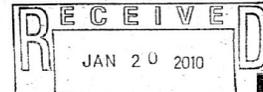


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Suit over charges settled

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who saw criminal charges dropped against him has now won a lawsuit that brought the case against him.

Jason Proctor, a former employee of Schwan's, saw fraud and theft charges brought against him by Schwan's on July 7, 2000. The company alleged that during his time as a truck delivery driver he stole \$3,247 and then tried to cover up the theft.

"That charge hit me like a sledgehammer," Proctor said. "And it changed my life around. I found myself being accused of being a criminal, without a job and having to defend myself against false charges or go to jail."

Proctor was offered a number of plea agreements but never considered accepting them, according to his lawyer, John Kirk.

On Nov. 19, 2004, Proctor was cleared of all charges. Three days later, he filed a civil action in Floyd County Circuit Court alleging that "Schwan's committed the tort of malicious prosecution" by bringing about false criminal charges, further claiming the charges had been brought against to "cover up erroneous bookkeeping."

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Lost grant sees county look to start over

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A sewer project for portions of District 4 in Floyd County that dates back to earlier in the decade may need to be revisited from the start.

During a visit Friday, former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson was

asked about the status of that project by District 4 Magistrate Ronnie Akers.

Akers' question was directed at whether or not Southern Water and Sewer District, the subject of Thompson's visit to the fiscal court, could still handle the project considering their financial problems of late. But the question actually led to a more troubling

possibility. Thompson's answer was to give a brief outline of the funding for the project that had been lined up during his last term in office. According to records, Thompson and the fiscal court had \$6.9 million in place from several agencies and other entities for the project, which was given a price tag at that time of \$6.8

million. The catch for Akers and others in District 4 is that the funding was in place for use on the proposed sewer project in 2003. "You're going to have to start over at this point, maybe," Thompson told

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HELP IN A CRISIS



At left, Dr. Roger Jurich examined the first quake victim to come to University Medical Center from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, shown in the photo above. The child's parents were still in the city. According to Sheryl Jurich, the child had mostly bruises and soft tissue injuries, but was hysterical most of the time he was in the clinic.

Local couple recounts experience in Haiti

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The devastation in Haiti brought on by a massive earthquake last week has volunteers scrambling to do what they can to help, and a Prestonsburg couple who were in Haiti on a medical mission prior to the quake witnessed the aftermath of the natural disaster after surviving a smaller quake in the city where they were providing medical care.

Dr. Roger Jurich, along with his wife, Sheryl, were in the city of Ouanaminthe at the University Medical Center when the earthquake hit.

"We were down there leading a

medical mission team of 16 primarily doing surgery," said Sheryl Jurich. "On Tuesday, it had rained both days. The streets were muddy and there was so much flooding we couldn't walk in the street. At 4:32 p.m. we were at the clinic. I felt strange, like 'What is wrong with me? I must be dizzy.' The floor was swaying. Everybody was mass exiting the clinic. The people on the third floor were in the middle of surgery, so they couldn't leave right away. The sea of people exiting the clinic pushed us outside."

The earthquake that shook Ouanaminthe was less powerful, around a 5 on the Richter Scale, but it didn't take long for the Jurichs to get

word of the destruction in the city of Port-au-Prince.

"The people of the whole city, you could see them out on the street," Jurich said. "We heard that the palace and the United Nations building were down. That was of great concern. We also found out we were under a tsunami watch. There was nowhere to go."

A doctor that was hired to work in the clinic in 2006 was killed in the earthquake. According to Jurich, the doctor was in Port-au-Prince to visit his mother.

"Our phones were used to help locate some family members, but

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Former judge tries to dispel Southern rumors

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Former Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson paid a visit to the Floyd County Fiscal Court this past Friday in hopes of clearing up some points concerning Southern Water and Sewer District.

Southern has been in discussions in the last several months with county leaders, who have asked if the company can pay more or all on a bond issued during Thompson's tenure as top official.

The annual bond payment, which totals at \$160,000, was initially set up so the county paid \$60,000 each year and Southern made up the remaining \$100,000.

Thompson explained Friday the origins of the bond and also moved to dispel rumors concerning the actual amount of the payment over the course of the next several years.

"There has been a lot of talk about Southern Water and Sewer, especially with bonds," said Thompson, who addressed the fiscal court with several folders of documentation Friday. "There were grants available and we took advantage of that and received millions of dollars for water extensions. All of this money was dedicated to this project and not one cent of this money was spent outside the boundaries of Southern Water and Sewer."

The total amount taken out for water and sewer grants early in Thompson's administration was \$2.6 million that Kirk started some \$20 million in later grants and funding which resulted in

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2 file for judge-exec.

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Half of the new candidates filing as of Tuesday afternoon will challenge Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall for the county's top government position, while another joined incumbent Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn and challenger Stevie Little on the ticket for the sheriff's race.

Marshall picked up two more opponents in the judge-executive race on Friday, a former state representative and another hopeful who is currently an economic director for the city of Prestonsburg.

Charles "Chuck" Meade, of Prestonsburg, filed to run for the office just after Prestonsburg's Director of Economic Development Brent Graden filed earlier that morning.

Graden attended a fiscal court meeting Friday morning and then left that meeting to file his paperwork. He

says it been something he's thought about for some time, but just decided to make an official run during the May primary.

"Although this will be my first time in politics, I have worked in local government for five years," Graden said. "I have been planning this move for well over two years."

Graden said his work with economic development within the city of Prestonsburg will be an effort he hopes to extend to the rest of the county, as well.

Meade, a former state representative, filed shortly after Graden Friday, saying he did so because of input he had received throughout the county.

"In my travels throughout the county, people were mad," Meade said. "Everybody says Doc is a good guy and I agree, but he's just not been an effective judge and getting things done ... I believe I can be a county judge who will listen to the people, work hard to meet their needs and always be accessible."



Floyd Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall was joined by Supp. Henry Webb as he signed a proclamation Tuesday declaring January as Floyd County School Board Member Appreciation Month.

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Obituaries

Inis Adams Bradford

Inis Adams Bradford, 85, of David, died Friday, January 15, 2010, at her residence.

Born November 27, 1924, in Brainard, she was the daughter of the late Bennie and Vasey Holbrook Adams.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burnis Bradford.

Survivors include two sons: Otis Bradford of David; and Hubert Bradford of Shelby, Ohio; three sisters: Geneva Shepherd of Greenwich, Ohio; Bonnie Holbrook of David; and Peggy Dalton of Inez; two sisters: Irene Howard of Rochester, Indiana; and Dortha Jean Holland of Frankfort; 27 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sons: Willis, Bobby, and James Bradford; two brothers: Lennie and Ellis Adams; and one sister, Una Howard.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 18, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett officiating.

Burial was in the Bradford

Fairm Family Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

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Randal Lee Caudill

Randal Lee Caudill, 49, of Martin, died Saturday, January 16, 2010, at his residence.

Born July 23, 1960, in Martin, he was the son of Clement Caudill of Printer, Ohio; and the late Elizabeth Rudder Caudill. He was a disabled firefighter.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Mullins Caudill.

Other survivors include his stepmother, Ellarie Caudill of Printer; his mother-in-law, Nellie Mullins of Price; his brothers-in-law: Ronnie Mullins of Price, and Donnie (Wilma) Mullins of Hi Hat; his sisters-in-law: Gloria Mullins of Price; and Brenda (Rodney) Hall of Minnie; his nieces: Jessica Mitchell, Charlee Mullins, and Mary Jane Mullins; his nephews: Jacob Rudder and Joseph Mullins; his great-nieces: Kaytlin, Courtland, and LaDonna; and a great-nephew, Jordan.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 19, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Little Cemetery, in Martin.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

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Lassia Isaac Crisp

Lassia Isaac Crisp, age 92, of Martin, passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010, at St. Joseph Hospital, Martin.

She was born December 20, 1917, in Weeksbury, a daughter of the late Maryland and Annie Compton Isaac. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Martin Freewill Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Columbus Crisp; one son, Dean Crisp; one sister, Opal Lafferty; and three brothers: Elmer, Virnes, and Virgil Isaac.

Surviving are a daughter, Opal (Bob) Joseph of Prestonsburg; three sons: Carl and Columbus (Blue) Crisp, both of Martin; and Ralph (Rose) Crisp of Hippo; one sister, Ocie Manuel of Martin; five grand-children; and four great-grandchildren; and two special caretakers: Patti Bellamy and Marietta (Lucy) Reynolds.

She enjoyed activities with her family, and loved to travel to Tennessee. Her loved ones have very fond memories of these special times. Holidays were also special, due to the wonderful food she prepared. She was the cornerstone of her family, and will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Funeral services for Lassia Isaac Crisp were held Tuesday, January 19, at 2 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Chester Ray Varney and Richard Crisp officiating.

Burial was in the May Cemetery, in Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Pallbearers: Daniel Rowe, Dustin Crisp, Todd Crisp, Patrick Crisp, and Rodney Gardner. (Paid obituary)

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Lester Johnson

Lester Johnson, 69, of Toms Fork, Bevensville, passed from this earthly life Friday, January 8, 2010, at Hazard ARH Hospital, following an extended illness.

He was born in Floyd County, July 17, 1940, a son of the late Henry and Liza Jane Bates Johnson. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Jacks Creek Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers: Chester, Delzie, Vester, Thomas Johnson and Kenneth Burt Hall; four sisters: Frankie Jane Bates, Bessie Johnson, Geraldene Burke, and Marie Hall.

He is survived by three sons: Glenn Douglas (Kay) Johnson of Blue River; Lester Jr. (Tammy) Johnson of Bevensville; and Barry Dean (Sherry) Johnson of Virgie; two daughters: Linda Kay (David) Mullins of Bevensville; and DeLois (Jerry) Tackett of Weeksbury; two brothers: Jimmy Ray Johnson of Endicot; and Henry Johnson of Eaton Rapids, Michigan; one sister, Emma Rose Hall, of West Bloomingfield, Michigan; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 12, at the Jacks Creek Baptist Church, with Paul Danger officiating.

Burial was in the Tom Johnson Cemetery, in Bevensville, under the direction of Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek. (Paid obituary)

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Margaret Howard Mullins

Margaret Howard Mullins, 88, of Hippo, died Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at her residence.

Born June 27, 1921, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Tilden and Lucy Ann Howard. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Mullins.

Survivors include three sons: Freddie Mullins of Hippo; Charles "Doc" (Annette) Mullins of Auxier; and Sidgel Mullins of Port Angels, Washington; three daughters: Fayla (Ted) Allen of Pyramid, Roberts (Eugene) Stumbo of Lebanon; and Linda (Mac) Massie of Hamden, Ohio; a son-in-law, Astor Hicks of Prestonsburg; a daughter-in-law, Lois Mullins of Ocala, Florida; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Shelby Mullins; one daughter, Geneva Hicks; and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett officiating.

Burial was in the John West Prater Cemetery, in Hueysville.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

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Grady Edward Nelson

Grady Edward Nelson, 54, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, January 15, 2010, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born March 26, 1955, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Sam and Mildred Steele Nelson. He was a coal miner and carpenter; and attended the Allen Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Chris Wells Nelson.

Other survivors include four daughters: Heather Nelson of Prestonsburg; Beth Scarborough of Martin; Jennifer Bays of Prestonsburg; and Brandy Chaffins of Louisa; three brothers: Vigus Samuel Nelson, James David Nelson, and William Douglas Nelson, all of Prestonsburg; three sisters: Nona Nelson of Oil Springs; Zeldia Wallen of Auxier; and Betty Laferty of Louisa; and five grandchildren: Haley, Casey, Tony, Ashley, and Jordan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Nelson; and one sister, Brenda Greer.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 19, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Arnold Turner Jr., officiating.

Burial was in the Wells Family Cemetery, in Johnson County.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations toward funeral expenses to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1609, Martin, KY 41649.

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

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 13, at Roberts Funeral Home, with Pete Sexton, Ray Williams, and Estill Adams officiating.

Burial was in the Damron Family Cemetery, at Sookkeys Creek, Pikeville, under the direction of the Roberts Funeral Home, Robinson Creek. (Paid obituary)

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Wilma Jean Sonofrank

Wilma Jean Sonofrank, 70, of Melvin, died Sunday, January 17, 2010, at the Riverview Healthcare, Prestonsburg.

Born November 22, 1939, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Melvin and Delia Hall McCown. She was a retired electronics factory worker, and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Sonofrank of Melvin; and 10 nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Forest McCown; and a daughter, Belvia Stanley.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 20, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin.

Visitation is at the church.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

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Walter Colon Parker

Walter Colon Parker, of Clay City, formerly of Robinson Creek, passed from this earthly life, Sunday, January 10, 2010, at his home.

He was born in Johnson County, May 9, 1927, the son of the late William "Bill" and Goldie Skaggs Parker of McDowell, making his time on earth, 82 years, 8 months and one day. He was taken under the wing of his grandmother, Margaret Marcella Skaggs, who raised him from a young child.

He was a plant worker for Colley Block Company, and was a member of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Stanton.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Emaline (Tackett) Parker; one brother, Ernest Parker; four half brothers: John Henry, Floyd, Christopher, Columbus, and William Parker; five half sisters: Hazel Parker, Sarah Tackett, Maudie Harris, Ethel Pack, and Dorothy Parker.

He is survived by his wife, Gracie (Dutton) Parker; two sons: Mitchell Parker and Richard (Samantha) Parker, both of Clay City; one daughter, Madge (Homer) Ray of Lexington; one stepson, Terry (Sheryl) Whit of Springfield, Ohio; and one stepdaughter, Karen (Charlie) Hall of Charleston, West Virginia; two brothers: Frank Parker of Shepherdsville; and Donald Parker of McDowell; four sisters: Vernie Nolan of Dayton, Ohio; Jane Clifton of Indiana, Pat Conn of Louisville, and Billie Jeffery of Cincinnati, Ohio; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, 11 step-grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Walter also leaves a host of other loving relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 17, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with David Garrett officiating.

Burial was in the John West Prater Cemetery, in Hueysville.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

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

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Card of Thanks

The family of Marvin Wade Gibson 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 words; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and to the staff at Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service. To everyone, thank you for all your thoughts and prayers.

THE FAMILY OF MARVIN WADE GIBSON

Card of Thanks

The family of James David Campbell 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 Clergymen Doug Lewis and Tim McClanahan for their comforting words; and to the Hall Funeral Home for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES DAVID CAMPBELL

Card of Thanks

The family of Alda H. Gibson would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who sent food, flowers, or prayers to our family during this difficult time. A special thanks to Chester Varney for his comforting words; for all the contributions to the various charities; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. All the love and support that was shown to our family will never be forgotten.

THE FAMILY OF ALDA H. GIBSON

Card of Thanks

The family of Chester Douglas "Doug" Turner 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 Clergyman Jack Howard for his 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 CHESTER DOUGLAS "DOUG" TURNER

Card of Thanks

The family of Clinton Terry would like to humbly thank each and everyone who helped in any way during our recent loss. Thanks to those who sent floral arrangements, food, or spoke words of kindness to our family. We especially want to thank Clergymen Red Morris and Randy Osborne for their comforting words; the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church and the Garrett First Baptist, for all their love and support; the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church singers; the Maytown First Baptist Church singers; Bill May and Cristina Crisp for all the beautiful songs; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home staff for their kind and professional care. For anyone who may have helped in any other way, we lovingly say, "Thank you, and God bless."

THE FAMILY OF CLINTON TERRY

Walter Colon Parker

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Wilma Jean Sonofrank

Wilma Jean Sonofrank, 70, of Melvin, died Sunday, January 17, 2010, at the Riverview Healthcare, Prestonsburg. Born November 22, 1939, in Melvin, she was the daughter of the late Melvin and Delia Hall McCown. She was a retired electronics factory worker, and a member of the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church. Survivors include a daughter, Rhonda Sonofrank of Melvin; and 10 nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Forest McCown; and a daughter, Belvia Stanley. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 20, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louis Ferrari officiating. Burial will be in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, in Melvin, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin. Visitation is at the church. Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. (Paid obituary)

Walter Colon Parker

Walter Colon Parker, of Clay City, formerly of Robinson Creek, passed from this earthly life, Sunday, January 10, 2010, at his home. He was born in Johnson County, May 9, 1927, the son of the late William "Bill" and Goldie Skaggs Parker of McDowell, making his time on earth, 82 years, 8 months and one day. He was taken under the wing of his grandmother, Margaret Marcella Skaggs, who raised him from a young child. He was a plant worker for Colley Block Company, and was a member of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Stanton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Emaline (Tackett) Parker; one brother, Ernest Parker; four half brothers: John Henry, Floyd, Christopher, Columbus, and William Parker; five half sisters: Hazel Parker, Sarah Tackett, Maudie Harris, Ethel Pack, and Dorothy Parker. He is survived by his wife, Gracie (Dutton) Parker; two sons: Mitchell Parker and Richard (Samantha) Parker, both of Clay City; one daughter, Madge (Homer) Ray of Lexington; one stepson, Terry (Sheryl) Whit of Springfield, Ohio; and one stepdaughter, Karen (Charlie) Hall of Charleston, West Virginia; two brothers: Frank Parker of Shepherdsville; and Donald Parker of McDowell; four sisters: Vernie Nolan of Dayton, Ohio; Jane Clifton of Indiana, Pat Conn of Louisville, and Billie Jeffery of Cincinnati, Ohio; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, 11 step-grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. Walter also leaves a host of other loving relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

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Board approves measures to help low-performing schools

FRANKFORT — At a special-called meeting today in Frankfort, the Kentucky Board of Education approved state regulation 703 KAR 5:180, which describes an intervention system for the state's lowest-performing public schools.

The regulation provides implementation details for House Bill 176 (codified as KRS 160.346), which was unanimously passed by both the Kentucky House and Senate and signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear over the past few days.

"This has been a truly collaborative process among educators, legislators and P-12 partners," said Kentucky Board of Education Chair Joe Brothers. "It is evidence of the firm commitment that our legislative body, local school officials and citizens have to the

future success of Kentucky's children."

House Bill 176 was put on a fast track for approval so that its provisions could be included in Kentucky's application for federal Race to the Top funding. Race to the Top is a competitive process in which states developed applications that indicated how they would address four key P-12 education areas:

- adopting internationally benchmarked standards and assessments that prepare students for success in college and the workplace
- recruiting, developing, retaining and rewarding effective teachers and principals
- building data systems that measure student success and inform teachers and principals how they can improve their practices

- turning around our lowest-performing schools

The new regulation provides definitions for activities and processes that will be implemented in schools that are defined as "persistently low achieving," based on their performance on state academic assessments.

The regulation:

- defines terms related to the assessment of school and district capacity to implement strategies for improvement
- specifies when school and district leadership assessments will occur, what elements will be assessed, methodology used and frequency
- requires the selection of one of four intervention options established by House Bill 176 for those schools identified as persistently low-

performing

- defines specific actions that a school or district should take when engaging in one of the four options
- establishes a process and criteria for the selection of External Management Organizations

As enabled by HB 176, schools identified as low-performing may engage in one of four intervention options:

- external management option — requires that the day-to-day management of the school be transferred to an education management organization that may be a for-profit or nonprofit organization that has been selected by a local board of education from a list of management organizations
- restaffing option — requires the replacement of the principal and the existing

school-based decision making council unless audit reports recommend otherwise; screening of existing faculty and staff with the retention of no more than 50 percent of the faculty and staff at the school; development and implementation of a plan of action that uses research-based school improvement initiatives designed to turn around student performance

- school closure option — requires the closure of an existing school and the transfer of its students to other schools within the district that are meeting their accountability measures and reassignment of the school's faculty and staff to available positions within the district
- transformation option — includes replacing the school principal who led the school prior to commencement of the transformation option and replacing the school council members unless audit reports recommended otherwise and instituting an extensive set of specified strategies designed to turn around the identified school

Both House Bill 176 and 703 KAR 5:180, the regulation approved today by the Kentucky Board of Education, will take effect immediately. However, under the provisions of the bill and regulation, schools will not be identified

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ANATOPAN (G) Mon-Sun, 8:00, Fr. (4:45) 8:00; Sat-Sun, (1:45-4:45) 8:00

Sunday Matinee—Open 1:00, start 1:30

Highlands Regional Medical Center recently named Elizabeth Thornberry as the January Employee of the Month. Thornberry has worked at Highlands Regional Medical Center for over two years and is currently an RN in the Emergency Department. She works diligently to ensure that patients and their families receive "very good" care while maintaining a positive attitude and work environment. Thornberry plays an important role for the Emergency Department team at HRMC. Award-nominating comments from her peers include, "She is a pleasure to work with and a credit to the nursing profession."



Stumbo to speak at transportation conference

Kentucky's Speaker of the House, Greg Stumbo, will speak at the 32nd annual Kentucky Transportation Conference, Jan. 20-22 at the Capital Plaza Hotel Frankfort/Civic Center, in Frankfort.

The conference, sponsored by Kentuckians for Better Transportation, will bring local, regional, state and national leaders together to focus on problems and opportunities facing Kentucky, in terms of all modes of transportation and its impact on the quality of life of all Kentuckians.

"Speaker Stumbo has a special appreciation for the importance of all modes of trans-

portation in Kentucky. The transportation network is much more than our highways and streets," said Stan Lampe, president of Kentuckians for Better Transportation. "It's an entire network, a system, which must be maintained to propel growth and economic development. This means that airports, railroads, public transit programs and waterways all play an important role in making Kentucky's economy work."

During a Thursday morning session, the conference will discuss the status of funding for the federal transportation program. Tom Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will be the

keynote speaker. Donohue and John Horsley, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, will discuss the prospects for more adequate funding of the federal highway, and public transit programs.

Gov. Steve Beshear will speak at a Thursday lunch, and Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Greg Stumbo will speak at a Thursday dinner.

Panels will discuss the importance of distracted driving legislation, Kentucky's airports and public transit systems, and transportation related issues expected to be addressed

during the 2010 Kentucky General Assembly, currently underway in Frankfort.

Rep. Rocky Adkins will speak at a noon lunch on Friday. At the conclusion of the luncheon, one individual will be inducted into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame for his contribution to transportation improvement in Kentucky.

Kentuckians for Better Transportation is a 32-year old statewide association of involved business leaders, transportation professionals, and civic and political leaders whose mission is to create public and legislative understanding for an effective and modal transportation system in Kentucky. Transportation matters because it is vital to economic development and growth in Kentucky and for the well-being of our citizenry. Find us at www.kbtnet.org.

\$40,000 grant approved for Hindman Settlement School

Hindman Settlement School has received approval of a \$40,000 grant from the Berea College Appalachian Fund for its 2010 Summer Tutoring Program for children with learning differences. The funds will provide scholarship assistance for children whose families are unable to cover the full cost of tuition.

The 29th annual Summer Tutoring Program will be held from June 14 through July 23 on the campus of Hindman Settlement School. The six-week program provides intensive tutoring in reading and math for students with dyslexic characteristics. Students must be evaluated prior to enrollment. Evaluations are conducted monthly at Hindman Settlement School.

The Berea College Appalachian Fund is one of the Settlement School's

Annual Fund Partners and has provided more than \$450,000 in grants to the Settlement during the past 60 years. Hindman Settlement School has been affiliated with the Appalachian Fund since the early 1950s when the fund was established through a gift from Herbert Faber and Ruth McGurk Faber. The Fund has supported

nonprofits working to improve the general education, health and physical well being of people living in the Appalachian Mountains and surrounding areas.

Details about the Summer Tutoring Program can be found on the school's website or by calling (606) 785-5475.

Card of Thanks

The family of Otis Dathan Johnson would like to thank everyone for their loving thoughts and prayers during our time of great sorrow. He was a loving, caring husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who will be greatly missed.

Perhaps you sent flowers or a lovely card, if so, we saw it there. Maybe you sat quietly or spoke kind words to help soothe our aching hearts. Or perhaps you prepared food or could not be there at all, but held us in your prayers that day. If so, we thank you.

We also want to extend a special thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home for their care of our loved one, and the sincerity show to our family; Kenny's Florist for the lovely floral spray; to the Old Regular Baptist preachers for the beautiful services; and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Again, let us thank everyone for whatever you did to console our hearts, no matter your part. May God bless and hold each of you in His hands.

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If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men.

— Russell P. Askue

Guest View

Tragedy in Haiti

As the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, a country saddled with one of the world's least effective governments, Haiti is uniquely vulnerable to a natural catastrophe. The earthquake that struck the Caribbean nation Tuesday night was so powerful it would have produced broad destruction anywhere. But in Haiti, it has caused enormous human misery. Tens of thousands of Haitians may have died, and perhaps millions more have been left homeless.

The U.S. government responded as it always does in such crises — with immediate relief efforts and promises to provide much more aid in coming weeks and months, in concert with the international community. President Barack Obama exhorted Americans to also help however they can.

This relief effort has some different overtones in that Haiti's history is so intertwined with America's. For self-serving reasons, the United States occupied Haiti in sometimes brutal fashion from 1915 to 1934, with martial law in place for most of that period. While the military occupation yielded modernization, economic growth and stability, a U.S. government commission concluded it did not leave behind good preconditions for an effective, cohesive society.

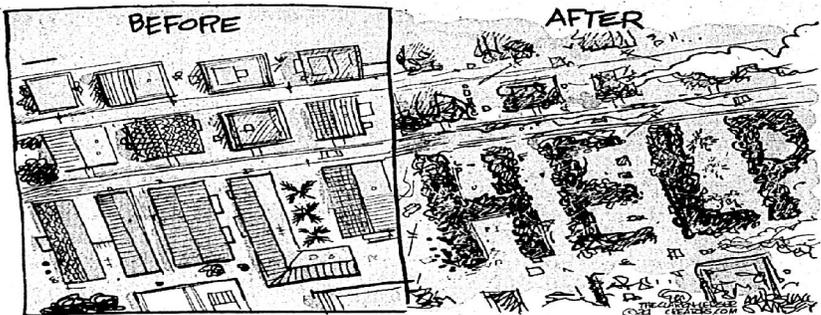
Since then, Haiti has suffered through decades of drift and chaos. Even before this week's disaster, Haiti was already heavily reliant on the outside world. In 1994, an international force led by the U.S. military intervened to restore Haitian democracy. Multinational forces remain and are a pillar of the wobbly nation.

How sad that a people with so little now have even less. The tragedy in Haiti is immense.

— San Diego Union-Tribune



SATELLITE PHOTOS OF HAITI



Guest Column

House week in review

by REP. HUBERT COLLINS

Lawmakers began the process of crafting a new state spending plan last week as House members met in budget subcommittees to begin gathering blocks of information they need to build a multi-billion-dollar budget.

The subcommittees give legislators and the public a chance to hear direct testimony from state agencies on how bad the state's financial situation is (or is expected to be) as the Commonwealth prepares to battle a nearly \$1.5 billion shortfall predicted for the next two years. Information that is gathered by the subcommittees and by the full House budget committee will be used by lawmakers to meet the state's heady budget challenges in the next budget cycle, which begins July 1.

Testimony heard in budget subcommittees and the full House budget committee also gives lawmakers an idea of what will be included in the governor's proposed budget, which Governor Steve Beshear will unveil in his State Budget Address on Jan. 19. The House, where all bills that generate revenue must originate, can pass all, part or none of the governor's plan, although it usually passes a hybrid bill that includes proposals from the House, Senate and the governor. By the time a budget becomes law, it has been changed many times to make it acceptable to most everyone involved.

The process of passing a budget that has bipartisan support usually takes several weeks. Passing a bill in a matter of days, especially this early in a regular session is a rare event. But that is what happened last Wednesday when the House gave final approval to a House education bill introduced just days ago that could bring as much as \$250 million in federal funds to Kentucky's education system over the next few years.

The House voted 95-0 to concur with Senate technical changes to

House Bill 176, a bill passed by the House earlier in the week that would establish "intervention" options for turning around Kentucky's failing schools, while allowing the state to compete for federal school achievement and improvement funds totaling up to \$250 million over four years. Lawmakers on Thursday hoped the bill, which has been sent to the governor for his signature and would become law immediately upon passage, would be signed into law no later than Friday so Kentucky could make a Jan. 19 federal deadline for the funding.

An education bill that would make it easier for Kentucky's community college students to transfer credit hours to four-year programs at the state's public universities came one step closer to passage when it cleared the House Education Committee last Tuesday. HB 160, which now goes to the full House for consideration, would institute a number of changes to help community college students earn their bachelor's, including limiting the number of credit hours required for two-year and four-year degree programs in the state and prohibiting state universities from making community college graduates wear or receive additional courses within their major to earn a bachelor's degree.

If passed into law, HB 160 is expected to help the state reach its 1997 goal of reaching the average number of bachelor's degree holders nationally by 2020. Currently, about one in three Americans is expected to have a bachelor's in 10 years.

The somber yet pervasive issue of domestic violence was also addressed by the House last week as members voted 97-0 to pass HB 1, named "Amanda's Bill" in memory and honor of domestic violence victim Amanda Ross. Former state lawmaker Steve Nunn has been charged with the murder of Ross, who had dated Nunn and had a domestic violence order filed against him at the time she was shot and killed outside her Lexington home last fall.

Lawmakers hope HB 1 will protect victims like Ross by encouraging Kentucky courts to order GPS monitoring in Domestic Violence Order

cases where an evaluation shows serious violence, injury or death is likely to occur without monitoring. Counties that buy or lease the monitoring devices, which would be paid for by those being monitored, could use them for pretrial release, pretrial diversion and probation as well as DVO cases. HB 1 now goes to the Senate for consideration. It would become law immediately if passed by both chambers and approved by the governor.

Kentucky's military veterans are recognized for their sacrifices every session, either through honorary resolutions or statutory changes. Two bills that passed the House Military Affairs and Public Safety Committee last Wednesday would honor many veterans and their families in a couple ways: HB 14 would give limited free overnight stays at Kentucky State Parks to Kentucky's disabled veterans, while HB 130 would waive fees required to probate the estate of regular members of the Armed Forces, firefighters or peace officers who die in the line of duty. Both bills now go to the House floor for consideration.

This is just a snapshot of the handful of bills that had progressed through the legislative process at the close of this 60-day session's second week. By session's end in mid-April, hundreds of bills will have worked their way through the House and Senate and become law. I look forward to tracking the progress of many of these bills with you as the 2010 Regular Session continues.

You can stay informed of action on bills this session by checking our website, www.leg.ky.gov, or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, check the website or call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

If you would like to share your comments or concerns with me or another legislator about a particular bill under consideration this session, please feel free to call the Legislative Message Line at 800-372-7181. You can also write to any legislator by sending a letter with your lawmaker's name on it to: Legislative Offices, 701 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Letters

Board members recognized

Each January the Commonwealth observes School Board Recognition Month as a way to thank school board members for the many hours they devote to our communities and schools. Board members make a positive impact on the education of our children by establishing sound management policies and making the difficult but necessary decisions that ensure our students learn the knowledge and skills they need to be successful.

Our district is most fortunate to have Jeff Stumbo, Linda Gearheart, Rhonda Meade, Doug Hopkins and Dr. Chandra Varia serving as members of the Floyd County Board of Education. These individuals are truly dedicated to doing what's best for our children. The work of a school board member is more involved than most people realize and maybe even more than our members expected when they began serving the interest of the public.

Members of the Floyd County Board of Education stay focused on continued progress for our school system by monitoring our District Goals.

- Each school meets or exceeds NCLB and KCCT

goals

- Every student meets or exceeds NCLB expectations
- The district remain fiscally solvent and efficient
- Floyd County Schools become one of the top 50 school districts in our state.

The leadership of the board members has helped fuel our impressive climb among all Kentucky public school districts from 145th in 2005 to 37th in 2009 based on the most recent KCCT assessment results. Although reviewing test performance is an important part of what school board members do, they also work to reduce student achievement gaps, provide for meaningful professional development for staff, monitor school facilities and construction issues and deal with many other "opportunities." It's important to know that we're making this progress during difficult economic times and that our board members are making the tough decisions that get the most for our children.

I am very pleased to tell the citizens of Floyd County that our educational system and our kids are in good hands with our Board of Education and that the board members deserve our support and our thanks during School Board Recognition Month and throughout the year.

Henry Webb, Superintendent
Floyd County Schools

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New homebuyer credit form released

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service last week released the new form that eligible homebuyers need to claim the first-time homebuyer credit this tax season and announced processing of those tax returns will begin in mid-February. The IRS also announced new documentation requirements to deter fraud related to the first-time homebuyer credit.

The new form and instructions follow major changes in November to the homebuyer credit by the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. The new law extended the credit to a broader range of home purchasers and added new documentation requirements to

deter fraud and ensure taxpayers properly claim the credit.

With the release of Form 5405, First-Time Homebuyer Credit and Repayment of the Credit and the related instructions, eligible homebuyers can now start to file their 2009 tax returns. Taxpayers claiming the homebuyer credit must file a paper tax return because of the added documentation requirements.

The IRS expects to start processing 2009 tax returns claiming the homebuyer credit in mid-February after it completes the updating and testing of systems to meet the law's new requirements. The updates allow the IRS to put in place critical systemic checks to deter fraud related to the

homebuyer credit.

Some of these early taxpayers claiming the homebuyer credit may see tax refunds take an additional two to three weeks.

In addition to filling out a Form 5405, all eligible homebuyers must include with their 2009 tax returns one of the following documents in order to receive the credit:

- A copy of the settlement statement showing all parties' names and signatures, property address, sales price, and date of purchase. Normally, this is the properly executed Form HUD-1, Settlement Statement.
- For mobile home purchasers who are unable to get a settlement statement, a copy of the executed retail sales contract showing all parties' names and signatures, property address, purchase price and date of purchase.

In addition, the new law allows a long-time resident of the same main home to claim the homebuyer credit if they purchase a new principal residence. To qualify, eligible taxpayers must show that they lived in their old homes for a five-consecutive-year period during the eight-year period ending on the purchase date of the new home. The IRS has stepped up compliance checks involving the homebuyer credit, and it encouraged homebuyers claiming this part of the credit to avoid refund delays by attaching documentation covering the five-consecutive-year period.

- Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statement, or substitute mortgage interest statements.
- Property tax records or Homeowner's insurance records.

The IRS also reminded homebuyers that the new documentation requirements mean that taxpayers claiming the credit cannot file electronically and must file paper returns. Taxpayers can still use IRS Free File to prepare their returns, but the returns must be printed out and sent to the IRS, along with all required documentation.

Normally, it takes about four to eight weeks to get a refund claimed on a complete and accurate paper return where all required documents are attached. For those homebuyers filing early, the IRS expects the first refunds based on the homebuyer credit will

be issued toward the end of March.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to use direct deposit to speed their refund. In addition, taxpayers can use Where's My Refund? on IRS.gov to track the status of their refund.

More details on claiming the credit can be found in IRS instructions to Form 5405, as well as on the First-Time Homebuyer Credit page on IRS.gov.

IRS e-file safe and easy

WASHINGTON — IRS e-file, the popular electronic tax return delivery service used by two-thirds of the nation's taxpayers, opens for business Jan. 15 and marks 20 years of safely and securely transmitting nearly 800 million individual federal tax returns.

The Internal Revenue Service debuted e-file nationally in 1990, delivering 2 million tax returns. Last year, IRS e-file delivered 95 million tax returns, 66 percent of all returns filed.

"Electronic filing is more and more popular every year, and most taxpayers now e-file. IRS e-file means faster refunds. It means the option to file now and pay later if you owe additional tax. It means peace of mind knowing the IRS received the return because we send an acknowledgment. These are the reasons this has been a popular service," said Doug Shulman, IRS Commissioner. "IRS e-file is safe, it's easy and everyone should try it."

Last year, more than 49 million taxpayers missed out on the e-file benefits. The IRS urges taxpayers, especially those people already using tax software, to take the next step and e-file their return or ask their preparer to e-file their return. The IRS urges tax preparers who electronically file some of their clients' tax returns to consider filing all tax returns through e-file.

The IRS is working on faster acknowledgements of accepted or rejected returns. Last year, taxpayers received an acknowledgment within 48 hours that the IRS had accepted or rejected their return. Paper filers do not receive any acknowledgment. Also, if the IRS rejects an e-filed return, it will provide more specific explanations of the errors that caused the rejection. This will enable taxpayers to make corrections and quickly resubmit their returns.

IRS e-file offers the fastest, safest way for people to receive their tax refunds. By using e-file and direct deposit, taxpayers can get their refunds in as few as 10 days. Taxpayers even can opt to have their refund deposited into two or three financial accounts or purchase a U.S. Savings Bond.

For those who owe additional tax, e-file is still the best option. People can file now

and pay later, as long as the payment is received by April 15. Taxpayers can set the date for an automatic withdrawal from their financial accounts or they can pay by credit card. People also can e-file and pay by check by simply attaching the payment to a voucher that is mailed to the IRS.

Other e-file benefits include a reduced error rate, which means a decreased likelihood of hearing from the IRS. Also, federal tax returns are delivered to the IRS through a high-secure, encrypted transmission system. Just like paper returns, e-filed returns remain confidential.

There are three ways to use e-file: through tax preparers, through most tax preparation software or through IRS Free File. The IRS does not charge for e-file. Many tax preparers and software products also offer free e-filing with their services.

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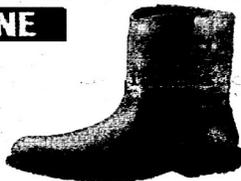
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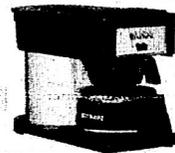
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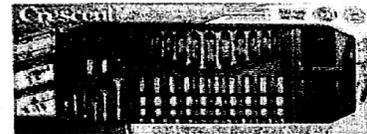
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Lady Rebels outlast Hazard

Moore scores
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23 points for
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by TONY McGUIRE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

HAZARD — The Allen Central Lady Rebels traveled to Hazard on Thursday to take on the Lady Bulldogs. The game was tight throughout, with neither team being able to gain a substantial advantage. However,

the Lady Rebels were able to dig down deep, and eventually pulled out a 50-45 win on the road.

Ericka Moore paced Allen Central with 23 points. Logan Cline followed with 12 points for the Lady Rebels.

The game started slowly, with both teams trying to force their tempo. Midway through the first period, Allen Central began to take control of the momentum, and by the time the horn sounded to end the frame, Allen Central owned a 14-7 lead.

Hazard turned the tables in the second period, beginning a

slow comeback. The Lady Rebels were able to stop a complete comeback by the Lady Bulldogs, going into the locker room with a 23-21 lead.

The advantage went back to Allen Central in the third period, and the Lady Rebels' margin again grew. Going into the final period, Allen Central was back on top 38-33.

The Lady Rebels never cracked the double-digit barrier in the fourth period, leaving the door open for another Hazard comeback bid. The journey was completed with about two minutes remaining in the game.

Allen Central was able to buckle down on the defensive end, keeping Hazard from putting any more points on the board. On the offensive end, the Lady Rebels withstood the intense pressure applied by the Lady Bulldogs, and when it counted, they made good on their free throws.

Other scorers for Allen Central were Sarah Rife (five points), Hannah MacBeth (five points), Jaime Mullins (two points), Krista Parsons (two) and Sarah Kinney (one point).

Sarah Pratt paced Hazard with eight points.



Allen Central senior center Bridget Stone looked to pass around a Hazard defender Thursday.

Blackcats edge Betsy Layne in Classic opener

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Prestonsburg wouldn't be denied a victory in its second straight matchup versus 58th District/Floyd County Conference rival Betsy Layne. The Blackcats edged Betsy Layne in a low-scoring game, defeating the Bobcats 51-49 Friday in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Senior guard Michael Burchett paced Prestonsburg, scoring a game-high 21 points for the Blackcats. Freshman guard Bryson Williams joined Burchett in double figures for the Blackcats, chipping in 13 points.

Cameron Tischer contributed eight points. Warren Blackburn scored five and Scott Carter added two for Prestonsburg in the win.

The Blackcats shot over 50 percent from the field, connecting on 13-of-24 field goals. Prestonsburg was six-for-15 from behind the three-point line and drained five-of-11 free throw attempts.

Betsy Layne, which had a two-game winning streak stopped as a result of the loss, shot 37.5 percent (15-of-40) from the field. The Bobcats were three-for-nine from beyond the arc and drained 16-of-30 free throws.

Nathan Martin netted a team-high 20 points for the Bobcats (8-5).

Bryce Adkins followed with 17 points for the Betsy Layne boys.

In other individual scoring, Jordan Newman netted six points. Casey Adkins contributed four and Derek Tackett tossed in two for the Bobcats.

Prestonsburg fell to eventual champion Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals. Valley defeated the Blackcats 92-47.

Prestonsburg was back in action Tuesday night, facing Harlan County in an away game.

Betsy Layne will host South Floyd Thursday in a Floyd County Conference/58th District game. That same night, Prestonsburg will visit Allen Central for another conference/district contest.

P'burg Little League to host signups

Prestonsburg Little League will conduct signups for the 2010 season on the following dates: Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20 and 27. All Prestonsburg Little League signups will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dairy Queen in Prestonsburg.

Umpires needed for 15th Region baseball, softball

The Big Sandy Umpires Association is currently looking for umpires for the 2010 high school baseball and softball seasons. For more information, call Robert Staggs at 606-437-1877 or 606-437-1878.



Betsy Layne is headed back to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide tournament. The Ladycats defeated Pikeville Monday evening in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship game.

Betsy Layne captures All 'A' Classic championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RICHMOND — Betsy Layne is back atop the 15th Region All "A" Classic girls' basketball standings.

Traction-rich Betsy Layne is headed back to the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide tournament at Eastern Kentucky University's McBreyer Arena. Betsy Layne punched its ticket for the All "A" Classic state tournament Monday evening, defeating Pikeville 53-36 in the 15th Region title game.

Junior guard Taylor Hott paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 12 points. Senior guard Megan Hamilton and freshman guard/forward T.J. Tackett added 11 points apiece as the Ladycats won and advanced to the statewide tournament.

The Ladycats gradually pulled away from Pikeville. Betsy Layne doubled up Pikeville 12-6 in the opening quarter and carried an 18-15 lead into halftime.

Pikeville cut the Betsy Layne lead down to two points early in the third quarter but failed to move out in front of the Ladycats. Betsy Layne heated up offensively in the third quarter, outscoring

Pikeville 20-9 to stretch its lead back out to double digits.

Betsy Layne (7-5), under the tutelage of young head coach Devon Akers, received scoring from six different players. Senior guard Lindsay Martin narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Ladycats, netting nine points. Freshman guard Paige Watkins scored eight points and junior forward Kaleigh Wagner added two for the Ladycats.

More than one scoring drought hindered Pikeville's progress in the championship contest.

Eighth grade guard Potter paced Pikeville (9-4) with 10 points. Potter was the lone Pikeville player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Senior guard Madi Shull, limited in what she was able to do offensively, netted nine points for the Lady Panthers. Senior guard/forward Lauren Lawson scored eight points, eighth grade guard Rachel Smith seven and sophomore guard Lindsey Isner two for Pikeville in the runner-up finish.

Betsy Layne will open play in the Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide tournament next Wednesday against the 6th Region champion.

Pikeville fell to 12-2 on the season and will need to bounce back quickly; they play host to Lindsey Wilson College Saturday at 4:30. The Raiders opened league play with a 71-58 win at Rio Grande Thursday night.

Adkins, a Paintsville High School graduate, had his team ready to play. The game came to a standstill with 14:04 remaining

Girls' High School Basketball 15th Region All 'A' Classic at East Kentucky Expo Center

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Betsy Layne 57, Allen Central 32
South Floyd 58, Pikeville 55

Wednesday, Jan. 13
Pikeville 56, Phelps 28
Shelby Valley 60, Prestonsburg 29

Saturday, Jan. 16
Betsy Layne 73, South Floyd 44
Pikeville 65, Shelby Valley 37

Monday, Jan. 18
Betsy Layne 53, Pikeville 36
(Championship Game)

Betsy Layne 73, South Floyd 44

PIKEVILLE — The Betsy Layne Ladycats established a 20-point lead in the opening quarter and didn't have any trouble getting past South Floyd on Saturday in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals. The Ladycats added to their lead in each quarter. Betsy Layne defeated South Floyd handily, prevailing 73-44.

Betsy Layne improved to 6-5 while South Floyd dropped to 5-6.

Paige Watkins paced Betsy Layne, scoring a game-high 24 points. Watkins and three of her teammates reached double figures in the scoring column. Taylor Hott scored 19 points, Megan Hamilton added 16 and Lindsey Martin contributed 11 for the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne led 27-7 at the conclusion of the first quarter and led 43-21 at the intermission.

The Ladycats led 55-32 at the end of the third quarter. T.J. Tackett (two points) and Chloe Johnson (one point) also provided scoring for Betsy Layne.

South Floyd following a hard-fought opening round win over former champion Paintsville, struggled to produce on the offensive end against county counterpart South Floyd.

Kiana Hall paced South Floyd with a team-high 13 points. Ashley Castle joined Hall in double figures for the Lady Raiders, contributing 11 points.

Garbielle Bailey pushed in seven points and Joslyn Isaac added six for the South Floyd girls.

Amelia Conn contributed five points and Kayla Hall tossed in two for the Lady Raiders.

Tigers were 7-of-27 from the arc, but all seven threes came from senior point guard T.J. Bishop. Averaging 7.8 points per game, Bishop tossed in 26 points in the win to lead all scorers.

He was helped inside by senior Nestor Colmenares, who finished with 16 points and 17 rebounds. Seven of the rebounds came off the offensive glass to keep the Tigers in positionally late in the game when they milked the clock and preserved the lead.

Pikeville was led by senior J.C. Clark, who finished with 23 points, and tied for game-high rebounding honors with six for the Bears. Clark was 11-of-12 from the free throw line in the loss.

Senior Anthony Smith followed with 10 points and seven

Raiders fall short in All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — South Floyd is no stranger to the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Raiders have captured two 15th Region championships, one of which came under the guidance of current head coach Barry Hall. South Floyd opened play in the latest 15th Region All "A" Classic Thursday evening at the East Kentucky Expo Center, facing longtime rival Paintsville in the opening round. In a game that went buzzer to buzzer, Paintsville outlasted South Floyd 48-46.

Freshman Trevor Tiller scored a game-high 15 points and junior forward Josh Green added 14 as Paintsville prevailed.

The Tigers gained an early lead after outscoring South Floyd 15-10 in the opening quarter. After recovering following Paintsville's initial offensive onslaught, South Floyd outscored the Tigers 19-11 in the second quarter and led 29-26 at the intermission.

Paintsville forged its way back out in front in the third quarter, outscoring South Floyd 8-2 in an eight-minute stretch where scoring was limited on both ends of the floor.

Senior center Seth Rice chipped in eight points and junior forward Josh Hall added four as the Tigers defeated South Floyd and earned a trip to the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals.

Sophomore guard/forward Brandon Marson and junior forward Shannon Turner were the offensive leaders for South Floyd, scoring 14 points apiece.

Junior guards Dakota Newsome and Dakota Hall exited the floor with eight points apiece for the Raiders. Senior forward Tommy Joe Hall added two points for South Floyd in the setback.

Valley set to vie for second All 'A' title

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Shelby Valley will have a chance to claim back-to-back Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic statewide tournament titles. The Wildcats captured the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship Monday night, defeating rival Pikeville 73-48 at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Senior guard Eliza Justice led Shelby Valley with a double-double, scoring 31 points and dishing off 10 assists — both game-highs.

The Wildcats (13-2) outscored Pikeville 17-6 in the first quarter and led 36-25 at halftime. Shelby Valley owned a commanding 58-36 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Tyler Newsome joined Justice in double figures for Shelby Valley, chipping in 11 points in the lopsided win.

Ethan Rowe scored 13 points and Gadin Clark contributed 10 for the Panthers (12-5).

Bears turn back MSC foe Lindsey Wilson

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four players reached double figures as the sixth-ranked Pikeville College Bears regained their shooting touch and knocked off Lindsey Wilson College 78-64 Saturday afternoon at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Pikeville (13-2 overall, 1-1 in the Mid-South Conference) bounced back from a one-for-eight shooting night from the arc in a loss at Campbellsville off Thursday by hitting 6-of-13 (46.2 percent) against the Blue Raiders.

The Bears also protected the ball, committing only five

turnovers in the win while forcing 14 from Lindsey Wilson.

Lindsey Wilson (11-8, 1-1) struggled from the floor, hitting only 38.9 percent overall. That was after a 30.8 percent first half which saw Pikeville build a 37-20 lead.

The advantage grew to its apex, 54-30, when senior J.C. Clark scored on a layup. Clark led the Bears with 25 points, along with nine rebounds and three steals.

Clark was followed by freshman Trevor Setty's 17 points and seven boards. Senior Anthony Smith followed with 15 points and nine

rebounds, while junior Justin Hicks tossed in 10.

Lindsey Wilson was led in scoring by an unlikely source. Junior Jeremiah Diebler, who came into the game with only 12 points on the season, finished with 18 after hitting 4-of-5 from the arc.

Freshman Kalen Kimberland finished with 12 points while senior Eric McPherson followed with 10.

Pikeville will remain home on Thursday night when it entertains longtime rival Georgetown College at 8 p.m. The Bears will host Georgetown College on Appalachian Wireless Night.

Pikeville men tumble to No. 22 in latest NAIA coaches poll

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Bears learned on Monday how costly a loss can be when they tumbled 16 places in the NAIA Div. I Men's Basketball Coaches Poll.

And, on top of that, the team that replaced them in the Top 10 will come to town Thursday night.

Pikeville fell from sixth to No. 22 after going 1-1 in the opening weekend of Mid-South Conference play. The Bears lost Thursday night 63-57 at Campbellsville but rebounded on Saturday with a 78-64 win

over Lindsey Wilson.

The Bears are 13-2 overall on the season.

On Thursday night the Bears will play host to Georgetown College in a highly anticipated contest. The Tigers won both their games over ranked teams last weekend and bolted from 13th to No. 7 in the poll.

Georgetown will come to town 14-3 on the season for the game, which is slated to tip at 8:07 p.m. and be carried live on television statewide on Wazoo Sports.

Apparently a loss to Georgetown is not as damaging as a loss to Campbellsville. The

Tigers lost to Georgetown on Saturday yet still moved up seven places to No. 14 this week with a 13-5 overall record.

Two other MSC teams got votes this week but fell shy of the Top 25. WVU Tech is 27th after picking up 49 votes. No. 26 Park had 61 ratings points. Cumberlands fell out of the poll from its No. 19 ranking last week, getting only five points in the ratings.

The top-five remained unchanged this week, with Mountain State (W.Va.), Concordia (Calif.), Oklahoma Baptist, Biola (Calif.) and LSU-Shreveport holding strong.

LWC holds off Lady Bears in conference contest

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Defending Mid-South Conference Player of the Year Viktoria Krell tossed in 30 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead No. 25 Lindsey Wilson College to a 76-69 win over Pikeville College Saturday afternoon.

Lindsey Wilson (11-5, 1-1 in the Mid-South) led the entire way and by as many as 21 (55-34) with 16:10 to play when freshman Megan Harfield scored. But the Lady Bears mounted a rally that pulled them back within five (72-67) which came when junior Whitney Compton sank a free throw.

The Lady Raiders left the door open to a certain extent, but anticipated a contest. They threw down the stretch. But Pikeville went 50 seconds between field goals and managed to sink into two of its four tosses in the stretch when it had the opportunity to continue to trim the lead.

Lindsey Wilson then settled down, hitting three free throws, to stretch the lead back to nine before a late layup by sophomore Megan Mosley settled the final score.

Krell, who had 20 of her points by recess, was 12-of-17 from the field to lead all scorers. Two teammates were in double figures as well — sopho-

more Lindsey Waters tossed in 14 to go with six rebounds, while senior Sierra Rambert finished with 13.

Pikeville (12-6, 0-2) had four players in double figures, led by junior Whitney Compton's 19 points and 11 rebounds. Mosley had 14 along with three assists and three steals, while junior Meagan Johnson had 12 and junior Natiera Hinton 10.

The Lady Bears will remain home on Thursday when they entertain Georgetown College at 6 p.m. at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Lindsey Wilson will return to Columbia to play Campbellsville on Thursday night in a 6 p.m. CST tip-off.

Second half lifts Campbellsville over Pikeville ladies

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLVILLE — Nineth-ranked Campbellsville University opened Mid-South Conference play with an 85-53 win over the Pikeville College Lady Bears Thursday night.

Campbellsville improved to 13-1 overall with the win, which dropped Pikeville to 12-2.

The teams battled through the first half, with the Tigers taking a 41-34 lead to the locker room. But the second half was all home team, outscoring the Lady Bears 44-19 to open league play with an impressive win.

Campbellsville shot 45.5 percent in the second half, but held Pikeville to only 28 percent shooting from the field.

For Pikeville, the highlight came with 3:52 left in the game when junior Natiera Hinton, a first-team all-league and honorable mention All-American a year ago, hit a free throw to give her an even 1,000 points in her career. For Hinton, the milestone came in only her 46th game as a Lady Bear. She led the Lady Bears with 21 points.

In addition, Hinton had eight rebounds, five steals, three assists and three blocked shots.

Pikeville had no answer for Whitney Ballinger. The junior from Carrollton had 21 points and 16 rebounds, with seven of them coming off the offensive glass. She too filled the stat sheet, leaving the game with three blocks, two steals and two assists.

Ballinger was joined in double figures by freshman Mackenzie Lee, who tossed in 16 points off the bench.

Hinton had two teammates in double figures, with senior Alexis Johnson tossing in 11 to go with seven rebounds while sophomore Megan Mosley tossed in 10 markers.

UK guard Bledsoe named SEC Freshman of the Week

Bama native claims second straight league honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — University of Kentucky men's basketball player Eric Bledsoe was named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

Bledsoe, a 6-1 guard from Birmingham, Ala., averaged 19 points to go along with 4.5 rebounds and 3.5 assists in

3-0 SEC) to wins at Florida and Auburn.

He scored a career-high and game-high 25 points at Florida to lead the Cats to their first win in Gainesville since 2004. He became the third UK freshman to score 25 in a game this season. It's the first time Kentucky has had three freshmen score 25 in a game since the 1975 season.

The Alabama native also scored 13 points in a win at Auburn over the weekend.

The honor is the second Freshman of the Week award for Bledsoe this season.

record nine weekly awards from the SEC this season. Freshman John Way has been named the league's freshman of the week four times, while Gousins (SEC Player of the Week and SEC Freshman of the Week) and Bledsoe have been honored twice and Patrick Patterson (SEC Player of the Week in week two) once.

Kentucky will return to Rupp Arena for the first time in two weeks on Saturday, hosting Arkansas. The game is scheduled for 4 p.m. tip.

The SEC Network will carry the conference contest.

CU partners with ministry SportsReach in shoe drive

Pikeville area families in need to benefit

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CAMPBELLVILLE — A few extra hundred pair of tennis shoes took part in Thursday night's Mid-South Conference basketball doubleheader between Campbellsville University and Pikeville College.

Kentucky-based ministry SportsReach partnered with Campbellsville University, Campbellsville Baptist Church, Pikeville First Baptist Church and AutoSmart of Campbellsville to collect 1,000 pairs of tennis shoes to be given to families in need in the Pikeville area. Up to 400 had been collected prior to the start of Thursday's games, while many more came in at the door and donations were given for the purchase of shoes.

"This is the second time we've done it, and it's probably a bigger deal this year," Sports Reach ministry founder and CU alum Robbie Speer said. "Stan Curry at AutoSmart really got behind this whole thing and helped us out, and we appreciate Campbellsville University for hosting."

In recognition of the night, Campbellsville and Pikeville coaches wore tennis shoes during both games. And it's the coaches, that Speer enjoys partnering with, as he attended his 61st and 62nd collegiate hoops game of the season Thursday.

"People don't realize how many neat Christian coaches there are out there, you don't really get a lot about those guys, but there are really some neat men and women out there that are really putting time in and love kids," said Speer who has been using sports for ministry more than 20 years. "My whole concept of ministry is God blesses us with interests and we learn to use those things to reach people for Jesus."

Because the ministry is based near Campbellsville, CU is always willing to get involved, including coaches who plan to lead upcoming mission trips.

"We have a great relationship with SportsReach and appreciate the opportunity our university, and this community, had to be included in this very worthwhile endeavor," CU Director of Athletics Rusty Hollingsworth said. "The people of Campbellsville have always responded in a positive way when given the chance to help those who have a need."

In addition to the shoe drive, Speer kept the night going during full times, giving out door prizes that had been donated for the evening and also drew the number for four lucky fans to have a chance to win \$10,000 dollars, two at each halftime. Each of the four had 25 seconds to hit a lay-up, free throw, 3-pointer and half-court shot. While a few came close, there was no winner.

SportsReach is still taking donations for shoes, which will be delivered to Pikeville First Baptist when Campbellsville travels to Pikeville on Feb. 11. This is the second shoe drive hosted by Campbellsville in two years. Speer hopes to expand the drive and host them at other schools around Kentucky.

For more information, call Speer at 270-572-3131. The ministry will also soon be planning sports mission trips through the spring.



THE ALLEN CENTRAL REBELS drew the tough task of facing powerhouse Shelby Valley in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic last week. The Wildcats eliminated Allen Central from the tournament en route to claiming the championship. Shelby Valley is the defending Touchstone Energy All "A" Classic champion.



LADY REBEL BASKETBALL



Allen Central posted an impressive win on the road at Hazard last week.

Above: Allen Central eighth grade guard Sarah Riffe (22) worked the basketball up the floor.

Left: Logan Gilne attempted to take the ball away from a Hazard player.

PMC earns primary stroke center accreditation

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Medical Center is the first hospital in the region to earn the gold seal of approval from The Joint Commission for Primary Stroke Centers. Only 10 hospitals in Kentucky have earned this accreditation, and no other Kentucky hospital east of Lexington has earned this prestigious distinction.

The certification was granted following a detailed, on-site review of the hospital in November. The accreditation recognizes Pikeville Medical Center's dedication to complying with the Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards on a continuous basis.

"This accreditation means our patients have access to world-class technology and physicians when it comes to stroke care," said Pikeville Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer Walter E. May. "The guidelines we have in place ensure that our patients receive faster diagnoses, faster treatment and ultimately, a faster recovery."

Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, which is the nation's third leading cause of death. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes. Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.

"Pikeville Medical Center demonstrated that its stroke care program follows national



Neurologist Dr. Naveed Ahmed serves as medical director of Pikeville Medical Center's Primary Stroke Center.

standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients," said Jean E. Range, executive director of disease-specific care certification with The Joint Commission.

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's statements/guidelines for stroke care. The Joint Commission launched the program—the nation's first—in 2003.

The "Golden Hour" is a term used by healthcare professionals to define the first hour after a patient first experiences stroke symptoms. This is a critical time period as the chances for surviving a stroke are increased if the patient reaches the hospital during this time period. One possible treatment available at PMC is tPA, a "clot-busting" drug that can only be administered within three hours of the onset of stroke symptoms when medically indicated for an ischemic (clot) stroke. It is important to note that tPA is not used to treat a hemorrhagic

(bleed) stroke. Therefore, it is critical for patients to come to the hospital as quickly as possible when they first begin to experience stroke-like symptoms in order for an appropriate treatment to be determined.

According to the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines Stroke Improvement Program, 27.1 percent of more than 100,000 patients who arrived within the "Golden Hour" were able to be treated with tPA. Of those who arrived one to three hours after the onset of symptoms, only 12.9 percent were able to

receive tPA. Early treatment of stroke symptoms may mean more treatment options and a better outcome. A stroke can happen to anyone, but according to the National Stroke Association, after the age of 55, your stroke risk doubles every decade.

Neurologist Dr. Naveed Ahmed, medical director of PMC's Primary Stroke Center, said the hospital has a dedicated team of healthcare professionals available around the clock to deliver comprehensive care, ranging from diagnosis, to treatment and rehabilitation.

"Being an accredited Primary Stroke Center means we are exceeding the highest standards of stroke care across the nation," Dr. Ahmed continued. "Having a dedicated stroke team available means we have a plan in place, and that means treatment without hesitation, which ultimately results in saving lives."

During the on-site survey by The Joint Commission, surveyors took a close look at how efficiently the hospital delivered stroke care. Sandy

Tackett, who coordinates PMC's Primary Stroke Center, said the guidelines the hospital has in place are second to none.

"We understand that the guidelines we have in place ensure that we improve the outcome of our patients," Tackett said.

The warning signs of a stroke include: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

Jerry Johnson, chief operating officer of Pikeville Medical Center, said the accreditation as the region's first Primary Stroke Center "shows that the level of service at Pikeville Medical Center is among the very best in the nation."

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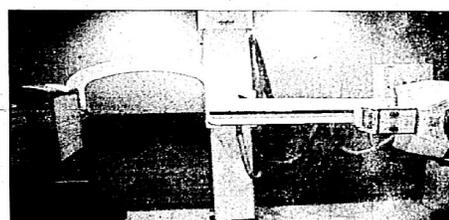
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HRMC installs digital x-ray in Martin County Clinic

NEEZ — Highlands Regional Medical Center has announced the installation of a state-of-the-art digital x-ray unit in the Martin County Clinic, located at the intersection of Route 645 and Route 3.

The Martin County Clinic provides health care for area families, and the new digital x-ray technology will allow physicians and staff to provide improved patient diagnosis, treatment and care. The enhanced diagnostic quality afforded by the unit also emits a smaller dose of radiation than traditional equipment, and allows technicians to perform their routine duties with reduced patient time on the x-ray table.

"Images are available instantaneously, saving time and repeat procedures and



exposures," Melissa Biery, director of Radiology at Highlands Regional Medical Center, explained. "And, these digital images can be shared electronically with any designated physician or hospital."

Biery said that HRMC's continued commitment to technology is providing increased efficiency and responsiveness, "while improving the overall quality of health care to people in the

Big Sandy region." Additional information regarding Highlands Regional Medical Center and its comprehensive services are available online at www.hrmc.org.

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Kentucky State University choir to perform in Hazard

The Kentucky State University Concert Choir will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. in the HCTC First Federal Center. This is a rescheduled date.

Kentucky State University, a new partner in the University Center of the Mountains, is bringing their Concert Choir to Hazard for a performance and outreach opportunity that will involve area schools in a choral performance.

Under the direction of Dr. Carl Smith, Professor of Music Emeritus, the Kentucky State University Concert Choir is one of the foremost ambassadors for the University. Composed of undergraduates from all academic areas of the university, the choir is a well-rounded, diverse organization that upholds the highest standards in performance as well as academics. The KYSU Concert Choir tours annually throughout the United States and has performed with several major orchestras. Frequently the choir appears at music workshops, seminars and pro-

fessional conventions including the Southern and National Divisions of the American Choral Directors Association, and the Music Educators National Convention. The choir also participates in several choral competitions and most recently received the top rating in the HBCU competition Extravaganza in Black held in Las Vegas, Nevada. They are also past winners of the Annual Spiritual

Competition held in Cincinnati, Ohio. In addition to a rehearsal, Dr. Carl Smith will also conduct a choral workshop with area school choirs during the day of the public performance to provide music students in this region a full choral festival experience. Area high school / middle school chorus programs will have the opportunity to work

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Thompson

making treated water available to approximately 99 percent of Floyd Countians. The first \$2.6 million covered the first group of projects such as line installations, tank sites and pump stations, Thompson said.

In the past several months, floods and ice storms have pinched county resources, according to magistrates such as District 1's John Goble, who said he and others on the fiscal court had to start looking at where money could be found to continue county business. Southern's bond payment made

it onto the radar, and officials have been discussing it since that time.

"This county's suffered three floods and an ice storm and we've been looking to tighten our belts," Goble said Friday.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said the fiscal court looking to Southern to become self-sufficient reflects back to the original plan when the company was first formed.

"At one point it was the vision that Southern pay their bond payment," Bartley said.

"If they can do that, they should. If they can't, then the fiscal court will have to decide whether to step up."

The point was one Bartley has made often during discussions about Southern's bond payment issues in past court meetings.

A June 2005 refinancing of the bond insured the payments would not increase, Thompson said, but he told court members Friday that misinformation about that contract had been spread throughout the county.

"Someone has been showing documents all over Floyd County showing a document that reflects five years of payments and saying it's for one year," Thompson said.

"Whoever put that out there, it was misstated and misinformation."

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Candidates

Meade has said his focus if elected would be on further development of the county's infrastructure, naming specifically water and sewer lines.

Auxier resident Curtis L. Lewis filed his paperwork Saturday to run against Sheriff John K. Blackburn and challenger Stevie Little. Lewis could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Along with these three new candidates, comes another challenger in the race for District 2 magistrate, William Salisbury, of Martin, filed to run in that race, joining incumbent Jackie Edford Owens, his niece and challenger Marie Martin Holbrook and Kenneth Roberts.

The deadline to file is Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.

To date, candidate filings include:

U.S. Senate
James Buckmaster, Democrat
Darlene F. Price, Democrat
Maurice M. Sweeney, Democrat
C.M. "Trey" Grayson, Republican
Bill Johnson, Republican
Gurley L. Martin, Republican
Rand Paul, Republican

U.S. Congressman, 5th District
Harold "Hal" Rogers, Republican
David Prince, Democrat
James E. "Jim" Holbert, Democrat

State Representative, 95th District
Gregory Stumbo, Prestonsburg

State Representative, 97th District
Bill Mike Runyon, Republican
Hubert Collins, Democrat

Judge-Executive
R.D. "Doc" Marshall, Democrat
Brent Graden, Democrat
Charles "Chuck" Meade, Democrat

Sheriff
John K. Blackburn, Democrat
Steve Little, Democrat
Curtis L. Lewis, Democrat

Jailer
Roger Webb, Democrat
Coroner
Gregory Scott Nelson, Democrat

Choir

on music selections to rehearse and perform with the KYSU Concert Choir in a public evening performance. School choral programs interested in participating should contact the performing arts office at the college for more information. The KYSU Concert Choir will also present additional choral selections, along with songs from their high energy show choir performances, to provide a full spectrum of this award winning music performance program.

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Teresa Hall, Democrat

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Ernest G. Burchett, Democrat
Janice Pennington Davis, Democrat
Gerald DeRossett, Democrat
John Goble, Democrat
Cecil Jarrell, Democrat

Magistrate, District 2
Marie Martin Holbrook, Democrat
Jackie Edford Owens, Democrat
Kenneth Roberts, Democrat
William Salisbury, Democrat

Magistrate, District 3
German Stumbo, Democrat
Glenn Moore, Democrat
Donny Daniels, Democrat
Mike Lafferty, Democrat
Ronald "Ronnie" Stewart, Democrat

Magistrate, District 4
Dean M. Hall, Democrat
Ronnie Akers, Democrat

Constable, District 1
Ben Ferguson, Democrat
Mike Hall, Democrat
Lester Jarvis, Democrat
Roger Rowe, Democrat
Larry "Boss" Jarrell, Democrat

Constable, District 2
Terry Triplett, Democrat
Samuel Duncan, Democrat
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Constable, District 3
Ronnie Vicars, Democrat
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Hazard - Mayor Bill Gorman, Peoples Bank and Trust, and Pine Branch Coal Sales, Inc. The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports the HCTC greater Hazard Area Performing Arts Series through the Kentucky Arts Partnership program with funding from the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, contact Tammy Duff at kctcs.edu, performing arts director, at 606-487-3067 or 800-246-7521 ext. 73067.

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Akers and the other fiscal court members.

When the sitting court came in office in 2006, the funding was still available, but Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall said several roadblocks were thrown up to seeing it completed, although both Floyd and Pike fiscal courts had given the multi-county proposal a green light, as well as the city of Pikeville.

"It seemed like at every meeting there was something else, some funds, that were taken off the table," Marshall said.

During the open discussion of how the project may have fallen by the wayside, Thompson remained relatively quiet, offering later to help in any way he could.

"I didn't feel it was appropriate for me to make a comment on it," Thompson said afterwards. "If the court has a work session and asks me to attend, I'll be glad to go."

Thompson had also extended this same offer directly to

Marshall earlier.

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Suit

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The company defended the lawsuit and denied the allegations, a process that continued for the next five years until Schwann's eventually settled out of court with Proctor for an undisclosed amount. A trial had been scheduled for April.

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DONNA BAYS JEWELL; THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI; TAX EASE LIEN INVESTMENTS #1, LLC; and FLOYD COUNTY, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I
 C.A. NO. 09-CI-00470
VANERBELT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. PLAINTIFF
VS.
FREDA HAMILTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FREDA HAMILTON (IN REM); COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY; KENTUCKY REVENUE CABINET; and COUNTY OF FLOYD, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment, Judgment on Pleadings and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 26th day of October, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$90,535.05, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: Fork, Dana, Kentucky
 Being a certain tract lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Prater Creek, further described as follows:
 Beginning at the road and the Fred Conn line; thence with the road to a culvert; thence up the branch to the Gordon Boyd line; thence with the Gordon Boyd line to the Willie Akers line; thence with the Willie Akers line to the top of the hill to the Audrey Boyd line; thence to Mont Gibson line; thence with the Mont Gibson line to the Wilford Boyd line; thence with the Wilford Boyd line to the Fred Conn line; thence with Fred Conn line back to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Freda Hamilton, unmarried from Douglas L. Boyd and Allison Boyd, spouse, et al, by Deed dated September 25, 2008, filed of record on October 17, 2008, in Deed Book 528, Page 640, in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Tax ID# 073-00-00-063.00
 Also, a 2006 Clayton Mobile Home, VIN CLR023535TNAB, is so sold.

TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
 (b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.
 (c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
 Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
 Hon. William S. Kendrick, Master Commissioner

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of September, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$26,340.12 together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2010 at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

The tract of land is known as the homestead. Beginning at a point which is the corner of wash house; thence running down to the Creek; thence with the creek down to the back line of Billie Murdock's line (excluding the road that goes to Thurman Lafferty's house, and road passage to Sue Well's property). The front line will run with Murdock's back line (twenty five feet from fence); thence with the Thelma Heber's line at the corner fence line of Jim Lafferty's property (near the old suffer well). Then it will run with Jim Lafferty's line back to the point of beginning.

This deed of conveyance is subject to the Owners-Occupied Retention restrictions set forth a Exhibit "A" hereto and made a part hereof.

Being the same land conveyed to the female grantor herein by Eunice Lafferty, et al, by deed dated April 23, 1992, recorded in Deed Book 386, Page 762. And being the same land conveyed to Donna Bays Jewell, single, by deed dated November 14, 2000, from Donald Bays and Jewell Bays, his wife, recorded in Deed Book 483, Page 477, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Also being the same land conveyed to Donna Bays Jewell, single, by deed dated 11th day of March, 2004, from Donna Bays Jewell, single, recorded in Deed Book 496, Page 751, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

There is also mortgaged and give as security one (1) 1990 Glenbrook Mobile Home, Serial No. TNFLK27A802264GB, 44 x 24 doublewide, which is located and a part of the above described tract of land.

TERMS OF SALE
 (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
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 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 I
 C.A. NO. 09-CI-00892
SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC PLAINTIFF
VS.
MICHAEL V. CHIAZZA, KATIE L. CHIAZZA, DEFENDANTS
RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Order to Reschedule Master Commissioner Sale entered on the 22nd day of October, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$215,711.72 together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2010 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 79 Left Fork Copperas Lick Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Being a certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1:
 A certain tract or parcel of land located on the waters of Abbott Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky which is more particularly described as follows: LOTS No. 27, 28, 29 and 30 as shown on the plat of the Copperas Lick Estate Subdivision in the Floyd County Clerk's Office at plat No. 1-1-99.

TRACT 2:
 A certain tract or parcel of land located on the waters of Abbott Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky which is more particularly described as follows: LOTS No. 25 and 26 as shown on the plat of the Copperas Lick Estate Subdivision in the Floyd County Clerk's Office at plat No. 1-1-99.

Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated 8/31/05 from Ronald L. Carter and Marcia L. Carter, husband and wife, to Michael V. Chiazza and Katie L. Chiazza, husband and wife, which is found of record in Deed Book 527, Page 474, record of the Floyd County Clerk.

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
 (b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.
 (c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
 (d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.
 (e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-0355 Am. #1

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 3159, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.3 miles south of Endicott Flove County. The amendment will add 28.80 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 676.40 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.8 miles southeast from KY Route 194 junction with County Road 2285 and located near Cutsler Creek. The latitude is 37° 39' 22". The longitude is 82° 37' 28".

The proposed amendment is located on the Thomas/Lancer USGS 70 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Delcie A. Endicott. The operation will add additional area mining and necessary sediment control.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Division for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 821 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RECLAMATION PERMIT DUE TO COAL MARKETING PROBLEMS

In accordance with 405 KAR 16:020, notice is hereby given that CAM Mining, LLC, 265 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502 has applied for a coal marketing reclamation deferment for its surface coal mining and reclamation operation, permit number 836-0355. Deferment of reclamation is being requested for approximately 8.90 acres. The operation for which the reclamation deferment is requested is located near Endicott in Floyd County. The surface area is owned by Donzell Allen, et al., Cliff Blackburn, Bluebird Collieries, Inc., E.J. Blackburn, et al., Bobbie Phillips, et al., DFM, Inc., CAM Mining LLC, Fraley Heirs, USACE-Huntington District, Alma Land Company, Unit Coal Corporation, and the Endicott Heirs.

The operation is approximately 0.30 miles north from CR 3365's junction with Johns Branch Road and located on Johns Branch. The latitude is 37-39-22 and the longitude is 82-37-28 on the Thomas/Lancer USGS 70 minute quadrangle maps. The deferment is sought due to coal marketing problems and is being requested for an initial period of 6 months. The deferment may be renewed for additional periods up to a maximum of 30 months.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed within 10 days of this notice with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 09-CI-00476 CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. HARRY LAWSON TINA VANCE DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 29th day of June, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$109,593.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2010 at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Address: 55 Tunnel Road, Hi Hat, Kentucky 41635
Beginning at a stake on the James Rodney Johnson Road; thence running in a westerly direction approximately 140 feet with the Donna Faye Johnson line to the center of Beaver Creek; thence running down with the center of Beaver Creek and the meanders of same in a northerly direction approximately 115 feet to the Danny Tackett property line; thence running with the Danny Tackett property line in an easterly direction approximately 140 feet to a stake on the James Rodney Johnson Road; thence running with the James Rodney Johnson Road in a southerly direction approximately 115 feet to the stake on the James Rodney Johnson Road, the point of beginning. (Description supplied by the Grantor.)

Being the same property conveyed to Harry Dale Lawson, single, and Tina Vance, single, from Donna Faye Johnson, widow, a single and unmarried, person, on October 25, 2007 and recorded on October 31, 2007 in Deed Book 540, Page 311 of the records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE:
(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.
(b) The successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.
(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all city and county ad valorem taxes for the year 2009, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent city and county ad valorem taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
Any announcements made on date of sale takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.
Hon. William S. Kendrick, Floyd Master Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to MBE and WBE Subcontractors: Music Construction, Inc., is seeking WBE and MBE participation in Storm Sewer and Sanitary Sewer Construction in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The subcontractor must be experienced in sewer and related type construction. The subcontractor must be insured and bonded as required in the specification for the "Westminster Area Sewer Separation Project" for the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission. Interested parties are requested to contact Danny Smith, Project Manager, P.O. Box 820, Salyersville, KY 41465; phone/fax: 606-884-4353. Cell: 606-205-8315. E-mail: smtdann@aol.com
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NOTICE OF LAWSUIT

Walter W. May is hereby given notice that KFC Land Assets Inc., has filed suit against him in the Floyd Circuit Court Division II, case number 09-CI-00646. Said suit was filed on January 11, 2010. The suit involves a demand for judgment regarding certain real property interests and asks for a Master Commissioner Sale of said real property. You are hereby notified that you must file an answer which fits duty of January 13, 2010, or a default judgment will be entered against you.
Jerry A. Patton
Warning Order Attorney

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II C.A. NO. 09-CI-001103 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS. WILLIAM ROBERT REID BENEFICIAL LOAN CORPORATION OF KENTUCKY PALISADES COLLECTION, LLC DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale referring to Master Commissioner of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 25th day of March, 2009, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$157,494.49, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 28th day of January, 2010 at the hour of 9:45 a.m., the following described real estate lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Property Address: 36 Reed Lane, Drift, KY 41619
A certain tract of land situated in Floyd County, Kentucky lying and being on land situated on Hampton Branch, a tributary of the left fork of beaver creek, and being on the west side of state highway no. 122, just opposite the drift camp baseball park, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the right hand side, ascending, of Hampton Branch approximately one-fourth mile from the mouth thereof, said point being S 70 degrees 28' 00" West a distance of 12 feet to a chiseled cross (x) on the westerly stone headwall of a culvert under Kentucky State Highway No. 122 thence N 22 Degrees 25' 00" west on the Easterly line of Kentucky Power Company a distance of 114.95 feet to a concrete monument with brass disc set; thence N. 22 degrees 25'00" west on the easterly line of Kentucky Power Company a distance of 22.01 feet to an iron pin set; thence N. 22 degrees 25'00" west on the easterly line of Kentucky Power Company a distance of 34.4 feet to a concrete monument with brass disc set, said monument being the true point of beginning; thence S 67 Degrees 56.24 East a distance of 6.27 feet to a point; thence N 22 Degrees 03'36" West a distance of 24.86 feet to an iron pin set; thence S 65 Degrees 00'00" West a distance of 36.92 feet to a point, said point being located N 85 degrees 0'00" E a distance of 2.65 feet from an iron pin set, thence N 34 degrees 01' 43" West a distance of 17.34 feet to a point said point being located N 25 degrees 18' 57" W a distance of 17.12 feet from an iron pin set; thence N 25 Degrees 14'57" West 29.98 feet to an iron pin set on the Northerly line of Kentucky Power Company, thence N 65 Degrees 00'00" East on the Northerly line of Kentucky Power Company a distance of 15.11 feet to a concrete monument with a brass disc set; thence N 65 Degrees 00'00" East on the northerly line of Kentucky Power Company a distance of 32.90 feet to the Northeastly corner of the lands of Kentucky Power Company, thence S 22 Degrees 25' 00" East a distance of 72.32 feet on the Easterly line of Kentucky Power Company to the true point of Beginning, and containing 0.053 acres.

Also, that certain tract or parcel of land, more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the corner of the Harlos Hall Property at the garage; thence going in a straight line with the Harlos Hall Boundary to the back of the bottom of the Turner property line; thence along the Turner property line back to the garage and to the point of beginning. It is understood that this conveyance includes the garage.

Being the same property conveyed to William Robert Reid, and unmarried person, from Steve Reid, and unmarried person, by Deed dated January 31, 2005, recorded on February 1, 2005 in the Deed Book 510, Page 81 of the Clerk's Records in Floyd County, Kentucky.

TERMS OF SALE:
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(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.
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many tried fruitfully to locate them," Jurich said. "The town grew more somber, we saw people kneeling and striking the ground, crying out in anguish."
 "As soon as she was able to do so, Jurich sent a text message to all of her children let-

ting them know about the earthquake, but the danger was far from over.
 "Some of the aftershocks were so hard that it was like another earthquake," Jurich said. "The eerie part was we could hear dogs barking. Everybody was telling us that

we probably needed to leave. We realized we had to get out of the country because the borders were going to be closed."
 Most of the medical supplies at the Univers Medical Center were taken to Port-au-Prince, where they were needed the most.

Despite the panic and constant threat of violence in the chaos after the disaster, Jurich said the medical team, including several professionals from Prestonsburg, are scheduled to go to Haiti on Feb. 1.
 "The team plans to return with supplies to replenish

those taken to Port-au-Prince and to assist in caring for the quake victims that arrive at the facility," Jurich said. Anyone wishing to donate to this project can do so by contacting Rev. Tommy Reed or Dr. Lee Boyd."

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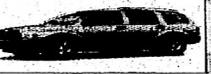
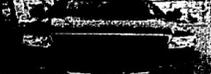
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Queen Elizabeth I of England was, to put it mildly, a wonder.

Not only did she reign over England for 45 years, longer than the typical human life expectancy of the 1500s, but she was a veritable fount of memorable quotes, from "If I were turned out of my realm in my petticoat, I would prosper anywhere in Christendom" to "I have no desire to make windows into men's souls."

But the one that always sticks in my mind is her charge to her troops at Tilbury in 1588, as they awaited the arrival of the Spanish Armada: "I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman, but I have the heart and stomach of a king."

I've never harbored any desire for a crown (I believe it was the current Queen of England's father who said there are few experiences more miserable than balancing several pounds of metal on your head while reading someone else's speech), but I'd sure love to have the stomach of a king. I don't have to actually come into contact with, say, *Salmonella* or *E. coli*; just show me a drawing of a food-borne bug and I'm down for three days.

So you can imagine my interest when I heard recently about a new test developed by Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists that can detect levels of the dreaded staphylococcal enterotoxin A, or "SEA," at levels that are an incredible one billion times lower than the current "gold standard" test.

SEA is no minor player in the world of food poisoning; it's a leading cause of foodborne illness not only in the United States, but worldwide.

To help public health officials trace the source of food poisoning outbreaks where they suspect SEA is the culprit, and to help food manufacturers go a bit further in ensuring the safety of their products, the ARS scientists came up with the new test for finding this toxin in foods. Their experiments with chicken, beef and milk indicate that the test can reliably tell the difference between active versus inactive toxins.

The test takes advantage of the toxin's "double life." Yes, SEA causes nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and other gastroenteritis symptoms. But it also acts as a "super-antigen," which is to say that it stirs to action large numbers of immune system cells (which sounds nonsensical, but who ever said Mother Nature didn't have a sense of humor?). The new test plays on this quirk by measuring the proliferation of splenocytes, which are immune system cells produced in the spleen.

Now, if this new test is so incredibly sensitive and effective, it's got to be incredibly expensive and time-consuming, right? Wrong! It's actually comparatively fast and relatively inexpensive, and experienced lab technicians can learn how to do it using equipment that's already sitting in most analytical labs in the United States.

This isn't the first time in recent months that ARS scientists have stepped forward with a new test to protect us against nasty invaders in our food. Earlier this year, ARS scientists in California announced they'd developed a new, improved test for detecting serotype A of the botulinum toxin.

The toxin that causes botulism comes in seven different serotypes, from A to G. But most of the food-borne botulism cases that do occur in this country can be traced to either serotype A or serotype B. The traditional "gold standard" test for detecting botulinum toxin requires laboratory mice, takes at least four days to complete, and it's neither portable nor inexpensive.

(See SCIENCE, page five)

Medical forum to be held Jan. 25 in Pikeville

PIKEVILLE — The second of four town hall-style public forums to solicit input on combating the state's substance abuse problems will be held 5 p.m. Monday, January 25, at The Atrium at Pikeville Medical Center, 911 South Bypass Road in Pikeville.

A major focus of the four forums is to engage health care providers and medical professionals in seeking workable solutions to the drug problem and to address safety concerns being raised throughout the medical community in the wake of

the drug-related murder of Dr. Dennis Sandlin in December.

"I believe this will be a good opportunity to discuss issues we face every day, educate ourselves about the latest trends, and brainstorm both immediate and long-term solutions," said Lt. Gov. Daniel Mongiardo.

The first forum, held January 11 in Hazard, drew more than 60 individuals representing doctors, pharmacists, the judiciary, community organizations and law enforcement.

Other forums, which also begin at 5 p.m., will be held Monday, February 8, at the Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency, 129 Pine Street, Pineville and Monday, February 22, at the Carl D. Perkins Community Center on KY 32 in Morehead.

The forums will involve individuals from all walks of life and will include discussions on the growing prescription drug abuse problems and

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OPEN CALL

College's all-female singing group seeks new members

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — InHarmony is looking for a few good women.

The all-female singing group from Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be holding rehearsals on Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.

"We welcome any young lady or woman who loves to sing to join us," said Laura Ford Hall, director of a choir. "We have a wonderful women's chorus, and I look forward to a new semester of good music and

fun."

All Eastern Kentucky women from age 13 up can join at either of the rehearsals.

"Any lady can join InHarmony," Hall said. "We would love to have beginners and experienced singers, as well as everyone in-between."

There is no audition for InHarmony, and no fees to join. Performance attire is provided courtesy of Virginia Williamson Jones and Mary Kay.

"The choir serves the BSCTC of Pikeville,

Prestonsburg, and Paintsville, so all eastern Kentucky citizens are welcome," Hall said. "The choir is accompanied by Alicia Hughes, pianist for the Kentucky Opry Orchestra, with Tim Cooley, technical director."

According to Hall, some of the songs that the group will perform will include hits by Michael Jackson, Dolly Parton and Miley Cyrus.

InHarmony will meet every Monday at the same time until the final performances during April.

Music will be provided for each member.

The rehearsals are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8 p.m. The rehearsals will take place in the Gearheart Auditorium in the Pike Building on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

For more information on InHarmony and Big Sandy Community and Technical College, contact Laura Ford Hall by email at Laura.Hall@kctcs.edu, or by visiting <http://www.bigsandysingers.com>.

Stumbo band playing at home games

by WALTER ORD
MUSIC TEACHER



The band at Stumbo Elementary recently undertook a new endeavor. We decided to start playing at some of the home basketball games this year. We have had a blast doing this and we have also received a lot of good comments. We played on Dec. 3 versus Allen Central and on Dec. 9 versus South Floyd. The band plans on doing more performances like this in the future. Please come and support the band.

DeAnna Kidd, sixth-grade band member at Stumbo, was asked to read the original version of the story Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. DeAnna was videoed so that other students could see her and hear her read the story. The video was posted on the Stumbo Elementary School Fusion website through the Christmas season. DeAnna did a wonderful job. Thank you goes to Cindi Hughes for letting us borrow her original copy of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

The choir also recently continued a tradition of singing the National Anthem prior to some of the home basketball games. DeAnna Kidd, Kendra Evans, Amanda McKinney and Shae Kidd sang the National Anthem prior to the Dec. 3 basketball game. Shae Kidd sang the National Anthem prior to the Dec. 9 basketball game.

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.

Miss Southeast Kentucky Pageant is set, Feb. 27
The Miss Southeast Kentucky Pageant will be held February 27, at 2 p.m. at the Guest House Inn, in Hazard. For more information, contact: Tara Smith, 606-269-7988.

Gospel sing
There will be a Gospel Sing at the Auxier Methodist Church on January 30, at 6 p.m., with Mary Holbrook, Annette Jackson, Jackie Coffey and the Katy Friends Singers. Refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall after the singing.

Pikeville Medical Center to hold diabetes meeting
Pikeville Medical Center will conduct a Diabetes Support Group meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, January 25, in the second-floor atrium of the May Tower. This month's topic will focus on diabetes and arthritis. Mavis Lowe will be the guest speaker. For more information, please call (606) 218-3513.

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.

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.com

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 skray@yahoo.com or Scott Shannon 606-377-7742 scott.shannon45@yahoo.com. You may also join the classmate groups on Myspace and Facebook.

Middle Creek Fire Dept. gives thanks for help
The Middle Creek Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department would like to thank all of the business and individuals that helped with donations in our Christmas give away to the needy families. Also the Santa toy give away and also for food baskets. We also want to thank all our workers who helped during that time. We also welcome any donations at any time. Call Dearl Faye Holbrook, 606-886-8481; cell phone: 606-226-3525.

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

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program
You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than be assaulted on Kentucky's streets by a total stranger. Learn to assist victims of sexual assault, child abuse and domestic violence by becoming a Volunteer with Victim Services Program. Call today to receive an application for our free training program. Call the Volunteer Coordinator at (606) 886-4323 for further information or to request an application. (The Victim Services Program is a program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center.)

OutPatient Drug Treatment Program and Education
Narconon warns parents that abuse of addictive pharmaceutical drugs with youth is on the rise with deadly consequences. Learn the signs of drug abuse. Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. 877-379-

2028. www.drugsno.com
Duff Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration will be every Wednesday, from 9:00-12:00 at James A. Duff Elementary. Call the school at 358-9420 or 358-9878 for the required items necessary for kindergarten registration.

Higher education begins here
The Kentucky Adult Education Learning for Life program offers GED, Adult Learning, Tutoring and College Preparation classes. These classes are managed by Big Sandy Community & Technical College. All classes are free to anyone 16 years old or older. Along with GED preparation, we offer adult learning, tutoring and college preparation for people who have high school diplomas or GED equivalent

who want to continue their education. The (GED) classes are offered at various locations throughout Floyd County five days a week, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Evening classes are also available from 5-8 p.m. at some locations. There are no registration fees; all classes and materials are free. For more information about the times and locations of these classes, call 606-886-7397, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information about home study for your GED is also available. Please call today, our instructors are waiting to assist you!

Reunion/Memorial to be held in 2010
Old House Hollow, "Bristle Buck", East McDowell, to be held in 2010. For information, Send a post card to 47 Frasure Creek Road, McDowell, KY 41647, or e-mail: patricia_466@hotmail.com; also Post Card, P.O.

Box 431, McDowell, KY 41647.
Auxier Community Center
Free GED classes, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-12.

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

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

Have an 'Out of this World' birthday party?
The East Kentucky Science Center is now offering a fun

and distinctive party venue for kids of all ages. The Birthday Party package includes rental of a classroom and admission to exhibits and planetarium programs. Must be booked two weeks in advance; limit 40 guests. Call 889-8260 for more information.

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge
The Floyd County (See CALENDAR, page four)



Cotten's 1st Christmas

Cotten Bryce Hamilton was born on Nov. 21. He weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces. His parents are Jimmy and LeAnn Hamilton, of Stanville. His sister is Alexandria Hamilton. He is the maternal grandson of Eric and Vanessa Hamilton, of Teaberry. His paternal grandparents are Jimmy R. Hamilton, of Stanville, and Michele Hamilton, of Dayton, Ohio. His great-grandparents are Ovel and Margaret McKinney, of Teaberry, the late Ira and Hanny Hamilton, of Allen, the late Tobias and Annie Hamilton, of Teaberry, and the late Buddy and Rosa Lee Stringer, of Dayton.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago (January 16, January 19, and January 21, 2000)

With a Wednesday arraignment date set for Sheridan Martin, the case is still in need of a prosecutor and a presiding judge. Because Martin is a local attorney, District Judge Hall and James R. Allen recused themselves from the case. County Attorney Keith Bartley requested a special prosecutor to be assigned by the Attorney General's office in the case also. James A. Cooley, 48, a Prestonsburg man, has been arrested and charged with two counts of sexual abuse. He was arrested Wednesday and charged with subjecting a woman to sexual contact without her consent. He is also accused of harassing the same woman in a public place. Cooley pleaded not guilty. Plans for a new athletic complex at Prestonsburg High School call for the football field to be rotated 90 degrees to make room for a running track. The expansion will require the board to purchase houses, commercial buildings and a trailer park adjacent to the current facility. Ellis Martin, a resident of Riverview Nursing Home, in Prestonsburg, has lived in three different centuries. He was born in 1898, lived through the 1900s, and has continued his life into 2000. The Floyd County Times website, www.floydcountytimes.com will be unveiled tomorrow afternoon. Betsy Layne, 48, of Minnie, was struck and killed in a freak accident, Sunday evening; she was apparently trying to cross the highway near the Minnie housing project when she was struck by a vehicle driven by Sharon Moore of Prestonsburg. Floyd County will soon have a full-time commonwealth's attorney's office state law was amended April 3, 1996, allowing for commonwealth's attorney's offices across the state to become full-time positions. Prestonsburg City workers Malcolm Slone and Tim Marsillett labored to clear the snow and slush of city sidewalks. Slone busied himself shoveling while Marsillett operated the snow blower. Monday night's snowstorm, the most significant eastern Kentucky has seen in the past couple of years, left behind three to four inches of snow in Floyd County. Sandy Crisp, of Arkansas Creek, died in an early evening fire Saturday. The Allen Fire Department was called around 5:30 p.m. to the scene of a blaze that had engulfed her home; the Wayland Fire Department was called to the home of Dewey Moore on Turkey Creek, Friday evening, finding the home fully engulfed; the Betsy Layne Fire Department responded to a structure fire behind P&B Liquors. The upstairs apartment area of a two-story complex was completely lost in the 3 p.m. fire. With Kentucky's lawmaking body in session, many changes could be on the horizon for area schools. A host of education-related bills have been submitted for consideration during the current session of the General Assembly, with subjects ranging from attendance to uniforms. Two traffic accidents occurring at approximately the same time—one in Pike County, the other in Johnson—left two Pike residents dead over the weekend in the Pike County crash. Samantha Friend, 19, granddaughter of former state senator Kelsey Friend Sr., was driving east on KY 1460 when she struck the curb on the shoulder. After re-entering the highway, her truck slid sideways striking the curb, a second time and sending it over an embankment. Cline and Rachael Dillon, 15, were thrown from the vehicle. In the Johnson County community of Sitka, Michael Collins was driving north along Route 201, when his vehicle went off the road and struck a tree. A passenger in the car, 30-year-old Terri Lynn Coleman was pronounced dead at the scene. A grisly game of chance proved fatal when a Floyd County teen accidentally shot himself, Tuesday night. Chad Goodman, 17, another teen, 15, were apparently trying to scare a 14-year-old boy playing "Russian Roulette," when the accident occurred, said Trooper Mike Goble of the Kentucky State Police. Donald G.

"Booty" Hall, a Wheelwright City Commissioner, has been served an emergency protection order by his former wife, Shannon Cordial. Floyd County Sheriff John K. Blackburn went the extra mile to make an arrest this week. He traveled 431 miles, one way, to retrieve William T. Flannery working as a janitor in Warsaw, Indiana. Blackburn had an arrest warrant sworn out for Flannery and faxed it to the Kosciusko County Sheriff who had placed him in custody and holding him for extradition. Prestonsburg Police responded to a report of a man, threatening to throw himself from Route 302 bridge at Lancer Wednesday morning. The man's father arrived at the scene and spoke to his son, convincing him not to take the plunge. The marquee at the Mountain Arts Center has been a source of dispute since the center's opening, with managers saying it has never worked properly. A suit was filed by the City of Prestonsburg in Floyd Circuit Court against Unisign, who installed the sign. The suit says that the city paid \$105,514 for the sign that has worked sporadically since construction was completed. A court summons was issued Wednesday, for James Dean Sellards, of Betsy Layne, to appear in Floyd District Court February 2, on charges of burglary and theft. The suit is against him by Charles Parsons. Matewan Bank has announced through a letter to its customers that it will merge with Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) this spring. There died Richard Isaiah Shepherd, infant son of James W. Shepherd and Lana Hale Shepherd, of David, January 13, at HRMC; Bobby Gene Newsome, 37, of Melvin, Friday, January 14, at the residence of his daughter, at Topmost; Lillian Bernice Hall Ruby, 74, of McDowell, Monday, January 17, at her residence; Henry Slone Jr., 47, of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 17; Zeda Turner, 81, of Wayland, Saturday, January 15, at the Parkway Nursing Home in Pikeville; Richard Leonard "Mick" Johnson, 60, of Crossville, Tennessee, Thursday, January 13, at the Cumberland Medical Center; R.D. Slone, 58, of Lackey, Friday, January 14, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edna Newsome, 74, of Clyde, Sunday, January 2, at St. Francis Nursing Home, Green Springs; Ruby Annette Tackett, 64, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Grethel, Monday, January 17, at HRMC; Rochella Fay Hicks Turner, 55, of Seaford, Virginia, formerly of Floyd County, Saturday, January 15, at her residence, Bonnie Slone, 48, of McDowell, Sunday, January 16, at Minnie, following an automobile accident; Ruby Annette Tackett, 64, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Grethel, Monday, January 17, at HRMC; Draxie H. Combs, 84, of Honaker, Wednesday, January 19, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital; Edgel Scott, 77, of Topmost, Thursday, January 20, in Paul B. Hall Medical Center; Orville Carroll, 77, of Clyde, Ohio, Monday, January 17, at Arborns of Clyde; Beverly Howell Vanhoose, 53, of Thealka, formerly of Prestonsburg, Monday, January 10, at her residence, the result of a shooting; John Boy Henson, 64, of McDowell, Wednesday, January 19, at his residence; Della Tucker, 78, of Beaver, Tuesday, January 18, at MARH; Henry Slone Jr., 47, of Prestonsburg, DOA, at HRMC, Monday, January 17; Thomas Greenville Perry, 80, of Mullins, Monday, January 17, at his residence; Chad Nicholas Goodman, 17, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, January 18, at the home of a friend.

Twenty Years Ago (January 17 and January 19, 1990)

Though Chicken Little was nowhere in sight, his admonition, "The sky is falling," had

relevance, Saturday afternoon, as seven Floyd County residents were arrested, and nine were issued citations when 23 state police raided the Doty Creek Sports Center near Minnie for cockfighting activities. In all, 38 persons from six states were arrested or cited in the 2:30 p.m. raid. An Ohio man was arrested in Prestonsburg Monday, on charges of possessing 12 "rocks" of crack cocaine. The arrest by Prestonsburg police for possession of this highly addictive drug was the first of its kind within city limits. Craig Reid, 19, of Columbus, was arrested following an anonymous tip. Prestonsburg Community College is expanding its facilities again, with the construction of the long-awaited Floyd Science Building. Funding for the building was approved by the 1988 legislature, but it has been two years getting legislature, but it has been two years getting under construction. A Brankham's Creek man remains missing, and presumed drowned, following an intensive search over the past week of a six-mile stretch of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, below Harold. A federal grand jury indicted five current and former local health care professionals ended Thursday, with the arrest of all five persons, including a well-established Martin pharmacist and a former Floyd County doctor who had been in the profession with the state of Tennessee in 1981. Attested were Ronald Lee Reid, 49, of Martin; Dr. George Sullivan, 51, of Hindman; Linda Bates Sullivan, 38, of Hindman; James C. Taylor, 52, of Paintsville; and Douglas Fleming, 47, of Van Lear. A large project is about to take place in Floyd County, and across the nation, creating 229 temporary jobs here. The Census Bureau is in the process of hiring enumerators for the 1990 census, which will begin in the spring. There died: B. Hall, 76, former Floyd County legislator, January 13, at King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland; J. Tom Hewlett, 56, of Lexington, formerly of Drift, January 14, at St. Joseph Hospital; Clovis W. Warren, 67, of Prestonsburg, January 15, at University of Kentucky Medical Center; Daisy Walker, 81, of McMinnville, Tennessee, formerly of Price, Kentucky, 11, at the Medical Center in Manchester, Tennessee; Martin V. Moore, 90, Garrett, January 13, at the home of his daughter; Gladys Reed Minnis, 80, of Hueysville, January 10, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Leonard Simpson, 48, of Kendallville, Indiana, formerly of Drift, January 13, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Carl Elton Ruppel, 89, of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, formerly of Floyd County, December 26, in Steamboat Rock; Mae Bailey Ball, 84, of Paintsville, formerly of Prestonsburg, January 11, at Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center; Raymond Kattf, 70, of Galapit, Ohio, formerly of Harold, January 12, at his residence; John Bentley, 69, of Halo, January 13, at his residence; Opal Mae Burchett, 77, of Emma, January 11, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington; Daryl R. Collins, 40, of Price, January 16, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Holly Thornberry Blevins, 74, of Belvedere, South Carolina, formerly of Kite, December 24.

Thirty Years Ago (January 16, 1980)

The Floyd County Fiscal Court heard arguments, this week, in favor of moving the proposed Big Sandy Airport to a Floyd location. County officials expressed concern over the components of county truck drivers, responsibility of hiring them and maintenance of the trucks, following a collision of a county gravel truck and a school bus on Mud Creek. This collision was the cause of an incident involving a county truck. Operation and management of the infant Abbott-Little Paint Water District has, in effect, been placed in the hands of the Prestonsburg Water System. Two of three brothers who occupied the truck which was struck by a train, near Harold, last week, were killed, and the third was seriously injured. Dead are: Bobby Gene Adams, 27, of Prestonsburg, and Norman C. Adams, 24, of the Mullins Addition, Pikeville. Two-year-old L. Eugene H. Hiss Jr., died in an early morning fire, last Wednesday, which destroyed the mobile home of his parents, Larry and Judy Jones Hicks of Reed Branch, near Hueysville. Announcement last week by Congressman Carl D. Perkins and Senators Ford and Huddleston, that the city of Prestonsburg, will receive \$500,000 in community development block funds from HUD, places the Prestonsburg water system within striking distance of a greater water supply and expansion system. Harold E. Rose, 32, of Middleboro, escaped the custody of Jailer Lawrence Hale while waiting tests at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Doctors are convinced the Rose has a heart condition, but it has not been found yet, and it is possible remains at the Floyd County jail. There died: Margaret M. Hall, 86, of Prestonsburg, Sunday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Hattie Hall, 80, formerly of the Left Beaver Area, Dec. 27, at a hospital in Glasgow; Noel J. Thomsbury, 79, of Emma, Wednesday, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Allen Conn, 75, at his home at Dana, Saturday, Woodford A. B. Knolley follow, Friday, at his home; Melvin Griffith, of Hueysville, last Wednesday, at HRMC; Dewey Osborn, 80,

Monday, at his home at Wheelwright; Chester Layne of Ivel, Tuesday; Vittorio Rossi, 88, of Beavinsville, last Thursday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; John D. Holbrook, 51, of Medaryville, Thursday, Jan. 3; Stan Hall Burke, 94, Friday, at her home; Kite; Don Boyd, 69, of Martin, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Patricia Jean Osborne, 50, of Martin, Sunday, at Twin New Intermediate Care Home in Twin City, Georgia.

Forty Years Ago (January 22, 1970)

An application for a second Appalachian project, similar to the Middle Creek project now under development, was sent to Frankfort, Saturday, by the Floyd County ASCS Committee. This new proposal covers the Bull Creek, Dwale, and Emma sections of the county. Areas that would be included are Town Branch, Bull Creek, including all the land in both forks which drain into Bull Creek. According to the application this will affect about 11,500 acres. Inadequate toilet facilities, sub par lighting, and a shortage of General Sanitation Program. The Commonwealth of Kentucky and the City of Prestonsburg, joined Monday, in a circuit court action to close the Eagles club here. It has been alleged that within the past year the premises, owned by Donson J. of West Prestonsburg, for the purpose of unlawfully selling and/or possessing intoxicating liquors in dry territory. A meeting of Allen City officials with an EDA representative on a proposed public improvement there, was broken up last Thursday when plaster from the ceiling of the meeting place, Ann's Bar-B-Q fell, injuring one member of the party, James Webb Jr., member of her town board of trustees, suffered a head laceration which required surgery. There died: Charles Everett (Bunk) Friend, 58, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Irene Hobson, 65, of Allen, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Mary Alice Brankham, 91, at her home at Weeksburg; William Dotsy, 71, of West Prestonsburg, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Elisha Hall, 73, of Orkney, at the McDowell Hospital; Winford Cisco, 49, near Eastern, in a car accident.

Fifty Years Ago (January 21, 1960)

An unanimous decision of the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled, Tuesday, that the veterans bonus proposal approved by the voters in November is constitutional. The appellate ruling reversed the finding of Judge William B. Arbery of the Franklin Circuit Court who held it invalid. A flu epidemic affecting hundreds of Floyd Countyans has lightened in some areas, and maintained itself in others. Two new cases of hepatitis have been reported this week. Prestonsburg flood gates can be closed in three to four hours after the key has been turned on the gates. Dick Davis, superintendent of the flood wall, said this week. Plans have been made to add, if possible, two men from the Fire Department, Emergency Squad and Water Department. Davis said, for around the clock shifts. There died: Rev. Charles H. Nichols, former pastor of Irene Cole Baptist Church, at the age of 81, at his home in Ovensboro; Alice Hall, 60, at her home at Mare Creek; Estill Douglas Crace, 48, of West Prestonsburg, at the National Health Institute, Bethesda, Md.; Ernest H. Byrpe, at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Dora Bailey, 58, at her home on Town Branch; Henry Hale, 64, of Middle Creek, at a Norfolk hospital.

Sixty Years Ago (January 19, 1950)

Extension of Prestonsburg's corporate limits remained an undecided question this week, despite the work of Mayor Curtis Clark, last week, to explain to residents of the northern suburban section benefits he claimed they will receive through annexation. Floyd County teachers do not like the state budget as it affects them, and they propose to make their dislike of it known as a unit. Hours during which road houses may operate in this county were designated Wednesday, by an official of County Judge Henry Stumbo. The hours are Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m. to midnight. The eight counties in the Seventh Congressional District received \$8,835,69 as aid in their fight against polio in 1949. Heavy end of the docket of circuit court is just ahead, with six murder cases listed for trial, after a half month of rather ordinary court work. The law enforcement launched by Sheriff A. B. Metzger ran into the bizarre this week. It literally unearthed a fugitive from arrest. It brought here, a juke box and its contents—several records, one of which was, "My Buckle's Got a Hole In It," and five half pints of whiskey. Guy Bates, the fugitive, was found in a cave of his own fashioning—a sizeable room furnished for comparatively comfortable residence. Bates is scheduled to face charges of liquor-selling, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and destruction of property. There died: Charity Henson, 64, at the home near Ligon, of her daughter, Marton (Billie) Allen, 54, at his home at Midas; Rev. William Warrick, 71, at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Martin Noel Crisp, 82, of Martin, at the home of a daughter in Wayne, Mich.; Noah Melvin Frazier, 72, at his home near Martin; Robert Akers, 68, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, in Martin.

(See YESTERDAYS, page four)

Megan Mosley checks out the products available for purchase at Trends and Traditions in Prestonsburg. The shop recently moved to a new location on Court Street. As part of the Build Out Assistance Program, Brent Graden, director of economic development, and other workers of the road and the building. Asked about the move, Cheryl May, one of the owners, said that the main benefit was the increased "foot traffic" in the area. For more information Trends and Traditions, call (808) 889-1813.



Photo by Jarrid Deaton

Calendar

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

Need help with addiction?

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

Mondays, at Minnie (beside pharmacy), from 7-8 p.m.

Mondays, at Little Mud, Spruce Pine School, from 7-8 p.m.

Tuesdays, in Prestonsburg, in the Van Ark Building, from 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays, at David, The David School, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

Thursdays, at Allen Baptist Church, from 7-8 p.m.

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

Yesterdays

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Seventy years ago (January 18, 1940)

Almost half a million dollars has been allocated by the works projects administration for the construction of roads in Floyd County this year.

Congressman A.J. May, last week, notified County Judge E.P. Hill Jr., yet undecided as to the feasibility of purchasing the holdings of the Prestonsburg Water Company, and operating the system as a municipal project.

The city council discussed the matter at length during its meeting Monday. Passenger rates charged by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad in Kentucky, east of Lexington, were ordered returned to 2 cents a mile after January 24, by the State Railroad Commission.

Stockholders of the First National Bank, in their annual meeting, Jan. 9, elected Circuit Judge Henry Stephens as president of the institution, at the same time naming G.C. Spradlin executive vice president, and F.C. Hall, as cashier.

Nineteen Floyd County youths were accepted into the Civilian Conservation Corps at the certifying agent's office and sent to camp at night, in Pike County. There died: Hattie Robbins, 70, of Tram, Monday, at the home of a daughter; Joe Stanley, of Hueysville, last week, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; W.M. Layne, 84, Monday, at the home of his brother at Garrett; John E. Blaton, 52, Thursday, at his home at Amber; John Elkins, 37, of Gearheart, Monday, in a mine of the Payne-Baker Coal Company at Fed.

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the crimes associated with it, improving healthcare provider safety, and expanding drug treatment and prevention programs.

"We have already been approached by many medical providers asking how they can avoid unwittingly becoming part of the problem," said Karen Engle, director of Operation UNITE. "They want to know what they can do in their own practices, how they can recognize substance abuse, and what help is available if problems are suspected."

Information obtained from the forums will be incorporated into a region-wide medical symposium scheduled for March 6 at the Hal Rogers Forum, 101 Bulldog Lane, in Hazard.

Others involved in supporting the endeavor include representatives from the Office of Drug Control Policy, Kentucky law enforcement, the Kentucky Pharmacist Association, the Kentucky Hospital Association, state legislators, and Dr. Sandlin's daughter Danielle Sandlin.

For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org.

478-2836.

Hope in the Mountains

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

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

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

Prestonsburg Rotary Club

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

UNITE

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

"Living Free" - A support group sponsored by the Floyd County UNITE Coalition. Group will meet weekly at the

old Allen Baptist Church, on US 23 N., between Allen and Banner, on Tuesdays, at 1:15 p.m.

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

"Earn While You Learn"

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

Senior employment program

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

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

Looking for a Support Group?

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

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

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

USTOO! Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group

For all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville.

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

Domestic Violence Hotline - 24-hour Crisis Line manned by Certified Domestic Violence counselors. Call 886-6025, or 1-800-619-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Disabled? - You may be eli-

gible for grant money to assist in your daily living. For an application or more information, call 886-4326.

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

Monday of each month, at the Department for Community Based Services office, 1009 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, from 6-8 p.m. Childcare will not be provided.

For more information, contact Dedra Slone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: doslone@eastky.net

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