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### briefs

## 12 deaths on state roads last week

FRANKFORT — Preliminary statistics indicate that 12 people died in 11 separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, Jan. 5, through Sunday, Jan. 11.

Eleven of the fatal crashes involved motor vehicles and six of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-vehicle crashes occurred in Adair, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Jefferson (2), Laurel, Oldham, and Union counties. Two of the crashes involved the suspected use of alcohol.

A double-fatality occurred in Ballard county. Upon KSP arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames. After extinguishing the fire, an adult and child were found deceased in the passenger compartment. Preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle traveled off of the right side of the roadway and struck a tree.

One pedestrian fatality occurred in Green County.

Through Jan. 11, preliminary statistics indicate that 17 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2009. This is 10 fewer than reported for this time period in 2008. Of the 15 motor vehicle fatalities, nine victims were not wearing seat belts. One pedestrian has been killed.

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### 2 DAY FORECAST

**Today**  
Evening snow  
High: 38 • Low: 18

**Tomorrow**  
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## DANGEROUS SPOT



photo by Sheldon Compton

A driver waits for traffic at the Town Branch Road and U.S. 23 intersection Tuesday afternoon. State highway officials have said a study will be conducted in the near future in light of consecutive fatal accidents at the site since November.

## State looking for remedy to deadly intersection

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The fact that two fatal accidents have occurred at the intersection of Town Branch Road and U.S. 23 in the last two months is not lost on officials at Kentucky's Highway District 12 office in Pikeville.

Greg Couch, engineering support branch manager for District 12, said a study is already being discussed, a study that would start soon.

"We've got that whole section on a to-do list," Couch said Tuesday. "In light of what's happened, it's got our attention. We'll start the study in the near future."

Couch said a study would begin by accumulating an accident history for the intersection, followed by what is known as a peak-hour count of traffic. After that Couch says it's a matter of sending the numbers in

report form to Frankfort for approval.

"The study would take about two months to complete," Couch said. "Then it's sent to Frankfort along with a recommendation from us. From there, the timeline would depend on whatever type of project would be undertaken."

Two of the options could be a traffic signal or a barrier wall. However, Couch said a barrier wall has been mentioned in the past without a great deal of support. Couch was not aware of any complete official study of the intersection, he said Monday.

The area where Town Branch Road connects to U.S. 23 has been the site of numerous crashes over the years, but in just over a month, there have been two fatal accidents, the last of which resulted in a huge pile-up and left 8-year-old Seth Lafferty dead.

Couch attended Lafferty's funeral. His son went school with Lafferty at

Allen Elementary.

"I went to the funeral with my wife, and it was rough," said Couch.

"To me this is a pretty good priority." Lafferty was killed when a vehicle pulling from Town Branch attempted to get into the southbound lane of U.S. 23 and pulled into the path of the vehicle in which he was a passenger.

In mid-November Michele Sparkman, 36, of Bull Creek, was killed at the same intersection under similar circumstances.

Couch said Tuesday that the most involved part of a study would be the peak-hour count, with workers taking counts during portions of the morning, afternoon and evening to determine if the amount of traffic at the site would "satisfy" federal requirements. Those requirements would be that the traffic match the

(See ROAD, page fifteen)

## Longtime judge dies in Illinois

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

GIBSON CITY, Ill. — Longtime Floyd County circuit judge Hollie Conley passed away Sunday, Jan. 11, at an extended care facility in Gibson City, Ill.

He was 88.

Conley was a former Floyd County attorney, commonwealth's attorney and a circuit judge for 28 years. The Floyd County fiscal courtroom is named in his honor.



Hollie Conley

Conley was born in Garrett, attended Garrett High School then Alice Lloyd College (then called Caney Junior College) before going on to the University of Kentucky.

After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Conley attended Duke University to earn his law degree.

Of his many accomplishments, Conley is likely remembered most for his pivotal input on the decision to give construction of Route 80 priority over construction of U.S. 23 during a time when factions were split on the subject.

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## New council has first meeting

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The newly formed Prestonsburg City Council wasted little time getting down to business in its first meeting of the new year.

New council members presided over several business items during a regular meeting Monday evening, including two first readings and three second readings of ordinances ranging from recreation trails to community grants.

(See COUNCIL, page fifteen)

## Turner cosponsors bill to treat addicted criminals

by SHELTON COMPTON  
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner has cosponsored a bill that would allow arrested drug addicts to receive immediate treatment, something Turner says would save millions of dollars for the state.

The bill outlines the development of a substance abuse recovery program to house and care for persons suffering from substance abuse who are charged with felony offenses. If the program is completed, these offenders could be eligible for entry into a pretrial diversion program.

"This bill would allow drug offenders to enter the program

voluntarily for immediate drug abuse treatment," Turner said Monday. "That treatment would begin before they even go to trial. The goal is to help addicts get off drugs and stay off drugs, and to get them out of the jails and back into society to lead productive lives."

Turner said the program could prove to be highly successful, allowing the state to build upon it for additional assistance for drug abuse offenders. But another factor at play, according to Turner, would be the benefit to correctional facilities across the state.

"It is essential that we reach these offenders to keep them

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State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, left, honored Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk Douglas Ray Hall on the floor of the Kentucky State Senate Monday during the 2009 Legislative Session.

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# Obituaries

## Everet Edward Blanton

Everet Edward Blanton, 55, of Grethel, died Friday, January 9, 2009, at his residence.

Born September 14, 1953, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Cambridge and Dorothy Tackett Blanton. He was a retired coal truck driver, and attended Calvary Baptist Church, in Betsy Layne.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Tackett Blanton.

Other survivors include his sons: Shawn, and his wife, Samantha Blanton of Pikeville, and Shannon Blanton of Teaberry; two daughters, Selena, and her husband, Steven Burke, and Sarah Blanton, all of Grethel; his grandchildren: Shantana and Laci; and four great-grandchildren: Kaycee, Tanner, Laken, and Isaiah.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 12, at noon, at the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, in Grethel, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Emmitt Tackett Cemetery, Mink Branch, Craynor, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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## Jack Childress

Jack Childress, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, January 10, 2009, at his residence.

Born February 3, 1925, in Huntington, W.Va., he was the son of the late Jerome and Pearl Bledsoe Childress. He was a retired truck driver, and a World War II veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Woodard Childress.

Other survivors include a son, Jack D. Childress of La Mesa, California; a daughter and son-in-law: Sharon, and her husband, Paul Skeens of Prestonsburg; a grandson, Greg, and his wife, Beth Skeens; and two grandchildren: Gregory and Jasmine Skeens.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Fetty.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 13, at 1 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Willard Collins officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Astor Clay Collins

Astor Clay Collins, age 77, of Prestonsburg, passed away Friday, January 9, 2009, at the Norton Suburban Hospital, in Louisville.

He was a retired construction manager and project inspector.

He was predeceased in death by a son, Colin Clay Collins; his parents, Dr. M.M. Collins and Beatrice Adams Collins; and his brothers: Brady Collins and Scott Collins.

He is survived by his daughters: Alice Faye Simpson, Mary B. Durbin, and Myra Blue; eight grandchildren: Jonathon Brannon, Michael Collins, Michelle Elliott, Melissa Pozun, Jessica Flood, Alison Simpson, and Lauren and Hayden Blue; four great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Rose Collins, widow of Scott Collins.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 14, at 11 a.m., at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Interment following at the Mayo Cemetery, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was Tuesday, January 13, from 2 p.m., until 8 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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## Ollie Mae Clay Collins

Ollie Mae Clay Collins, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, January 11, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born January 22, 1936, in Woods, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Mollie Morrison Clay. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Collins.

Survivors include three sons: Donald (Carol) Collins, Larry (Sue) Collins, and Jeffery Collins, all of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Linda (Kenneth) Gibson of Prestonsburg; a daughter-in-law, Betsy Collins of Prestonsburg; two sisters: Ama Combs of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Emma Hammack of Tecumseh, Michigan; and eight grandchildren: Michael, Ronald (Pete), Kimberly (Kimmie), Matthew (Matt), Nicholas (Nick), Holly, Natasha and Amber.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Ronald Edward Collins; three brothers: Tom, Ralph and Calvin Clay; and two sisters: Ellen Arnett and Gertrude Kendrick.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 15, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bill Collins officiating.

Burial will be in the Collins Family Cemetery, (Cow Creek), Prestonsburg.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## David Carl Conn

David Carl Conn, 68, of Banner, died Sunday, January 11, 2009, at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Born December 22, 1940, in Drift, he was the son of the late Lenard and Eunice Conn. He was a disabled coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Carr Conn.

Other survivors include two sons: Paul Conn of Michigan, and Carlton Conn of Nicholasville; two daughters: Carla Marie Conn of Ivel, and Emma Pridemore, of Louisa; one brother, Lenard Conn Jr., of Martin; a sister, Thelma Anderson of Michigan; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Dale Conn; four brothers: Paul, Donnie, Frankie and Johnny Crum; and three sisters: Marie Cook, Wanda Harris Conn, and Mildred Jarrell.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 14, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Joe Ryan officiating.

Burial will be in the Conn Cemetery, (Rice Branch), Prater Creek.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Judge Hollie Conley

Judge Hollie Conley, of Garrett, died Sunday, January 11, 2009, in Illinois.

He was born to Willis and Mimia Conley, January 14, 1921.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie Martin Conley; his parents; his brothers, Haden and Clyde Conley; and his sisters: Irene Cox and Edna Everidge.

Surviving are his sisters: Sallie (Victor) Scherrer of Alexandria, Virginia, and Bessie (Homer) Draughn of Lexington. In addition, he is survived by a son, Hollie Martin Conley of New York; his daughters: Judelle Conley of Lexington, Danise (Mark) White of Virginia, and Melanie (Ron) Warfield of Illinois.

He was a fun-loving grandfather to Scott, Robb, and Leah Warfield, Holly (Bo) Renes, Chad (Alyssa) White, and Rebecca White; also surviving are seven great-grandchildren.

He was a graduate of Alice Lloyd College, the University of Kentucky, and Duke University Law School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was Floyd County Attorney and Commonwealth's Attorney, before serving for 28 years as Judge of the Circuit Court.

Judge Conley and his wife, Minnie, owned and operated Conley's Ky. Food Store in Garrett for more than 40 years.

He lived with a passion for life; a passion for hunting; a passion for Kentucky sports; a passion for serving the customers at Conley's Ky. Food Store; a passion for being fair and equal as a judge; and a passion for his family.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m., on Friday, January 16, and services will be Saturday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Burial will follow at the Mimia Conley Cemetery, in Hueysville.

Memorials may be made to the Hollie Conley scholarship fund at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, KY 41844. (Paid obituary)

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## Clyde Goble

Clyde Goble, 62, of Dwale, died Sunday, January 11, 2009, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born March 24, 1946, in Dwale, he was the son of Myrtle Spurlock Goble of Dwale, and the late Charlie Goble. He was a disabled service station attendant; and was baptized on December 25, 2008.

Survivors in addition to his mother, include a son, Mark Hunt of Dwale; a daughter, Jennifer Hunt of Prestonsburg; a brother, Earshell (Herb) Goble of Rogersville, Tennessee; three sisters: Barbara Frazier of Dwale, Terry Leslie of Paintsville, and Charlene Thorton of Chelsea, Michigan; a granddaughter,

Kaitlyn Hunt; and nieces and nephews: Shawn, Michelle, David, LaDonna, Sandy, and Rhonda.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 15, at 2 p.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with James Henry Fields and Jack Howard officiating.

Burial will be in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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## Ralph Hill

Ralph Hill, 57, of Deane, died Sunday, January 11, 2009, at the UK Hospital, in Lexington.

Born January 30, 1951, in Wheelwright, he was the son of Aggie Johnson Hill and the late Grover Hill. He was a disabled factory worker.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Bryant Hill.

Other survivors include two sons: Ralph Wade Hill, and Floyd Scott Hill, both of Hunt, Indiana; three stepsons: Chuck Beady of Huntington, West Virginia, Gary Dwayne Bryant of Martin County, and Ronnie Schaner of Indianapolis, Indiana; a daughter, Kitty Hill of Hunt, Indiana; a stepdaughter, Tina Renee Hay of Deane; five brothers: Ray Hill, Earl Hill, and Richard Hill, all of Wheelwright, George Hill of Weeksbury, and Johnny Hill of Burn, Indiana; two sisters: Edna Johnson and Helen Hill, both of Melvin; and six step-grandchildren.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Don Hill.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 14, at 11 a.m., at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, in Melvin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation was at the church. (Paid obituary)

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## Jayne Frances Howland Pitts

Jayne Frances Howland Pitts, 72, of Grayson Way, Georgetown, formerly of Floyd County, a retired UK Cooperative Extension Service Agent, and the wife of John K. Pitts, died Saturday, January 10, 2009, at Georgetown Community Hospital.

A native of Maloneton, (Greenup County), she was the daughter of the late V.B. and Ernestine Dupuy Howland, and was a member of the Georgetown First United Methodist Church.

Survivors, in addition to her husband, include two children: John David (Denise Ellegood) Pitts and Jayne Marie Pitts (Grover Clay) Hibberd; three grandchildren: Theodora Hibbard, John Benjamin Pitts, and William Thomas Pitts, all of Georgetown; two brothers: William Edward (Helen Brown) Howland of Greenup, and Stephen Paul (Brenda Boggs) Howland of South Shore; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 14, at Hall Funeral

Home, in Martin, with Rev. Larry Hall officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Honorary bearers will be Jack Friar, John Sparks, Gene Ball, Kermit Howard, Harold Osborne, Finis Boggs, Gerald DeRossett, Charles Patton, and Thomas Horn. (Paid obituary)

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## Barbara Ellen Music Williams

Barbara Ellen Music Williams, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, January 5, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, West Virginia.

Born June 29, 1959, in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Oliver and Oeda Lafferty Music. She was a teacher at Prestonsburg High School; a member of KEA; and

the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Williams.

Other survivors include a daughter, Kimberly Williams of Prestonsburg; six brothers: William Albert Music, James Music, Homer Music, Floyd Music, and Marion Music, all of Prestonsburg, and John Music of Atwood, Indiana.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Sammy Music, Hillard Music, and Oliver Darwin Music; and two sisters: Margie Flannery and Margaret Alice Music.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Van West and Jimmy Brown officiating.

Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

## Card of Thanks



The family of Paul David Shepherd would like to thank everyone who came to our side during the sudden loss of our loved one. Thanks to the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for all their kind words; Middle Creek Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary; and neighbors for all the food; and also special thanks to Anthony Lafferty for his special words to everyone; also special thanks to Susie and Evelyn for sharing their childhood memories about Paul. We also express our thanks for everyone who sent flowers and food. Thank you.

THE FAMILY OF PAUL DAVID SHEPHERD

## Card of Thanks

The family of Maggie T. Howell would like to express our appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. We especially want to thank the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words; the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church for all their love and support that was shown to our family; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the acts of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF MAGGIE T. HOWELL

## Card of Thanks

The family of James Hobert Howell would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss; to those who sent beautiful floral arrangements, food or even words of encouragement. A special thanks to Clergyman Joe Meade for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home staff for making our loss a little easier to bear. For anyone who may have helped in any way, we lovingly say, thank you, and God bless.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES HOBERT HOWELL

## Card of Thanks

We, the family of Henry J. Wright Jr., would like to sincerely say thank you to all of our wonderful friends and neighbors who helped to comfort our family during this difficult time. Thanks to those who sent flowers and food, or came by to share our loss; to Clergymen Ted Shannon and Arnold Turner Jr., for their comforting words; the Sheriff's Department for providing us with an escort to the graveside; and the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To all we thank you. God bless.

THE FAMILY OF HENRY J. WRIGHT, JR.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Seth A. Lafferty, wishes to express our sincere appreciation to the Floyd County Rescue Squad, Prestonsburg Utilities, and also the First Baptist Church of McDowell. Special thanks also goes to HRMC Food Service; and all others who had a part in sending food, flowers, or a kind word. We also would like to thank the Hall Funeral Home for their kindness, at a time when it meant the most to us. For anyone whom we have not mentioned, we thank you, and God bless.

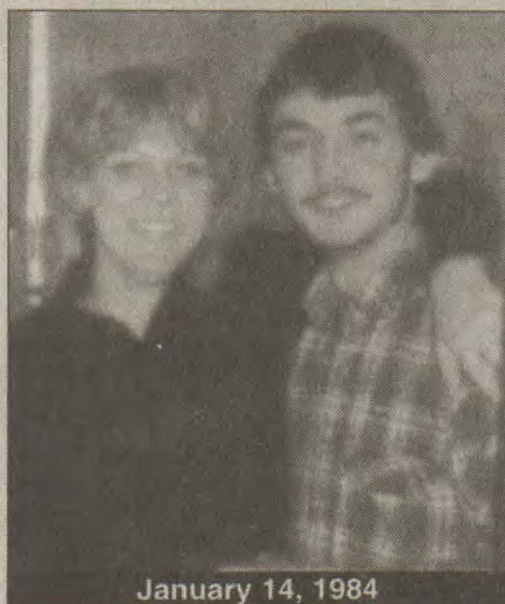
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Rex and Sandy Lafferty

## Card of Thanks

The family of Henry J. Wright would like to thank everyone who provided food, flowers, and expressed their condolences during our recent loss. A special thanks to Pastors Ted Shannon and Gene Bracken for their comforting words. The family would also like to thank the Disabled American Veterans; the Left Beaver Fire & Rescue Squad; and Hall Funeral Home. Thanks to everyone for their kindness.

THE FAMILY OF HENRY J. WRIGHT

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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.

### Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010

Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: [patricia466@hotmail.com](mailto:patricia466@hotmail.com); also Post Card, P.O. Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.

### HRMC to host weight loss surgery seminar sessions

Highlands Regional Medical Center and Kentucky Laparoscopic will be hosting several weight loss surgery seminar sessions throughout the area in January. The seminars will be held at the following locations and times.

Belfry Senior Citizens Center Belfry, KY  
January 20th, at 6 p.m.  
East Kentucky Expo Center Pikeville, KY  
January 21st, at 6 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Express Hazard, KY  
January 27th at 6 p.m.  
Magoffin County Extension Center Salyersville, KY  
January 28th, at 6 p.m.  
Refreshments will be provided and a FREE one month membership to the Highlands Wellness Center will be offered to those attending. For more information, please call: 606-886-8240.

### Auxier Community Center

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

### 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.

### Free Bible Lessons

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

### Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party!

The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun and

distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-0303 for more information.

### Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

### Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

### Need help with addiction?

Lifeline of Floyd County "Conquer Chemical Dependency" is a Christ-centered 12-step program offering support to those who are coping with addiction and learning to live drug-free lives. The support group meets on the following schedule:

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.  
Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.  
Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.  
Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.  
Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

### Hope in the Mountains

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

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

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

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

### UNITE

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

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

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

### 'Earn While You Learn'

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

### Senior employment program

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

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

### External Diploma Program

Kentucky residents age 25 and older can earn a high school diploma by demonstrating skills learned on the job or in raising a family. Flexible scheduling is provided and confidentiality maintained. Classes are held at the Carl D. Perkins Rehabilitation Center, in Thelma, Mon. thru Fri., with evening classes on Thursday. EDP classes are also held at the Mullins Learning Center, in Pikeville, on Tuesdays, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Contact Andy Jones at 606-788-7080, or 800-443-2187, ext. 186, or Linda Bell, at ext. 160 to make an appointment.

GED classes are also available.

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## Guest View

### A high-wire act

Even as he is hard-selling Congress and the American public on the need to act quickly on his unprecedented economic stimulus package, President-elect Barack Obama is warning that the massive government spending program means that we will face "trillion-dollar deficits for years to come."

In the next breath, Obama acknowledges the gripping high-wire act his administration will attempt. Because such deficits would have a ruinous effect on the economy if allowed to persist, the president-elect promises to work diligently to eventually restrict spending and impose other discipline that would allow him to reduce the deficits in the long run.

We would be skeptical of such a promise in the best of times. It is even harder, in these tumultuous days, to accept that such a tricky budgetary U-turn can be executed over the next four or eight years.

Yet, something else Obama said gives us hope.

He declared that overhauling Medicare and Social Security would be "a central part" of his budgetary efforts. Politicians of all stripes have long treated these two massive entitlement programs as practically sacrosanct even as experts estimate that they, along with Medicaid (the health care program for the poor), will consume nearly the entire federal budget by 2050 without drastic reform.

Obama did not offer specifics about how he will address the issue, although during the campaign he proposed adding a payroll tax on incomes above \$250,000 to bolster Social Security, which currently relies on a tax capped at about \$106,000 annually. He said he would offer more details with his first proposed budget next month.

If Obama capitalizes on his momentum and popularity by following through on his pledge to lead real reform on entitlement programs, he will have made a huge first step in traversing that high wire.

— The San Diego Union-Tribune

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## Guest Column

### Senate week in review

by SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

The Kentucky General Assembly convened its 2009 Regular Session this week, with more than 200 bills already filed and more on the way.

During this odd-year "short" session, legislators will meet for 30 days. Although a two-year state budget is already in place, the Commonwealth's deteriorating finances demand that we further investigate ways to streamline government and make necessary state services as efficient as possible. In addition, there are a number of issues, ranging from education to revisions of the state criminal code, that will command our attention in the next three months.

The first week of this winter's session was devoted to organizational matters — selecting leadership as well as naming committee memberships and chairs. Three new members were sworn in this week, with Sen. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, joining us in the Senate after six terms in the House of Representatives. One new committee has been created this year. The former Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee was separated into two committees so members will be able to focus more specifically on the needs of these important areas.

With no time to waste, we went to work immediately. One bill already on the floor and ready for a vote is Senate Bill 4, which represents a smarter approach in the war on drugs. SB 4 would create an intensive drug treatment program to help make sure potential felons can recover from their addictions even before they are convicted for their first offense. The earlier we treat the problem, the easier it will be to end the cycle of drug addiction and crime.

One immediate benefit would be to reduce our exploding prison costs. We spend eight times more on corrections now than in 1970, even accounting for inflation. One reason is we have 65 percent more prisoners, many of them because of drug violations. We cannot

continue down that path and adequately fund other crucial services at the same time.

Another issue we tackled this week was the increasing need for students to be ready for college and the working world, particularly in math and related fields. Senate Joint Resolution 19, which passed the Education Committee this week, directs the state Department of Education to revise the state's core content standards for math. We want to ensure that students focus on critical basic skills, rather than an overly broad set of goals that spread teachers too thin.

When we return to Frankfort on Feb. 3, much of our attention will be on state finances. The Consensus Forecasting Group tells us our revenues will be \$456 million less than anticipated this fiscal year. That means we must tighten our belt above and beyond what we did last year. With a shortfall of that nature — about 5 percent of the annual budget — we must search across the board for savings. The Governor has announced his recommendations, and we will consider his proposals along with our own as we look for a long-term solution to this chronic problem.

Of course, many items we will be looking at this session will affect state spending. One such issue will be a comprehensive review of the state's criminal code, including drug laws, Laws that made sense in the 1970s, when we last considered such an overhaul, may not be the best way to fight crime today. We hope this review and revision will produce a justice system that makes more sense and spends tax money more efficiently.

We must also look at two other large cost-drivers of spending — Medicaid and education. Medicaid is a particular trouble spot because of its nature. Just as the economy falters and less money is available for state spending, Medicaid rolls swell because people are losing their jobs. To protect this program into the future, we have to be prudent with how we manage it today.

Although we cannot ignore the pressing needs of today, we must also make sure that tomorrow's infrastructure needs are met. Federal road aid is dwindling, but our roads need con-

stant repairs and upgrades to keep our citizens and goods moving. To cite one particular instance, we anticipate that the Base Realignment and Closure changes recommended for Fort Knox will mean thousands of new military and support jobs for that community and surrounding counties, and we must invest wisely in infrastructure there to both support and promote smart growth in the area.

Of course, many other issues large and small will arise when we finish out the remainder of the session in February and March. To help us do that work, we need you to stay in contact. The General Assembly has a number of ways for you to stay informed, from our toll-free hotlines to the Kentucky Legislature Home Page to our free e-mail service.

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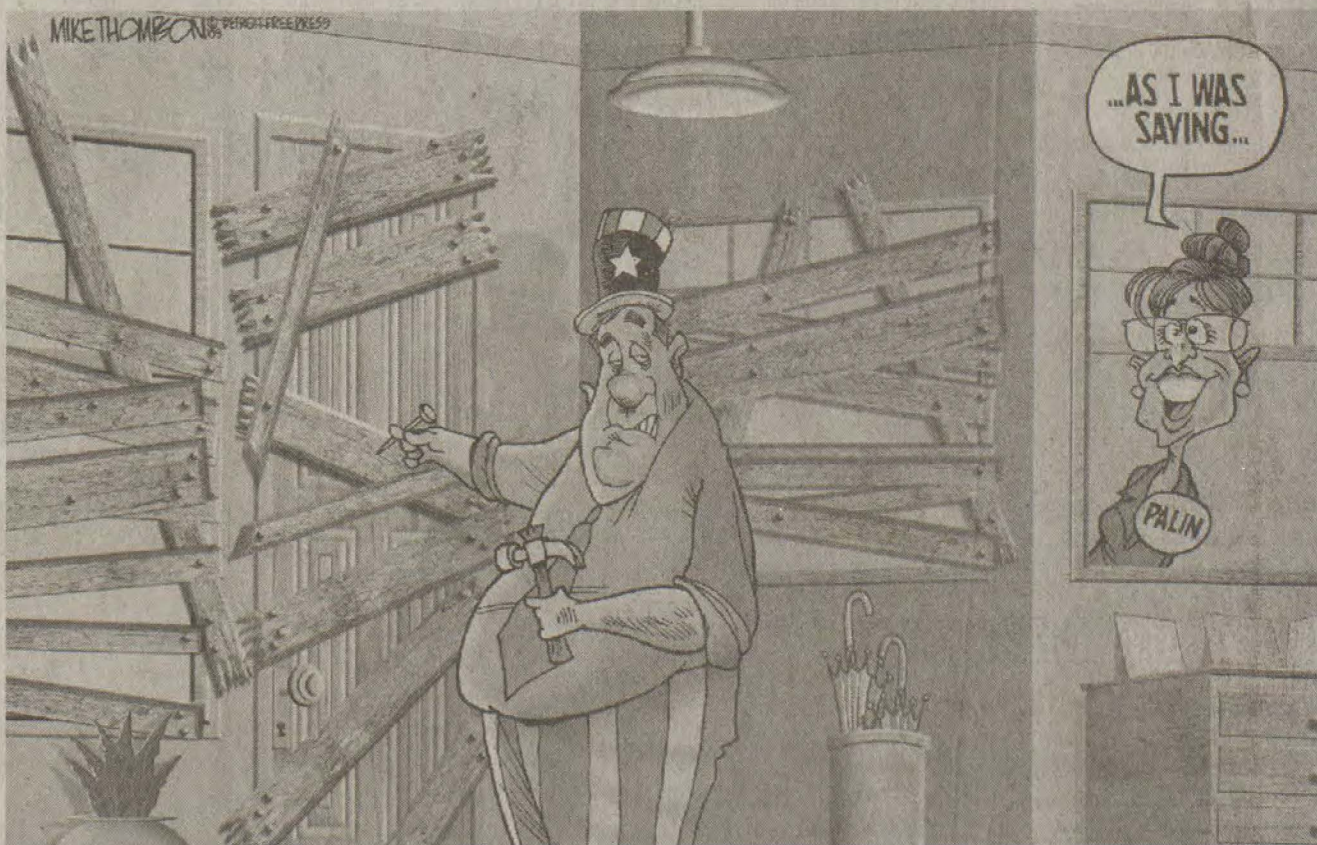
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# State flunks American Lung Association's National Tobacco Report Card

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky has once again scored an F in all four categories of the American Lung Association's State of Tobacco Control 2008 report released nationwide today. The state's flunking grades in tobacco control spending, cessation programs, smokefree air and tobacco tax stem directly from the legislature's failure to pass strong statewide laws proven to prevent the premature death and disease caused by tobacco use.

"Tobacco use is at the heart of a crisis plaguing our state's health and economy," said Kuntz. "This report should sound a thunderous wake-up call to our elected leaders to do the right thing for Kentuckians by increasing our tobacco excise tax."

Kentucky's F for tobacco tax is based on a state excise tax of 30 cents per pack. The current national average tax is \$1.19 per pack.

Gov. Steve Beshear has proposed a 70 cent increase in Kentucky's tobacco tax, which is projected to produce over \$200 million a year in new revenue for the state. Kentucky last increased this tax in 2005 from 3 to 30 cents per pack.

"Increasing the cost of cigarettes will cut smoking rates, especially among youth and pregnant women," said Kuntz. "F or every 10 percent increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes, there is a seven percent drop in youth smoking."

Currently, 26 percent of high school students and 28.2 percent of adults in Kentucky smoke. Our adult smoking rate is the highest in the country. While the percentage of adult smokers nationwide has dropped significantly over the past 30 years in response to stronger smokefree laws and higher cigarette taxes, Kentucky's rate has remained largely unchanged.

Even with fewer people smoking, tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease and premature death in the U.S. It kills nearly 393,000 Americans a year, including over 7,800 in

Kentucky alone. Secondhand smoke causes an additional 50,000 deaths each year.

Kentucky's economic cost due to smoking tops \$3.7 billion a year. Tobacco-related illness costs our nation \$193 billion annually.

The annual State of Tobacco Control report grades states and the federal government on smokefree air laws; cigarette taxes; tobacco prevention and control funding; and coverage of cessation treatments and services. Grades are calculated by comparing policies against standards based on current, recognized scientific criteria for effective tobacco control measures.

Higher tobacco taxes, prevention and cessation programs funded at the levels recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and comprehensive smokefree air laws are proven to save lives and cut healthcare costs. Many states, however, still fail to enact these critical policy measures.

Kentucky is among seven states that scored all F's on this year's report. The other six are Alabama, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Unlike previous years, no state earned all A's this year. Likewise, no state earned an "A" in the report's new category, which grades coverage of tobacco cessation treatments and services for Medicaid recipients and state employees.

Kentucky's F for tobacco control spending stems from spending less than 10 percent of what the CDC recommends as a tobacco control minimum for our population. We spend \$4,242,064; the CDC's recommended minimum is \$57,200,000.

Because grades for smoke-free air are based only on statewide laws and not local ordinances, Kentucky again fared poorly in this area for

2008. "Despite this grade, we are encouraged by Kentucky's progress and believe the day will soon come when all our citizens will be protected from the health risks of secondhand smoke," said Kuntz.

A look at Kentucky's two closest neighbors shows they fared only slightly better in the 2008 report. Indiana scored F's in tobacco spending and smokefree air, but got a C for cessation coverage and a D for cigarette tax. Indiana's tax is 95 cents a pack.

At 62 cents a pack,

Tennessee's cigarette tax earned a D. Although Tennessee has a state smoke-free air law, because it exempts restaurants and bars open only to those over 21, the state got a C in this category. It received F's in tobacco spending and cessation coverage.

The full State of Tobacco Control 2008 report with a map and easy-to-use links to grades for each state can be found on-line after January 13th at: <http://www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org>.

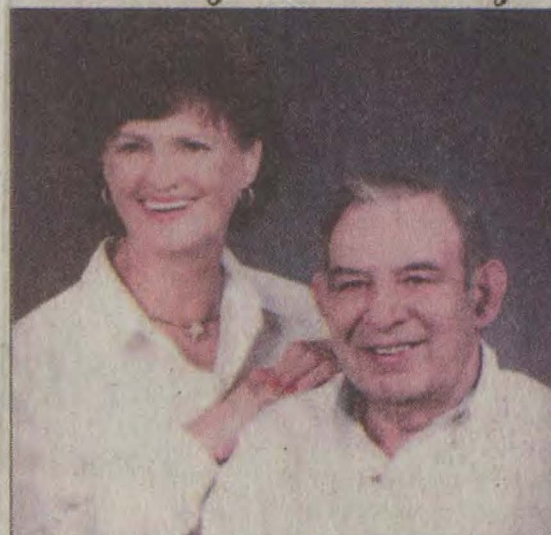
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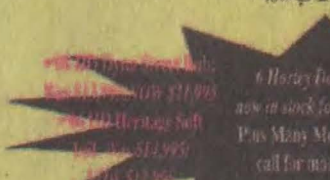
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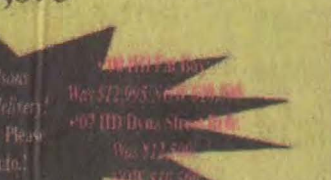
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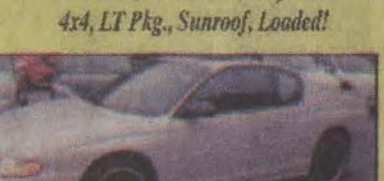
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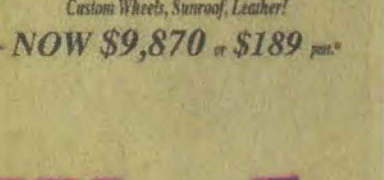
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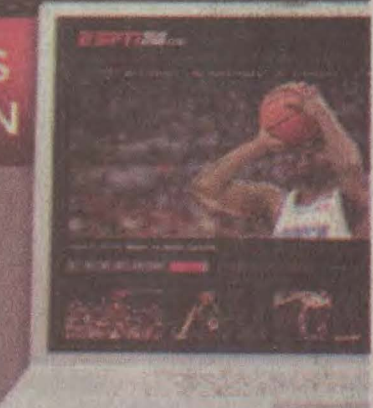


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# Bad economy claims another regional retailer

by TONYA AMBURGEY  
HAZARD HERALD

HAZARD — Employees of the family apparel retailer Goody's Family Clothing will soon be out of a job, as the company announced that it will be closing its doors.

The news of the liquidation, which began Friday, came last week as the Knoxville, Tenn.-based chain announced that it will be closing its doors for good, unless a buyer could be found, after failing to secure sufficient capital to keep the business operating, according to the Knoxville News Sentinel.

Goody's filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in June 2008 and emerged in October, after a reorganization, plan that closed more than 70 of its over 300 stores, a distribution center in Arkansas, and a corporate office in New York, only to fall victim to the worsening economy which is causing the remaining 287 stores, including ones in Pikeville and Hazard, to close their doors.

The company hasn't given a date for when the liquidation will be complete, but sales are already taking place.

A steady flow of customers continued throughout the day Monday at the Goody's in the Hazard Village Shopping Center as shoppers took advantage of some of the markdowns. And even though they like the low prices, customers like Pearl Roberts and



Customers looking to take advantage of the "Going out of business" sale flowed in and out of the Goody's store in the Hazard Village Shopping Center on Monday.

photo by  
Tonya Amburgey

Irene Collett from Leslie County say they are sad to see the store go.

Roberts and Collett say they visit the Hazard Goody's several times a month and were hurt by the news that the store would be closing.

"We like their prices and the value of their clothes and we felt hurt when we heard the news," Roberts said, while Collett added, "We come over here to find good bargains. We are on fixed incomes so we have to look for good bargains and this place helps with that."

The announcement that Goody's is liquidating wasn't a surprise to shoppers like Sevan Campbell of Hazard and Ray Barnett of Nancy.

Campbell, who was looking to spend a gift card she got

for Christmas, said, "It didn't surprise me. I think everything will go shortly, as bad as everything is. I look for Maurice's and Peebles to be next. All the smaller ones will probably go first. I look for it to get to where we probably

won't have anything but Wal-Mart left," while Barnett added, "The way the economy is going, there will probably be more of them go. We will miss Goody's and I feel sorry for the people working there."

The chain currently has

more than 9,000 employees and officials say they are unsure of what will happen to them. On Monday, most of its corporate employees were let go without any severance and on Tuesday the Tennessee newspaper reported that bankruptcy is expected to follow.

The chain stopped issuing gift cards, accepting new tuxedo rental orders, and offering layaway earlier this month.

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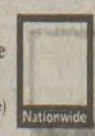
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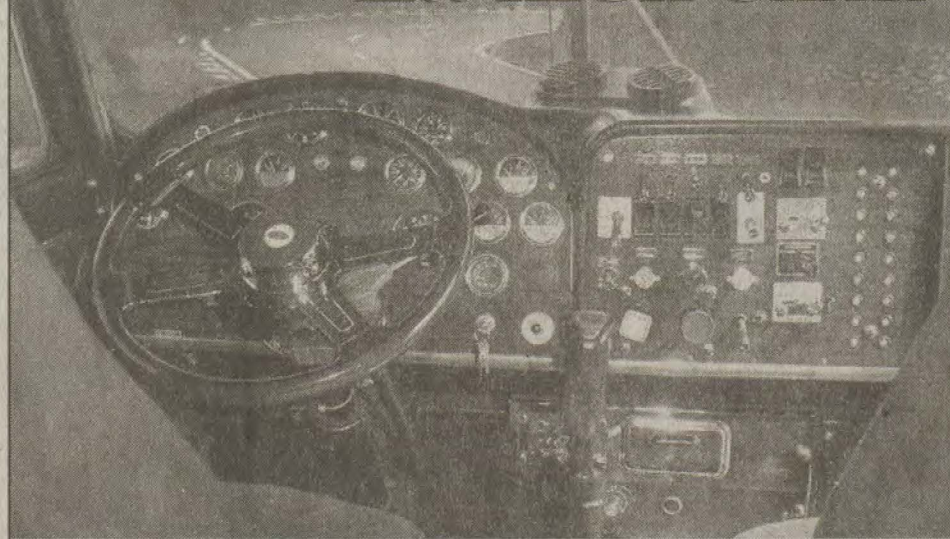
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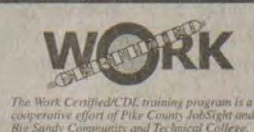
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Findings of Fact,  
Judgment, and  
Order of Sale,  
referring to Master  
Commissioner of  
the Floyd Circuit  
Court, entered on  
the 19th day of  
November, 2008, in  
the Floyd Circuit

Terms of Sale:  
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of

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of Fact


By deed dated September 17, 1973, and of record at Deed Book 491, Page 94, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, as more particularly described above, Marie Dennis, et al. conveyed to M.C. Hall and Mary Hall the above-described real property. Also see affidavit of descent

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or

Hon. William S.  
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Floyd County  
Master  
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Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Chris McKinney. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Seasons' Inn. The nature of the business will be Live Music, Restaurant and Motel.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or



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Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for January 22, 2009, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd floor, in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.

HON. KEITH BARTLEY  
FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, applica-

tion for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Thomas G. McNeil. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is Eight Ball. The nature of the business will be Pool Tables and Video Machines. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk, no later than January 22, 2009, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 07-CI-00777**

**Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-1 Plaintiff vs. Christina Tackett Marty Tackett Alice Owens Martin KEC Land Assets Green Tree Financial Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 7th day of April, 2008, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of

\$114,770.32, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a Corner to The Route 777 right-of-way and the Buck Martin property access driveway; Thence running with the East side of Route 777 ascending Turkey Creek for a distance of approximately 675 feet to a Stake; Thence turning Left so as to cross the bottom with The Ben Moore property line to the channel of Turkey Creek; Thence continuing across Turkey Creek and up the ridge line; Thence turning Left, around the hill so as to cross the head of a shallow hollow, a straight line to the existing Marty Tackett/Buck Martin property line; Thence turning Left, back down the hill with the present Tackett/Martin line to the point of beginning, at the

East side of Route 777.

Said property was conveyed to Marty Tackett and Christina Tackett, husband and wife, by Marty Tackett and Christina Tackett, husband and wife, on November 12, 2005, by a deed recorded on November 28, 2005, in Deed Book 518, Page 538.

**Terms of Sale:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city

and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

Hon. William S. Kendrick,  
Floyd Master Commissioner

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-9028**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landfall Mining, Incorporated, P.O. Box 376, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for a permit for a surface refuse recovery operation and reclamation operation, affecting 31.1 acres, located 0.1 mile northeast of Wayland, in Floyd County.

The proposed application is approximately 0.4 mile northeast from KY 7's junction with KY 1086, and located 0.2 mile north of

Steele Creek. The latitude is 37°26'44". The longitude is 82°48'01".

The proposed application is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the refuse recovery method of mining. The surface area to be affected by the operation is owned by Town of Wayland. The operation will not underlie any land.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resource's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Department for Natural Resources, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. No. 04-CI-00004 First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Plaintiff vs. Lennix "Cola Ray" Akers, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF Findings of Fact, Judgment, and Order of Sale, referring to Master Commissioner of

the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 19th day of June, 2007, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$28,047.02, plus interest at the rate of 12% per annum from June 11, 2007, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 29th day of January, 2009, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Being the same property conveyed to Lenix Akers and Patricia Akers, his wife, by deed dated December 22, 1980, recorded in deed book 252, page 671, and also by quitclaim deed dated August 22, 1995, from Patricia Ann Akers to Lennix Cola Ray Akers, which is duly recorded in deed book 388, page 795, all of which are of record in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and is more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and situated in the Hatcher Hinchman Subdivision of Harold, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky.

Being all of lot No.

15, Block 4, as shown on a map entitled, Hatcher Hinchman Subdivision, located at Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, scale 1"=40' by Everett Johnson, dated September 6, 1971, of record in file folder No. 972, Floyd County Clerk's office.

**Terms of Sale:**

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 20% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

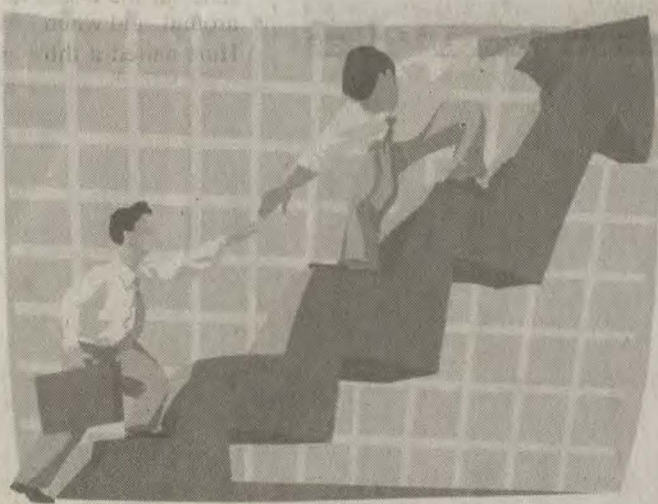
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above-described property, for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid, and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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## Miners dash Blazers, improve to 9-0

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

BECKLEY, W.Va. — The visiting East Kentucky Miners gradually pulled away from the West Virginia Blazers Sunday in another CBA-ABA matchup. East Kentucky, playing on the road versus host West Virginia at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center, pulled following a strong second half effort. Jermaine Blackburn scored 20 of his 31 points in the third quarter as the Miners defeated the Blazers 123-100 and improved to 9-0.

Mike Dean hit five three-

point field goals and led East Kentucky with a game-high 35 points. As a team, East Kentucky drained nine three-pointers. Blackburn hit a pair of three-point field goals for the Miners.

A much improved team, West Virginia swapped leads with East Kentucky in the first half. West Virginia edged East Kentucky 24-23 in the opening quarter.

But the Miners eventually heated up.

East Kentucky carried a 52-51 lead into halftime and outscored host West Virginia 39-28 in the third quarter.

East Kentucky was able to overcome the sub-

par first half effort. "In the end, the guys stepped up," East Kentucky Coach Kevin Keathley commented following his team's hard-fought road win.

Delvin Thomas added 13 points for the Miners. Second-year East Kentucky players Jason McLeish and Mike Crain added 11 points apiece.

Cedric Brown led West Virginia with 20 points. Five different Blazers reached double figures in the scoring column. Desi Crisp scored 18 points and Maurice Davis dumped in 16 for the Blazers.

West Virginia fell to 1-8 following the loss.

East Kentucky had defeated five different ABA teams for its nine wins. The Miners are gearing up for CBA competition.

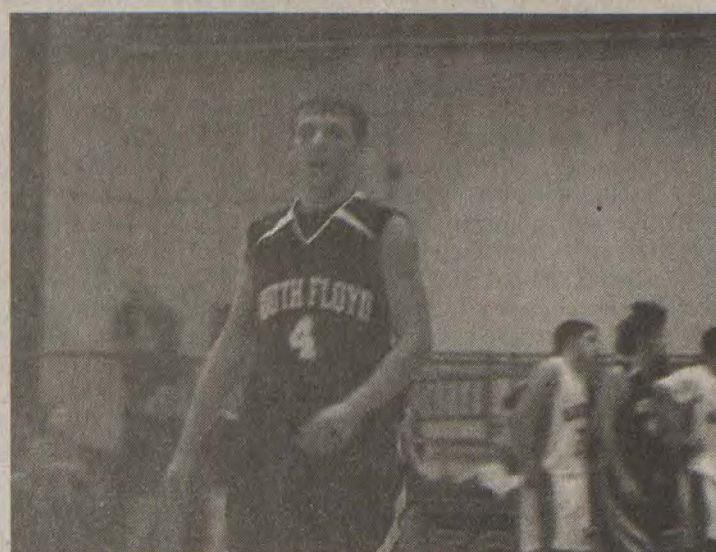


photo by Jamie Howell  
**MATT TACKETT (4) is one of the seniors for the South Floyd boys' basketball team.**

## Hinton leads Lady Bears past Brescia

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — It was quite an afternoon for Natiera Hinton.

The 6-0 sophomore from Rock Hill, S.C., scored 27 points and pulled down 24 rebounds to lead Pikeville College to a 70-60 win over Brescia University.

Hinton's 24 rebounds is second all-time in Lady Bear history, only four shy of Teresa Ray's school-best 28 in a game during the 1983-84 season.

"It's nice to have a player like that," said Coach Bill Watson. "She's a special, special player."

Hinton had 16 points and nine rebounds at the break and pulled down 15 second-half rebounds. She finished the game with three steals, two blocks and an assists.

Pikeville (13-4) needed Hinton's performance on this afternoon against a stubborn Brescia club that battled the entire day despite leaving with a 2-18 record.

The Lady Bears won the rebounding battle, but only 43-36. Leading the Mid-South Conference in defensive field-goal percentage, the Lady Bears held Brescia to 35.9 percent shooting overall and 16.7 percent from the arc.

Pikeville, however, hit only 42.9 percent from the floor and 25 percent from the arc.

Both teams shot well from the line, with Pikeville hitting 73.1 percent and Brescia 78.6 percent.

Sophomore Whitney Compton followed with 13 points.

Brescia was paced by freshman Whitney Bingemer's 13 points, while sophomore Brittany Bird followed with 12.

Pikeville will now begin its trek through the Mid-South Conference, playing host to Campbellsville Thursday night at 6 p.m. As always in the MSC, it is the opener of a doubleheader with the men.

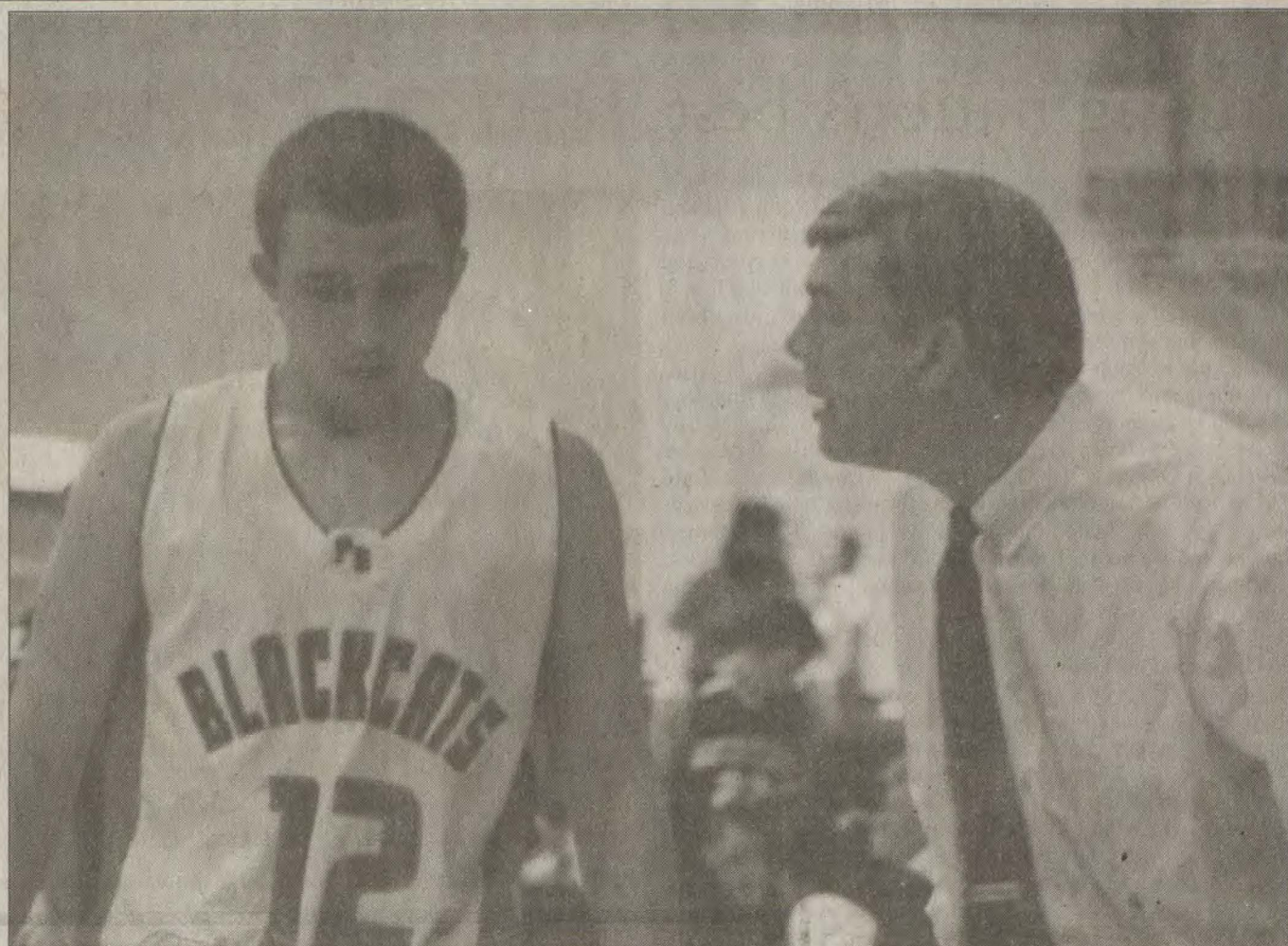
## Crawford signs with Kentucky

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

LEXINGTON — Junior-college defensive tackle Mark Crawford has signed a letter-of-intent to play football at the University of Kentucky. Coach Rich Brooks has announced.

The 6-1, 290-pound Crawford has graduated from Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College. He will enroll at Kentucky in the coming week and participate in spring practice.

"We're excited to have Mark join us," Brooks said. "The defensive line was one of our strengths (in the 2008 season), and when you lose a tackle like Myron Pryor, it's good to bring in a player with some college experience. Mark is a big, physical player and the best thing is that he has three years of eligibility."



photos by Jamie Howell  
**ABOVE: Prestonsburg Coach Jack Pack gave instructions to senior guard Jody Tackett. Below: Junior guard Michael Burchett brought the basketball up the court for the Blackcats.**

## 58TH: Blackcats turn back South Floyd, 70-53

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Veteran head coach Jack Pack has the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program headed in the right direction. Prestonsburg remained perfect in the Floyd County Conference/58th District Saturday night when rival South Floyd visited. After being tied with South Floyd at the end of the first quarter, Prestonsburg outscored the Raiders in each of the last three frames en route to a 70-58 win.

The talented Blackcat backcourt paved the way again. Junior guard Michael Burchett led Prestonsburg with a game-high 27 points. Senior guard Jody Tackett added 24 points for the Blackcats.

Inside, Steven Patrick led Prestonsburg. The

Blackcats' senior center scored 11 points as the host team claimed the conference/victory win.

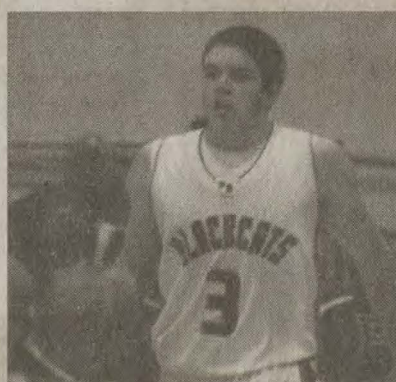
Prestonsburg led South Floyd 29-24 at the half. The Blackcats opened up a double-digit lead in the second half, outscoring South Floyd 20-11 in the third quarter.

Seth Setser scored four points and Cameron Tinchier added two for the Blackcats. Austin Gearheart and Tyler Hall got into the scoring column with one free throw each.

Prestonsburg got back over the .500 mark after posting the win, improving to 7-6.

South Floyd featured two players in double figures in

the scoring column. Shannon Turner led South Floyd with 23 points.



Tommy Joe Hall added 10 points for the Raiders, which battled 61st District title contender Menifee County tough Friday night in a road game.

Brandon Marson, Dylan Langdon and Tyler Mitchell tossed in five points each. Tackett scored three points

and Corey Paige added two for the Raiders.

South Floyd dropped to 4-13 after suffering the loss.

Prestonsburg 70, South Floyd 53

South Floyd (4-13) — Marson 5, Tackett 3, Turner 23, Hall 10, Paige 2, Langdon 5, Mitchell 5.

Prestonsburg (7-6) — Patrick 11, Gearheart 1, Setser 4, Burchett 27, Tackett 24, Tinchier 2, Hall 1.

SF.....10 14 11 18-53  
P.....10 19 20 21-70

**Raiders fall to Menifee in shootout**

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## Berea no match for Pikeville

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

PIKEVILLE — Four players reached double figures and the home team shot nearly 58 percent from the floor as Pikeville College held off Berea College 94-77 Saturday afternoon.

Pikeville improved to 11-5 in its last game before Mid-South Conference competition begins on Thursday night.

Pikeville hit 57.6 percent from the field and was 10-of-22 (45.5 percent) from the arc in cruising to the win.

The halftime lead was 41-25 and things never really got close. The Bears pushed the lead to 20 (76-56) on two free throws by sophomore Justin Hicks with 7:27 remaining. The Mountaineers pulled with 12 (81-69) on a three-point shot by senior Cody Hornsby with 3:48 left, but the Bears turned it back around, and when freshman Zach Hurt nailed a three with 44 seconds left, the lead was 21, 94-73, the largest of the game.

Senior Haakim Johnson led the Bears with 22 points. Six of his nine made field goals were dunks, and he pulled down nine rebounds. Junior Josh Samarco tossed in 19 to go with eight assists.

Hicks finished with 17, nailing 5-of-9 from the arc, and dished out six assists, while senior Ewan Linton chalked up a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. For Linton, eight of his boards came off the offensive glass.

Senior J.B. Smiley finished with seven points and nine assists, as the Bears recorded 26 assists on 34 buckets.

## Valley holds off Bobcats

**TIMES STAFF REPORT**

ROBINSON CREEK — Host Shelby Valley overcame a three-point halftime deficit and pulled away in the second half Friday night versus Betsy Layne. The Wildcats outscored Betsy Layne 32-17 in the second half, defeating the Bobcats 55-43.

Ashley Hatfield led Shelby Valley (9-4) with a game-high 21 points. Jacob Bryant scored eight points and Tyler Newsome added seven for the Wildcats. Taylor Newsome netted five points for the deep Shelby Valley team. Eight different Shelby Valley players provided scoring.

Betsy Layne owned an advantage at the end of each of the first two quarters. The Bobcats led 14-10 when the first quarter ended and 26-23 at the intermission period.

Shelby Valley took control of the game in the second half, outscoring Betsy Layne 18-8 in the third quarter.

Nathan Martin led Betsy Layne with 19 points. Martin was the only player to post over eight points for the Bobcats. Josh Head had eight points for visiting Betsy Layne. Bryant Tibbs scored five points and Casey Adkins added four as the Bobcats fell late. Bryce Adkins scored three points while Dylan Maldonado and Richie Tackett tossed in two apiece for Betsy Layne.

The Bobcats dropped to 8-4 following the loss.

## Lady Raiders upend Prestonsburg

by **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Ten different players broke into the scoring column Saturday night as South Floyd defeated Prestonsburg 70-50 in an all-important Floyd County Conference/58th District matchup.

Ashley Castle, playing out of a reserve role, paced South Floyd with 13 points. Starting center Jessie Tackett tossed in 12 points for the Lady Raiders. Starting guards Andrea Conn and Kayla Hall each had nine points for visiting South Floyd. Danielle Tackett, a starting

forward, netted seven points for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd drained five three-point field goals. The Lady Raiders hit 19 shots from the field and connected on 17-of-35 free throw attempts.

South Floyd sprinted out early on, leading 18-6 when the horn sounded to signal the end of the first quarter. The Lady Raiders took a 33-22 lead into halftime.

South Floyd enjoyed continued success in the second half, outscoring Prestonsburg in each of the last two quarters.

Senior forward Linsey Fields led Prestonsburg

with a game-high 15 points. Sophomore guard Alexis DeRossett followed Fields in the Prestonsburg scoring column, finishing with 12 points. Kristian Waugh and Devann Poe each had eight points for the Lady Blackcats. Cassie Burchett contributed five points and Tiffany Wertz added two.

Prestonsburg hit 17 shots from the field and one attempt from beyond the three-point arc. The Lady Blackcats finished 13-for-32 from the free throw line.

Following the Floyd County Conference/58th District game, South Floyd improved to 4-7 while

Prestonsburg dropped to 2-13.

South Floyd 70, Prestonsburg 50

South Floyd (4-7) — Cunn 9, Hall 9, D. Tackett 7, J. Tackett 12, Damron 4, Castle 12, Dye 6, Bailey 6, Hall 3, Stumbo 2.

Prestonsburg (2-12) — Fields 15, DeRossett 12, Waugh 8, Wertz 2, Poe 8, Burchett 5.

SF....18 15 21 16-70  
P.....6 16 18 10-50



# Mid-South move: Oliver named Lindsey Wilson football coach

## TIMES STAFF REPORT

COLUMBIA — Chris Oliver has been named Lindsey Wilson College's football coach.

Oliver will be responsible for resurrecting a football program that has been dormant since the end of the 1935 season. Lindsey Wilson's first game under Oliver is scheduled for Sept. 4, 2010, at home. Lindsey Wilson will compete in the NAIA as a member of the Mid-South Conference.

Oliver comes to Lindsey Wilson after five years as assistant coach at Ohio Dominican University. He was the program's offensive coordinator for the last three seasons. This is Oliver's first head coaching job.

"My family and I are humbled and excited to have been blessed with this opportunity at Lindsey Wilson College," Oliver said. "We look forward to making the college and Columbia-Adair County our

home."

Oliver, 27, said he and his wife, Wendy, were impressed with the foundation the Lindsey Wilson administration laid in order to bring football back to the liberal-arts college.

"Lindsey Wilson's decision to bring back football was thoroughly researched by the administration, and the search process was first-class from start to finish," Oliver said. "Everyone did a tremendous job of making us feel right at home. I am excited to begin working with the many great people on our campus, and I have no doubt the administration will provide our program with the tools necessary to compete at a very high level."

Lindsey Wilson President William T. Luckey Jr. said he was impressed with the quality of candidates who expressed interest in the job, but Oliver "was clearly the best candidate."

"We had several outstand-

ing applicants from which to choose, but I am thrilled we were able to hire Coach Oliver to direct this program," Luckey said. "He is a high-character, high-quality individual who will bring great passion and enthusiasm to our campus. He understands the role of intercollegiate athletics at a liberal arts college, and he knows the important role of our mission."

This will be the second time Oliver has been charged with building an intercollegiate football program. He was a member of Ohio Dominican's inaugural staff when that program was created in 2004.

"I am excited that Chris Oliver will direct our football program," Lindsey Wilson Athletics Director Willis Pooler said. "He has the ability to build a program the Lindsey Wilson community and the citizens of Columbia-Adair County will be proud of and excited to support."

As ODU's offensive coordinator, Oliver developed the Panthers into one of the NAIA's top offenses.

In 2006, Ohio Dominican was third in the NAIA in total offense and passing offense. In 2007, the Panthers led the NAIA in total offense and passing, and they were second in scoring. Last season, Ohio Dominican was third in passing and 11th in total offense.

The Panthers were 26-7 while Oliver was ODU offensive coordinator, which included an appearance in the 2007 NAIA Football Championship Series quarterfinals.

"He played an integral role in the start-up of the highly successful program at NAIA power Ohio Dominican," Pooler said. "He understands the importance of building a program with student-athletes of high character that will represent the college well in and out of the classroom. He is also very familiar with NAIA and its rules and regulations and the highly competitive

Mid-South Conference."

Oliver will lead the Blue Raiders in the Mid-South Conference Eastern Division when they begin intercollegiate play in 2010. Lindsey Wilson will be the 15th team in the MSC's two divisions.

"I am excited to be a part of the Mid-South Conference," Oliver said. "The MSC plays a very high level of football and it is recognized as one of the most competitive conferences in the NAIA. The Blue Raider football program will only enhance the conference's respect and prestige."

Prior to ODU, Oliver was a student-assistant at The Ohio State University under coach Jim Tressel. Oliver helped coach the Buckeyes' tight ends and worked closely with recruiting.

At Lindsey Wilson, Oliver said he plans to utilize Kentucky as his primary recruiting base.

"While we will pursue qualified prospects from Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana and

other states, our recruiting base will always be the Commonwealth of Kentucky," he said. "I look forward to building relationships with the 224 football-playing high schools in Kentucky."

And Oliver hopes to turn those relationships into a quality football program that will produce quality student-athletes.

"The Blue Raider football program will have three main goals," he said. "The first is to graduate our young men from Lindsey Wilson College while preparing them to be responsible citizens and fathers. The second is to win the Mid-South Conference Championship and the NAIA National Championship. The third goal is to have a positive impact on the community around us."

"We will find young men who are driven to be successful not only in athletics, but in their academic and social lives as well."

## PC bowlers among nation's best

### TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College bowling teams are quietly going about their business, and at this point in the season, business is going well.

The defending national champion Lady Bears have won four of their seven tournaments to this point and are the consensus No. 4 in the nation, while the men, who finished fifth in the national tournament a year ago, are also in the top 10.

The women's team trails the same three teams — Central Florida, Wichita State and McKendree — in both the writers' and coaches polls. In the coaches' poll, Central Florida picked up 14 first-place votes, with second-ranked Wichita State getting the other four. McKendree is third, followed by Pikeville and Lindenwood in the Top 5.

The top five is the same in the writers' poll, with Central Florida getting 5.5 first-place nods and Wichita State picking

up the remaining 3.5.

"I've been very proud of our young women and how they've played to this point in the season," said Coach Ron Damron. "We've done well in a couple of tournaments that surprised me a little. I like the makeup and the depth of our team."

Pikeville has won four of its seven tournaments this year — taking its own Orange & Black Classic as well as tournaments hosted by Wright State and Bellarmine and the Sam's Town Classic in Las Vegas — and finished third in the other three — the SI Elite, the US Collegiate Match Games and the Las Vegas Shootout.

The men are ranked fourth by the bowling writers and seventh by the coaches. In the writers' poll, they trail top-ranked Lindenwood, which picked up all nine first-place votes, Wichita State and Saginaw Valley.

In the coaches' opinion, Lindenwood picked up 14 of the

16 first-place nods, with No. 2 Wichita and third-ranked Central Florida getting one apiece. Saginaw Valley and Newman round out the Top 5, with Rochester Tech just ahead of the Bears.

"The guys are working hard and gearing up for the final four regular-season events of the year," said Coach Kyle Wilson. "Our seniors, Gerald Richardson and John Grundy, as well as juniors Kyle Barnes, Chris White and Jesse Hawkins, are leading our hard-working team."

Pikeville's top finishes have been in the Wright State's Raider Classic, where it finished second, and third in the Brunswick Southern Collegiate Classic in Marietta, Ga.

The bowling postseason will begin March 14-15 with the USBC ITC Sectional Qualifier, held at four locations throughout the country. The national championship will be April 15-18 in Rockford, Ill.



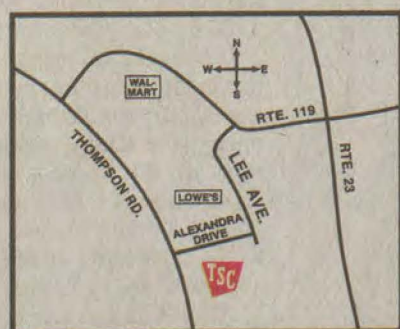
EMMALENA captured first-place over the weekend in the tournament held at Adams Middle School in honor of Doc Adams. More on the tournament will appear in Friday's edition.



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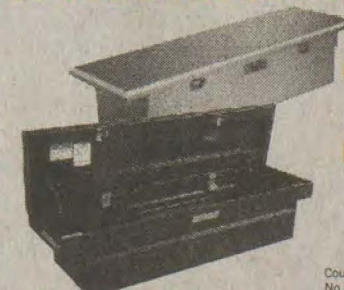


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# Menifee outlasts South Floyd, 94-86

TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRENCHBURG — Menifee County won a shootout Saturday, defeating visiting South Floyd 94-86. The Wildcats showcased several scorers in the winning effort. Blake Prewitt led Menifee County. Prewitt was the leader in a group of four double figures scorers, ripping the Raiders for a game-high 28 points. Blake Greene followed Prewitt in the Menifee County scoring column, contributing 26 points. Patrick Greene tallied 14 points and Cody Peck netted 11 for the Wildcats.

Menifee County had to battle back from behind to claim the win. The homestanding Wildcats outscored South Floyd 39-28 in a decisive fourth quarter.

Zach Stull added eight points for host Menifee County.

Menifee County outscored South Floyd 21-15 in the first quarter and carried a tight 34-33 lead into halftime.

The Raiders managed to go out in front of Menifee County in the third quarter, outscoring the Wildcats 25-21.

The 39 points in the fourth quarter nearly doubled any other single quarter effort offensive production-wise for the Wildcats.

South Floyd turned in one of its best offensive performances in recent years.

Shannon Turner pushed in a game-high 28 points for the Raiders. Tommy Joe Hall had 15 points for visiting South Floyd in the road matchup. Matt Tackett scored 12 points

in a balanced South Floyd scoring effort that had five players in double figures. Brandon Marson and Dylan Langdon each had 11 points in the South Floyd setback.

Corey Paige and Tyler Mitchell rounded out the South Floyd scoring with six and three points, respectively.

In all, eight different players scored for Menifee County.

Menifee Co. 94,  
South Floyd 86

South Floyd — Marson 11, Tackett 12, Turner 28, Hall 15, Page 6, Langdon 11, Mitchell 3.

Menifee Co. — Prewitt 28, Lawson 4, B. Greene 26, P. Greene 14, Meeks 4, Stull 8, Peck 11, Hacker 2.

SF.....15 18 25 28-86  
MC.....21 13 21 39-94

# Pryor, Jones named to All-Bowl teams

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Defensive tackle Myron Pryor and kickoff returner David Jones were named to "All-Bowl Teams" selected after the wrapup of the bowl games.

Pryor and Jones were named to the "All-Bowl Team" chosen by CollegeFootballNews.com while Jones was picked to the team named by Rivals.com. Kentucky defeated East Carolina, 25-19, in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Jan. 2.

Pryor had a career-high seven tackles in UK's victory, including one tackle for a loss, one pass breakup, and caused the fumble that Ventrell Jenkins returned for the game-winning touchdown.

Jones, a Belfry High School graduate, was named in recognition of his 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown that ignited UK's second-half rally. The Wildcats trailed 16-3 at halftime before Jones received the opening kickoff of the third quarter and took it to the house. It set a record for the longest kickoff return in the 50-year history of the Liberty Bowl.

AutoZone Liberty Bowl Rated one of the Top 11 Bowls this year: Kentucky's comeback victory over East Carolina was ranked the 11th best bowl game of the year by the website CollegeFootballNews.com.

CFN took all 34 bowl games and rated them for excitement/entertainment value. The Liberty Bowl was placed in the "excellent" category in earning the No. 11 ranking.

Trailing 16-3 at halftime, and 19-16 in the fourth quarter, UK got a 56-yard fumble return by Ventrell Jenkins for the winning touchdown with 3:02 remaining.

# East Kentucky Miners announce new ticket pricing

*\$5 Fridays to continue for remainder of 2008-09 season*

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Miners professional basketball organization has announced new ticket pricing. Prices are being reduced in an effort to make the "Miners Experience" more affordable for everyone in the region. As part of the new Miners' ticket pricing, all general admission upper-level seats will be reduced to \$5 from \$8, and all lower-level reserved seats will be reduced to a flat \$10, down from \$20 as part of the new ticket pricing initiative. In addition to the new ticket pricing, Miners fans will also be able to take advantage of a new ticket promotion called "\$5 Fridays" where ALL seats for every Friday home game,

including FLOOR SEATS, are \$5 (first come first serve). Those tickets can be purchased in advance. On \$5 Fridays, hot dogs are only \$1.

"Appalachian Wireless sponsored the February 2 game, and made it possible for fans to purchase any seat in the house, including floor seats, for \$5," said Demetrius Ford, Miners co-owner and president. "We had just shy of 2,500 fans turn out for that game, but in previous games, and the games following that night, attendance has been averaging about 1,100 per game. It's clear that a lower ticket price will increase attendance, and in order for this team to survive in this market, we need to sell as many tickets as possible. A more affordable ticket should also attract more people who have not yet been to a game, and the hope is that they not only sample our product, but fall in love with it and return game after game."

The Miners play their home games in the state-of-the-art East Kentucky Expo Center. Fans who attend an East

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East Kentucky is currently 9-0 and ranks as the CBA's only undefeated team.

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## Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2007 Taxes for the period July 19, 2007, through August 20, 2008. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Floyd County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this final statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the comptroller general of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares its financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Floyd County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period July 19, 2007, through August 20, 2008, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 6, 2008, on our consideration of Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen  
Auditor of Public Accounts

November 6, 2008

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## Umpires needed for upcoming season

PIKEVILLE — The Big Sandy Umpires Association is currently seeking umpires for the 2009 high school baseball and softball seasons. If interested in umpiring area baseball and softball games during the upcoming season, call Robert Staggs at 606/432-1807 or 606/218-5357.



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# Rite Aid to pay \$5 million to settle drug monitoring complaint

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

LEXINGTON — Rite Aid will be paying out \$5 million in a settlement with the United States Department of Justice after investigators determined that 53 stores, including one on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington, failed to record stolen and lost prescriptions and other violations of the Controlled Substances Act starting in 2004.

The investigation reported 16,000 violations in total, with 12,000 of them coming from the Lexington Rite Aid.

According to information provided by the Justice Department, a diet center on Waller Avenue, owned by a physician from Georgia, phoned in prescriptions to the Lexington Rite Aid, prescribing the drug known as Phentermine, which is part of the diet drug Fen-Phen. That physician is now prohibited from practicing medicine in Kentucky.

"This case sends a strong message that pharmacies must be watchful of the prescriptions that are called in, even the ones they receive in writing," said U.S. Attorney Jim Zerhusen. "All pharmacies

share the responsibility to ensure the prescriptions they dispense are legitimate."

Rite Aid and all of its subsidiaries agreed to a compliance plan with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to ensure compliance with all requirements of the CSA and applicable DEA regulations and to prevent diversion of controlled substances. The compliance plan also requires Rite Aid to implement a pseudoephedrine and ephedrine tracking system in each of its 4,915 stores that is designed to prevent the abuse of pseudoephedrine and ephedrine products, which are used to make methamphetamine.

Rite Aid has also agreed to audit each pharmacy to ensure that all of its controlled substances are maintained securely and that each pharmacy is compliant with the requirements of the CSA. Additionally, Rite Aid will physically count all Schedule II controlled substances quarterly and physically count Schedule II controlled substances biennially and estimate Schedule III products

biennially.

"There is some good that can come out of this," Zerhusen said. "Detecting prescription drug abuse is just as important as prosecuting it. Following these rules can go a long way in helping curtail the problem here in Lexington."

The investigation was conducted by the DEA, with the Lexington investigation under the direction of Robert Otero and Charles Sowers, with the DEA's Diversion Unit in Louisville.

"This settlement demonstrates the important responsibilities all pharmacies have to prevent dangerous drugs from being diverted from their intended use," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. "The civil penal-

ties paid today are just one example of DEA's determination to combat the troubling prescription drug abuse problem in this country by pursuing pharmacies that fail to comply with the law. Our nation's pharmacies must play a major role in the fight against drug abuse, so that together we can protect public health and keep our communities safe."

According to the settlement, the agreement is neither an admission of liability by Rite Aid nor a concession by the United States that its claims are not well founded.

Rite Aid is headquartered in Camp Hill, Penn., and operates 5,059 stores in 31 states. Violations resolved by the settlement occurred in eight

states and 11 judicial districts, including the Eastern District of Kentucky, Middle District of Pennsylvania, Eastern, Northern, and Western Districts of New York, District of Maryland, Eastern and Southern Districts of

California, Eastern District of Virginia, District of New Jersey, and the Eastern District of Michigan. The settlement was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorneys from each of the 11 judicial districts where the violations occurred.

## Bitter cold can take toll on cars

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■ Have your battery tested. AAA provides a free battery-testing service for its members.

■ Check your tires are properly inflated. Tires lose pressure in cold weather leading to loss of traction.

AAA also recommends taking the following steps the night before a sudden freeze.

■ Keeping the gas tank at least half full helps reduce the possibility of moisture accumulating and freezing in the

pipes.

■ Turning off accessories such as lights, radio, and heaters helps reduce the amount of strain on the battery when you start your car the next morning.

■ Park in a sheltered location. If you don't have a garage, park your vehicle so that its nose is up against a building to prevent cold air going directly into the radiator.

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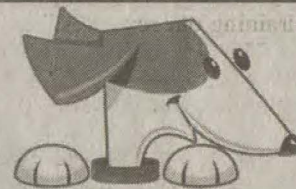
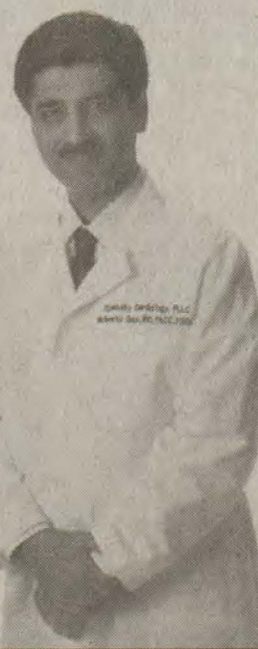
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The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$40,200.00

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 11:00 am., at the property site, at 855 Abbott Mountain Road, Prestonsburg, KY, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$53,321.83 principal, plus interest credit subsidy in the amount of \$30,780.00, plus interest in the amount of \$2,897.60 as of February 8, 2008 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.9565 per day from February 8, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 2.35% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:08-CV-58 on the Southern Division Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on July 9, 2008, in the case of the United States of America vs Marsha A. Moore, et al., the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 855 Abbott Mountain Rd, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated July 26, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 379, Page 9 in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 2.35% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

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## Conley

During a ceremony this past September when a Floyd County bridge was named in his honor, Prestonsburg attorney Barkley Sturgill recalled Conley's meticulous attention during the flip-flop debate on the two roads, saying Conley's decision on the issue was a huge part of Route 80 taking the front seat in order for faster access to Hindman and Hazard.

Conley's family has strong ties to the Garrett community. His grandfather, Coburn, owned a store in Garrett and his

father was postmaster for several years. Most significantly was the Garrett grocery store Conley and his wife, Minnie, managed for more than 40 years until they retired in 1993.

As testament to his influence on Floyd County, his bridge dedication on Sept. 13 was attended by a host of dignitaries, including Floyd County Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who presided over the ceremony, and well-known pastor Arnold Turner, who gave the invocation and benediction. Also in attendance were

James Reed, assistant to the president of Alice Lloyd College, which has a scholarship named in Conley's honor, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, Floyd County District Judge Eric Hall, and many others.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Friday and services will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Hall Funeral Home in Martin. Burial will follow at the Mimia Conley Cemetery at Hueysville.

Memorials may be made to the Hollie Conley scholarship fund at Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Ky. 41844.

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## Council

The first order of business was to set city council meetings for the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at city hall, as well as accepting updated sections of the codes of ordinances from a 2008 supplement completed by American Legal Publishing Corporation of Cincinnati.

Once the essentials were out of the way, the council moved on to a second reading to authorize city leaders to submit an application to the National Register of Historic Places for inclusion of the West Prestonsburg Bridge, a landmark that serves as the centerpiece for the city's official seal.

The resolution states that the bridge, in addition to being a historical monument, is also a "source of great civic pride."

Newly elected city council member Freddie Goble was also appointed to the West Prestonsburg Bridge Committee during Monday's meeting.

Another item passed during a second reading was a resolu-

tion for an application to the Arts Builds Communities (ABC) grant program.

The grant proposes to have city officials undertake an artist's initiative within the downtown area to produce mural renderings. For many Prestonsburg residents, this would not be an uncommon addition, considering there already exists one mural at the downtown fountain at the Court Street intersection and another on Arnold Avenue near the intersection with Route 114.

The ABC grant is limited to reimbursing a maximum of 50 percent of the proposed project cost up to a total of \$10,000.

Also, city officials gave the greenlight Monday for a third application to be sent to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for a recreational trails project.

The trail, according to officials, would exist in the downtown area and would be aimed at improving "pedestrian facilities." Few other details were

detailed about the exact plans, but this grant would be subject to a 50 percent reimbursement for projects with a maximum cost of up to \$75,000. If the project were to run over \$75,000 up to \$100,000, the reimbursement amount would be at a 20 percent matching.

Other items discussed included an item passed to set utility worker Eddie Campbell up with a remote water meter reader for his truck. The installation of the computer system in his vehicle would allow Campbell to read meters more efficiently, officials said.

A property transfer from Highlands Regional Medical center to the city rounded out the year's first meeting as it was agreed to accept a section of land from the hospital in order to make a new road leading to a cemetery near Porter Street. The transfer was a trade, city officials said, so that the hospital could utilize the current cemetery road for its new facilities at the Archer Memorial Clinic.

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## Road

amount needed eight out of 12 hours during the day, Couch said.

Couch added that he would like to give a look at the entire section of U.S. 23 from the Watergap overpass to where the Heritage House is located just before the first Prestonsburg exit.

"I would to look at that entire section," he said. "There have been issues with the off-ramp there at the overpass, as well. One of the things that must be completed is the work needed to justify a project and then securing the money to do it."

The issue of a proposed study for the intersection would be discussed with various other officials as early as today, Couch said.

## Bill

from repeating crimes and from returning to our already overcrowded jails and prisons," Turner said.

The program is designed for a minimum of 200 beds, but Turner says the savings would be "enormous," adding that for 200 beds, the state could save up to \$40 million, at an average of \$200,000 for each bed.

"We think this will be a

wise investment," said Turner. "We have too many people with drug problems repeating crimes and filling up our jails and prisons. We need to rehabilitate them so that they can return to normal lives and be contributing members of society, rather than repeatedly draining our revenues."

The General Assembly will take up the bill during the 2009 legislative session.

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## Deaths

A total of five fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Preliminary statistics indicate that a total of 822 people lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2008. Of the 635 motor vehicle fatalities, 394 victims were not wearing seat belts. Of the 91 motorcycle fatalities, 54 were not wearing helmets. Of the 24 ATV fatalities, 22 were not wearing helmets. There were 66 pedestrian fatalities and six bicycle fatalities. There were 176 fatalities as a result of alcohol-related crashes.

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Ninety-two fatal crashes involved commercial motor vehicles.

Citizens can contribute to highway safety by reporting erratic drivers to the Kentucky State Police toll-free at (800) 222-5555. Callers will remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number if possible.

These statistics are still preliminary as KSP waits for all local law enforcement agencies throughout the state to report any crashes and fatalities that may have occurred in their areas.

## AARP Tax-Aide volunteers needed

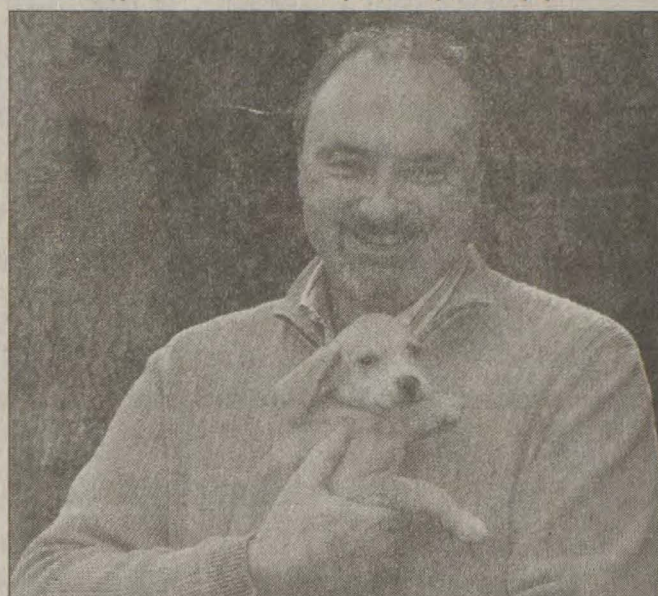
AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax service, is seeking volunteers to assist in tax assistance and preparation and to become leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome; you do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to volunteer.

Volunteers receive free tax training and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help customers one-on-one at tax sites. Leadership positions coordinate program delivery by volunteers at sites of the local, state or regional level, or manage specific program activities such as technology, training, administration or communication.

Training will be at the Floyd County Library on January 20, 21, and 22. About 1000 people were served, in Floyd and adjoining counties by volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter 3528, AARP, last year, during the 2008 tax season.

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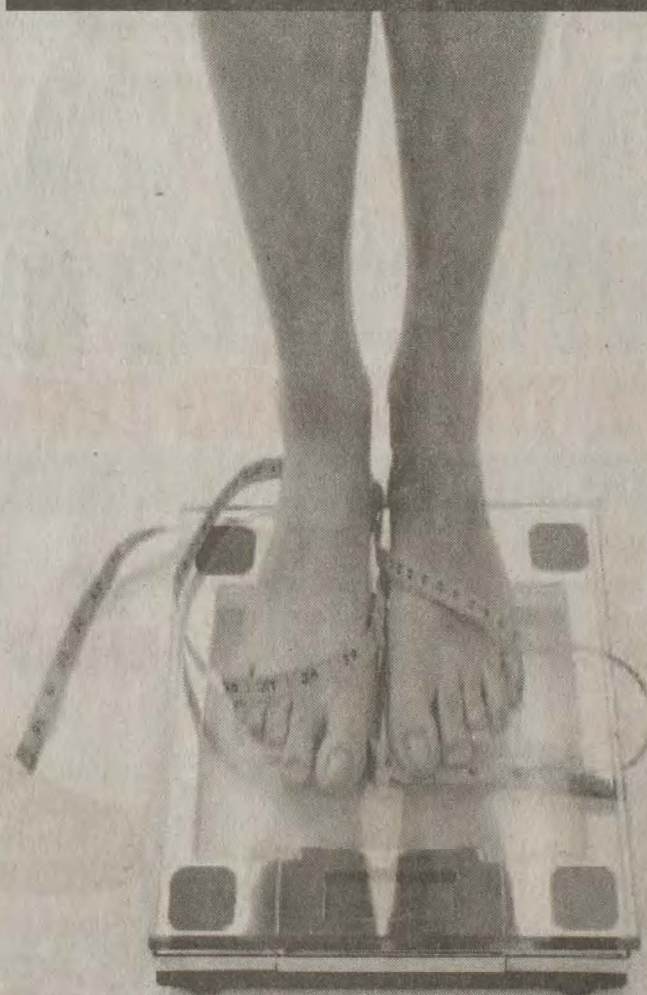
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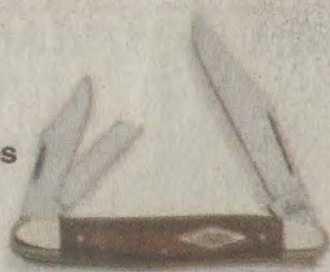
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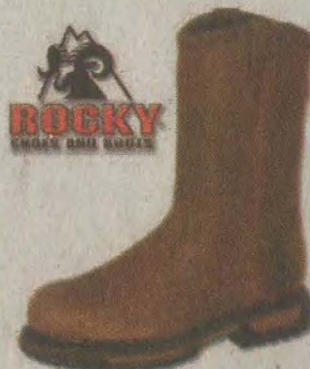
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## YESTERDAYS

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### THROUGH THE LENS

## Comets inspire research, myths

by ERIC THOMAS

Several years ago when I was teaching astronomy at Montgomery County High School, I was fortunate that a spectacular comet made an appearance that year. The comet was Hale-Bopp and it spent several months in our evening and morning skies before

heading back out to the farthest reaches of our solar system.

The appearance of Hale-Bopp made teaching about comets just a little easier, as I usually only have images I can project from the computer to give my students a visual reference to what I am talking about.

Comets visible to the naked eye are rare visitors to the inner solar system. The most famous, Halley's Comet, only comes around once every 75 or so years. Halley's Comet made its last

(See **LENS**, page three)

### POISON OAK

## Too far-fetched for the comics

by CLYDE PACK

Not that we needed it, but even last Sunday's comic pages reminded us of how quickly we've passing through. In "Between Friends" the lady refuses to go outside in her robe and pajamas to pick up the morning paper, because "there're cell phone cameras out there."

Seems like only yesterday you "talked" on a phone and "took pictures" with your Kodak.

Of course, one starts talking about how fast things happen, and all the changes that are occurring, and next thing you know, you're on a different subject altogether.

For instance, when this year's senior classes graduate from high schools across the country, it will mark the 15th anniversary of my retirement from the teaching profession. There are people with whom I've worked for the past dozen years or so, who had no clue that I was ever a teacher, and who only associated me with the newspaper business. They're surprised to learn that my 15-year career (if you choose to call it that) as a journalist (if you also decide that's what I am) came after 33 years in the classroom of Johnson County and Paintsville Independent Schools.

This year's graduates were only 3 years old when I erased my last chalkboard, and even I am surprised, sometimes, at how quickly the last 15 years have passed. Then again, it shouldn't be a surprise, because the 50 years since I myself was a high school senior didn't exactly poke along at a snail's pace, either.

(See **OAK**, page three)

## Old Crow Medicine Show returns to MAC

by JARRID DEATON  
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Old Crow Medicine Show is a band that is difficult to pigeonhole in a specific genre, and fans will get the chance to check out the eclectic brand of music at the Mountain Arts Center on Jan. 28.

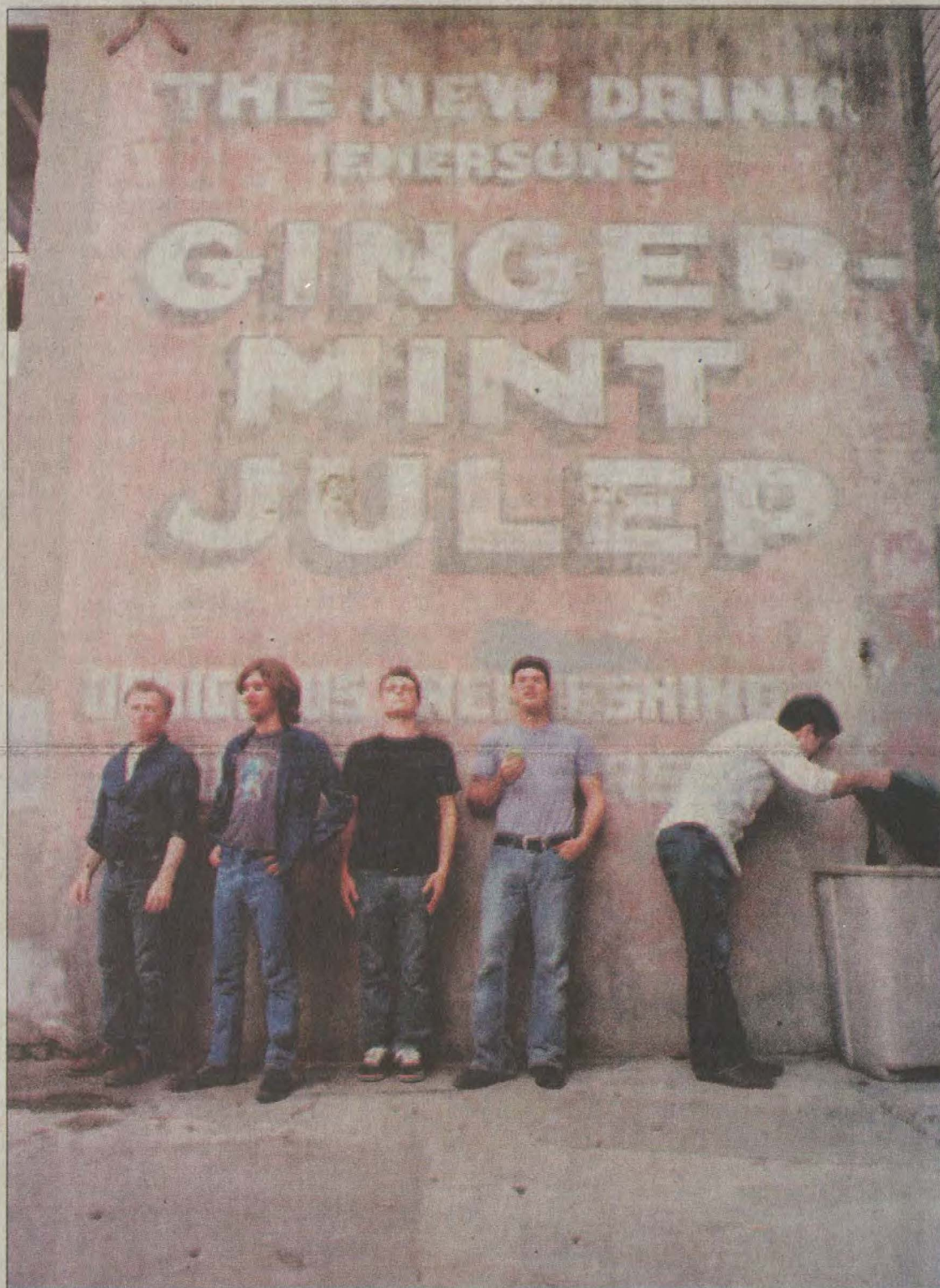
"People ask me what The Old Crow Medicine Show are all about. If I'm in a hurry, I just say that they're The Clash of bluegrass music, but that doesn't really do anyone any justice," said Don Was, record producer. "I could tell 'em that they're a rock 'n roll band who use fiddles and acoustic guitars instead of Les Pauls and Marshal stacks, but that's only one small part of the story. They're an American Band, even more so than Grand Funk Railroad. In fact, it's not hyperbolic to say that, as musicians, songwriters and singers, they are the smartest and finest purveyors of American music to come down the pike in decades."

Old Crow Medicine Show's two main albums have sold a combined 200,000 copies. The members of the band attribute a large part of their success to a rigorous touring schedule that includes headlining shows and numerous festival appearances.

The band got its big break when folk-country legend Doc Watson invited them to play at Merlefest. After that performance, the band relocated to Nashville in 2000 where they eventually played at the Grand Ole Opry in 2001.

"I saw them the first time they came to the MAC and it was a great show," said Misty Blanton, of Paintsville. "It was actually the first time I heard them and I was hooked as soon as they started playing. Now they are one of my favorite bands."

The Old Crow Medicine Show concert is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. The tickets are \$23.50 in advance and \$25 on the day of the show. For more information, contact the Mountain Arts Center at (606) 886-2623.



Old Crow Medicine Show will be performing Jan. 28 in Prestonsburg at the Mountain Arts Center.

## Youth seeking leadership, scholarship opportunities have until Jan. 31 to apply for Rogers Scholars, Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute

by SHARON DODSON  
THE CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The Center for Rural Development is seeking high school students in Floyd County interested in becoming part of the next generation of business leaders or entrepreneurs in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and qualifying for college scholarships to help achieve that goal.

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 31 for students seeking to apply for 2009 classes of Rogers Scholars or the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI), two summer youth programs sponsored by The Center. Both are leadership training programs, with ELI focusing on developing skills for future business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer session for rising high school juniors in The Center's primary 42-county service area. The program, named after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, emphasizes the development of technological skills and builds in participants a sense of leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a commitment to rural Kentucky.

Graduates of Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—are also eligible to apply for college scholarships from 13 participating Kentucky colleges and universities.

Sixty students from throughout the region will be selected to represent their home counties as Rogers Scholars this year in two, one-week summer sessions planned for June 28-July 3 and July 12-17.

High school freshmen, sophomores,

and juniors with a specific interest in business and entrepreneurship are encouraged to apply for ELI. The one-week summer program focuses on creativity and teamwork, and building business and leadership skills.

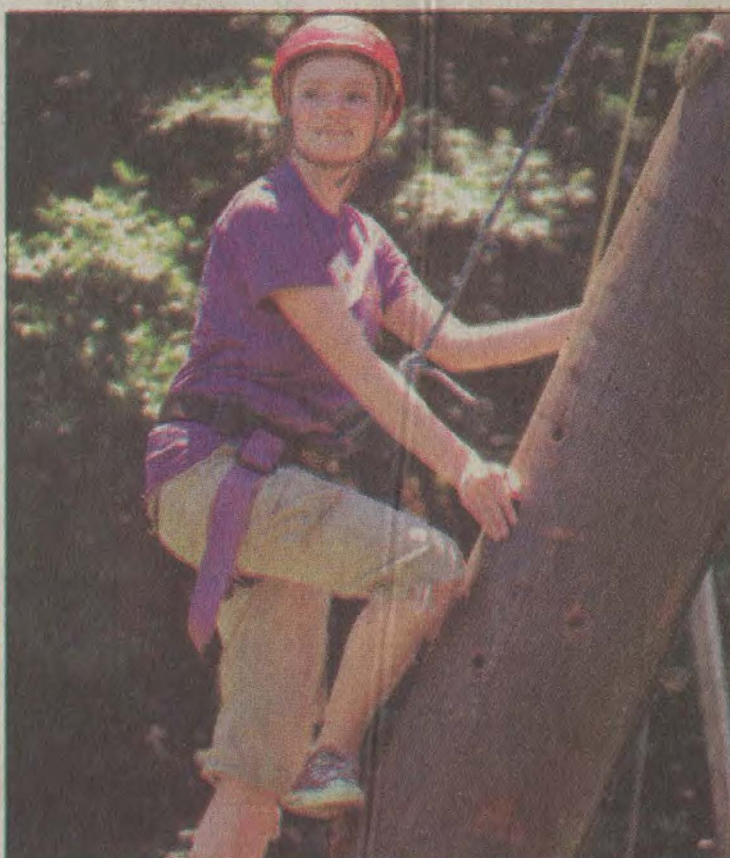
During the week, student business teams create a business plan and present their proposals before a panel of judges in a business concept competition on the final day of the session.

Members of the first-place business concept team are eligible to receive a Presidential Scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. The winning team also will be recognized at the 2009 Excellence In Entrepreneurship Awards (EIEA) program scheduled for September at The Center.

Thirty students within The Center's primary service region will be selected to attend the 2009 session of ELI. The program is set to begin June 14 and conclude June 19 with a graduation ceremony in The Center's performing arts theatre.

Both Rogers Scholars and ELI are held at The Center's headquarters in Somerset, Ky. Lodging, meals, and program expenses (excluding transportation costs to and from the host site) are provided free of charge to participating students.

Applications for both programs are available on The Center's web site at www.centertech.com, or by contacting Jessica Melton, associate director of education and training, at 606-677-6000 or via e-mail at jmelton@centertech.com. Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31.



2008 Rogers Scholar Rebecca Cook prepares to scale a 55-foot Alpine Tower at the Team Leadership Center in Wayne County as part of a team-building exercise that encourages Rogers Scholars to set goals and work together as a team to accomplish those goals. On the rope-climbing course, participants are challenged to step outside their comfort zones and try new experiences. Youth seeking leadership and scholarship opportunities through The Center for Rural Development's Rogers Scholars and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) programs have until Jan. 31 to apply for this year's classes.



# YESTERDAYS

(Items taken from  
The Floyd County  
Times,  
10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60,  
70 years ago.)

## Ten Years Ago (Jan. 8 and 13, 1999)

The Postal Service is upping the price of stamps. Beginning Sunday, we'll pay 33 cents for a first-class postage stamp. Likewise, the cost of sending this newspaper will increase, as will the cost for magazines, priority mail packages, and basic parcel post packages...Mountain Christian Academy at Martin has won an environmental education award from PRIDE (Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment)...Floyd County Technical High School at Martin, and the Central Kentucky Blood Center, are sponsoring a blood drive on Friday, January 15...Dr. Remigo T. DeGuzman of Martin, was charged with violating a state law prohibiting disposing of solid waste without a permit, for an incident in 1997. He was fined \$4,500...Prestonsburg attorney Earl M. "Mickey" McGuire and his dance partner, Lorinda Nease, placed fourth in the international dance competition in San Antonio...Father Ralph Beiting met with Auxier residents to discuss how to use the former Auxier School buildings he had purchased...For the second time, the scheduled arraignment of Floyd County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd has been postponed in Floyd Circuit Court. Boyd, who was indicted by a local grand jury in November, was originally slated to be arraigned on December 14...David Evans, former Prestonsburg City Administrator, is now city manager of Richmond...The Floyd County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, at Adams Middle School. Parent protestors carrying signs of support of former Osborne Elementary Principal Paul D. Tackett assembled at the entrance of the school and later moved their signs inside as the meeting progressed...Billie Jean Osborne of Betsy Layne, will receive the Community Arts Award at a public reception on Feb. 16, in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort...After a lengthy debate, the Prestonsburg City Council, Monday night, voted to allow CableVision's request to sell the business. Prestonsburg City Attorney Paul Burchett said the transaction is "more or less a paper transfer," but the company could not conduct the transfer without the council's approval...The Floyd County Fiscal Court approved a request from John K Blackburn for

an advancement in his operating budget of \$132,000 from the Finance and Administration Cabinet County Fee Systems...Prestonsburg attorney David Barber filed his candidacy in Frankfort, today, to run for a seat on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Barber will run for office in the Seventh Judicial District, and will face former Johnson County District Judge John Gardner. Governor Paul Patton, addressing the annual meeting of the East Kentucky Corporation at the Ramada Inn, said the progress eastern Kentucky has made over the years through its leadership in Frankfort, and the creation of organizations such as the East Kentucky Corporation—has "brought (the region) to a plateau" in economic development...There died: William Thomas Lafferty Jr., 61, of Printer, January 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin; Floretta Casebolt Fleming, 67, of Virgie, Tuesday, January 5, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rebecca Hughes Reed, 91, of Hippo, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Grace Wallen Tackett, 71, of West Prestonsburg, Tuesday, January 5, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Daisy Hall Berger, 81, of Bevinville, Monday, January 9, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Dianna Conn, 59, of Dana, Wednesday, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Amy Meade Martin, 99, of Galloway, Ohio, formerly of Drift, Saturday, January 2, at the Ohio State University Hospital, Columbus; Brittany Makeisha Dawn Hall, infant daughter of Keith Hall and Jessica Keathley Hall, of Galveston, Tuesday, January 5, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Rebecca (Gray) King, 93, of Prestonsburg, January 6, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Hollye Moore Ward, 88, of Nashville, Tennessee, Thursday, January 7, in St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville; Ervin "Pete" Hall, 70, of Dana, January 7, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center; John Wesley May, 92, of Pikeville, Saturday, January 9, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Brian Keith Caudill, 37, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, January 7, in the Henry Medical Center, Stockbridge, Ga.; Shannon Newsome, 38, of Topmost, Saturday, January 9, at McDowell Appalachian Hospital; Kenneth Patton, 52, of Hueysville, Saturday, January 9, at his residence; John Ellis Branham, 62, of Hillard, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Thursday, December 17, at his residence; Lucy R. Smith, 96, of Morehead, formerly of Floyd County, Thursday, January 7, at the Life Care

Center in Morehead; Martha Kidd, 71, of Martin, Monday, January 11, at her residence; Willie Carter, 76, of Dorton, Saturday, January 9, at Jenkins Community Hospital; Audra Gene Hamilton, 51, of Teaberry, Sunday, January 10, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Wilma A. Sturgill, 68, of East Point, Sunday, January 10, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Daisy Hall Berger, 82, of Bevinville, Monday, January 4, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ranie Mae Sparkman, 74, of Hueysville, Monday, January 11, in Highlands Regional Medical Center; Harmison E. Hale, 86, of Mount Vernon, Washington, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, December 8, in Mount Vernon; Estill Noble, 47, of Emmalena, January 7, at his home; Randall (Tootie) Lawson, 67, of Harold, Saturday, January 9, at his residence.

Memorial Hospital in Florence; Gladys Cornett, 74, of Prestonsburg, January 2, at Central Baptist Hospital; James Harlie Gilliam, 31, of Prestonsburg, January 7, the result of a traffic accident; Darwin Hunt, 75, of Waverly, Ohio, January 8, at his residence; Alonzo Justice, 70, of Prestonsburg, January 7, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nannie McCoy, 73, of McCombs, December 19, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Eddie Parsons, 56, of Betsy Layne, January 3, at his residence; Earl Prater, 68, of Ionia, Michigan, January 5, at Grand Rapids; Maude Slone, 90, of Raven, January 6, at her residence; Samuel Burt Stamper, 67, of Martin, January 6, at his residence; Ballard Lee Sword, 83, of Kingsport, Tennessee, November 20, in Florida; and Brandi Nicole Waddles, infant daughter of Mary Ann Waddles of Topmost, January 7, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

## Twenty Years Ago (January 11, 1989)

An advisory panel refused to recommend that the State Department of Education intervene in the daily management of the Floyd County School District, under the academic bankruptcy law...Eleven individual structures and six buildings, comprising a proposed Front Street Historic District, have been proposed for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places...The sole Republican candidate to file in the May Primary, was Keith Williams of Dana, for Magistrate, District 4...Employees of the City of Prestonsburg received raises of either 5 percent, or an additional 35 cents per hour...Heck's Inc., announced the closing of 20 stores, including the Prestonsburg store at Highlands Plaza...There died: Nancy Adkins, 88, of Hi Hat, January 3, at Jim Henson Geriatric Center; Millard Ray Branham, 64, of Wheelwright, January 3, at his residence; Maletta Gay Campbell, 21, of Banner, January 9, at the A.B. Chandler Medical Center; Michael Caspter, 14, of Lexington, at the Booth

## Thirty Years Ago (January 10, 1979)

Congressman Carl D. Perkins, chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, decided, Monday, to push for federal legislation to help schools of the county remove asbestos from their classrooms...Dr. Mary L. Hall of McDowell, a member of the Floyd County Board of Education, said at last Wednesday's meeting that scarlet fever, mumps and strep throat in epidemic dimensions, are an imminent threat in this county...James W. Phelps, 46, manager of the Mountain Printing Company at Allen, was killed in an auto accident at Briarwood, when his niece's car left the road and plunged over an embankment...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Curt Newsome, a son, Bryan Lee Newsome, on Dec. 5...There died: Aderon Blackburn, 66, of Dwale, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Madge Lyons, 75, of

(See YESTERDAYS, page three)

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

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5 Weekend abbr.  
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50 Satan's forte  
51 Greek consonants  
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53 Transaction  
54 Understand  
55 Fill till full  
parsley  
6 "I thought so"  
7 Cratchit kid  
8 Ledge  
9 Obliterated  
10 Dadaist Jean  
11 "Absolutely"  
19 Brooch  
21 "You've got mail" biz  
23 Part of Hispaniola  
24 Puncturing tools  
25 Bigfoot's cousin  
26 Trudge (on)  
27 Old Italian coin  
28 Food of the gods  
32 Putting a whammy on  
33 Pirate's weapon  
35 Firmament  
36 With 37-Across, Batman  
38 Final bell?  
39 Spirit  
42 Tittle  
43 Monad  
44 No more than  
45 Foundation  
46 Rd.  
48 Payable

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2 Post-bath application  
3 Vicinity  
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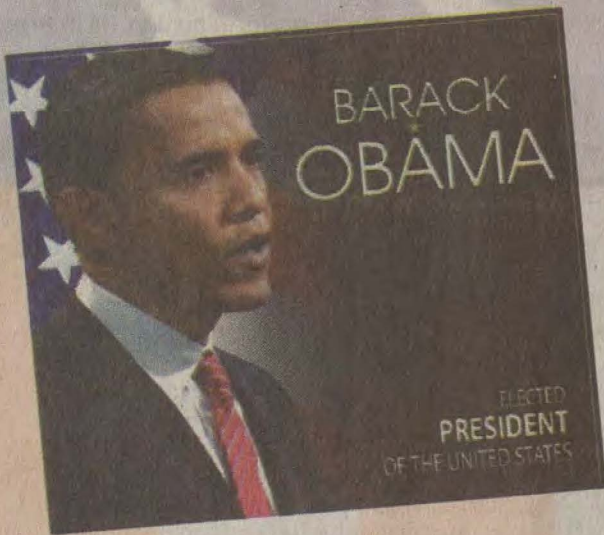
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## Yesterdays

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## Forty Years Ago

(January 9, 1969)

The Prestonsburg City Council voted, Thursday, to seek federal assistance toward extending water service to Emma...Expansion of Kentucky Power Company facilities in 1969 will cost the utility about \$40 million, a company executive has announced; included will be a \$100,000 office building here and modernization of distribution in this county...Fire destroyed the Sammons Safe-T-Check garage and all its contents this morning (Thursday)...Bids on construction of the Right

Beaver high school, at Eastern, will be opened, Friday...Under contract is the 75-unit rent-supplement housing project in the Goble-Roberts Addition here; sponsored by eight Prestonsburg churches, the project will cost \$820,000...Water rate increases approved by Prestonsburg City Council, raise minimum costs (2,000 gallons per month) from \$2.25 to \$3...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Herald of Salyersville, formerly of Prestonsburg, a son, Timothy Dingus, Jan. 4, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Denver Meade of Hite, a son, Jan. 4; to Mr. and Mrs. Abe C. Howell of Orkney, a daughter, Jan. 5...There died: Reece Bolen, 83, well-known Knott County man, in flames of his burning home on Rock Fork Creek, Thursday, Jan. 2; Chester Gayheart, 30, former E. McDowell resident, in Plymouth, Ohio, of gunshot wounds; William L. Tackett, 81, of McDowell, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Charles E. Castle, 20, formerly of Hueysville, Dec. 22, at Kendallville, Ind., in the destruction of his trailer by fire; Mrs. Emogene Hall, 83, formerly of McDowell, at Richmond, Ky.; Sol Crisp, 67, of Martin, at Mt. Manor Convalescent Home; Wid Hatfield, 48, of Hi Hat, of a heart attack; Mrs. Nellie Shepherd, 64, of Wayland, Monday, at the home of her daughter, in Hindman; Milford Conley, 70, at home in Lackey, after an extended illness; Thomas Clay, 46, former Cow Creek resident, crushed at work in the Chevrolet Gear and Axle Company, in Detroit.

## Lens

appearance in 1986 and will not be visible again until 2061, but in a little over a month you might have a chance to see a newly discovered comet, Comet Lulin. Discovered by a team of astronomers working in Taiwan and China, the comet will make its closest approach to Earth on Feb. 24. Currently you would need a telescope to see Comet Lulin, but by late February, the comet will be visible with binoculars and some astronomers are suggesting it might even become bright enough to be visible with the naked eye around Feb. 23 and 24.

Because they seemed to materialize at random, comets were once thought of as omens of unfortunate events when they appeared in the sky. When a comet appeared it might have been seen as the herald of the death of a king or a looming calamity.

Today however, we know a lot more about comets than our ancestors and do not necessarily fear their appearance. To a certain extent you might say we actually look forward to their appearance as an opportunity to learn about our solar system's past.

What do we know about comet? Well for one thing, unlike our ancestors who thought comets were actually on fire, we know that is far from reality. Comets are great dirty snowballs hurtling through space. Analysis of comets, both from the Earth and from spacecraft, has revealed that comets are complex bodies made up of a host of materials and chemical compounds. Comets are for the most part made of ices, rocks and dust, hence the term "Dirty Snowball".

The bulk of the ices that make up the nucleus of a comet are, composed of the chemical compound carbon dioxide, the same this that puts the fizz in your soda pop. However, while not in the same abundances, Carbon

Monoxide, Water, Methane, and Ammonia ices are found are found in comets also. In addition to these ices, there have also been detected carbon rich organic compounds on the surfaces of the comets themselves.

When we think of comets, the mental image of a bright point of light with a tail streaming out behind, racing across the night sky, the classic, comet comes to mind. But comets do not always have tails. It isn't until they reach the region of the inner solar system inside the orbit of Jupiter that the tail begins to form. It is at this point that the energy from the sun is sufficient for the ices in the comet to sublimate (transform from a solid to a gas without becoming a liquid first).

The pressure of sunlight and the solar wind (a stream of charged particles flowing out from the sun in all directions) cause the gasses and dust particles to flow outward from the nucleus of the comet forming the tail. Because of this, no matter where a comet is in its orbit once the tail forms, it (the tail) always points away from the sun. So, as a comet moves in toward the sun, the nucleus precedes the tail. However, after the comet has passed around the sun and is moving outward through the solar system the tail goes first. It is this point that Hollywood never seems to get exactly right in movies involving comets.

Comets are classified by astronomers into two groups — short period and long period comets. Short period comets are those whose orbits are bring them around in 200 years or less. Long period comets have orbits that are longer than 200 years. Halley's Comet falls into the group of short period comets with an orbit of 75-76 years. Hale-Bopp on the other hand is a long period comet with an orbital period of 2533 years. Hale-Bopp originally had an orbital period of 4200 years, but when it passed by Jupiter on its way around the Sun in

1996, the pass was close enough for Jupiter's gravity to alter the orbit and shorten the orbital period.

The reason Astronomers are so interested in comets is that they represent the unaltered original material from the formation of our solar system. Comets represent a sort time capsule that allows scientists to study the composition of the solar system as it formed. Recently, NASA has had two missions to comets for just this purpose.

The Stardust and Deep Impact spacecraft were launched by NASA to help expand our understanding of comets. Deep Impact as its name implied shot an 800 pound copper projectile into comet Temple 1. The resulting explosion was imaged by the parent spacecraft and an analysis of material from deep inside the comet was conducted as it was ejected from the impact site into space.

Stardust on the other hand, had the mission of capturing particles from the tail of a comet. The Stardust spacecraft flew through the tail of comet Wild 2 (pronounced as "Vildt 2") and using a special material developed by NASA called Aerogel was able to collect uncontaminated samples and return them to Earth in a capsule for study.

Comets while better understood now than ever before still hold secrets we would like to know. These seemingly random visitors give a reason to look up into the night sky and wonder about our place in it all. I hope you get a chance to view Comet Lulin in February, as these are still rare opportunities. Check the East Kentucky Science Center's website or give us a call, and if the weather permits, we will try to set up a telescope or two for a better view.

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## Fifty Years Ago

(January 8, 1959)

Two Middle Creek men reversed the order of the usual liquor raid, last week, and raided the courthouse. Breaking into the County Judge's office in the early morning hours, they took four and a half cases of confiscated whiskey, but were apprehended by law officers while waiting for transportation outside the courthouse with their haul...The Board of Education's first meeting, this year, got off to what portends to be a period marked by discord between new and old members...No highway deaths occurred in the county during the holidays, but five homes were destroyed by fire...Princess Elkhorn Coal and Powellton Coal Companies merged, last week, to form Princess Coals, Inc...There were a total of 91 known cases of tuberculosis in 1958, in this county, says Mrs. Lon C. Hill, treasurer of the Floyd County Tuberculosis Association...Mrs. Garnet Coleman Branham, 35, former Wheelwright resident, died instantly, Tuesday, when the family car skidded on ice into a truck near Frenchburg, while en route to this county to visit relatives...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Barkley J. Sturgill, a daughter, Patricia Lee, Dec. 31, at Prestonsburg General...There died: Mrs. Myrtle G. Childers, 42, of Auxier, at home, Dec. 23, of cancer; Ballard Hall, 50, of Halo, last Wednesday, at home; W. J. Hopkins, 71, of East McDowell, Dec. 27, at Our Lady of the Way, of heart disease; Estill T. Neeley, 45, Floyd native, in Newport, News, Va., of a heart attack; Roger Stewart, 43, at home in Langley, of cancer; Butler Slone, 75, of West Prestonsburg, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; N. B. (Thumper) Hale, 68, of Amba; Greenbury Hall, 80, of Banner, victim of pneumonia, Dec. 31; Mrs. Minnie Hall, 60, of Wheelwright, at McDowell Memorial Hospital on Dec. 23.

## Sixty Years Ago

(January 13, 1949)

The First Guaranty Bank, at Martin, last week, successfully met the test of a "run" caused by a rumor which was described as "baseless," and this week, the institution continued business as usual. The bank's board of directors in stressing its soundness, cited its statement of Dec. 1, showing it has grown to a business with assets of more than \$2,000,000...The Kentucky & West Virginia Power Company, last year, completed 220.32 miles of rural power lines to serve 2,270 new customers in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Knott, Magoffin and Morgan counties...J.L. Jacobs, consultant on property assessment, recently prepared a report on the Kentucky assessment problem. He says, "The present assessment system in Kentucky is unfair and unsound. There

are widespread under-assessments, widespread over-assessments. There are numerous omissions of property..."...Because of the high rate of voluntary enlistments, the army announced, last week, it will draft no men in Feb. and March...John L. Lewis began, Saturday, to put into operation, the United Mine Workers far-reaching program of free hospitalization and medical service to ailing coal miners. A 20-cent royalty on each ton of coal finances the fund, now building up at \$100,000,000 a year...There died: Jess Hamilton, 66, at Amba, a son of Hogan and Sally Mullins Hamilton; Tracy Crisp, 35-year-old veteran of Martin; PFC, Leonard Stricklett, 23, in a hospital at Regensburg, Germany, one of several who died when poison was introduced into food and drink by the Germans in an alleged mass-poisoning plot; Mrs. Lemmons, the former Esther Mooney, widow of Dr. Edward Stumbo, in Normal, Ill.

## Seventy Years Ago

(January 12, 1939)

McDowell's largest gathering, a crowd of 800, attended the dedication of the town's new 10-room school building, Friday night. Addresses were delivered by Supt. Hall. Geo. L. Moore, principal, and others. The auditorium of the school seats 500...Prestonsburg's municipal budget, as planned by W. J. May, and adopted by the City Council, provides for a "pay as you go" system in the town's financial affairs, and the retirement, this year, of \$6,000 of outstanding indebtedness...The municipal indebtedness is "around" \$50,000...The last grand jury report will be the big one" Commonwealth's attorney O.C. Hall told the Kiwanis Club, Friday night, referring to the current grand jury investigation of an alleged "drunk trap" here. "In my opinion, honest men, women and children have been thrown in jail without cause. The people of this county are aroused at the conduct of pistol deputies, and are expecting results"...Jan. 6 was just another day to most of us, but it was Old Christmas, here, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom James, who for several years have given a play-song-and-dance party in the old tradition, to celebrate the occasion...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Day Francis, on January 7, a 9 1/2-lb. son, Fred Harris, at the Paintsville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Francis, their second son, an 8-lb. boy at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Kenis Mulkey, of Prater Creek, at his home, Dec. 26; Mrs. Francis Stewart, 66, at her home at Estill; Noah Patrick, 68, at King's Daughters Hospital; Ray Crites, 21, of Wheelwright, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Mrs. Matilda Webb, 80, widow of A.C. "Bruce" Webb, Sunday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Carr, near Banner; Tandy Martin, 66, Mud Creek, at the Beaver Valley Hospital.

## Oak

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A week or so ago, I ran into a fellow classmate who had just had his 70th birthday (no, I'm not there...yet) and as we chatted, I could still see the youth in his eyes from the days we were kicked out into society, just as the three little pigs in the fairy tale, who found themselves all at once having to seek their fortunes.

But as scary as it is to think about all the changes we've seen, in everything, from communications to travel, to just life in general, it's even more terrifying to try to imagine what their year's graduates might face in 2059. Instead of bumping into an old classmate in the bread aisle at Wal-Mart, they're just as likely to meet while vacationing on some far distant planet. Remember, 50 years ago, Buck Rogers mode of travel, and Dick Tracy's two-way wrist radio, were nothing more than absurd fantasy.

In 1957, a telephone that took pictures was even too far-fetched for the comic pages.

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