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## 18 arrested in roundup; 5 more sought

by JARRID DEATON

FEATURES WRITER

Eighteen alleged drug dealers were arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department during a roundup on Monday and Tuesday, the end result of a three-month undercover investigation that involved purchases of prescription medication.

"Give us the information about

alleged drug dealer and we will be checking on it," said Sheriff John K. Blackburn. "If you are dealing drugs and we don't knock on your door today, then we'll be knocking on it tomorrow. We are trying to put every drug dealer we can in jail."

Those arrested include:  
■ Estill Newsome Jr., of McDowell.  
■ Gregory Moore, of

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■ John Sherman Moore, of McDowell.  
■ Gregory Salisbury, of McDowell.  
■ Brandon Leslie, of Allen.  
■ Harry Skeens, of Allen.  
■ Darvis Newsome, of Prestonsburg.  
■ Scott Hamilton, of Teaberry.  
■ Carol Bryant, of Weeksburg.  
■ Elizabeth Shapiro, of

Wheelwright.  
■ Crystal Dawn Newsome, of Auxier.  
■ Victor Rhea, of Wheelwright.  
■ Muril D. Moore, of McDowell.  
■ Wendell J. Burchett, of Harold.  
■ Mary Burchett, of Harold.  
■ Talisha Bentley, of

(See **ROUNDUP**, page 5)

### Long Wheelwright teacher dies

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

**VERSAILLES** — Harold Newman, a former high school teacher from Floyd County, died March 31 at the age of 70, at his home in Versailles.

Newman, a retired teacher who spent his entire career teaching science at Wheelwright High School, moved roughly a decade ago from Hi Hat, the town where he was born on Dec. 17, 1940.

A lifelong educator, Newman's family has asked those offering or memorial contributions to give them to Alice Lloyd College.

Newman is survived by his daughter, Trya Lynn Evans, as well as his grandchildren Brandon, Caleigh and Jordan, and was the husband of the late Georgia Anne Vanover Newman.

A full obituary can be found on page A2.

### TRAGIC SCENE



At least one person was killed in a multiple-vehicle accident on U.S. 23 near the entrance to Town Branch Road in Prestonsburg just before 2 p.m. on Tuesday. The wreck kept that section of road closed for hours. Details concerning the accident and victims were not available at press time.

## Marshall expects little negative impact from Census results

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

Early numbers from the 2010 U.S. Census show a drop in population in Floyd County of nearly 3,000 residents from 10 years ago.

According to the 2000 census, there were 42,441 residents in Floyd County. The new numbers show that total to now be 39,451.

Surrounding counties such as Pike, Johnson and Knott also show drops in population.

Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said last year,

when the Census Bureau was gearing up and recruiting employees, that the census is vital, especially in terms of funding.

"It's so important for us to get an accurate head count," Marshall said at the time. "It's important for our citizens and it currently holds a great deal of economic importance."

Some \$300 billion in federal and state funding is given out each year based on census data, a fact that Marshall said makes this seemingly routine exercise far more important than many might think.

"I feel this census could show that we have more people in Floyd County than was counted during the last census," Marshall predicted then. "Not to say anything about census takers, but many times in this area, counts are based on the average number of people in a household. That average is not always the case."

At the time, Marshall said he felt, if conducted properly, the census would reflect that approximately 65,000 currently live in the coun-

(See **CENSUS**, page 5)

## Leaders looking to build center

by SHELDON COMPTON

STAFF WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — City leaders will meet in Prestonsburg tomorrow for further discussion of seeing a community center constructed, a center that some say needs to have economic funding in place before 2012.

"It would behoove us to have the proper funding in place at the start of 2012, with these economic conditions," said Brent Graden, the city's director, of economic development.

As of now, the city is working with U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers' office and also at the state level to secure grants for the construction of the center, a facility that would resemble the Knott County Sportsplex, according to Mayor Jerry Fanning.

Three possible locations have already been considered, Graden said, adding that two of those are to be announced later, but that his personal choice of the three is the site of the old Prestonsburg Elementary School.

"My number-one option would be the old elementary school," said Graden. "It centrally located and people can walk to it and that's what we need for this to play a major role in the further development of our downtown area."

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## Actor portrays Civil War general in Prestonsburg

by JARRID DEATON

FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — John Ison, in the guise of General John Hunt Morgan, rode through Prestonsburg on his horse on April 1. Ison was accompanied by Civil War reenactors with The Friends of Middle Creek.

According to Floyd Davis, with The Friends of Middle Creek, Confederate General John Hunt Morgan came through Prestonsburg after conducting successful raids

through West Liberty, Morgan County and Paintsville in June of 1864.

Ison, as Morgan, read a proclamation to those in attendance that reenactors believe was similar to the one Morgan read to the people of Prestonsburg.

A brochure distributed by The Friends of Middle Creek includes information about Morgan's move through Prestonsburg. According to the brochure, "After losing almost

(See **ACTOR**, page 5)

John Ison, portraying Confederate General John Hunt Morgan, rode through Prestonsburg on April 1, visiting several historic sites. The Friends of Middle Creek staged the event.

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# Obituaries

## Maggie (Peddle) Collins

Maggie (Peddle) Collins, 76, of Auxier, died April 4, 2011, at her home. Born on September 10, 1934, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late James Monroe and Bonnie Previtt Powers and the wife of the late Willard Kimble Collins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Jackie Powers, Freddie Powers and Bill Powers; a sister, Margie Fannin and a grandson, Andy Stapleton.

She is survived by two sons: Lee (Shelia) Collins and Roger (Sharon) Collins, both of Auxier, Kentucky; five daughters: Gerty (Danny) McKenzie of Auxier, Kentucky; Sue Stapleton of Tutor Key, Kentucky; Martha (Doug) Marsillett of Van Lear, Kentucky; Lynn (Dewayne) Crum and Angie (Charlie) Collins, both of Auxier, Kentucky; four brothers: Glen Powers, Jimmy Powers, and Richard Powers, all of Auxier, Kentucky; and Robert Powers of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; two sisters: Deanna Harless of Johnson County, Kentucky and Charlene Harless of Dayton, Ohio; 11 grandchildren: Chris, Candice, Matt, Douglas, Denise, Brian, Christa, Roger, P.J., Breanna and Mandy; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held April 7, 2011, at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church with Bobby Joe Spencer officiating. Burial will follow at the Auxier Memorial Cemetery in Auxier.

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

## Waldo (Wally) Beaman

### Cummings

Waldo (Wally) Beaman Cummings, 93, died in his family home in West Boylston, Mass., on March 29, 2011.



Wally, his wife, Esther, and their two sons lived in Wheelwright, from 1939 to 1959. He was employed in 1939 by the Inland Steel Company at its coal properties, headquartered in Wheelwright, as an administrative clerk. His working career was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army during World War II, from June 5, 1942, to Dec. 25, 1945. He served in the 542nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment, which operated amphibious assault craft and conducted assaults all along the New Guinea coastline and took part in the recapture of the Philippines.

After World War II, he returned to Inland's Kentucky coal headquarters as cost accounting clerk, assistant manager, mine accounting and manager mine accounting. In 1959 he was transferred to Caland Ore Co. Ltd., Inland's Canadian subsidiary near Nikopol, Ontario, Canada. In 1975 he was transferred to Virginia, Minn., and promoted to controller of Inland Steel Mining Company. He retired from Inland Steel Company on May 1, 1981, after 42 years of service.

He was very active as a member of Kiwanis International for over 42 years and served as Lt. Governor of Districts in Kentucky and Minnesota and as Governor of the Western Canada District.

He was predeceased in 1981 by his wife, Esther

Blackburn, of Wheelwright. He has two sons, Waldo Beaman Jr. and wife, Pam, of West Boylston, Mass., and Warren Bradford and wife, Cathy, of Fairbanks, Alaska. He has four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

A funeral service was held at the First Congregational Church of West Boylston, Mass., on Friday, April 1, 2011. Arrangements are under the care of Fay Brothers Funeral Home, 1 West Boylston St., West Boylston, MA 01583. www.faybrothers.com

## Patricia Gail Hall Debord

Patricia Gail Hall Debord, age 58, of Allen, passed away Monday, April 4, 2011, at her residence.

She was born March 13, 1951, at Prestonsburg, the daughter of Laverne Hall and the late John M. Hall Jr. She was a department store manager and a member of the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Tracy (Vonda) Edicott, of Banner, four brothers: Ralph Hall, of Ashland, and Fonneta Hall, of Warsaw, Ind.; James Hall, of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Dean Hall, of Allen; two sisters: Shirley Hall, of Ashland, and Fonneta Hall, of Prestonsburg; and one grandchild, Scott Jarrell.

She was preceded in death by her father and three brothers, Lloyd Hall, Douglas Hall and Ricky Hall.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Donnie Patrick officiating. Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, of Martin.

Friends can call after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Funeral Home.

## Gladys Harless

Gladys Harless, 52, of Prestonsburg, died on April 1, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Born March 8, 1958, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Patsy Burchett Jarrell, of Prestonsburg, and the late Chester "TJ" Jarrell. She was a homemaker and of the Baptist faith.

Other survivors: three brothers: Ronnie (Sue) Jarrell, Donnie (Mae) Jarrell and Bill Jarrell all of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Brenda (Dwale) of Dayton, Marketa (Mike) Conn and Loretta (Roosevelt) Reed both of Prestonsburg; half brothers and sisters: Terry Jarrell, Jason Jarrell, Michelle Jarrell, Chattie Jarrell, Debbie Hyden, Jennifer Brown and Audra Gayheart; 6 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son: Dickie Ron Hall and daughter: Lisa Hall Tackett.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 3, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Mark Hurd, Bill Collins, and Jim Smith officiating. Burial followed at Jarrell Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## John Lawrence Maddox

John Lawrence Maddox, age 83, of Martin, husband of the late Charlene Maddox, passed away Friday, April 1, 2011, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, in Paintsville.

He was born June 28, 1927, in Virgie, the son of the late Hiram Stewart Maddox and Gladys Martin Maddox. Mr. Maddox was a retired Businessman and Teacher. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the John W.

Hall Masonic Lodge # 950, Martin, Kentucky.

Survivors include two daughters: April L. Gayheart, of Martin, and Valerie A. Ousley, of Morehead; three grandchildren: Johnene Ison, Mika L. Crum and Stevann Ousley; six great grandchildren, Caitlin Newsome, Reece Ison, Brittney Ison, Samantha Ison, Kash Crum and Kenyon Crum; and one great-great grandchild, Kadyne Sander.

Funeral services for John Lawrence Maddox were conducted at 1 p.m., Monday, April 4, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Clergyman Garfield Potter officiating. Burial followed in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home, of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Palbearers: Jackie Gayheart, Phil Copher, Adam Crum, David Ison, Michael France, Jag Sander, Darrell Disney, Danny Stumbo, and Robert Comstock.

Honorary palbearers: Bob Comstock, Glen Patrick, Kash Crum, Kenyon Crum, Reece Ison, John Ison, Danny Biltner, and Gary Crum.

## Harold Glenn Newman

Harold Glenn Newman, age 70, of Versailles, formerly of Hi Hat, husband of the late Georgia Anne Vanover Newman, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 17, 1940, in Hi Hat, a son of the late Willard Riley and Sylvia Hall Newman. He was a retired school teacher at the Wheelwright High School and a member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by a daughter, Tyne Lynn Newman (Jeff) Evans, of Versailles; three grandchildren, Brandon Chase, Calleigh Brooke and Jordan Alexis Evans, all of Versailles; three brothers, Ramon (Emma) Newman, of Lansing, Tenn.; James Dewey (Elva) Newman, of Lexington, and Willis Newman, of Hi Hat; five sisters, Veronica (Arnold) Harmon of Beaver Creek, Ohio; Phyllis Rackley, of Midway, Nell (Troy) Stidham, of Circleville, Ohio; Glenda Johnson, of Versailles, and Sarah (David) Hall, of Hi Hat; two brothers-in-law, Kermit (Marsha) Vanover and Buddy Vanover; and four sisters-in-law, Bobbie Stewart, Carol (Billie) Lewis, Sharon (Jimmy) Stone and Rhonda (Roy) Bogg.

Viewing was from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, with a funeral service conducted at 3 p.m., with Bobby Isaacs officiating.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 4, at 11 a.m. in the Milward Funeral Directors Southland Chapel, in Lexington. Burial followed in the Rosecrest Cemetery, in Versailles.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Alice Lloyd College.

## Phyllis Ann Noble Prater

Phyllis Ann Noble Prater, age 72, of Munster, Ind., formerly of Garrett, wife of Roy Prater, passed away April 3, 2011, at Riley Hospice House.

She was born Sept. 20, 1938, in Garrett, a daughter of the late Adam and Susie Noble. She was a devoted high school math teacher at Garrett High School and Gavitt High School, and a member of the First Baptist Church in Griffith, Ind.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Jackie)

Prater, and two grandchildren, Mary and Nicholas.

Preceding her in death were her parents and one sister, Yvonne Lemanski.

Funeral services for Phyllis Prater will be conducted Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with James Heard officiating. Burial will follow in the John Wes Prater Cemetery, at Hueysville, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, Phyllis had asked for donations to be made to the First Baptist Church in Griffith, Ind., Hospice of the Calumet, or the American Cancer Society.

## Morgan Salisbury

Morgan Salisbury, 87, of Hunter, died on April 2, 2011, at his residence. Born March 27, 1924, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Charlie and Linnie Conn Salisbury. He was a retired coal miner and attended the Rock Fork United Baptist Church.

Survivors include three sisters: Sybil White of Williamson, W. Va.; Virginia, Hester Corley and Hattie LeMaster both of Ritman, Ohio, and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother: John Salisbury, and two sisters: Annis Wright and Marie Salisbury.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 12 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bethel Bolen officiating. Burial will follow at the Salisbury Cemetery, in Hunter.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Richard Harmon Tussey

Richard Harmon Tussey, better known to family and friends as "Red" passed away Thursday, March 31, 2011, at his residence at the age of 94 years.

Born July 3, 1916, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Green and Mollie Harmon Tussey.

He was a former superintendent with Princess Elkhorn Coal and later co-owned a coal mine. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg. Red was also a member of the Masonic

Lodge #273 and a member of the Pikeville Commandery #45 Knights Templar.

Red was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters: Beth, Josephine, Joe, Kathleen, Frank and Nora.

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Rhoda Fitzpatrick Tussey; a daughter, Judith Tussey; Barbetta, one granddaughter, Teena Conley, two great-granddaughters, Kelly Conley, Sara Conley Ratliff and four great-great grandchildren, Ethan, Rhianon, Owen, and Isabella.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2011, at Carter Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Workman officiating. Interment was in the R.C. Fitzpatrick Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Masonic services were conducted 7 p.m. Sunday by Masonic Lodge #273 Prestonsburg.

The family suggested memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church or the Baptist Learning Center, 157 S. Front Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home.

## Lemuel Williams

Lemuel Williams, 85, died Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 13, 1926, in Brainard, he was the son of the late Ermon Williams and Delila Hughes.

He was a former mechanic with Marvin Music Gulf Distributors and retired from East Kentucky Explosives. He was a member of the Eloise United Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife: Loretta George Williams, two sons: Paul Williams and wife Sandy, and Terry Williams and wife, Helen, one daughter: Ann Slone and husband Eugene, one sister: Garnette

## Card of Thanks

The family of Katherine Conn Page would like to sincerely say, "Thank you," to all our friends and family who helped to comfort us during this very difficult time. Those who sent flowers, food or just came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Minister Tracy Patton and the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church for their comforting message, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control, and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. We will always remember all the expressions of love and kindness to our family.

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# Chamber welcomes Changes Consignment



Chamber members welcomed Changes Consignment with a ribbon-cutting March 24.

**GARRETT** — The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed new Chamber member, Changes Consignment, located in Garrett.

Changes Consignment held a ribbon cutting ceremony March 24 to celebrate a great first year in business.

Changes is a consignment store where shoppers can find brand names such as Abercrombie & Fitch, American Eagle, Gap, Hollister, and more at discount prices. Located next to Campbell's Grocery in the former "My Secret Garden" location on Front Street in Garrett, owner Chrystal King and staff invite you stop in and see

what Changes has to offer.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

At Changes, shoppers can find name brand clothing and accessories for the entire family at more than 60 percent off retail prices. New items are put out daily, so they encourage you to visit often, as inventory is constantly changing.

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## State prepares for earthquake drill May 16

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- Approximately 300 deaths will occur

- 68,500 buildings will be damaged
- Critical infrastructure will be damaged or destroyed
- 250 bridges damaged or destroyed, limiting transportation into and out of the impacted area

- Communications will be greatly impaired or fail
- Emergency responders will scramble to get information from the area and local emergency management will be limited getting information out

Scurry scenario isn't it? That is the scenario Kentucky will use to drive the upcoming National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE 2011) scheduled this May 16 through 20.

The Tier 1 exercise, known as NLE 2011, will simulate the decisions and actions that top officials should be prepared to take in the first 96-hours after such a devastating earthquake. This is the first NLE to focus on a natural hazard, rather than a terrorism-focused scenario.

"Is Kentucky ready for a 7.7 earthquake? No. Are we more prepared than we used to be? Absolutely!" said John Heltzel, director for Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM). He continued, "The ice storm of Jan. 2009 taught us many valuable lessons which we have continued to build from. One in particular is Resource Management. In Kentucky we now have a fully staffed resource management section - prior to the 2009 Ice Storm, we didn't."

To assist the federal government with prioritizing resources for impacted areas, Kentucky and the other seven states in the Central United States

Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) have participated in numerous workshops and planning sessions, including the Resource Allocation Workshop (RAW) held in Nashville last November with more than 400 participants from federal and state agencies.

The NLE 2011 will include activities with local responders, federal and state emergency management officials, private sec-

tor partners at multiple venues around the region, as well as in Washington D.C. and various FEMA regional offices.

The exercise is designed to assess response and recovery capabilities both nationally and regionally. Kentucky will use the exercise to update and rewrite the Commonwealth Catastrophic Earthquake Response Plan.

The NLE 2011 is expect-

ed to be the largest joint exercise in United States' history, and for the first time it is being based on a natural event. Everyone from private citizens, businesses, all private sector and centers of government are invited to participate and exercise their own earthquake preparations.

On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 11:00 AM EDT, KYEM director John Heltzel is hosting a media

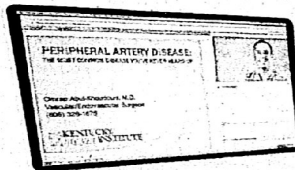
conference call to discuss earthquake preparedness in Kentucky and the upcoming NLE 11. All media is invited to call 1-866-241-5471, pass code 1709#.

For more information on the NLE 2011 and to register as a participant, visit [www.kyem.ky.gov/nle2011](http://www.kyem.ky.gov/nle2011). You will also find external information, related social media sites and links to Kentucky's Earthquake Preparedness Program.

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## Guest View

### Does eating meat cause hunger?

by DOUG PIBEL

So far, agriculture has kept up with population — there's enough food in the world to feed everyone. But not everyone's getting fed — at least a billion people live with hunger, according to the U.N. World Food Program. And the world is in the midst of yet another spike in food prices. As long as we keep diverting grain from human mouths to animal ones, people will go hungry. It's simple market economics: It's more profitable to produce meat — even though the meat that results from feeding grain to animals has less food value than the grain itself.

Which is why there's hunger even when there are no grain shortages. The wealthy of the world are willing to pay more to feed animals than poor people can pay to feed themselves.

So must we all become vegetarians in order to avert world hunger? Not necessarily. The spring issue of YES! Magazine suggests another route to food sufficiency.

Recent food price spikes mean those on the margins are more likely to go hungry, and political instability is among the outcomes. In February, the World Bank reported price levels only 3 percent below the 2008 peak that produced widespread food riots. At the beginning of March, The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported a 70 percent increase in export grain prices during the last year. The FAO Food Price Index was at its highest level since the FAO began monitoring prices in 1990.

The World Bank discusses two factors driving up food prices: weather and ethanol, and quotes a USDA estimate that 40 percent of the U.S. corn output will go to making ethanol this year.

But in the United States in 2009, the last full year for which numbers are available, 137 million metric tons of corn, sorghum, barley, and oats became animal feed. That's 46 percent of total U.S. consumption of those grains. It's also two and a half times the amount of grain the United States exported in that year.

The solution to world hunger, then, is simple: Stop eating meat. No realistic person expects that, or anything close to it, to happen. There is a slew of valid reasons for being vegetarian: raising meat produces greenhouse gases, degrades water ways, and displaces forests and wild habitats, and many people feel that the way animals are raised and slaughtered is immoral. Nonetheless, it seems that meat eating will be with us always.

It turns out, though, that eating meat doesn't have to take food away from hungry people, and it doesn't have to involve a lifetime in a cage. As Joel Salatin says, in a YES! Magazine interview, "Don't blame the cow for the negatives of the industrial food system."

At Salatin's Polyface Farms, the pastures are five times as productive as the local average, and, he says, "We've never bought a bag of chemical fertilizer and we've never planted a seed." Salatin raises cattle, pigs, and chickens, and does it all without using anything that could become human food. He says his farmland has gotten richer and more fertile as a result of decades of grazing.

This is the model that most humans followed for most of history: Animals ate what humans couldn't, and turned that into meat that humans could eat. Ron Fairlie, in his new book, *Meat: A Benign Extravagance*, calls this "default livestock." He calculates that a universal return to that model would return food grains to human mouths, and still produce enough meat for everyone to have some.

Not a great deal, mind you — about three quarters of a pound of meat and 1.33 pints of milk per week. But the roughly 1.5 billion people in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh eat less than that already.

For the sacrifice of cutting our meat consumption, we'd eliminate the cruelty of confinement animal feeding operations. We'd do away with the bulk of the greenhouse gases associated with industrial livestock — Salatin says his operation actually sequesters carbon. Best of all, we'd know that no one in the world had to go to bed hungry.

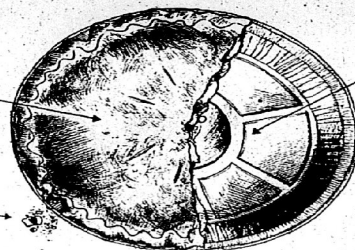
Pibel is managing editor of YES! Magazine.

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## Guest Column

### Local dental society president addresses access to dental care issues

by DR. AL PELPHREY  
PRESIDENT, KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN  
DENTAL SOCIETY

We have all read the news reports, watched the TV documentaries that report children of Appalachia are at high risk for dental disease. These reports focus on the problems of dental health in Appalachia, but few if any concentrate on possible solutions. One problem that has been highlighted recently by the special session of the Kentucky Legislature in Frankfort is accessing care for those children who have Medicaid. Over the past couple of weeks, the Beshear and Senate President David Williams have been playing a game of political football in their attempts to balance the Medicaid budget. Governor Beshear had notified the Department of Medicaid Services that if an agreement is not reached by April 1, 2011, he will implement a 35 percent fee reduction to providers of medical services to all Kentucky residents covered by Medicaid. The most vulnerable of which are the children of Appalachia. Luckily, for the time being, the Governor and the Legislature came to an agreement which does NOT require cutting Medicaid reimbursement rates to providers.

Historically, Medicaid has had low reimbursement rates for the dental provider. On average, Medicaid reimburses dental providers approximately 55 percent of their actual fee. For a dental service that is billed at \$100.00, the dentist only receives \$55.00 reimbursement. The remainder of that fee he/she must write off and is prevented from collecting. With average office expense/overhead running at 50-60 percent, it is clear that those that choose to participate in the Medicaid system as provider only are reimbursed enough to cover expenses. As one can easily see, if a 35 percent decrease had been passed on to the dental providers of the state, payment would have been at an all time low which would have the guaranteed result of dental providers abandoning the Medicaid system by the droves, leaving the children of Appalachia with no access to routine and preventive dental care. Without access to dental care, children's oral health will deteriorate, dental pain and dental infection could be expected and children would suffer unnecessarily. The problem is NOT that we have too few dentists in our area. In my opinion, the problem is two fold: the fees reimbursed are too low and there is absolutely too much fraud and abuse in the Medicaid system. Fraud and abuse can be further divided into two categories: 1)

providers who bill for services not performed, or bill for procedures not necessary AND 2) residents who are on Medicaid by fraudulent means.

I wish I had an answer to the Medicaid budget dilemma, however I don't. I do however have some suggestions for the legislators in Frankfort and for those current Medicaid recipients who are having issues with access to care. Let me address the legislators first...

As I said earlier, the problem with Medicaid is NOT the current providers. Yes, you have a few bad apples who want to take advantage of the system, take advantage of loopholes to bulk the system out of Medicaid dollars. Those bad apples should be easily found by billing audits. When they are found, they should be barred from the Medicaid system permanently. Furthermore, the problem of Medicaid is not that you are paying the providers too much. As pointed out earlier, Medicaid is presently reimbursing dental providers only enough to break even, and this is why there are too few providers who are currently accepting new Medicaid patients. My suggestion is NOT to cut Medicaid reimbursement rates but increase them to allow more providers to participate. This in turn will create more access to care instead of running those current providers out of the system. For example, in Michigan Medicaid is run by Delta Dental of Michigan and in that model, Medicaid has actually been able to raise reimbursements to providers and STILL manage to save money. So, there are other options other than always punishing those providers who work tirelessly to meet the needs of the Medicaid children by decreasing their fees for the excellent care they provide.

Now to address issues with current Medicaid recipients... Without exception, when I am in discussions with other colleagues about Medicaid, I hear the same complaints about seeing Medicaid patients across the board. I hear that they are unreliable in keeping appointments, do not follow recommendations given by the Dentist, are demanding, do not respect office staff/office property, and do not practice proper preventive care. With this being said, NOT ALL Medicaid recipients are part of these problems, but it is the few that are, that create an environment where Medicaid providers question why they participate in the system to begin with, only to receive about 50 percent of their fee for their troubles. So, if you are a current Medicaid recipient, here are a few tips that you can practice that will help make this situation better for your provider

and in the long run, better for you by fostering a positive doctor/patient relationship...

1. If you have a scheduled appointment, show up for your appointment. If something prevents you from keeping your appointment have the courtesy to contact your provider with a reasonable notice, so that office can adjust their schedule and offer your appointment time to another patient needing treatment. Patients who fail to keep regularly scheduled appointments cost the dental office time and money when they do not show up. Patients who repeatedly fail to keep scheduled appointments risk being terminated as a patient, and must then seek out another dental provider to care for their dental needs. Also, by failing to keep appointments your dental condition worsens possibly causing you to experience pain of infection. In addition, when you have an appointment, be on time. It is extremely frustrating to staff, dentists and others awaiting care when a Medicaid recipient shows up 30 minutes, an hour or more late for a scheduled appointment.

2. Follow treatment recommendations given to you by your dentist. Many times, these recommendations are to improve your overall dental health and to prevent future disease. There is nothing more disheartening than for a dentist to spend time and effort treating a problem for a patient, only to see that patient back on a routine visit only to find that recommendations have not been followed and the problem has returned. By not following treatment recommendations greater problems can be created which result in greater expense to Medicaid.

3. Keep in mind that if you have a dental provider that is seeing you and accepting Medicaid reimbursement, they are doing so as a service to you. Keep in mind they are not being reimbursed their entire fee. They are doing so, because they care about your dental health and want to see you have good oral health for a lifetime. Be respectful of the office staff and of the office property. So many times, I hear that certain Medicaid recipients are rude or disrespectful to office staff over issues that the provider has no control over, but are Medicaid rules and regulations that must be followed.

4. Practice proper preventive care. It is amazing to me how much time I spend in my daily practice just trying to get parents to brush their children's teeth. Preventive dental care is the cheapest, easiest dental care there is and with proper preven-

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# April designated 'Child Abuse Prevention Month'



Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation on Monday designating April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Floyd County. Pictured are Angela Bartrum, with the Department for Protection and Permanency, Susan Dye, with the Department for Protection and Permanency, Jennifer Mullins, with the Department for Protection and Permanency, Terry Skaggs, with the Department for Protection and Permanency, Linda Spurluck, with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Victims Services Program, Patricia VanHoose, with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Victims Services Program, Jenny Shepherd, MSU practicum student and volunteer advocate, Barbara Bailey, Victim Services Program and practicum student/advocate, Melissa Hall, UK Targeted Assessment Program and Kyle Burgess, Department for Protection and Permanency.

photo by Jarrid Deaton

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Division of Protection and Permanency, 624 instances of child abuse and neglect were reported in Floyd County in 2010.

As a way of helping to make the public aware of child abuse and neglect, Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall signed a proclamation Monday designating April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in Floyd County. Representatives from the Division of Protection and Permanency and Mountain Comprehensive Care joined Marshall for the signing.

"The prevention of child abuse is crucial to the preservation of the health and well-being of Kentucky's families and can be accomplished by providing support and information of families as well as through increased community awareness," Marshall said. "Children are our most precious resource and we are committed to keeping children of this great commonwealth safe and happy. This requires partners within each community to be engaged in prevention efforts. Places like the Department of Protection and Permanency and Mountain Comprehensive Care work tirelessly to protect children."

According to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, "The Division of Protection and Permanency provides consultative services and technical assistance to the service regions regarding issues of child and adult protection and permanency for children. In addition, the division creates and monitors standards of practice and reviews legislation and regulations. The division also

gathers data and creates reports to meet state and federal requirements and to track and monitor the cabinet's progress on the goals of safety, permanency and well-being."

For more information, including a booklet on how to report child abuse and neglect, visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbp/app/>.

## Speeding in work zone seen as problem

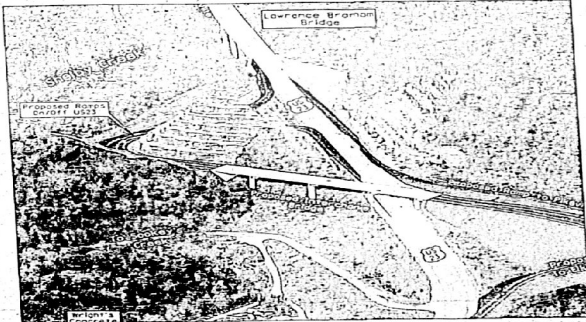
by SHELDON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

**SOOKEY'S CREEK** — Construction is currently underway along U.S. 23 near the Sooke's Creek area of Pike County that will be another piece in the goal to provide residents of that county an interchange that will connect the highway with new U.S. 460, which is under construction to the Virginia state line.

The construction, which encompasses more than a mile of U.S. 23, has resulted in slowed traffic, but state highway officials are still advising motorists to heed the limits as they pass through.

"Apparently there has been some confusion about the reduced speed limit," said Sara George, information officer for Highway District 12. "The posted speed limit throughout the work zone is 45 miles per hour. Double fines are in effect for speeding and any other traffic violation at all times that work is going on. Confusion about the speed limit will not prevent a driver from getting a ticket."

The maximum legal speed limit through the work zone is posted on black and white signs, added George. "The contractor can install orange and black 'cautionary' speed limit signs," she said, "which are used to



recommend to motorists that they may want to slow down below the legal limit. The cautionary signs in this work zone say 35 miles per hour. That is what the contractor considers a safe speed in certain parts of the work zone. However, law enforcement issues tickets based on the maximum legal speed limit, which is 45 miles per hour."

Of the numerous work zones in the district this section seems to be the most confusing for drivers.

Nationally, an injury in a highway work zone occurs every 13 minutes. Someone is killed in a work zone every 3 hours. Eighty-five percent of those killed are motorists, not highway workers.

## Center

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Some of the grants the city is pursuing, those from Rogers' office, are aimed at including a health and wellness aspect or conception to the center.

The two other possible locations have not yet been made public due to contract negotiations, Graden said.

## Roundup

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### Cloverport

■ Jimmy John Adkins, of Betsy Layne.

■ Ollie Louann Bartrum, of Martin.

Darvis Newsome, Victor Rhea, Harry Skeens and Elizabeth Shapiro were arrested during a similar drug bust in December.

Officers are currently searching for another five suspects that were part of the investigation.

■ **Cinema 2 — Held Over**

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES (PG-13), Mon-Thurs. 7:00-9:20, Fri. (4:20) 7:00-9:20, Sat-Sun. (2:00-4:20) 7:00-9:20

■ **Cinema 5 — Held Over**

SOURCE CODE (R), Mon-Thurs. 7:15-9:30, Fri. (4:30) 7:15-9:30, Sat-Sun. (2:15-4:30) 7:15-9:30

■ **Cinema 6 — Starts Fri., April 8**

YOUR HIGHNESS (R), Mon-Thurs. 7:05-9:25, Fri. (4:25) 7:05-9:25, Sat-Sun. (2:05-4:25) 7:05-9:25

■ **Cinema 7 — Held Over**

THE LINCOLN LAWYER (R), Mon-Thurs. 6:55-9:15, Fri. (4:15) 6:55-9:15, Sat-Sun. (1:55-4:15) 6:55-9:15

■ **Cinema 8 — Starts Fri., April 8**

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■ **Cinema 9 — Held Over**

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■ **Cinema 10 — Held Over**

PAUL (R), Mon-Sun. 6:55-9:15

■ **Cinema 11 — Held Over**

RANGO (PG), Fri. (4:30), Sat-Sun. (2:20-4:30)

## Guest

tive care dental disease can be avoided. Many have said that the reason Medicaid patients are less likely to practice preventive care is because they do not have a financial investment in paying for their dental care. This seems to be somewhat true in my practice. We all know that we take pride in those things we have to pay for, or sacrifice for. When you have no

financial obligation to pay for dental care, are you likely to do those things to prevent dental disease, or is it just easier NOT to practice proper preventive care and allow the state and the taxpayers to be saddled with the burden of paying for your care? This issue is a tough one, because it involves accepting personal responsibility for your own dental health. Many times

we make great strides with Medicaid patients, if they are willing to learn and practice good preventive care on a regular basis, keep appointments, and treat the doctor and staff with mutual respect. Finally, if you are a current Medicaid recipient and you have a regular dental care provider you are blessed to have that as well as coverage for your dental

care by Medicaid. Make it your goal to do those things to foster a positive doctor/patient relationship in order to maintain your access to dental care for yourself or your children.

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## Census

ty. "That did shock me," Marshall said Tuesday in reaction to the newly-released figures. "I really felt like we would be up a lot higher. But we're still classified as a medium-size county and we'll remain about the same level."

The drop will not have an impact on funding opportunities, Marshall added, but if the county population had been above

the 50,000 mark, it could have meant more representation and, as a result, more funding options.

Marshall also points to job opportunities as a possible reason for the drop in residents.

"I think one of the things is simply the fact that there are not enough good-paying jobs at the present time," said Marshall. "People have resorted to moving to places like Lexington and

Louisville, the bigger cities, in search of better pay. It's important that we continue to strive to bring industry, even if it's just small groups of little businesses that employ 10 or 15 people. To me, that's where we're going to show some growth and get back on track with increasing our numbers."

Statewide, the population is up just over 7 percent, according to census statistics.

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## Actor

half his men in the Battle of Cynthiana, he and his surviving troops fled toward Prestonsburg where he hoped he would be welcomed by Confederate sympathizers in the city and countryside. He was not disappointed when he arrived. The city and its citizenry offered no resistance

and welcomed him into the burrow. He rode through the center of Prestonsburg and dismounted at the home of Solomon Derosssett, a residence which once stood near the old hospital on the riverbank of Front Avenue. Once there, he sat on the home's porch and visited with leading families of the

city, almost all of whom supported the Confederate cause. Sixth-grade students from the Piastir School were in attendance at the event, which also included stops at First Commonwealth Bank and the May House.

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# Youth theater workshops offer training and fun

This spring and summer, Jeany Wiley Theatre is offering several opportunities for young people of all ages to develop their acting skills and enjoy theatre through a series of workshops.

The different workshops offer training for different levels of theater experience, from beginning to seasoned

actors. Actors, ages 14 and older, with prior acting experience will benefit most from the 12-hour workshop, Viewpoints. Offered in April, Viewpoints is a technique used to focus actors' awareness on different elements of performance. It is especially powerful in helping

actors work as part of an ensemble to strengthen their individual performance as well as the quality of the ensemble performance.

An empowering tool for actors and directors alike, Viewpoints is used at intermediate and advanced levels of training to give theater artists the skills and vocabulary for manipulating space and time on stage. This technique is invaluable in both the creation of new works and the dramatic interpretation of classic texts.

The Viewpoints instructor will be Kathi E.B. Ellis, a roster artist for the Kentucky Arts Council, and an experienced director, actor and drama educator. Ellis currently lives in Louisville, where she works with Stage Lab, Juneteenth Legacy Theatre and Pleiades Theatre Company, and directs and teaches throughout the country.

Viewpoints workshop will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 10, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Viewpoints tuition is \$125 for each participant.

Young and aspiring actors, ages 8 through 16, will love JWT Boot Camp. A weeklong day program, Boot Camp teaches young actors the basic skills and discipline to be able to move up through the acting ranks, join the "company" and become a "veteran" in professional theater.

Boot Camp provides a range of material including Acting Techniques & Skills, Character Development, Dance & Movement, Voice



From left to right, Emily Dillon, Ally Davis, Halleigh Hunt and Drew Epperson take part in a recent JWT Workshop.

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JWT will bring back the highly acclaimed acting teacher Katherine Mapother, along with JWT veterans Matthew Helton (Acting), Jennifer Hughes Bersaglia (Music) and returning Company member Jocelyn Isaac (Dance).

Boot Camp runs from Monday, June 6, to Friday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Boot Camp tuition is \$225.

Younger children will also have a chance to enjoy

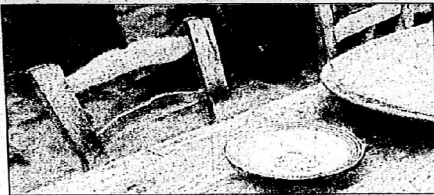
and experience theater in a new Children's Theatre Workshop, PlayTime for ages 5-8. This workshop offers very young theater enthusiasts the opportunity to learn the basics of theater in a fun and creative atmosphere. Young performers will have a chance to display their skills at a Showcase for friends and family on the last day.

Veteran actors and children's theater instructors Heather Branham Greene and Danny Boman will lead the workshop, with additional instructors in music

and dance. PlayTime will be held July 11 to 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. PlayTime tuition is \$225 per participant.

For more information and applications, visit the education link at [www.jwttheatre.com](http://www.jwttheatre.com). Space is limited in all workshops, so early registration is encouraged.

Boot Camp is sponsored in part by funding from The Kentucky Power Company/AEP, with additional support from the Kentucky Arts Council.



"Dinner Bowl," a photo by workshop presenter Malcolm Wilson.

## Hindman Settlement School to host photography workshop

HINDMAN — Digital artist/photographer and Harlan County native Malcolm J. Wilson will present, "Beyond The Camera: An Introduction to Photoshop Elements" May 19-22 at Hindman Settlement School in Hindman.

The workshop will focus on tools and techniques for adapting digital photos for use in communications projects and artistic expression. Demonstrations will include enhancing photos, image manipulation and preparing files for printing. Students will also learn to use Photoshop Elements and Corel Painter Essentials to create photo paintings.

Drawing inspiration from the historic Hindman campus, students will also take a couple of breaks from the classroom to go out and create some imagery for photo enhancement and/or photo reconstruction. The workshop will include preparation of photo files for archival display and will culminate in a public photo

exhibition on Saturday night at the Kentucky School of Craft Gallery.

Workshop participants should have basic computer skills, including an understanding of cut and paste, as well as a working knowledge of photo cataloging and/or photo editing software before enrolling in this course. Familiarity with at least one photo program such as iPhoto, Picasa, Picture Publisher, Elements, Photoshop, Aperture, Light Room, Photo Styler, Paint Shop or Corel Photo Album is a plus.

Workshop tuition is \$250, which includes workshop printing and framing supplies, continental breakfast and snacks. For an additional fee, visitors may stay in cottage-style housing on the Hindman Settlement School campus.

Details and registration forms are available at: [www.HindmanSettlement.org/photoWorkshop](http://www.HindmanSettlement.org/photoWorkshop). The deadline for registration is May 9.

## Free book provides advice to adults returning to college

Kentucky adults considering returning to college have a free resource to help them make decisions about higher education.

Adults Returning to School is published by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), the state agency that administers Kentucky student financial aid programs and provides college planning materials.

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leges and universities. It also includes information about adult education programs and General Educational Development (GED) testing centers, as well as other state programs that can help adult students.

Adults Returning to School is available at adult education centers. Free copies are available through KHEAA by e-mailing publications@kheaa.com.

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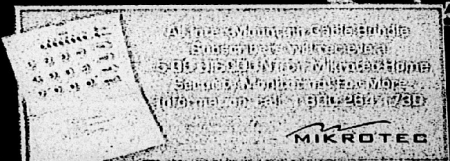
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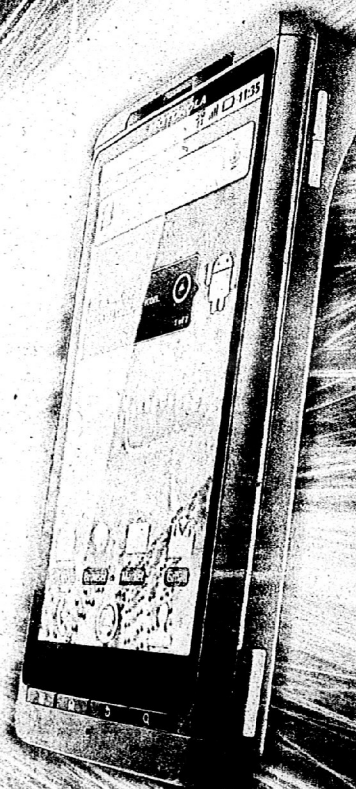
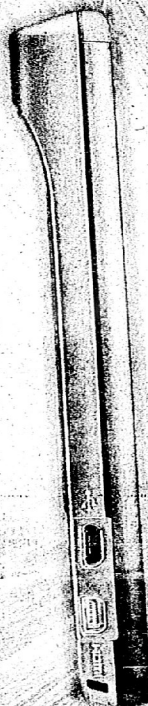
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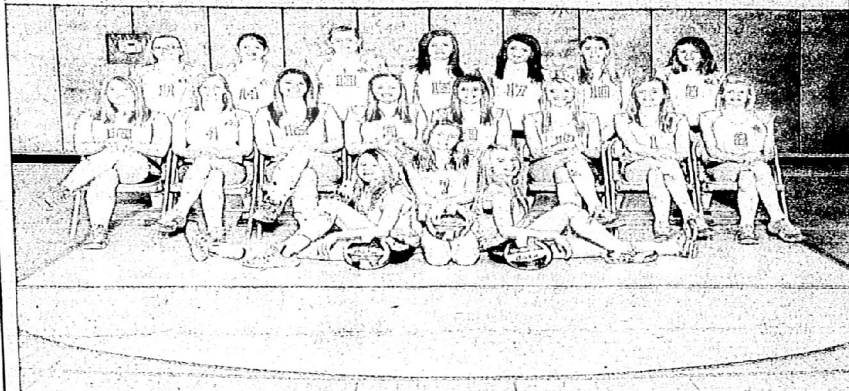
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Promising young pitcher

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Hickey was quarterback for the Christian County football team, which finished runner-up to longtime state powerhouse Highlands in the Class 5A state championship game.

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PIKEVILLE — Tyler Shingle is excited to begin his college career. So much so, in fact, that he'll do so before the rest of his high school class graduates.

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Shingle, who averages 209 in his league and 195 on sports shot, is the first bowler from Highlands County to attend college for bowling.

Beyond that, Shingle, who has a high game of 265 and series of 717, has higher expectations from the game. He wants to major in psychology and be the mental coach for Team USA and the USBC.

Shingle was the 2008 Florida State Pepsi Champion. He finished 20th in the nationals in Detroit. This year, Shingle is the Florida Youth Scratch Bowlers champion, having finished in the top five in six of his seven outings, and won the Greater Orlando USBA Youth championship. In 2010, he won the Landon Memorial Tournament and the South-West Florida Classic titles. He has qualified for both Junior Gold and Teen Master in both 2010 and 2011.

Shingle, who is coached by Joe Stacy at Sebring High, helps coach bowling for children ages 5-12 and was a volunteer for Special Stars in 2008.



ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE seniors Chelsea Jarrell (left) and Whitney Frazier (right) are pictured with ALC head coach John Mills. ALC finished runner-up in the KIAC Tournament.

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## P'burg

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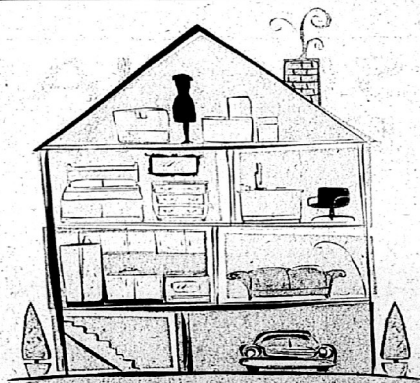
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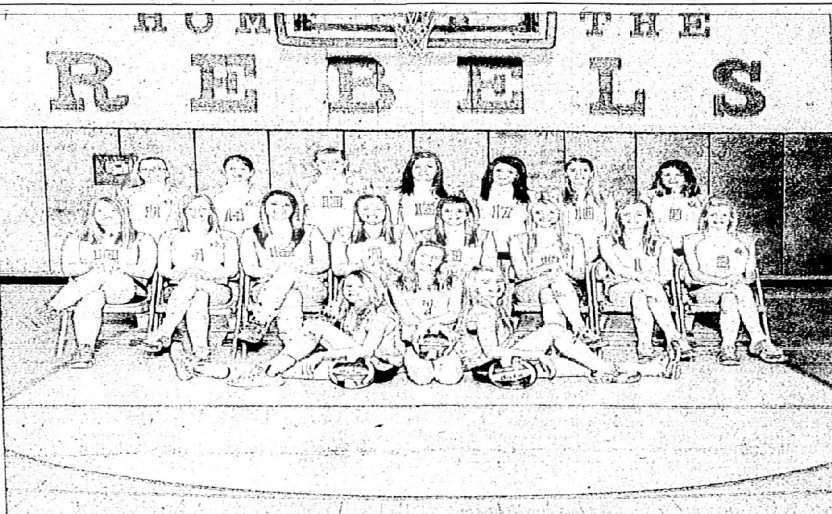
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ting in as head coach of the Prestonsburg High School baseball program. Last week, Simpkins guided the Blackcats to back-to-back wins on the road after Prestonsburg opened the season 0-2. More on each victory follows.

Prestonsburg 6, Pike

County Central 1: Visiting Prestonsburg limited Pike County Central to a lone run in the fifth inning in a non-district matchup on Tuesday, March 29. Prestonsburg plated four runs in the fourth inning and never trailed, defeating Pike Central 6-2.

Promising young pitcher

Drey Stapleton started on the mound and recorded the win. Stapleton registered 13 strikeouts.

The Blackcats added two no-run runs in the seventh inning as Alex Griffith belted a home run and Corey Carter walked and scored.

Stapleton, helping his

## Compton to continue volleyball career at Pikeville College

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A standout from Prestonsburg High School has signed to play volleyball at Pikeville College.

Julie Compton, who played outside hitter for the Blackcats, has signed a scholarship agree-

ment to join the Bears in the fall.

Prestonsburg finished the 2010 season with a record of 23-12, winning the East Kentucky Mountain Classic at Perry County Central High School. The Blackcats finished as the runner-up of the 58th

District tournament and were a semifinalist in the 15th Region tournament.

Compton finished the season with 205 kills, 48 service aces and 15 assists. On the defensive side, Compton registered 11 blocks and 88 digs as a senior for Coach Jackie Day Crisp's club.



Prestonsburg High School senior Julie Compton recently signed with Pikeville College. Compton will play volleyball while continuing her studies at the nearby school.

## Raceland setter signs with Bears

Pikeville College signee was named 16th Region Player of the Year

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College has signed a volleyball standout from Raceland High School to a scholarship.

Katie Massie, a 5-10 setter from Raceland High School, will play for the Bears next season.

Massie helped the Rams reach win the 16th Region All-A Classic this season. Raceland finished the 2010 season at 27-9, winning the 63rd District title and reaching the championship game of the 16th Region tourna-

ment.

Along the way, Massie was named to the all-tournament team in the All-A Classic and was the 2010 KVCA 16th Region Player of the Year.

Massie led the 16th Region in blocks and assists, setting the 16th Region record for blocks and assists.

17. Cody Belter (Shelby Valley) 4, Cody Gregory (Letcher Central) 8, Austin Pray (Perry Central) 2, Wesley Noble (Breathitt Co.) 8, Evan Hall (Knott Co.) 12, Chase Kirk (Sheldon Clark) 6, Devon Turner (Fairview) 10, Dalton Richards (Shelby Valley) 3 and Josh Hollon (Hazard) 7.

South (91): Alex Sergeant (Harlan Co.) 8, Tyler Brewer (Harlan Co.) 9, Collier Mobelin (Hazard) 11, Byron Asher (Pineville) 10, Chad Massingill (Harlan Co.) 25, Matt Thompson (Hazard) 3, Tyler Thacker (Rowan Co.) 6, Jake Allen (North Laurel) 16 and Jason Perkins (Wayne Co.) 3.

The Adidas Silver Medal game featured sophomores and juniors with a couple of years of experience. The North pulled away late for a 115-107 win.

The game started slowly, with the North taking the 17-16 edge at the horn. The intensity picked up considerably in the second quarter, with the North still leading at the break (54-47).

The South began to find their range in the third period, and eventually took the lead. The South continued to lead (80-75) at the game entered the final frame.

The North found their

groove again in the final period, and quickly was back in control of the game. A strong finish catapulted the North back into the lead, and on to the 115-107 win.

North (115): Kyle Skaggs (Russell) 15, Trevor Combs (Perry Central) 3, Sawyer Dennison (Wolfe Co.) 18, Mike Terry (Fairview) 14, Dalton Cornett (Perry Central) 9, Corey Gregg (Ashland) 25, B. J. Cornish (Hazard) 10, Logan Johnson (Letcher Central) 5, Koree Stewart (Letcher Central) 6 and Austin Hunt (Russell) 11.

South (107): Taylor Govor (Pulaski Co.) 5, Cody Johnson (Pulaski Co.) 5, Hobert Asher (Leslie Co.) 8, Matt Day (Buckhorn) 22, Tyler Goins (Pulaski Co.) 8, Blake Sanders (South Laurel) 13, Kyle Huff (Perry Central) 17, Jason Eagon (Rowan Co.) 11, Tyson Williams (McCreary Central) 15 and Kendall Ballou (Letcher Central) 6.

The night's finale featured Eastern Kentucky's top seniors. The game was nip-and-tuck throughout, with the South pulling off a stunning finish to collect the 118-115 win.

The North could do very little to stop the South in the first quarter, with the South grabbing a substantial lead. At

the horn, The South was on top 38-18.

The momentum shifted to the North in the second period, and they were able to cut the margin to under double-digits. Going into the break, the South held a 68-59 lead.

The margin remained the same in the third period as the South managed to stay one-step ahead. The game would then be decided in the fourth quarter. The South held off a late charge by the North and collected the 118-115 win.

South (118): Eric Back (Hazard) 3, J. V. Hooker (Clay Co.) 7, Ben Madon (Bell Co.) 26, Matthew Mitchell (Clay Co.) 17, Gavin Dunnigan (Wayne Co.) 15, Jon Combs (Hazard) 8, Jordan Adkins (Whitley Co.) 17, Codi Roberts (Clay Co.) 11, Tyler Wagner (Lynn Camp) 14 and Nason Roberts (Knott Co.) 8.

North (115): Hobo McCoy (Pike Central) 24, Nathan Martin (Betsy Layne) 8, Billy Hayes (Breathitt Co.) 9, Cody Parker (Johnson Central) 11, Corey Hunter (Rowan Co.) 14, Wade Skaggs (Johnson Central) 7, Brian Roark (Letcher Central) 12, Dontarius Pittman (Lee Co.) 9, Jacob Iron (Elliott Co.) 10 and Shannon Turner (South Floyd) 7.

## P'burg

Prestonsburg

offensive

attack. Prestonsburg 8, Powell County 2: Prestonsburg plated six runs over the last two innings on Friday to pull away for an 8-2 victory over host Powell County.

Seth Carter was the winning pitcher for the Blackcats. Carter delivered a game-high two runs for the Blackcats.

Kyle Welch, Trey Stapleton and Corey Carter each had two hits for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg scored in the

first inning when Welch crossed home plate after reaching base on a walk. The Blackcats moved ahead 2-0 in the top half of the third inning when Kyle Chaffin singled and later scored.

Powell County scored its first run in the third inning. The Pirates were ultimately limited to only one other run, which came in their next at-bat.

Prestonsburg manufactured three runs in each of its last two plate appearances. On Saturday, visiting Paintsville pulled out a hard-

fought 3-0 win over Prestonsburg. The talented Tigers had pushed 57th District rival Lawrence County earlier in the week. Lawrence County edged Paintsville 1-0 behind a no-hitter from All-American Chandler Shepherd, a University of Kentucky signee.

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## Hickey

rebounds, 26 steals and 19 assists in four games. Christian County defeated Rowan County in double overtime for the state title.

Hickey averaged 18 points, 4.6 assists, 4.3 rebounds and 3.8 steals in his senior season.

The latest Kentucky Mr. Basketball remains undecided on college. He has scholarship offers from Western Kentucky, Nebraska, Wright State, Florida International, Mississippi State, Southern Illinois and

Murray State. Hickey was quarterback for the Christian County football team, which finished runner-up to longtime state powerhouse Highlands in the Class 5A state championship game.

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## Shingle to bowl at Pikeville

Florida bowler to join Bears in January 2012

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Tyler Shingle is excited to begin his college career. So much so, in fact, that he'll do so before the rest of his high school class graduates.

Shingle, a 17-year-old junior at Sebring, Fla., High School, will graduate in December 2011 and enroll at Pikeville College the following January, where he will join the men's bowling team.

Shingle, who averages 209 in his league and 195 on sports shot, is the first bowler from Highlands County to attend college for bowling.

Beyond that, Shingle, who has a high game of 265 and series of 717, has higher expectations from the game. He wants to major in psychology and be the mental coach for Team USA and the USBC.

Shingle was the 2008 Florida State Champion. He finished 20th in the nationals in Detroit. This year, Shingle is the Florida Youth Scratch Bowlers champion, having finished in the top five in six of his seven outings, and won the Greater Orlando USBA Youth championship. In 2010, he won the Landen Memorial Tournament and the South-West Florida Classic titles. He has qualified for both Junior Gold and Teen Master in both 2010 and 2011.

Shingle, who is coached by Joe Stacy at Sebring High, helps coach bowling for children ages 5-12 and was a volunteer for Special Stars in 2008.



ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE seniors Chelsea Jarrell (left) and Whitney Frazier (right) are pictured with ALC head coach John Mills. ALC finished runner-up in the KIAC Tournament.

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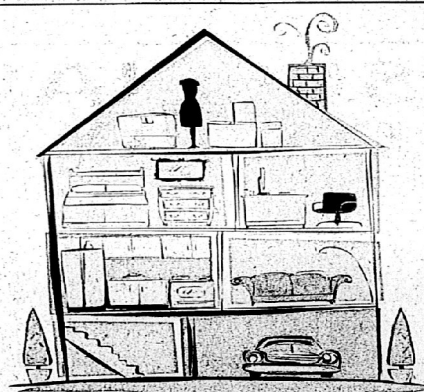
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# Stumbo students collect 655 lbs. of soda can

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

Students at John M. Stumbo Elementary were recently honored by the Ronald McDonald House for collecting 655 pounds of pop tabs, a project that student council members decided to begin last year in an effort to collect a million tabs.

"The entire school banded together, and through an effort not just the student council, but the entire community, met their goal," said Jennifer Cantrell, public relations coordinator with McDonald's of East Kentucky. "The school made frequent pop tab drop-offs to the McDonald's of East Kentucky office in Paintsville throughout the year which were then delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Huntington, West Virginia."



Ronald McDonald recently visited Stumbo Elementary to celebrate with the students who collected 655 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Pictured left to right are: Henry Webb, superintendent, D'Anna Houston, teacher and student council sponsor at JMS Elementary, Desera Ray, JMS Elementary principal, Donna Robinson, JMS Elementary assistant principal, Ronald McDonald, "Chief Happiness Officer" for McDonald's, and Margaret Wilson, Huntington Ronald McDonald House representative.

Ronald McDonald, along with Margaret Wilson, from the Huntington Ronald McDonald House, visited Stumbo Elementary to entertain the students and

present the school with a certificate of appreciation.

The pop tab donations are redeemed for cash that goes directly to helping with the expenses of running the Ronald McDonald House.

"The Ronald McDonald House provides a safe haven for families of sick

children by providing a place to stay, free of charge," Cantrell said. "Thanks to Stumbo Elementary and McDonald's of East Kentucky, owned and operated by Bob and Tom Hutchinson, for lending a hand to this worthy cause."

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## Center for Rural Development names Mather director of SRTB-RC



**SOMERSET** — The Center for Rural Development has named retired Cheney, Wash., police Lieutenant Dave Mather as executive director of National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) Small, Rural, Tribal and Border Regional Center (SRTB-RC).

"Dave brings to the program an understanding of the challenges small law enforcement agencies face in trying to obtain and manage equipment and staff as budgets continue to shrink," Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center, said. "He will be a tremendous asset in helping us continue to meet the needs of small, rural, tribal, and border agencies across the nation."

One of the Public Safety programs operated by The Center, SRTB-RC is an outreach center in the NLECTC system with the National Institute of Justice, a program of the U.S. Department of Justice. SRTB-RC provides responsive solutions, practical benefits, outreach support, and technical assistance to nearly 17,000 small, rural, tribal, and border law enforcement agencies across the nation through innovative, collaborative cooperation.

Mather retired from the Cheney Police Department after 24 years of service. He most recently served as operations lieutenant for the small department, located in

a rural community about 17 miles southwest of Spokane, Wash.

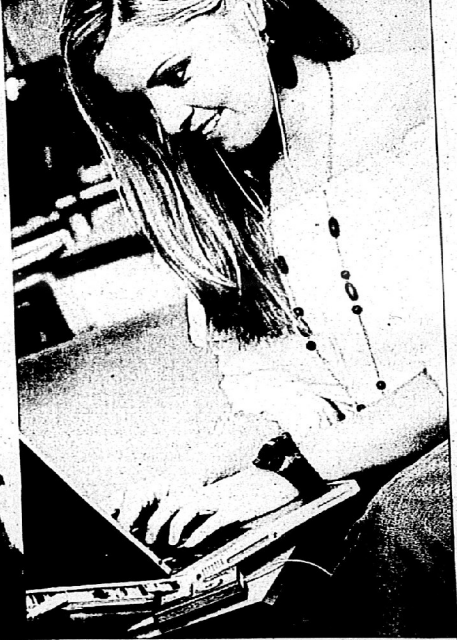
"I am excited about the opportunity to support small and rural law enforcement agencies as part of The Center's team," Mather said. "More than 90 percent of law enforcement agencies in the United States employ fewer than 50 sworn officers and are located in rural areas. One of my goals is to unify their voices so that policy makers hear their needs and those needs get addressed."

Mather holds a bachelor of science in administration of criminal justice, a master's degree in organizational leadership, and is completing his doctorate in education with a focus on educational technology.

Mather has also worked as an academy instructor and adjunct professor for several universities and community colleges, teaching courses in ethics, domestic violence investigations, laws of arrest, search and seizure, crime scene investigation, and leadership for police organizations. He had a private business offering consulting and instructional services to law enforcement agencies in the Pacific Northwest before relocating to Kentucky.

Mather is a former member of the Aviation Technical Working Group and the Safe Schools Technical Working Group. He was recently certified by the Washington Association of Chiefs of Police (WASPC) to assist departments in achieving WASPC accreditation, and participate in training and evaluation of departments in Washington state.

For more information about SRTB-RC and its programs, contact Mather at The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000, via email at dmather@srtbrc.org, or visit the organization online at www.srtbrc.org.



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## COLLEGE NEWS

# BSCTC hosts tenth annual honors event

by DAPHNE KIRK  
GOBLE

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Community and Technical College hosted its 10th annual Honors Night on Friday.

The event took place on the BSCTC Mayo Campus in the Mayo Auditorium. Dr. Bill Loftus, BSCTC professor opened the ceremony with an invocation. Dr. Loftus offered words of encouragement and remarked, "Education is essential in life."

BSCTC President Dr. George Edwards recognized the students for their achievements and offered words of congratulations and greetings.

BSCTC student representatives, Lisa Rutherford and Chelsea Lafferty provided insightful, reflective speeches. Rutherford spoke on the art of learning and education. She cited the following passage from Aristotle:

"Excellence is an art

won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

Guest speaker, state Rep. Leslie Combs welcomed the students and their guests and told the audience, "You are so fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. George Edwards and Dr. Nancy Johnson at Big Sandy Community and Technical College."

Rep. Combs provide a vibrant dialogue on the problematic issues facing Kentucky today, including the drug epidemic, education, economic development and health care.

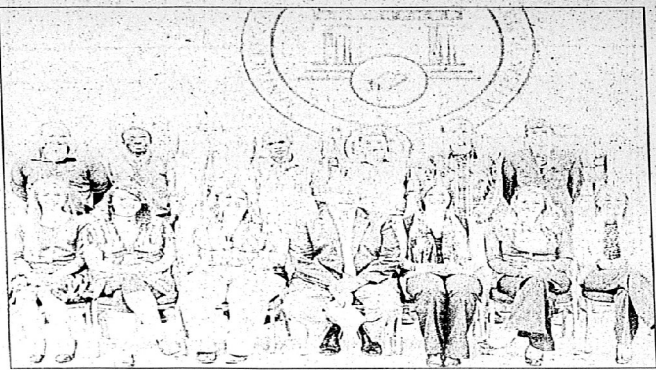
"Education is a priority with me," Combs said. "Education is the basis for all that we do. We must educate people about these issues. We must change IQ to Do Q. We can do this through education and per-

sonal achievement. You can make 'luck' happen ... you can make a difference in your communities."

"When people around you excel and achieve — everyone benefits," Combs added.

She encouraged the students to apply their success and reap the rewards in their personal lives and in their communities. Combs concluded with, "Everyone needs to work and help each other and bring about a good society."

At the end of the ceremony, students were honored for their personal achievements. BSCTC Provost, Dr. Nancy Johnson introduced the students to the audience as President Edwards and Representative Combs presented the students with certificates of achievements.



Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. George Edwards, front and center, with some of the students honored during last week's ceremony.

port groups who supported the students and explained the importance of their roles in the success of the stu-

dents. For more information about the many programs and services offered at Big

Sandy, visit [www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu](http://www.bigsandy.kctcs.edu), or call (606) 886-3863.



Pictured, front row, from left, Dr. Orville Clark, Melanie Fields Horton and Gary Thrash. Back row, from left, Larry Forrester, Kelly Wells, Will T. Scott and Bruce Walters II.

## Pikeville College alumni honored

PIKEVILLE — Seven individuals were recognized during Pikeville College's Alumni Honors Banquet for their outstanding achievements and commitment to the college.

Melanie Fields Horton and Larry Forrester were recognized as Rising Alumni for their professional achievements, pursuit of excellence early in their careers, and the commitment and positive impact they have made in service to others. An attorney in Pikeville, Horton is serving her eighth term as president of the Pike County Bar Association. Forrester began his career as a management trainee with Community Trust Bank and currently is vice president for the central Kentucky region.

Bruce Walters II and Kelly Wells were presented with the Honorary Alumni Award. The award is presented to individuals who are not graduates, but whose service reflects the

spirit and tradition of Pikeville College. Walters, along with his family, have been friends and supporters of Pikeville College for many years providing support for admissions' efforts, athletics and the annual scholarship golf tournament. As head coach of the Pikeville College men's basketball team, Wells recently led the Bears to the school's first NAIA National Championship and was named the 2011 NAIA National "Coach of the Year."

Justice Will T. Scott and Dr. Orville Clark received the Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to alumni whose contributions have enriched the lives of others and who bring honor and distinction to the individuals, their families and Pikeville College. Scott has practiced law in Kentucky courtrooms for nearly 30 years. In 2004, he was elected to represent the 7th Supreme Court District, which consists of 22 coun-

ties in Eastern Kentucky. Scott served as deputy chief justice from 2006-2010.

An optometrist in Pikeville for more than 30 years, Clark's ties to Pikeville College go back to his childhood. He graduated from the Training School, Pikeville College Academy and Pikeville Junior College. His wife, Betty, and son, Orville Clark Jr., are also alumni of the college.

The Pikeville College Alumni Association also recognized alumnus and longtime board member Gary Thrash, establishing the Gary Thrash Outstanding Ambassador Award. A long-time member of the Alumni Association, Thrash was honored for his special commitment and dedication to Pikeville College and its students. The award will be presented to recipients whose service to the college and the alumni association exemplifies Thrash's dedication to Pikeville College's

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Unique in its location and views, McCloud Mountain Restaurant is a mountain-top restaurant perched atop the Cumberland mountains with a panoramic view that stretches as far as the Smoky Mountains. The restaurant is casual dress and is open to the public (by reservation only). Our menu is very diverse, ranging from salads and chicken...to prime rib and lobster tails. Nightly specials range from country dishes and seafood to smoked entrees from our deck mounted smoker. McCloud Mountain Restaurant's hours vary by the season, so check the website at [www.mtcloud.com](http://www.mtcloud.com) for information and menus. We can also host your next special gathering!

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### EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

## What the tea leaves are telling me

by SANDY MILLER HAYS  
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

I swear, if I get any more "natural," somebody's going to have to draw that "organic" label on my forehead. Oh, well, if it's green, at least it will complement the color of my eyes!

When I went for my latest round of medical visits, let's just say that my doctors weren't handing out gold stars. Like practically everyone else in America, I need to shed some weight (30 pounds would be heavenly, but let's be honest and admit that 20 is probably the best I can do).

But that wasn't what got the docs really cranked up. When your blood pressure readings start sounding more like the closing numbers on the New York Stock Exchange, that's when you get read the riot act.

Hence my recent serious efforts at sticking with the yoga, eating less; giving up, with profound regret, my sole vice (a certain luscious soft drink which shall go unnamed, but let's just say that I'd appreciate it if someone would tuck a six-pack or two into my coffin when I finally "go"), and cutting back on the home-baked goodies. And oh, yes—cutting out the caffeine.

Actually, the jury appears to still be out on the "caffeine and blood pressure" question. If you Google "caffeine and blood pressure," as I did out of curiosity, you'll find close to 2,500 articles on this somewhat touchy topic. According to the Food and Drug Administration, 90 percent of the world's population uses caffeine in one form or another, and 80 percent of American adults consume caffeine every day. The FDA does say that caffeine can raise your blood pressure—but lots of other sites argue that this is more likely if you're already prone to high blood pressure, which, alas, it seems that I am.

Either way the coin lands, I've joined the herbal tea crowd. Decaffeinated, here I come!

In case you're a tea novice, the three major classes are green, black and oolong, each of which comes from the *Camellia sinensis* tea bush. But there are also lots of herbal teas, which are infusions derived from anything other than *C. sinensis*.

We've all heard the folklore about herbal teas. But since they're now my official brew, I wanted harder evidence than just "Aunt Vena always swore by her blackberry brew."

As luck would have it, the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) has funded studies at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University in Boston, Mass., on this very subject.

We've all heard about chamomile tea soothing jangled nerves, right? But the researchers couldn't find any human clinical trials that examined this calming effect.

They did, however, publish a review article on other findings related to chamomile tea, such as test-tube evidence that chamomile tea has moderate antioxidant and antimicrobial activities and significant anti-platelet-clumping activity. And animal feeding studies have shown potent anti-inflammatory action and some cholesterol-lowering activity.

How about peppermint tea? In test tubes, peppermint's been found to have significant antimicrobial and antiviral activities, strong antioxidant and antitumor actions, and some antiangiogenic potential.

And that brings us to my favorite: hibiscus tea. One of the ARS-funded researchers has led a human clinical trial to test whether drinking hibiscus tea lowers blood pressure. The trial involved 65 volunteers, aged 30 to 70 years, who were either pre- or mildly hypertensive.

For six weeks, about half the group was randomly selected to drink 3 cups of hibiscus tea daily, while the others

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## Shirley Blackburn believes in sending success forward

by MARY S. WALLEN  
BSCTC FACULTY

Imagine a little girl from Salt Rock, West Virginia. Her daddy died when she was three, and her mother, left to provide for six children, created custom draperies to make ends meet. That little girl grows up, marries the love of her life, has two daughters, after being told for years she couldn't have children, and today is the principal owner and broker of AAA Real Estate Services.

Sounds inspiring, doesn't it? Successful describes Shirley Blackburn, as do dedicated and hardworking. Now as her own business continues to grow in Pikeville, with a new branch opening recently in Paintsville, she works hard to help others achieve their dreams.

Shirley's own personal history has been punctuated by heartache as well as success. When she reflects on where she is today, she points to several key life-shaping moments in her past, the first when she was a senior in high school. It was at that time that she made her best friend's mom a promise.

"I promised her I would go to college," she said. "I remember, she took our hands, mine and my best friend's (Tina), and said I want you two to promise to go to college." They promised. Not long after, her friend's mom died from a brain aneurysm.

Shirley was determined to keep the promise and enrolled at Marshall University. She stayed about a year before leaving to go to North Carolina to work in the engineering field. She remained there for about seven years, and then relocated to Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and married J.R. Blackburn, and now resides in the Pikeville area.

But she never forgot the promise she'd made. Though working full-time in the real estate field, she enrolled at the Prestonsburg Community College and began coursework to earn an Associate in Arts degree. About this time, she was expecting her first child.

Sadly, what could have been a busy but blessed time for Shirley turned into one of the lowest points in her life. Within a short time three of her brothers, ages 35, 37, and 40, passed away, from a car accident, a motorcycle accident, and an aneurysm.

"It was tough," Shirley said. "It really was." Soon after, her mom suffered a massive heart attack. "I understand it," she said. "It made sense. I mean, she'd just lost three of her boys."

Feeling broken, Shirley went to see her advisor, Judy Bowen, to tell her she was withdrawing from school. "I was having pregnancy issues, and really, I just thought 'I can't do this.' I went into her office, and I started to cry. She got up, shut the door and said, 'Let's talk.'"

As she recounts this, Shirley cannot help but laugh. "I bawled my eyes out," she says. "I guess we sat in there for two hours while I got it together. Again, I was the first one of my family to go to college. I wanted to raise the bar for the next generation in my family by being a college graduate. There was a lot of pressure on me."



Her advisor suggested she take things "one day at a time, one class at a time."

That's what she did, though it wasn't easy. She remembers going to her college algebra class and having heart burn so badly that she'd take a heartburn pill and chase it down with Mylanta. She laughs now: "I was so pregnant, so pitiful. . . . But I survived, and I was determined to finish college."

Finish, she did. She graduated from PCC in 1999, and for her family it was a joyful occasion after a lot of sorrow. "The day I graduated, my mom was so happy. She was very proud of me. I'll never forget the smile on her face and tears in her eyes at my graduation. She still is very proud, and she prays for me every day."

It has been over ten years since that meeting with her advisor. "You know, I owe her a lot," she said. "She really encouraged me at a pivotal point in my life."

After earning her associate's degree, she enrolled at Morehead State University as part of a 2+2 program. She took all of the classes she needed to earn her Bachelor of Business Administration from MSU at the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She was also a member of Delta Mu Delta.

Seven years ago, she purchased AAA Real Estate. She stresses that it was "with the Lord's blessings." Today, working and managing a staff of 14, she stays busy.

"Every year it gets bigger," she said, smiling. And she loves the work: "I like being out with clients and showing houses. I take a lot of pride in helping people find the home they want. It means a lot to sit there at closing and know they have a home, and I was a part of it. . . . I love it. It's my cup of tea!"

Buying or selling a home is an emotional process, and Shirley said she always makes a point to remember this. "I think that's why I have as many repeat clients as I do," she said. "They really get to know me, I get to know them and they know I truly care."

Her work requires long hours. She works seven days a week, and that often includes evenings and weekends, to accommodate clients' schedules. She said she's so thank-

F.S. Vanhoose Lumber Co., in Prestonsburg, has announced the retirement of longtime branch manager and Secretary-Treasurer Mike Craft, effective Feb. 1. Craft began his career over 35 years ago, as a salesman in the Paintsville location, and became branch manager in 1996. Calhoun Salyer has been named as his replacement. Salyer most recently was a millwork sales representative and sold product to Vanhoose Lumber with Dyke Industries of Knoxville for the last seven years. "It is good to be with a strong industry leader in East Kentucky and I'm confident that my years of millwork experience will serve the company and the customers well. We wish Mike all the best in his retirement and hope he adjust well to the pace." The company recently acquired the former Flowers Bread distribution building and plans for extensive renovations that will include new offices and a display area in the very near future.

ful to her family, her husband J.R. and two daughters, Brianna and Lexie, and her mother, 83, and her niece (daughter of one of her brothers who passed away), all of whom support her.

"They get me. They understand my crazy schedule."

The hard work has paid off. Shirley has been the top producing agent in 13 counties for several years and AAA Real Estate being a leading company in the area. But Shirley points out, "There's no I here; it's we." She's happiest when all of her agents earn awards and notes that recently her staff claimed eight out of 12 top producing agents awards. "One was realtor of the year, and that makes me proud," she added. "I want everyone to be successful."

Shirley admits that without her college education, she's doubtful she'd be where she is today: "I learned so much from those classes, especially accounting and management. We did projects as a team. There was no I; it was we. That's what I learned, and that's how we work here, as a team."

She mentions that one of her long-time employees, Crystal Robinson, is attending BSCTC and plans to be a nurse. "I'm so proud of her, and I want to see her reach her dreams, even if that means we have to lose her here," she said.

Shirley believes in helping others, and her community service work is testament to this. She's a board member of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors for the YMCA, Rotary International, Shriners and Economic Development in Eastern Kentucky, among others. Last year she served on the committee to help those affected by the flood.

She has earned recognition for the Coats for Kids in Kentucky Foundation that she and her husband started. Seven years ago when she learned of a need for coats in this area, she said she felt she could make a difference. The foundation ([www.coatsforkidsky.com](http://www.coatsforkidsky.com)), which provides coats for underprivileged kids in Pike, Mingo, and now Letcher counties, has gone from handing out 150 coats yearly to over 3,000 this past winter.

But for Shirley, it's not I; it's We: "Good Lord, there's so many who have helped, so many who have shown love."

Shirley Blackburn believes in sending success forward.

"When I came here people of the area took me in as family. The people of eastern Kentucky are my people. This is my home and I will stay my home. It's where my children were born. It's where my heart is."

When it comes to real estate, she attends conferences and conducts research. It's important to her to be able to say, "Anything they offer in California or New York in the real estate industry, we have it here. There's nothing they have elsewhere that we can't offer, too."

Her company's motto is "Dedicated to fulfilling your real estate dreams." Shirley Blackburn is proof positive of what dedication and hard work can yield not only for you but also for your community.



# OUR YESTERDAYS

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

## Twenty Years Ago (April 1 and April 3, 1992)

A debate over the future of the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport came to a happy conclusion this week, when a joint venture was announced for the site. The cooperative project will involve NASA's relocation of its space puppet show and discovering the world of acting. A candidates forum sponsored by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for April 31, at the Stumbo, Stumbo and Stumbo convention center at Stumbo Lake State Park (formerly Jenny Wiley State Park). Candidates for Congress have been invited to attend, but only those who pass an entrance exam will be allowed to speak. The test will require congressional hopefuls to demonstrate their ability to balance their checkbooks or, alternatively, balance a spinning basketball on their noses. (APRIL FOOL!) Though they had earlier signed a confession of guilt, Jeannie Jacobs Fouts, Betty Jacobs Thomas, and Bobby Ray Roberts, pleaded not guilty April 1, to shoplifting charges. Public defender Janice Porter entered the pleas on behalf of her clients at an arraignment held Wednesday, in Floyd District Court, before a production crew from the nationally televised show, "A Current Affair." Preliminary hearings for Fouts and Thomas, and a pretrial hearing for Roberts, were set for April 9. State Representative Greg Stumbo said, Thursday, that he is cooperating with federal investigators who launched a probe Tuesday, of Kentucky lawmakers. FBI agents swarmed the state's capitol, Tuesday, serving subpoenas on 13 legislators, including Stumbo and Representative David LeMaster of Paintsville, asking for campaign finance records dating to 1988. There died Marvin Lee Boswell, 65, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at his residence; Ricky Slone Jr., 26, of Lackey, Monday, at Knott County Nursing Home; Lula F. Coburn, of Garrett, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Charles Russell West, 42, of Cow Creek, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mae Banks Hicks, 91, of Wayland, Friday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Patricia Hewlett Salisbury, 55, of Martin, Monday, at her residence; Jerry Sturgill, 52, of

Martin, Thursday, at the U.K. Medical Center; Richard King, 72, of Butler, Indiana, native of Floyd County, Wednesday, at the Dekalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn, Indiana; William Glenn Scott, 80, of Somerset, Saturday, at Midtown Care Home; Robert Hamilton, 81, of Tabor, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; John H. Flanery, 86, of Martin, Friday, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Patricia Ann Slone Himes, 48, of Bolivar, Ohio, Saturday; Monnie Cleveland Collins, 78, of Prestonsburg, Monday, at her residence; Frances McKinney, 80, of Paintsville, formerly of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, March 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Ollie Vander Duerpool, 80, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

## Thirty Years Ago (April 7, 1982)

Mothers of Floyd County students will challenge a policy regarding early dismissal of students for sports events. Countywide vote slated for June 29 will decide whether to legalize liquor sales in the county. Gypsy Williams Hughes of Ashland filed a damage suit against S. J. Bradley of Betsy Layne for taking gas from her wells on their adjacent gas leases on Mare Creek. Martin Council Coal, Lee Construction, Triple B Corp., and its president, Gary Branham, have been named in a \$27 million suit for the mine-associated death of George Elmer McGaffee. There died, Anna Howard Scott, 83, of Betsy Layne, March 30 at her residence; Cindy Rose Stidham, 5, of Wayland,

Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Virgil (Bowser) Conley, 72, of Garrett, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Hershel Ray Hale, 36, of Manton, March 29, at U.K. Medical Center; Nona B. Bentley, 79, of Langley, last Saturday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Billy H. Ward, 60, of McDowell, Sunday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Barbara Coleman Burnette, 28, of Pikeville; last Wednesday, at her home; Joe Wheeler (Smokey Joe) Meadows, 86, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Gertrude Bates, 71, of Bevinville, Monday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; and Bennie Sellars, 93, of Endicott, last Friday at his home.

## Forty Years Ago (April 6, 1971)

In the glare of television cameras, directors of the Floyd County Comprehensive Health Services Program began Monday night, the work of developing an effective program, and meeting charges leveled at members by Frank Carlucci, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. The lone murder case to be investigated, the problem of pollution and the county's whiskey traffic were targets of Circuit Judge Hollie Conley in his instructions to the grand jury Monday morning when circuit court opened its April criminal term. The Floyd County Board of Education at its Saturday meeting accepted plans for the seven-room Martin school building, subject to approval by

the State Department of Education's Division of Buildings and Grounds. The movie "Love Story" was causing much wailing and gnashing of teeth as audiences packed the theatre here for the second week in a row. There died: William Bailey, 70, of Elberton, last Wednesday at McDowell; Silas Crum, 58, of Martin, Sunday at McDowell; George (Judge) Bush, 72, of Martin, last Tuesday here; Stella May Bloomer Cline, 71, of Lancer, Sunday here; George Webb, 70, of Wayland, Sunday at McDowell; Samuel Arthur Bentley, 66, of Lackey, Monday; Minday Lawson, 33, of Honaker, last Tuesday here; Bessie Elizabeth Hall, 49, of Greshel, Sunday at Pikeville; W. L. (Will) Akers, 77, of Dana, Monday at home; Susie A. Kidd, 72, of Lorain, O., formerly of this county, Friday at Amherst, O.; Mike Bakay, 37, of Weeksbury, last Wednesday at McDowell; Joseph S. Dingus, 90, formerly of this county, March 27 in Orlando, Fla.; Bascom Conley, 77, of Martin, Monday at Martin; Pete Hammonds, 72, of Allen, Monday at Martin.

## Fifty Years Ago (April 6, 1961)

Floyd County is organizing for a countywide cleanup campaign this month, it was announced this week. "Blame the courts, blame the officers for juvenile crime, but I think the real blame lies with the parents," Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill told the grand jury in his instruction

to that body, Monday. A coalition ticket formed, it was said, to avoid a partisan November election fight locally, filed for Prestonsburg city offices Wednesday. Fifteen indictments naming 19 persons as defendants had been reported by the grand jury, Wednesday morning. The Maytown Woman's Club presented its seventh annual fashion show at the school lunchroom there Saturday evening to a grand jury crowd. There died: John M. Castle, 71, former Floyd constable and policeman, last Wednesday at Hueysville; Melvin Lafferty, 73, of Bull Creek, Monday at the home of a daughter at Water Gap; James Elmo Osborne, 51, Wednesday, March 22 at Ashland.

## Sixty Years Ago (April 5, 1951)

The meeting tomorrow (Friday) of the Floyd Fiscal Court is expected to see a decision on which the fate of the Floyd County War Memorial hospital will hinge. Without a murder investigation to make for one of the few times in Floyd Circuit Court history, the grand jury was busy this week with less serious offenses. The army's Bronze Star decoration was conferred on Sgt. Roy Wireman Jr., of Wayland, for heroism in action against the enemy, Nov. 30, 1950, near Sinchang-ni, County and city officials and employees from seven counties of this section will be told here next Wednesday afternoon the benefits they

may gain under the Old-Age Survivors Insurance coverage, which is popularly known as Social Security. There died: Taylor Morgan Fitzpatrick, 55, of Middle Creek, Saturday at Ft. Knox; Matthew L. Brown, 81, of Garrett, last Thursday at Martin.

## Seventy Years Ago (April 3, 1941)

The Packhorse Library operated in this county by the WPA was declared last week to be the best of its kind in Kentucky. Volunteers have supplied the draft call for 36 from Draft Board No. 9. Henry Hale, 23, was killed, and his fiancée, Miss Minnie Porter, 22, was wounded by gunfire as they walked home from church at Idwale last Wednesday night. Eight Floyd County farmers have sowed alfalfa this year with excellent results, County Agent S. L. Isbell said this week. Doug Hays this week published his sworn statement branding as false, reports circulated to the effect that he had withdrawn from the race for the Democratic nomination for County Judge. There died: Jay Tackett, Pike County merchant and father of Joe P. Tackett and Mrs. Charles F. Bond, of Prestonsburg, last Tuesday; Herman Bowen, 40, of Amherst, Va., Saturday night at Martin in an auto accident; Mrs. Nancy Sellars, 45, of Banner, Tuesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Sally Brown Butts, 51, Friday at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

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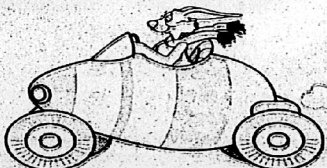
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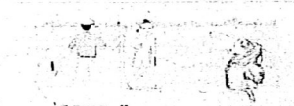
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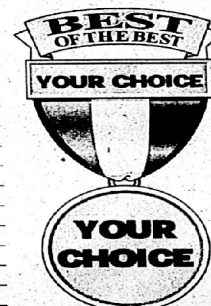
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# Community Calendar

## Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

**Amburgey Family College Scholarship**  
A scholarship will be available again this year from the Amburgey Family Association. Students seeking information about the scholarship application must contact as soon as possible: Mrs. Margery P. Lammers, 720 6th Street, Bonneville, Missouri 65233, phone 660-882-2496, or you may contact her to request an application by email at [mjlammers@SBCglobal.net](mailto:mjlammers@SBCglobal.net). Applicants must show lineage to Amburgeys, and application must be completed and postmarked no later than May 1, 2011.

**Free clothes and household giveaway**  
Free clothes and household items will be given to anyone in need on Friday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department, on Route 114.  
The giveaway is sponsored by the Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, contact Dearl Holbrook, at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525, or Faye Click, at (606) 889-0216.  
Donations of any kind are accepted.

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

349-2217.

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

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

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

**FCCH offers Body Recall exercise classes**  
The Floyd County Health Department offers Body Recall gentle exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 a.m. at May Drive, just off 1428, and at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.  
Classes are free and open to the public. Call 886-2788 for more information.

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

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## 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.

## Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m., at Prestonsburg City Hall.

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## 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.

**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.

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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 Lawrence, call 638-4067.

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## Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

**US TOO! Prestate 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**



Floyd and Nancy Davis, of David, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel Nicole Davis, to Gregory Mitchell Isaacs of Eastern, Kentucky. Rachel is the granddaughter of the late Floyd and Edna Davis, of David, and Curtis and Minnie Warrick of Bull Creek. Rachel is a graduate of Morehead State University with a degree as a Registered Nurse. Greg is the grandson of Avelon Martin, of Winchester and the late William Isaacs, Jr. and Phyllis and the late Wallen Mitchell of Eastern. Greg is a graduate of Big Sandy Community Technical College with a degree in computer aided drafting and design. The wedding will be held Friday, April 8, at noon, First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg. The couple currently lives in Pikeville where they are both employed by Pikeville Medical Center.

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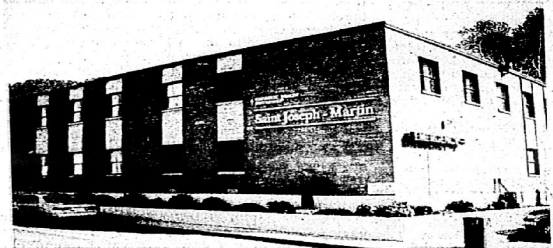
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Community Outreach Highlights

### Community Outreach for the Poor

**Drug Action Team:** The Drug Action Team works collaboratively to reach goals.

- Team members work closely with Operation UNITE – Unlawful Narcotics Investigation Treatment and Education, a federal program initiated by Rep. Hal Rogers to assist in dealing with the drug epidemic in our area.
- Team members work with Pike/Floyd ASAP – Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, a state program established in 2000 to help manage local policies that will help overcome illegal drugs and underage tobacco use.

**The Dental/Oral Health Care Initiative:** was a result of four focus groups of consumers, health care providers, business and industry, and religious leaders who met in 2005 to address the important issue of improving health care access in our community.

### Community Outreach for the Broader Community

**Relay for Life:** In May, SJM's Relay for Life committee "painted the town" of Martin purple. The color of purple represents HOPE for those affected by cancer. Purple bows were sold and then displayed as a representation for the community that we HOPE for a future where cancer is no longer a life-threatening disease.

**Respect Program:** A nine-week abstinence program for students in 6th and 7th grades. Real care dolls are an integral part of this program to promote abstinence, awareness, and possible consequences if abstinence is not practiced. The dolls are used to simulate what it takes to care for a newborn. The goal is to reduce teenage pregnancy and to build and/or foster self-esteem, self-confidence and motivation. The program served 97 students at different middle schools.

**The Annual Senior Health Fest** was held October 8th at the Graceway Methodist Church in Langley, Kentucky. There were 185 seniors with over 55 receiving a free flu shot, lunch and materials from participating vendors.

**Other Community Outreach for the Broader Community include:** Leadership in the Community, Community Health Events, In-Kind Donations, School Programs and Advocacy.



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