. Steve

Beshear. "Making sure young people don't smoke — and are getting the help they need to quit smoking while they are young — is imperative to improving the health of Kentucky. Providing Quit Line counseling to teens is definitely a step in the right direction."

The Quit Line is now offering counseling services to Kentucky youth ages 15

to 17 years old. Prior to this change, services were available to people 18 and older.

"We're excited to offer Quit Line services to more Kentuckians and to increase the number of options available for young people who want to quit tobacco use," said William Hacker, M.D., commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH). "Studies show that people have more success quitting smoking when they have access to resources like counseling and peer support. We hope this change will encourage young people who are interested in quitting to take action and start leading healthier, tobacco-free lives."

Data from the Kentucky Youth Tobacco Survey 2010 shows that almost 25 percent of high school stu-

dents are cigarette smokers and almost 70 percent of teenage smokers want to quit. Nationwide, approximately 30 percent of high school students and 10 percent of middle school students are cigarette smokers.

Although the prevalence of smoking among youth has declined in the past few years, the smoking prevalence among teenagers and young adults is higher than among other adult populations.

"Addressing the prevalence of teen smoking in Kentucky is a critical issue because statistics show that more than 80 percent of adult smokers became regular smokers before age 18," said Irene Centers, coordinator for the DPH tobacco prevention and cessation program. "It's imperative that we not only prevent

young people from ever using cigarettes and tobacco products, but also that we offer assistance to help them give up tobacco."

Kentucky's Tobacco Quit Line is a free, telephone-based tobacco cessation service that offers:

- One-on-one proactive counseling for tobacco users who are ready to quit.
- Support for people who want to stop smoking or using other tobacco products.
- Information on tobacco dependence for health care professionals.

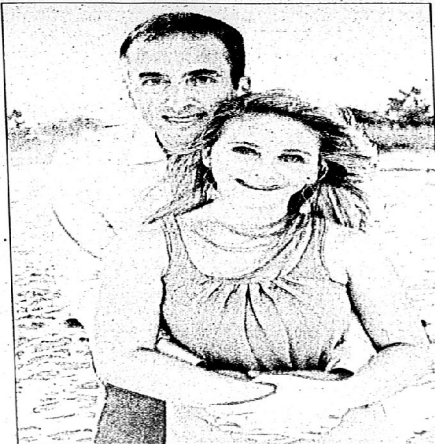
- Information about local resources to help tobacco users quit.

The Quit Line, 1-800-QUIT NOW, is available to anyone in Kentucky age 15 and older who wants to break his or her addiction to tobacco. Services are avail-

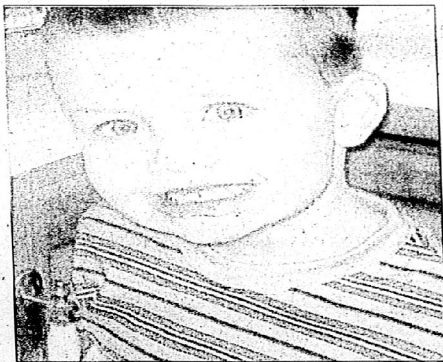
able in English and Spanish at the time of the call. Counseling in other languages is available free through a third party translation service. For individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, TDY/TDD is available at (800) 969-1393.

Callers to Kentucky's Tobacco Quit Line speak with coaches trained to assist them with quitting. Coaches have a minimum of a bachelor's degree or equivalent and are trained in behavioral modification and motivational interviewing.

If employers want to help their employees quit, information is available through the Quit Line and local health departments. Group sessions and cessation materials can be made available at the worksite.



Dennis and Mary Halbert are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Jamie Nicole Osborne to Michael Ryan Broadrick, son of Michael and Rebecca Broadrick, of Louisville. Jamie is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelors in Psychology, and also attended Nova Southeastern University for her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is currently working toward her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy. Jamie is employed with Sunrise Senior Living in Boca Raton, Fla. and also works for Big Sandy Community & Technical College as an Adjunct Professor. Michael is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelors in Business Administration and also received his Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Michael currently works as a Staff Attorney for the 17th Circuit Court in Fort Lauderdale. Jamie and Michael will marry at the Ritz Carlton of Palm Beach, Florida on April 9, 2011.



Lucas Tilden Howard celebrated his fifth birthday on Sunday, Jan. 23, at PinZone Bowling Alley. He was honored with a Hot Wheels cake. Many friends and family joined in his celebration. Luke lives at Hippo with his little sister Eliza and his mom and dad, Vylanda and Todd Howard. His grandparents are Brenda Turner and the late Garrie Turner, Julia and Thomas Jones, and Tamara and Jerry Howard.

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