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Sex abuse suspects to appear in court
by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER
PRESTONSBURG — A Cow Creek couple indicted on sex abuse charges in August will be in court today for a pretrial conference.
Eddie A. Clay, 46, and Rhonda Clay, 50, are facing charges of sexual abuse for alleged incidents that occurred from June 1, 2009, through June 30, 2009, involving a person less than 12 years of age.
Eddie Clay is charged with first-degree sodomy for allegedly engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a person under 12, and first-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sexual contact with a person under the age of 12.
Rhonda Clay is charged with complicity to first-degree sodomy for allegedly aiding, counseling or attempting to aid Eddie Clay in engaging in deviate sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 12, and first-degree sexual abuse for allegedly having sexual contact with a person under the age of 12.
Kentucky State Police Det. Ben Cramer appeared before the grand jury as a witness in the case.
The Clays, who were indicted on the charges on August 18, are scheduled to appear in Floyd Circuit Court at 9 a.m. today for their pretrial conferences.

Knott County bans pain clinics

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

HINDMAN — Pain clinics are a regional problem, drug officials say, but now one county has decided to ban them altogether within its jurisdiction.
The Knott County Fiscal Court passed an ordinance last week to

ban pain clinics in that county, a move they are hoping will curb the overpowering drug problem throughout the county.

Officials with the Floyd County Fiscal Court could not be reached before press time to comment on the neighboring county's decision, but there have been a number of arrests at local pain clinics, most

recently in the county seat of Prestonsburg.

The city drug enforcement unit and the sheriff's department in Floyd County have made several arrests outside pain clinics and have also upped their patrols of these facilities.

Knott County officials say they believe the clinics are a key in the

widespread distribution of painkillers to those who do not always need them, adding to a prescription drug problem that continues to grow worse in an area already infamous nationwide for prescription drug abuse.
In a statement to media outlets

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MEASURE AND CUT



Jerry Baldwin worked on an order for fabric and linen at Butterflies & Notions in Prestonsburg yesterday afternoon. Baldwin helps his mother, owner Karen Baldwin, at the new store and says the key to keeping a small business successful is finding out what the customer wants and providing that as best as you can.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Local police arrest Alabama sex fugitive

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Alabama man was recently arrested in Prestonsburg on charges of being a fugitive from another state for sex offender registry violations.



David Davis

David A. Davis, 22, is a registered sex offender in Alabama. According to the Alabama Department of Public Safety, Davis was convicted on a charge of second-degree rape in 2009. The victim was a 15-year-old female and the rape was determined to be statutory.

Davis was arrested on the fugitive warrant by Prestonsburg Police Officer Adam Dixon.

A call to the Alabama Department of Public Safety yielded no further information about the warrant to arrest Davis.

Turner keeps post in Senate leadership

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — After learning that he had again been re-elected as Senate Minority Caucus Chair by the Democratic Caucus yesterday, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner first thanked his colleagues and then turned the matter at hand — the upcoming legislative session.

"We have a lot of work to do in the months ahead," said Turner. "We will be looking at important issues including

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Groups seek to expand smoke ban statewide

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — It wasn't all that long ago when the city of Prestonsburg followed other communities, most notably and nearby the city of Pikeville, in passing a smoking ban that placed a wide range of restrictions on smokers.

Now a coalition of local, state and national health advocates are pushing to see a statewide move to ban smoking from workplaces, including bars and restaurants.

The group plans to announce new polling figures during a press conference in Frankfort tomorrow afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Capitol Rotunda in

Frankfort. The groups involved say the polls show "widespread support" for the move.

Among those either speaking at the conference or attending are state Rep. Susan Westrom (D-Fayette), Scott Lockard, public health director of the Clark County Health Department and Danny McGoldrick, vice-president of Research Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, among others.

In August 2009, the Prestonsburg City Council passed a smoking ordinance by a 5-2 margin. The new law, still in effect, prohibits smoking in all public buildings.

The ordinance also outlined several other aspects of the law that would qualify as violations.

In addition to the basic tenets of the law, city leaders voted 5-2 to require those smoking to stand at least 10 feet from main entrances to buildings and to see that individuals found in violation be fined \$50, with businesses fined \$100 for the first violation, \$200 for the second and \$300 for the third and further violations.

These components came as amendments, including another that allowed for restaurants to develop outdoor seating sections for smokers.

Though passed in August 2009, the law did not take effect until the following January. Prestonsburg law enforcement has had no problems, they say, with enforcement of the law.

Forums to discuss 'distance earning'

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

Three telework forums sponsored by the Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative will take place this month to help participants learn about telework career opportunities in Eastern Kentucky.

The events will take place at the Letcher County Health Department in Whitesburg at 6 p.m. on Jan. 11, the Mountain Association for

Community Economic Development in Paintsville at 5 p.m. on Jan. 20, and the Kentucky School of Craft in Hindman at 6 p.m. on Jan. 31.

The forums are sponsored by a consortium of Kentucky Community and Technical College member schools, businesses and the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program Inc.

"Work is no longer a place you go, it's something you do," said Joshua Ball, coordinator of the

Eastern Kentucky Distance Earning Initiative program. "This program is not about job creation, it is about creating opportunities for Eastern Kentuckians to work for progressive and innovative companies that are leading the charge to compete in the global marketplace.

According to Ball, there are currently thousands of jobs available in a variety of different fields like data entry, clerical, medical transcription and coding, IT support,

computer programming, sales, tutoring and teaching, and variety. "Even during a time when jobs are scarce, IBM has over 2,000 telework opportunities available," Ball said. "This strategy helps eliminate some of our region's greatest barriers when it comes to job creation — geography and infrastructure."

Those interested in telework will receive free resume and interview coaching at the forums, along

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Obituaries

Asbury Boyd

Asbury Boyd, 78, of Tiam, died December 19 at his home.
 Born March 8, 1932, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Virgil and Vana Boyd. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Steel Workers and Union Mine.
 He was preceded in death by a host of brothers and sisters.

He is survived by one son: Dewey Boyd; three daughters: Doris (Mike) Dunlap, Gracie Taylor and Patty Boyd; one brother: Virgil Boyd; one sister: Rosie Goble; 3 grandchildren: Brandy Campbell, Christopher Taylor and Clint Taylor; 4 great-grandchildren: Emily Grace Taylor, Malachi Landon Taylor, Mika Caines and John Ashton Caines.
 Funeral services were held December 22 at 1 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Donnie HaH, Billy Compton and Rex Taylor and others officiating.
 Burial was at Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

Alice Blackburn

Burchell Fulks

Alice Blackburn Burchell Fulks, 82, of Dwale, died on January 1, 2011, at Prestonsburg Health Care.
 Born March 22, 1928, in Endicot, she was the daughter of the late George and Susan Endicot Blackburn. She was a homemaker and member of the Irene Cole First Baptist Church. She was the wife of the late George Burchell and John Spencer Fulks.
 Survivors include her son, daughter-in-law and daughter: Harold Dean, wife Judy Burchell, of Prestonsburg, Deborah Kay Burchell, of Staffordsville, two step children, Jerry Fulks, of Washington State, Sherry Price, of Florida, brother, High Blackburn, of West Virginia, sisters, Ocie (Ezra) Branham, of Dwale, Maxine Burchett, of Prestonsburg, Barbara (Montie) Rice, of East Point, Carol (Evert) Baldrige, of Ohio, five grandchildren, Kelli Burchell, Harold (Amy) Burchell II, Jenny (Brady) Johnson, both of Richmond, Laura (Bill) Roberts, of Monticello, Gretchen (Allan) Ping, of Richmond,

and nine great-grandchildren.
 Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Jerry Workman officiating.
 Burial was in Gethsemane Gardens, in Prestonsburg.

Gertrude Garrison

Gertrude Garrison, age 86, of Martin, widow of John Garrison, died Friday, Dec. 24, in the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She was born July 2, 1924, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Elbert and Delphia Dutton. Gertrude was a homemaker.
 Survivors include one son, John S. Garrison Jr., Martin, one daughter, Maggalline Scarberry, Martin, two brothers, David Dutton, Denver, Colo., Merdie Dutton, Seattle, Wash., six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.
 In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Hazel Bates.

Funeral services for Gertrude Garrison were conducted Monday, December 27, at 11 a.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with George David Garrett officiating. Burial followed in the Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

Virgil Kent

Handshoe

Virgil Kent Handshoe, 40, of Hueysville, died on January 1, 2011, at Hueysville.
 Born August 9, 1970, in Martin, he was the son of Virgil Handshoe, of Hueysville, and the late Edna Bolen Handshoe. He was a disabled coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Shelia Crum Handshoe.
 Other survivors include daughters: Haley Handshoe, Caitlyn Handshoe, of Wayland, Kadea Handshoe, of Harlan, Kaleb Handshoe, of Harlan, step sons and step daughter: Eric Morgan, Inez, Gavan Morgan, Inez, Kait Messer, of Dice, brothers and sisters: Curtis Handshoe, Martin E. Handshoe, Bee Handshoe, Attalee David Handshoe, Wilson Wade Handshoe, all

of Hueysville, Roy Handshoe, of Lebanon, Lola Handshoe, of Indiana, Betty Sue Napier, of Indiana, Pauline Ansbury, of Softshell, and half-sister, Bertha Hall.
 He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Bolen Handshoe, and his brother, Donald Handshoe.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Bufford Hall and Darrell Short officiating.
 Burial was in the Handshoe Cemetery, in Hueysville.

Elsie Mae Lafferty

Elsie Mae Lafferty, 87, of Prestonsburg, died December 31 at her home.
 Born March 30, 1923, in Ball Creek, she was the daughter of the late Isaac C. and Nell Jarrell Peters. She was a homemaker and a member of the Community Methodist Church.
 She was preceded in death by her husband, the late Lonzo Lafferty, one son, Rev. Chester Lafferty and three brothers, Bill Peters, Frank Peters and I.C. Peters Jr.
 She is survived by two sons: Ernie (Juanita) Lafferty and Vernon (Patricia) Lafferty, daughter-in-law Carolyn Lafferty, brother Roy Peters, sister Ermogene Hamilton, 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 step-great-grandchild and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held January 3 at 1 p.m. at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Roy Harlow officiating.
 Burial was at Gethsemane Gardens in Prestonsburg.

Isaac Donald

"James" Little

Isaac Donald "James" Little, 71, of Beaver, died on January 3, 2011, at his residence.
 Born on September 5, 1939, in Beaver, he was the son of the late John L. and Bertha Sanders Little. He was a retired coal miner and the husband of Ruth Irene Hall Little.
 Survivors include a wife, three sons: John L. Little, of Ind., James Daniel Little, of Texas and Kirby Dale Little, of Beaver, one daughter, Angela Jones, of Beaver, one brother, Collier

Little, of Fla., four daughters: Geneva Osborn, of Mich., Bonnie Newman, of London, Patty Tackett, of Beaver and Helen Stickrod, of Winchester and four grandchildren: Keshia, Christian, Kirby Lee and Forrest.
 He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Charles Little and three sisters: Naomi Little, Ruth Hall and June Kinney.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Glen Hayes and Baptist ministers officiating. Visitation is after 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the J.W. Hall Cemetery, in Grethel.

Paul Lumpkins

Paul Lumpkins, 31, of Paintsville, died December 29 at his home.
 Born November 16, 1979, in Lima, Ohio, he was the son of Cheryl Chandler Gray and the late Glenn Edward Lumpkins. He was a carpenter and a member of Lima Missionary Baptist Church in Lima, Ohio.
 He is survived by his son Glenn Lumpkins, 3, of Paintsville; two daughters: Keely Lumpkins, Teddra McCombs, Nevaeh Williams and Khloe Lumpkins, his brother Steven Lumpkins, sisters: Amy Painter, Angie Painter and Kimberly Lumpkins, and his grandfather Paul Eugene Lumpkins.

Funeral services were held January 3 at 1 p.m. at Nelson and Frazier Funeral Home in Martin with Jason Hutchinson officiating.
 Burial was at the family cemetery at Stephen's Branch.

Rosie Mary Reffitt

Rosie Mary Reffitt, age 85, of Martin, widow of Ellis Reffitt, passed away Friday, December 24, 2010, at her home. She was born March 17, 1925, in Risner, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Rebecca Allen Ousley. She was a homemaker and member of the Cold Springs Regular Baptist Church.
 She is survived by one son, Ellis Raymond Reffitt Jr. (Yvette) and one daughter, Barbara Griffith, both of Martin, 12 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons, Kenneth Reffitt and Frank Reffitt, one daughter, Irene Griffith, one brother, Jack Ousley, and three sisters, Ellen Ousley, Eva Prater, and Sally Brown, and one great grandson, James T. Griffith.
 Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 27, 2010, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Curt Howard and the Regular Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Reffitt Cemetery, Martin.

Keith W. Stone

Keith W. Stone, age 75, of Bronston, formerly of Wayland, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at the Lake Cumberland Regional Medical Center, Somerset. He was born July 3, 1935, in Knott County, the son of the late Kermit and Marie Bradley Stone. He was a retired school-teacher and a member of the Bethesda Freewill Baptist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Irene Harris Stone. Two sons, Brian Keith Stone, of Louisville, and Nathan Lee Stone, of Dallas, Texas; three brothers, Ray Alton Stone, of Dayton, Ohio, John Marshall Stone, of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Walter Scott Stone, of Wayland; three sisters, Linda Ward, Paintsville, Sandra Martin and Mary R. Franklin, both of Prestonsburg; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, January 3, 2011, at 11 a.m., Hall Funeral Home in Martin, with Rev. Rolla Blair officiating. Burial followed in the Bradley Cemetery at Wayland. Under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.
 Pallbearers: Scott Stone, David Martin, L. G. Ward, Josh Martin, Gerald Jones, Bert Layne and Bill Smith.
 Honorary pallbearers: Larry Mygrant, Orbin Hall, Onsbay Johnson, Hairl Harris, Tom Harris, Hubert Hall and Kelly Coleman.

Bill VanHoose

Bro. Bill VanHoose, 78, of Mt. Vernon died Friday, Dec. 3, 2010, at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born on Aug. 30, 1932, in Estill, the son of the late Edward and

Elsie Music VanHoose. He had been a machinist and had a radio program "Trumpet of Zion" on "WRVK." He was a veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.
 Survivors include his wife of 58 years; Dottie Edwards VanHoose of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Gary VanHoose of Georgetown, Ron VanHoose of Nashville, Tenn., and Tom VanHoose of Ft. Lyons, Colo.; two daughters, Kathy Timmons of Colorado City, Colo. and Becky Peters of Manchester, Conn.; four sisters, Ruth Cecil and Rose Mary Smith, both of Lincoln Park, Mich., Vertie Owsley of Franklin, Ohio, and Lucille Barker of Middletown, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Brandon, Sara and Lara VanHoose, Clinton and Boe Walker, Jarrod and Adam Peters, Jennifer Ollis and Mendy Malmberg; five great grandchildren, Jacob and Logan Ollis, Ethan and Avery Walker and Walker Malmberg.

He was preceded in death by: three brothers, Traber, Randall and Jim "Pie" VanHoose; and three sisters, Hazel Cooper, Virginia Sizemore and Gertrude Burkett.
 Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randy McPherson, Bro. Don Stayton, and Bro. Dencil Owsley officiating. Burial was in Crest Haven Cemetery.
 Pallbearers were: David VanHoose, Doug VanHoose, Luke VanHoose, Brandon VanHoose, Larry VanHoose and Dale Edwards. Send condolences online at www.coxfuneral-homeky.com.

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Card of Thanks
 The Family of Jack Shepherd would like to express our appreciation to all who sent flowers, food, or perhaps said a kind word, and for the prayers that were spoken on our behalf. A special thanks to Clergyman Jack Shepherd and Don Parker for their comforting message, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care. We will always remember all your love and acts of kindness to our family.
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THE FAMILY OF GERTRUDE GARRISON

Card of Thanks
 The family of Kathryn Ann "Kathy" Kinney would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to friends, neighbors and loved one who helped comfort us during this time. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, cards and prayers. A special thanks to Clergyman Jack Shepherd and Don Parker for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church for all the kindness what was shown to our family, the Sheriff's Department their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.
THE FAMILY OF KATHYRIN ANN "KATHY" KINNEY

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Local Planning Committee Meeting
 The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a meeting on January 12, 2010, at 6 p.m., at May Valley Elementary, Martin, KY, 41649.
 This meeting is an orientation meeting for the committee and is one of a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Floyd County Schools. The public is invited.

Card of Thanks
 The family of Harry Richard Gibson would like to extend their appreciation to those who helped comfort them during the time of sorrow. Thank you to all those who sent flowers or just spoke kind words. All your love and support will never be forgotten. We would like to send a special thanks to Ted Shannon and Singers. We would like to thank the Hall Funeral Home for their efficient services, kindness and understanding.
THE FAMILY OF HARRY R. GIBSON

Card of Thanks
 The family of James Monroe Hunt, Jr., would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who helped in any way during the recent passing of our loved one. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, prayers, food, and words of kindness. A special thanks to Clergyman J.M. Stoe for his comforting words, the Sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care.
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General Assembly's 2011 session begins

FRANKFORT -- Legislative leaders have gavelled the 2011 Kentucky

General Assembly into session, kicking off a session scheduled to last 30 days.

Lawmakers will go into a legislative recess at the end of this week and will return to Frankfort on Feb. 1 to resume the session, which is scheduled to conclude on March 22.

Citizens have numerous ways to follow legislative action throughout the session, including seeing legislative action in person in the State Capitol's legislative chambers and committee meeting rooms, which are open to the public.

The Kentucky Legislature Home Page (www.lrc.ky.gov) is updated daily to provide the latest legislative information. Web surfers can view the issues before lawmakers by browsing through bill summaries, amendments, and resolutions. The website is regularly updated to indicate each bill's status in the legislative process, as well as the next day's committee-meeting schedule

Citizens have many ways to stay in touch

and agendas. In addition to general information about the legislative process, the website also provides information on each of Kentucky's senators and representatives, including their phone numbers, addresses, and legislative committee assignments.

The Kentucky General Assembly also maintains toll-free phone lines to help citizens follow legislative action and offer their input. People who want to give lawmakers feedback on issues under consideration can call the Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. People who prefer to offer their feedback in Spanish can call the General Assembly's Spanish Line at (866) 840-6574. Citizens with hearing

impairments can use the TTY Message Line at (800) 896-0305.

A taped message containing information on the daily schedule for legislative committee meetings is available by calling the Legislative Calendar Line at (800) 633-9650.

Information on the status

of each bill lawmakers are considering is available on the Bill Status Line, (866) 840-2835.

Citizens can write to any legislator by sending a letter with a lawmaker's name on it to: Legislative Offices, 701 Capitol Ave., Frankfort, KY 40601.

Pike charity in danger without help

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A charity organization that was the target of a robbery last month is facing the sale of its warehouse by the end of the month unless more than \$120,000 comes its way to buy it outright from the current owner.

HELP Charity Warehouse Director Charles Sanders said HELP needs to raise or have donated \$125,000 by the end of January to buy the warehouse from its current owner or they will lose a huge aspect of what HELP does in the first place.

The warehouse, according to Sanders, is where materials are stored for home repairs done for low-income families in need throughout the area. However, he says the organization cannot afford to buy the warehouse.

The home repair items stored at the warehouse are donated to HELP by Home Depot through the Appalachian Outreach program, Sanders said, adding that other bids have been placed on the warehouse hoping to purchase the

building by the end of the month.

Sanders says nearly the entire budget for HELP efforts currently go toward to mission work and that there is simply nothing allotted to buy the warehouse. He has hopes donations may come from the communities the organization has served over the years.

To this end, Sanders said those wishing to make a donation can do so by contacting HELP at (606) 437-0389.

This past December, HELP was the target of a break-in and robbery when one or more individuals entered through the back of the location and took a box put out to collect donations for the Christmas season. Also, the organization's safe had been pulled loose and taken, though it had been recently been emptied.

The robbery resulted in the loss of money in the donation box and also more than \$1,000 in damages. Sanders and others were still collecting donations to lessen the impact of this most recent incident when news of the warehouse came to their attention.

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this past week. Lola Patterson, director of the Knott Drug Abuse Council, said after the measure was passed, the common perception of local residents traveling exclusively outside the state to fill prescriptions is not the only means by which the drug problem continues to spread.

"When you think of pain clinics, you think of everyone in Kentucky going to a different state and you don't

necessarily think about the fact that they're right in your community," Patterson said.

As for enforcement of the ordinance, it is said that the county's drug council will work with police to see that aspect carried through.

The new law, which was worked on in coordination with Knott County drug agencies partnering with county officials, went into effect Jan. 1.

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with telework job posting emails from the program.

"It's critical that we do everything we can to link our talented workforce to the many telework jobs that are available," Ball said. "We know that there are a lot of people looking for work, and a large number of talented workers who are underemployed."

Over the course of the next few months, the

Eastern Kentucky Distance Learning Initiative will enter the second phase of its plan that includes a proactive blitz to use a skills inventory taken from the forums held across the region to form partnerships with national companies.

For more information about the program, contact Joshua Ball by calling (606) 487-3205, or (800) 246-7521, ext. 73205.

Turner

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education, economic development and health care." Turner, who was first elected to office in 2001, has held the position of caucus chair since 2003. He represents Floyd, his home county, Knott, Breathitt and Letcher counties.

"As a legislator, I have always supported laws that are in the best interests of my constituency," Turner added in his statement yesterday. "I will continue to advocate legislation that improves the quality of life for the people I represent and all Kentuckians."

Turner said he intends to continue to stress fiscal

responsibility in state government while working with those from across the aisle in the meantime.

"I look forward to working in a bipartisan manner with all of my Senate colleagues, Gov. Beshear and House leadership in addressing issues facing the commonwealth," Turner said.

The legislature convened at noon yesterday for a brief organizational session, which will conclude Friday. Afterwards, legislators will return to Frankfort Tuesday, Feb. 1, to continue the 2011 session.

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Viewpoint

Amendment 1
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Worth Repeating ...

Wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late

— Felix Frankfurter

Our View

Good bills deserve a good hearing

As the General Assembly reconvenes in Frankfort, a series of bills filed by a Northern Kentucky Republican should be given serious consideration for passage.

Rep. Addia Wuchner's "Kentucky Kids First" initiative sensibly addresses several health and education issues facing the state's children.

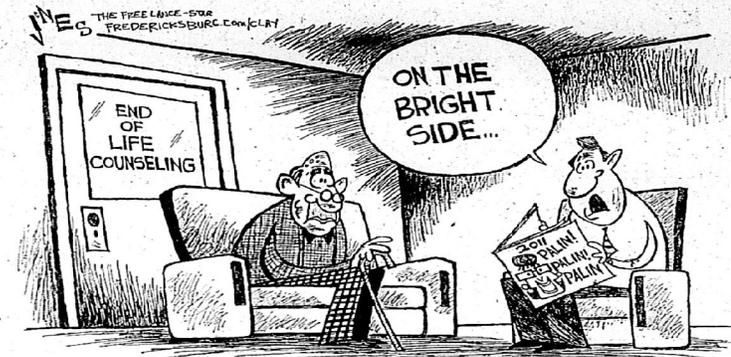
A large part of the initiative deals with the growing problem of childhood obesity in the state. Wuchner's agenda would tackle this problem by increasing the amount of physical activity elementary students receive, establishing nutritional and physical activity guidelines for day care centers, tracking the trend by requiring Body Mass Index measurements on school physicals, and establishing a Legislative Task Force on Childhood Obesity to further examine the problem and propose solutions.

On their own, these items make the initiative worthy of passage, as Kentucky faces severe problems down the road due to a disproportionate incidence of childhood obesity. Currently, over 25 percent of the state's children are overweight or obese, and this only leads to additional problems as those children become adults.

But Wuchner's proposals go further by addressing other problems. Among these are requirements to give parents information on Shaken Baby Syndrome, to expand screening for dyslexia, dysgraphia and other conditions, and to provide an alternative path to graduation to special needs students who cannot meet all of the requirements in a traditional high school setting.

The Kentucky Kids First initiative deserves a fair hearing, and we hope it will receive one, regardless of Wuchner's party registration in the Democratically-controlled House of Representatives. These bills are a perfect opportunity for our state's legislators to show that they can transcend everyday politics for the greater good.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

By REP. GREG STUMBO
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

With the General Assembly starting its legislative session this week, now is the ideal time to take a look back at what has happened since the last one ended.

Although enacting laws is our primary function, this period is important for legislators as well, as we carry out our oversight role of state government. That work is done by 15 main committees - which range from Education to Transportation - plus eight others that review such things as government contracts and the hundreds of regulations filed every year by state agencies. Two temporary task forces also met during this time, which is known around the Capitol as the interim.

After a rough stretch caused by the worldwide recession, there were some encouraging signs that things are slowly returning to normal. In the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, we learned that our budget remains on track with its moderate growth. That's a lot different from the last two fiscal years, each of which ended with less revenue than the year before, something that hasn't happened since 1945.

The road fund is performing even better, after weathering its own difficulties as businesses and the public alike pulled back on travel. There is a cloud looming behind this silver lining, however, according to transportation officials who testified that greater use of such vehicles as hybrids is reducing the amount of money available to build and maintain our roads. Nationally, this pot of money is

down a fifth over the last decade after factoring out inflation, even though we're driving more than ever.

In the Banking and Insurance Committee, another financial matter took center stage when we heard more about a new database the legislature created last year to more closely monitor those who use payday lending companies. With customers restricted to two loans at any one time, the number of transactions has dropped dramatically, from almost 300,000 a month to 175,000. This session, we could put even more restrictions on this activity.

In the follow-up to this past fall's World Equestrian Games - the continent's second-largest sporting event in 2010, after the Vancouver Olympics - the Economic Development and Tourism Committee discussed the benefits they brought.

In addition to boosting our reputation, the Games also made the Kentucky Horse Park an even more attractive venue because of the \$110 million invested over the last several years. It has scheduled 20 more events each year because of its increased capacity.

While most committee meetings were held in Frankfort, several were held across the state to learn more about a particular issue. For example, the Economic Development and Tourism Committee went to Paducah to see that city's revitalized downtown, which went from an area where the per capita income was just \$9,000 a year to a thriving center for the arts in just a decade, becoming a national model along the way.

The Agriculture and Small Business Committee, meanwhile, visited swine and poultry farms in Marshall County, while the State and Local Government committees met jointly at Toyota's assembly plant in Georgetown. The Education

Committee toured a technical school program in Green County.

With recent snow storms already causing havoc across much of the state, and a flu season still in front of us, that committee also discussed ways long absences could be overcome. One idea gaining favor is a virtual learning system, which would use technology to take on obstacles caused by Mother Nature.

Some ideas discussed centered on transportation issues. That included keeping license plates with the driver, rather than with the vehicle, after a transfer. This change would put us in line with nearly 40 other states, and appears to have broad support among law enforcement and county clerks.

There was also testimony about ignition interlock devices, which some jurisdictions use to keep convicted drunk drivers from getting behind the wheel while impaired. A Canadian official testified that this caused the number of repeat offenders to drop by two-thirds.

Another problem we're seeing on our highways is out-of-state truck drivers who don't appear in court after being cited for a traffic violation. Because of a narrow definition of the law, we cannot report this to the state where the driver lives, but there is a growing consensus that this needs to change.

Some of these issues will undoubtedly come before the General Assembly in the next several months. For now, we are scheduled to only meet for four days this week to elect leaders in each chamber and establish committee membership for the next two years, and then finish the bulk of the 30-day legislative session in February and March. That's a small amount of time for what could be a long agenda.

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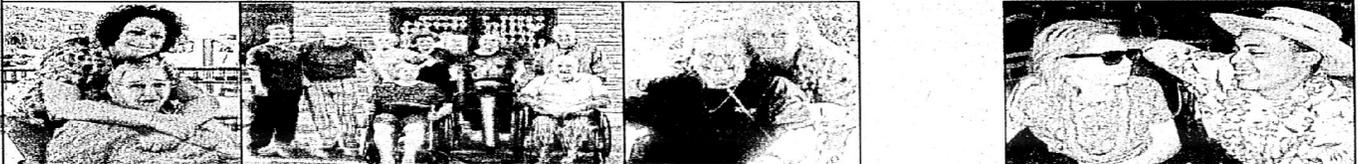
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Imagination



Inspiration



Scott Tackett is an inspiration to everyone who has the privilege of meeting him. On April 17, 2010, 46 year old Scott Tackett lost control of his Dodge Dakota pick up following a seizure and ran into a brick building. He was transferred to Cabell Huntington Hospital by helicopter. Upon arrival to the Emergency Room he was non responsive. After evaluation by the trauma team he was found to have multiple facial fractures as well as fractures to his spine, ribs, and both legs. Scott received oxygen through a tracheotomy and was on a ventilator. A tube was inserted into his brain requiring the hospital to closely watch the pressure inside his skull due to brain trauma with bleeding. He was fed through a feeding tube.

While at Cabell Hospital Scott underwent two major surgeries in an attempt to repair his multiple fractures. On May 5 he was transferred to Select Care, a division of Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation. Upon arrival to Select care Scott had uncoordinated movement to his right arm. He was unable to move his left arm and legs. Scott would respond by opening his eyes when his name was called.

When admitted to Riverview Health Care Center, Scott was still being fed by a feeding tube, oxygen was delivered through his tracheotomy and he could only respond to voices by opening his eyes. Due to his multiple fractures he was confined to bed and had movement to his right arm only. At Riverview, he has received treatment from Speech Therapy, Occupational

Therapy and Physical Therapy. Although Scott has received first class care which has included nursing, therapy, dietary, housekeeping, activities, social, and spirituality services, it is recognized that even the most dedicated team cannot replace the support and love of family. Through out Scott's slow and difficult recovery his sister Betty Cook has been at his side and has completed the team that has been dedicated to Scott's well being and recovery. This Christmas, Scott will be up in a wheelchair enjoying his family and holding a conversation with them as he is no longer confined to his bed. He can wheel himself around and enjoy the company of others. His feeding tube is gone. He is eating and no longer requires oxygen.

According to Jamie Castle, Physical Therapist, Scott's recovery in a true miracle. On the therapy department wall is a quote from Plato that says "never discourage anyone...who continually makes progress, no matter how slow". Jamie also states that it isn't uncommon to hear a staff member say to Scott, "you are amazing." Scott will reply, "Thank you so much." Scott continues to work with physical therapy as he is learning to walk again. Scott sings the praises of his sister several times a day. When Betty was asked what has made the difference since Scott came here to Riverview Health Care, Betty replied, "You people didn't give up on him." In addition to his sister Betty, Scott is married to his wife Norma and has two children, Nicky and Anastasia.

FLOYD COUNTY Sports

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Williams hauls in postseason honors

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School sophomore Bryson Williams, a standout on the gridiron, continues to collect postseason honors. Williams was recently named to the WYMT All-Mountain football team. The Prestonsburg multi-sport star was selected as a first team member as an all-purpose player on the WYMT also selected Williams as the Class 2A

Player of the Year. Offensively, Williams played tailback, slot and quarterback during the 2010 season. He also played defensive back and returned kicks for the Blackcats.

The Prestonsburg sophomore ranked as one of the state's top sophomore high school football players in the 2010 season.

Lady Raiders rout region foe Phelps

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Kiana Hall hit a trio of 3-pointers and drained 7-of-8 free throws as she poured in a game-high 34 points for the South Floyd Lady Raiders on Thursday night in a home non-district game versus visiting 15th Region rival Phelps. South Floyd pulled away to win convincingly, defeating Phelps 67-44.

South Floyd shot 44.8 percent (26-of-58) from the field. The Lady Raiders drained 9-of-12 free throw attempts.

Hall was one of three South Floyd players to reach double figures. Ashley Castle and Chelsie Tuttle — Hall's running mates in the South Floyd backcourt — chipped in 10 points apiece.

South Floyd managed to establish an early lead. The Lady Raiders outscored Phelps 21-12 in the first quarter. After cooling off in the second quarter, South Floyd packed a 36-29 lead into halftime.

South Floyd extended its lead out to a 20-point advantage in the third quarter, outscoring Phelps 18-6 to lead 54-34.

Kelsey Dye provided South Floyd with a spark off the bench, scoring seven points. Gabby Bailey, Joslyn Isaac and Brigid Hamby added two points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

As a team, South Floyd claimed 36 total rebounds. Isaac led South Floyd on the boards, collecting a game-high 10 rebounds.

Hamby had seven rebounds with Hall, Tuttle and Bailey claiming five caroms each.

Two Phelps players reached double figures in the scoring column.

South Floyd was visiting Pikeville on Tuesday. The South Floyd-Pikeville game ended too late to make this edition.

Pikeville women roll past visiting Virginia Intermont

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four Pikeville College Bears reached double figures and the home team forced 28 turnovers as an 87-65 win over Virginia Intermont College Monday night.

Pikeville improved to 9-4 on the season and will head back into Mid-South Conference play when it visits No. 3 Campbellsville on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Bears remained perfect at 9-0 in non-conference games this season.

The win for the Bears came in their first game since Dec. 18, ending a 16-day break.

Virginia Intermont fell to 7-9 with the loss.

The Bears got the win despite shooting only 30.6 percent in the first half. They held the Cobras to 33.3 percent shooting, however, and took a 34-25 lead to the break.

The second half was a little more kind to both teams, with Pikeville hitting 51.3 percent

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PIKEVILLE INVITATIONAL



Rebels dismantle Lawrence, finish seventh in EQT Energy Classic

by STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Allen Central Rebels finished seventh in the EQT Energy Classic/58th Pikeville Invitational on Thursday, defeating 15th Region rival Lawrence County 74-34.

Junior guard Braxton Tackett scored a game-high 19 points for the Rebels. Tackett connected on one three-point field goal en route to his game-high scoring total.

Junior guard Junior Handshoe and Senior forward/center Donovan Salyer added 11 points apiece and Micah Harlow had 10 for Allen Central in the victory.

The Rebels provided Lawrence County with defensive resistance throughout the matchup. Opening the contest strong, Allen Central outscored Lawrence County 24-8 during the first quarter. Allen Central outscored Lawrence County 21-5 in the second quarter to carry a 45-13 lead into halftime.

The Rebels outscored Lawrence County 20-13 during the third quarter.

Allen Central, under the guidance of head coach Mark Martin, received scoring from 10 different players.

John Dingus scored six points and Stephen Goble added five for the Rebels.

Allen Central finished 17-of-26 from the free throw line in the tournament game.

Ronald Young led Lawrence County with 15 points. Derrick Hicks was Lawrence County's second-leading scorer, contributing five points for the Bulldogs.

Logan Young and Joe Cooper chipped in four points apiece for Lawrence County in the setback.

The Bulldogs were 18-of-33 from the free throw line.

EQT Energy Classic/58th Pikeville Invitational

Allen Central 74, Allen Central

34 Lawrence County (34): R. Young 15, Bailey 2, L. Young 4, Hicks 5, Cooper 4, Lambert 2, Spears 2.

Allen Central (74): Jarrell 2, Tackett 19, Cole 3, Goble 5, Handshoe 11, Harlow 10, Hamilton 3, Dingus 6, Salyer 11, Wiley 2.

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Allen Central secured an early lead and defeated 15th Region foe Lawrence County convincingly in the seventh-place game of the EQT Energy Classic/58th Pikeville Invitational.

Above: Braxton Tackett (42) lofted a shot for the Rebels. Below: Austin Woods (20) followed through on a shot.



Allen Central's Jon Gibson (14) eyed the basket.

BRYSON WILLIAMS

15th Region Boys' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Pikeville	8-3
East Ridge	7-2
Johnson Central	7-2
Sheldon Clark	6-4
Betsy Layne	6-4
Pike Central	4-5
Allen Central	4-6
Magoffin County	4-7
Shelby Valley	3-4
South Floyd	3-4
Belfry	3-4
Phelps	3-7
Prestonsburg	3-8
Paintsville	3-8
Plarist School	1-1
Lawrence County	0-10

15th Region Girls' Basketball Standings

Team	Record
Shelby Valley	9-1
Magoffin County	9-2
Paintsville	6-3
Betsy Layne	6-5
East Ridge	6-6
Belfry	5-1
Pikeville	5-4
Sheldon Clark	4-4
Johnson Central	4-4
Prestonsburg	4-6
Pike Central	4-6
Lawrence County	4-7
South Floyd	3-3
Phelps	2-2
Allen Central	2-7
Plarist School	1-7

Bears close out 2010 with 10-point win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Senior Chris Donald had a career-high 25 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead Pikeville College to a 90-80 win over Faulkner University Friday afternoon.

The win makes the Bears 13-3 heading into 2011 and gave them a sweep of the season series with the Eagles, who eliminated the Bears in the semifinals of the 2001 NAIA Div. I national tournament.

Pikeville led 41-32 at the half and pushed its edge to 18 at one point in the second half, coming with 8:03 left when Donald scored inside to make it 80-62. The lead got to single digits as the Eagles got as close as eight late, but could get no closer.

The Bears shot 50.8 percent for the game and was 43.8 percent from the arc in the decision. Faulkner was hot in the second half, hitting for 56.3 percent to finish 49.2 percent overall. The Eagles also made half their 14 three-point tries in the loss.

Donald, a 6-5 wing from Boston, was 9-of-11 from the field and had five rebounds off the offensive glass. He was also active on the defensive end, picking up three steals in the win.

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Donald named MSC Player of the Week

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — He came off the bench on New Year's Eve and turned in terrific numbers in a road win over an impressive opponent, and as a result, Pikeville College's Chris Donald was rewarded this week.

The senior from Boston was named the Mid-South Conference player of the week.

Donald, a 6-5 forward, scored 25 points and pulled down nine rebounds — both

career highs — in Pikeville's 90-80 win over Faulkner University. The win raised the Bears to 13-3 overall this season and completed the season sweep of the Eagles, who have appeared in seven of the last nine NAIA Div. I national tournaments with one championship to their credit.

"Chris truly brought out our 'all-in' philosophy and it showed on Friday," said Coach Kelly Wells. "He has the talent to have games like this, and there will be times

we'll need him to assertive on both ends of the floor. We're going to need him down the stretch as we get into the heart of conference play."

In the win, Donald was 9-of-11 from the field and five of his rebounds came off the offensive glass.

On Wednesday afternoon when the Bears rolled to an easy 118-57 win over Temple Baptist College, Donald had nine points and four rebounds in 16 minutes of time.

For the week, he averaged 17 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals, connecting on 68.4 percent (13-of-19) of his shots from the field, including making one of his three three-pointers.

It was the first time Donald had been honored by the league in his career, and he is the first Bear to win the award this season.

The Bears return to Mid-South Conference play this week as they travel to Campbellsville University



CHRIS DONALD

Wildcats in Birmingham for bowl game

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The University of Kentucky football team had its final practice in Lexington on Sunday morning in the Nutter Field House in preparation for the BBVA Compass Bowl in Birmingham Ala.

"Another good practice, good energy, good enthusiasm," Coach Joker Phillips said after the two-hour workout. "We have to get better work on our special teams, though. We have to get a better look out of our scout (scout-team players) when we get down to Birmingham. We've had some good work (during postseason practices). There's no question about that. We've gotten ourselves better. We just hope it shows up (in the game) on the 8th."

Phillips was asked about the challenge of playing a team whose coach will be in his last game with that squad, as is the case when Kentucky takes on Pittsburgh.

"I got a chance to see the Maryland group (which was in a similar situation with Ralph Friedgen), how they played for Ralph, and I expect this group to play the same way, especially with their style, which is a tough, aggressive, physical, running the ball and playing solid defense. I expect those guys to play for the staff they have here."

The Wildcats traveled to Birmingham on Monday. The team practiced on Tuesday. Kentucky will practice again on Wednesday and Thursday and conduct a walk-through on Friday. The game is scheduled for Saturday at noon EST (11 a.m. Central) at Legion Field.

"Cat Walk" at 8:45 a.m. Central Time: Fans wishing to participate in the "Cat Walk," cheering the Wildcats when they enter the stadium at the BBVA Compass Bowl, should be at Gates 16 and 17 of Legion Field at 8:45 a.m. Central Time.

Harrellson, Knight claim SEC honors

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The University of Kentucky men's basketball team swept the Southeastern Conference's weekly awards for the second straight week as Josh Harrellson was named SEC Player of the Week and Brandon Knight was named the SEC Freshman of the Week as announced by the league office on Monday.

Harrellson, a 6-10 forward from St. Charles, Mo., averaged 16.5 points and nine rebounds in wins over Coppin State and at No. 22 Louisville. Harrellson scored double-digits in both games last week, including a career-high 23 points in UK's win at 22nd ranked Louisville. He tied his career-high with 14 rebounds at Louisville while recording his third double-double this season. He hit his second 3-pointer this season during a 4 stretch where he scored 12 of UK's first 18 points.

Knight, a 6-3 guard from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., averaged 21 points, six assists and 3.5 rebounds in wins over Coppin State and No. 22 Louisville. Knight dished out a career-best and game-high eight assists in the win against Coppin State. He then tallied a game-high and career-best 25 points in the win at No. 22 Louisville. Knight scored seven-straight point in crucial first-half run for the Wildcats against Louisville to help extend UK's lead from five to 10 (18).

The awards were Harrellson's first and Knight's third this season and the sixth and seventh for Kentucky. It marks the first time in league history a school has swept the awards in back-to-back weeks and it's the fourth time the Wildcats have done so since the Freshman of the Week honor was created in the 2005-06 season.

Pearson headlines second Hall of Fame class

TIMES STAFF REPORT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR has announced the second class of inductees into the NASCAR Hall of Fame. That class consists of: David Pearson (94 percent of the votes); Bobby Allison (62 percent); Lee Petty (62 percent); Ned Jarrett (58 percent); and Bud Moore (45 percent).

The NASCAR Hall of Fame voting panel, consisting of members of the nominating committee along with 31 others representing all facets of the NASCAR industry, met in a closed session in Charlotte, N.C., to vote on the Class of 2011. The announcement was made in the Great Hall inside the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

The class was determined by 83 votes cast by the panel and the nationwide fan vote conducted through NASCAR.COM. The accounting firm of Ernst & Young presided over the tabulation of the votes.

The Class of 2011 will be officially inducted in a ceremony in May 2011 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

The results of the voting for the five chosen in this class proved quite competitive. Also receiving votes were Dale Inman, Cale Yarborough and Darrell Waltrip.

As part of the inclusive voting process, hundreds of thousands of NASCAR fans submitted votes online at

NASCAR.COM. That remarkable feedback once again demonstrated fans' passion and knowledge of the sport and its heritage. The fans' top five: Allison, Pearson, Petty, Waltrip and Yarborough.

The NASCAR Hall of Fame broke ground in Charlotte on Jan. 25, 2007 and opened to the public on May 11, 2010. The facility honors the history and heritage of NASCAR and the many who have contributed to the success of the sport.

A look at the Class of 2011 follows.

Bobby Allison: Allison, winner of the 1983 NASCAR premier series championship, ended his career with 84 victories, tied for third on the all-time list.

In 1975, he won 10 races and 12 second-place finishes and was the NASCAR premier series runner-up (to Richard Petty). Allison captured the NASCAR Modified Special Division championship in 1962 and '63 and then went on to win the Modified Division the following two years. In 1998, Allison was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers."

Ned Jarrett was a two-time NASCAR champion (1961 and '65) and two-time Sportsman Division champion (1957 and '58). Through his career he totaled 50 premier series victories, tied for 11th all time. In 1998 he was named one of

NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers." After retiring in 1966, Jarrett helped grow the sport through his second career as a broadcaster.

Bud Moore: A decorated World War II infantryman, Bud Moore became a successful Cup owner almost immediately upon fielding a team in 1961. Moore won back-to-back championships in 1962-'63 with Joe Weatherly. Earlier, in 1957, Moore — who referred to himself as "a country mechanic" — was crew chief for champion Buck Baker.

David Pearson: Pearson is a three-time NASCAR champion whose career total of 105 victories is second on the all-time list. Pearson won his titles in 1966, '68 and '69. He also won the sport's biggest event, the Daytona 500, in 1976. In 1998, he was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers."

Lee Petty: Petty became the sports first three-time series champion after winning titles in 1954, '58 and '59. He also was the winner of the first Daytona 500 in 1959. His 54 career victories stands ninth on the all-time list and he never finished lower than fourth in points from 1949-'59. In 1998, he was named one of NASCAR's "50 Greatest Drivers." Petty is the founder of Petty Enterprises and as of 2009 has more than 2,000 starts and 268 victories.

Fariel earns 11th OVC Player of the Week award

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University senior center Kenneth Fariel won his 11th career Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Player of the Week award the league announced Monday afternoon. The 11 awards equals the most ever by a single player, tying the mark set by former UT Martin standout Lester Hudson.

Fariel also was named to the NetScouts.com Player of the Week honors. It was the fourth time this season the blog has tabbed Fariel for

the award.

Fariel earned both awards after three monster games against non-conference schools last week, helping lead MSU to a trio of wins. He recorded 20 point games in all three outings and registering a double-double in each game as well. He had 24 points and 10 rebounds to lead MSU over Kent State, adding in three blocks and two steals. He was also 10-of-11 from the field in that game. He scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds versus Binghamton with two blocks and three steals. Sunday against College of Charleston

he had 20 points, 13 boards and two blocks, hitting 10-of-16 from the field. For the week he averaged 22.3 points, 11.7 rebounds and shot 74.4 percent. He led the Eagles in scoring in two of the three games and in rebounding in all three.

It was Fariel's fourth OVC Player of the Week honor this season. He earned the award five times as a junior. Hudson also hold the record for the most selections in a single season with seven in 2007-'08.

The Eagles host Tennessee Tech in an OVC matchup Thursday at 7:45 p.m.

Pikeville

overall and 6-of-11 (54.5 percent) from the arc to pull away for the win.

Senior Natiera Hinton led Pikeville with 23 points, hitting 3-of-5 from the arc. She added five rebounds, four of which came off the offensive glass. Senior Lauren Potts added three three-point shots

to finish with 13, while junior Jennifer Grant nailed four for all 12 of her points, and had three steals on the defensive end.

Junior Sally Roberts had 11 points and three steals as well. Freshman Kayla Orriek paced the Cobras with 26 points and 12 rebounds, lead-

ing all players in both categories. She was 8-of-8 from the line and also had three steals.

Senior Haley Odle followed with 14 points and eight rebounds while junior Teonika Webb flipped in 12 and had four steals.

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Bears

He was joined in double figures by four teammates, led by senior Vance Cooksey's 19 points. Senior Andre Thornton had his first double-double of the season with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Senior Quincy Hankins-

Cole scored 12 points to go with nine rebounds, while senior Justin Hicks tossed in 11.

Faulkner (5-9) was led by junior Adam Czechuk with 16 points. He was followed by senior De Hereford, who had 15, four rebounds and

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three steals. Freshman Ayco Madamdola tossed in 12 points, getting his first career start.

Pikeville will return to action on Thursday, Jan. 6 when it visits Campbellsville University. The game will begin at 8 p.m. EDT.

American Ethanol becomes an official NASCAR partner

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — In preparation for the 2011 season and as part of its long-term commitment to "going green," NASCAR has announced a major long-term partnership with American Ethanol led by ethanol advocacy group Growth Energy.

Growth Energy, a coalition of U.S. ethanol supporters including farmers and members of the ethanol supply chain, becomes an official partner of NASCAR, using the sport to bring its message of American ethanol to millions of race fans. American Ethanol will support drivers, teams and tracks with marketing, promotional activities, advertising and a season-long weekly contingency award in 2011.

NASCAR made the American Ethanol partnership announcement just weeks after announcing a switch in its major national series to Sunoco Green E15, a new 15-percent ethanol

blend fuel made with corn grown in the United States.

Financial terms of the six-year agreement were not disclosed.

Led by Growth Energy, nearly 100 different entities — from individual ethanol plants to the National Corn Growers Association to biotech companies — are rallying around NASCAR to communicate their ethanol message.

American Ethanol will participate in NASCAR's Prize Money & Decal program, also known as the contingency program, with the creation of the American Ethanol Green Flag Restart Award in the Sprint Cup Series, while also providing weekly prize money for eligible competitors in the Nationwide Series and Camping World Truck Series based on finishing position. The Cup Series weekly award will be given to the participating driver who records the fastest average speed on restarts and who finishes the race on the lead lap.

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

A shudder for Socrates

by SANDY MILLER HAYS
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Chalk it up to an excess of empathy for Socrates, if you will, but I've never been able to think about hemlocks without a slight shudder.

Socrates was a Greek philosopher who lived from about 469 B.C. to 399 B.C. in the city-state of Athens. Since we know about him and his viewpoints mostly from the writings of his student Plato—and those writings are suspected by some of getting Socrates a more positive "spin" than might actually be warranted—his death is perhaps even better known than his life.

Never one to "go along to get along," Socrates ran afoul of the political power structure of ancient Athens. He was put on trial and convicted of corrupting the minds of the youth of Athens and of not believing in the gods of the state, and was sentenced to death by drinking a mixture containing poison hemlock—hence my squeamishness about hemlock.

But as I've learned lately, there's hemlock and then there's hemlock. One is a poisonous biennial herb, *Conium maculatum*, and it's not an evergreen. The other is a coniferous evergreen tree from the *Tsuga* family, and it's much beloved by gardeners and landscapers for its shapely, shade-tolerant trees.

Gardeners and landscapers aren't the only ones to love the hemlock tree; there's also a small sucking insect with the Monty-Pythonesque name "hemlock wooly adelgid," or HWA. This pest, which is related to aphids, was accidentally introduced from Asia and was first observed in this country in Virginia in 1951.

Once here, it made the most of its new surroundings and has spread to forests and backyards in 17 eastern states, killing hemlock trees and devastating natural ecosystems. The pest has been found to literally suck the life out of our hemlock trees, often killing them within just a few years of their becoming infested.

If ever there was a scientific discipline that involves the patience of a saint, it's breeding trees. So back in the 1990s, when most of us might have guessed that a "hemlock wooly adelgid" was some sort of winter headgear, the U.S. National Arboretum—part of the Agricultural Research Service (ARS)—kicked off a breeding program to determine the potential for crossing our American hemlocks with those thought to be resistant to HWA.

Is there really such a thing as an HWA-resistant hemlock? In the pest's native range of Asia, the answer is "yes." There, the wooly adelgid causes little damage because the hemlock trees on which it feeds have evolved along with the insect, developing resistance to its attacks. But hemlock trees in this country haven't been so lucky or so adaptable.

To remedy this lack, in the early 1990s, ARS and public gardens throughout North America joined forces to create what's known as the North American China Plant Exploration Consortium. These institutions teamed up to make several collecting expeditions to Asia to find resistant hemlocks, focusing their efforts mainly on China.

At the end of those expeditions, ARS plant explorers brought back germplasm of three *Tsuga* species: *T. chinensis*, *T. dumosa* and *T. forestii*. These accessions are housed in the agency's Woody Landscape Plant Germplasm Repository.

But they're more than just a curiosity: ARS scientists have used that germplasm to develop 140 *Tsuga* hybrids, 108 of which are suitable for testing. For the past few years, ARS scientists and a colleague in the U.S. Forest Service have been probing the hybrids' ability to tolerate HWA attacks, testing more than 170 trees

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Photo includes (left to right): Henry Webb, superintendent; Rhonda Meade, board member; Jeff Stumbo, board chair; Patricia Watson, program coordinator; Rick Caudill, WMDJ FM 100.1; Marsha Meade, McDonald's; and Charles Everidge, McDonald's.

THROUGH THEIR EYES

Schools' holiday writing program recognized

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

The Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child program, now in its 13th year, recently received recognition from the Kentucky School Board Association and the Kentucky Public Relations Association in the form of the OASIS Award for special events.

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child is a partnership between Floyd County Schools, WMDJ FM 100.1 and McDonald's.

According to Dr. Patricia Watson, 200 students were recognized at the annual celebration event on Dec. 19. The school district presented decorative certificates and a keepsake book to each student with all writing selections that aired on WMDJ in December and certificates for an All American Meal from McDonald's. Thirty overall winners received a copy of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Allen Elementary received a Silver Salute, the judges' award for best overall writings. The school coordinator at Allen Elementary is Mrs. Lisa Childers.

These individual program coordinators are Stephanie Marsillett, Adams Middle; Sonya Stone, Allen Central High; Angela Coleman-Mullins, Allen Central Middle; Sandy Akers, Betsy Layne Elementary; Leigh Ann Tuttle, Betsy Layne High; Melanie Turner, Duff Elementary; Jamie Lawson, May Valley; Rachel Crider, McDowell Elementary; Lisa Akers, Osborne Elementary; Betty Minix, Prestonsburg Elementary; Kayla Moore, Prestonsburg High; Sherry Ward, South



Chuck Rowe, principal; Mrs. Lisa Childers, school program coordinator; and Mrs. Laura Kidd, assistant principal.

Floyd High; Ebony Doderer, South Floyd Middle and Rhonda Blanton, Stumbo Elementary.

Three other departments in the Floyd County School System also received OASIS Awards. Floyd County Schools Transportation Department received a second-place for Internal Publications, Floyd County Schools received a first-place award

for Brochure and Floyd County Schools Health Services received a second-place award for Miscellaneous.

"It is gratifying to see our efforts toward improving communication recognized at this state level," said Supt. Henry Webb. "Four departments placing in our categories demonstrate the scope of our commitment to communicating more effectively."

Ring in the new year with a family budget

FRANKFORT — After holiday spending on gifts, gatherings and travels, now is a good time to rein in expenses and examine your savings plan. A good resolution for the coming New Year might be to re-examine — or create for the first time — a family budget.

The Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) encourages consumers to review their personal budget several times a year.

"Having a budget in place will give you a sense of control over your money," said DFI Commissioner Charles Vice. "By documenting your spending habits, you might discover ways to spend less or think of extra ways to save. And you can work into your plan ways to build

assets for the future." Budgeting can be done in just four steps. First, you should track your daily spending for a week or longer. This can be done simply by carrying a slip of paper or notebook around for a week and recording every expenditure — down to the last snack machine purchase.

The next step is to determine your income and expenses. Income includes wages, public assistance, child support, alimony, interest, dividends, social security or other sources. Expenses include housing costs, taxes, insurance, utilities, services, food, loan payments, credit card bills, child care/elder care, and other costs. Expenses also include things you may not regularly spend money on like car

repairs, vacations, new clothes, or entertainment — anything that shows up on your daily spending diary should show up somewhere in your expenses column as well.

In a successful budget, your income should exceed all your expenses. However, sometimes you may find that your budget doesn't work out as well as you would like it to. This is where the final two steps come in — decrease spending and/or increase income.

To decrease spending, it is important to identify items that are "wants" versus those that are "needs." You could eliminate anything that is not essential. Use tips for saving energy and water to save money on utility bills. Pay off debts with higher

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