

briefs

Five die on state roads

Preliminary statistics indicate that five people died in five separate crashes on Kentucky roadways from Monday, April 26, through Sunday, May 2.

Three of the crashes involved motor vehicles and none of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Single-fatality crashes occurred in Bourbon, Harlan and Jefferson counties. The suspected use of alcohol was a factor in the Harlan County crash.

Two pedestrian involved fatal crashes occurred in Fayette and Kenton Counties. The suspected use of alcohol was a factor in the Fayette County crash.

Through May 2, preliminary statistics indicate that 211 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roadways during 2010. This is 58 fewer fatalities than reported for the same time period in 2009.

There were 179 motor vehicle fatalities and 94 of those victims were not wearing seat belts. Thirty of those crashes involved a commercial motor vehicle. Twenty-one fatal crashes involved a pedestrian and one involved a scooter. Seven crashes involved a motorcycle and three of those victims were not wearing helmets. Two crashes involved an ATV and one victim was not wearing a helmet. A total of 45 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

Owner fires shots at robber

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Police are searching for a suspect in the Tuesday morning robbery of the E-Z Pawn Shop in Prestonsburg that led to shots fired by the owner of the business.

According to Det. Steve Little, with the Prestonsburg Police Department, the main suspect in the robbery is Justin D. Combs, 24, of Wittenville.

"The suspect was waiting at the store for the owner to come in and open the doors," Little said. "The owner knew him because he had come to the store before, so he had no cause for alarm. The suspect jumped up on the porch and took the money bag from the owner and started to run. The owner pulled out a .38 pistol and fired four shots. Nobody was hit or

injured. The suspect ran down the back street and jumped into a waiting vehicle. The owner attempted to follow them but couldn't catch up and called the police."

Little and other officers contacted the Paintsville Police Department and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department to assist in locating the vehicle. Little said the vehicle was spotted in Johnson County with two occupants, but only one person was in the car when a traffic stop was made.

According to Paintsville Police Chief Bill Holbrook, a traffic chase in the Boons Camp area of Johnson County led to the arrest of Charles Pinkerman, 40, of Ashland.

Pinkerman is not currently charged in the robbery, but Little listed Pinkerman as

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Police responded to a robbery at the E-Z Pawn Shop in Prestonsburg on Tuesday morning. The primary suspect, Justin D. Combs, of Wittenville, was still being sought at press time.



Gary Wright was surprised by local officials, friends and family on Friday to celebrate his 50th year in business as a barber. Wright received the key to the city from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

GOLDEN SCISSORS

Wright marks half-century cutting hair

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gary Wright and his barber shop are considered an institution in Prestonsburg, and Wright was honored on Friday for 50 years of cutting hair and regaling customers with his entertaining stories and comments.

Local officials, friends and family joined Wright outside of Wright's Barber Shop for the celebration, and Mayor Jerry Fannin presented him with a key to the city.

"I wanted to be a barber because that's what my father was," Wright said. "He started in 1927."

Even though it's been half a

century, Wright still remembers the first time he cut hair.

"It was 50 years and two weeks ago from this Saturday," Wright said. "The customer was Chester Garrett."

Wright is also an accomplished musician, having toured with his band, Wright's Limited.

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Flood fears fizzle out

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A county collectively braced itself earlier this week with forecasts predicting some 10 inches of rain over the course of a couple days.

Thoughts returned to nearly a year ago to the day when Floyd, along with numerous other counties across the commonwealth, were devastated on May 9 with flash floods.

But, when the rains settled and the sun came out again after a couple days of rain, county officials were glad to see comparatively minor problems from last year.

"I think we escaped the bullet," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "We did have quite a bit of just washouts in certain areas, but for the most part damage suffered was limited to just water that washed away some culverts and some little areas where there were some buildings and stuff close to the water."

The bulk of what damage that did take place due to the hard rains that lasted only two days of the predicted 10 was along the Left Beaver area of the county.

Spewing Camp, near McDowell, for instance, had several baskets washed out, while other areas such as Abbott Creek suffered from mudslides and slips.

Those along Abbott and Spewing blocked roadways, but had been nearly repaired as of yesterday afternoon, Marshall said.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today



High: 86 • Low: 52

Tomorrow



High: 81 • Low: 56

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

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Boys Scouts name Kinzer 'citizen of year'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Willard Kinzer was named the Floyd County Distinguished Citizen by the Boy Scouts of America during a ceremony at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center on April 28.

Kinzer, 82, of Kinzer Drilling, was presented with the award by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who was the recipient of the award last year.

"My family has been working with the

Boy Scouts for years," Kinzer said. "My son Terry was an Eagle Scout. My younger son Jerry was a Scout. We worked with them all through the years to help promote them. I really appreciated the award. It's an award they could have given to somebody else, but I appreciated it."

The award ceremony was specially scheduled for April 28, Kinzer's birthday, after other attempts to give Kinzer the award in the past were met with schedul-

(See KINZER, page six)



Willard Kinzer was presented with the Floyd County Distinguished Citizen Award by Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, last year's recipient, during a ceremony on April 28.

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Obituaries

In Memory...

Winford Allen 1924-2010

Mr. Winford Allen, 86, of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, formerly of Kingsford Heights, died Friday, April 23, 2010, at his home in Rolling Prairie.



He was born February 26, 1924, in Langley, Kentucky, the son of Leo Allen and Minnie (May) Allen and he had lived in the La Porte area most of his life.

Winford worked as a crane operator for 35 years at Allis Chalmers Corp. and he retired in 1983. He was

president of the union at Allis Chalmers for 19 years. On December 22, 1951, in Kingsbury, IN, he married Barbara Dyer who preceded him in death on August 13, 2001.

He is survived by his five daughters: Cheryl (Gary) Gray of Humble, TX; Barbara (Bruce) Payne of Mill Creek, IN; Patti (Vaughn) Galloway of La Porte, IN; Sandi (Bert) Stringham of La Porte, IN; Linda (Steve) Palmer of Rolling Prairie, IN; one son, Bill (Renee) Allen of Union Mills, IN; twenty-one grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; two sisters: Cleo Welch of FL and Judy Rorer of KY.

Arrangements are being handled by Harverstock

Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, Ind., where the family will receive friends, Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 10:00 a.m., until time of the service.

Services will be held at Haverstock Funeral Home, Inc., Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Jason Safirt officiating.

Interment will follow at the Patton Cemetery, LaPorte, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Winford Allen in care of the Haverstock Funeral Home.

Earl Branham

Earl Branham, age 90, of Martin, husband of Lydia Meadows Branham, passed away Sunday, May 2, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital, in Martin.

He was born February 17, 1920, in Prestonsburg, the son of the late Richard "Dick" Branham and Julie Click Branham. He was a retired CSX Railroad employee and a member of the Martin Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia; two daughters: Marcella Kelly of Frankfort, Connie Crum of Woodbridge, Virginia; one brother, Chester Branham of Chelsea, Michigan; three sisters: Mae Holt of Louisa, Nell Gibson and Glenna Faye Linder, both of Lima, Ohio; two grandchildren: Nikki Roberts and Crystal Day Page and five great-grandchildren: Ambrosia Burchett, Savannah Roberts, Brandi Roberts, Cory White and Matthew Page.

Preceding him in death was a son, Earl DeWayne Branham; four brothers: Sol Branham, Allie Branham, D.C. Branham, and Homer Branham and a sister, Marie Pitts.

Funeral services for Earl Branham will be conducted Wednesday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Johnny Blair and Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 6:00p.m., Monday, at Hall



In Loving Memory Dean Conn

May 30, 1954-May 4, 1990

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You've been gone 20 years.
Since God took a part of me away,
You were so kind and good to me in every way,
Your love will never fade away.
But I know someday that we will be together in that beautiful home where God took you away,
We will be together again where no one can separate us in any way.
I Love & Miss You,
Mother, Carlie Conn Blackburn;
Father, Virgil Conn; and family
Poem written by Mother

Funeral
(Paid obituary)

Kenneth D. Brown

Kenneth D. Brown, 32, of Langley, died Friday, April 30, 2010, at St. Joseph-Martin.

Born June 17, 1977, in Martin, he was the son of Gorman and Camille Prater Brown.

His paternal grandparents are the late Berley and Phyllis Brown and his maternal grandparents are Jack Prater of Hippo and the late Orpha Prater.

Other survivors, in addition to his parents and maternal grandfather, include three sisters: Sheila (Paul) Sparkman, Jennifer (Larry) Marshall and Jaclyn (Cheryl) Brown, all of Langley; nieces and nephews: Star, Paul, Phyllis, Jack, Jim Blake and Lindsey and several aunts, uncles, family and friends.

In addition to his paternal grandparents and maternal grandmother, he was preceded in death by a niece, Kellie.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 4, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Roy Harlow officiating.

Burial was in the Marshall Family Cemetery, (John's Branch), in Langley.

Visitation is after 7 p.m., Sunday, May 2, and all day, Monday, May 3, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

John Paul Greer

John Paul Greer, age 59, of Printer, passed away Friday, April 30, 2010, at his residence.

He was born March 26, 1951, in McDowell, the son of Edna Kidd Greer of Printer and the late Roy Leon Greer. He was a member of the Spurlock Church of Christ.

Survivors include his mother, Edna; four brothers: Doyle Greer of Michigan, Billy (Audrey) Greer of Inez, Bobby (Lavonna) Greer and James (Faye) Greer, both of Printer, LeRoy (Sharon) Greer of Prestonsburg; four sisters: Carlotta (Paul) Williams of Honaker, Marcella Blair of Magoffin, County, Victoria (Earl) Hall of Printer, Rebecca (Harold) Boyd of Banner and 24 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; one brother, Timothy Greer; two sisters: Brenda Bentley and Judy

Home.

Greer.

Funeral services for John Paul Greer will be conducted Monday, May 3, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Bruce Coleman and Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial will follow in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, in Printer, with the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin, caring for those arrangements.

Visitation is after 11:00 a.m., Monday, at Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: James Greer, Doyal Greer, Bradley Scott Meade, Earl Hall, James Curtis Greer, and Leroy Greer.

(Paid obituary)

Billy Lee Hall

Billy Lee Hall, 71, of Bypro, died Friday, April 30, 2010, at his residence.

Born July 21, 1939, in Wheelwright, he was the son of the late Effort and Della Sanders Hall. He was a retired coal miner, a Club House manager at the Allen Golf Course and a deacon of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Ann "Sissy" Hall.

Other survivors include one son, Jeffrey Lee (Lita) Hall of Wheelwright; two daughters: Deborah Ann (Lanny) Hall of Wheelwright and Lori Lynn Hall (Kenny) Small of Denton, North Carolina; one brother, Lonnie E. Hall of Pikeville; one sister, Linda Couch Cannon of Lake Gaston, North Carolina; seven grandchildren: Billy, Staci, Landon, Annie, Siera, McKenzie and Abby and three great-grandchildren: Michael, Bradlee and Alexis.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 3, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, in Bypro, with Louis Ferrari and Bobby Isaac officiating. A military funeral was performed by the Garrett DAV, Chapter 128.

Burial was in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville.

Visitation was at the church.

Pallbearers: Greg Couch, Tony Hall, Danny Vance, Billy Aaron Hall, Landon Hall, Wesley Hall, Jacob Couch and Danny Gullett.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Willard Hall

Willard Hall, 64, of Harold, died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at the Jewish

Hospital in Louisville.

Born February 15, 1946, in Kent Square, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Walker and the late Opal Hall Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Slone Hall.

Other survivors include a son, Willard Hall, Jr. (Tracy) of Dana; two daughters: Vickie Lynn Hall and Michelle Forsyth (Sam), both of Galveston; three brothers: Darrell Hamilton of Galveston, Wendell Lee Hamilton and Leroy Hamilton, both of Taylor, Michigan; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and two step-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Crystal Gail Hall; three brothers: Hershell Hamilton, Billy Dean Hamilton and David Hamilton and two sisters: Joyce Hall and Debbie Hamilton.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 6, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Stumbo Cemetery, in Galveston.

Visitation is Tuesday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home, with nightly services at 6:30 p.m.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

(See OBITUARIES, page 3)

Card Of Thanks

The family of Melvina Watson of Dana would like to say "Thank you," for all the flowers, food, and for all the prayers and kindness you have shown to us during the passing of our mother. Please continue to pray for our family and we thank you once again for everything.

**God Bless You,
THE WATSON FAMILY**

Card Of Thanks

The family of Acie Dye 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. Those who sent flowers, food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your love and support will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF ACIE DYE

Card Of Thanks

The family Yolanda Jean Hohenecker would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or helped to comfort us in any way during the passing of our love one. A special thanks to Clergyman Bruce Hopkins for his comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for the kindness and support that was shown to our family. All your love and support will never be forgotten.

**THE FAMILY OF
YOLANDA JEAN HOHENECKER**

Card Of Thanks

The family of Linzie L. Conn would like to express our appreciation to all who sent, flowers, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. A special thanks to the Old Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and 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 LINZIE L. CONN

Card Of Thanks

The family of Joe Ross Keathley wishes to express our sincere appreciation to all those family, friends, and neighbors for all the help during our time of loss. Thanks to those who sent flowers, spoke kind words, and prayers during this difficult time. A special thanks to Clergyman Tommy Spears for his comforting words, the Betsy Layne DAV for military honors, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the Hall Funeral Home for the kindness that was shown to our family. For those who helped in anyway, we say, "Thank you and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF JOE ROSS KEATHLEY

Card of Thanks

The family of Wes Campbell 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. Those who sent flowers, food, or came by to share our loss. A special thanks to Brother Gordon Fitch and Brother Bill Collins for their comforting message; also thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. All your love and support will never be forgotten.

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Obituaries

Geneva Clark Harman

Geneva Clark Harman passed away Saturday, May 1, at her home in Lexington. She was born April 26, 1918, in Floyd County, the daughter of Virgie and Elmon Clark. She graduated from Paintsville High School, in Paintsville, and attended Pikeville College, in Pikeville.

She and Russell Harman were married August 16, 1936, in Russell. After residing in Huntington, West Virginia sixteen years, they retired in Sarasota, Florida. After her husband's death March 18, 2004, she moved to Lexington. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, in Lexington. She volunteered in numerous church and community activities and enjoyed gardening and playing golf.

Survivors include Roslyn Dial (John) of Mexico, Missouri; Bill Harman (Carol) of Georgetown, and Ann Harman of Micanopy, Florida; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 6, at the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, 463 East Main, Lexington, at noon with visitation at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in Machpelah Cemetery, in Mt. Sterling, following the services.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Alice Lloyd College, Pikeville College or the charity of the donor's choice. (Paid obituary)

Anna Kathryn Slone Johnson

Anna Kathryn Slone Johnson, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Kings Daughters' Medical Center.

She was born February 5, 1932, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Tommy Slone and Alice Prater Slone. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Johnson, on April 26, 2007.

Survivors include two daughters: Mary Lynn Hughes (Eugene) of Prestonsburg, Rose Branham of David; six sons: Freddie Wayne Johnson, Richard Thomas Johnson (Oma), Mark Anthony Johnson (Dedra), Donald Jean Johnson (Sherry), all of Prestonsburg, Larry D. Johnson (Deborah) of Auxier, Gary Ray Johnson (Ruby) of Blue River; four sisters: Winnie Mae Keathley, Ella Sammons, and Marie Lafferty, all of Prestonsburg and Garnett Oldfather of Warsaw, Indiana; five brothers: Herman Slone, George Slone, Gary Slone, Oscar Slone, all of Prestonsburg and Johnny Slone of Van Lear; 16 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers and a grandson, Tommy Lee Johnson.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 1 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Jim Stephens and Russell Ousley officiating.

Interment will be in the

Johnson Family Cemetery, in Blue River.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Juanita Fraley Samons

Juanita Fraley Samons, 71, of Martin, died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at St. Mary's Hospital.

Born November 24, 1938, in Drift, she was the daughter of the late Paul and Grace Castle Fraley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Hie Samons.

Other survivors include one son, Eldon Lee Samons of Martin; one daughter, Melisa Ann Murphy of Langley; one brother, Dana Paul Fraley of Drift; three sisters: Beulah Brown and Hanna Belcher, both of Drift and Donna Hall of Wayland; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Ricky Samons; one brother, Johnny Fraley; and one sister, Norma Jean Cascaddan.

Funeral services were

held Sunday, May 2, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Rev. Bob Varney and Ronnie Samons officiating.

Burial was in the Click Cemetery, (Arkansas Creek), in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home, with additional services each night at 7 p.m.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Dianna Lee Sparks

Dianna Lee Sparks, 56, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born November 11, 1953, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late James Todger and Caroline Blair Goble. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons: Willis Sparks Jr. of Langley and Randy Michael Sparks of Martin; three daughters: Tonya Endicott of Allen, Kimberly Sparks of Lancer and Jeannie Sparks of McDowell; one brother, Mike Goble of Prestonsburg; four sisters: Patricia Rose of Garrett, Sandra Collins of Ivel, Brenda Hunt of Lawrence

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County and Tammie Compton of Prestonsburg; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Nathan Lafferty officiating.

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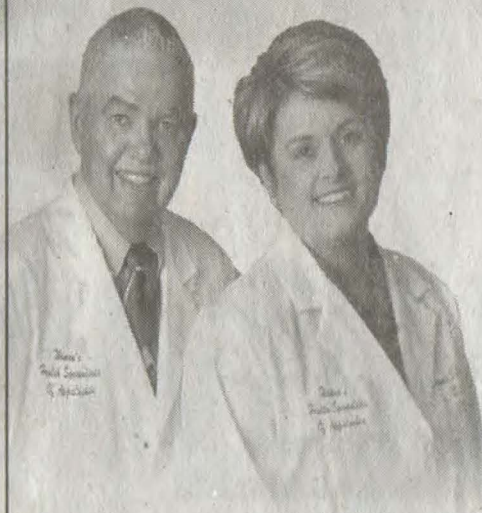
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— J. R. R. Tolkien

Our View

'Responsibility' not a bad word in energy production

Recent events should clearly show, once and for all, that those who have been seeking accountability from traditional energy producers have been trying not to destroy America, but to save it.

During the 2008 presidential campaign and in the two years since, there has been some discussion, civil and otherwise, concerning our country's energy policy. Much of the noise has been criticism toward those who have sought to improve the safety and lessen the environmental impact of traditional energy sources, while at the same time increasing investment in cleaner, alternative energy sources. They have been accused of trying to sabotage America's place in the world by destroying jobs and placing high cost burdens on consumers.

But two events in April should do a lot to dispel much of that criticism. The Upper Big Branch mine explosion proves that both the mining industry and government regulators still have some way to go before workers in that field enjoy the same safety standards that apply to nearly every other industry today. Meanwhile, the unfolding disaster in the Gulf of Mexico shows that our nation's policy toward domestic oil production needs to be a little more evolved than "drill, baby, drill."

The problem is not that the oil and coal industries are inherently evil. Rather, they are resources that have been vital to our nation's strength and prosperity for many years, and they will continue to be for many years to come.

The problem, however, is that when things go wrong during mining or drilling, they tend to go very, very wrong. In these most recent incidents, 29 people lost their lives in West Virginia and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of miles of sensitive coastline habitats are on the verge of being destroyed.

Demanding that these industries get their acts together and take steps to prevent causing so much unnecessary and preventable death and destruction is not unreasonable.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

By now, you have probably heard that the governor plans to call a special session sometime this month to give lawmakers another shot at passing a state budget before the new fiscal year starts in July. Problem is, legislative leaders do not seem any closer to a budget agreement now than they did when the 2010 Regular Session ended on April 15.

The last I heard, the powers-that-be in the Senate were not budging an inch on their position that state government be cut beyond what the House feels is reasonable and secure. Cuts to the base funding formula for public schools and around \$100 million in cuts to state Medicaid that had been proposed by the Senate were at least two sticking points that led to stalled talks. Another was the Senate's rejection of a House plan to authorize between \$200 million and \$300 million in bonds for local infrastructure projects including replacement or repair of deteriorating school buildings that are at least four decades old.

While the governor said in a press conference last week that he remains optimistic that the House and Senate can come to an agreement, he is not too optimistic about what will happen in our state should talks fail yet again. He warned of a government shutdown that could halt everything from death investigations from the state Medical Examiner to coal mine opera-

tions that require state inspections and emergency rescue teams.

Medicaid, state funded veterans' nursing homes, state universities, health departments and even state police patrols could also be affected, although there is a limit as to which services would truly be affected. Services identified as "essential" by the state constitution or state law are required to be provided even in the absence of a state spending plan, but the governor declined to say what those services would include, telling reporters that such a situation would be "uncharted territory."

The specter of a shutdown appears to be a lot of gloom and doom. Let's look at the facts: Lawmakers have been unable to reach a budget agreement three times since 2000 when the General Assembly came under split party control, but we returned to pass a budget as required either in special session or the next regular session. There was no government shutdown, no loss of state police patrols, no shutdown of mines due to a lack of inspectors or safety teams.

Whether or not a budget is needed by June 1—which is exactly one month before the beginning of the fiscal year that the new budget would fund—is hard to say. The governor says a budget must be in place by that date to allow the state to save millions on debt refinancing, but legislative leaders have not had much to say about it. What both the Senate President and Speaker of the House are saying is there is no reason to call a special session at a cost of over

\$60,000 a day until they have a budget they can work with.

Lawmakers have tried to pass a budget. Truth be told, both the House and Senate tried to piece together versions of a budget with around \$1 billion less funding than this year's budget that would not raise taxes, cut education willy-nilly at all levels or slash vital health and human services for our struggling citizens. Ideologies unfortunately left the House and Senate too far apart on an agreement before the buzzer closed out the regular session last month, but there was no lack of trying.

The best attempt to pass a budget now, top legislators say, is for the governor himself to present a workable budget for lawmakers to consider—especially if he wants a budget by June 1. The last budget the governor presented to lawmakers was based on over three-quarters of a billion dollars in revenue from video slot machines at racetracks in the absence of any law that would permit the machines to operate. That, most lawmakers will tell you, wasn't a workable budget.

I agree with Speaker Greg Stumbo that our best option at this point is to meet in a very brief special session—the minimum five days—and pass a continuation budget that will get us through to the next regular session in January. That would ensure services are met, and give our state economy a chance to improve before we make cuts that may not be necessary. I, like you, am eagerly waiting to see which path will ultimately be taken. And I will keep you informed every step of the way. Have a great week.

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Obituaries

Burial was in the Jervis Cemetery, (Cow Creek), in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was after 7 p.m., Friday, April 30, and all day Saturday, May 1, at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Paul Stilton

Paul Stilton, 85, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Betsy Layne, died Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the Pikeville Medical Center.

Born September 14, 1924, in Praise, he was the son of the late Roy Stilton and Bertha Layne Stilton Hall. He was a retired Constable of (District 4), in Floyd County, and was a member of the Church of Christ in Betsy Layne, and a member of the DAV and the American Legion, in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include three daughters: Joyce Ann Stewart of Cattlesburg, Betty Jean Mynhier of Cincinnati, Ohio and Lola Thacker of Clarksville, Tennessee; 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Paul Stilton Jr.; one brother, Freddie Stilton and one sister, Mabel Wallace.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 1, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial was in

Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, was in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Jimmy D.

"Tackett" Tackett

Jimmy D. "Tackett" Tackett, 43, of Wayland, died Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born December 18, 1966, in McDowell, he was the son of Connie Owens Tackett Butler of Louisville and the late James Edward Tackett.

He is survived by his wife, Earnestine Hall Tackett.

Other survivors include two sons: Michael Dwayne (Cita) Tackett and Benjamin Tyler Tackett, both of Wayland; three grandchildren: Alexis Deanne, Laiken Michelle and Aiden Seth and several nieces, nephews, uncles, friends and co-workers.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Stone.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 2 p.m., at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, in Wayland, with James "Red" Morris and other Martin Branch Freewill Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Stone Family Cemetery, in Wayland.

Visitation is after 6 p.m.,

Sunday, May 2, and all day Monday, May 3, and Tuesday, May 4, at the church.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, is in charge of arrangements.

(Paid obituary)

Melvina Boyd Watson

Melvina Boyd Watson, age 84, of Dana, passed away Thursday, April 29, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

She was born May 5, 1925, in Dana, the daughter of the late Jack and Vada Boyd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Arkansas Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Wilburn Jesse Watson; one son, Donald Watson; a brother, Nola Boyd.

Survivors include three sons: Manuel (Robin) Watson of Drift, Larry (Stella) Watson and Jesse Watson both of Dana; seven daughters: Eunice Steele of Stanville, Maria (Marvin) Lewis of Tram, Lois Frasure of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Lucy (Harold) Howell of Dana, Linda (Michael) Ratliff of Pikeville, Pollyanna (Jeff) Bolen of Garrett, and Connie J. (Phillip) Poulter of Florida; 26 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Ronnie Samons, Tim McClanahan and Sonny Boyd officiating.

Burial was in the Kidd Cemetery, in Dana, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation was after 6:00 p.m., Friday, at Hall Funeral Home.

(Paid obituary)

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Martha Jewell Wicker

Martha Jewell Wicker, 57, of Garrett, died Sunday, May 2, 2010, at St. Joseph, in Martin.

Born April 2, 1953, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Henry and Delilah Isaac Jenkins. She was a homemaker.

Other survivors include a son, Jamie (Victoria) Wicker of Garrett; a daughter, Brenda (Billy Joe) Owens of Garrett; two sisters: Linda (Glenn) Hayes and Mary (Walter) Watkins, both of Mousie; three grandchildren: Billy Dean Owens, Mahayla Owens and Chloe Wicker; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Steven Wicker and two brothers: Henry Jenkins Jr. and Charles Edward Jenkins.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 6, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, in Bevinsville.

Visitation is Tuesday, May 4, at 6 p.m., at the funeral home.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, is in charge of arrangements.

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Roger and Pamela DeRossett of Prestonsburg, would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Selena Marie DeRossett, to Dempsey Lawrence Ballou, son of David and Jamie Ballou of Corbin. Selena is the granddaughter of Allene DeRossett and the late T.J. DeRossett of Prestonsburg and Virginia Hale and the late Linzie Hale of Prestonsburg. Dempsey is the grandson of Sam and Peggy Ballou of Corbin and D.L. and Alice Lynch of Corbin.

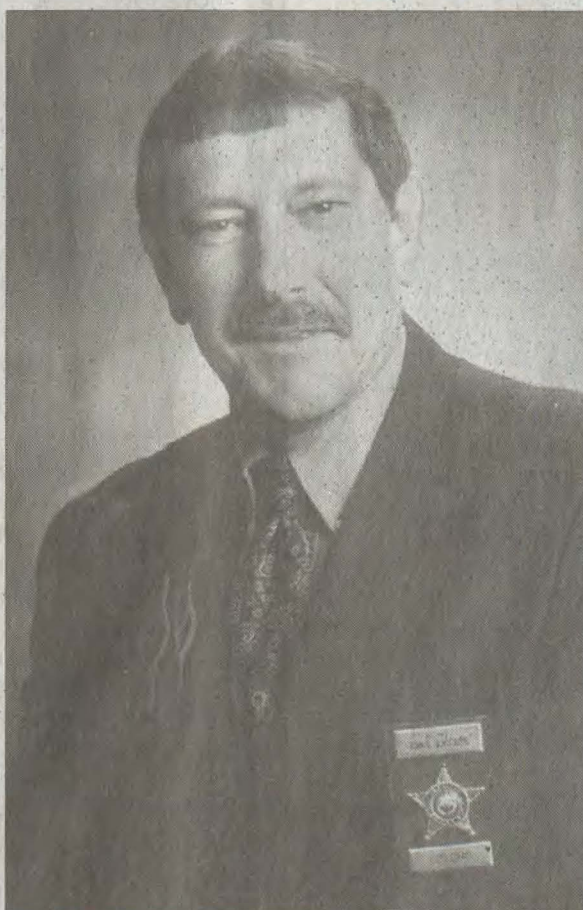
Selena is a 2005 graduate of Johnson Central High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisville. In 2009 she graduated cum laude with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Selena will graduate with highest honors in May 2010 with a Master of Arts in Teaching in Middle and Secondary English Education. Dempsey is a 2005 graduate of Corbin High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Louisville. In 2009 he graduated with highest honors with his Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Dempsey will graduate with highest honors in May 2010 with a Master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

After a honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Harlan, Kentucky. Dempsey will be working for Sugar Ridge Land Company in Harlan.

The wedding will take place at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 15, 2010 at First Baptist Church Irene Cole Memorial in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. A reception will follow immediately at the May Lodge of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Friends and family are invited to attend.

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Long-neglected roads could get blacktop

by **SHELDON COMPTON**
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County officials signed an agreement Monday that could see three sections of roadway resurfaced that have gone untended for more than 20 years.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court voted unanimously to an agreement with the

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways during a special-called meeting Monday that could see resurfacing projects start on Simpson Branch, Old Hunter Road and Martin Branch.

"The agreement still needs to be signed off on by the governor," said Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall. "But we know these roads need

attention and so we've asked."

The county would work directly with Kentucky Highway District 12 offices in Pikeville if the project is given a greenlight.

The cabinet has agreed to reimburse the county for costs of the work, up to but not beyond \$250,000, according to the agreement.

This money would be spent on work to blacktop

the three roads, each of which have been used heavily as coal haul roads, said Marshall, and have been in need of work for some time.

"We're in favor of receiving this funding for these areas," he said. "These are some areas that have been coal haul roads, and even if they hadn't been, they have not been resurfaced in over 20 years."

The reimbursement terms from the state would be good for three years, the agreement said, with the possibility of extending or amending those terms.

Also, it is stipulated that at any time the state can withdraw from the agreement as long as the county is given written notice within 30 days of this decision.

Just over a mile along each section of road will be paved, according to the agreement, with the exception of Old Hunter Road, which runs 50 feet short of being a full mile.

The longest stretch of road in the project would be Martin Branch at 7,200 feet,

the agreement states.

As for when the work could start, that is now a waiting game, said Marshall.

"After the governor sends back conformation and we're notified, we'll be able to start on these," he said, adding that there's no real way to place a timeline on how soon that word may be sent back him and the rest of the fiscal court.

Friday's celebration included many pictures from Wright's 50 years as a Prestonsburg barber.



Wright

for many years. Despite being a talented organist, Wright has always thought of himself as a barber.

"Cutting hair is my passion," Wright said. "I've never wanted to do anything else as a profession."

Wright was also presented with a special cake covered with his picture by Brent Graden, director of economic development for Prestonsburg.

"He cuts hair for \$6 and has every story in the

book," Graden said. "You can go to his barber shop for a haircut and the entertainment value, too."

Wright, who turns 76 in July, is showing no signs of slowing down or reducing the hours that he works cut-

ting hair and telling stories.

"I'll do it until I drop, I guess," Wright said, and laughed.

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ing conflicts.

According to information provided by the Blue Grass Council, "Boy Scouts of America holds as part of its fundraising efforts in Floyd County a Distinguished Citizens' Award Dinner. The dinner event is part of the larger

annual fundraising efforts that are being made throughout the Blue Grass Council."

The Blue Grass Council, a non-profit organization, serves 55 counties in central

and Eastern Kentucky. The council offers scholarships to assist needy youth with registration fees, uniforms and participation fees for camping and other Boy Scout activities.

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Rains

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"The rains created several slips along Abbott and washed out baskets and blocked roads in Spewing Camp, as well as Abbott," he said. "These were problems that came up throughout the county, but overall, we could have gotten a tremendous amount more. I'm thankful the rain subsided and we were able to dodge widespread damage like we had a year ago."

As of yesterday, county crews were working on a few final slips along Abbott and then most of the big issues will have been handled.

Marshall also said there were also issues with fallen trees along many roads throughout the county that had to be removed for the safety of residents and to open traffic flow.

Robbery

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a person of interest in the case. Pinkerman was charged with fleeing/evading police, reckless driving and other traffic-related charges.

Anybody with information on the whereabouts of Justin D. Combs is asked to contact the Prestonsburg Police Department by calling (606) 886-1010.

TO THE CITIZENS OF FLOYD COUNTY:

My name is Curtis L. Lewis. I have recently made a decision to withdraw my candidacy for Floyd County Sheriff. I made this decision after much thought and consideration, and I want you to know that I remain committed to seeing progress made in Floyd County. I have decided to endorse and support Steve Little for Sheriff. Steve has positive, progressive goals and is truly committed to the families and youth throughout Floyd County. I want to sincerely thank all of my friends, family, and supporters who have helped me with the campaign, and I am asking you to join me in supporting Steve Little for Floyd County Sheriff.

Sincerely, *Curtis L. Lewis*
Curtis L. Lewis

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BARRY BOWLING

Democrat Candidate for County Judge/Executive

I want to thank the people of Floyd County. I've met some incredible people while campaigning. You asked me why I'm in this race. I'm in this race because I have sat back long enough and watched what was happening to this county, my home.

I've been asked several times why I haven't advertised my candidacy on billboards, TV and radio. Over the years I've heard people express how they would like to run for office, but they didn't have the money and political support to do so. I want people to know it doesn't have to be that way. **Money in politics doesn't guarantee we choose good leaders.** In today's economy and with our citizens having to watch their every dollar just to take care of their family, I could not in good conscience spend a lot of hard-earned money to promote myself. For that reason, I decided to do limited campaign ads. This election is about you, the people of Floyd County, and how better to help you. I chose to try and meet with you personally and to discuss with you my plans on how to accomplish what needs to be done for our county. You offered strong, workable ideas. This is 2010 and the people of this county deserve to have—more jobs, safer roads, sewer facilities, water to every home, parks, new recreational facilities, help for our civic organizations, support for our senior citizens—and this is just a partial list. We need to advocate, preserve and utilize our county historical sites and our heritage to bring in more tourism which means more revenue.

The **only promise I WILL** make to **YOU** is, I will closely monitor the spending already established in the county and better manage future spending. To better maintain and expand our infrastructure for our roads and public works, we need to strengthen that part which is working, find a better solution to what isn't working, and determine the most efficient use of public dollars without adding the burden of more spending of revenue we don't have. To accomplish this goal I will look at the resources available (grants, coal severance tax, etc.), evaluate existing policies and encourage high standards of efficiency of the personnel. Our state government is already making budget cuts which will affect every county. Every dollar in our county budget, in order to meet the inflationary effects of the economy, will need to be **accounted for and wisely spent** for what is necessary for all the people of Floyd County. Once the problems have been identified and corrected, which will be no easy task, we will be in a better position to solicit industry, attract new desired businesses and commerce which means more jobs and more revenue. Before I got into the insurance business **I worked as a coal miner**—underground and surface, so I do know when mines shut down and jobs are lost in the coal industry what it means to the economy and to the people. **I have been there.**

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Pikeville College commencements set for May 8

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College will honor the academic achievements of 120 undergraduate degree candidates and 73 new physicians from the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine on Saturday, May 8. The medical school commencement begins at 9 a.m. at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center in Pikeville. The undergraduate commencement will be held at 2 p.m., also at the Expo Center. Three distinguished individuals will be recognized for their significant contributions in education, business and public service. On Thursday, May 6, graduating students in the college's Elizabeth Akers Elliott Nursing Program will be honored during a pinning ceremony at 7 p.m. in Booth Auditorium.

Pikeville College Undergraduate Commencement

The keynote speaker for the undergraduate commencement will be Chris T. Sullivan, founder of the Outback Steakhouse restaurant company.

The first Outback Steakhouse opened in 1988. With more than 800 Outback Steakhouses worldwide, the company also operates several hundred Carrabba's Italian Grills, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, Roy's, Bonefish Grill and other hospitality related businesses.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in business and economics, Sullivan's philanthropic and community leadership endeavors have been focused on chil-

dren and education. As chairman of the Flight 93 National Memorial Campaign, Sullivan is helping to establish a memorial to the passengers and crewmembers of United Airlines Flight 93 whose bravery on Sept. 11, 2001, saved countless American lives. Sullivan is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, the National Parks Foundation and Mary Lee's House, a child protection and advocacy center. He is chairman of the Scripps Florida Funding Corporation, a member of the Florida Council of 100 and on the executive committee of the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

During the commencement ceremony, Sullivan joins his father, Pikeville College alumnus William A. "Bill" Sullivan, in receiving an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Bill Sullivan's life story could easily have been chronicled in the book "America's Greatest Generation." A graduate of the Pikeville College Academy ('37) and Pikeville Junior College ('39), Sullivan, like many of his peers, answered the call in December 1941, enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps as the country entered World War II. His tour of duty took him to the South Pacific where he saw combat with the 3rd Marine Division at Bougainville. As a young lieutenant, Sullivan returned from overseas in 1946. After graduating from East Tennessee State, he joined the Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI). His distinguished career spanned decades and his service to the nation has been a reflection of the Marine Corps motto "Semper Fidelis" - always faithful.

Sullivan served in 11 different offices within the FBI, including being named assistant director-in-charge of the Los Angeles division. In 1972, he was interviewed at the White House by Gen. Alexander Haig to be the FBI director. Clarence Kelly was appointed; however, Sullivan considered the opportunity to be a great honor. While in the FBI, Sullivan worked on several high profile investigations, including the Patty Hearst kidnapping case.

After retiring from the bureau, Sullivan served as director of corporate security for Hughes Aircraft. In 1997, the Elkhorn City

native was honored by Pikeville College with the Distinguished Alumni Award. As a student on the hill, he played Bears' basketball for two years.

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine

The commencement address for the Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine will be delivered by Sen. Mitch McConnell, the longest-serving U.S. senator in Kentucky's history, and the Senate Republican leader in the 111th Congress. McConnell will also be presented with an honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree during the commencement ceremony.

The 15th Senate Republican leader, McConnell is only the second Kentuckian to lead his party in the Senate. First

elected to the Senate in 1984, McConnell made history that year as the only Republican challenger in the country to defeat a Democrat incumbent, and as the first Republican to win a statewide Kentucky race since 1968. With nearly a million votes, McConnell's victory in 2008 was the most ever received by a Kentuckian in a statewide race. In 2009, he became the longest-serving senator from Kentucky, surpassing the tenures of his predecessor as leader, Alben Barkley; his former colleague, Wendell Ford; and his friend and mentor, John Sherman Cooper.

McConnell graduated with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, where he served as student body president. He also is a graduate of the

University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association. As an intern on Capitol Hill, McConnell worked for Sen. John Sherman Cooper before serving as chief legislative assistant to Sen. Marlow Cook and as deputy assistant attorney general to President Gerald Ford.

The community is cordially invited to the nursing pinning ceremony and the commencements for Pikeville College and the School of Osteopathic Medicine. For more information, please contact the Office of Public Affairs at (606) 218-5270.

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BSCTC carpentry and masonry programs construct home in Cross Creek community

by DAPHENE KIRK GOBLE

PAINTSVILLE — Big Sandy Community and Technical College recently completed the construction of a 2000 square foot home in the Cross Creek II Community of Johnson County. Situated on a creek-side lot, the brick home is the handiwork of students in the carpentry and masonry programs at BSCTC.

The Mayo Residential Construction Program Inc.—an advisory board at BSCTC—was established by Mayo Vocational and Technical School, O.T. Dorton, Citizens Bank president and a group of other businesses in 1971. The Mayo Residential Construction Program provides funding and oversight of the building of homes which provides realistic teaching and learning environments for Big Sandy students. Any profit realized from the sale of these homes is used for the construction of other teaching and learning homes.

The site location was selected because of the real estate value in the Cross Creek community and the availability and closeness to Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The home is loaded with splendid details, like tiled floors in the bathrooms and hardwood floors in the great room, kitchen and dining rooms. The sale of the home will be handled by a local realtor.

Assistant Professor Michael K. Froman, of the



BSCTC Carpentry Program, remarked, "Projects such as these provide a continuous system of funding for our programs, hence affords a living laboratory for students to learn and refine skills in real-time-experience not provided by other venues."

"When Mayo Vocational and Technical School began the Residential Construction Program in 1971, they purchased one lot in the Cross Creek community. Since then, eight teaching and learning homes have been built in this area. Additionally, property values continue to soar and the high resale values makes the Cross Creek Community a financially rewarding area to build homes."

Students work on the homes and receive instruction on framing, finishing, painting, dry walling, cabinetry installation, masonry techniques and installation,

etc. Additionally, students learn to read blueprints and learn measuring and layout design and construction.

"Our students have worked on this home for two years" said Associate Professor, Randall Haney, of the BSCTC Masonry Program. "By the time our students complete one of these homes they have the confidence and skill to ascertain employment anywhere. We are very proud of the work they do." Additionally, Haney added, "Our masonry students receive hands-on-training, in real time, with real situations, hence they learn to solve problems that arise while figuring out solutions." Haney further elucidated, "Projects such as these serve as the best training for construction trades because students learn to construct and complete footers, blocks, bricks, basement, concrete, steps, deco-

native concrete techniques, and other masonry procedures, etc."

Nineteen carpentry students and eleven masonry students labored on the home. Approximately 2,500 estimated work hours were invested in the construction of the home.

Masonry students include, Will Cantrell, Jerry Evans, Chris Fannin, David Hatcher, Ronald Howell, Ray Ingram, Christie Layne, Nathan Lazar, Josh Salyer, Cory Tackett, and Mason Tackett.

Carpentry students include, Chris Amburgey, Roger Bowling, Anthony Fannin, Chris Fyffe, Clayton Harris, Tim Harris, Fred Haynes, Jerry Hensley, Dock Horne, Clarence

Hunt, Cory Matney, Adam McGinnis, Justin Robinson, Sean Robinson, Brandon Spencer, William Steele, Todd Volk, John Wilson, and Corey Walker.

For more information about the Carpentry and Masonry Programs at BSCTC, contact Assistant Professor, Michael K. Froman at (606)789-5321, ext. 82842 or via e-mail at michael.froman@kctcs.edu.

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During the week of April 19-25, volunteers across the nation had a spotlight on their spirit and work as America celebrated National Volunteer Week. The week is a signature event of the Points of Light Institute. Among the countless volunteers nationwide are the more than 70 volunteers who make a difference at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Highlands held a luncheon on April 20th to acknowledge the endeavors of volunteers throughout the hospital. At the luncheon, a picture display board illustrated the spirit of volunteerism, and each individual was presented a special gift from the hospital in thanks for their service. A reception closed the activities honoring the volunteers. "In our endless pursuit of providing a personal touch with quality care, volunteers truly make a difference at Highlands. These dedicated individuals are a part of our hospital family and help us deliver on our pledge of developing a healthier community," commented Community Development Director Melissa Vance. Anyone interested in learning more about the Highlands Volunteer Program may call 606-886-7468 for information.

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Members of three student organizations at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine recently expressed their appreciation for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center.

PCSOM family shows appreciation for APCC

PIKEVILLE — Members of three Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine student organizations recently hosted a dinner to show appreciation for the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center volunteers, clients and board members.

The event was sponsored by PCSOM's Student Advocate Association,

National Osteopathic Women's Physician Association and the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

"These groups have made this dinner an annual event in hopes to show appreciation to APCC supporters and raise awareness of the great services the center provides the people

of our area," said Tiffany McGuire, PCSOM SAA president.

More than 60 supporters attended the dinner, including members of the Pikeville College Baptist Campus Ministry and work study program, Vista volunteers, APCC clients, volunteers and board members and community supporters.

"The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center is a life changing ministry and we must continue to reach more mothers," said Kay Hammond, APCC executive director. "The support of our community-at-large helps us to make sure that more babies will experience the childhood God intended. We appreciate and thank the students of PCSOM for hosting this special dinner."

Pikeville College honors academic achievement

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville College recently held its annual Honors Convocation, a celebration of academic excellence and student achievement.

Outstanding students in each academic major were individually recognized. Members of honor societies, academic clubs and organizations and students named to the Dean's List were also recognized.

Individuals honored for outstanding academic achievement in their field of study were Heather Nicole Dotson, of Ransom, elementary education; Kimberly N. Williams, of Prestonsburg, biology; Hannah May Blankenship, of Chapmansville, W.Va., business administration; Nicole A. Meade, of South Williamson, communication; James Kyle Bass, of Staffordsville, computer science; Erin H. Robinson, of Sidney, criminal justice; Tara D. Burchett, of Ivel, English; Brittney N. Schaeffer, of Pikeville, history/political science; Peggy Michele Isaac Robinson, of Pikeville, mathematics; Leslie

Hamilton, of Pikeville, first-year nursing; Cathy S. Coleman, of Pikeville, psychology and social work; and Andrea M. Carter, of Catlettsburg, religion.

Awards were presented to winners of the Pikeville College 2010 Writers' Competition in the categories of critical writing, prose fiction, and poetry. The Sylvia Trent Auxier Poetry prizes were awarded to Robert Walker, of Shelbyana; Ravin Fields, of Pikeville; and Adam Adkins, of Elkhorn City. The Aurelia Jenkins Morris Prose Fiction prizes were awarded to Ronnie Hylton, of Pikeville; Gary Thomas Smith, of Virgie; and Robert Walker, of Shelbyana. The Ralph and Marietta Hogston Creative Nonfiction prizes were awarded to Megan Smith, of Elkhorn City; Ravin Fields, of Pikeville; and Jason Campagna, of Pikeville. The Anna Loos Critical Writing prizes were awarded to Tara Burchett, of Ivel; Megan Smith, of Elkhorn City; and Gary Thomas Smith of Virgie.

Why "I" Cannot Trust Chuck Meade!

As many of you know, my problems with Charles "Chuck" Meade began when he damaged property belonging to Frank Martin, Chattie Dingus and Merlene Dingus (2000). Mom and my uncle were in their 80's.

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This land issue has been witnessed by residents on Shop Branch.

- **Ask Meade's family members and neighbors who live on Shop Branch about the turmoil that he has caused them concerning this property.**

He knows how to work the legal system for himself by having gun charges, bench warrant, 9 traffic violations (covering three counties) dismissed and expunged from records.

- I wonder what happened to the complaint by the Attorney General's office for his family-owned business (CLM Tobacco Discount Store) selling illegal cigarettes (as reported by local newspapers).

- **Meade's low performance as a representative made believers out of Floyd County voters during his three-year-term in Frankfort. He was not re-elected as State Representative.**

- According to Frank Simon, M.D., (Director of American Family Association, P.O. Box 8089, Louisville, KY 40257) Meade's voting for the same sex marriage more than once may have something to do with that decision. Thanks to the concerned citizens, Meade did change his decision. This, along with approximately eight introduced bills that had little effect for Floyd County (research from legislature documents-House Bills), helped voters to see clearly.

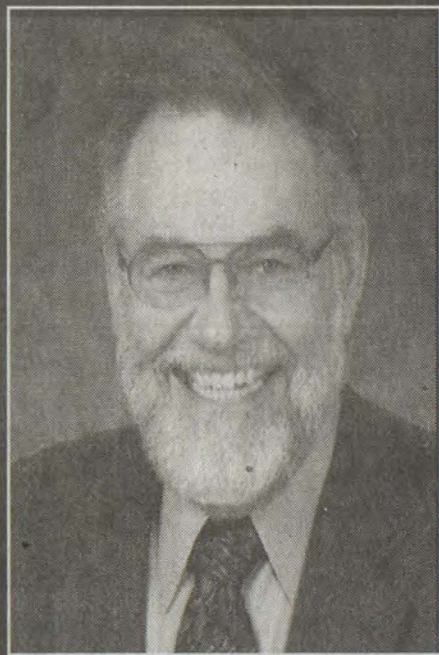
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Governor signs Mesothelioma Day legislation

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear last week signed into law Sen. Johnny Ray Turner's bill (Senate Bill 62) declaring Sept. 26 of each year as Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

Mesothelioma is a rare form of cancer in which malignant (cancerous) cells are found in the mesothelium, a protective sac that covers most of the body's internal organs.

"The establishment of a Mesothelioma Awareness Day in Kentucky will raise public awareness about the prevalence of mesothelioma and the serious problems associated with the disease," said Sen. Turner, D-Drift, who attended the ceremonial bill signing.

The main cause of mesothelioma is exposure to asbestos. EPA identifies asbestos as "one of the most hazardous substances to which humans are exposed in both occupational and non-occupational settings."

Each year approximately 3,000 Americans die from mesothelioma. Merlin Olsen, a former American football player in the National Football League and an actor known for roles in such series as "Little House on the Prairie" and "Father Murphy," died March 11 after being diagnosed in 2009 with mesothelioma.

In December, Olsen filed a lawsuit against NBC Studios, NBC Universal, and 20th Century Fox for

allegedly exposing him to the asbestos, which he claimed had caused his cancer.

Between 2,500 and 3,000 new cases of the disease are diagnosed annually and 30 percent of all mesothelioma victims were exposed to asbestos on Naval ships and in shipyards.

Senator Turner said that it is important to raise the awareness of this rare cancer because exposure to asbestos for as little as one month can result in mesothelioma 30 years later.

Asbestos was used in the construction of virtually all office buildings, public schools, and homes built before 1975.

There is no specific treatment for mesothelioma and the expected survival rate of those diagnosed with the disease is between eight and 12 months.

Many of the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers from Ground Zero Sept. 11, 2001 could be at great risk of contracting mesothelioma in the future.

Senator Turner represents the 29th district, which includes Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.



Gov. Steve Beshear, seated, signed Senate Bill 62, sponsored by Senator Johnny Ray Turner, into law today. Attending the ceremonial signing, from left to right, were Paul Hall, Yvonne Hall, Rep. Sannie Overly, Senator Turner, Rep. Leslie Combs and Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo. Representatives Overly, Combs and Palumbo cosponsored a companion bill in the House of Representatives.



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Wedding Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Yates of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Ashley Nicole Akers, to Mr. Zethaniel Dean Shepherd, son of Mrs. Caren Shepherd and the late Mr. Russell Shepherd of David. Ashley is a 2008 graduate of the University of Kentucky and is employed by Operation UNITE; she is currently pursuing graduate school through the University of Kentucky. Zethaniel is a graduate of Sullivan University and is employed by Big Sandy Area Community Action Program. The couple will be married at half past six on the evening of May 15th, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, located at Jenny Wiley State Park. Following their honeymoon, the couple will reside in Prestonsburg.

Re-elect Donny Daniels for Magistrate

On May 15th, at the Wheelwright swimming pool, I would like to invite you to a Rally for Donny Daniels, from 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

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FLOYD COUNTY Sports

Polson to walk on at Kentucky

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

NICHOLASVILLE — West Jessamine High School standout Jarrod Polson, a 6-foot-3 point guard, will walk-on at the University of Kentucky next season. Polson, who had a scholarship offer from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., accepted Coach John Calipari's

offer to walk-on for the Wildcats. He announced his college choice on Tuesday, April 27 during a gathering in the West Jessamine High School library.

Polson averaged 18 points and six rebounds during his senior season (2009-10). He visited Liberty University one week prior to accepting the invitation to walk-on for the Wildcats. Eastern Kentucky and Morehead

State had both recruited Polson and wanted to give him a redshirt during the upcoming season before awarding a scholarship.

During his prep career at West Jessamine High School, Polson had 1,884 points, 482 assists and 429 rebounds and hit 77 percent of his free throws. Polson led West Jessamine to the 2010 Sweet Sixteen state tournament.



HONORED FOR WORK IN THE CLASSROOM:

Prestonsburg High School graduate Alicia Mayfield, a sophomore second baseman for the Lindsey Wilson College softball team, has been named to the Mid-South Conference's All-Academic Team. Lindsey Wilson captured the Mid-South Conference's regular-season title.

Kinzer competes in feature race at K-C Raceway

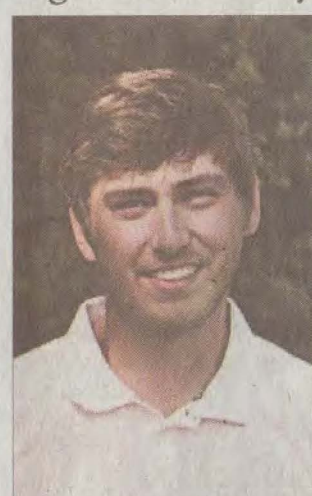
TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — The Kinzer Motorsports team ventured north to the K-C Raceway over the weekend for a pair of Dirt Late Model events. Veteran Dirt Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer competed in the unsanctioned Ralph Seymour Memorial 47 at the south-central Ohio venue. The race offered a \$5,000 purse for the race winner. Kinzer ran fifth in his heat race and later finished third in the B-Main. After starting at the tail of the field in the 47-lap main event, Kinzer gambled on his tire combination and wound up pulling into the pit area around the midway point of the race to settle for a 17th place finish.

The Kinzer team was scheduled to compete in the 2nd Annual Dirt Track World Cup Classic at K-C Raceway on Saturday. Mother Nature, however, wiped out the \$10,000-to-win O'Reilly All Star Late Model Series (ASLMS) show.

Next Race: Saturday, May 8, — 201 Speedway. Unsanctioned: \$3,000-to-win.

Herrick leads Bellarmine in regional tourney



BROOKS HERRICK
TIMES STAFF REPORT

DUNCAN, Okla. — The Bellarmine University men's golf team shot a 300 to open the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament on Monday at the Territory Golf Club. The +12 total put Bellarmine in a tie for 12th in the 20-team tournament.

Senior Brooks Herrick (Prestonsburg/Prestonsburg High School) shot an even par round of 72 to lead the Knights. Bryan Ratterman posted a 74 with Adam Mallory one shot back for Bellarmine. David Sheam — playing in his first tournament of the spring due to an arm injury — contributed the final "counter" with a 79.

Wayne State University charged out to a 7-shot lead with a team score of 278, which is 10-under par. The Warriors were led by Aaron Peterson, who shot a 66 to take the individual lead.

The Super Regional is a 54-hole event which continued Tuesday with the final round scheduled for today.



PRESTONSBURG BLACKCATS TYLER HALL AND JOSH BLACKBURN signed with the Pikeville College baseball program during a ceremony held Monday morning in the high school's library.

Blackcats turn back Hazard

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg prevented Hazard from reentering the win column on Friday, defeating the visiting Bulldogs 12-9 at StoneCrest. The Blackcats used an eight-run sixth inning to fend off Hazard.

A trio of pitchers — Trey Stapleton, Seth Carter and Corey Carter — worked from

the mound for Prestonsburg in the non-district game.

Hazard led 1-0 through the first inning before Prestonsburg tied the game and later moved out in front following a three-run outburst in the second inning. Hazard, continuing to execute well at the plate, regained the lead after scoring four runs in the top half of the third inning.

Prestonsburg drew back within one run of Hazard in the third inning before the

Bulldogs added to their lead. Hazard led 9-4 when Prestonsburg arrived at the plate in the bottom half of the sixth inning.

Corey Carter came on to work from the mound for Prestonsburg in the seventh inning and struck out two of the four Hazard batters he faced.

Offensively, Seth Carter connected on three singles for the Blackcats. Josh Blackburn, hitting near the

top of the Prestonsburg order in the number two spot, singled twice.

Prestonsburg cleanup batter Tyler Hall doubled and singled.

Senior Joey Meehan suffered the loss for the Bulldogs. The cleanup batter in the Hazard hitting order, Meehan was held hitless in four plate appearances.



NEWEST ALICE LLOYD COLLEGE LADY EAGLE

Sheldon Clark High School senior Brittany Moore recently signed with the Alice Lloyd College women's basketball program.



Roberts lifts Bobcats over Pike Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

ALLEN — Host Betsy Layne won its second straight game on Friday, edging Pike County Central 12-11.

Betsy Layne improved to 8-6 overall and 4-1 in the 58th District after recording the win.

"It was a game that had ups and downs," Betsy Layne Coach Ricky Thacker said. "At the end, we finished on top. I'm so proud of the team for not quitting. Throughout the whole game we never gave up."

Two freshmen and one sophomore worked from the mound for the Bobcats. Freshman Kannon Newsome pitched four innings for Betsy Layne, yielding three runs. Newsome notched a team-high five strikeouts while allowing a pair of hits and two walks.

Freshman Michael Henson gave up eight runs in 2 1/3 innings for the Bobcats but claimed the win. Henson allowed six hits and recorded three strikeouts.

Sophomore Kory Jarrell pitched 2/3 of an inning, holding Pike County Central hitless and scoreless. Jarrell registered two strikeouts.

Offensively, several Betsy Layne players stepped up. However, none played a bigger role than sophomore Andrew Roberts, who provided a walk-off bases-loaded double. Roberts was 4-for-5 and scored two runs for the Bobcats.

Henson was 2-for-3 while Newsome, Jarrell, Dylan Watson and Brandon Mulkey each had one hit for the Bobcats.

Henson delivered two RBI for Betsy Layne in the non-district contest.

Rebels KO Knott Central

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Visiting Allen Central upended border rival Knott County Central on Thursday, defeating the Patriots 10-7 in nine innings.

Zac Hall started on the mound for the Rebels. Hall worked five innings, allowing five runs. Chris Stumbo worked three innings, allowing one run en route to the win. Chad Nelson pitched the ninth inning and recorded the save.

Stumbo delivered from the mound and at the plate. The senior standout had a game-tying two-RBI double in the seventh inning.

Josh Stone knocked in two runs for Allen Central in the ninth inning. Stone's hit pushed Allen Central out in front. Austin Prater provided a two-out double to stretch Allen Central's lead out to a three-run advantage.

Hunter Crowder and Logan Crowder each had two hits for the Rebels.

Tug Valley standout signs scholarships with Lady Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A senior from Tug Valley (W.Va.) High School will play her college basketball at Pikeville College.

Tabitha Mounts, a 5-6 guard, signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville this week in a ceremony in front of the student body at her school.

"We believe Tabitha will fit right in when our team

comes together next season," said Coach Bill Watson of Pikeville College. "We like her skills and her talent and think she'll be a welcome edition not only to our team but also to our campus community. We look forward to bringing her to Pikeville College."

Mounts averaged 17.4 points and 5.6 rebounds for the Panthers as a senior. In addition, she had five steals and four assists per game.

In addition to her athletic scholarship, Mounts also received the Jammie Darrin Cline Memorial Scholarship, given by Mingo County businessman Clayton Cline in memory of his late son to deserving West Virginia students who want to attend Pikeville College.

Mounts shot a solid 35 percent from the three-point arc as a senior. She hit 78 percent from the free throw line.



Tug Valley (W.Va.) High School guard Tabitha Mounts has signed with the Pikeville College women's basketball program.

Georgia's top bowler to bowl for Pikeville College

Halen to work in PC athletic training office

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The latest signee of Ron Damron's Pikeville College bowling program is a star from Georgia. Christina Halen, a senior at Altoona High School in Kennesaw, Ga., has signed a scholarship agreement with the school.

"Christina is going to be a welcome addition to Pikeville College, both as a student and as a bowler," said Damron, the school's vice-president for Student Services. "We think she will fit in just fine here and are excited to add her to our roster and the college family."

Halen is the 2008 Georgia state champion. In addition, she is the three-time bowler of the year in her local association as well as the two-time state Pepsi champion.

She has been a member of

the Georgia Interstate All-Star Team on three different occasions.

Halen averages 203, with a solid 187 average on the sport shot most often used on the collegiate level.

An outstanding student, Halen plans to work in the Pikeville College Athletic Training office under Head Athletic Trainer Justin Brashear.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Halen of Kennesaw, Ga.



Christina Halen, a top-ranked high school bowler in Georgia, recently signed with Pikeville College. Halen captured the 2008 state title in Georgia. She has been named bowler of the year three times in her native state.

College basketball: Rector joins Bears coaching staff

Kloman leaves after one season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The former assistant basketball coach at WVU Tech has taken the same position at Pikeville College.

Brett Rector, a West Virginia native who was a 1,000-point scorer in college, was hired by Coach Kelly Wells. Rector played at Ravenswood High School before spending one year at WVU Tech and three at Davis & Elkins College.

"We're very blessed to add Brett to our staff," Wells said. "He will be an ideal fit for our program. Brett is a hard worker and knows exactly what it takes to build a program in the Mid-South Conference. We're excited to add him to our family at Pikeville

College."

Rector replaced Brian Kloman, who left the college after one season to resume a recruiting service he established.

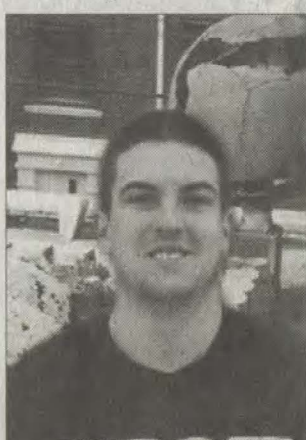
Rector helped the Golden Bears to a 20-11 season in 2008-09, the first 20-win season for Tech in 19 years. During that season, the team was ranked as high as 12th in the nation, they upset No. 1 Mountain State University and their head coach, Bob Williams, was named Coach of the Year in the Mid-South Conference.

As a student-athlete, Rector scored 1,249 points and made 300 three-point shots. He was a three-year team captain at Davis & Elkins and was honorable mention All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletics Conference for two seasons.

He was a first-team all-state performer as both a

basketball and football player. On the gridiron, the quarterback set 17 school and one state passing record. In addition, he was an honorable mention all-state baseball player.

He has spent summers coaching or running basketball camps at various levels, from those at Tech to coveted Five-Star Camps as well as at Wake Forest University.



BRETT RECTOR



PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES Josh Blackburn and Tyler Hall will continue to play baseball at the next level, competing for nearby Pikeville College.

UK players Harrellson, Hood heading to China

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky basketball players Josh Harrellson and Jon Hood, along with other collegiate players, will travel with Sports Reach, to China May 14 through May 31 to compete in eight to nine games against local clubs, including the Bayi Basketball Club, traditionally one of the top teams in China.

In addition to the multiple games, the Sports Reach team will use the platform of sport to connect with the athletes and share their min-

istry.

Harrellson played in 22 games this past season averaging 1.3 points and 1.2 rebounds.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me and the other athletes I will be traveling with," said Harrellson. "Basketball has afforded more opportunities than I could ever dream of and to be able to share that with others, while traveling the world and learning about other cultures is the chance of a lifetime."

Hood averaged 1.2 ppg in 17 appearances in his freshman campaign.

"Traveling to China is something I never dreamed I'd be able to do," said Hood. "However, Sports Reach has made it possible to not only travel and interact with other athletes, but to minister to others and share with them the wonderful gifts and talents I've been blessed with."

Founded in 1986 by Robby Spear, Sports Reach attempts to go where traditional evangelism has not been effective in reaching the unsaved. For more information on Sports Reach, visit www.sportsreach.org.

Morehead State inks talented Alabama forward for 2010-11

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — The Morehead State University men's basketball has signed Prattville, Ala. native Dionte Ferguson to a National Letter of Intent, Coach Donnie Tyndall announced Monday.

Ferguson, a 6-7, 205-pound forward for Lions

coach Xavier Robinson, earned 6A All-State Honorable Mention. He recorded 24 double-doubles, averaging 16.5 points and 14.1 rebounds as a senior. He also was the 5A-6A All-Metro Player of the Year. He scored more than 20 points on five different occasions, including a 34-point game against Chilton County High

School. He also had three 20-plus rebound games.

Morehead State finished the 2009-10 season 24-11, one win shy of the school record for victories. It was the first time in MSU history the Eagles have had back-to-back 20-win seasons. MSU also set a school record with 15 OVC wins during the regular-season.

Area native is newest addition for Marshall basketball program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Marshall University head men's basketball coach Tom Herrion has announced the addition of West Virginia native Mark Cline to his staff as an assistant coach.

"I am really excited to have Mark join our staff and basketball family at Marshall University," Herrion said. "Mark has a wealth of experience and he will be a valuable asset in every aspect of our program. I have known Mark for a long time and the fact that we can bring him back to his roots is an added bonus. Mark is a great ambassador for the state of West Virginia and it is great to bring him home. We are glad to have Mark and his family join the wonderful Marshall community."

"I am extremely excited," Cline said. "Marshall has the strong academic reputation and has the name in the state of West Virginia. Marshall has fans who support the program win or lose. It is a very special place."

Cline, who is originally from Williamson, W.Va., returns to the Mountain state after spending the past four seasons on the staff at Oklahoma. Jeff Capel's first hire upon arriving at OU, Cline helped guide the Sooners to an 82-51 record, two NCAA Tournaments, a 2009 Elite 8 appearance, and a No. 2 national ranking during his stint in Norman.

Cline was as an assistant coach for Virginia Commonwealth under Capel and helped VCU compile a 61-31 record from 2003-2006 which included a trip to the 2004 NCAA Tournament. Cline's relationship with the Capel family dates back to his days as an assistant coach at Fayetteville State where he served under Capel's father, Jeff Capel Jr., from 1989-93. Cline helped convert the Broncos from a team that finished at the bottom of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Southern Division to one of the top programs in the league. He also served as the head men's golf coach at Fayetteville State and was twice named CIAA Golf Coach of the Year.

He transitioned with Capel Jr., to North Carolina A&T for the 1993-94 season, a year that saw the Aggies claim the Mid-Eastern Athletic Association championship and make an NCAA Tournament appearance. Cline followed Capel, Jr., to Old Dominion where he spent five seasons with the Monarchs. He helped ODU reach the NCAA Tournament in 1995 and 1997. In 1999, the Monarchs tied a school record for wins with 25 and were rewarded with an NIT bid. Cline moved from Old Dominion to Virginia Tech where for four years (1999-2003) he served as an assistant and associate head coach.

Cline enjoyed an outstanding playing career at Wake Forest from 1983-1987 (the same span as Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues) and was a four-year starter. He finished his career with 1,202 points to rank 17th on Wake's all-time list. He averaged double figures over his final three seasons and served as a co-captain the last two. The Demon Deacons advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight his freshman season. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater during the 1988-89 campaign.

The two-time West Virginia High School Player of the Year who earned McDonald's, Parade and Street & Smith's high school All-America honors, Cline shot 414 from 3-point range during his collegiate career. Cline, who graduated from Wake Forest in 1988, and his wife Nancy have a daughter, Layla.

Absentee voting is open for primary election

FRANKFORT — Voters across Kentucky have begun casting ballots for this year's election. While not all Kentuckians can head to the polls before Election Day, Kentucky law does provide opportunities for some voters to cast absentee ballots before the May 18 election.

"Kentucky law provides Kentucky voters with a number of opportunities to cast a ballot," stated Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson, the Chief Election Officer of the Commonwealth. "I hope that all citizens will plan for Election Day accordingly, and if they need to cast an absentee ballot, will take

the appropriate steps to do so."

Most county clerks' offices across the Commonwealth have already begun in-house absentee voting, where voters actually vote on voting machines similar to those used on Election Day. All county clerks' offices must allow in-house absentee voting at least twelve working days before Election Day. The actual start date for this voting may vary depending on whether the offices are open on Saturdays. Voters will have until May 17 to cast an in-house absentee ballot.

Voters might also be eligible to apply for a mail-in

absentee ballot. Those applications are available from voters' respective county clerks' offices and must be received during office hours in those offices by May 11. After receiving an approved application, county clerks will mail a ballot to the respective voters, and voters will have until 6 p.m. local time on Election Day to return their ballots to the county clerk. All mail-in absentee ballot must be returned by mail to the county clerk and must be received by 6 p.m. local time.

There are a variety of reasons why a voter might request to cast an absentee ballot, including:

■ Advanced age, disability, or illness

■ Military personnel, their dependents, and overseas citizens

■ Students who temporarily reside outside the county

■ Other voters who temporarily reside outside of Kentucky, such as a vacationer

■ Voters incarcerated but not yet convicted

■ Voters' employment takes them out of the county all hours the polling place is open

■ Voters who will be out of the county on Election Day

■ Military personnel confined to base who learn of it within seven days or less of an election

■ Voters who have surgery scheduled that will require hospitalization on Election Day, and the voter's spouse

■ Pregnant women in third trimester

■ Election Officials

Voters are restricted as to whether they can use in-house absentee voting or mail-in ballots according to their reason for casting an absentee ballot.

Grayson also reminded voters that with the start of in-house absentee voting, electioneering laws are now in effect for the building in which the absentee voting is located. Electioneering is

prohibited inside in-house absentee voting locations during the hours in which absentee voting is being conducted. Electioneering materials shall not be affixed to the interior or exterior of any in-house absentee voting location during that time as well. For more specific rules about electioneering, citizens are urged to contact

their local board of elections or the State Board of Elections.

To learn more information about absentee voting or to use the Voter Information Center, a service that will confirm voter registration and provide pertinent election information to registered voters, please visit www.vote.ky.gov.

Voter registration figures set for primary election

FRANKFORT — Kentucky will have 2,851,996 citizens appear on its voter rolls for the May 18 primary election. That is slightly lower than the record set during the 2008 general election, which totaled 2,906,809. There were 2,857,231 citizens registered to vote in the 2008 primary election and 2,709,959 in the 2006 primary, the most recent comparable election cycle.

"We are confident that Kentucky has one of the best voter registration databases in the country, and these registration figures reflect our efforts to ensure a fair and honest election in the Commonwealth," stated Secretary of State Trey Grayson. "While we would like to see these numbers increase to historic levels, we must also be mindful that our voter rolls must be continually updated to reflect those voters who are deceased, have moved away, or must be removed from the rolls for other lawful reasons."

The registration totals are a net decrease of 54,843 voters from those who were registered to vote in the 2008 general election, decreasing the voter rolls by 1.89 percent. In comparison, voter registration figures increased by a net of 16,333, or 0.58 percent, from the 2007 general election to the 2008 primary.

Registration figures continued to show little change in the percentage of male and female voters with females representing nearly 53 percent of the registration population and males representing 47 percent. In terms of party registration, Democrats, Republicans, and "Others" decreased their number of registered voters by 2.65 percent, 0.85

percent, and 0.91 percent since November of 2008, respectively. Democrats decreased their voters by 44,082 to 1,618,011. Republicans decreased their voters by 8,999 to 1,044,872. "Others" decreased their voters by 1,732 to 189,113.

Republicans and "Others" increased their percentages of the Kentucky voter rolls as they now comprise 36.64 percent and 6.63 percent of Kentucky voters, respectively. That is an increase of 0.38 percent and 0.06 percent since the 2008 general election, respectively. Democrats saw their percentage decrease 0.41 percent since the 2008 general election to 56.77 percent. Those percentages have set records in modern Kentucky history with Republicans and Independents being higher than ever before and Democrats being lower.

Compared to the 2006 primary election registration figures, there has been a net increase of 142,007 in total voters, or 5.24 percent; 69,568 in Democratic voters, or 4.49 percent; 55,373 in Republican voters, or 5.60 percent; and 17,096

"other" voters, or 9.94 percent. Democrats, Republicans, and "Others" represented 57.14 percent, 36.51 percent, and 6.35 percent of the electorate in May of 2006, respectively. Since May of 2006, the percentage of the electorate has changed -0.37 percent for Democrats, 0.13 percent for Republicans, and 0.28 percent for "Others" as compared to current percentages of Kentucky registered voters.

Secretary Grayson noted that the election's focus now shifts to getting people to the polls on Election Day. "Now that the registration books are closed, we must work diligently to see that every registered Kentuckian votes in the May 18, 2010 primary."

Grayson encouraged citizens to utilize the Voter Information Center (VIC) on the State Board of Election's website to confirm their voter registration status, determine whether they are eligible to vote in the primary, and to locate their polling place. For complete registration statistics and additional election information or to access the VIC, please visit www.elect.ky.gov.



WILLIAM "TWINKIE" SALISBURY

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An equipment operator.

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The number one complaint I hear from people as I travel and talk to them is, they hate being lied to. They also regret the fact that they never get to see the one elected to the position. Well, when you Vote on May 18th, 2010, this is your opportunity. Stand up and unite District #2. Vote for a MAN who will always put his people first. I plan to pull the fiscal court together and work as a team to get what we need, and in a timely manner. My college is in Public Communications and Early Childhood Education. I have full attention on preserving our jobs in coal, because I have been there. Laid off, due to lack of permits being out there. Many of my friends have had to go through some rough times with this, also. I plan to help fight for Coal in Floyd County, Kentucky. Without coal we do not have much of anything else.

So let's Unite District #2 and Vote and Elect **William "TWINKIE" Salisbury for Magistrate**

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IS THERE A THIRD CHOICE FOR FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE?

YES, and BRENT GRADEN is that choice! I will ask for your vote in the upcoming election. I live in Prestonsburg with my four kids and wife of 14 years. My wife is Joanna, also known as "DR S." OB/GYN across the Auxier Bridge. She delivers a lot of babies in the area. My dad is a retired Steel Mill Worker and a Veteran. My mom is a retired school teacher spanning over 40 years. The main thing my parents taught me was to get a good education and to do things the right way the first time. I have a degree in Economics from Indiana University.

I have worked for the City of Prestonsburg as Economic Development Director for the last five years. During that time, I have accomplished a lot. Over the last five years, I have worked on various projects that have benefited the entire community. The County received a \$60,000 Grant that provided NEW COMPUTERS to all Floyd County Schools, all the libraries in Floyd County (Prestonsburg, Minnie and Wheelwright) and the Carl D Perkins Job Corps Center. I have also helped to develop the sports facilities at the Prestonsburg Equine Center, Stonecrest Sports Facility and 15 new soccer fields at Archer Park. I am a hard worker and excellent grant writer and have brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars to the area. I regularly visit Frankfort to work with state leaders for our fair share of coal severance dollars. I am also a Full Board Member of the Center For Rural Development in Somerset KY. I have also won the State Award for "Best Use of Technology" from the Commonwealth for our wireless internet network system. We need local leaders who work well with others and get things done for the County. I have the MOST LOCAL EXPERIENCE in this field and will continue to do that as your next FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE.

My platform is simple. I want to grow Floyd County. My points are:

TAKE A STAND AGAINST DRUGS

- * More street patrols and more undercover patrols in neighborhoods.
- * Start a 1-800 Neighborhood Watch Program. It would be anonymous and be reported to ALL agencies and collected as a database.
- * Work with Faith-based & Community-based Groups for education.
- * Use KASPER to electronically track abuse of illegal prescriptions.
- * Promote a 100 bed drug treatment facility for non-violent offenders.

A STRONG ADMINISTRATION

- * Save taxpayer dollars by making local government more efficient and more accessible. Pay down debt and no new taxes.
- * Support local industry (coal, oil, gas, main street) and spend locally.
- * Have a TEN YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN for County Government.
- * Accept NO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. Be "favor" free.
- * Have a six year plan for ALL COUNTY bridges, roads, sewers, etc ...

SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL, SPORTS AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

- * Promote new YMCA-themed indoor sports complex and waterpark.
- * Rebuild existing Parks and Recreation facilities across ENTIRE county.
- * Support growth of new or existing elementary, middle and high schools
- * Support growth of new healthcare facilities especially in rural areas.

This platform is important to support because it will provide Economic Development for the creation of job growth, business & tourism in the area.

I am dedicated to serving Floyd County. The best way I know how to do this is as your next Floyd County Judge Executive. Ask anyone who knows me and they will say that I am a honest person who gets things done and works well with others. I will not stoop to mudslinging in this election and offer you an alternative to the current candidates. I have the MOST EXPERIENCE, a 10 YEAR WRITTEN PLAN and have NOT ACCEPTED campaign funds. Floyd County deserves a "fresh start". I have personally visited over 8000 HOUSES since January. If I have not made it to your house, then give me a call on my cell at 606-226-9353 or visit me on FACEBOOK. I want to earn your vote.

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Beshear signs consumer protection measure

FRANKFORT — Gov. Steve Beshear was joined last week by Attorney General Jack Conway as he signed into law House Bill 166, a consumer protection bill that addresses debt-adjusting contracts that are often entered into by desperate homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments and are seeking a quick, easy solution to their financial problems.

Sponsored by Rep. Susan Westrom, of Lexington, and co-sponsored by Rep. Robert Damron, of Nicholasville, and Rep. Tommy Thompson, of Owensboro, HB 166 now forces debt-adjusting companies to have written and signed contracts; prohibits a debt adjuster from accepting a fee, contribution or other consideration in advance of complete performance of promised services; and gives the debtor legal recourse if they have suffered a loss of money or property, including the right to punitive damages and attorney's fees and costs.

"Many Kentuckians are still battling the effects of the financial recession our state and country have endured for nearly two years," said Gov. Beshear. "Unfortunately, a number of homeowners are looking for easy ways to restructure

their mortgage in order to avoid foreclosure, falling prey to unscrupulous debt-adjusters that promise to get them lower monthly payments in return for exorbitant up-front fees. By signing this legislation today, I am sending a message to these debt-adjusters that Kentuckians will not allow their future to be taken from them as a result of scams that take their money and deliver nothing in return."

HB 166 allows civil penalties to be sought by the Attorney General for willful violations in the amount of \$5,000 per violation of the Consumer Protection Act. It also adds a \$50,000 bond requirement, both enhancements of the current debt-adjuster legislation already on the books. The legislation also requires debt-adjusters to take reasonable precautions to ensure the security and confidentiality of a debtor's personal information. The law takes effect 90 days after the General Assembly adjourns sine die.

Attorney General Jack Conway today hailed the enactment of House Bill 166 as an important consumer protection law. The Kentucky General Assembly unanimously passed the measure to better protect struggling Kentuckians from 'foreclosure relief' or 'loan modifi-

cation' scams.

"This new law will better protect Kentucky families who are struggling to pay their home mortgages from scams that prey on their sense of desperation and hopelessness," General Conway said. "There will now be strict limits on upfront fees charged by these companies, tougher civil penalties against debt adjusters who violate the Consumer Protection Act and consumers will have a clear right to sue on their own."

"Our biggest challenge is to first steer people away from unscrupulous foreclo-

sure relief companies," said Rep. Westrom. "Our second challenge is to be diligent in tracking down the bad actors who will always prey upon those who feel they have limited options."

HB 166 contains the following provisions:

■ Strict limits on upfront fees that many foreclosure relief companies charge for their services. Maximum of \$75 for one-time set-up fees, and up to \$50 each year for consultation fees.

■ Can charge \$30 a month or 8.5 percent of amount of debt the company is servicing as a handling charge.

■ Debt adjusters dealing with debts secured by a mortgage on a consumer's residence must obtain more insurance coverage (\$250,000 more than the \$100,000 to \$250,000 required for all debt adjusters).

■ All debt adjusters must post a surety bond of \$25,000, but the bond is \$75,000 for debt adjusters dealing with debts secured by a mortgage on a consumer's residence.

■ All debt adjuster contracts must be written, have a 14-day right to cancel, fully disclose all fees and services, and can be termi-

nated by the consumer at any time.

■ Debt adjusters cannot make certain representations about their services or their effectiveness. For instance, they cannot claim that they can prevent litigation, foreclosure, or collection efforts against the consumer, or that the debt

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IRS reaches out to millions of employers on benefits of new Health Care Tax Credit

The Internal Revenue Service this week began mailing postcards to more than four million small businesses and tax-exempt organizations to make them aware of the benefits of the recently enacted small business health care tax credit.

Included in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act approved by Congress last month and signed into law by President Obama, the credit is one of the first health care reform provisions to go into effect. The credit, which takes

effect this year, is designed to encourage small employers to offer health insurance coverage for the first time or maintain coverage they already have.

"We want to make sure small employers across the nation realize that — effective

this tax year — they may be eligible for a valuable new tax credit. Our postcard mailing — which is targeted at small employers — is intended to get the attention of small employers and encourage them to find out more," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "We urge every small employer to take advantage of this credit if it qualifies."

In general, the credit is available to small employers that pay at least half the cost of single coverage for their employees in 2010. The credit is specifically targeted to help small businesses and tax-exempt organizations that primarily employ low- and moderate-income workers.

For tax years 2010 to 2013, the maximum credit is 35 percent of premiums paid by eligible small business employers, and 25 percent of premiums paid by eligible employers that are tax-exempt organizations. The maximum credit goes to smaller employers —

those with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees — paying average annual wages of \$25,000 or less. Because the eligibility rules are based in part on the number of FTEs, not the number of employees, businesses that use part-time help may qualify even if they employ more than 25 individuals. The credit is completely phased out for employers that have 25 FTEs or more or that pay average wages of \$50,000 per year or more.

Eligible small businesses can claim the credit as part of the general business credit starting with the 2010 income tax return they file in 2011. For tax-exempt organizations, the IRS will provide further information on how to claim the credit.

To view the postcard and state distribution information, visit IRS.gov. Additionally, see IRS.gov for information about the credit, including a step-by-step guide and answers to frequently asked questions.

IRS warns taxpayers about post-Tax Day phishing schemes

Now that the April 15 income tax deadline has passed many taxpayers are awaiting income tax refunds or just hoping that their tax returns will go through as filed.

But the IRS is reminding taxpayers that sophisticated scammers may target them with official-looking e-mails phishing for personal information.

Phishing is the act of sending an e-mail to a user falsely claiming to be a legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that could be used for identity theft.

"The IRS does not initiate taxpayer communications thru e-mail requesting detailed personal information, PIN numbers or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts," said Jodie Reynolds, the IRS spokesperson for Kentucky.

"More than 1.3 million Kentucky taxpayers e-filed their returns so far this year,

and since electronic tax filing is now the most popular way of filing income taxes, people could incorrectly assume the IRS might contact them online about their taxes," Reynolds said. "If the IRS has a question for you about your recently filed income tax return or your refund, the IRS will most likely contact you through the mail."

If you receive an e-mail from someone claiming to be the IRS or directing you to an IRS site, do not reply, do not open any attachments or click on any links. Clicking on links in scam e-mails or opening attachments may expose your computer to malicious code that will infect it.

More information along with sample copies of phishing e-mails and instructions on how to forward these bogus e-mails to the IRS and help shut down these fraudulent sites is available on the IRS official web site at IRS.gov.

Debt

adjuster will provide money to pay bills or prevent liens, or that the fees paid to the debt adjuster for its services will be used to pay creditors. Debt adjusters also cannot misrepresent their ability or competence to give legal advice or legal services.

■ Debt adjuster contracts must include similar disclosures. For example, contracts must disclose that failure to make required payments to creditors may breach agreements and lead to adverse effects, and must tell the earliest date or amount of money the consumer must save before the debt adjuster will contact creditors.

■ Debt adjusters must continue to register with the Attorney General's Office, and renew the registration each year.

■ Enforcement capabilities will be increased. For instance, the Attorney General's Office can investigate and take enforcement action using Kentucky's Consumer Protection Act, and civil penalties are increased to \$5,000 (the penalty was \$500). Additionally, consumers will have a clear right to sue on their own.

■ Consumers' private information cannot be sold without authorization, and the information must be properly protected by the debt adjuster.

General Conway says the passage of HB 166 is the result of the hard work of numerous agencies and members of the Kentucky General Assembly working together to better protect Kentucky families during these tough economic times. "I appreciate the hard work of Representatives Westrom, Damron and Thompson as well as my Office of Consumer Protection, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, Kentucky's Department of Financial Institutions and Legislative Research Commission," General Conway said. "I would also

like to give special thanks to Bill Harned, Johnny Cantrell and the other members of the Consumers

Advisory Council, who helped craft this legislation and advocated passage of the bill."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The absentee voting machine is set up in the Floyd County Clerk's office during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, for registered voters who will be out of town on May 18, 2010 election day, or a woman in her last trimester of pregnancy.

CHRIS WAUGH
Floyd County Clerk

The Floyd County Animal Shelter PET OF THE WEEK

This week's celebrity is **RITA DYE**. Rita is Prestonsburg's best-known legal secretary. Rita is posing with **CHELSEA THE CALICO**. Chelsea is a seven-week-old female calico kitten, who is looking for an adoptive family.

The Floyd County Animal Shelter is located at Sally Stephens Branch in West Prestonsburg
Phone 886-3189

EXAMINATION OF VOTING MACHINES

The Floyd County Board of Elections will conduct the Examination of the Voting Machines at 9:00 a.m., on May 6, 2010. This will be conducted in the Floyd County Fiscal Court Room and the Floyd County Clerk's Office Voting Machine Warehouse.

Vote For BOBBY JOHNSON

Democrat Candidate for
SHERIFF IN FLOYD COUNTY



Hello,
I'm Bobby Johnson, Democratic Candidate for Sheriff in Floyd County.

Do you have a family member or loved one who are hooked on Drugs?

Are you elderly and afraid to stay by yourself or even to leave your home for fear of someone breaking in and stealing your medication or other valuables.

I know that these are concerns of the residents of Floyd County. I speak with people daily who have the same worries.

As a retired Kentucky State Police officer I understand the Law Enforcement needs in our county. I also understand that we need to find help and support for all who are hooked on drugs and for their family members who feel they have nowhere to turn.

Helping our loved one's begins with rehabilitation, counseling, and mentoring programs for those who want help with their addiction. Locking them away or ignoring the problem will not solve it or make it go away.

We have to step up and face the problem and provide the support that is needed to save the lives of those we care for.

I have served this county as a State Trooper, an Undercover Detective, a Child Abuse Detective, and I retired from the State Police as the Assistant Post Commander of the Pikeville Post. I have the experience, training, and knowhow to make our county a safer place to raise our children.

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IRON MAN 2 (PG-13). Mon.-Sun. 6:40-9:10; Fri. (4:10) 6:40-9:10; Sat.-Sun. (1:40-4:10) 6:40-9:10.

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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON IN 3D (PG). Mon.-Sun. 7:00-9:15; Fri. (4:15) 7:00-9:15; Sat.-Sun. (2:00-4:15) 7:00-9:15.

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FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
CASE NO. 09-CI-127KENNETH PRATER and
CAMILLE PRATER

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

EZRA ALLEN, JR.; KATHY SPARKS;
CHARLIE PRATER, JR. and TRACINE PRATER;
SAMMY LEE PRATER and LATISHA PRATER
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court
entered on the 3rd of February, 2010 in the Floyd Circuit
Court, in the above styled action, 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 pub-
lic auction on Thursday, the 13th day of May, 2010, at the
hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described surface property,
located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more par-
ticularly described as follows:A certain parcel or tract of land located on Middle Creek in
Floyd County, Kentucky, more particularly bounded and
described as follows, to-wit:Beginning at a stake on the right-of-way of State Highway
114; thence a straight line across the old county road to a
drain; thence up the hill with the drain and Donnie Adams'
line; to the top of the hill or ridge; thence a westerly direc-
tion with the ridge to the line of Gladly Haywood; thence
down the hill with the line of Gladly Haywood to the old coun-
ty road; thence a straight line across the old county road
continuing in a straight line across State Highway #14 to
the center of Middle Creek; thence with the Creek to the
stake; the point of beginning.A certain parcel or tract of land located on Middle Creek in
Floyd County, Kentucky, more particularly bounded and
described as follows, to-wit:BEGINNING at center of Creek and to No. 1 stake, then to
two little pines; thence straight line to a maple on the point,
then with center of point to a hickory tree at Henry Prater's
line, then with Henry Prater line around back of bottom to
mouth of drain, then with Henry Prater line to center of
creek, then up the creek with the creek to the beginning.Being a part of the same property conveyed to Bob Prater
and Lula Prater, his wife, by Preston Prater, by deed, dated
August 28, 1925, said deed recorded in Deed Book 71,
Page 56, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, also being the
same land conveyed to Bob Prater and Lula Prater, his wife,
from R. D. Prater, et al, by deed dated March 18, 1933,
recorded in Deed Book No. 101, Page 411, records of the
Floyd County Court Clerk's Office; and finally, being a part
of the same land inherited by the Grantors herein by
Affidavits of Descent of Bob Prater and Lula Prater, said
Affidavits of Descent dated August 17, 1977, and the 21st
day of February, 1992, recorded in Deed Book No. 231, at
Page 24, and Deed Book No. 354, at Page 576, respective-
ly, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. Also
see deed dated August 17, 1977, in Deed Book 231, Page
24, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a
deposit of \$3,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance
on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the success-
ful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good sure-
ty thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase
price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from
the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force
and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue,
and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real
estate as additional surety.B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and
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record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the pur-
chase price.C. The property described above is sold subject to
any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encum-
brances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and
such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United
States of America and/or the record owners thereof.Any announcements made on date of sale takes
precedence over printed matter contained herein.Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd County Master
CommissionerSteven L. Beshear
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Department for Environmental Protection
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION (CED)

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission

Westminister Street Separation of Storm and Sanitary Sewer Project Part 2
Floyd County, Kentucky
AI # 1297; PLN20100003The Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) has conducted a review of the above proposed
project in accordance with the procedures contained in the State Revolving Fund Operating Agreement
between the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and
determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the DEP is exempting the
project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the Operating Agreement.The city of Prestonsburg has applied for funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund
Capitalization Grant of 2010 to fund a project to separate storm and sanitary sewer along Westminister
Street in Downtown Prestonsburg. The project involves additional installation of 1,800 linear feet of
sanitary sewer, main holes and other necessary appurtenances. It will separate the storm flow from the
wastewater flow as part of an ongoing effort to eliminate combined sewer overflow. The City is currently
under and Agree order for CSO correction and this project will assist the city in compliance with the
Order.The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$786,000 and will be funded provided by CWSRF
Loan.The project involves rehabilitation of existing facilities, and is eligible for a categorical exclusion under
the criteria specified in the Operating Agreement such that:

1. The project will not relocate an existing discharge point.
2. The project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants.
3. The project will not increase the population served by more than 30 percent greater than the existing population.
4. The project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.
5. The action will neither directly nor indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threaten species, or environmentally important natural resources areas.
6. The action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

The applicant solicited government agency review from state and federal agencies. The United States
Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was solicited for comments on February 24, 2010, regarding
potential impacts to threatened or endangered species. The USEFWS replied in correspondence dated
March 11, 2010, stating that no significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered or
threatened species are anticipated from this project. The Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) was solicited
for comments February 24, 2010 regarding potential impacts on cultural resources. The KHC replied in
correspondence dated March 22, 2010 that there are No Historic Properties Present within the
undertaking's area of potential impact.This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by DEP and publication by the applicant
in a newspaper of general circulation in the project area, and can be revoked at any time adverse
information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the
Division of Water, and is available for public review upon request. The documentation is also available at
the office of City of Prestonsburg, 2650 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Anshu Singh, Supervisor, Wastewater
Planning Section, Water Infrastructure Branch, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort,
Kentucky 40601, or call her at (502) 564-3410, extension 4805.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Scott, Commissioner

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Owner: Floyd County Board of Education

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Separate sealed Bids for the construction of Allen Central Wastewater System Improvements Project will be received by Greg Adams at the Floyd County Board of Education Maintenance Department at 2520 South Lake Drive Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 until 2:00 PM (Local Time) Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Floyd County Board of Education Maintenance Department at 2:00 PM (Local Time) **Wednesday, May 19, 2010.**

This project constructs one (1) new quadplex grinder pump station, rehabilitates one (1) duplex pump station, and decommissions one (1) package treatment plant.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Floyd County Schools Maintenance Office,
2520 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

Summit Engineering, Inc.,
120 Prosperous Place, Suite 101, Lexington, KY 40509

Summit Engineering, Inc.,
131 Summit Dr., Pikeville, KY 41501

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging upon payment of a non-refundable charge of \$100.00 per set cash or check payable to Lynn Imaging. Documents may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507, 859/226-5850 or at HYPERLINK "http://www.lynnimaging.com" http://www.lynnimaging.com. If documents are to be mailed, there will be an additional handling fee of \$19.00 for each set payable to Lynn Imaging.

Contract Documents will NOT be issued after 12:00 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Federal wage and hour provisions DO NOT apply to this project. State wage and hour provisions DO NOT apply to this project.

No pre bid meeting will be held for this project.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
C.A. NO. 09-CI-01051
BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP fka COUN-
TYRWISE
HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP PLAINTIFF
VS.
PAMELA STANLEY
DENNIS TACKETT
ANGELA TACKETT
McDOWELL APPL. REGIONAL HOSPITAL
CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. fka CAPITAL
ONE BANK DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 12th day of April, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$65,310.94 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that 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 and best bidder, at public auction, on the 13th day of May, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

Property Address: 119 Toler Creek Road, Harold, KY 41635

Beginning at a sliver maple on or near Tolers Creek, about 30 (thirty) feet east of a white walnut, thence up the drain and on a straight line with three black walnut trees to the top of the point and to the line of Miranda Gearheart, thence down the point with said Miranda Gearheart line to Tolers Creek; thence with Tolers Creek to the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Pamela Stanley, no marital status, from Dale Neece and Mindy Neece, husband and wife, by deed dated May 31, 2001, and recorded June 1, 2001 in Deed Book 459, Page 601, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

There is a land contract between Pamela Stanley and Dennis Tackett and Angela Tackett, dated May 31, 2006 and recorded in Contract Book 17, Page 179, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. I
C.A. NO. 09-CI-1354
COMMUNITY TRUST BANK,
INC. PLAINTIFF
VS.
JACQUELINE COTTON,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JACQUELINE COT-
TON,
U.S. BANK, formerly known as
FIRST GUARANTY NATIONAL BANK,
CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT and
FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFEN-
DANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 26th day of March, 2010, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$50,483.32 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that 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 and best bidder, at public auction, on the 13th day of May, 2010, at 9:15 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

A tract or parcel of land lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky on Otter Creek of Left Beaver Creek in the Town of Wheelwright and being Lot Two Hundred Fifty-Eight (258) including the building and the appurtenances thereon to belonging located on said lot or parcel of land of Wheelwright Subdivision as shown by map or plat of Mountain Investment Incorporated, a Kentucky corporation in file number 348, records of Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Jacqueline Cotton, from Bill Smith and Gertrude Smith, his wife, by deed dated April 2, 1982 of record in Deed Book 264, Page 528, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

This loan is further secured by a 2003 Cavalier 28 x 66 Mobile Home; VIN #: BC03AL013278.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

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Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

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4000 Manufactured	Lots
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FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION NO. II
C.A. NO. 09-CI-929
CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC PLAINTIFF
VS.
ERIC D. BURKE
PENNI A. DEFENDANTS
MARTIN NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE**

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered the 1st day of December, 2009, in the above cause, as their interest in the subject property, for the sum of \$72,903.32 with interest thereon, plus additional sums and costs; please be advised that 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 and best bidder, at public auction, on the 13th day of May, 2010, at 9:45 a.m., upon the terms set forth following the description, the follow described property, to wit:

Property Address: 94 Herald Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Being Lot 9 in the Setser Subdivision of the Goble Robert Subdivision, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, as shown on Map No. 492 on file in the Floyd County Clerk's Office; and

Being the same property conveyed to Eric D. Burke, a single person, and Penni A. Martin, a single person, from Allen Rose and Sheila Rose, husband and wife, on August 27, 2007, and recorded on October 23, 2007, in Deed Book 540, Page 174, of the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of \$5,000.00 of the purchase price with the balance on a credit for thirty (30) days, in which event the successful bidder shall be required to execute bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid. Said bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment for which execution may issue, and a lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety.

B. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year and subsequent years. All taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser prior to the payment of the purchase price.

C. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, defects, liens or encumbrances of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such rights of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

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

Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

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Geoffrey D. Marsh, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Ernest R. Blackburn of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about April 21, 2010, in which Ernest Blackburn was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in Division Number II of the Floyd Circuit Court and is represented by Civil Action Number 10-CI-429. The basis of the suit is a Complaint against the Defendant for unpaid property taxes on property located at 2044 KY Route 979, Harold, KY 41635.

Ernest R. Blackburn shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a Judgment will be entered at the discretion of the court.

Anyone having information concerning Ernest R. Blackburn, please contact Hon. Geoffrey D. Marsh at (606) 886-1020.

Geoffrey D. Marsh
Attorney at Law
112 West Court Street
Suite 100
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41635

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Sam Doyle has filed an application with the Natural Resources & Environment Protection Cabinet to place a 50 x 60 storage building in the floodplain of Levisa Fork located at 473 S. Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, KY. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION (CED)
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
West Prestonsburg Sewer Replacement Project Part 2
Floyd County, Kentucky
AI # 1297; PLN20100002

The Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) has conducted a review of the above proposed project in accordance with the procedures contained in the State Revolving Fund Operating Agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency Region IV and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the DEP is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the Operating Agreement.

The City of Prestonsburg has applied for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund of 2010 to fund a project that involves the addition of one 300 gallons per minute lift station to an existing project to separate the storm water and wastewater collection system in the West Prestonsburg area. The proposed project is part of addressing the ongoing effort to eliminate combined sewer overflow problems in Prestonsburg. The City is currently under and Agree order for CSO correction and this project will assist the city in compliance with the Order.

The total cost of the entire project is estimated to be \$272,000 and will be funded by CWSRF Loan.

The project involves rehabilitation of existing facilities, and is eligible for a categorical exclusion under the criteria specified in the Operating Agreement such that:

1. The project will not relocate an existing discharge point.
2. The project will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants.
3. The project will not increase the population served by more than 30 percent greater than the existing population.
4. The project will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.
5. The action will neither directly nor indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threaten species, or environmentally important natural resources areas.
6. The action is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy.

The applicant solicited government agency review from state and federal agencies. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was solicited for comments on February 24, 2010, regarding potential impacts to threatened or endangered species. The USFWS replied in correspondence dated March 11, 2010, stating that no significant adverse impacts to wetlands or federally listed endangered or threatened species are anticipated from this project. The Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) was solicited for comments on February 24, 2010 regarding potential impacts on cultural resources. The KHC replied in correspondence dated March 22, 2010 that there are No Historic Properties Present within the undertaking's area of potential impact.

This determination shall become effective upon its distribution by DEP and publication by the applicant in a newspaper of general circulation in the project area, and can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Division of Water, and is available for public review upon request. The documentation is also available at the office of City of Prestonsburg, 2650 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Ms. Anshu Singh, Supervisor, Wastewater Planning Section, Water Infrastructure Branch, Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, or call her at (502) 564-3410, extension 4805.

Sincerely,

R. Bruce Scott, Commissioner

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Floyd County Real Property Tax Roll will be opened for inspection from May 10, through May 25, 2010. Under the supervision of the Property Valuation Administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2010, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2010 will be due about September 15, 2010.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy, the conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the County Board of Assessment Appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the County's Clerk's Office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the County Board of Assessment Appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the County Board of Assessment Appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the supervision of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the Office of Property Valuation Administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Revenue Cabinet may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on May 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the office of the Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, KY, for the purpose of Cross Examination of witnesses in the General Adjustments in Electric Rates of Kentucky Power Company.

Errol K. Wagner, Director of Regulatory Services
Kentucky Power Company

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Hundreds of People Cash In at the Pikeville Roadshow Yesterday

By Jason DeLong
Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Yesterday at the Hampton Inn, hundreds lined up to cash antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry in at the Roadshow. The free event is in Pikeville all week buying gold, silver antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday

"It is unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37."

said "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought an old Fender guitar his father bought years ago. "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him, made a few phone calls and a Veteranarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring, it's not everyday someone brings six thousand

Gold and Silver pour into yesterdays Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.



Above • A couple waits with anticipation while Roadshow expert examines their antiques and gold items. The Roadshow is at the Hampton Inn this week.

dollars to town with your name on it." Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything

old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items they are looking for." This week's Roadshow is the place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items their

collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase those items. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets

are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold or silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets, and handful of silver dollars, ... his check was for over

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Hampton Inn through Friday in Pikeville."

\$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German sword I brought back from World War II and some old coins and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

Collectors desire vintage military items, items from both U.S. and foreign origins from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Spanish-American War, Revolutionary War and Calvary times have great value. Items such as swords, daggers, medals, hardware bayonets, etc.



All sports memorabilia is in high demand including: Pre 1970's baseball cards; autographed baseballs, footballs & basketballs; jerseys; signed photos, etc.



Roadshow Coin and gold expert Paul Dichraff examines a large presentation of coins, gold and collectibles.



Here is how it works:

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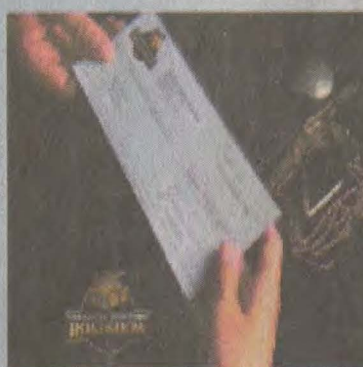
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• **MILITARY ITEMS, SWORDS** - Civil War, Revolutionary War, WWI, WWII, etc. Items of interest include swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters. The older the swords, the better. All types wanted.

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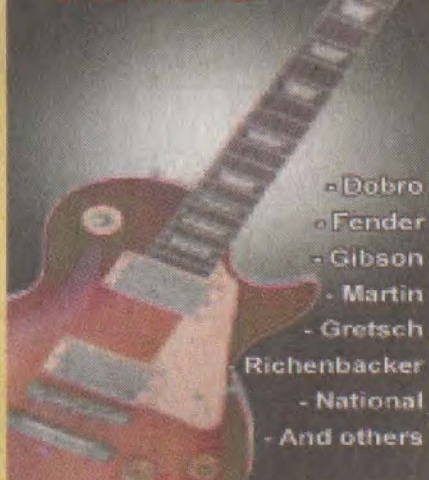
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Mother's Day, graduation, wedding anniversaries (for all those June weddings — gone-by), birthdays ... 'tis the season to buy flowers. (That's a little odd, come to think of it, because this time of year, we're surrounded by flowers provided by Mother Nature; you'd think the big flower-buying surge would be in the grey and dreary winter months.)

But whatever the occasion, when you do buy flowers, perhaps at some point you feel a little bit cheated because *they just don't last long enough*. One day they're looking fabulous on the dining room sideboard; the next day they look like sad leftovers from a funeral.

Would you be more likely to splurge on that gorgeous bouquet if you knew you could get a lot more mileage out of those blooms? If so, the scientists of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) have some great news for you!

ARS scientists in California, in collaboration with university researchers in California, Florida and the United Kingdom, are working on a number of tactics to delay plants' natural aging, called "senescence." The idea is that scientists might eventually be able to modified flowers' aging-linked genes or the proteins produced by those genes.

One promising candidate is a compound with the tongue-tangling name of thidiazuron, or TDZ. In tests, the scientists found that spraying low concentrations of this commercially available compound had what the scientists called "sometimes spectacular" effects in extending the life of potted plants' leaves and flowers. In tests with greenhouse-grown cyclamen plants, the TDZ-treated plants lasted up to a full month longer than the unsprayed plants.

Even better, the TDZ — added to water and applied in concentrations as low as 5 parts per million — didn't harm the plants' shape. That's important because some other compounds used commercially to offset aging of blooming plants can disfigure the plants.

In case you're wondering whether TDZ might turn out to be more of a problem than a plus, it's simply a man-made version of a naturally occurring plant hormone called a cytokinin, and it's actually nothing new. It's used in higher concentrations to cause cotton plants to drop their leaves so the mechanical harvesters can snatch the fluffy cotton bolls without also grabbing too much trash.

Studies in 2000 with cut flowers showed that smaller doses of the defoliant extended the life of alstroemeria leaves. The more recent ARS studies are the first to show the leaf-saving and blossom-boosting effects of TDZ with potted plants.

Although we non-scientists are most likely to be impressed by TDZ's ability to make our potted plants and cut bouquets last a while longer, the scientists have a different interest: finding out precisely how TDZ affects genes and proteins inside the plants.

But it could all come together in the end, if this research yields strategies to make TDZ even more effective at protecting our favorite ornamental plants. And it could also help scientists understand why TDZ works well with some plants and not so well with others — for example, some kinds of miniature potted roses.

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Howard discovers that age is not factor in pursuing a college education



by SANDRA SAAD
BSCTC FACULTY

A lifeline is a tricky thing. While it can be a "line" or a "hand" extended to someone during a critical time, its benefit can only be felt if the person on the receiving end has the courage to grab hold of it and hang on.

Georgetta Howard wisely recognized any lifelines that came her way and bravely took hold of them throughout her academic career. In fact, now she doesn't wait for the chance offering but actively seeks out challenges and opportunities that serve as rungs for the climb on her own ladder of success.

Like many young girls, during her youth Georgetta dreamed about one day becoming a nurse. But the years and life just kind of got in the way. Not that she wasn't happy, but the dream had just been pushed onto a back-burner by the day-to-day realities of caring for a family and earning a paycheck to help pay the bills.

In November 2004, Georgetta and her husband, Kenny, were working together to maintain a home, marriage and to raise their then 12-year-old son, Johnathon. Kenny was working at a local company, while Georgetta commuted weekly with a friend to Lexington to work a Thursday-through-Sunday shift at a discount store. However, even with the two incomes, it was getting harder and harder to make ends meet. Georgetta approached her husband and son with the idea of returning to school to become a nurse. Obviously, quitting her current employment for an education that offered the potential of long-term gain had to be a family decision. Both of the men in her life gave her their full support.

Georgetta applied to Big Sandy Community and Technical College and nervously reported for her assigned registration and orientation date on the Mayo Campus. But there was a problem. She waited and waited but her name wasn't called. "Was this a sign that she was not meant to return to school?", she asked her-

self. She didn't have the confidence to approach anyone but then, just when she was ready to throw in the towel and head home, Jennifer Leedy, an employee at the college approached her, asked if she had been served, and offered to help her through the registration process. There was no stopping her now ... until she was directed to the financial aid office.

She did not qualify for financial aid because of her family's income, regardless of the fact that she was giving up her income in the quest to return to school. Luckily, her husband's family volunteered to help pay for her first semester. One hurdle down, onto the next.

In January 2005, at the age of 34, she reported to the Prestonsburg Campus for her first college class, which was an 8 a.m. class on Human Potential with Dr. Bill Loftus. But then she wasn't sure she should even get out of the car, or could. "I kept thinking, 'you can't go in there, you're too old, everyone will laugh at you.'" She says since that day she has thanked God thousands of times for giving her the courage and the strength to walk into a college classroom for the very first time. Second hurdle down.

She finished her first semester with a perfect 4.0, an impressive accomplishment for any student. That success bolstered her confidence and she applied for a scholarship to try to secure funding to help her stay in school. She was successful in securing the Equitable Resources Scholarship and that success, with continued good grades, led her to other scholarships, including ones from Phi Theta Kappa, Kentucky Power, and Highlands Regional Medical Center, among others. Each financial award along the way helped relieve the financial burden of returning to school but also served as confirmation that she did deserve to be a college student.

Another boost to her confidence came when she was invited to join Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society on the Big Sandy campus. Once again she thought she might

be "too old" to belong to such an organization but Dr. Loftus, the club sponsor, convinced her otherwise ... and she never looked back. Not only did she become a member but eventually the PTK chapter president and regional officer, then student government president and student representative to the college's Board of Directors. "One thing just led to another," she explains. Eventually, as a PTK representative, she was invited to travel to Washington state with Dr. George Edwards and his wife to attend the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention and there she met Madeleine Albright, the former Secretary of State under President Bill Clinton. Heady stuff for a small-town girl from Magoffin County.

In spring 2006 Georgetta had completed enough coursework that she qualified to apply to nursing school. Despite her success in the classroom, she was still not confident enough to put all of her hopes on just Big Sandy CTC. She knew the competition was tough and the available nursing slots limited. So she applied to Big Sandy and four other nursing schools as well. Applying was the easy part, waiting to get a response the hard part. She needn't have worried; she was accepted at all five, but chose to attend Big Sandy. However, like many nursing students, she soon came to realize that getting into the nursing program is just the first step; surviving the arduous coursework and clinicals was a whole other matter.

"I would go to school during the day and study at night," Georgetta says, describing that challenging time in her life. "Thank God my family was very supportive. Sometimes I would come home from clinicals exhausted and in tears, with more work that I had to complete before the next day. One time I was working on my paperwork and I just threw the papers up in the air and said, 'I quit', but my husband picked them up and encouraged me to keep working."

Additional support came from her instructors including Paula Gibson and Renee McCoy. Gibson told Georgetta she was meant to be a nurse and McCoy encouraged her not to stress so much about the grades but to focus on the skills. After her first year, she successfully completed the qualifying exams to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and then continued her studies and took the exams to become a Registered Nurse. Those grades were to be posted online so she cleaned house, paced, cried and checked the website every 30 minutes ... only to find out that she had passed!

Today Georgetta is employed at Highlands Regional Medical Center as a nurse but you would be wrong if you thought her story ended there. In addition to working full-time, she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and has been encouraged by her former advisor, Dr. Patsy Jackson, to even pursue a Master's Degree. She recently studied for and passed her Certified Emergency Nurse test and is working on her clinical ladder at work, which involves in-service, volunteer hours and leadership to earn a promotion. She might even have her eye on a nursing teaching position sometime in the future.

Obviously this young woman who began college with an extreme lack of confidence and no voice has come a long way through her pursuit of an education and she is very appreciative of the fact that Big Sandy Community and Technical College was able to help her achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. "It would have been impossible for me to go away to pursue an education," she asserts. "Big Sandy afforded me the opportunity to stay at home and still get an education. The classes are not large. It helps when you are not just a number and someone knows you."

This young woman is no longer lacking in confidence and has found her voice. She has proved to herself that you're never "too old" to pursue an education. In six short years she has moved from childhood dream to reality. BSCTC offered the lifeline, but it was Georgetta Howard who was smart enough to grab hold and never let go

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. Information will not be taken over the telephone. All items will be placed on a first-come, first-serve basis as space permits.

HRMC to host Pancake breakfast Saturday, May 8

HRMC will be hosting a pancake breakfast, Saturday, May 8, from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., at the Prestonsburg Wendy's. All proceeds go to Floyd County Relay for Life.

Autism Awareness & Support Group

2nd Monday of each month. Calvarys Call Church, Lancer, Ky. (6-7 p.m.). Contact: Billie Chain, eastkyautismawareness@gmail.com

J.W. Hall Lodge No. 950 ground breaking ceremony Saturday, May 8

J.W. Hall Lodge No. 950 will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for the new lodge, on Saturday, May 8th, at 1:00 p.m.

The location is at Clifford Blanton property at Warco.

Signs will be posted for directions. Guest speakers will be County Judge Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall and Grand Lodge officers.

First Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Holy Humor Sunday

The First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg, would like to invite you to the following special events: Sunday, May 16, Holy Humor Sunday! Please bring one or two clean jokes and join us for a joke-telling luncheon provided by the church beginning after worship.

Homecoming 2010 will be held on Sunday, June 6. Singing, special music, pot luck dinner following worship service.

Worship—each Sunday beginning 11:00 a.m. Please, join us for these special events, and consider joining our church family. Everyone is welcome. Please call 886-2214. If you have any questions.

American Standard Reunion to be held Saturday, May 8

American Standard Reunion will be held Saturday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m., at the Thealka Park. Everyone, please bring a covered dish.

Garrett School Reunion

Garrett School Reunion May 29, contact Sally at 606-358-9463 or sallydavisadkins@yahoo.com

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

ACHS Parent Organization election, to be held Tues., May 11

The Allen Central High School Parent Organization will be accepting nominations for parent member of the School Based Decision Making Council, for the 2010-2011 school year, until 2:30 p.m., on Friday, May 7, 2010.

All nominations must be turned in to Sharon Collins, in the Youth Service Center.

The election will be held on Tuesday, May 11, from 3 p.m., until 7 p.m., in the Front Office of the school.

We encourage all parents to participate.

Attention: Floyd County Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Floyd County Public Library, in Prestonsburg, on Wednesday, May 5, from 9:00 a.m., until 3:00 p.m. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filling for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-657-2926 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Maytown Homecoming

The Maytown Homecoming Association invites everyone with connections to Maytown on Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29, 2010.

Registration will be Friday, from 1 p.m.-6 p.m., at the main school building. There will be a Gospel sing on Friday at 7 p.m., at the Graceway United Methodist Church. On Saturday—gatherings all day at the school. Breakfast and afternoon meals will be served in the old schoolroom lunchroom—\$22 for both. Must be paid in advance. For more information, contact Ruth Martin at 606-358-4269. Also there will be a Saturday evening program at 7 p.m., with Josh Martin and Fastlane band performing. Admission is \$10.

Joyous Junk Sale!

The Auxier Center, of 21 South River Street, in Auxier, will be having a Joyous Junk Sale on May 6, 7 and 8th. Furniture, clothing, appliances, baby items and more. Everything must go! All proceeds benefit The Home Repair Fund. The Auxier Center is a program of Hand in Hand ministries.

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7th Annual Shelton McSurley

Family reunion to be held The 7th Annual Shelton McSurley Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 12, at the Minnie Ball Park at Minnie, located at the junction of Rt. 122 and 80. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and last until dark. Everyone related to these families is invited to attend.

For information, contact Mr. Pat Shelton, 490 Arrowhead Spring Lane, Versailles, KY 40383 or Pshe605014@aol.com

First Presbyterian Church "Adventure Club"

Please join us each Wednesday evening this month for "Food For Your Soul".

Bring your children for "Adventure Club". This club meets each Wednesday at 5:30. Ages Pre-school through elementary age children. A light supper is provided. Activities include: singing, instrument playing, Bible stories, and games.

Come for Lenten Study and bring your children with you for Adventure Club.

We welcome you to our church for this wonderful opportunity for you and your family to worship God.

The Auxier Learning Center offers home repair aid

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 the office at 21 South River Street, Auxier. Office hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

Free Tax preparation available in Big Sandy

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again offering **FREE** help for eligible tax filers in preparing and electronically filing tax returns. The service, made possible through funding from Community Action Kentucky and the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association, is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties.

BSACAP has IRS-certified staff to prepare and file tax returns, and offers the service **free** to low-income residents in the Big Sandy area. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641.

Benchmark Family Services family care support

Benchmark Family Services is a private, non-profit therapeutic foster care agency seeking caring and compassionate foster parents in eastern Ky. Free flexible training schedules, 24-7 support monthly financial compensation, financial bonuses, and mileage reimbursement available. Call: 606-886-0163. www.benchmarkfamily-services.org

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McDowell High School Class of 1990 reunion

The McDowell Class of 1990 will hold a 20-year class reunion on Saturday, June 12, 2010. The location for the event is Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Pines Building. There will also be a family outing scheduled for that morning. Cost for the reunion is \$40.00/couple or \$20.00/single. Checks may be mailed to: McDowell Class of '90, P.O. Box 23, Minnie, KY 41651. If you should have information or questions, please contact Stephanie (Allen) Johnson, 606-377-7811 sjxray@yahoo.com or Scott Shannon 606-377-7742 scott.shannon45@yahoo.com. You may also join the classmate groups on Myspace and Facebook.

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

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

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

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OUR YESTERDAYS

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Ten Years Ago

(April 30, 2000, May 3 and May 5, 2000)

Donna Williams, inset, saw a dream come true as she was named to the Tennessee Titans cheerleading squad. Williams had only decided to pursue the opportunity a month before her tryout, but beat out more than 300 hopefuls to land the job...A Prestonsburg man was in court, Friday, to answer 21 charges levied against him last Thursday, April 20, after he allegedly attempted to flee Floyd County. Deputy Herman Morris and Martin Police Officer Dennis Hutchinson. In Friday's preliminary hearing, Morris said he noticed a pickup truck, allegedly driven by Wade M. Price, exiting the Martin BP station westbound onto KY 80. That vehicle pulled to the traffic light across from the Mountain Christian Academy and stopped for a green light...Alan and Beth Speidlitz, from Goebel Branch in the Cow Creek community, were doing what many Floyd Countians had been doing—taking part in PRIDE Cleanup—when they discovered something that has stirred a desire to find out more. While county workers were cleaning out the creek near the Speidlitzes' home, Alan spotted a stone that looked somewhat different than other stones. It turned out to be a tombstone from a long time ago—the 1800s if the stone is an accurate birth/death record...Aaron Tackett, 19, a Galveston teen, was arrested, Tuesday, in Pike County, after allegedly trying to hide a stolen vehicle. He was arrested, Tuesday, after he was observed driving a reported stolen 1993 Toyota pickup. He was reportedly attempting to phone the owner, Ernest Hall, at the time...Gen. James Bickford was in Floyd County yesterday to play taps over a segment of the area's ugly past. The Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet officially laid to rest what was billed as the state's largest illegal dump. The remains have been hauled away and the earth resuscitated...Ernest E. "Bucky" Collins, 54, of Prestonsburg, who is charged with the Easter murder of Henry Clifton, is out of jail awaiting a grand jury's decision on his case after posting a partially-secured \$75,000 bond Tuesday. During a preliminary hearing in the case, Monday, investigating officer George Tussey of the Prestonsburg Police Department told the court that seven witnesses said Clifton fired upon Collins' first. Those witnesses had seen Clifton's gun jam and then Collins return fire...Eleven months after being sentenced to make full restitution of \$26,821.95 to Floyd County, former County Clerk Carla Robinson Boyd has paid the bill. County Clerk Chris Waugh received a check for the full amount, Monday, that saw Boyd complete the major part of her sentence. Deputy Circuit Court Clerk Kathy Goble had the check presented to her April 21. The office holds checks for seven days before depositing them, said Goble...A crowded Floyd County Adult Detention Center will become even more so after Jailer Roger Webb tentatively entered a contract to house Knott County inmates after that county's jail was closed, failing to meet fire codes. Sunday night at midnight, the Knott County jail closed and four inmates were transported to the Floyd County facility Monday morning...An apparent dispute between one local official and his wife resulted in both filing to obtain emergency, protective orders against each other in Floyd Circuit Court last week. Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley requested an EPO Thursday against his wife, Jamie, alleging she was stalking him...Members of the E-911 advisory council met to discuss the problems and progress for the county's E-911 system, Wednesday night, and many said they fear the worst for the system if a surcharge is not re-established soon. The cause for concern is the accumulation of failing equipment such as pagers and radios, a triangular dead air spot in the Harold-Toler Creek-Betsy Layne area, and the lack of funds to replace the equipment by the volunteer fire departments...A David man was released from Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Thursday morning, after a Monday evening confrontation with a family in his neighborhood. After an apparent argument, Rick Estep, 41, allegedly fired multiple shots into the home of Julie Shepherd of Patches Drive in the Open Fork area of David. The exchange of gunfire landed Estep in the hospital. Estep was arrested after his release from Our Lady of the Way and charged with attempted murder...Floyd County deputies Gary Tackett and Delmas Johnson arrested a Harold teen, Wednesday, after he allegedly attacked and robbed a 14-year-old girl. Blake J. Robert, 18, allegedly entered the residence of Dorris Rowe at Harold around 10 p.m., slapped the girl, punched her in the stom-

ach and then left with a VCR, cell phone, and a video game...Politics, hot dogs and live music are on the menu for the third "Battle of Bull Creek" to be held tomorrow at the Bull Creek Trade Center along U.S. 23 south of Prestonsburg. The event, organized by Floyd and Edith Skeans, is a fairly recent concoction, a "not-so-fancy" Appalachian version of the Fancy Farm picnic held in western Kentucky each August...There died: Bascom Horn, 86, of Hi Hat, Thursday, April 27, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ella Jean Goble, 62, of Van Lear, Friday, April 28, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Herbert Ratliff, 71, of Pikeville, Thursday, April 27, at the Pikeville Health Care Center; Bascom Harris, 82, of Auxier, Wednesday, April 26, at his residence; Lester Parsons, 65, of Printer, Thursday, April 27; Bobby Robinette, 50, of Pikeville, Friday, April 28, at his residence; Martha Ritchie Fugate, 88, of Talcum, Monday, April 24, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Mary "Lou" Bevins Hatmaker, 57, of LaFollette, Tennessee, formerly of Pikeville, Saturday, April 29, at Methodist Medical Center, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Elva R. Allen Kirby, 87, of Greenfield, Indiana, Saturday, April 29, at Pleasant View Lodge Nursing Home; Hobert Tuttle, 78, of Topmost, Thursday, April 27, at his home; Sarah E. Johnson Ward, 84, of Hi Hat, Sunday, April 30, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Lizzie Smith, 94, of Tipp City, Ohio, formerly of Jonancy, Saturday, April 29, in Ohio; Grace Braddock, 80, of Brandy Keg, Prestonsburg, Thursday, May 4, at Riverview Health Care Center; Nellie Mae Collier Fleming, 92, of Pikeville, Wednesday, May 3, in Louisville.

Twenty Years Ago (May 2 and May 4, 1990)

In the final days of the state legislature, an allocation of \$2.16 million was made to Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to develop or expand the present golf course...A proposal to establish an Eastern Kentucky Outreach Health Clinic in Pike or Floyd county, designed to improve veteran health care in the surrounding 12-county area, was announced by US Rep. Chris Perkins...By an almost three to one margin, Price residents in the Gearheart district elected to stop liquor sales in their district during a specially called election, Saturday...Frank Davis Jr., 17, of Mountain Parkway, a junior at Prestonsburg High School, lost control of his pickup truck, Saturday, and was killed after running into a concrete building on KY 1428 near Goble-Roberts Bridge...A collision between a passenger car and a truck that was thought to be carrying an explosive form of fertilizer occurred, Wednesday evening, at the intersection of KY 80 and KY 7 at Garrett, closing the highway for 45 minutes while firefighters and police sought to determine the overturned truck's contents...A Columbia Gas pipeline leak at Mare Creek, near Stanville, Wednesday, forced the evacuation of two homes and caused authorities to close Mare Creek Road to traffic for about five hours...Charges against 35 people cited for cockfighting during a January 14 raid on a sports arena at Doty Creek, near Minnie, were dropped, Wednesday, following a March decision by Attorney General Fred Cowan that cockfighting is not illegal...There died: Frank W. Davis Jr., 17, of Mountain Parkway, April 28, at Prestonsburg, following an accident; Richard Sturgill Burchett, 21, of Delaware, Ohio, grandson of Woodrow and Norsie Burchett of Prestonsburg, April 27, following an accident; Oma Howell Freeman, 76, of Prestonsburg, April 27, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Herbert Leroy Swiger, 68, of Betsy Layne, April 29, at his residence; Paul Simmons, 72, of Huntington, formerly of West Prestonsburg, April 28, at Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Huntington; Mattie Hall Compton, 90, of Martin, April 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charles Burchett, 59, of Prestonsburg, April 30, at ARH Skilled Nursing Facility at South Williamson; Leva Spurlock Clark, 75, of Prestonsburg, April 30, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Nancy Shepherd, 78, of Water Gap, April 27, at HRMC; Haval Salisbury Ison, 76, of Langley, April 27, at Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman; Relda N. Kilgore, 79, of Hueysville, April 26, at HRMC; Ezra Prater, 68, of Hueysville, April 26, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin; Walter Paige, 31, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Martin, May 2, at Miami Valley Hospital; Regina Belle Daniel, 77, of Harold, May 1, at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord, North Carolina; Evangelist Willie Newell, 58, of Harold,

April 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Levi Jones, 79, of McDowell, May 1, at his residence; Debia Tuttle, 83, of Melvin, May 1, at McDowell ARH; Garner Adkins, 80, of Martin, May 2, at OLWH; Mae Daniels, 71, of Willard, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, April 22, Doctor's Hospital in Columbus; Margaret Caroline Bays, 56, of Prestonsburg, May 2, at HRMC; Walter Conley Justice, 42, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, formerly of this area, May 1, at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (April 30, 1980)

Out of the executive session of the City Council, Monday, came the dismissal of Patrolman Tommy Shelton and Auxiliary Policeman Don Bayes. The resignation of

Patrolman Charles Murdock was also accepted. No official reason for the dismissals was given...The stiffest penalty yet assessed by a Floyd court was executed on Doug Neeley of the Auxier Road who pleaded guilty of trafficking in a controlled substance before the Circuit Court. The substance was PCP and the sentence was two years in prison and a fine of \$5000...Layoffs and program cuts in the area's chief mental health agency have stunned staffers and triggered a scramble for remaining personnel and program dollars. Hardest hit by the cuts on Mountain Comprehensive Care were programs for rehabilitating alcoholics and for educating

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Yesterdays

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children with learning disabilities...The location of the old Style Mining Company chosen this week could create complications. The site picked was the former Co-Op Mining Company location within the city limits of Prestonsburg which the city protested when the mine was in operation before...Two Floyd County residents were killed in separate accident last week. Ten-year-old Eddie Lynn Burchett of Craynor, suffered a broken neck in an auto wreck near Robinson Creek, and Oakie Thompson, 45, of Grethel, was fatally injured when struck by a train...There died: Bossie Hale, 80, of Harold, Friday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Glenn Monroe, 64, Monday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Virgie Layne, 83, of Martin, Saturday, at a Paintsville hospital; Shirley B. Rice, 60, of Banner, Friday, at his home; George Porter Hall, 75, of Pinetop, Thursday, April 17, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Topsis Newsome, 68, of East McDowell, Saturday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Zeala Hampton Johnson, 72, of Halo, Monday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Estalene Hamilton, 54, of Beaver, Tuesday, April 22, at Methodist Hospital; Pikeville; Chatman-Foster, 64, formerly of Allen, Sunday, at the VA Hospital in Lexington; Daisy Belle Göble, 66, of Pikeville, Saturday at OLWH; Shawn Gregory "Bee" Clark, 9-week-old son of Gregory

and Berniece Rogers Clark, of Betsy Layne, Tuesday, April 22, at home; James Sherman, 20, of Leburn, Tuesday, April 15, at UK Medical Center, where he was taken after being found wounded April 13. State Police are continuing the investigation into his death.

Forty Years Ago (April 30, 1970)

Competing for the title of 1970 Band Day Queen, Saturday, will be Teresa Clark, Betsy Layne High School; Belinda Lee Jones, Maytown High School; Margaret Luxmore, McDowell High School; Donna Sue Clark, Prestonsburg High School; and Miki Jane Little, Wheelwright High...May will be Cleanup Month in Floyd County, it was announced, Tuesday, by Judge Henry Stumbo...The greatest fish population recorded in the 20-year history of Dewey Lake was last year's but the on-again, off-again population trends of the impoundment leave in doubt what is ahead...The vault of the Sheriff's office was bulging this week after Friday, Saturday, and Monday work of county, state, and city officers had added 305 half-pints of whiskey, seven full pints and 1231 cans of beer to the stock of contraband liquors stored there...Cora Lou Montgomery, 13-year-old Auxier schoolgirl, last Saturday, brought to Floyd County the first regional spelling championship won by a student from this county in the 22-year history of the Tri-State Spelling Bee. She is the daughter of Mrs. Glennora Montgomery and the late Henry

Montgomery...Michael Auxier, of Emma, mathematics and science teacher at Betsy Layne High School, was elected vice-president of the Kentucky Educational Association, recently...More than 300 persons are expected in Prestonsburg, Friday, May 8, for the annual meeting of the Eastern Kentucky Chapter of the Morehead State University Alumni Association...Six-foot-four Danny Thornberry, of Wheelwright, who averaged 19 points per game in his senior prep season, has signed a grant-in-aid scholarship agreement with the University of Southern Mississippi...Born: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall, Jr., of Weeksbury, April 14, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Johnson, of Wheelwright, April 19, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, a son, April 26. Mrs. Wade is the former Judy Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Roberts of Prestonsburg...There died: Mrs. Maudie Layne, 80, of Hueysville, at a Martin hospital, Sunday; Hasadore Hall, 73, at his home at Melvin, last Friday; Ezra Lafferty, 62, of Hippo, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, Thursday; George Jasper Stephens, 69, at his home at Harold, Monday; Mrs. Susie Miller, 77, of the Abbott Road, last Wednesday, at Cresthaven Nursing Home, in Paintsville; Mrs. Eliza Sanders, 70, last Thursday, at her home at Betsy Layne; John Rexford Clark, 64, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Gilbert L. Williams, 72, at his home at Wayland; Jesse B. Music, 73, formerly of Prestonsburg, at Eaton Rapids, Mich., March 24; Bill Jack Stephens, 69, at his home in West Prestonsburg, Saturday; Joe Cline, 70, formerly of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday, in Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. Mary Howell, 78, of East McDowell,

Tuesday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago (May 5, 1960)

New sewer construction, a sewage disposal plant and implementing auxiliaries will cost Prestonsburg \$739,797, the City Council was told, Monday evening, by James E. Lacy, of Howard K. Bell, Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Lexington...The grand jury in its last three days of work, here, last week, voted an indictment against the Hi Hat Elk Horn Coal Company, of Hi Hat, alleging it is guilty of stream pollution...Dr. James L. Patton, Director of Vocational Education in Kentucky, has promised Floyd County a branch vocational school if the Floyd County Board of Education will make a building available. The Board of Education voted, Tuesday, to have a surveying team to the county to determine location and size of structure needed...Floyd is one of the 37 Kentucky counties now declared free of brucellosis, according to an announcement of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Brucellosis, or Bang's disease, is the cause of abortion in cattle and is transmittable to humans, it is said...Senate Bill 743, which amends the Federal Mine Safety Act, was passed last week by the Senate by a vote 80-4. It places all coal mines under federal inspection, but contains 4 provisions favoring mines employing 14 or more men...There died: Edward (Chick) Moore, 74, of Drift, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Rainey Bradley, 83, formerly of Martin, at the Jackson (Mich.) Hospital; Orbie Newsome, 58, of Mousie, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Sixty Years Ago (May 4, 1950)

Advancement by the Legislature of the town of Martin to a city of the fourth class, and the consequent move to hold a local

option election there next month, resulted last week in the indictment by the grand jury of four residents of the community of a charge of forging names on a petition memorial or remonstrance intended for presentation to the General Assembly...The Floyd County Sesquicentennial Committee this week swung into the actual work of staging a celebration fitting to the observance of the original Floyd county's 150th anniversary...Last month saw some of the coldest April weather in half a century and clear, cold nights which brought heavy frosts—yet Floyd County's fruit crop is not a total loss...“The best thing that has ever happened to the Big Sandy Valley Association!” Dr. O. W. Thompson, president of the group which has long led an unsuccessful fight for river canalization, declared at Pikeville as the United Mine Workers officially announced, Sunday, they had changed their policy of opposition to one of full support on the waterway improvement...If any resident of Prestonsburg and vicinity has not been enumerated during the 1950 federal census, he or she should telephone Wilce Shepherd at 7601 or Mayor Curtis Clark at 4821...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dale, of Tram, a daughter, Mary Ann, this week, at Pikeville Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson, of David, a girl, Judith Carol, April 27; to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Osborn, of Wheelwright, a daughter, Sunday, at the Paintsville Hospital...There died: Jane Newberry Jones, 82, of Tram, Monday, at home; Katherine Elliott, 19, Sunday, at her home at Water Gap. She was the sixth member of her family to die within the last four years of tuberculosis; Mrs. Effie Salyers, 65, Sunday, at her home at Wayland.

Seventy Years Ago (May 2, 1940)

J.T. Parker, mine superintendent, Inland Steel Company, Wheelwright,

told delegates at the opening session of the 17th Annual Coal Convention and Exposition of the American Mining Congress in Cincinnati, Monday, that the use of steel mine jacks in supporting roofs in the company's mine had been a great contribution to safety and efficiency...Instructors trained in the Louisville offices of the Works Progress Administration by E. A. Marye, director, and Ray H. Chumbley, have been giving an intensive training course to WPA foremen in Floyd County with classes held weekly for the last 16 weeks...Of the 34 applicants who have filled Floyd County's quota for attendance this summer in the Citizen's Military Training Camp at Camp Knox, 21, are from the town of Martin...Meeting one of the strongest teams in the circuit at Gasco Park, Sunday afternoon, the recently-organized Prestonsburg baseball team bowed to Van Lear, 6 to 1 in a Big Sandy League game as 14 of the local boys went down to strikes...Sale prices from an ad of “THE LEADER”—Dress shirts full cut, fast color-perfect quality, 85¢; new dresses, \$1.69; oxfords, \$1.77; shirts and shorts, full cut, 10¢; work shirts, full cut, 44¢...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Dove Vaughan at their home on Friend Street, a son, Larry...There died: James W. Burchett, 81, of Emma, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Mrs. Emma Rice Gunnells, 85, of Banner, at the home of her daughter; Mrs. Lucy Homes Johnston, 79, of Betsy Layne, at the home of a daughter; Pearl Jones, high school freshman, at her home at Betsy Layne; Rebecca, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Cox, of Rock Fork.

Science

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It probably won't surprise you that the scientists are also trying a more complex approach — tracking down genetic clues to the aging puzzle. They're using a technique called virus-induced gene silencing, or VIGS, which basically involves turning on and off specific genes.

Here's how it works: The scientists insert a “gene of interest” into a naturally occurring virus called tobacco rattle virus, then expose plants to that virus. This exposure turns on the plants' natural defense mechanisms, which include attempting to silence the “invader” virus as well as the genes inserted in that virus. By comparing what happens (or doesn't happen) in the VIGS plants versus other plants not exposed to the altered virus, the scientists hope they can pinpoint

the specific function of the “silenced” gene they've inserted.

The scientists aim to use this technology to quickly turn off genes in plants and see which ones control the plant's aging process. Although this technique has been used previously in tomatoes and barley, this marks the first time scientists have used VIGS to study aging in cut flowers and potted plants.

This will definitely encourage me to crack open the old wallet next time those gorgeous rose bouquets call my name!

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