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Teen from resident killed in accident

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

THEALKA — A 16-year-old Paintsville High School student was killed in a single-vehicle accident in Thealka on Saturday.

According to a report from the Kentucky State Police, Sara Ann Shepherd, formerly of Floyd County, was killed when the 1996 Chevrolet Blazer she was operating traveled off the roadway after exiting a curve and struck a culvert.

Shepherd was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center where she was pronounced dead.

A passenger in the vehicle, James Jones, 41, of Sitka, was airlifted to St. Mary's Hospital with serious injuries.

The accident is under investigation by Kentucky State Police Tpr. Jacob Stinnett.

HS Dance Cats win state title

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

ANKFORT — The Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats came home from the Farnham-Dudgdon Convention Center in Frankfort with the 2011 KDCCO State Dance Grand Championship on Saturday, capping off another dominating dance display that also saw the group win the 15th Region Grand Championship for the second year in a row.

"The Dance Cats left it on the floor and even before the announcement, I was so proud and hon-

ored to be working with such a dedicated group of young ladies," said Coach Deedra Brown Coarheart. "They were already champions in my eyes."

The Dance Cats competed in the jazz, hip hop and open categories.

"We're extremely proud of their achievements for bringing another championship home to Floyd County in less than a month," said Supt. Henry Webb. "They work extremely hard and we're proud of them. Setting goals, raising expect-

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PHS Dance Cats, KDCCO champions

STORMY WEATHER



A cluster of errant balloons provided a sharp contrast against bare branches and threatening skies, as a late winter thunderstorm advanced Monday on Prestonsburg. The system prompted a severe thunderstorm warning across Eastern Kentucky, as well as flood and tornado watches, but no major damage was reported after the storm.

photo by Allen Bolling

Four area arts venues receive grants from state

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

FRANKFORT — A gathering of arts community leaders in Frankfort on Feb. 22 proved to be a good day for a number of venues in the mountains, as the Kentucky Arts Council presented grant checks to the Mountain Arts Center, Jenny Wiley Theatre, the Appalachian Artisan Center and Appalshop.

State Rep. Hubert Collins presented a ceremonial check for \$30,490 to the Mountain

Arts Center for a competitive grant from the Kentucky Arts Partnership that was originally awarded in July.

"The Mountain Arts Center has grown from simply a performing arts facility to an important center of the Prestonsburg community," Collins said.

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, who was unable to attend the event, offered his congratulations to the Mountain Arts Center.

"Over the years, the Mountain Arts Center has

drawn many nationally-known performers and groups to its stage, while continuing to emphasize the talent of local musicians," Turner said.

Jenny Wiley Theatre received a check in the amount of \$31,078 from the Kentucky Arts Partnership, and House Speaker Greg Stumbo, a native of Prestonsburg, sent his congratulations.

"Jenny Wiley Theatre is one of the attractions that

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Marsillett reaches plea deal in death

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Timothy Marsillett, the man indicted in 2008 along with Richard Lee Adkins in connection with the death of 46-year-old Thomas Bentley of Bull Creek, has reached a plea agreement with prosecutors that will see him serve 15 years in prison for his part in Bentley's murder.

Adkins, who prosecutors said pulled the trigger that resulted in Bentley's death, was sentenced to life in prison after part of his plea agreement was that he would testify to Marsillett's part in Bentley's death.

Bentley's body was found inside his burned home. It was determined that Bentley was killed by a gunshot on May 24, 2008, before

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Knott woman pleads guilty to manslaughter

by JARRID DEATON
FEATURES WRITER

HINDMAN — A Knott County woman entered a guilty plea to a count of second-degree manslaughter in Knott Circuit Court on Thursday.

Denise Bradley, 48, pleaded guilty to the charge, stemming from an incident that occurred on Sept. 22, 2009, when she assaulted her father, John Adams, after an argument.

According to the office of Attorney General Jack Conway, Adams was found bleeding but conscious by family members and treated for head injuries at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center. Adams died three weeks later at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center from complications due to blunt impact head injuries.

"I appreciate the hard work of our law

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Governor visits autism center

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Gov. Steve Beshear visited Highlands Center for Autism this past week to announce grant money that will soon be coming the center's way from Frankfort.

The Appalachian

Regional Commission has issued more than \$350,000 in grant money to the center.

"Early intervention should ease some challenges for autistic individuals throughout the region, and offer a supportive learning environment," Beshear said during his visit. "These are the kinds

of improvements I am proud to oversee as states' co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission."

It total, the hospital saw \$360,000 in grant money from the ARC for the center, to cover costs for outreach services and equip-

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Gov. Beshear met with the staff during his visit to the Highlands Center for Autism. The governor announced a \$380,000 grant for the center.

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Obituaries



Verna M. Guy

Verna Mae "Beanie" Guy, 72, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at her home.

The daughter of Luther and Bertha (Cole) Tackett, she was born on April 15, 1938, in Floyd County, and had been an Ashtabula, Ohio, resident most of her life, moving to Painesville, Ohio, several months ago.

She lived for spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed word search and crossword puzzles, as well as quilting.

She is survived by her two daughters, Patty (Enrique) Martinez, Rodriguez, of Painesville, and Brenda Mittison, of Southfield, Mich.; son, John E. (Amy) Guy Jr., of Ashtabula; grandchildren, Misty (Rick) Snyder, April Bucci, Brandon, Zachary, Nolan, and Lucas Mittison and John III, Steven, and Gabriella Guy; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Edgar Tackett, of Kentucky, and Luther Alan Tackett and Jeff Tackett, both of Ashtabula; sisters, Norma Hamilton, of Plymouth Twp, Ohio, Rita DeGeorge, of Saybrook Twp, Ohio, Rose

Livingston, of Harpersfield, Ohio, Darrella Davidson, of Iowa, Margaret Bryant, of Kentucky, Jennifer Loeffel, of Painesville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her former husband, John Guy Sr.; great-grandson, Aaron Bucci; brother, Edgel Tackett; son-in-law, Frank "Bubby" Patton Jr.; brother-in-law, Dempsey Hamilton; and her parents, Luther Tackett, Bertha Cole Tackett, and Bulah Tackett.

Calling hours were held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Ducro Funeral Services & Crematory, 4524 Elm Avenue, Ashtabula.

A service was held 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at the funeral home. Rev. Robert Leonard officiated. Burial will be in Saybrook Cemetery, Saybrook, Ohio.

Mattie "Mary" Hedrick

Mattie "Mary" Hedrick, 84, of Prestonsburg, died February 24, 2011, at Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg.

Born December 3, 1926, in McDowell, she was the daughter of the late Andras and Elizabeth Dudash Kohari and wife of the late William "Ray" Hedrick.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers: Rev. Andy Kohari Jr., John Kohari, Frank Kohari and Jim P. Kohari and three sisters: Julia Kohari Gondel, Elizabeth

Kohari Wilson and Jo Ann Kohari Sweeney.

She is survived by one son: William "Bill" Hedrick Jr. of Prestonsburg; two daughters: Jennifer Hedrick Lusk of Betsy Layne and Angela Hedrick Lowley of Charlotte, NC; three brothers: Steve Kohari and Joey Kohari both of Chattahoochee, WV and Rev. Mike Kohari of Forest Hills; five grandchildren: Stephen Phillips, Raina Phillips May, William "Billy" Hedrick III, Rhiannon Hedrick Sukezana and Megan Lowley; seven great grandchildren and two step great grandchildren.

Funeral services were February 27, 2011, at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg with Mike Tackett officiating.

Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Kentucky. Nelson Frazier Funeral Home were in charge of funeral arrangements.

Stephen Martin

Stephen Martin, age 62, of Martin, son of the late Johnny and Maureen Radliff Martin, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, in the St. Joseph Hospital, Martin. He was born May 26, 1948, in Martin. Stephen was a retired CSX employee.

He is survived by two sons, Stephen Franklin (Kim) Martin, of Martin, and James Terry (Helena) Martin, of Prestonsburg; one daughter, Alice Ann Martin, of Paintsville; two sisters, Sherry Baldwin, of Paintsville, and Patricia Childers, Barboursville,

W.Va.; and eight grandchildren. Dané Brooks Martin, Stephen Cbuch, James Couch, Aaron Martin, Darian Marsh, RJ Roberts, Nikki Lynn Wallace and Ashley Roberts.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Judy Lemaster.

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EKCEP releases detailed workforce study

HAZARD — The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Inc. has released the results of The Workforce Opportunity Project, a research study that will guide the future of workforce training in Eastern Kentucky.

The Workforce Opportunity Project used face-to-face interviews to gather detailed data from 100 employers and company decision-makers throughout the 23 mountain counties that EKCEP serves. The employers identified their current and future workforce needs, the job skills that will be in demand over the next five years, and other important aspects of the region's workforce.

The full study is now available online at www.workforceopportunityproject.com.

The study's results included some surprises.

For example, despite the recent economic downturn, 68 percent of employers said they are likely to hire someone for at least one new position in the next five years.

Jeff Whitehead, executive director of EKCEP, said the study was conducted using the best methods available to provide unbiased, scientific information that can be used by EKCEP, businesses, industry organizations, economic development agencies, community colleges and the general public to make important decisions about training and workforce development.

"EKCEP asked employers to help us see the future and define the direction that workforce training should take in Eastern Kentucky," Whitehead said. "This data will be the foundation on which EKCEP and its partners will build policies and programs for the future."

EKCEP is a Hazard-

based nonprofit agency that has served Eastern Kentucky with job training and workforce development programs since 1968.

Carla Hunter, president of Career Span, Inc., an independent career resource firm, conducted the study under contract with EKCEP.

After the research was completed, Hunter and her team comprehensively categorized, organized and analyzed the data to make it useful for as broad a range of users as possible, including those looking for information on specific job categories, specific industries or general region-wide trends.

"EKCEP is the lifeblood of Eastern Kentucky's success at matching qualified workers with quality jobs," Hunter said.

The Workforce Opportunity Project is EKCEP's strategy to assist important Eastern Kentucky partnerships. This research helps employers by pinpointing the skills their workforce needs, helps community colleges as they focus on skills students will need for future employment, and helps job seekers who need to know how to prepare for a job.

According to the study, employer priorities include: more economic development activity; more manufacturing jobs; more education and training efforts; and more collaboration.

Many of the skills employers valued highly in the study were general workplace skills, rather than specific job skills. Employers consistently reported a need for employ-

ees who are better trained in skills such as professionalism, communication, having a strong work ethic, and being a team player.

Eastern Kentucky's employers also see room to grow in skills that nearly all of them described as very important. For example: 51 percent of employers felt employees needed better time management skills; 39 percent reported a need for better math skills; and 40 percent said employees should be more efficient at problem solving.

EKCEP has already begun using the results to develop new strategies to meet employer needs. One of the first of these is the development of an Eastern Kentucky Employer Network, where the region's employers can collaborate and share research and information on workforce issues.

The project's data will be a valuable tool for all of

Eastern Kentucky, according to Rocky Adkins, chairman of the EKCEP Workforce Investment Board.

"Eastern Kentucky is a great place. It is a region where we have tremendous people with tremendous talents. All we need to do is give our folks the hope and opportunity that they need and with these results that we've been able to pull in from this research it will really do a broad span of helping develop the skills of the future through our colleges, through our businesses, and helping prepare the workforce of the future," Adkins said.

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Obituaries

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Genevieve Tackett

Genevieve Tackett, 65, of Columbus, Ohio, died on February 24, 2011, at her son's residence in Grove City, Ohio. Born April 9, 1945, in Betsy Layne, she was the daughter of the late Preston Hunt and Vennie Thompson Bates and the wife of Homer Tackett.

Survivors include: three sons: Eddie Lowe (Kelly) of Grove City, Ohio, Wayman Lowe of Columbus, Ohio and Joey Lowe (Crystal) of

Prestonsburg, Kentucky; a daughter: Ericka Lucas (Shawn Reeves) of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers: Linzie Hunt (Christine) of Allen, Kentucky and Ted Bates (Ann) of Huntington, West Virginia; two sisters: Ivory Adkins of Huntington, West Virginia and Claudette Keeilin (Bo Harris) of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren: Alex, Christopher, Stephanie, Bethany, Hailey and Taylor; three great-grandchildren: Mason, Chloe and Bryce; Special Friends: John White, Kim Heame, Lisa and Joe; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

She was preceded in

death by her parents and a daughter: Mistie Lowe.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin with Jim Martin and Gordon Fitch officiating. Burial followed at Burchett Cemetery, in Endicott.

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mable Irene Tuttle

Mable Irene Tuttle, 89, of Hi Hat, died February 24, 2011, at Pikeville Medical Center.

Born October 9, 1921, in Heber, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late William and Mabel Layne McCown. She was a retired

teacher from Osborne Elementary and a member of the Hi Hat Church of God of Prophecy.

She is survived by one daughter: Janie (Curtis) Salisbury of Prestonsburg; grandchildren: Ricky (Brandy) McGuire, Kayla (Kevin) Tackett, Ariel Salisbury and Danielle Salisbury; great grandchildren: Sierra, Sahara, Tawean, Kylie, David, Karsen and Angel and a host of nieces and nephews who she loved like her own.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow Tuttle and by one son: Theodore R. "Teddy" Tuttle and brothers and sisters: Marion McCown,

Harore McCown, Russel McCown, Arthur McCown, Paul McCown, Ella DeRossett, Alice DeRossett & Ethel McCown.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 28, 2011, at the Hi Hat Church of God of Prophecy with Don Fraley Jr., JM Sloce and Arthie Johnson officiating. Burial followed at the Sloce Cemetery at DeMa, Kentucky.

Pallbearers included Ricky McGuire, Kevin Tackett, Jerry Tackett, Aaron Profit, Matt Tuttle, Theodore Sloce, Sean Lee, Dana Smith and Dwayne Sloce.

Nelson and Frazier were in charge of funeral arrangements.

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Our View

Time to get moving

The recent report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showing that Eastern Kentucky's counties rank near the bottom of the nation in terms of residents getting exercise should serve as a wake-up call for the region's leaders and planners.

The region is already known to lead the way in all the wrong ways, such as in rates of obesity, heart disease and diabetes. The fact that up to 40 percent of its residents report getting absolutely no exercise in their spare time means those statistics will only continue to get worse.

Of course, this is a health issue, but it is also an economic issue, especially in terms of attracting new business and industry. The health of a community is one of many factors executives look at when determining where to locate. Business leaders want to be assured that the number of healthy workers will be plentiful.

But to look at the region, especially the more developed areas, such as Prestonsburg, Pikeville, Paintsville and Hazard, one can see that leaders have already gotten a good start. Eastern Kentucky has many opportunities for exercise in its state parks, community parks, trails, golf courses and athletic fields. The problem, as far as we can tell, is that far too many of us are not taking advantage of them.

The problem in getting people to exercise, then, appears to be one more concerned with motivation than infrastructure.

Local leaders should be on the lookout for ways to encourage the population to get active. Since its inception, we have called for the Second Sunday family fitness event to be expanded to a monthly event, rather than an annual one.

And that is just a start. The region's cities and counties could also provide other ways for their residents to get moving, such as by organizing adult athletic leagues and providing a variety of free exercise classes at their local community centers.

And while government should take an active role in encouraging exercise for its citizenry, there is no reason why others, such as churches, nonprofit organizations and businesses, cannot enlist in the cause.

Eastern Kentucky's future will be much brighter if the region works toward a healthier future. To accomplish that, each of us needs to do our part, whether it be by getting our bodies in motion or helping others to do the same.

— The Floyd County Times

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Guest Column

Senate week in review

Each week brings new challenges in the Kentucky State Senate and this week was no different. The 30-day "short session" we hold in odd years may not seem like enough time to discuss and approve laws that could change the lives of ordinary Kentuckians, but we have managed to pass important bills. This week, we passed legislation dealing with health care costs and access, as well as veterans.

On Thursday, Gov. Beshear signed into law a measure to provide better access to quality health care. Senate Bill 110 will give Kentuckians greater access to necessary eye care and will mean more will be able to get the eye care they need. This bill passed overwhelmingly in both legislative chambers, showing broad bi-partisan support.

This week, we passed legislation to benefit Kentuckians who need physical or occupational therapy. Multiple visits over an extended period are usually required for these treatments to be effective. Some health insurance companies charge extremely high co-pays for these visits — far higher than for regular doctor visits. High co-pays for frequent visits can quickly drive patients to financial ruin, even those who have insurance. SB 112 will save Kentuckians money by limiting a health benefit plan copayment or coinsurance charge for physical or

occupational therapy to no more than the charge for an office visit with a physician or osteopath. The bill also will require health benefit plan insurers to clearly state the availability of occupational and physical therapy under their plans and all limitations, conditions and exclusions.

The freedoms we seek to preserve for our children are so precious in part because so many earlier generations fought and died for them. They all deserve our respect and admiration, and for those who have displayed exceptional valor, we owe even more. House Bill 200, now awaiting the Governor's signature, would place a plaque in the Capitol to honor all recipients of the Medal of Honor, including the two we still have living here in Kentucky. Thousands of students and other citizens from across the Commonwealth visit the Capitol each year, and this would be a valuable addition to their tour. Anything we can do to honor our bravest heroes and inspire future generations of heroes, is a worthy endeavor.

We cannot thank our veterans enough or properly show them our gratitude for their service to our country. Another bill we passed this week, HB 173, is just a way to give back a little to those who have given to us so much. HB 173 exempts members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces based in Kentucky from having to obtain a license to engage in sport hunting or fishing on any military

property belonging to the Commonwealth. This is just a small token of our appreciation, considering that our military men and women put their lives at risk for our country. We can never do enough for our veterans.

With eight legislative days remaining, we will be taking up more House measures in the coming days while the House looks at legislation we have passed in our chamber. We anticipate voting on some significant bills in the final days. For instance, the House has already approved an important bill — HB 463 — overhauling the State's penal code. HB 463 puts several provisions in place to improve public safety while lowering correctional costs and the state crime rate. On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee sent the bill to the floor of the Senate for a vote. I expect we will vote on HB 463 early next week.

The pace of the session as we complete the 23rd day is getting more frantic, but we always have time to listen to what the people of Kentucky have to say on the issues. You can always make your views known by calling our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181, follow our activities online at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov> or contact me personally at johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner represents Breathitt, Floyd, Knott and Letcher counties.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Lifelong friendship leads to longtime dreams

PRESTONSBURG — Kim Little and Kathy Welch met 12 years ago while working together in a local physician's office. Even then, they had dreams of one day owning their own business.

As the two went their separate ways in their careers for many years, both staying in the medical billing field, they remained good friends.

One day, Little contacted Welch regarding billing software information. The two ladies met for lunch and decided to pursue their dreams of opening a business together. They were unsure of the legal issues and aspects involved in starting a new business and were referred to the Paintsville Small Business Development Center by First Commonwealth Bank.

Little and Welch met with Michelle Spriggs, management consultant in the Paintsville office of Morehead State University's SBDC. As plans were discussed, Spriggs provided them with a worksheet to calculate working capital needs, sales potential and overhead

costs. She also offered the guidance and advice on developing their business plan and the financial documentation for the company, such as loan options, federal tax ID number, tax forms, licenses and billing information required by the state.

In the months to come, Spriggs met with the future partners several times, completing a business plan, three-year cash flow with financial projections, and the paperwork for an SBA loan.

In November 2009, Little contacted the Paintsville SBDC office to report that the loan had been approved. With these funds and personal savings invested by both owners, they were able to rent a business front, purchase the computer software, secure the initial inventory and start a marketing plan.

On Dec. 1, Genesis Billing and Solutions Inc. opened its doors. Genesis celebrated an official grand opening on Jan. 21 with Spriggs, Floyd County Chamber of Commerce director Mandy Stumbo, First Commonwealth Bank



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officers Tim Deskins, Sandy Boggs and Elizabeth Kestner; Broadway Printers

owner Vickie Preston; Joe Collins and Maxine Goble from High Voltage Electronics; Kenneth J. Mercado of Hatton-Allen insurance Agency; Justin Maynard and Britney Schaefer from American General Life and Accident Insurance Agency; Jamie Justice and Ronnie Justice from Nation Wide Insurance; Southern Hospitality owner Lane Dutton; Joseph Sammons, M.A.; Foot and Ankle Associates physicians Robert Miller and Tim Webb, to name a few of the near 40 in attendance.

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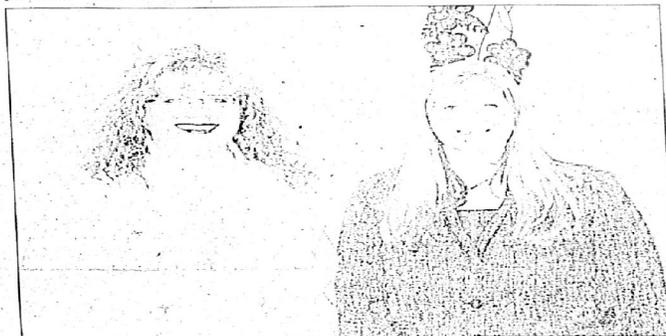
they received at the MSU-Paintsville Small Business Development Center: "Michelle and the SBDC Center assisted us in the steps necessary to make our dreams of owning our own business a reality. The SBDC Center was instrumental in the preparation of our financial projections, business plan, tax forms, loan package and guidance necessary to receive the loan needed to start our new business. We will be forever grateful for the knowledge and guidance of Michelle and the Paintsville Small Business Development Center."

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Kim Little and Kathy Welch

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Christine Pratt has been named the 2011 Employee of the Year for Highlands Regional Medical Center. Pratt received the Employee of the Month award in August. The Employee of the Year is selected by way of an organization-wide ballot for all 12 of the previous year's Employees of the Month. Pratt has been working with Highlands for the past six years. As a registered nurse on the second floor, a statement released by the hospital noted she has shown dedication to patient care and has consistently put others first.

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Penal code reform bill awaits governor's signature

FRANKFORT — State taxpayers could save as much as \$147 million over the next decade under an overhaul of the state's penal code passed unanimously Monday by the Senate and now headed to the governor's desk for his signature.

"This is one of the best days in the 26 years I've been up here," said Senate President David Williams, the longest-serving member in the chamber.

House Bill 463, sponsored by Rep. John Tilley, D-Hopkinsville, is the result of a multi-year task force that examined the state's anti-crime efforts in collaboration with the Pew Center on the States. The reform package is the first comprehensive examination of the state's criminal laws since 1974.

The intent is to protect public safety by reducing the number of repeat offenders, said Sen. Tom Jensen, R-London. The plan achieves that end by taking a new tack on drugs while putting a renewed emphasis

on non-incarceration options that are proven to work.

The bill will continue to severely punish violent crimes and drug trafficking but reduces the punishment for simple drug possession in two ways. While remaining a Class D Felony, possession of small amounts will result in up to three years in prison, down from the current maximum of five, and repeat offenses will remain Class D Felonies rather than being Class C Felonies punishable by up to 10 years behind bars.

Drug crimes are the reason for about 40 percent of all state prisoners, Jensen said. Initial savings estimates were set at \$422 million over the next decade, but half would be reinvested in drug abuse and mental illness treatment. An additional \$61 million would go toward probation and parole services, which will be focused on the greater number of would-be inmates who will undergo commu-

nity supervision or be fitted with GPS ankle monitors. Those who violate their probation or parole in minor ways could face "intermediate sanctions" rather than mandatory return to prison, Jensen said, which often results in longer sentences than originally intended. Inmates will also receive credit for time served for their treatment and education programs.

A third component of the reform plan is a focus on evidence-based or data-driven programs that clearly work, said Senate Majority Floor Leader Robert Stivers, R-Manchester. Such an approach will drive

out "profiteers" who cost the state significant money but don't help reduce recidivism, he said.

Since the last reform package, many laws have been passed to tackle particular crimes, resulting in laws that were "tough on crime" but not cost-efficient or particularly effective at reducing recidivism, Jensen said. As a result, corrections costs have grown 45 percent in the last decade as opposed to the 13 percent national average. "We can't expect to fight crime the way we always have and get different results," he said.

"We came up with an

irrational code" because of the piecemeal changes, said Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville. "This is a step toward rationality."

The bill also retains the existence of the original task force, which will continue to examine the best ways to protect Kentuckians in a cost-effective way. "We still have work to do on this matter," Jensen said.

Neal, who sponsored the original legislation to form the task force, concurred. "This first step is significant," he said, while saying he thought there was much more to do. "This is the right direction."

The Senate approved a handful of changes to the original House plan, including setting the minimum amount of heroin to qualify as trafficking at 2 grams, equal to the qualifying amount of meth. The Senate also expanded the number of instances where police could make arrests in misdemeanor cases, including for DUI stops and resisting arrest.

Later in the day, the House approved the Senate version of the bill 96-1, putting it one step closer to becoming state law.

Plea

the home had been set on fire. Adkins admitted that he shot Bentley.

Bags of marijuana and scattered money were found around Marsillett's car and a rifle was located in the creek behind the vehicle. Marsillett was eventually taken into custody after a field sobriety test and charged with driving under the influence.

When originally indicted, Marsillett was charged with complicity to murder and arson as well as complicity to burglary and theft. As part of his agreement, the first two charges were amended to facilitation to murder and arson, while the remaining charges stayed the same, said Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

"The way this case turned out was that Marsillett had driven Adkins to Bentley's home. Knowing what Adkins intended to do, which was evidence it took some time to prove," said Turner. "But Marsillett never left the vehicle, so he facilitated the crime Adkins committed."

State troopers said that on the night Bentley was murdered, Marsillett was found sitting in a vehicle

across from the burning residence and told police he was just "sitting there watching the fire."

Turner said Marsillett helped Adkins in the murder of Bentley while already on bond for another indictment. Marsillett was indicted on a charge of possession of a weapon on school property after an incident in which he arrived at Allen Central High School and threatened a boy who had been dating his daughter.

Since the two cases were separate, the indictment, Turner said the two were more or less incorporated and Marsillett agreed to take 14 years on the murder indictment and then an additional year on the possession indictment.

The three men knew one another, said Turner, and Adkins and Marsillett had visited Bentley's home on the evening of the murder, a residence that less than a month before Marsillett had rented.

"There had been a dispute earlier that evening," Turner said. "Marsillett and Adkins went to the victim's home, where the dispute then took place between the three, who all knew one

another, that led to the victim being thrown out of his house."

Turner said both his office and the victim's family are relieved to see an end come to this case, and feels that the sentences fit the crimes for both men.

"It's a long time and we were really pleased with the plea on Adkins to begin with, because he took a life sentence and he was the shooter," said Turner. "We're glad and the family is glad to have it over and I think on Adkins to begin with, because he took a life sentence and he was the shooter," said Turner. "We're glad and the family is glad to have it over and I think on Adkins to begin with, because he took a life sentence and he was the shooter," said Turner. "We're glad and the family is glad to have it over and I think on Adkins to begin with, because he took a life sentence and he was the shooter," said Turner.

PSC cancels power plant

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) on Monday approved the cancellation of a power plant that East Kentucky Power had been constructing in Clark County.

In relation to this case, the PSC also permitted East Kentucky Power to establish a "regulatory asset for consideration of future recovery through rates" of the \$157.4 million that had already been spent on construction costs for the plant.

According to PSC spokesman Andrew Melnykovich, East Kentucky Power will either try to sell or put to use the plant components and materials already purchased in hopes of reducing the amount it will seek to recover through rates.

The plant, known as Smith 1, was to be a 278-megawatt, coal-fired unit.

The commission approved the application for the plant in August 2006. Then, by December of that same year, opened a review of East Kentucky Power's generation needs.

In May 2007, PSC officials allowed the company to begin construction of Smith 1, but East Kentucky Power officials volunteered to cancel plans for three of the five gas-fired generators.

Two years later, in October 2009, Wendell Berry, John Patterson and John Rausch, as well as three environmental groups, filed a complaint with the PSC, saying the plant was no longer needed to meet the utility company's future power needs.

Over the course of the next two years, which included investigations and combined evidentiary hearings, the commission allowed the cancellation of the plant construction with the agreed plans for separately accounting for costs already spent on the project.

East Kentucky Power said it could take as long as 18 months to determine the amount of plant parts it already owns, with the largest and most expensive being the generator for the plant itself, adding that any revenue would be used to reduce the amount of regulatory asset and potential costs to ratepayers.

Champs

tations and taking steps to reach these goals is how teams, and school districts, improve. I would like to congratulate the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats for setting a goal of winning the state competition, working hard and achieving that goal."

The members of the Prestonsburg High School Dance Cats are Kaitlyn Minix, Kalan Wells, Christina Allen, Chelsea Hereford, Kristany Setser, Tori Hammonds, Laiké Maggard, Kelsey Boyd, Ashton Sizemore, Dara Bartley, Darby Cooksey, Morgan Hayward, Paige Caudill, Sonja Meade, Michaela Stone and Megan Towles.

The team was founded in 1994.

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enforcement partners in investigating this tragic case and my prosecutors for bringing it to a successful close," said Conway. "My office remains committed to combating the abuse of Kentucky's vulnerable citizens, including children, the elderly and those who are helpless to defend themselves from abuse."

Grants

draw tourists to see and experience the vibrant culture of Eastern Kentucky," Stumbo said. "I'm proud that it is receiving this help from the Kentucky Arts Council, because the theatre certainly deserves it."

The Appalachian Artisan Center, located in Hindman, received a check for \$16,970. The Appalachian Artisan Center operates a retail shop selling the products of 200 regional artisans and a studio program that supports five jewelers, painter, a woodworker and furniture maker and two

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master artists in residence. State Rep. Leslie Combs presented Whitesburg's Appalachshop with a check for \$63,415. Appalachshop's mission is to celebrate the lasting traditions and contemporary creativity of Appalachia, challenging stereotypes with original Appalachian voices and visions.

The Kentucky Arts Partnership grants provide operational support to non-profit arts and cultural organizations across the state.

Governor

ment, with the main goal to give autistic children in the region both educational and health services.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo spoke during the visit of a high-level of attention given to improving the quality of life for autistic children.

"I'm extremely pleased to see this grant come through for them," Stumbo said. "I know the center will put it to great use and add to the wonderful work that is already making a world of difference in these chil-

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dren's lives."

The center's school takes students from diagnosis throughout the remainder of their school careers and hopes to soon be able to expand and provide this for up to 50 students and create even more jobs, hospital representatives said.

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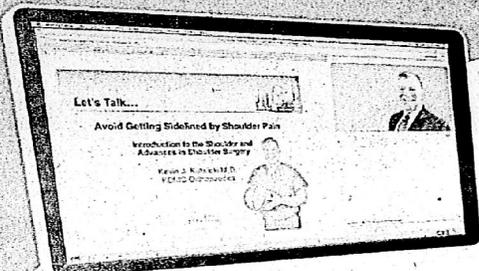
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Bobcats pull past South Floyd, capture district championship

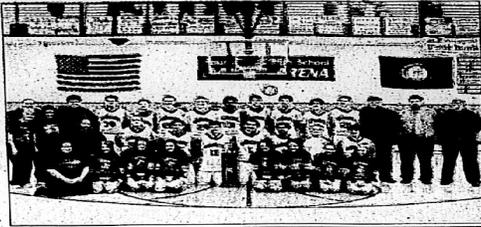
by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — Reigning All "A" Classic state champion Betsy Layne took another step in its quest for a 15th Region title on Friday night, defeating South Floyd 60-47 in the 58th District championship game at Raider Arena.

Betsy Layne, a 49-31 winner over Allen Central in the opening round of the district tournament, improved to 24-6 after recording the win. South Floyd, a 62-39 winner over Prestonsburg earlier in the district tourney, fell to 15-10. The Bobcats steadily pulled away for the win over the Raiders, limiting numerous South Floyd runs. Senior Nathan Martin paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points. Martin was one of three Betsy Layne scorers to reach double figures as Derek Tackett tossed in 14 points and Dylan Madanado added 12 for the

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(See **BOBCATS**, page two)



Cornett claims 400th win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College baseball team belted out 14 hits and defeated host Johnson Bible College 12-3 on Monday (Feb. 21). With the win, Alice Lloyd handed head baseball coach Scott Cornett his 400th career win.

Cornett is now in his 22nd season as the head mentor of the school, which is located in Pippa Passes. He was an All-American catcher at Alice Lloyd, where he graduated from in 1989.

ALC scored two runs in the top of the first inning. Second baseman Jordan Stumbo opened things with a double, and he was driven in by right fielder Kyle Potter. Third baseman Cody Hyden then lined a pitch up the middle to drive in Potter.

The Eagles added three more runs in the top of the fourth inning, then put the contest out of reach with a six-run fifth. For Alice Lloyd (4-2), Andrew Riley was the winning pitcher as he gave up only two hits while striking out three batters. Tyler Williams struck out four batters in two innings of relief, and closer Joe Stamper completed the last two innings.



SCOTT CORNETT

Pikeville opens MSC tourney with win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Four players reached double figures as No. 7 Pikeville College stormed out to a huge lead and eliminated No. 10 WVU Tech 85-74 in the opening round of the 2010 Mid-South Conference Tournament.

The game was played at the East Kentucky Expo Center as a prelude to the opening night of the Region Girls' Basketball Tournament.

With the win, Pikeville (19-11) will advance to the quarterfinals of the league tournament, where it will play second-seed Shawnee State University on Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at the Frankfort Convention Center.

WVU Tech, which saw its season end at 5-24, scored the opening basket of the game. Pikeville responded with a three-point shot by senior Whitney Compton to take a lead it would never relinquish.

The advantage ballooned to 22-30-8, with nine minutes to play in the first half on a basket from senior

(See **TOURNEY**, page two)



Betsy Layne captured the 58th District championship on Thursday night, beating Prestonsburg 55-42 in the title game at South Floyd's Raider Arena.

Lady Cats beat P'burg for title

Hott pours in 30 points, leads Betsy Layne to district championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The Betsy Layne High School girls' basketball program, thanks to the stellar play of senior Taylor Hott and her teammates, remained atop the 58th District last week following an impressive 55-42 win over Prestonsburg. Betsy Layne defeated Prestonsburg on Thursday night in the district championship game at South Floyd's Raider Arena.

Hott tossed in a game-high 30 points for the Lady Cats. She was the only Betsy Layne scorer to reach double figures but several Lady Cats got involved both offensively and defensively. Paige Watkins pushed in seven points while Keleigh Wagner and Taylor Watkins scored six apiece.

Betsy Layne controlled the boards, outrebounding Prestonsburg 39-26. Wagner and Taylor Watkins' each had 10 rebounds for the Lady Cats. Betsy Layne set the tone early on in the district championship game. The Lady Cats outscored Prestonsburg 22-9 in the opening quarter then led 38-19 at halftime.

Betsy Layne was limited to 17 points in the second half but still managed to hold off Prestonsburg. The Lady Cats carried a 47-31 lead out of the third quarter.

Kristian Waugh led Prestonsburg, scoring a team-high 17 points for the Lady Blackcats. Alexis DeRossett finished one field goal of reaching

double figures adding eight points for the Lady Blackcats.

Cassie Burchett pushed in seven points, Caitlin Kidd contributed six and Katie Rose scored four as Prestonsburg finished runner-up in the 58th District.

Burchett pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds for the Lady Blackcats.

Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg advanced to the 15th Region Tournament in Pikeville at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Betsy Layne defeated Pike County Central 43-25 on Monday night in the opening round of the regional tournament. More of the regional tournament game will appear in Friday's edition. The Lady Cats will face Magoffin County on Friday in the 15th Region Tournament semifinals.

At press time on Tuesday, Prestonsburg was facing Sheldon Clark in another regional tournament opening round game. The Prestonsburg-Sheldon Clark game ended too late to make this edition.

58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament at South Floyd

Betsy Layne 55, Prestonsburg 42.
Prestonsburg (42): DeRossett 8, Waugh 17, Cassie Burchett 7, Kidd 6, Rose 4.
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15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville

Opening Round
Monday, Feb. 28
Betsy Layne 43, Pike County Central 25
Magoffin County 60, Betsy Layne 54

Tuesday, March 1
Belfry-Shelby Valley, N/A
Sheldon Clark-Prestonsburg, N/A

Semifinals
Friday, March 4
Betsy Layne-Magoffin County, 6:30 p.m.
Belfry-Shelby Valley winner vs. Sheldon Clark-Prestonsburg winner, 8:15 p.m.

Championship Game
Saturday, March 5
Semifinals winners, 7 p.m.

15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville

First Round
Wednesday, March 2
Pike County Central-South Floyd, 6:30 p.m.
Johnson Central-Shelby Valley, 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 3
Pikeville-Sheldon Clark, 6:30 p.m.
Betsy Layne-Belfry, 8:15 p.m.

Semifinals
Monday, March 7
6:30, 8:15 p.m.

Championship Game
Tuesday, March 8
7 p.m.

Eagles end season with loss at Berea

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BEREA — The JR Hammonds-coached Alice Lloyd College Eagles traveled to Berea to face the fourth-seeded Berea College Mountaineers in the opening round of the KMAC Men's Basketball Tournament Tuesday night (Feb. 22). The Eagles gave a spirited effort but fell short as Berea prevailed 83-70.

Berea gained the early lead in the opening half. With Rudy Evans pacing his team, Berea went into halftime leading 41-33.

Alice Lloyd fought to stay in contention throughout the second half, and continued to battle until the end. Host Berea, however, managed to maintain its lead the rest of the game; eventually registering the win to advance into the semifinals.

For ALC, which finished the season 8-22, junior Brandon Hayes (Jackson) netted a team-best 17 points. Joining him in double figures were seniors Daniel Combs (Viper) and Will Jones (Manchester) with 15 and 11 points, respectively. Combs dealt out a game-high eight assists for the Eagles. Junior Zack Hurt (Cordia) added 10 points for Alice Lloyd in the season-ending setback.

For the Mountaineers (9-19), Evans led all scorers with 33 points.

Alice Lloyd seniors Combs, Jones and Charles O'Steen played in their final collegiate game.

Bears enter postseason ranked 24th

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Bears will enter the 2011 Mid-South Conference tournament ranked 24th in the country. Pikeville finished the 2011 regular season 24-6 and will be seeded third in this week's league tournament, which begins on Friday at the Frankfort Convention Center.

The Bears were 31st in the last two polls, but moved up to 24th after their 82-73 win over U.Va.-Wise on Saturday gave them the three seed in the tournament.

Pikeville and Cumberland finished the league tied at 13-5 and split their regular-season games.

(See **BEARS**, page two)

Knott County Central product signs with PC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Sometimes, when you're a teenager, it's not the worst thing in the world to listen to your friends. Just ask Tiffany Gibson. A friend asked her to try out for the dance team at Knott County Central High School. She did, and put in four years there.

Now, she's signed a scholarship to dance at Pikeville College.

Gibson, a native of Malle, plans to major in biology/pre-med. She wants to go to medical school and become a pediatrician.

Gibson is also hoping to get into the Osteopathic Medical Scholars Program at Pikeville College.



PIKEVILLE COLLEGE DANCE TEAM SIGNING: Back row, left to right: Kim King (Superintendent); Haylee Combs (Pikeville College Admissions Counselor); Dianne Collins (Guidance Counselor); Front row, left to right: JoAnn Banks (Knott County Central Dance Team Coach); Devon Layne (Pikeville College Dance Team Coach); Tiffany Gibson; Barbie Johnson (Tiffany's Mother).



PIKEVILLE COLLEGE SOCCER SIGNING: Paintsville High School boys' soccer stand-out Shey Spencer signed with Pikeville College during a ceremony held last week.

Bears win regular-season finale, earn 3 seed in conference tourney

Cooksey, Hankins-Cole lead Pikeville over U.Va.-Wise

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Two seniors playing their final game at the East Kentucky Expo Center combined for 60 points to lead Pikeville College to an 82-73 win over U.Va.-Wise on Saturday night.

The win ends the Bears' regular season at 24-6 overall. Their 13-5 record in the Mid-South Conference is good enough for the No. 3 seed in next week's conference tournament in Frankfort. The Bears will play Campbellsville University in Friday's quarterfinals.

Pikeville finished tied for

U.Va.-Wise women upset Pikeville

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — U.Va.-Wise came to Pikeville and upset the Bears 75-72 on Saturday evening, spoiling Senior Night and knocking the home team into a play-in game in the Mid-South Conference tournament.

Pikeville fell to 18-11 overall and 8-10 in the league. U.Va.-Wise improved to 11-16 overall and 4-11 in the league.

The Cavs won on the road despite shooting only 42.4 percent overall. They hit 8-of-21, however, from the arc, for 38.1 percent, and hit 73.3 per-

cent with Cumberlands but will get the higher seed thanks to their win over Georgetown on Feb. 3. The Tigers swept the Patriots, who will be the four seed and play Lindsey Wilson in the tournament on Friday.

U.Va.-Wise fell to 10-17 overall and 4-14 in the league. The Highland Cavaliers will play Monday night in the play-in round, traveling to Shawnee State University.

On Saturday, seniors Vance Cooksey and Quincy Hankins-Cole dominated the game. Cooksey, who didn't start due to the Bears having six seniors, came off the bench with 33 points. He also had five assists and four steals in the win.

Hankins-Cole scored 27 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, with six coming off the offensive glass. Cooksey and Hankins-Cole combined to go 17-of-22 from the free-throw line.

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Tech closed the game to eight twice before the half, including with 40-32, with eight seconds left in the half on a pair of free throws by sophomore Amy Gardner, but Pikeville's lead was 42-32 at recess.

Hinton led the Bears with 18 points in the win. Junior Megan Mosley followed with 16 points, also turning in nine assists and five rebounds.

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Sophomore Sally Roberts, who had seven points, added five steals, while senior Ashly Chandler finished with four.

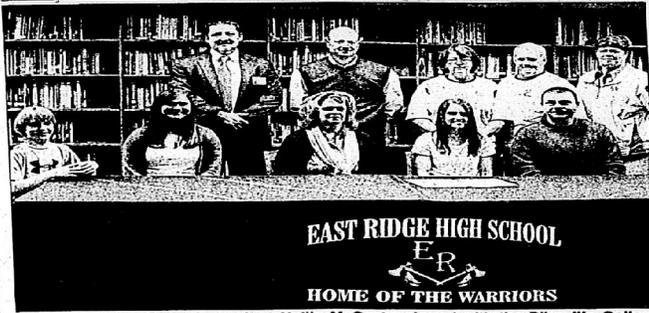
Senior Ashley Blaney recorded a double-double in her final game, scoring 18 and grabbing 12 rebounds. She also had four steals.

Sophomores Style Harper,

with 15 points, and Amber Tully, with 12, joined her in double figures for the Golden Bears.

The game wasn't played particularly well, with Pikeville turning it over 29 times and WVU Tech 28. Pikeville hit 50 percent from the field and shot 80 (24-of-30) percent from the line, while Tech finished 43.6 percent overall and 68.8 percent from the line.

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East Ridge High School standout Hollie McCarty signed with the Pikeville College softball program during a recent ceremony held in the ERHS library.

McCarty signs with Pikeville softball program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — She's started on her high school softball team for five years. And she has one more to go. Her career batting average would make Tony Gwynn jealous. Now, she's signed a college scholarship.

It's good to be Hollie McCarty.

McCarty, who just helped lead the East Ridge girls' basketball team from the bottom seed to the 59th District championship, will play softball next year at Pikeville College.

"Hollie is a leader on the

field with her hard work and her desire to win," said Pikeville College Coach Jill Morgan. "Pikeville College is fortunate to be getting this young lady as an athlete and also as a student."

As a junior, McCarty hit .407, scoring 43 runs and driving in 16 in 33 games. She had an on-base percentage of .475 and a slugging percentage of .565. She also stole 27 bases and had 12 extra-base hits.

For her career, she has posted a .363 batting average and a .477 on-base percentage.

"Her numbers speak for

themselves, and what she does both on the softball field and the basketball court tell you that she's a special kind of athlete," said Robert Staggs, softball coach and athletics director at Pikeville College. "We're thankful to have her and add her to our Pikeville College family."

Hitting leadoff for the storied Warriors, she has struck out only 23 times in 475 at bats, helping East Ridge to three district titles and one regional crown.

East Ridge will open the 2011 season on March 22 at Jenkins.

Clark standout inks with Bears

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A senior from Clark County has signed a scholarship agreement with Pikeville College.

Amy Haggard, who both pitches and plays shortstop for George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, signed a scholarship on her softball field.

Haggard hit .383 last year, scoring 45 runs and driving in

31 on 46 hits for the Cardinals. On the mound, Haggard was 20-7 and recorded seven saves in helping Clark County to a 33-11 record and the 10th Region championship.

Haggard recorded 19 extra-base hits, smacking four home runs and stealing seven bases for the Cardinals. She also had six triples.

Her pitching numbers are remarkable. She struck out 252 batters in 191 innings

while walking only 37. She allowed only 111 hits, allowing less than 0.8 base runners per inning.

Clark County opened the state tournament with a 5-1 win over Ashland before falling to Mercer and North Laurel.

Clark County will open the 2011 season at home on March 21 when it entertains Fleming County.

Bears

However, the Bears own a win over top-seeded Georgetown College, while the Tigers swept the Patriots this season.

Georgetown, 26-4, moved up one spot to No. 8 in this week's poll. The tournament's second seed is St. Catharine College, 18-7, which moved up four places to No. 18 in the poll.

Pikeville was in the ratings released on Feb. 7 when it was 24th after wins the previous week over Georgetown and Shawnee State. However, a loss the following week to St. Catharine moved it out of the poll the last two weeks.

The Bears will open the conference tournament against sixth-seeded Campbellsville. The Tigers are 16-14 on the season after

finishing 9-9 in the league. Pikeville owns two wins over Coach Keith Adkins' team, 87-76 on Jan. 6 in Campbellsville and 81-79 on Feb. 10 in Pikeville.

The Bears and Tigers open the men's quarterfinals on Friday at 2 p.m.

The only other Mid-South Conference team getting votes this week is Cumberlands. The Patriots were ranked 18th in the country last week, but fell to 36th this week.

There will be one final NAIA Div. I men's basketball rating this season. It will be released next Monday evening, the night after the Mid-South Conference crowns a champion on Sunday. From it, all automatic qualifiers will be removed from the poll, and the remain-

der of the 32-team field will be filled out from the highest-rated teams.

Because the Mid-South Conference has expanded to 10 teams this season, it will receive two automatic bids to the tournament. As a result, the Bears have three ways to qualify for the tournament: They can win the tournament, finish as the runner-up to regular-season champion Georgetown or receive an at-large bid.

National Tournament: The 74th Annual Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I Men's Basketball National Championship will be held in Municipal Coliseum in Kansas City, Mo., March 16-22.

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Betsy Layne shot 52.5 percent (21-of-40) from the field while making two of its three-point field goal attempts. The Bobcats were 16-of-28 from the free-throw line in the district championship game.

Six players made up the Betsy Layne, scoring with Casey Adkins and Andrew Roberts chipping in six points apiece. Dylan Hamilton rounded out the Betsy Layne

scoring with two points via one successful field goal attempt.

Andrew Roberts led Betsy Layne in rebounds, corraling seven caroms. Martin and Maldonado added four rebounds apiece for the Bobcats, which registered their fifth straight win.

Both Betsy Layne and South Floyd advanced to the 15th Region Tournament along with Johnson Central (20-6), Pikeville (20-7),

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EVERYBODY'S SCIENCE

A frightening peek into the future

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A drop of water is a drop of water, right? From that point of view, we should all be cheered by the findings, based on an analysis of 50 years of records in the western mountains of the United States, that while the world is now significantly warmer, total annual precipitation for that area hasn't changed.

But as the late, great John Wayne might have said, "Hold on there, pardner!"

That same analysis, by scientists with the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), shows that we're not getting off so lightly in the face of global warming. Mountain elevations that were once dominated by winter snowfall now experience a mix of rain and snow, with more streamflow in the winter and less in the spring.

That means there's less water for ecosystems and agriculture during the spring and summer growing seasons. These changes present a serious challenge to the region's agriculture.

ARS data from the Reynolds Creek Experimental Watershed in Idaho's Owyhee Mountains show that over the past five decades, mean temperatures rose 4-5 degrees Fahrenheit. That warming has occurred across a range of elevations, with the biggest increases coming in minimum temperatures.

This means that there's been less snow and more rain at all elevations, but the biggest changes have been at the lower elevations, where precipitation has shifted from 44 percent snow to just 20 percent.

The scientists say that a characteristic of the Reynolds Creek Experimental Watershed, and western mountains in general, is that more than 95 percent of the watershed is at mid to low elevations. So yes, while the analysis shows that there also have been changes in the high-elevation snow cover, those are relatively minor in comparison to the effect that warming has had on those mid to low elevations.

That's a big deal because most of the snow-measurement sites across the western United States are at the higher elevations, where these trends aren't as detectable as at the mid to low elevations.

The ARS studies of long-term snow measurements at Reynolds Creek show high-elevation sites have had a modest decrease in peak snow water content. But the mid- and low-elevation snow measurement sites show more than a 60 percent reduction in peak snow water content—and that peak is coming a month or more earlier than in the past.

Also, the snow season is shorter; it starts later and ends earlier, at all elevations. At high elevations, this difference is less than a month, but at the lower elevations, the difference is two to three months.

Another disturbing discovery: During eight of the first 20 years of records at the watershed, there was measurable snow on May 1 at the lowest snow-measurement site. But there's been no snow at that site on May 1 since 1984.

Getting back to the issue of streamflow, at a small high-elevation area that collects water in the Reynolds Creek watershed, representing a little more than 1 percent of annual flow from the watershed, March and April streamflow increased substantially over the 50 years covered by the data, the ARS scientists say. The streamflow in May was unchanged over the years—but in June it decreased by more than half.

From a larger, mid-elevation basin, which represents about 80 percent of annual flow from the watershed, the March and April streamflow increased substantially and May increased slightly—but June decreased by 35 percent. These changes leave even

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Pikeville College to host Regional Science Olympiad

PIKEVILLE — When Pikeville College hosts the 2011 Regional Science Olympiad on Saturday, March 5, there won't be any long-distance runners, Alpine skiers or gymnasts. The competition will feature categories like "Junkyard Challenge," "Microbe Mission," "Disease Detectives" and "Storm the Castle."

Nearly 300 middle and high school students will converge on the campus to compete in 23 different events. Science Olympiad tournaments are academic inter-scholastic competitions for middle and high school students consisting of a series of team events that students prepare for during the year. These challenging and motivational events are well-balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology/engineering. Popular board games, TV show and athletic games

provide the format for some of these competitions.

"This is the fifth year Pikeville College has played host to the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. For those that participate, the Science Olympiad helps to fortify a love for science. It has the ability to open a student's eyes to the world of scientific investigation and discovery," said Robert Arts, Ph.D., professor of education and physics and

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Olympiad director. "And for many, the Science Olympiad is one of the most meaningful and fun activities that they will participate in during their time in middle or high school. For the participants, it can bring a new perspective to the world around them, build lasting friendships, and incite fond memories that can last a lifetime."

Teams that do well at the

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by SANDRA SAAD
BSCTC FACULTY

PRESTONSBURG — "Iron Butterfly" is a phrase ascribed to women who are feminine and genteel but underneath all that surface delicacy are also forceful, strong and determined. It's a term that aptly describes 20-year-old Kayla Freeman, a sophomore student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Kayla's personality was evident in a non-verbal, fourth grade revolt at Inez Elementary School. Wheelchair-bound and with only minimal use of her hands, Kayla had been paired with an aide who encouraged her to wear a supportive glove in an effort to learn to write with her hand. While Kayla was dutifully acquiescent in the aide's presence, as soon as the aide's attention was diverted or she left the classroom, Kayla would pop the pencil between her teeth and continue note-taking or writing using her mouth.

Prior to her school years, Kayla had played alongside her sister and brother, participating in many of the same activities. She had taught herself how to write and turn the pages of a book by holding a pencil in her mouth. Today she can write as quickly and legibly as any of her fellow classmates and, if truth be told, in some cases even faster and clearer, despite significant physical challenges.

Kayla has arthrogryposis, a congenital disorder in which a fetus's joints become fixated in one position, resulting in stiffness and an inability to move. Kayla, who has an identical twin, Caitlin, was born with the condition, but her sister was healthy. Now, another mother might have assumed this would mean she would have to raise the healthy daughter with one set of expectations and the disabled daughter with another. But not Kayla and Caitlin's mom.

Becky Cain, a physical education teacher at Inez Elementary, wanted both of her daughters to become the best they could be, without preconceived notions or limitations. She insisted that Kayla be placed in regular classes, just like her twin, and basically challenged Kayla to work through any difficulties and obstacles. Kayla not only worked her way through the obstacles, she excelled.

Despite several operations and a significant and painful



surgery in the sixth grade to stabilize her spine due to scoliosis, Kayla successfully progressed through the grades with her sister and other classmates, graduating from Sheldon Clark High School on schedule. In fact, Kayla and Caitlin were both in the top ten of their class.

While in high school, both sisters also signed up for the marching band at their mom's insistence. Caitlin was a member of the color-guard and Kayla played an instrument. Although she had to play from her wheelchair on the sidelines, Kayla could musically render any tune on the xylophone by holding the mallet between her teeth and hitting the bells. This accomplishment was so significant that she was invited to participate in a Magic Music Days Parade at Disney World in Orlando, Florida in 2007.

Kayla's classmates also admired her many accomplishments and elected her homecoming queen during their senior year.

Enrolling at the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College became a new challenge in Kayla's life. Since her first day of class at Inez Elementary, Kayla had been surrounded by friends, family and acquaintances who knew her and her story. At the college level, she would be a novelty in each and every class she

entered. She faced this new challenge as she had every other one in her young life — head on.

On the first day of class, Kayla zips into the room in her motorized wheelchair and finds her adjustable-desk at the front of the classroom. She is usually accompanied by her best friend, Stephanie Mills, who only stays long enough to unpack Kayla's backpack and position her pencil for easy access. Then Stephanie heads off to her own classes and Kayla is on her own. Note-taking, test-taking, group work, public speaking — she takes it all in stride, never asking for special treatment or accommodations.

Although Kayla was not able to continue her music studies at BSCTC, she was able to branch out into another artistic field, art. Like most students she took an introduction to art class at the college as part of her core requirement of classes. The instructor, Tim Smith, noted her interest in the subject and asked Kayla if she thought she could participate in a drawing class. As always, she didn't hesitate to take on the challenge and went on to successfully complete two classes, Drawing I and Drawing II.

Smith was amazed by Kayla's ability to draw with an accurate perspective, even though her position in creating the drawing was not typical for an artist.

"One of the most important things to draw perspective is to be facing the paper," Smith explained, "but Kayla drew with a pencil in her mouth and the paper laying flat at eye level. I still can hardly believe she accomplished correct perspective from that angle. I really enjoyed watching her work," Smith added, "and learned a lot from her being in my class, not to mention her wonderful personality and outlook."

Kayla credited Smith with being "very encouraging and supportive."

Kayla is on schedule to graduate in May 2011 with an associate in arts degree and has plans to move to Tennessee, where she will live with her father, Brad Freeman, step-mother, and siblings. Her plans are to attend Tennessee State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in psychology or counseling, with long-term career plans to work at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville. Kayla wants to work with children with disabilities or illnesses and to use her own story, challenges and accomplishments, to inspire the children and offer them hope for the possibility of a brighter future than they might be able to imagine within the grip of their own disability or illness.

When asked how she was able to face so many challenges and obstacles in her young life, Kayla credits her family, her friends, and many special people along the way, including her long-time aide, Diane Mills, and Diane's daughter, Stephanie, her best friend. She admits that she struggled with some sadness and depression as a child as she watched the other children participate in physical education classes or other activities that she could not do from the confines of her wheelchair. But, with a loss of her hand, she throws off those memories, noting that she quickly understood that being sad or depressed was not going to change anything.

"I don't know anything other than having a disability," she notes, "and I try to recognize that I have accomplishments, that a lot of people who don't have a disability haven't achieved, including goals for my future."

Iron Butterfly? Most definitely. Sounds like the patients at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville are going to be gifted with a truly unique champion.

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 41663; 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.

Veterans representative

A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg on Wednesday, March 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for federal and state veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility.

For more information, call toll-free at (866) 647-2926 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

Free clothes and household giveaway

Free clothes and household items will be given to anyone in need on the following days and times at the Old Middle Creek Fire Department on Route 114: Friday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Dearn Holbrook at (606) 886-8481 or (606) 226-3525, or Faye Click at (606) 889-0216.

Donations of any kind will be accepted. Sponsored by the Middle Creek Ladies' Auxiliary.

Free Tax Filing Available

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program is once again offering FREE help for eligible tax filers in preparing and filing tax returns. The service is available in Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Pike Counties for persons earning under \$49,000. IRS-certified BSACAP staff prepares and electronically files tax returns, screens individuals for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and offers the service free of charge to qualifying residents. To schedule an appointment, call (606) 789-3641 for Johnson, Floyd and Martin Counties; for Pike County, call (606) 218-2106, and for Magoffin County, call (606) 349-2217.

Free Parenting Classes

To determine eligibility, call John 791-9887.

Autism Awareness & Support Group

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

Autistic Children Support Group plans monthly meeting

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

Non-profit agency needs foster parents

Non-profit agency in need of foster parents in your area. Financial compensation/bonuses, free foster parent trainings, mileage reimbursement, and 24-7 support are available. All foster children get a medical card, free school lunches, and clothing vouchers/other reimbursements. Call for more information, at 606-886-0163 or visit our website at: <http://www.benchmarkfamily-services.org/>

Auxiliary Learning Center offers home repair aid

Need help with home repairs? The Auxiliary 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 p.m. Must provide proof of income and ownership.

Foster parent info

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

FCHD offers Body Recall exercise classes

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

Become a Volunteer with Victim Services Program

You are more likely to be hurt by someone whom you know rather than being 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 which 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. 877-379-0208. www.drugsnoc.com

Auxier Community Center

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

Free Bible Lessons

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

Need help with addiction?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Need Help With Home Repairs?

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

Democratic Woman's Club meets at May Lodge

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

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.

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.

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.

US TOO! 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 Kamada 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 1-800-649-6605. Remember, "Love Doesn't Have to Hurt."

Disabled? - You may be eligible 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 Dendra Stone, adoptive parent liaison, at 432-4110 or 422-7927, or email to: dosstone@eastky.net



Walter and Margaret Samons took a marriage vow 60 years ago on Jan. 27 at Rev. Charles Perry's store on Big Mud. The couple celebrated their 60th anniversary with a "Hillbilly Hoedown" with friends and family.



Lacey Miller and Jordan Baldrige will be united in marriage on March 5 at 2 p.m. at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church.

Olympiad

regional level are invited to participate at the state tournament at Western Kentucky University in April and may even continue on to the national competition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in May. Now in its 27th year, the Science Olympiad is an

international non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, creating a passion for learning science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers. These goals are accomplished through

classroom activities, research, professional development workshops and the encouragement of intramural, district, regional, state, national and international tournaments. There are more than 14,000 K-12 schools participating from all 50 states, Canada and other countries.

Science

less water available for the already dry summer growing season.

Out west, seasonal snow cover is Nature's reservoir, storing water from the winter snowstorms for release to the soil and the streams in the spring and early summer. But based on the Reynolds Creek data, the system is changing, and that's going to wreak havoc with experts' ability to effectively forecast the region's water supply.

At higher elevations, these signals from Nature may be subtle and might not appear to be significant for another decade or more. But

if these trends continue, as predicted, for the next 50 to 100 years, Reynolds Creek and similar areas out west will be very different from what we know today—so we need to start now on anticipating these changes and planning adjustments in our approach to managing water resources in the West.

The Agricultural Research Service is the chief in-house scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. You can read more about ARS discoveries at <http://www.ars.usda.gov/news>.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number KRS 350-055, Renewal 01

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that the following coal mining operation is being conducted in Floyd County, Kentucky, 41653 has filed for renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northeast of Handache in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 502.00 surface acres and will underlie 5.6 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 202.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 miles northwest from KY 2029's junction with State Route 7 and is located on an unnamed tributary of Racoon Branch. The operation is located in the area of the Wayland, Handache, and David U.S.G.S. 7, 814012, minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour area, auger and re-mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Consol of Kentucky, Betty Reed, Delphia M. Hals and Carol S. Wiersman, Virgil Shepherd, Heirs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitlatch, Gorman Sheppard, Dallas Spaffman, Mangold Warrick, Clayton R. Smith, Hanks, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Larry Stone, Elzie Hall, Heirs, Bobby J. Lenore Stone, Clinton Handchoe, Homer Rattall, David Conroy, Jr., Linda Rattall, Timothy Gene Francis, Edward J. Dore Handchoe. The application has been filed for public inspection in the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RECLAMATION DEFERMENT DUE TO COAL MARKETING PROBLEMS Pursuant to Application Number 40601

In accordance with the provisions of 402 KAR 1-010, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, 41653 Watergap Road, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has filed for a coal marketing reclamation deferral for its surface coal mining and reclamation operation, permit number 858-0231. Deferral of reclamation is being requested for approximately 14.23 acres. The operation is located in the area of the Wayland, Handache, and David U.S.G.S. 7, 814012, minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour area, auger and re-mining methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Consol of Kentucky, Betty Reed, Delphia M. Hals and Carol S. Wiersman, Virgil Shepherd, Heirs, Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitlatch, Gorman Sheppard, Dallas Spaffman, Mangold Warrick, Clayton R. Smith, Hanks, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Larry Stone, Elzie Hall, Heirs, Bobby J. Lenore Stone, Clinton Handchoe, Homer Rattall, David Conroy, Jr., Linda Rattall, Timothy Gene Francis, Edward J. Dore Handchoe. The application has been filed for public inspection in the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that White Reach Martin, LLC, 201 W. Short Street, Suite 600 Lexington, Kentucky 40507, has filed an application with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water to develop and construct a proposed commercial/retail structure in Martin, Kentucky. The project will consist of site grading, utility installations, building construction and final paving. The property is located along Beaver Creek in Martin, Kentucky at latitude 37deg.33'43.41" and longitude 82deg.02'45.41". Questions or comments regarding this application should be directed to the Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, 4th Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone (502) 664-3410.

Help Wanted - General

Bandy Valley Cleaners have an opening for workers to clean offices/stripping and waxing floors, pays \$ 8.00 dollars an hour call 606-226-9543 for more information

Houses For Rent

Two bedroom house for rent betsy lans by 606-478-5403

Technical Trades

Underground Coal Mines now hiring all positions. (Foremen, Electricians, Miner Operators, etc.) Competitive Rates. If interested Call (606) 674-6441 or come to our Enterprise prices office at 4799 KY 1428, Allen, KY.

Apartments/ Apartments

1 BR FURNISHED APARTMENT ON RT. 321 NEAR DAVIS MARKET, 400.00 PER MONTH, 300.00 DEPOSIT. NO PETS. CALL 606-789-5973.

For Sale by Owner

Nice country home located on new US 23 on Little Point. Has approximately 3 acres. Call 606-856-8001 for more information

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number KRS 350-055, notice is hereby given that the following coal mining operation is being conducted in Floyd County, Kentucky, 41653 has filed for renewal for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.8 miles southeast of Handache in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.22 surface acres and will underlie 501.0 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 905.22 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.7 miles east from KY 1929's junction with Neds Fork and is located in Neds Fork. The operation is located on the Mo. Powell, U.S.G.S. 814012, minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground methods of mining. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Ray & Mary Hall, Purvis Hamilton, Chester Nawson, Blaine Stone, Eugene Stone, Joseph Arnold, Arnold Turner, Warrick & Jerry Akers, Pricoy Newsome, Joe Akers, Charlie Bentley Heirs, Thomas Hamilton, Mazie Hamilton, Richard Norman, Preston Stone, Larry Stone, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil Hall, Interstate Natural Gas Company, Inc., 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Henry Keathy, JRM Mining, Ray & Mary Hall, Purvis Hamilton, Chester Nawson, Blaine Stone, Eugene Stone, Joseph Arnold, Arnold Turner, Warrick & Jerry Akers, Pricoy Newsome, Joe Akers, Charlie Bentley Heirs, Thomas Hamilton, Mazie Hamilton, Richard Norman, Preston Stone, Larry Stone, Elzie Hall, Flora K. Preston, Phil Hall, Interstate Natural Gas Company, Inc., 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 877-0182 Amendment 2

SEO CHAPTER 14 Pursuant to Application No. 877-0182 Amendment 2, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 69783 Toxays Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has filed for an amendment to an application for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 miles southwest from Brushy Fork County Road's junction with KY Route 7 and is located on Brushy Fork of the river. The proposed amendment is located on the David USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The permit area will underlie land owned by Gladys Shepard, Clyde Allen Estate, Ruis Branch Holding Company, LLC, and Big Branch Holding Company, LLC. The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lane, Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed within thirty (30) days of today's date.

Help Wanted - General

Regional mystery shopper needed, you will be hired to conduct an all expenses paid surveys and evaluation exercises on behalf of Bannister's earn \$200 per survey. Our e-mail address: jmbrown93@gmail.com

Commercial

Office space for lease in Prestonsburg two blocks from the court-house. Call 226-9275.

Houses For Rent

3BR HOUSE IN WEST PRESTONSBURG. 750.00 RENT PLUS DEPOSIT. NO PETS. CALL 889-9203 OR 226-0725

Pets

Puppies for sale Six-week old full stock Great Pyrenees puppies for sale. First shot and wormed. \$40. Call 674-2889 or 424-9487.

Hay, Feed, Seed, Grain

Hay For sale \$2.50 per Bale 886-3902

Help Wanted - General

Help wanted Branham Heights apartments needs a maintenance person 30 hours a week. Contact Ashley at 606-462-4777.

Family Practice Office needs Phlebotomist, who will run other diagnostic tests. Willing to train the person. Fax resume to 606-886-3075.

Lots

Lots for rent

Dwale Mobile Home Park, lots for rent, off 23 minutes from Prestonsburg. Restrictions Apply, 606-377-2357.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 838-5463, Renewal in accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a permit for a renewal for an underground coal mining operation located approximately 0.25 miles northwest of Burton in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 13.2 surface acres and will underlie 480.0 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 493.2 acres. The proposed operation is located 0.85 miles northwest from KY Route 1498's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.25 miles west of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Whitewhet U.S.G.S. 7 & 14012 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lane Drive, Suite 6. Written comments for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Yard Sale

MOVING SALE Don't miss these deals! Friday, March 4, and Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 59 North Circle Dr. in the area of Prestonsburg. Appliances, decorations, dish sets, cooking ware, just about everything.

Land (Acreage)

Property for sale. Located in Cow Creek. Call 874-9715.

Medical

Prestonsburg Health Care Center currently has openings for full time and PRN certified nurse aides. We offer competitive pay and benefits. For more information please call (606) 886-2377.

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FOR SALE: Complete nail & manicure set

Complete nail & manicure set. All new equipment includes 2 nail stations, 1 hand & foot dryer with lights in fan, 1 pedic chair with neck & back massage (is set up for another pedic chair if needed), 1 tech stool, 1 pedi cart, 2-32 bulbs extra wide commercial tanning beds with timers. Excellent security system, local carpet and Layne, Asking \$115,000.00 building not included. Business can remain in location. Very reasonable rent. Call 606-478-8536 after 7:00 pm. Serious inquiries only.

Houses For Rent

House for rent 3 bedroom in Prestonsburg, 594 west minister street. Appliances included. 500 per month. Call 606-791-0303 Call anytime if no answer leave message.

House For Sale

Nice 62' x 120' on permanent block foundation front and rear deck 3BR, 2 Bath, 1 1/2 family room with fireplace all appliances included 14 x 20 workshop or storage building near school, rear driveway only minutes from town Call 606-874-9715

Lost & Found

lost man's gold diamond wedding ring in park lot in front of Casino in Prestonsburg on Monday February 21, 2011. Reward 100 dollars return 606-293-7136 if no answer leave message.

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Medical

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3500 Real Estate Rentals

Houses For Rent

For Rent 2 1/2 story cedar A-frame home on 8 acres of land. Located 2 1/2 miles west of Prestonsburg city limits on Spurlock creek. 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, dishwasher, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, full underground basement, security system, local carpet and outside storage. No pets. \$850 month. Show by appointment only. Call 606-785-0770. Leave message.

6000 Employment

Help Wanted - General

Medical

Local agency seeking full time case manager must have a bachelor's degree in human services or a registered nurse. Experience with SCL is a plus for the position, send resume to p.o. box 468 Allen KY 41601

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Pikeville College is seeking applications for the following positions. Qualified candidates who are interested may apply by sending the required information to hr@pc.edu or to Human Resources, Pikeville College, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501.

Vice President for Development

Pikeville College is seeking applications for a Vice President for Development. The Vice President will be a member of the college's executive staff and is responsible for developing and nurturing professional relationships with senior academic leadership, faculty members, and volunteers, as well as members of the college staff. The ideal candidate will possess a thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of fund raising, alumni relations, and grants procurement in the operation and management of a private foundation supporting the academic missions of a college or university. The candidate should also possess a thorough knowledge and proven experience in successfully managing an annual fund, a capital campaign and a corporate giving program, preferably within a higher education setting. The successful candidate will possess strong management and finance capabilities, strong verbal and written skills, and be able to exercise sound judgment in dealing with highly sensitive matters. The Vice President must work successfully with the Board of Trustees, faculty & staff, volunteers, alumni and supporters. The Vice President must be a strong leader focused on developing strong teamwork and group accountability among the development team and dedicated to assisting them in their continuing growth and education.

Minimum Qualifications Include: Graduation from a regionally accredited, four (4) year college or university with ten (10) years of progressively more responsible positions in Development OR a Master's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or similar field, with five (5) years of fund raising, annual and capital campaign experience, including management responsibilities. The candidate must be an experienced fund raiser with a demonstrated strong business background. CFRE certification preferred. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and five professional references. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 31, 2011, will receive priority consideration.

Pikeville College Upward Bound Program Pikeville College is seeking applications for a full-time staff position in Upward Bound. The **Guidance Coordinator** is a full-time salaried position and is dependent on continued federal grant funding. The Guidance Coordinator is responsible for the collection of data necessary to qualify participants for acceptance into the program; documentation of the steps in the approved selection process; and the academic, personal, and career guidance components of the program. The Guidance Coordinators is also responsible for scheduling and conducting visits to target schools, recruiting and qualifying participants, and delivery and documentation of support services. All staff persons are responsible for maintaining the program's professional relationships with the local high schools.

The successful candidate will hold a master's degree or a baccalaureate degree in human services, psychology, education or a related field along with training or experience in personal, academic and career counseling. Every project employee must demonstrate the ability to identify with the barriers and disadvantages faced by area youth and the ability to relate effectively to campus personnel, and local secondary school personnel and students. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 8, 2011, will receive priority consideration. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 8, 2011, will receive priority consideration.

Post Office Clerk

Pikeville College invites applications for a full time Post Office Clerk. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, retrieving mail from distribution center, processing incoming and outgoing mail, logging incoming deliveries, maintain campus mailboxes, process monthly bills and deposits, and keep up to date on postal changes. Candidates must possess a high school diploma or GED, be proficient with Microsoft Office, be able to lift and/or move up to 50 lbs. and have a clean driving record. The ideal candidate would also possess excellent communications/customer service skills, organizational skills and be able to pay attention to detail. Interested persons should submit. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 8, 2011, will receive priority consideration.

Human Resources Director

Pikeville College is seeking applications for a Human Resources Director. The Human Resources Director is a full-time position reporting to the Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs. This position is responsible for administering policies and procedures for faculty and staff; preparing and maintaining the employee handbook; conducting recruitment efforts for all staff; performing job audits and preparing recommendations for reclassifications; determining salary grade; and managing the performance evaluation and training programs. The Director coordinates the retirement plan, negotiates employee benefits, conducts benefits enrollment, oversees payroll processing and is responsible for record management and for development of the affirmative action plan. Other responsibilities include the processing of FMLA and workers' compensation claims and researching and preparing responses for unemployment hearings and employee grievances. The Director identifies and ensures compliance with all existing legal requirements that affect the college and the human resources function, in addition to being the first point of contact for any EEO matters. The ideal candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in business administration, human resource management or a related field with a minimum of five years of progressively responsible human resource management experience. Knowledge of local, state and federal personnel regulations. Experience in higher education is a plus. Candidates will be required to complete a successful background check prior to hire. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 8, 2011, will receive priority consideration.

Budget Director

Pikeville College is seeking applications for a Budget Director. The Budget Director is a full-time position reporting to the Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs. This position provides leadership for the integration and coordination of all financial long-range planning; implements budget control policies; directs the development, preparation and implementation of institutional capital budgets and institutional operational budgets; monitors expense activity; solves fiscal problems and addresses issues of financial accountability. The Director plans and facilitates the Finance Committee meetings during the year. Other responsibilities include reviewing and making recommendations on grant proposals and serving on administrative committees. The ideal candidate will possess a Bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field with a minimum of five years of experience in budget development, preparation, monitoring and analyzing in a complex and dynamic environment. MBA and DataTel experience preferred. Experience in higher education is a plus. Candidates will be required to complete a successful background check prior to hire. Interested persons should submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references. Position is open until filled; applications received by March 8, 2011, will receive priority consideration.

Chemistry Professor

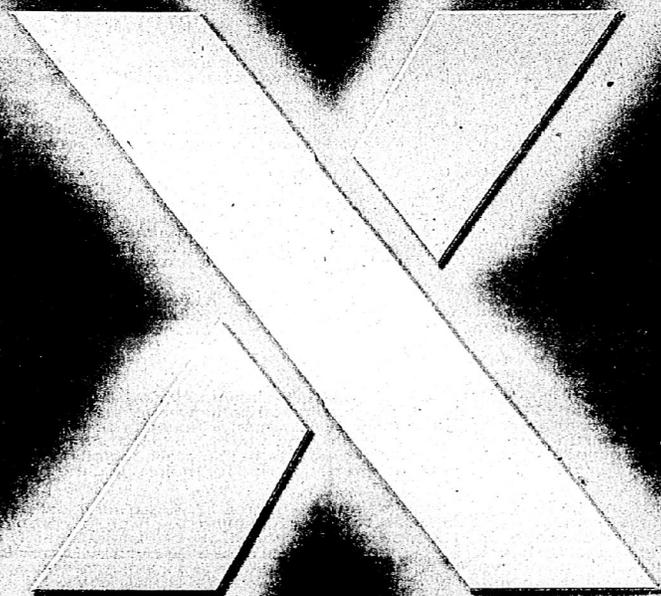
Pikeville College invites applications for a full-time faculty position in chemistry at the assistant or associate professor level starting August 2011. Responsibilities include teaching the organic chemistry sequence and other courses required for the major; advising students; professional development; and serving on faculty committees. The successful candidate should have a commitment to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level. A Ph.D. in organic chemistry is preferred. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, a vita with the names of five professional references, unofficial copies of transcripts, and a statement of teaching philosophy.

Health/Physical Education

Pikeville College is seeking applications for a full-time faculty position in Health/Physical Education (Education Division) starting August 2011. Responsibilities will include teaching various health education courses to support the teacher education program, as well as courses to satisfy the Health/Physical Education general education requirements; professional development; advising students; and serving on faculty committees. A minimum of a doctorate in education with at least 18 graduate hours in health is required. Preference will be given to those applicants who have teaching certification at the K-12 level and 18 graduate hours in physical education. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, vita with names of five professional references, unofficial copies of transcripts, and a statement of teaching philosophy.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Pikeville College is seeking applicants for a full-time position of assistant or associate professor of criminal justice starting August 2011. Responsibilities include teaching a broad range of undergraduate courses in criminal justice, student advising, providing leadership within criminal justice program, sponsoring student groups, and providing service to the college and community. A Ph.D. in criminal justice or Ph.D. in sociology with specialization in criminal justice is preferred; candidates with degrees in closely related fields will be considered. Applicants with ABD status and within one year of completion will also be considered. The J.D. degree alone is not sufficient for the position. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, vita with names of three to five professional references, unofficial copies of transcripts, and a statement of teaching philosophy.

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